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ANSWERING GOD'S CALL TO VOCATIONS

The Editor's Notebook

Of life and power

By David Garick, Editor

This week, *Catholic Times* examines vocations. What is this life all about, anyway? Are we, as the secularists would suggest, nothing more than randomly evolved creatures whose highest calling is to build a life directed by our own wants and needs? What a sad and pathetic existence that would be. We know that all of creation is part of the great design of God. We, as humans, are the greatest of His creation, created in His own image. The challenge of our life is to come to understand God's will for our lives and to claim the power to live it.

We humans are pretty dense. We don't get God's message very easily. Almighty God had to come to us in human form to give us the model of how to direct our lives. We need only listen to Him and have the faith to follow.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege to attend Father James Wehner's Mass of Thanksgiving at the Pontifical College Josephinum as he prepares to move on from his post as rector there to his new assignment as rector of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. This is a man who understands something about the call of a vocation from God. It was Good Shepherd Sunday, and he preached his homily from the familiar text taken from the 10th chapter of St. John's Gospel. We often think of the story of the Good Shepherd as a message of taking responsibility for the care of the flock. But Father Wehner's message focused on another aspect of that story. Jesus says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep. ... This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. ***I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.***" Here, Jesus talks about his own vocation. God the Father has given Him the power to put aside

His own life for the sake of the people entrusted to Him. He also has the power to take that life up again, transformed and eternal. That's a lot of power.

Christ has called each of us to take up our cross and follow Him. We are to do as he did. We are called to set aside our notions of a life randomly directed by our own desires and put our own lives down to take up new lives directed to serve the purpose God has for each of us individually. We do this in His name so that we also may serve others as Christ served us.

We have that power. We need only have the faith to seek out God's will and the strength to trust in His love. He may call us to the vocation of marriage, to lay down our self-centered existence and pick up a new life of devotion to a spouse and children, building a new generation of believers. He may call us to consecrated life as a single person, putting aside the temptations of the material world to dedicate ourselves to lives of prayer and service. He may call us to Holy Orders, to share in His ministry to the people of God, bringing the power of the sacraments to people who hunger and thirst for the Bread of Life, the Living Water of salvation, and the healing balm of the remission of sins. Just as God the Father gave Jesus the power to choose death and resurrection, He gave each of us the power to lay down our own notions of life and to take up a new eternal life as part of His plan.

Like the prophet Elijah, we must look past the wind, earthquake, and fire that engulf us in this world and listen for the still, small voice that will give us the power to fulfill our own destiny in God's creation.



CT photos by Ken Snow

RED MASS FOCUSES ON LEGAL PROFESSION



The Catholic Church in the United States faces the same type of problem in dealing with the federal government today that the apostles faced in dealing with authorities 2,000 years ago, Columbus-area judges, lawyers and law enforcement personnel were told during the annual Red Mass of the Diocese of Columbus at St. Joseph Cathedral on Thursday, May 3.

The day was the feast of Sts. Philip and James the Less. The homilist, Msgr. Stephan Moloney, diocesan vicar general (*pictured*), noted that Philip, James, and the other apostles of Jesus "teach us both by word and example to obey the law. But what happens when various laws are in conflict?" Msgr. Moloney asked. "It is impossible to obey one law without breaking another. That is indeed a dilemma for anyone who strives to be law-abiding in every respect."

Msgr. Moloney said that day's reading at Mass from the Acts of the Apostles describes such a situation, with the apostles being arrested after disobeying orders by the high priest of Jerusalem to refrain from teaching about Jesus. An angel freed them and told them to return to the Temple and continue preaching, so they did.

"When brought before the tribunal and the Sanhedrin and asked why they did not obey, Peter and all of the apostles ... said in reply, 'We must obey God rather than man,'" Msgr. Moloney said. "So there you have it. When the command of God conflicts with the command of some lesser authority, God must be obeyed, despite the consequences or the cost to oneself."

Msgr. Moloney pointed out that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the Fourth Commandment carries an obligation to honor civil authorities, regarding them "as representatives of God who has made them stewards of his gifts." But the *Catechism* also says, "The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons, or to the teachings of the Gospel."

"These kinds of conflicts and dilemmas do not simply belong to the distant past, when the apostles Philip and James suffered martyrdom because they obeyed God rather than men," Msgr. Moloney said. "Around the

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TWO ORDAINED AS TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Deacons Michael Gentry and Matthew Morris were told by Bishop Frederick Campbell at their ordination that although many people will ask them what a deacon does, it's more important to answer the question of what a deacon is.

He said his own response to that question is that "at the heart of a deacon's life is this, very simply stated – to know Christ, to live Christ, and to speak Christ."

The bishop ordained the two men on Friday evening, May 4, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, telling them in his homily that "the service which is a deacon's is, first of all, a service and an imitation of the service that he (Jesus) came to give."

"A deacon in his preaching, his visitation of the sick, and his witnessing of marriage should be able by his life

and his own actions to encourage other people to more deeply involve themselves in the paschal mystery and to be of greater service to the world," Bishop Campbell said.

He reminded the new deacons that the term "office of the deacon" has nothing to do with the modern use of the term "office" as a place of business, but is from the Latin word meaning "duty" or "responsibility." He said a deacon's responsibility is "always to act as the servant of Christ, and through Christ always as the servant of the people."

He noted that the passage from Luke's Gospel read at the ordination Mass reminds Christ's followers to be the type of servant who always is ready to be doing such work when the master comes, comparing that passage to the portion of Mark's Gospel saying "the Son of Man will come as a thief in the night."

By Lori Crock

Deacon Michael Gentry has traveled a long road to the diaconate, starting with the evangelical congregation he attended until age 14, and following that with two decades away from religion.

"My life was falling apart because I was neglecting Jesus Christ," he said of that period.

Deacon Gentry, 50, (*pictured at left*), who was born near Pensacola, Fla., grew up in Houston and came to Columbus in 1989. He said that in 1999, at age 36, he realized something was missing from his life and began to go "church shopping," leading him to accept a friend's invitation to attend Mass at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in December of that year.

"I will never forget that moment," he said. "I had been trying to sustain myself with my own ideas about Jesus. I encountered Him for the first time." That encounter led to his walking into Columbus St. Catharine Church and saying, "Tell me everything about being a Catholic."

He joined the church at the Easter Vigil in 2001. Afterward, he went on a retreat and decided to get more involved in parish activity. He became active in several areas of the parish: RENEW, teaching religious education and adult faith formation, serving as a Eucharistic minister and a liturgical coordinator, and taking classes through the Franciscan distance learning program.



Even though he loved his work in the church, he realized in 2007 that his life at the time "was not sustainable. I knew I had the shoes on the wrong feet," he said. "I prayed and there was a turning point while I was listening to a homily (and heard the words) 'Ask God to give you the work and the relationships that he will bless.'" This has become Deacon Gentry's motto.

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The bishop said that phrase recalled to him an account he had read of one of the last conversations of St. Therese of Lisieux, "the Little Flower," who was a cloistered Carmelite nun. He said another nun was reading this Gospel passage to her and asked "Does this make you fearful?"

"St. Therese responded, 'Not at all,'" the bishop said. "'For I know that good thief (meaning Jesus). He has come to steal away my soul. I am not going to cower in some dark corner when he breaks into the house of my soul. I am going to shout it out.'"

"May your day-to-day doing of the will of God be the motive of your life, the power of your witness, and the glory of the church," Bishop Campbell said.

The homily was preceded by a calling forward of the deacon candidates, a formal testimony by Father Paul Noble,

diocesan vocations director, of their readiness for service, and the bishop's response that they had been chosen for the order of the diaconate.

It was followed by the candidates' declaration of readiness to become deacons, their promise of respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors, and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints by a cantor and the congregation as the candidates lay face down. They then were formally consecrated through the bishop's laying on of hands and reading of the prayer of consecration.

This was followed by their investiture with the stole and dalmatic which are signs of the diaconal ministry, presentation of the Book of the Gospels, signifying their role as preachers, and the sign of peace from the bishop and fellow deacons.

he majored in business, then went to Bowling Green State University, where he received a master's degree in business administration.

After graduation, Deacon Morris moved to Parkersburg, W.Va., and began working for the federal government. After a couple of years, he began discerning a call to the priesthood, so he spent a few months with the Capuchin Franciscans in Philadelphia, where he worked with the urban poor.

After a few months, he realized he was not called to that order and felt a call to move back to Ohio. "I think a specific geographical area can be a part of God's call and is an integral part of the vocation of a diocesan priest," he said.

He began speaking with Father Don Franks, who at the time was pastor of his home parish, and Father Jeff Coning, who was diocesan vocations director. That led to his applying to the Pontifical College Josephinum, where he was accepted as a seminarian of the Diocese of Columbus.

In December, 2011, he went on a trip to Rome with other deacon candidates and Josephinum staff. This trip included a surprise opportunity for Deacon Morris and other Josephinum

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Seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus who are studying for the priesthood. A poster version of this illustration is available from the diocesan Vocations Office.

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THE FUNERAL LITURGY

(OCF 2 of 3)



The second of the three liturgies for the *Order of Christian Funerals* (OCF) is the funeral Mass celebrated in the parish church. Again, this is the liturgy of the Church, established to give us a ritual way of grieving for a member of our own community who has reached the end of this earthly life. This ritual follows prescribed liturgical rules that allow some flexibility for pastoral concerns. One such rule, already stated, is that the liturgy will take place in the parish church or another diocesan-designated chapel worthy of our worship.

While the Mass is the most common funeral liturgy, there is also an option to celebrate the funeral outside of Mass in the context of the *Liturgy of the Word*. With the diminishing number of priests and their committed schedules, not to mention the canonical limitations on the number of Masses they may celebrate within a given day, this option may become more common. This form of funeral is appropriate when few of the family members and friends are practicing Catholics and only a few would receive communion. This form of funeral may also be led by a deacon or a diocesan-approved lay person.

It is through this liturgy we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. We reaffirm

our share in this mystery through word and sacrament. The final commendation immediately follows the prayer after Communion. At this time, the deceased is entrusted to God's tender care. The song of farewell is the climax of the rite of final commendation. This song, sung by the assembly, has a specific function: to affirm hope and trust in the paschal mystery. A prayer concludes the rite of final commendation, a procession is formed, and the body is carried to the place of burial.

The importance of music cannot be overstressed whenever we gather in the presence of God to offer our prayer, giving praise and glory. Each parish should make every effort to provide a choir and musical accompaniment that would be available for these funeral liturgies, whenever they are scheduled. This choir will lead the assembly in song. Recorded music should never replace the voices of the assembly.

The question of cremation is sometimes asked. Cremation is permitted, unless it is evident that it was chosen for anti-Christian motives. It is best if the human body is present at the funeral liturgy and that the cremation follows. However, this may not always be possible. The funeral liturgy may be celebrated with the cremated remains of the body. When this occurs, there is no pall (the white cloth placed on the casket as a symbol of our baptismal garment) and the prayers are modified to reflect the presence of the cremated remains.

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN A PRIEST'S WORKWEEK?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Catholic News Service

Q My question is this: What does a priest do all week? You said in one of your columns that there is a shortage of priests and that one priest is often assigned now to a parish which, a generation ago, had two or three. But when I went to school, our priest did everything: visit the sick, both at home and in the hospital; give out report cards in the parish grade school -- along with the Masses, confessions and much more. Today, when we have laypeople doing so much of their work, what is left for a priest to do? (Cape May, N.J.)

A . Some 30 years ago, when I was serving as a school chaplain, a third-grade boy told his parents one night that, when he grew up, he wanted to be a priest, like Father Doyle. His mother said, "That would be wonderful, Christopher. Why do you think that you'd like that?"

The boy said, "Because Father Doyle only has to work one day a week." I must confess that lately, with my 72-year-old body sore from 13- or 14-hour days, there have been plenty of evenings when I have wished Christopher had been right.

The questioner is correct in saying that laypeople now do much of the apostolic work of the church, and thank God for that. In our parish, more than a dozen parishioners take Communion to shut-ins and to people in nursing homes. A host of other volunteers staff our parish food pantry. But it still leaves a few things for a priest to do. I can best answer your question anecdotally, using my experience.

I get up each day at 5:30 a.m.

to ensure a quiet half-hour to pray. After that, the pace picks up quickly. I am one of six parish priests who serve a city of 94,000, which is predominantly Catholic. A generation ago, there were 22 priests there.

Your question arrives during a week when I have five funerals. Each funeral requires several hours of a priest's attention -- the funeral Mass together with the preparation of a homily, a prayer service at the wake, committal prayers at the cemetery, as well as whatever pastoral outreach seems helpful to the bereaved family.

Fortunately, a compassionate nun on our parish staff meets with the family to help them select readings, readers, and hymns for the Mass. These funeral Masses, of course, are in addition to our regularly scheduled daily and weekend Masses.

On any given day, there are sick people to visit or an emergency call to see someone who is near death. This week, one such call took me to a nursing home 20 miles away, another to a hospital 15 miles away.

A fair number of priests these days have parish and diocesan responsibilities. As one of our two diocesan chancellors, I am often required to be at meetings. This week, we had the regular weekly meeting with our bishop to discuss evangelization strategies, etc., as well as an early morning, two-hour meeting with the lay advisers on our diocesan finance council.

A number of other meetings, at various locations throughout the city, also took time: the board of a regional hospital, which is working its way through a complex merger of

religious and secular health care facilities; a joint committee of city leaders and officials of nonprofit institutions on shared financial concerns; a discussion requested by officials at a large child care facility seeking help in meeting the religious needs of their clients.

Several evening appointments each week find me meeting with engaged couples planning their weddings, as well as with young parents preparing to have their first child baptized.

Our parish has a school, grades pre-K through 8, with 200 students; and although I don't pass out report cards, I see the students frequently, offer Mass with them, meet with them individually as needed or requested, and attend school functions. This week, the monthly school board meets, and there's the annual gala to raise funds.

Often, as happened twice this week, there are requests to intervene in a family crisis. Each week brings a range of phone calls with questions or concerns (job loss, family financial problems, availability of nursing home slots, etc.), as well as the daily temporalities of the parish (signing checks, approving repair work, writing letters of recommendations for college or employment, etc.).

This account of a week in the life of a priest is starting to sound, I'm afraid, like a plea for sympathy. I don't mean it as such. I'm completely happy doing what I'm doing and would choose it again in a heartbeat. It's more a plea for prayer so more young men might step forward to take up the work. Seminary enrollments are beginning to inch up in the United States, so it seems that the Spirit is at work.

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Improving Patient Records



A new electronic health records system known as Genesis allows the hospitals of Mount Carmel Health to more effectively care for patients by combining the latest information technology with the compassionate care for which Mount Carmel always has been known.

Transition to the system began in the early morning of Saturday, April 28, and was completed by 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 29, at Mount Carmel East, Mount Carmel West, Mount Carmel St. Ann's, Mount Carmel New Albany Surgical Hospital, and Diley Ridge Medical Center.

A leading-edge initiative of Trinity Health, Mount Carmel's Novi, Mich.-based parent, Genesis combines computer information systems with evidence-based best-practice processes to advance patient safety and efficiencies in care, providing patients with a more seamless experience.

Years in the planning, Genesis integrates electronic health records, online charting, pharmacy and emergency department tools, in addition to systemwide computerized physician order entry. The platform also incorporates patient registration, electronic billing, and medical records.

"Mount Carmel joins an elite group of less than five percent of hospitals across the country who can certify this level of secure, multisystem electronic health records functionality after 90 days of meaningful use," said Claus von Zychlin, president and chief executive officer of Mount Carmel Health.

"Mount Carmel has always been a leader in the evolution of electronic health records, with a commitment to consistent improvement in the quality and safety of the care we provide. Genesis takes us to the next level."

Development of Mount Carmel's digital platform began in the 1990s with introduction of an electronic clinical data repository

to centralize patient records, which previously were stored on paper. Mount Carmel was the first hospital group in central Ohio with a MedPoint pharmacy system, assuring the right patient receives the right medicine at the right dose at the right time.

The Genesis system maintains secured viewing of a wide range of past and current clinical data, adding "expert rules" functionality to notify physicians and pharmacists of potential adverse drug events, along with other evidence-based decision-making tools and standardized best practices.

Use of Genesis will eliminate handwritten physician orders across the Mount Carmel system, as computerized physician order entry expands beyond emergency departments to allow hospitalwide electronic transmission of all doctors' orders. The user-friendly Genesis system promotes continued improvement in workflow, further reduces the possibility of human error, ensures greater results accuracy, and produces more precise, informative diagnostic outcomes.

More than 10,000 Mount Carmel associates and physician members of the medical staff received as much as 20 hours of training over a 12- to 16-week period in preparation for the switch.

Mount Carmel's comprehensive electronic health records system meets the federal government's "meaningful use" certification guidelines set forth in 2009, meaning the system offers 24 separate clinical functions, including e-prescribing, a secure exchange of patient health information, and electronic submission of quality-of-care data.

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25 YEARS AS PASTOR IN DANVILLE TO END IN JULY



Fr. F. Richard Snoke

by Tim Puet

Father F. Richard Snoke will be retiring this summer after 25 years as pastor of Danville St. Luke Church, the longest current pastoral tenure of any priest in the Diocese of Columbus.

“I’m very grateful and blessed to be able to have stayed here this long,” he said. “I recently had back surgery and spent a month recovering at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, and find that I’ve reached the point where it’s getting harder to do some things and it’s best for a younger man to take over. I have a sister and a brother in Lancaster and want to spend more time with them, so I’ll be moving down there. I’ll also spend part of the year at a home my family has near Lake Erie in Port Clinton.”

Current diocesan rules limit most pastors to 12 years in one parish, but allow for year-by-year exceptions for priests after they reach the standard retirement age of 70. Father Snoke, 76, would have reached the 12-year mark at Danville in 1999, but more than 120 parishioners petitioned Bishop James Griffin at that time to waive the time limit in his case.

“There’s no question that what I’ll miss the most here will be the people I’ve served and have formed a great bond with,” he said. “I’ve formed so many close relationships not just with my parishioners, but with many non-Catholics through the work of ADAM,” the Association of Danville Area Ministers.

ADAM in 1995 founded The Sanctuary, a center for community programs that for many years was located in a former Church of Christ across from St. Luke’s and recently moved to a new location.

The Sanctuary, which now is community-based and not affiliated with any churches, and Danville Interchurch Social Services, which is a faith-based group, combine to provide for food and clothing needs in the Knox County village of 1,000 people and to offer space for health, literacy, legal aid, and other services.

Father Snoke has always been an enthusiastic gardener, at one time maintaining as many as five separate plots throughout Danville before cutting back following hip replacement surgery in 2003.

“I won’t be doing as much gardening as I used to because it’s getting harder

to bend and to lift things,” he said. “But I will be taking a lot of seeds and some plants I’m growing to Lancaster and have asked my brother and sister to set aside garden space for me. There’s also a small garden at the house in Port Clinton. I received a greenhouse for my 40th anniversary as a priest, so that will be going with me. I imagine I’ll be spending more time there than I’ve been able to before.”

Father Snoke’s gardening reflects his rural roots. He grew up on a farm near Lancaster, where he raised the Fairfield County Fair’s 1949 grand champion market hog. He attended Lancaster St. Mary Church and the parish’s elementary and high schools, did factory work, and went to The Ohio State University’s agriculture college for two years before making the commitment to become a priest.

“I was always interested in the priesthood, but kept putting the decision to enter the seminary off,” he said. “My eighth-grade teacher, Sister Helen Marie, a Dominican, was very influential in starting me thinking about that possibility.

“Father Ron Arter and I went to St. Mary’s High School together and he went straight to (Columbus) St. Charles College. We went to a high school reunion together and started talking about St. Charles, and the first thing you know, I was in Msgr. (Paul) O’Dea’s office there and Father Arter was introducing me. That’s how things began.

“God has different ways of working in people. For me, the vocation took a little longer to develop, but once I was in the seminary, I realized it was a natural carryover of 4-H and the other things I had been doing which allowed me to work closely with people, something I’ve always liked to do.”

Father Snoke received his seminary education at St. Charles and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West in Norwood. He also has a master’s degree in education from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

He was ordained by Bishop John Carberry on May 29, 1965, spent two years as assistant pastor at Columbu St. Leo Church, then spent the next 10 years in education as assistant principal at Columbus St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Watterson and principal at Portsmouth

Notre Dame and Chillicothe Bishop Flag-et high schools. From 1977 until moving to Danville 10 years later, he was pastor of New Lexington St. Rose Church, a rural parish similar to St. Luke’s.

Father Snoke is known throughout the state for his work as father prior (chaplain) of Ohio’s Columbian Squires, a Knights of Columbus organization for boys aged 10 to 18. He has held that position since the late 1980s, and was the K of C’s state chaplain for two years.

“I was reluctant to become father prior because I felt I was too busy already, but someone said to me ‘Busy people get things done,’ so I took the job and hope I can continue in it as long as I’m able,” he said. “The Squires are a very special organization because of what they do with young men at a time when their character as Catholics and leaders is formed. The church needs leaders for today and tomorrow, and they are the ones who will be carrying its work on, whatever their vocation.”

Asked to reflect on his life as a pastor, Father Snoke said, “A priest should be a servant of God, sharing his gifts with others and reaching out to help them grow in God’s love. My role is to lead by example and never ask parishioners to do something I wouldn’t do, and at the same time to encourage people to develop and call forth the gifts people have and sometimes don’t realize they have.

“I never hesitate to ask people to become more involved with the church. The parishioners have a term for it. ‘I’ve been Snoked,’ they say. Then they do what I ask and find it makes them want to do more.

“I am who I am because of the many people whose lives I have been part of and who have changed me, bringing an image of God I wouldn’t have known otherwise. I’ve tried to see Christ in everyone, and hope I’ve helped them become the best they can be. Technically I’m retiring, but really I’m just going to be switching gears and figuring out how to do God’s work in a different way.”

Father Snoke will be leaving Danville on Tuesday, July 10. Parishioners will honor him Sunday, July 8, at a Mass at 2 p.m., followed by a celebration in the church’s community center.



Our lives, reflected in the Psalm of daily prayer

“How do you manage the Liturgy of the Hours?” I asked a friend who is an oblate of a Benedictine abbey.

“I don’t get to it every day. I do it when I can. Often, I just read through the Psalter.”

That conversation came to mind when I was discouraged by my inability to fit more of the Hours into my daily life. So, I pulled a Psalter from the shelves in my study. A gift from a Trappist friend, the old book had been rebound in the monastery with a plain burnt sienna fabric and blue end papers. Brother Maurice’s name is written across the top with pencil in his beautiful calligraphic scrip, along with a small cross and the year: 1965.

The Grail translation, new at the time, like the translation of Psalms found in the *Jerusalem Bible*, is made from the Hebrew manuscript. As I held the book and read from the yellowed pages, I imagined Brother Maurice sitting in the chapel at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, chanting these ancient hymns day after day, year after year. I thought, too, of my friends at St. John’s Abbey in Collegeville, Minn., and the time I spent with them praying the Psalms throughout the day.

Sometimes, reading the more violent ones, I have wondered why they remain in liturgical collections. I have heard others voice that concern and remember a story shared by a monk at St. John’s. At one time, the monks were considering the collection of Psalms used in their prayer. Someone suggested removing the more violent ones. Why pray war songs -- songs that include dashing children against the rocks or



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slaughtering one’s enemies?

A monk of great stature in the community objected. Violence is part of Old Testament history. Indeed, it is part of our history. “Remove those,” he said, “and the Psalter just collapses.”

Our world today is not so different from the ancient Hebrew one. Using drones to kill our enemies makes their deaths and those civilians who lose their lives, euphemistically called “collateral damage,” invisible, but no less gruesome. We may desire revenge or exact punishment from those who wrong us. Sometimes, the violence visited upon the poor and marginal peoples in our world results as much from inaction as from what we do. We are no strangers to violence. Perhaps that is why praying such Psalms makes us uncomfortable. Such darkness makes us avert our eyes.

As I prayed the Psalter, I thought of St. Athanasius (295-373 CE), whose feast was May 2. He is known for his fight against the heresy of Arianism that claimed Jesus was in no way equal to God the Father, having been created. But what I most remember about Athanasius is his wonderful letter to Marcellinus, which spoke eloquently of the interpretation of the Psalms. While other books of the Bible are filled with

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seminarians to serve for the Holy Father at St. Peter’s Basilica. Deacon Morris was the papal miter bearer.

“It was an honor to be five feet from the successor of St. Peter,” he said. “Seeing so many saint relics in such a short time was inspiring, and to be in a place where countless generations of Catholics have visited was truly humbling.”

The Rome trip helped him appreciate the universality of the church, with so many nations represented in Rome and unified in one faith for Christ. “Walking the piazzas and seeing so many international pilgrims, I really could feel the catholicity,” he said.

He spent early mornings in prayer at St. Peter’s. “Praying in silence at St. Peter’s and realizing the difficult conditions that many Christians lived under in Rome in the early centuries of Christianity made

me appreciate that we can practice our faith freely in America,” he said.

In reflecting on his formation at the Josephinum, Deacon Morris is grateful for his excellent clerical and lay professors. During the year before they become deacons, seminarians take part in classroom practice of how to preside at rites, such as baptism, as well as how to select and dress in vestments and how to write and deliver homilies.

“A lot of work goes into a homily, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and prayer,” he said.

Deacon Morris is grateful for the many good and faithful priests in his life over the years and their joyful witness, the fatherly support of Bishop Campbell, and the friendship and support of his seminarian brothers. “They will be my brothers for the rest of

words that inspire or instruct, yet remain the words of the author, words of the Psalms are like “one’s own words that one read; and anyone who hears them is moved at heart, as though they voiced for him his deepest thoughts.”

Athanasius goes on to illustrate which Psalms reflect which human situation or emotion: repentance, Psalm 51; bearing one’s afflictions, Psalm 3. The list goes on. “Just as in a mirror,” he writes, “the movements of our own souls are reflected in them and the words are indeed our very own, given us to serve both as a reminder of our changes of condition and as a pattern and model for the amendment of our lives.”

That is why the Psalms have survived as part of our prayer for millennia. That is why monks and the rest of us gather to chant or sing or read them every day. They remind us of who we are and of who God is. They reflect the light in our hearts, as well as the darkness. The history of the Psalms is our history and it is our present. The involvement of God in the lives of the Hebrews reminds us that the Holy One remains involved in our lives.

When I hold the old Psalter in my hands and pray the words printed there, I am connected not only with my monk friends, but also with my ancestors. I am in touch with my heart, and my journey and the God who embraces us all.

If you would like to read Athanasius’ letter to Marcellinus, you can find it at this website: <http://www.athanasius.com/psalms/aletterm.htm>.

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my life, and we have been an important part of each other’s formation for years,” he said.

He and Father Coning founded the annual seminarian bike tour, which is in its fourth year and will take place this coming Monday to Thursday, May 14 to 17, with the seminarians riding their bikes from school to school and speaking about holiness, vocations, and the call to the priesthood. This year, they will visit 12 diocesan elementary and secondary schools over four days and ride approximately 30 miles a day.

“The bike tour has allowed us to visit many schools and parishes in our diocese, so we already know a lot about the people, the churches and schools across the diocese,” Deacon Morris said. “It has been great to meet the kids and spend time with the pastors, Knights of Columbus, youth groups, and parents.”

ELEVEN PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS ARE CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES OF THEIR PRIESTLY SERVICE THIS YEAR



Father Robert E. Gately, 86, lives at the Homewood Residence at Freedom Place, an assisted-living facility in Sun City Center, Fla.

He was born in Watertown, Mass., and was ordained May 22, 1952, by Bishop Michael Ready at the former St. Charles Seminary in Columbus.

He served as assistant pastor at Columbus Holy Cross (1952), Marion St. Mary (1952-54), Coshocton Sacred Heart (1954-56), and New Lexington St. Rose (1956) churches, as a temporary substitute at the Church of the Atonement in Crooksville and Columbus St. Aloysius (both in 1956), and as chaplain at the former Mercy Hospital in Mount Vernon before becoming a chaplain in the Navy in 1958.

Before retiring from the military in 1979, he served with the Navy and the Marines in California, Florida, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and Okinawa. His sea duty included tours on the guided missile cruiser USS Topeka and with the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War.

He has served in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Fla., at parishes in St. Petersburg, Tampa, Dunedin, and Sun City, and as a member of that diocese’s Tribunal.

His anniversary of ordination will be marked at a private celebration on Tuesday, May 22, at the Homewood Residence.

He may be reached in care of Walt Poff, 504 Old Grove Drive, Lutz, Fla. 33548.

Father William H. DeVille, 73, a Columbus native, was ordained by Bishop Clarence Issenmann at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on Dec. 22, 1962.

He was pastor at Wellston Ss. Peter and Paul (1973-76), Columbus St. Timothy (1976-81), Columbus Sacred Heart (1987-99), and Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (1999-2008), and associate pastor at Lancaster St. Mary (1963), Chillicothe St. Peter (1963-64), Columbus St. Andrew (1964-71 and 1982-86), Columbus St. Matthias (1971-73), St. Joseph Cathedral (1981-82), and Columbus St. Catharine (1986-87).

He taught at Lancaster Bishop Fenwick, Chillicothe Bishop Flaget, and Columbus Bishop Watterson high schools, and was assistant vocations director for the Central Deanery, diocesan liturgy director, and a member of the diocesan board of arbitration and the Priests’ Senate.

He retired on July 8, 2008, and is living in Columbus.



Father Joseph A. Ehwald, 75, was ordained on May 26, 1962, at the cathedral by Bishop Issenmann.

He served as pastor at Lancaster St. Bernadette (1977-80), Columbus St. Leo (1980-91), and Columbus Holy Name (1991-94), and associate pastor at Columbus St. Christopher (1962-65 and 1994-95), Marion St. Mary (1965-71), Newark St. Francis de Sales (1971-77), and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X (1995-2004).

In addition, he was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Watterson, Marion Catholic, and Newark Catholic high schools, emergency relief chaplain at St. Anthony Mercy Hospital and Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, assistant vocations director for the Western Deanery, and a member of the diocesan office of conciliation and arbitration and of the Priests’ Senate.

He retired on July 13, 2004, lives in the home where he grew up in Columbus, and celebrates a monthly Mass at the Woodlands assisted living facility with the help of Don and Mary Jo Neader of St. Pius X Church.

He will not have a public celebration of his anniversary because of illness, but cards may be sent to him in care of St. Pius X Church, 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg OH 43068.

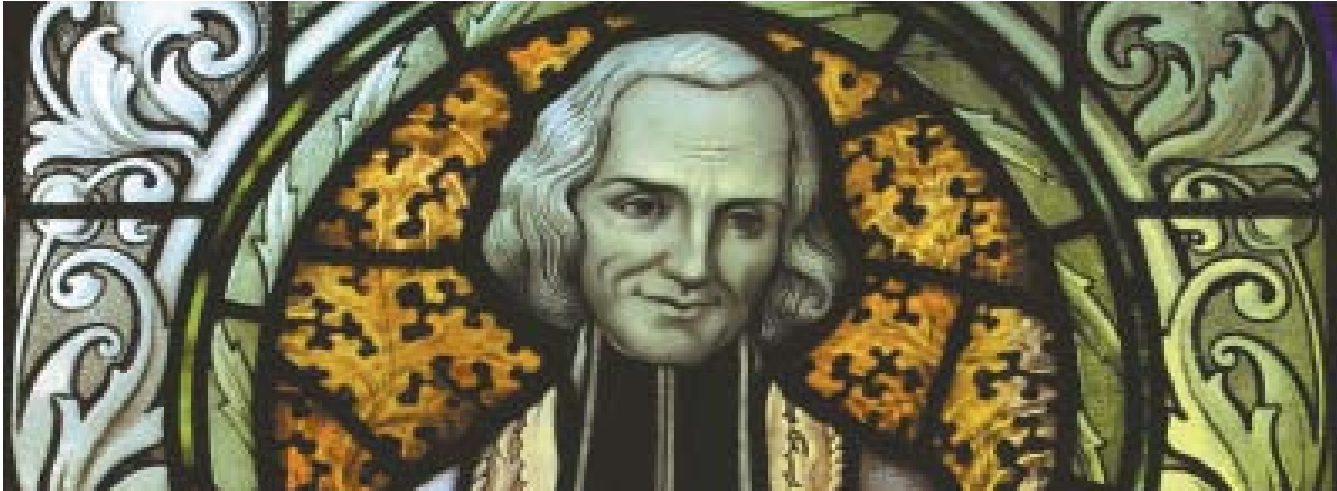
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Father William J. Metzger, 75, was ordained by Bishop Issenmann on Dec. 22, 1962. He is a native of Junction City.

His pastorates were at Columbus Holy Rosary (1972-76), LaRue St. Joseph (1976-81), Waverly St. Mary (1985-98), Dresden St. Ann (1998-2001), and Columbus St. Agnes (2003-07). He was associate pastor at Columbus St. Agatha (1963-66), Circleville St. Joseph (1966-68), Westerville St. Paul (1968-72), Columbus St. Anthony (1983), the Perry County Consortium of Parishes (1984-85), and Dover St. Joseph (2001-03), and administrator pro tem at Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales (1983-84).

He also served as a teacher at Columbus Bishop Watterson, Chillicothe Bishop Flaget, and Columbus St. Francis DeSales high schools, spiritual director for students at the Pontifical College Josephinum, and a member of the Priests’ Senate.

He retired on July 10, 2007, and lives in Columbus and Estero, Fla.



Msg. Anthony N. Missimi, 75, grew up in New Lexington. Bishop Issenmann ordained him on Dec. 22, 1962.

He was co-pastor of Columbus Holy Spirit (1974-79), pastor of Holy Spirit (1979-82), Groveport St. Mary (1982-91), and Columbus Immaculate Conception (1991-2008), associate pastor of Columbus St. Augustine (1963-67), and in residence at St. Joseph Cathedral (1967-72) and Columbus St. Agnes (1972-74).

He taught at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and was director of the diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, chaplain of Knights of Columbus Council 3864, diocesan vicar for religious, and a member of the diocesan board of consultors and the Priests’ Senate.

He was named a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, by Pope John Paul II in 1995. He retired on July 1, 2008, and is living in Columbus.

Father Harold E. Schneider, 83, born in Newark, was ordained on May 26, 1962, by Bishop Issenmann. He retired on July 14, 1998. He lives in Gahanna and celebrates Masses regularly at Gahanna St. Matthew Church and other parishes.

He was pastor at Heath St. Leonard (1983-98) and was associate pastor at St. Joseph Cathedral (1962-63), Columbus Holy Family (1963-65), Columbus Corpus Christi (1965-67), Columbus St. Mary Magdalene (1967-71), and Columbus St. Cecilia (1980-83).

He also was a teacher at St. Joseph Academy and at St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, where he was in residence from 1971-80 and served as head of the art department, and was assistant vocations director for the Central Deanery and vicar forane for Vicariate 10.

He continues to do artwork in a number of mediums and has a studio in the Holy Family Jubilee Museum building in Columbus.

Father James A. Walter, 76, a Columbus native, has been pastor of Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church since 2009. He was ordained by Bishop Issenmann on May 26, 1962.

He was co-pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas (1975-76), and pastor of St. Nicholas (1976-80), Sunbury St. John Neumann (1994-2005), and Lancaster St. Bernadette (2005-09), associate pastor of Lancaster St. Mary (1962-66), Columbus Holy Name (1966-70), Westerville St. Paul (1972-73), Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help (1982-84), Marion St. Mary (1988-93), and St. Joseph Cathedral (1993-94), administrator pro tem at the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown (1975), and in residence at Columbus St. Augustine (1973-74), Columbus St. Francis of Assisi (1980-82), Columbus Our Lady of Peace (1984-85), and Columbus St. Timothy (1985-88).

He taught at Lancaster Bishop Fenwick, Columbus Bishop Watterson, and Columbus St. Francis DeSales high schools. In addition, he served as secretary to Bishop Edward Hettinger, chaplain at Doctors Hospital North and Riverside Methodist Hospital, relief chaplain at University Hospital, a member of the Priests’ Senate, vicar of the Northwest Vicariate, and secretary of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council. He currently is dean of the Lancaster Deanery.

His anniversary will be celebrated at Sugar Grove St. Joseph Church with a potluck buffet after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 26, and a reception with refreshments after the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 27.

Msg. Paul P. Enke, 66, born in Blackburn, England, and raised in Columbus, has been pastor of Granville St. Edward Church and chaplain to Catholic students at Denison University in Granville since 2000. He was ordained at the cathedral by Bishop Clarence Elwell on May 27, 1972.

He also has been pastor of Delaware St. Mary (1980-87), Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare (1987-97), and Columbus Our Lady of Victory (1997-2000), associate pastor of Columbus Immaculate Conception (1972-74), and in residence at Immaculate Conception (1974-76), Columbus St. Timothy (1976-78), and Columbus St. Agatha (1978-80).

He was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, served as episcopal vicar for spiritual life, and was a member of the diocesan board of conciliation, the diocesan board of consultors, the diocesan board of parochial examiners, and the Priests’ Senate.

Pope John Paul II named him a monsignor, with the title prelate of honor, in 1992.

His anniversary Mass will be at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 10, at Granville St. Edward Church, followed by a reception.



Msg. A. Anthony Frecker, 66, a native of Zanesville, has been serving as pastor of Canal Winchester Pope John XXIII Church since 2000. Bishop Elwell ordained him on May 27, 1972.

His other pastorates include Zaleski St. Sylvester (1980-83), Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel (1983-88), Chillicothe St. Peter (1989-2000), and Waverly St. Mary (1998-2000, dual pastorate with Chillicothe St. Peter). He was an associate pastor at Marion St. Peter (1972), Chillicothe St. Peter (1972-74), and Columbus St. Elizabeth (1988-89), and in residence at Chillicothe St. Peter (1974-76), Midvale St. Paul (1976-78), and New Philadelphia Sacred Heart (1978-80).

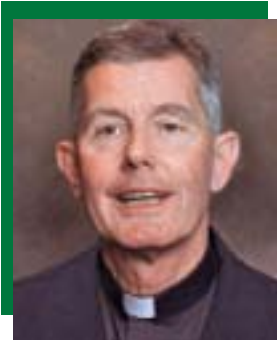
He taught at Chillicothe Bishop Flaget and New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic high schools, was diocesan director of evangelization, vicar forane for the Chillicothe Vicariate and the Columbus East Vicariate, and a member of the Priests’ Senate, the priests’ personnel board, the diocesan college of consultors, and the diocesan Tribunal.

He was named a monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1992, with the title prelate of honor.

His anniversary Mass is scheduled at Canal Winchester Pope John XXIII Church at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 26, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

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Msgr. Joseph M. Hendricks, 65, who grew up in Columbus, is pastor of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, where he has served since 1997. He had been in residence there since 1988 while serving in several diocesan administrative posts. He was ordained by Bishop Elwell on May 27, 1972.

He also was an associate pastor at Worthington St. Michael (1972) and Columbus St. Philip (1972-73), served as a weekend assistant at Columbus St. Stephen and St. Francis of Assisi, and was a teacher at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School.

He was associated with the Pontifical College Josephinum as spiritual director from 1979-82 and a teacher from 1979-80 and 1982-88. He also was the founder and first director of the permanent deacon school at the Josephinum.

He has been diocesan vice chancellor, chancellor, and vicar general, and has served on the Priests' Senate and the diocesan personnel board, finance council, college of consultants, administrative council, priests' personnel board, building committee, and presbyteral council, and has been a board member of several community agencies.

From 1973-79, he served with the Sulpician Fathers in the Archdiocese of Seattle as an administrator and teacher at St. Thomas Seminary and director of a priestly formation program for high school students.

He received the title prelate of honor when Pope John Paul II named him a monsignor in 1992.

His anniversary Mass will be at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 3, at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, followed by a reception at Hendricks Hall.



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Father Craig R. Eilerman, 55, from Columbus, has been pastor of Lancaster St. Mary Church since last Aug. 11. He was ordained at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop James Griffin on June 6, 1987.

He also was pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia (1997-2009) and Columbus Christ the King (2009-11) and associate pastor of Newark St. Francis de Sales (1987-91), Zanesville St. Nicholas (1991-96), and Lancaster St. Mary (1996-97).

He was chaplain of Newark Catholic and Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans high schools and Doctors West Hospital in Columbus and a member of the Priests' Senate, the diocesan college of consultants, the diocesan board of parochial examiners, and the priests' personnel board, and dean of the West Columbus Deanery.

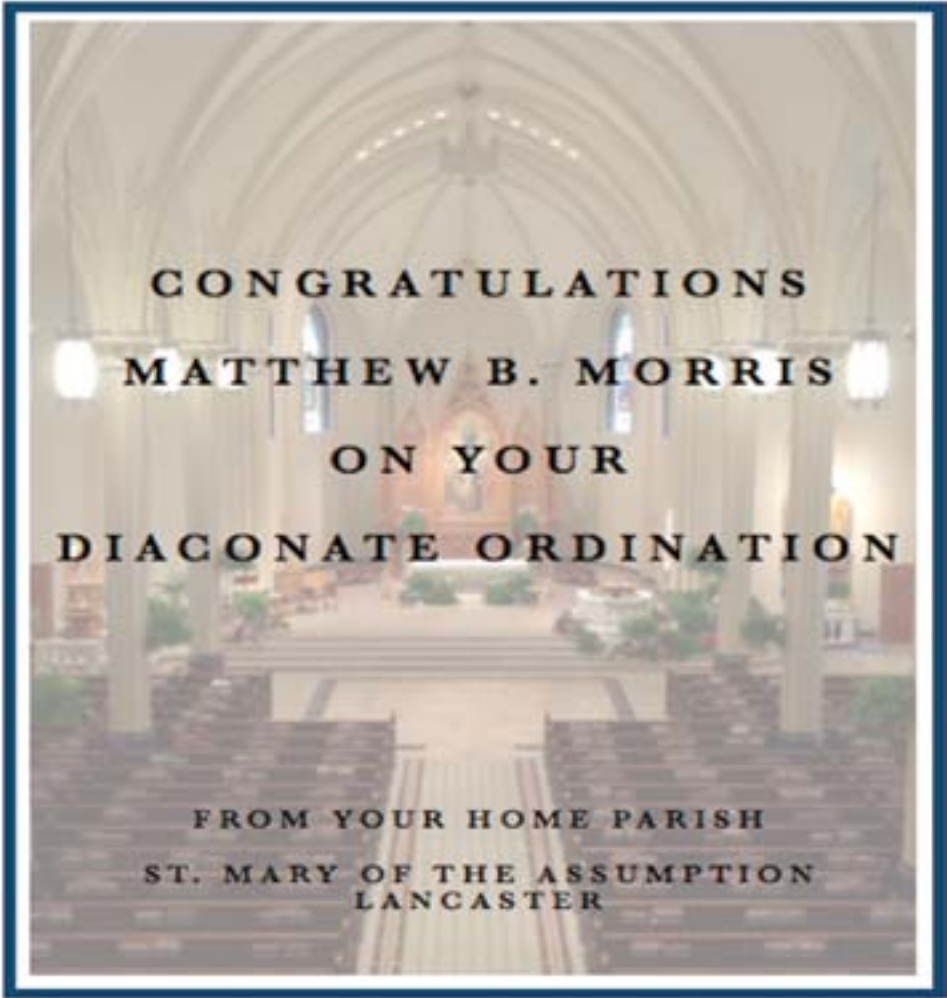
He will celebrate his anniversary Mass at Lancaster St. Mary Church at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 27, followed by a reception in the courtyard.


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world and in our own country, such dilemmas are being faced by citizens of various religious beliefs."

"Christians may no longer be forced to burn incense to the emperor or eat meat sacrificed to idols," he said, "but government regulations that would require church-sponsored ministries in this country to pay for medical services contrary to the moral teaching of the church are an equivalent situation.

"Considering how to respond to this, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has arrived at the same inevitable conclusion that the apostles did: 'We must obey God rather than men.' So Sts. Philip and James are witnesses that while the law must be obeyed, the law of God is supreme."





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“That Man is You!” (TMIY), a dynamic, fast-growing Catholic men’s leadership program, is expanding with the help of the Columbus Catholic Men’s Ministry Outreach Team.

The team will sponsor an informational meeting on Saturday, May 19, at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the event will conclude around 10 a.m.

All priests, deacons, and men’s ministry leadership team members are invited to attend to learn more about the TMIY program, which is currently offered at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church and will be presented at St. Joan of Arc beginning in September.

For more information, contact Jim Maholm at (614) 260-2376 or info@ColumbusCatholicMen.com.

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Watterson Summer Institute

“It’s Cool to Be an Eco-School!” will be the theme for the 2012 Summer Institute at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road.

The institute is a chance for next year’s seventh- and eighth-graders to get a taste of the high school experience, with art, poetry, math, and science activities led by Watterson teachers. Campers will create a travel brochure, make their own paper (and create an art masterpiece on it), create slide show presentations, and look at how landscape design can help people save on utility bills, among other activities.

To view the institute brochure online, go to www.bishopwatterson.com and click on “Quick Links,” then “Summer Institute.” The deadline for registration has been extended to Friday, June 1.

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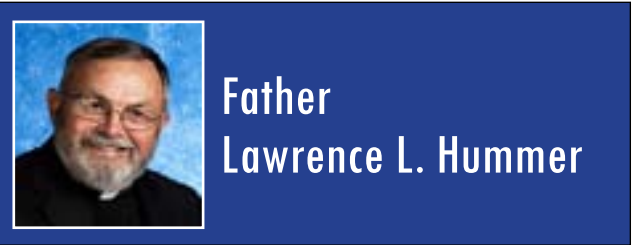
Romans 12:2
“And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed in the newness of your mind, that you may discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God”

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)

Any attempt to stifle the Spirit will fail



Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Peter’s visit to the house of Cornelius led to questions later about what he was doing with Gentiles. This event happened in Caesarea Maritima, the coastal headquarters of the Roman legions in Palestine, and the home of the Roman centurion Cornelius.

A centurion bowing at the feet of Peter would have been shocking to Roman ears and Christians would have been gobsmacked. Roman soldiers were meant to rule, not to act humbly before a captive people. That Peter entered the house of Cornelius meant he was getting far too close to Gentiles in the eyes of those Jewish Christians who still felt obliged to observe many of the Jewish traditions. Those traditions included having nothing to do with Gentiles (see verse 28).

The substance of Peter’s speech was the first read-

ing for Easter Sunday. Here we have only snippets. Significant parts of this speech include Peter’s surmise that “God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation, whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” These were radical words of departure for first-century Christians who emerged from a more restrictive Judaism. Not all Christians accepted this early on, but with Peter now accepting what Paul will later do in the rest of Acts, it will legitimize Paul’s mission to the Gentiles.

This proclamation came through Jesus, “who is Lord of all” and who offers forgiveness of sins to all who believe in his name. What follows Peter’s speech is what some have called a “Gentile Pentecost,” when they, too, receive some of the Spirit’s gifts, which in fact precede their baptism!

Despite the restrictions we sometimes try to place on the Spirit, we should never forget that “The Spirit blows where it will” (John 3:8) and any attempt to stifle the Spirit will fail. The Spirit does not work according to our rules, in spite of our best efforts to contain it. This incident emphatically illustrates the point.

Sometimes the simplest way is the best; certainly that’s true when it comes to doing what God wants us to do in Christ, as 1 John 4:7-10 asserts. If love is of God, then it is a no brainer to exhort “Let us love one another.” If we love, then we know God in some way. Most important, God has loved us; not that we have loved God.

Sunday’s Gospel also has this theme, but this time, the Son directly mediates this love: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you (plural).” Jesus cautions to “remain in my love.” “Remain” is found 40 times in John’s Gospel. It means to make love a part of your dwelling place, so that where you are, love may be found there.

The words are directed to the disciples as a group, who represent the church. If the church has received from the Son the love of the Father, then it must dwell in love, so that those who come to the church may find that love. If it is not found there, then the church will have failed in its mission.

We bear the fruit of the Son only when we love one another. That is the only commandment we have been given: “This I command you: love one another.” As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we must always remember our command to love when it involves the stranger, the alienated for any reason, and the condemned.

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

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

TUESDAY
Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY
Acts 17:15,22-18:1
Psalm 148:1-2-11-14
John 16:12-15

THURSDAY
Acts 18:1-8
Psalm 98:1-4
John 16:16-20

FRIDAY
Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23a

SATURDAY
Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-3,8-10
John 16:23b-28

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF MAY 13, 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)

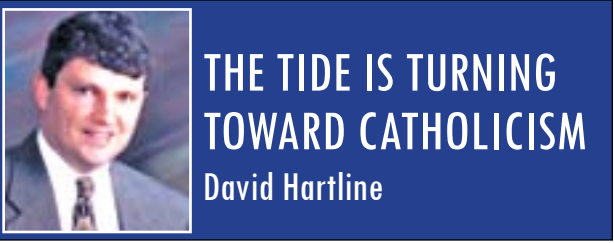
(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

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 II, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

Faith is a Commitment



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

We have probably all heard the saying “by just showing up, we win a lot of the battles we face.” It does seem that much of life is simply about not giving up. For example, it would be inconceivable for Urban Meyer, Ohio State’s football coach, to offer a student a football scholarship and that same student to say, “No thanks, I would rather not join the team because I think someone else is probably better.” It would also seem inconceivable for a big-time Hollywood producer to offer an unknown actor or actress a leading role and be told, “I am not ready. Let me just have a bit part.”

Yet as ridiculous as this sounds, God hears this every day. How many of us feel a call to do something in the Catholic Church and somehow never respond, even when we feel God’s active call? Why? Maybe because we fear commitment and dedication. I recall my old landlord in the Washington area. I lived there 20 years ago and was stunned to find that he claimed to be an agnostic. By chance, I met his elderly mother, who talked about her faith life and taking him to Sunday school when he was a child. One day, the landlord wondered how anyone could belong to a religion when the world was so complex.

I asked him if he ever had a difficult job. He told me that when he arrived in Washington, he felt overwhelmed by his job. He went to describe a trying experience, but after a while, he learned to understand and love his job, and now wouldn’t change a thing. I

told him that faith is a very similar thing. I continue to pray for him, though it has been a long time since we talked. Sometimes people refuse to practice what they preach. All we can do is continue to pray for them.

In my travels, I have heard every excuse why someone can’t come to Mass. Usually, it is those who have no excuse who don’t go, while the pews are certainly full of folks who have medical conditions that could preclude them from coming, but they come anyway. The very people who yell at athletes and entertainers for not being committed to the team or project are the people who sometimes put God on the back burner, if that.

We are now entering the warm months when people travel and moms and dads cart the kids to endless baseball games, soccer matches, dance recitals, gymnastics, and many other activities which are very good things because they teach commitment. However, that same commitment doesn’t always transfer over to faith. This is where we come in and help these

folks through prayer, example, and discussion.

Some people think that if they have ever had a vengeful thought, an impure thought, an angry thought, or even doubts about God, they simply aren’t cut out to be a follower of Jesus. Naturally, this is distorted thinking. We are called to help these folks by alleviating their doubts and reminding them that we all are sinners, which is why Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation (It was the first thing he did when he returned Easter Sunday night. See John 20:19-23).

Since we are approaching Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, we should remind ourselves and those around us of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are; wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The Holy Spirit helps us in unseen ways that further us on the path of righteous living. If you have ever suddenly remembered something or felt a burst of wisdom or knowledge concerning an issue near and dear to you, chances are the Holy Spirit was at work. God’s gifts are always nearer to us than we might think, if only we will listen, learn, follow the ways of the Lord, and commit ourselves to understanding and following God’s plan for our lives.

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

Special Parents /The Gift of Special Sons

By GLORIA BUTLER

Our parish, Plain City St. Joseph, has been given the honor of hosting seminary students from the Pontifical College Josephinum for several years. The young men begin their 10-week internships just before Lent begins and complete them just after Easter. They join us for one day a week and spend four to five hours each time in our parish.

When we were first approached to participate in this program, our pastor, Father Pat Toner, asked me, as a parishioner involved in several parish charities, to help coordinate their visits. We sat down and discussed what type of activities would be interesting to the students. I asked myself, “What could a Catholic-convert grandma possibly offer these bright young students, who are in various stages of their journey to priesthood?”

After prayer, the answers became clear.

We would offer them a slice of real parish life. After scanning through our “time and talent” surveys, we recruited several parishioners who were involved in various parish activities. We invited them to spend part of an afternoon with the students, helping them gather knowledge about everything from K of C to Cookies for Kairos to PSR, Retrouvaille, creating weekly bulletins, parish bookkeeping, and setting up Carpenter Hall for a fish fry. The students had the opportunity to dine, pray, and interact with parish members, discuss their faith journeys, share their passions, and, in general, learn and practice “real time” conversations with ordinary parish members – the kind of people they will find all over the world.

Without exception, the students embrace every activity

we offer. As a matter of fact, we soon realized there was much to be learned from them. These young men are special. You know, the instant you meet them, that someplace in this nation or another, very special parents are quietly smiling, praying, and thanking God for the help and guidance He provided in bringing up their sons. For a parent or grandparent, it must be bittersweet to give one’s son to the Lord for a lifetime of service. But it is an ultimate gift well worth giving!

What a spectacular tribute to the parents as they watch, with love and pride from faraway places, their extraordinary sons make their way through years of study to the crowning achievement, when they are ordained.

I hope these young men’s parents have the opportunity to read this tribute. You need to hear what a really, really wonderful thing you have accom-



plished! Your boys are polite, extremely smart, focused, congenial, dedicated to the Lord, and every one of them speaks of you with love and pride.

So to this year’s interns, parents of Peter, Stephen, Nick, and Ross – you, who were their first teachers – congratulations on a job very well done!

You have helped secure the future of the Catholic Church by the ultimate gift of your son, the original example set by another Father, who willingly gave HIS son!

Photo: Seminarians baking cookies for Kairos at Plain City St. Joseph Church. Pictured are (from left) Stephen Vaccaro, Peter Ascik, Nick Cooper, and Ross Hartman.

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ABELL, Robert, 82, April 21
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BECK, William D., 84, May 1
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

BIEN, John A., 74, May 3
St. Michael Church, Worthington

BUCKLEY, Robert J., 71, April 30
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

GESS, Kathryn K., 87, May 2
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

GROOMS, Mary, 87, May 3
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

IANNARINO, Jewell E., 88, May 1
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

JANCZAK, Therese “Sally” L., 87, May 3
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

KEARNS, Margaret K., 67, April 27
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

KEVELDER, Rosemary, 86, May 4
Christ the King Church, Columbus

LENAHAN, Russell K., 23, May 2
St. Peter Church, Columbus

MAHAFFEY, Richard L., 77, April 29
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

NORTON, Remo A., 87, April 30
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

PHALEN, Mary A., 87, May 1
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

ROBERTS, Dr. Francis L., 77, May 3
St. John Church, Logan

VERMILLION, Ruth E., 91, May 3
Blessed Sacrament Church, Newark

Richard E. Funk

Funeral Mass for Richard E. Funk, 85, who died Saturday, May 5, was held Thursday, May 10, at Lancaster St. Mark Church. Burial was at St. Mary Cemetery, Lancaster.

He was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Bremen, to John and Blanche (Schmelzer) Funk. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and was employed for 39 years by the Diamond Power Corp.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; wives, Thelma (Capron) and Mary Nelle (Sanner Kaufman); and stepchildren, Gary Kaufman and Barbara Anderson. Survivors include sons, Msgr. David Funk, pastor of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, Thomas (Betty), and James (Leesa); brothers, John (Kathy), Paul (Laura), Don (Leona); sister, Gertrude Hale; four grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many step-great-grandchildren.

James B. Sullivan

Funeral Mass for James B. Sullivan, 82, of Columbus, who died Friday, May 4, was held Wednesday, May 9, at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born in Hayman, Ky., to Te-mous and Martha (Fraley) Sullivan. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky and a mas-

ter’s degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, was a Korean War veteran, and spent 30 years in education with the South-Western City Schools..

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Hubert; and sister, Forest Rose Paulsen. He is survived by his wife, Betty; and sons, Father Jan Sullivan, pastor of St. Colman of Cloyne Church, and Michael (Elaine).

Charles (Bud) Reichert

Funeral Mass for Charles (Bud) Reichert, 69, who died Sunday, May 6, was held Thursday, May 10, at the Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel of St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus, followed by entombment in the cemetery’s mausoleum.

He was born Sept. 14, 1942, to the late Charles and Margaret Reichert.

Survivors include his wife, Annrose; brothers, Father J. Lawrence Reichert, pastor of the Church of the Ascension in Johnstown, and Paul (Joyce); and sister, Anne.

Karen M. Huth

Funeral Mass for Karen M. Huth, 72, who died Tuesday, May 1, was held Tuesday, May 8, at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Resurrection Cemetery, Madison, Wis.

She was born Aug. 14, 1939, in Madison, to Alton and Mary Lorena (Powers) Huth.

She was a 1957 graduate of Edgewood High School in Madison. For the next 11 years, she was a member of the Do-

minican Sisters in Racine, Wis., where she was known as Sister Mary Timothy, OP. She spent 45 years in teaching and was a second-grade teacher for 37 years at St. Pius X School, retiring in 2005. She also was a Girl Scout leader for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Tom and Bill. Survivors include a brother, Al (Jane); and sisters, Rosellen Jauss, Coreen (Paul) Esser, and Mary Bonsack.

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He went on a retreat after the homily and, three days later, was sitting in the office of Father Jeff Coning, former diocesan vocations director, to discuss his future.

In December 2008, he had a new job and again asked God to give him the work and relationships that he would bless. That led to a decision to leave the secular life. A few weeks later, in January 2009, Deacon Gentry was admitted to Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, with a start date of August of that year. The seminary, in Weston, Mass., specializes in working with men who have discerned a vocation to the priesthood and are between the ages of 30 and 60.

In preparation for his diaconal ordination, Deacon Gentry attended a Jesuit retreat in April. This allowed him time to pray and meditate with Scripture as a means of drawing closer to God.

This school year has also given his a chance to practice homiletics, the art of preaching. “When I think about ministry, I realize that preaching is an important competency for a deacon and a priest,” he said. “I love connecting issues we face each day with Catholic history and tradition. I am prayerfully looking forward to this.”

Deacon Gentry greatly enjoyed a spiritual direction class he took recently. He looks forward to working with people one-to-one to help them draw closer to Christ.

He felt blessed by his summer assignments at parishes in the Diocese of Columbus, including West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude and Columbus St. Mary Magdalene. He was also a vol-

unteer at the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. He felt inspired and enriched in each of those assignments.

Sacramental preparation is a large part of diaconate preparation at seminary, with the practice of how to conduct rites such as baptism. He also recently facilitated the certification of catechists. This was very special to him, as he taught religious education at his home parish, St. Catharine, for four years.

He has enjoyed his time in Massachusetts, but considers Columbus his home and looks forward to serving as a deacon this summer. “We have such a rich and beautiful diversity in the people of Columbus. That makes living and serving in Columbus even more special,” he said.

This summer, Deacon Gentry will be working on his certification in clinical pastoral education. This is a structured internship in hospital ministry. He will be living at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church and working at Mount Carmel East Hospital. He will return to seminary for one more year of formation in anticipation of ordination to the diocesan priesthood at this time next year.

“Everything has happened for a purpose and with a purpose to prepare me to serve the people of Columbus,” he said. “Each day that goes by means I am a little closer to that. I have been crazy in love with Christ and his church for a long time, and this is the culmination of that relationship. Now I am sharing it in a very public way. I am absolutely joyful about celebrating my love of Christ with diaconate ordination.”

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10, 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**

11, FRIDAY
Bishop Ready ‘Knight’ at the Races
7 p.m., Darby House, Darby Dan Farm, 925 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway. “Knight” at the Races benefiting Columbus Bishop Ready High School student financial assistance fund, featuring horse racing videos, silent auction, Derby hat contest, and dinner. **614-276-7827**

Bishop Watterson Band Boosters Dinner and Auction
7:30 p.m., Brookside Country Club, 2770 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. “Swingtime in Paris: A Jazz Night Out” dinner and silent auction sponsored by Columbus Bishop Watterson High School band boosters, preceded by cocktail hour at 6:30. **614-395-7741**

12, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. **614-565-8654**

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.

‘Happenings’ submissions

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Morning of Reflection at Sts. Peter and Paul Center
9 a.m. to noon, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Morning of reflection for mothers and daughters, with Sister Janice Bachman, OP, including brunch. **740-928-4246**

Columbus Catholic Women’s Breakfast
9 a.m. to noon, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Breakfast program for women, sponsored by Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference. Begins with Mass celebrated by Msgr. Romano Ciotola, followed by breakfast, and talk and question-and-answer session with Dr. Michael Parker. Topic: “Finding Balance -- Body, Mind, and Soul.” Register at www.columbus-catholicwomen.com.

Baccalaureate and Graduation at Josephinum
St. Turibius Chapel, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. 9 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass, followed at 11:15 a.m. by college’s 113th annual graduation ceremony. **614-885-5585**

Bishop Watterson Arts Festival
7 to 10 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School arts festival, with displays of student art, and performances beginning at 8 by the school jazz band, the Staff Infection faculty band, and individual piano, dance, and song presentations. **614-268-8671**

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

14, MONDAY
Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick
6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m. Mass and full meeting after Mass. **614-406-2939**

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

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

14-20, MONDAY-SUNDAY
Dominican Sisters of Peace Women’s Volunteer Week, Shepherd’s Corner ecology center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Service opportunities available for single women ages 18 to 45 at the center or in downtown Columbus. Outdoor and indoor work available. Meals, housing provided. **614-633-6160**

15, TUESDAY
Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church’s respect life committee.

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**

16, WEDNESDAY
Webcast for Older Adults at de Porres Center
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. 30-minute webcast on “Care Partnering: A Ho-

listic View of Caring Relationships” with Jennifer Heston, assisted living social worker, Westminster-Thurber Community, followed by discussion. Sponsored by center’s Institute for Maturing Spirituality. **614-416-1920**

Jump Start Workshop for Scouts at St. Elizabeth
6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. 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**

17, THURSDAY
DeSales Evening of the Arts
6 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Evening of the arts, featuring art show from 6 to 7 and after 8 p.m. and spring concert with school band and fifth- to eighth-graders from feeder schools from 7 to 8. **614-267-6822**

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**

18-20, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, for couples interested in making good marriages better. **740-746-9003**

Diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee
St. Joseph Church, 5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset. Annual camporee sponsored by diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for all Boy and Girl Scouts, Venture and Camp Fire members, and adults who work with young people. Theme: “The Universal Church.” Weekend program for those in grades six to 12; Saturday program for first- through fifth-graders. Fulfills Boy Scout Ad Altare Dei award retreat requirements. **614-263-7832**

19, SATURDAY
‘That Man Is You!’ Information Session
7:30 to 10 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Informational program on “That Man Is You!” men’s leadership program for parishes. **614-260-2376**

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**

Charismatic Prayer Meeting at Church of Our Lady
9 a.m. to noon, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Citywide charismatic prayer meeting sponsored by diocesan Catholic charismatic Renewal. Mass, followed by prayer meeting and fellowship. Theme: “Personal Holiness: Exercising Your Faith.” **614-237-7080**

Catholic Social Services Service Saturday
9 a.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Service Saturday, sponsored by Catholic Social Services. Volunteers will help older adults and disabled individuals in Franklin County who need assistance with home repairs, painting, yardwork or other projects. **614-857-1238**

Polka Mass at Columbus St. Mary
4 p.m., St. Mary Church, 672 S. 3rd St., Columbus. Polka Mass sponsored by Polish-American Club, followed by polka celebration from 6 to 10 p.m. at Eagles Hall, 3800 Westerville Road. **614-551-9745**

Maggie Consort at St. Leo
7:30 p.m., St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus. Concert of reflection and rejoicing with the Maggie Consort a cappella vocal ensemble.

20, SUNDAY
Praise Mass at Seton Parish
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish’s small musical groups. **614-833-0482**

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed by social time, general meeting, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. **614-282-4676**

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

21, MONDAY
Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Patrick
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for priestly and consecrated vocations. **614-235-7435**

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

22, TUESDAY
ODU LEAD Program Information Session
6 p.m., Room 274, Bishop Griffin Center, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Information session for undergraduate and graduate divisions of ODU Learning Enhanced Adult degree program. **614-473-9003**

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**

‘The Landscape of Prayer’ at de Porres Center
7 to 9 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. “The Landscape of Prayer: Thomas Merton’s Interaction With Nature,” presented by Sister Monica Weis, SSJ. Registration deadline May 21. **614-416-1910**

23, WEDNESDAY
Christ Child Society Founder’s Day Mass, Luncheon
10 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Christ Child Society of Columbus Founder’s Day Mass, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell, followed by luncheon inducting new members, honoring member anniversaries and announcing scholarship winners. **614-847-1582**

Jump Start Workshop for Scouts at Marion St. Mary
6:30 to 8 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. 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**

24, THURSDAY
Diocesan Association of Religious Educators Luncheon
11 a.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Diocesan Association of Religious Educators spring luncheon and talk, with Dr. Hosffman Ospino of Boston College speaking on “Passing the Tradition: Evangelization and Culture.”



CHORAL MUSIC



Reflection and Rejoicing with the Magpie Consort

Join the Magpie Consort as they reflect, rejoice, celebrate, and dream through music. Saturday May 19, 7:30 p.m. St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus

“Reflection and Rejoicing with the Magpie Consort” will feature choral selections from the Renaissance and the early Baroque, as well as world music and folk songs from England, Scotland, India, Iraq, southern Africa, and the United States. Lighthearted madrigals and partsongs by composers such as Morley and Hassler will be contrasted with the tearful pleas of Carissimi and Schütz.

The Magpies again will be collaborating with percussionist Jeffrey White on songs of dancing and merriment, which will usher in concluding songs of freedom and peace from our own nation and abroad.

Jon Peterson has joined the Magpie Consort for the 2011-12 season as artistic director. He comes to the Magpies following receipt of his doctor of musical arts degree in choral conducting from the University of Arizona. He is a native of Houston and has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Austin College and Southern Methodist University.

The Magpie Consort is a mixed ensemble of 18 voices. Most of its music is sung *a cappella*, but some is performed with a variety of instrumentalists. Its repertoire is extremely diverse, including medieval motets and plainsong, renaissance madrigals and sacred polyphony, 18th century psalmody, 20th century compositions from many parts of the world, folk song and world music settings, and music written specifically for the group.

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NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A “supermoon” creates a dramatic backdrop for the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro on May 6. The supermoon phenomenon occurs when the moon is slightly closer to Earth in its orbit than usual. It is most noticeable as a full moon. CNS photo/Ricardo Moraes, Reuters

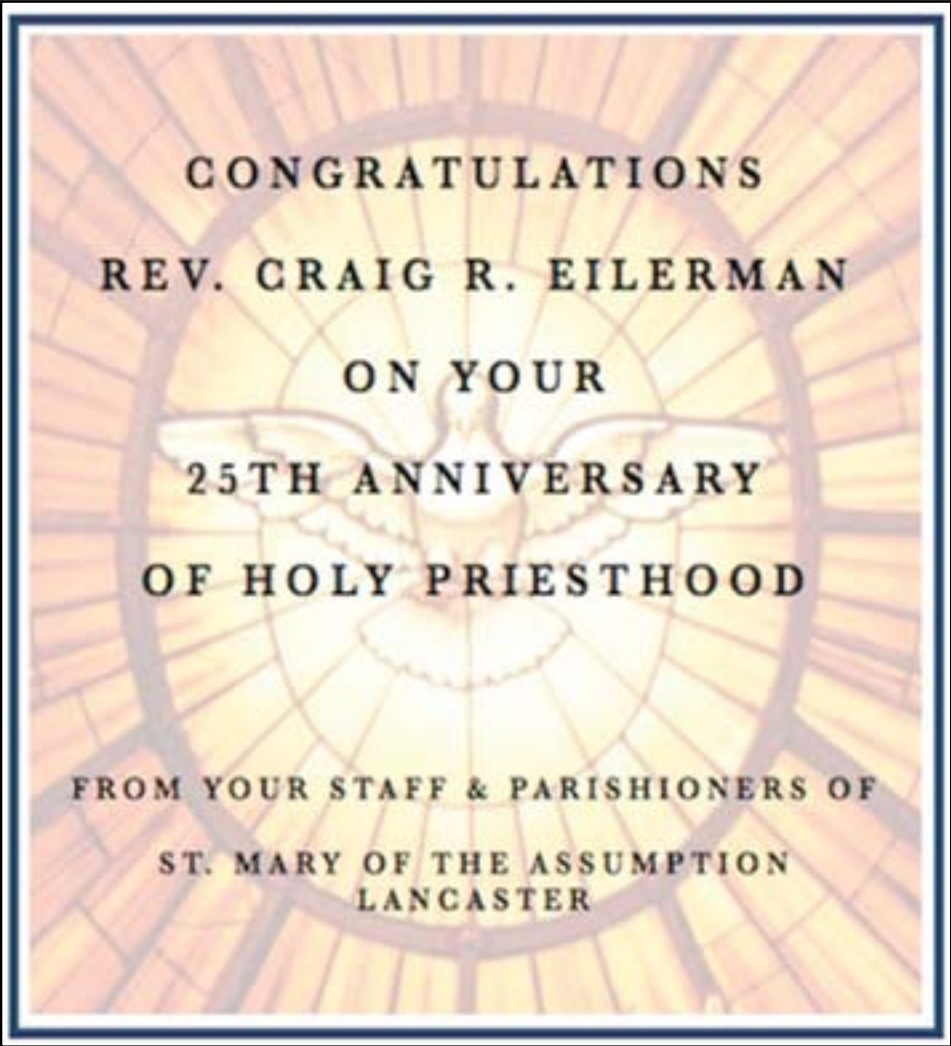
Pope Benedict XVI ordains eight priests for the Diocese of Rome in St. Peter’s Basilica on April 29. CNS photo/Paul Haring




Nuns receive communion from newly ordained priests during an ordination ceremony at the Citeaux Chau Son abbey in Vietnam’s Ninh Binh province on April 29. Vietnam is home to the second largest Catholic population in Asia, after the Philippines. CNS photo/ Kham, Reuters



A Knights of Columbus fourth-degree exemplification took place
Saturday, April 28, at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark for Ohio District 3. There were 75 candidates in the class, including several seminarians and clergy. The ceremony takes place when Knights advance from the third to the fourth and highest degree of the order. The variously colored capes and chapeaus represent different officers and dignitaries who traveled from all over Ohio and beyond for the ceremony.
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