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## PARENTING STRENGTHENS FAMILIES



## The Editor's Notebook

*The hardest...and best... job in the world*

By David Garick, Editor

It is a common lament that “children don’t come with an instruction manual.” Making a baby is the easy part. Raising that baby into a complete adult ready to live a full and productive life takes a whole lot more effort.

Too often, parents seem at a loss when it comes to preparing their children for life. Often, we may be overwhelmed by the enormity of the task. Our own lives can seem baffling. We often lack a sense of direction. We feel unsure and that insecurity keeps us from offering ourselves as a strong moral model for our children. We are all too willing to allow children to be formed by the cultural forces that surround them rather than taking the personal risk to form our children from our own values ... perhaps because we lack a commitment to those values ourselves.

We do have an instruction manual. Christ is our model. God took on human form to come among us and teach us how to live in faith and how to share that faith. If we are to raise our children responsibly, we must do so by living as Christ taught us and by sharing that faith with our children. Christ made the ultimate commitment to us, suffering death that we might live with him forever. We, too, are called

to commitment to Christ, to our spouses, and to our families. Commitment is born of love, which is the essential element of faith. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to the end that all who believe in him might have eternal life. We, too, express faith through love we show to our children. As St. Paul put it: “Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” When we demonstrate love and faith, our children follow our example.

Sometimes, it is helpful to have some direction in applying the principles of faith and love to child rearing. This issue of *Catholic Times* takes a look at how several Catholic organizations are helping parents get a better grip on bringing the power of love and faith to bear in their families.



## YEAR OF FAITH ACTIVITIES AIMED AT BRINGING CATHOLICS CLOSER TO JESUS



By Dennis Sadowski

*Catholic News Service*

The Year of Faith set to begin in October will give Catholics the chance to experience a “conversion” by turning back to Jesus and entering into a deeper relationship with him, the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis said on June 13.

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wis., told the spring meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that the 2012-13 observance stems from Pope Benedict XVI’s call for a new evangelization and will incorporate television, radio, social media, and online resources to better connect -- or reconnect -- Catholics with their faith.

Special emphasis will be placed on explaining church teaching through liturgy and prayer, catechetical aids, parish programs, homily guides, and online applications and websites. Already, weekly posts on Facebook promote the lives of saints and those declared blessed and venerable, while quizzes on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* help connect online users with tenets of the faith, Bishop Ricken said.

The Year of Faith opens on Thursday, Oct. 11, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the catechism. It runs through Nov. 24, 2013, the Feast of Christ the King.

Pope Benedict announced the Year of Faith in *Porta Fidei* (The Door of Faith), an apostolic letter released on Oct. 17, 2011.

The observance envisioned by the pope under his call for a new evangelization

does not propose new teachings, but is “rather a ‘re-proposing’ of the Gospel to those awaiting a first evangelization and those whose roots of Christianity are deep, but have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization,” Bishop Ricken said.

The bishops’ conference has worked since October to develop resources including apologetic material, brochures related to new evangelization, and teaching aids for use by Catholics and the general public, he said.

Many of the resources are being developed for Spanish speakers as well, he said.

Intercessions for the Year of Faith and a prayer for the new evangelization also are being developed, Bishop Ricken said.

In line with an initiative of the Vatican that European cities implement a “metropolitan mission” program for Lent 2013, a similar effort is being considered for the United States during the same period. Such missions would include catechesis by local bishops, the availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, devotions and popular piety, spiritual exercises and mission-style programs in local parishes, Bishop Ricken said.

Emphasis also will be placed on assisting families in observing the Year of Faith with prayer services and other catechetical resources, he added.

Bishop Ricken said annual events such as the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington in February and the observance of Respect Life Month in October 2013 also will focus on the Year of Faith.

## Former area resident becomes Carmelite Sister of the Most Sacred Heart

A former resident of the Diocese of Columbus has dedicated her life to serving God and the Church as a member of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

Sister Teresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart, OCD, was one of two women to profess her first vows and become members of the congregation on Monday, July 16, at its Motherhouse in Alhambra, Calif. Joining her in the profession was Sister Meredith of Christ Crucified, OCD, of Walnut, Calif. They will spend the next year at the Motherhouse in what is known as an apostolic year, during which they will spend four months each rotating through the congregation’s three major apostolates of education, retreat life, and health care.

After that, they will be given specific assignments as they continue to discern whether to make a permanent commitment to the congregation. If they decide to do so, they will profess final vows in 2018, 10 years after first becoming involved with the congregation as candidates.

Sister Teresa Margaret was known as Lauren Turner while growing up as a member of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church and attending its elementary school. Her parents, Carl and Blythe Turner, now attend St. Bernadette Church in Lancaster, where she graduated from Fisher Catholic High School. She has two brothers, Patrick, 24, and Daniel, 11; and one sister, Kelly, 21.

Sister Teresa Margaret also is a graduate of the nursing program at Franciscan University of Steubenville. That’s where she first came in contact with the Carmelites, who have a residence in Steubenville so sisters and members in formation can attend the university’s theology and philosophy courses.

“A Carmelite sister was in nursing classes with me for



**Sister Teresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart, OCD, professes her first vows before her superior, Mother Judith of Santa Teresa, OCD, on July 16 in Alhambra, Calif. Also in foreground is Father Anthony Howard, OFM Conv.**

four years, and her superior was my spiritual director, so I got to know the sisters very well,” Sister Teresa Margaret said.

“In high school, I was convinced I wanted to be a wife and mother,” she said. “I began wondering whether God might have other plans for me while I was in college and having regular contact with the Carmelites.

“Through much grace and much prayer, the Lord showed me that he was not taking the desire for marriage and motherhood away, but was elevating it to a new, higher level, giving me the desire to become the spouse of Christ through becoming a sister, and to be a spiritual mother of many more children than I could have biologically.

“I spent a lot of time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament discerning my future. During that period, I dated some nice young men, but found a void I didn’t understand. The more time I spent with our Lord, the more I felt that void could only be filled by becoming a sister.

tion with our Lord as we prepare to decide on whether we want to make the commitment symbolized by the first vows” of poverty, chastity, and obedience to canon law and the congregation’s rules.

The Carmelites are an active contemplative community, meaning that although they are not cloistered, they live in a convent and have a prayer-centered life. Sister Teresa Margaret said that since entering the Carmelite community, she has been away only once, to attend a wedding during her candidacy year. Her parents and siblings come to see her once a year, generally in July, and attended her first profession of vows. She plans to come home in August 2013, and from then on will be allowed to make home visits every three years.

As a sister from outside of California, she is able to talk to her family once a month on the phone for an hour, except for family emergencies, in addition to having them visit every year.

“I love my life here and there’s not much I miss from Ohio, but I do miss the snow,”

she said.

“Having limited contact with her is difficult, but God provides,” her mother said. “When she first entered the convent, it bothered me a lot more. As time went on, we’ve found the time allowed on the phone to be sufficient. Between phone calls, we write her whenever we feel there’s something to tell her. We’re aware she can’t always write back because of her duties.

“The four days we get to see her are always a great time,” Mrs. Turner said. “She still has work to do, but we get to share meals and have sufficient time to talk. Our youngest son doesn’t seem to mind being with all the adults because the sisters have water balloon fights with him and find plenty of other ways to keep him occupied.

“Lauren first mentioned the possibility of religious life when she was a junior or senior or high school after a retreat. She didn’t seriously consider it until college and thought I’d be surprised when

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**Sister Teresa Margaret, OCD, with her parents, Carl and Blythe Turner of Lancaster St. Bernadette Church. Photos courtesy Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles**



### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT • Clergy Assignment

**Deacon John Crerand**, to Judge, Diocesan Tribunal, continuing as Moderator of the Tribunal Chancery and diaconal service at St. Michael Church, Worthington, effective July 16.

Correction: A story in the July 15 Catholic Times incorrectly states that New Boston St. Monica and Wheelersburg Our Lady of Lourdes churches were part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati until 1944, when diocesan boundaries were changed as part of the formation of the Diocese of Steubenville. Other parishes in Scioto County had their diocesan affiliation changed at that time, but the two in New Boston and Wheelersburg have been part of the Diocese of Columbus since its formation in 1868.

The Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries listing in the July 1 Catholic Times did not include Dr. and Mrs. Joseph (Elizabeth) Kirkpatrick of Lancaster St. Mary Church, who celebrated their 50th anniversary.



*Front Page photo:*

Parenting programs in the Diocese of Columbus are designed to strengthen families such as this father, mother, and children served by an affiliate of Catholic Charities USA.

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Guadalupe

Did you pray daily to Our Lady of Mount Carmel over the past two weeks? The simple prayer of petition is one that everyone can pray easily. And especially these days, there is no shortage of petitions. We all have needs, and prayer through Our Lady is always strong and sincere. Mary can always be counted on to intercede for us to her Son, Jesus. As we mentioned a couple of weeks ago, this intercessory prayer, along with God's response, is not magic. It is a sincere and spiritual dialogue that promotes a mature relationship with our God, resulting in the ultimate prize and goal – eternal life in Heaven. It is a long journey and one full of challenge and struggle. Regular prayer of praise and intercession will always be an ingredient in the recipe for grace and holiness. May we always pray sincerely and often, and may Our Lady be a source of comfort and inspiration. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

To continue a theme for Our Lady, we are all reminded that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas. With the current struggle for religious freedom in which we find ourselves immersed, what better Saint could we find to intercede for us! And with the recently completed “Fortnight for Freedom,” we had a tremendous opportunity to join our voices in prayer for something that we all cherish and desire: freedom. Freedoms, whether religious or otherwise, are to be defended at all cost, especially when threatened. During the Fortnight, many of us received beautiful prayer cards with Our Lady of Guadalupe on one side and a prayer for freedom on the other.

Our practical challenge over the next two weeks and beyond is to pray this wonderful prayer each day. It is so fitting and inspiring, no matter what the current issues, and no matter the time of year. The prayer follows here. Pray it now, each day for the next two weeks, and continue beyond, if you can:

“O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

“We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

“Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome – for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us – this great land will always be ‘one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.’ We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast with the Bishop

Paul E. Pfeifer, senior associate justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, will join Bishop Fredrick F. Campbell to address more than 400 guests on Friday, Oct. 5, at Catholic Social Services’ 20th annual Breakfast with the Bishop. This year’s theme will be “Religion’s Role in Today’s Society.”

Pfeifer served one term in the Ohio House of Representatives and four terms in the state Senate. He held a variety of leadership posts in the Senate and served as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee for 10 years.

He was first elected to the Supreme Court in 1992. He has said the most inspiring thing about the court for him is

that every voice gets heard, from that of the widow fighting for her husband’s worker’s compensation benefits to those of corporations battling over tens of millions of dollars. He began his fourth Supreme Court term in January 2011.

The breakfast will take place in the Regency ballroom of the Hyatt Regency hotel, 350 N. High St., Columbus. Tickets are \$40.

For more information contact Karen Washbush at [kwashbush@colscss.org](mailto:kwashbush@colscss.org) or (614) 857-1236.

Breakfast proceeds support Catholic Social Services, an agency focused on improving the quality of life for people in need in central and southern Ohio.

## St. Brigid’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 12. Bishop Fredrick Campbell will be principal celebrant for the anniversary Mass at 10:45 a.m., which will be followed by a picnic lunch from 1 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed. Students are welcome to earn service hours. Adult volunteers must have completed “Protecting

God’s Children” training. To volunteer, sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AFA829A31-25th>.

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required no later than Wednesday, Aug. 1. To RSVP, email name(s), phone number, and number attending to: [25stbrigid@gmail.com](mailto:25stbrigid@gmail.com), or call the parish office at (614) 761-3734.



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# Little Sisters of the Poor speak at USCCB Congressional reception regarding the HHS mandate

By Sister Constance Carolyn, LSP

I’d like you to meet Anna. She is 91-years old and has been a resident of our home in Chicago for eight years. We knew Anna for several years before she came to live with us. We often saw her at Holy Name Cathedral, where she spent her days serving as the unofficial sacristan. But Anna didn’t just hang out at the cathedral – she lived there, in the basement.

Over time, we befriended Anna and would periodically invite her to come live at St. Mary’s Home. Her worn-out clothing, matted hair, and bent posture made it obvious to us that Anna could use some help taking care of herself.

But for several years, Anna declined our invitations. Though very poor in our eyes, she felt needed at the cathedral. She had her routine ... and her independence.

Finally, Anna agreed that she could no longer make it on her own, and so, in 2004, she moved to our home in Chicago’s Lincoln Park neighborhood. During her admission intake, we discovered that this humble old woman who lived in the church basement had earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing, and that she had worked for the Chicago Board of Education helping to develop the Head Start program. Anna had a personal history and accomplishments; she also had a unique personality.

Once at St. Mary’s Home, Anna continued to dress in her somewhat mismatched, bohemian style. She took pride in what she referred to as her “sensitivity” to the different cultures she encountered among the residents and staff of the home. For as long as she was able, Anna volunteered in the kitchen. Now, nearly bent in half, she spends most of

the day in the chapel; she is probably there right now, praying.

Like Anna, the majority of elderly persons admitted to our homes are female, because women typically outlive men by about 13 years. Most wait until they are in their 80s or 90s before coming to live with us, because they typically try to make it on their own as long as possible. Whether they voice it or not, all are seeking a home where they will be respected as individuals, where their personal stories and their preferences will be heard, where they will find security, kindness, and personalized care, even while maintaining as much independence as possible.

This is our mission. We welcome the neediest elderly as Christ himself, remembering the words of our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, who said, “Never forget that the poor are Our Lord.” With the help of a vast network of collaborators we care for them as members of our own family and accompany them with dignity and compassion until God calls them to himself.

Because we care for the poor, most of our residents are Medicaid recipients. Yet Medicaid covers only about half of our operating expenses. We rely heavily on private philanthropy to make ends meet. Obtaining adequate funding to provide the quality of care for which our homes are known is a constant struggle.

The HHS mandate threatens to take our financial challenges to an entirely new level. The fines to be imposed for non-compliance with the mandate represent an unsustainable financial burden. This is the greatest threat we have faced in more than 140 years of service to the elderly in the United States.

Beyond the HHS mandate, we Little

Sisters of the Poor have serious concerns related to broader issues of religious liberty. If the federal government succeeds in enforcing the mandate, what is to stop it from rationing health care to seniors, or including euthanasia on the list of required “preventive services” as a way of eliminating the costs associated with our rapidly aging population? We Little Sisters fear that one day, we could be forced to participate in assisted suicide or euthanasia, acts we find morally reprehensible. This would mean the end of our mission in the United States.

We have been caring for the elderly poor here in the U.S. since 1868. The first Little Sisters to arrive on American soil, immigrants from France, were amazed at the warm welcome and generosity of the people of this country. Here in Washington, Congress provided much-needed funding on three separate occasions in the 1870s and 1880s, helping us build and expand our first home on H Street. This financial support enabled us to care for native Washingtonians, European immigrants, and newly emancipated African Americans alike. The Little Sisters of the Poor came to America – and have stayed here – to care for the neediest elderly of all faiths and cultures, not because they are Catholic, but because we are

We have never faced discrimination or religious persecution in this great nation. But as Little Sisters of the Poor, we are not strangers to religious intolerance. Our foundress was born at the height of the French Revolution and established our congregation in its aftermath. Our sisters have been forced to leave many nations, including Chi-



A member of the Little Sisters of the Poor with Anna, a 91-year-old resident of the sisters' home in Chicago

Photo courtesy Little Sisters of the Poor

na, Myanmar and Hungary, because of religious intolerance. We pray that the United States will not be added to this list. During the Fortnight of Freedom, we pray that God will continue to bless America and our mission to the poorest elderly of this nation for many years to come.

*Editor’s note: The basis of this column comes from testimony given by Sister Constance Carolyn, LSP, on behalf of the more than 300 Little Sisters of the Poor and 2,500 elderly residents of their homes in the United States, at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Congressional reception regarding the HHS mandate.*

## St. Charles Combined Reunion

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School is sponsoring a combined class reunion celebration for the classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007 from Thursday to Saturday, Aug. 9 to 11.

Members of the classes of 1962 and 1967, and all other pre-1965 alumni of the school, are invited to the St. Charles-Aquinas Golf Challenge on Thursday at Riviera Country Club in Dublin. The weekend’s main event will be a beer-

and-brats stag from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday at the school. Cost is \$15.

On Saturday, there will be a family bike ride, the annual Ralston Memorial Golf Outing, a campus tour, and an all-classes Mass. Classes have organized their own events for that night.

The registration deadline is Aug. 6. To registered or learn more about individual class activities, contact Louis J. Fabro at [lfabro@cducation.org](mailto:lfabro@cducation.org) or (614) 252-9288, extension 21.





*A quick note from:*

THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

## OUR SUNDAY LITURGY: THE GLORIA

The *Gloria* is a very ancient hymn. It was first found in the pope's Christmas Mass at the beginning of the sixth century. By the 11th century, it was sung at all Masses on Sundays and festive occasions. Today, we sing the *Gloria* at all Sunday celebrations except the Sundays of Advent and Lent. We also sing this venerable hymn at all Feasts and Solemnities except *All Souls* (even when Nov. 2 falls on a Sunday, the *Gloria* is not used on *All Souls*).

The hymn itself has four unique sections. The first sentence, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will*," is the praise sung by the heavenly host after the angels announced to the shepherds about Christ's birth (Luke 2:14). It offers a contrast between glory given to the triune God and the people whom God blesses. Because God blesses them, - they have good will.

The scriptural beginning is followed by five statements of praise and one of thanksgiving, "*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.*" Unlike the scriptural beginning, this section is specifically addressed to God the Father. While this expanded translation is causing our composers some difficulty in developing really good music to accompany the words of the hymn, it offers us a broader expression of our praise to God the Father.

The hymn now turns to the Son: "*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*" Just as we have five



statements of praise for the Father, we have five epithets (short descriptive titles) for God's Son. All five are in the present tense. These are not historical statements about Christ; they describe who Christ is today. These epithets are followed by three requests: *have mercy, receive our prayer, and have mercy.*

The hymn ends with the words "*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the Glory of the God the Father. Amen.*" At first it looks to be a continuation of the previous section of the hymn addressed only to the Son. While it does offer additional epithets for Christ, it is truly a Trinitarian statement. The last line brings all the statements together into the Trinity - *Son, Spirit, and Father.*

This hymn offers patterns of speech we don't use in our everyday vocabulary. It is a heightened style that should be more prayerful and focus our thoughts on our celebration. It is almost like a pledge that we make within these initial rites of the Mass: that we will continue to give praise throughout the celebration and throughout this, the Lord's day.

*(Summarized from a presentation, "Mystagogical Musical Musings" by Father Jan Michael Joncus, presented on the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy)*

## PUTTING A GRANDMOTHER'S FUNERAL WORRIES TO REST



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** My grandmother, who is in a nursing home, has used her life's savings to pay for her care. Now she is on Medicaid and any income that she has (namely, her Social Security monthly check) goes directly to the nursing home. (She is allowed \$30 a month to pay for her personal needs.)

For 35 years, she has been a member of our local Catholic parish. She owns a burial plot in our parish cemetery and has her funeral expenses prepaid. For many years she contributed to the financial support of our parish, but because of her current limited income, she is now unable to do so. She is terribly worried that the parish might refuse to host her funeral Mass and provide for her burial because she is not an active donor. If you could tell me the church's position on this, perhaps I could put

her mind at ease. (New Jersey)

**A.** I feel sad, and even a bit embarrassed, that such a question would even occur to your grandmother. Please assure her that her parish will certainly be willing to celebrate her funeral rites. First of all, even by right, this would seem the only logical conclusion from Canon No. 1176 of the *Code of Canon Law*, which says, "Deceased members of the Christian faithful must be given ecclesiastical funerals according to the norm of law" and from Canon No. 1177, which provides that "a funeral for any deceased member of the faithful must generally be celebrated in his or her parish church."

Leaving the law aside, Christian charity should dictate the decision. I don't know of any pastor --and hope that none exists -- who would refuse

to host your grandmother's liturgy because of her understandable inability to contribute to the parish financially. (As a matter of fact, for the past 20 years as a pastor, I have made it a point never to look at the figures for an individual's parish donations so that my judgment will never be colored by those numbers.)

I know of parishes that decline to celebrate the funerals or weddings of someone who is neither registered as a parishioner nor regularly attends services there. These tend to be larger city parishes that serve as a mecca for families desiring a funeral or a wedding because of the church's particular beauty or convenience -- and which often these days are staffed by only one priest. Such a guideline is probably reasonable in those circumstances. My tendency is to accommodate anyone who wants to come -- grateful simply because the family wants a religious setting for their service.

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

## WEEKEND AT WATTERSON SET FOR SEPT. 7-9

The Columbus Bishop Watterson High School Alumni Association will host a weekend celebration from Friday, Sept. 7 to Sunday, Sept. 9. A variety of events are scheduled for alumni of the classes of 1962 and every five years thereafter through 2007.

The weekend begins Sept. 7, when the Eagles play their first home football game against Cuyahoga

Falls Walsh Jesuit at 7:30 p.m. An alumni tailgate will start at 6 p.m. at Patrick J's, 2711 N. High St.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, a collective class reunion will take place at the school, 99 E. Cooke Road, starting with Mass at 5 p.m. and followed by a reception at 6, class pictures, and dinner. The Shay/Scholl Golf Classic, which supports the alumni

association's scholarship program, is scheduled for the following day at 1 p.m. at Riviera Golf Club, 8205 Avery Road.

To make reservations, visit [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com) and click on "Community," "Alumni," and "Reunion Information," or contact Jenifer Bernard Rasor at (614) 268-8671, extension 240, or [jrasor@cducation.org](mailto:jrasor@cducation.org).

## ASSUMPTION NOVENA AT CAREY SHRINE

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey will conduct its annual novena, nine days of prayer in celebration of the Virgin Mary's Assumption into heaven, from Monday, Aug. 6, to Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The Conventual Franciscans are celebrating 100 years of ministry at the shrine. This year's novena preacher is Father Timothy Kulbicki, OFM Conv, a historian of the Conventual Franciscan order in the United States. He is associate professor of church history, dean of the school of theology, and head of the ecclesiastical faculty at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore.

His Franciscan and priesthood formation priesthood was at the friars' seminary in Granby, Mass., and the Seraphicum in Rome. He wrote his dissertation for a doctorate in ecclesiastical history from the Gregorian University in Rome on the development of the Conventual Franciscan charism in the 19th-century United States. He is a regular presenter and preacher in adult faith formation, ministry development, and continuing Franciscan formation.

The basilica's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption will take place on

Tuesday, Aug. 14, with a candlelight vigil procession beginning at 9 p.m. from the basilica to the shrine park, where the vigil Mass will be celebrated. On Aug. 14 and 15, there will be Masses in the upper and lower basilica and in the original shrine church in English, Italian, Chaldean, and Albanian.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on the side lawn of the basilica throughout the two days, with plenty of confessors available. Shrine devotions will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 and will include a procession to the shrine park at 2:30 p.m. the following day.

The novena weekday schedule includes Masses at 7 and 11 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered each evening at 7 p.m. Evening novena devotions begin at 8 p.m. (excluding Sunday at 2:30 p.m.) with a novena prayer, outdoor rosary procession, homily, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday Masses are at 8 and 10 a.m. and noon. Throughout the year on Sundays, the Shrine has 2:30 p.m. devotions.

**For more information, call the shrine at (419) 396-7107 or go to [www.olic-shrine.com](http://www.olic-shrine.com).**



## SISTERS, continued from Page 3

she told me of her decision, but somehow I knew it was coming. It's been a very humbling thing and a great blessing to see how she is dedicating her life to God's service."

The Carmelites of the Most Sacred Heart describe their charisms as "educating for life with the mind and heart of Christ" in schools, being "at the service of the family for life" through health and eldercare, and "fostering a deeper spiritual life" through individual and group retreats. Most of their work is in California, but they also teach at schools in Arizona, Colorado, and Florida and have the convent in Steubenville.

Their presence in the United States stems from the religious persecution in Mexico which is depicted in the current film "For Greater Glory." The congregation's foundress, Mother Luisita, and two companions came to this country as religious refugees in 1927, and it has been in the United States ever since. It became an autonomous religious institute since 1983. More information about the sisters is available at their website, [www.carmelitesistersocd.com](http://www.carmelitesistersocd.com).



## SCOUTS PROMOTE FESTIVAL

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 475 from Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church walked in 100-degree temperatures at the city's July 4 parade, passing out candy to children and fliers about the parish festival, scheduled for Aug. 10 and 11, to adults. Scouts pictured are (from left) Andrea Bergman, Libby Erwin, and Allison Cassady.

Photo courtesy Jennifer Erwin



## DISCUS AWARD WINNER

Eric Niehaus of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School has been recognized as a 2011-2012 Discus Award winner for his achievements in arts, community service, and other categories. The Discus Awards is a national program that provides recognition and scholarship opportunities to all-around high school students who excel in three of 10 key attributes.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School





ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



Impacting Others

Someone once said that what gets me up each morning is the whole prospect of building something that will last beyond my own life. This statement summarizes God’s gift to me and is essentially what we do at The Catholic Foundation.

The Catholic Foundation knows the needs throughout our diocese. We are the community resource that parishes, schools, social service agencies, and ministries contact. Whether they have an event they would like listed on our website or they are in need of financial support, we are equipped to help. Last month, when a donor couple came to us saying they wanted to open a donor advised fund (DAF), but didn’t know what organizations were in most need, we were ready.

The donors understood that The Catholic Foundation knows the needs in our diocese, so the DAF was unrestricted, allowing us provide grants to charities that are the hardest hit by today’s economic climate. Because of this generous act, 10 different organizations throughout the diocese were able to feed the hungry and clothe the poor. Those organizations serve areas where, according to *The Columbus Dispatch*, 17 to 19 percent of individuals do not know where their next meal is coming from.

Donor advised funds are on the rise. “Overall, donor advised funds saw an increase of more than 10 percent in charitable assets and a 20 percent increase in contributions,” according to The National Philanthropic Trust’s 2011 report. The Catholic Foun-

dation has participated in this growth and has seen the impact on the faces of those recipients.

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Many donors open a donor advised fund with The Catholic Foundation to involve their family as a way to celebrate in God’s graces. Together, they choose the charitable organizations that have touched their hearts and create a family legacy of giving.

The Catholic Foundation is here to help make a difference in the lives of others. Contact us to learn about opening your own donor advised fund, and together we can impact the lives of many. Contact Loren Brown at [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org) or (614) 443-8893.

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BY J. P. LEO THOMAS

There is a saying that if you travel far enough and long enough, you may just meet yourself. This is true for many of us, but in a spiritual way. We come face to face with God himself at our end of days. We see ourselves in his reflection and know fully as we are fully known. The apostle Thomas, the doubter, once said, “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). His willingness to follow Jesus offers us a valuable lesson. It reveals a total

readiness to stand by him, to the point of death. That is extreme, especially for us as humans and for those who do not understand the nature of eternity.

In times of desperation and hardship, we tend to shy away from Jesus. We blame him for our troubles and, in the case of the unborn, this is the most grievous of sins. Looking for excuses at the bottom of a bottle, in the whiff of smoke, or in a mother’s choice to destroy a life that has not even had the chance to live is like

dropping pennies in a wishing well, hoping your dream will come true. In many cases, our wish almost never materializes. In prayer, we ask God to give us what we need – a demand, so to speak. If you have a personal relationship with him, you know these demands are seldom realized. What we are given is mercy, but at the sake of justice. Love, like all hard love, is forged by the soul of fire and in his ability to reveal our true heart to him. “A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death.” – Pope Benedict XVI.

I have had many experiences like this and have witnessed his personal message to me: “It is not for you to decide what is best for you – that choice is left up to me. Come to me with a sincere heart and an open mind and I will make of you what I would

like you to be. BELIEVE.”

It’s a scary thing to follow someone when you do not know the outcome. But remember, we are not of this world, and this certain peril means eternal life. Through struggle, sacrifice, and pain, we are shaped into the apostles we are all set out to be. Today, even now more than ever, the Church is being attacked from all sides. Declaring war on this institution is like declaring war on God himself. Be mindful of such actions. Defend life from conception of the Holy Spirit to the ultimate. We are being tried; let us not disappoint our father. To honor this name which is above every other, I say to you, Lord, “Where you will go, we will follow.”

Celebrate every birth that breathes the air of freedom in a magnificent nation still largely in its infancy. May you feel the gentle breath of the Holy Spirit, may your lives be filled with the graces of Christ, and may his peace be with you always.

*J.P. Leo Thomas is a parishioner at Gahanna St. Matthew Church.*

Stewards of Vocations

The Catholic Foundation has opened a new focus endowment fund – Support for Vocations.

Organizations offering programs in the Diocese of Columbus that foster discernment and ongoing faith formation for personal vocations will be eligible to apply for funding through the focus grant cycle.

Donations will be gratefully accepted

in any amount at any time. Prospective donors are asked to visit the Foundation’s website, [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org), under the “giving” section and reference #320CA or Support for Vocations Focus Fund.

For more information on the fund or on the Foundation and how it can aid in long-term financial planning, call (614) 443-8893 and ask for Scott Hartman.

Anniversary Celebration

The Church of the Ascension, 555 S. Main St., Johnstown, will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 25.

A barbecue chicken dinner with baked potatoes, corn, desserts, and drink will be served from 4 to 7 p.m.

The price will be \$8 per plate for adults and \$5 per plate for children ages six to 12.

Children five and younger eat for free. There also will be a silent auction and children’s games, with a square dance scheduled from 7 to 10 p.m.

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# 2012 Challenge in Changing Times Grants Impact Lives

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To date, The Catholic Foundation has provided grants in excess of \$8 million to the parishes within our diocese. Our grants distribution committee, consisting of at least one pastor and at least one lay representative from each of the 13 diocesan deaneries, makes grants through The Catholic Foundation from the four fund areas of assistance to seniors, capital for parishes, Catholic elementary school assistance, and evangelization and care for the poor, using a competitive grant application process.

This year, The Challenge in Changing Times grants committee awarded 47 grants otaling \$547,179 to 39 parishes. Approximately 60 percent of the grant funding was awarded to parishes outside of Franklin County, and there were many first-time grants awarded. The following is a sampling of the ministries served with these grants:

- ◆ 40 percent supported human dignity

- ◆ 36 percent improved school or church facilities
- ◆ 11 percent provided hearing enhancement for senior citizens
- ◆ Another 11 percent provided for programs in schools and parishes

We at The Catholic Foundation can see and feel the difference your gifts make in the lives of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We take seriously our job of being stewards of your gifts to provide for long-term needs in our diocese, and we intend on ensuring that every parish, school, social service organization, and ministry has a face at The Catholic Foundation.

Since its inception, each parish has seen the need and known the potential of being involved in The Challenge in Changing Times campaign.

You can be a part of making an impact in the lives of others through The Catholic Foundation. Donations are gratefully accepted in any amount to the four funds that continue to support The Challenge in Changing Times grants. Contact us at [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org) or (614) 443-8893.

## OLYMPIAN INSPIRES STUDENT ATHLETES AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Butch Reynolds, a gold and silver medalist at the 1988 Summer Olympics, shares his medals with Columbus St. Mary Magdalene School students (from left) Brooke Smith, Micheala Mayo, Cade Dent, and Danny Hamilton. Reynolds spoke to students at an assembly near the end of the school year before he started relay races at the school's version of the Olympics.



Ready to race are (from left) Elizabeth Wolf, Kamiyah Mitchell, Calvin Dawson, Lauren Sparks and Darren Sech. Photos courtesy St. Mary Magdalene School

2012 The Challenge in Changing Times Grants			
CAPITAL FOR PARISHES			
Grantee	Program	City	Grant Amount
Church of the Atonement	Foundation repair	New Lexington	\$7,559
St. Aloysius Parish	Roof Replacement	Columbus	\$39,000
St. Joseph Parish	Cradle of Faith Window Restoration	Somerset	\$27,000
St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish	Church Exterior Work	Portsmouth	\$44,963
St. Mary Parish	Groveport Road Sanitary Sewer Extension/Hook-up Project	Groveport	\$51,890
St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish	Critical HVAC repairs	Columbus	\$13,000
St. Vincent de Paul Parish	Church Cemetery	Mount Vernon	\$24,000
			<b>\$207,412</b>
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANCE			
Grantee	Program	City	Grant Amount
Immaculate Conception Elementary School	Continued Health and Safety Updates	Dennison	\$10,000
Sacred Heart School	Window Replacement	Coshocton	\$8,000
Ss. Peter and Paul School	Playground Restoration	Wellston	\$5,200
St. Francis de Sales Elementary School	School Bathroom Needs - Fixtures and Floors	Newark	\$14,000
St. Vincent de Paul School	School Restrooms' Improvements	Mount Vernon	\$28,000
Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School	Window Renovations and Repairs	Dover	\$5,000
Bishop Flaget Elementary School	Bishop Flaget Roof Replacement Project - Phase 2	Chillicothe	\$15,200
Holy Trinity School	Play Ground Fence and Slide	Somerset	\$7,750
Notre Dame Elementary School	Air and Heating	Portsmouth	\$22,000
St. Cecilia School	Sidewalk replacement and Repair	Columbus	\$10,000
St. Mary Magdalene School	Water Infiltration Repair on St. Mary Magdalene Hall	Columbus	\$16,500
Bishop Fenwick School	Renovation of Middle School Library	Zanesville	\$7,000
Immaculate Conception School	Science Lab Renovation	Columbus	\$7,900
			<b>\$156,550</b>
EVANGELIZATION & CARE FOR THE POOR			
Grantee	Program	City	Grant Amount
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	St. Vincent DePaul/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish	Buckeye Lake	\$4,500
Community of Holy Rosary & St John the Evangelist	Service and Outreach to the Surrounding Neighborhood	Columbus	\$5,000
Holy Family Parish	Truck/van for donated food pick-up program	Columbus	\$22,000
Holy Spirit Parish	Emergency Assistance for Needy	Columbus	\$4,500
St. James the Less Parish	Food Pantry Entrance Renovation	Columbus	\$5,271
St. Philip the Apostle Parish	Food Pantry	Columbus	\$20,000
Sacred Heart Parish	Assistance for local St. Vincent de Paul Society	Coshocton	\$15,000
St. Leonard Parish	Saint Vincent de Paul Society Help for the Poor	Heath	\$5,500
St. Mark Parish	St Mark Food Pantry	Lancaster	\$4,500
St. Patrick Parish	Life pointe Family Center	London	\$4,000
St. Vincent de Paul Parish	Adult Faith Formation Program	Mount Vernon	\$610
St. Rose Parish	Financial Aid for Payment of Utility Bills in Perry County	New Lexington	\$2,500
St. Francis de Sales Parish	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Newark	\$4,500
St. Joseph Parish	Beds for Poor & Needy Families	Plain City	\$4,000
St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish	Raphael's Hands Healing Outreach	Portsmouth	\$9,500
St. Pius X Parish	Joseph's Coat Expansion	Reynoldsburg	\$12,000
St. Mary Queen of the Missions Parish	Parish Emergency Services	Waverly	\$25,000
			<b>\$148,381</b>
ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS			
Grantee	Program	City	Grant Amount
St. Elizabeth Parish	Materials for Seniors for Worship, Religious Education, Lifelong Faith Formation	Columbus	\$1,950
St. Patrick Parish	Senior Delivery	London	\$1,800
St. John Neumann Parish	Food for Seniors	Sunbury	\$3,218
Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Sound system upgrade for hearing impaired	Columbus	\$1,450
Our Lady of Peace Parish	Assistive Listening System	Columbus	\$1,000
St. Catherine of Siena Parish	Hearing Impaired System for Church	Columbus	\$800
Sacred Heart Parish	Media Outreach to Shut-ins	Coshocton	\$1,700
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish	Assisted Listening System	Grove City	\$2,000
The Villas at St. Therese Assisted Living, Inc.	Residents Who Outlived Ability to Pay	Columbus	\$17,418
Community of Holy Rosary & St John the Evangelist	Senior Impact	Columbus	\$1,500
			<b>\$34,816</b>

# NEW WEBSITE “ANY GIVEN SUNDAY” HELPS YOUNG CATHOLICS GROW IN THEIR FAITH

**By Colleen Rowan**  
*Catholic News Service*

Young Catholics have a new website available to them featuring nationally known Catholic speakers, musicians, and comedians who have teamed up to help them grow in their faith.

Any Given Sunday: Reflections for the Young Church features 45 national Catholic youth ministry personalities -- Steve Angrisano, Chris Padgett, Matt Maher, Shannon Cerneka, and Jamie Dillon, to name a few -- who write reflections for the weekly Mass readings. Each week, the site offers a reflection from one of the participating personalities.

The site -- [www.anygivenessundayproject.com](http://www.anygivenessundayproject.com) -- was

created by Bob Perron, executive director of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Department of Youth Ministry, with the intent of reaching out to West Virginia's Catholic youths and reaching the young church, wherever it may be.

“We want to make young disciples. We want to help young people grow in their faith,” Perron told *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the diocese. “We wanted to give young people 13 to 18 years old something that would help prepare them for Mass, and to maybe make it a little more interesting to them.

“Each week, kids can go on their phone or on their computer and go to Any Given Sunday, where there is a short video message for the week from me or a youth board member, and then the reflection,” he said.


Reflections are geared toward the young Catholic audience. The site contains background screens for youth, parish resources, information pieces on the site, links to Mass readings on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, and much more. Perron said there has been a huge response to the site, including hits from Canada and Switzerland.


Perron said he got the idea for the site because of the diversity and geography of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, which covers the entire state of West Virginia. He said he hopes that the site

will go viral, as it has received much support from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.


Diocesan youth directors across the nation will receive information about the site, and participating Catholic youth ministry personalities are posting information about the site on their blogs, Twitter accounts, and Facebook pages. The site also provides a mobile version, and visitors to the site may subscribe to weekly email reminders about the reflections.







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**BY TIM PUET**

*Reporter, Catholic Times*

Being a parent is perhaps the most difficult and most important job anyone can do. It's never an easy task, and it's made more complicated by the unique blend of experiences and perceptions that is different for each person and molds parents' ideas and expectations of themselves, their children, and their role as mothers and fathers.

Much of what parents do is either dictated by someone else's attitudes toward the subject or by unconscious ideas of what a good parent should do. But all these ideas won't work until fathers and mothers have a clear understanding of who they are as a person and as a parent.

Several agencies of the Diocese of Columbus offer programs designed to help people strengthen their parenting skills by examining their own parental experiences and by learning through the experiences of others.

The Diocesan Latino Ministry presented one such program in Spanish on four consecutive Saturdays in late May and early June at Columbus Christ the King Church to a group of 15 fathers. Sponsored by Action for Children, a Columbus-based agency specializing in child care and early learning services, the series of classes is known as "The Father Factor" in English or "Padre Progenitor" in Spanish. It's designed, in the words of its participant study guide, to help men "be the fathers they want to be."

This was the first time the program was offered in Spanish, and "the feedback from the participants was tremendous," said Sue Bobson, Action for Children coordinator for the classes. "Many of those who took part wanted to get more involved in the program and to act as mentors for other fathers." She and Pedro Choroco, facilitator for the classes, are working on plans for a second series.

Action for Children developed the program three years ago as part of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood's efforts to help fathers re-engage with their children. More than 350 fathers in the Columbus area have participated in it so far, with more classes planned through July 30, 2013, when current funding for the program expires.

The free classes generally are offered in eight two-hour sessions. Because of delays in translating the program into Spanish, it was presented at Christ the King in four sessions of four hours apiece. It's based on Action for Children's Art of Positive Parenting and includes sections on a father's own idea of his role; methods of encouragement and appreciation; listening; forgiveness; discipline; reducing power struggles; times of conflict with the other parent; and keeping healthy.

The English version of the classes is designed primarily for low-income fathers who do not live with their children, but the recent Spanish version was for all fathers who wished to attend.

"The things it offers are very much in line with the way my wife and I brought up our own kids," Choroco, of Columbus St. James the Less Church, said through an interpreter. He and his wife, Martha, have been married for 41 years. The couple has three adult children.

"We had 20 men who said they were initially interested in the program, and 15 of them ended up taking part and going to all four sessions," he said. "The Latino culture is one where people like to talk, and we made adjustments in the program quickly so the men would have more time to express their opinions. This was a great opportunity for them, because it isn't often they get such a chance to come together and learn from each other.

"Some of the men didn't understand at first what the classes were all about, but once I explained that this was meant to improve their relationships with their children, it really inspired them," Choroco said. "So many Latino men want to be good fathers in this American culture, but it's hard because they have one foot in this culture and another in the one they left, while it's not that way with their children.

"Helping the men get a better view of American culture was one positive thing they gained from these classes. All the men who took part are married, but some haven't gotten their marriages blessed by the church. After having gone through the course, some of them said they wanted their marriages to be blessed, so that

was a second positive outcome.

"The men evaluated each of the classes and were very enthusiastic about them and found them to be very practical," Choroco said. "About half said they were able to go home and apply the things they learned in a way that improved their relationships with their children. I'm planning to bring everybody who took the classes together for a follow-up in August to see what difference the course has made."

"Some of the biggest things the men say they have learned are how to listen more to their children instead of just giving advice, how to be more patient, and how to have more real family conversation. Sue and I will use their experiences and what I have learned from them so that the next set of classes will allow the men even more time to talk and will include other adjustments to best fit the Latino culture."

Other diocesan agencies offering parenting programs include St. Stephen's Community House, the St. Vincent Family Center, the Office of Marriage and Family Life, and Catholic Social Services.

St. Stephen's is in a partnership with two other settlement houses and Franklin County Children Services in the Family to Family Initiative, a program to keep families together whenever possible, or, if they're separated, to keep them close to home and provide support that will help them come together again more quickly.

Renea Williams of St. Stephen's said the initiative averages about

380 families a month, providing them with material assistance, parenting classes, and other forms of support. "A lot of problems regarding families result from either lack of finances, lack of knowledge, or both, she said. "If we can provide assistance to families to meet basic needs such as rent and utilities, that's often enough to keep them together and strengthen them."

She said the center offers a variety of group and individual parenting support activities, both in homes and on-site, including classes of an hour to an hour-and-a-half that usually last about 12 weeks, depending on individual cases. St. Stephen's also has quarterly family activities, such as field trips and

service projects, that are designed to increase civic awareness and offer families a chance to give back to the community.

The St. Vincent center's parenting programs include parent-child interaction therapy (PCIT) and The Incredible Years. Anne Ransone of the center said PCIT uses live coaching to assist parents or other caregivers, who are coached in specific play therapy and discipline skills by a therapist through an earpiece while the therapist observes interactions with the child.

Caregivers follow the child's lead, ignoring annoying or obnoxious behavior but controlling dangerous behavior. They learn to use effective command and specific behav-

ior management techniques as they play with their child, and are taught time-out procedures and how to manage a child's behavior.

"Parenting skills are acquired more rapidly through this method because caregivers learn by doing," she said. "The therapist supports caregivers as they learn skills that are described through use of the acronym PRIDE (Praise, Reflect, Imitate, Describe, Enthusiasm). The therapist provides immediate feedback to caregivers."

The Incredible Years program is offered in free 12-week sessions that meet once a week. Each two-hour session includes discussions led by trained therapists, as well as role-playing opportunities, review and discussion of important parenting topics, and videos of parents demonstrating skills being taught in the program. Ransone said its goals are to strengthen parenting skills and parent-child relationships, increase age-appropriate positive behaviors, and provide an opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations.

The Office of Marriage and Family Life has a program titled "How to Talk So Children Will Listen and Listen So Children Will Talk," which is offered periodically at different host parishes. Based on a book by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, it helps parents learn to communicate more effectively with their children. Similar programs include "Parenting for Peace and Justice" by Kathleen and James McGinnis and "Raising Faith-Filled Children" by Tom McGrath. These programs require few materials



and can be used individually or in small-group sessions.

Additional family enrichment resources are available from the office by going to [www.Family-Life.coldsdioc.org](http://www.Family-Life.coldsdioc.org). Topics include parenting, media, family spirituality, back-to-school, and seasonal activities.

Many Catholic and Christian organizations have websites, e-newsletters and daily emails that provide support for parents and families. The sites [ForYourMarriage.org](http://ForYourMarriage.org) (English) and [PorTuMatrimonio.org](http://PorTuMatrimonio.org) (Spanish) are initiatives of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that include news, blogs, and feature stories on parenting and family.

Catholic Social Services does not currently offer specific parenting programs, but partners with the Columbus Department of Health to provide maternal counseling on request. Counselors go to homes and meet with new mothers to offer them help in dealing with the stresses they may be facing in that role, including postpartum depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues.

Meredith Adams, a clinical supervisor for CSS, said 41 people were assisted by the maternal counseling program last year. General counseling is also available from the agency to help parents with stress. Counselors may be seen either on a one-on-one basis or by a whole family. CSS accepts insurance, with its fees on a sliding scale based on ability to pay.

Adams said funding cuts in recent years forced the agency to end a long tradition of providing support groups and classes for parents. The agency hopes to revive such programs if funding for them again becomes available.

Family First, a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing the family as a top priority, offers encouragement through [www.All-ProDad.com](http://www.All-ProDad.com) and [www.iMom.com](http://www.iMom.com). The Christian Family Movement, [www.cfm.org](http://www.cfm.org), is a national network of small groups of Catholics and their families. Parents meet regularly in one another's homes or at the parish. At Home With Our Faith seeks to nurture family spirituality through postings on [www.homefaith.com](http://www.homefaith.com). [CatholicMom.com](http://CatholicMom.com) offers family fun ideas, book reviews, tech talk, and family prayer. The National Stepfamily Resource Center, [www.stepfamilies.info](http://www.stepfamilies.info), provides programs and resources for stepfamilies. E-Parenting, a helpful component of ParentFurther, [www.parentfurther.com](http://www.parentfurther.com), helps parents keep up with tech-savvy children.

**Top left photo: Participants in the Father Factor program at Columbus Christ the King Church, with facilitator Pedro Choroco and Father David Schalk, Christ the King pastor.**

**Top right: A family served by an agency of Catholic Charities USA enjoys a day outdoors.**

**Bottom: A smiling child secure in a parent's arms symbolizes the goals of Catholic parenting programs.**

Photos courtesy Diocesan Latino Ministry (top left) and Catholic Charities USA

# PARENTING

## DIOCESAN AGENCIES HELP GIVE FATHERS AND MOTHERS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT TAKES TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN





## Wilderness Outreach Leads Lafayette, Ind., Seminarians On an Expedition Into California's Sequoia Domeland

Columbus-based Wilderness Outreach and a group of seminarians from the Diocese of Lafayette, Ind., cleared more than 250 fallen trees from 8.5 miles of hiking trails during a 10-day expedition in May into the Domeland Wilderness of California's Sequoia National Forest.

The 13 men, using only crosscut saws and axes, far exceeded the U.S. Forest Service's expectations. The USFS had hoped the team would clear about two miles of trail around Manter Meadow. The agency was so impressed that it issued the group and each of its members a commendation.

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During the expedition, a Pacific storm came through the region, bringing snow and temperatures in the mid 20s, with 50-mph wind gusts that caused the wind chill to drop to zero. But the men were undeterred, as they celebrated Pentecost Sunday in the wilderness and viewed the extreme weather as a gift from the Holy Spirit and another form of asceticism to embrace.

Besides doing the work, the men prayed the Liturgy of the Hours throughout the day and spent evenings around the campfire discussing topics including the theology of masculine spirituality, the three marks of manhood, supernatural fatherhood, and how Catholic men should engage and confront the culture of death and the dictatorship of relativism.

The Domeland Wilderness had been one of the premier climbing and hiking areas in the Southern Sierra Nevada before a wildfire in Manter Meadow in July and August of 2000 burned more than 74,000 acres. Thousands of old-growth trees, mostly Ponderosa pines, were destroyed. Since that time, many more trees have fallen. As a result, more than 60 miles of hiking trails and climbing areas in the Domeland had become inaccessible.

Wilderness Outreach has a few openings in its Golden Trout Wilderness expedition that runs from Friday, Aug. 10, to Sunday, Aug. 19. If you are interested in learning more about Wilderness Outreach, visit [www.wildernessoutreach.net](http://www.wildernessoutreach.net) or the Wilderness Outreach Facebook page, or contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761.



**Top: Columbus-based Wilderness Outreach and the vocations director and seminarians from the Diocese of Lafayette, Ind., prepare to backpack into the Domeland Wilderness of California's Sequoia National Forest. Right: Father David Hasser, vocations director of the Diocese of Lafayette, presents the Body of Christ during the celebration of Mass in the Domeland Wilderness.**



**John Bradford of Wilderness Outreach (left) shares crosscut saw duty with one seminarian, while another waits his turn as the group clears fallen trees.**

Photos courtesy Wilderness Outreach

## A BRIDGE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**BY TIM PUET**

*Reporter, Catholic Times*

St. Stephen's Community House has served for 93 years as what its vice president for development, Renea Williams, describes as "a bridge to self-sufficiency" for residents of Columbus' Linden neighborhood in particular and for people throughout Franklin County who benefit from its services.

"Everything we do is to support and strengthen families and encourage them to be contributing citizens," Williams said. "It's our job to make sure children are successful in and out of school and to provide the kind of support that will allow the neighborhood and the people we serve to stand on their own and make it through challenging times."

Williams said the center helps more than 30,000 families every year, providing life-sustaining services in the core areas of material assistance, family-strengthening programs, youth development, senior services, and child care.

It has been doing so since Bishop James Hartley founded it as the Barthman Avenue Catholic Community Center in 1919 to serve the immigrant population of the city's South End. As the neighborhood and the city changed, other areas of the community were found to be underserved, leading to the center's move to its current location in the early 1960s. Today, it has

40 full-time and 38 part-time employees providing services benefiting all generations "from the womb to the tomb."

Because children are out of school, summer is the time when the center has its largest number of seasonal employees and is when the building is in full use throughout the day more than at any other time of year.

Starting in mid-June and continuing through mid-August, it is serving as the site for LINK (Learning Innovative New Knowledge), a free, hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) day camp-style program which lasts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekday and serves more than 300 Linden-area youth entering grades one through eight.

LINK, like many of St. Stephen's programs, is a cooperative effort involving many partners in the community. It operates at St. Stephen's and the Windsor STEM Academy and is designed to continue students' education in STEM programs through the summer months.

"It's an effort to keep the kids we serve from the 'summer slide' which children in urban areas often experience," Williams said. "In a lot of places, children in these areas don't have structured STEM programs and can fall back two or three grade levels as a result. LINK is designed to prepare them to start the next grade level at the point where they should be. We've also

found that it stimulates their interest in the STEM subjects and encourages them to consider careers in those areas."

For older STEM students, St. Stephen's is cooperating with the Columbus Urban League and the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corp. in a program that is providing young people ages 14 to 18 with summertime paid internships. The internships are a means of helping them successfully transition into adulthood and self-sufficiency and providing them with more exposure to STEM careers.

During the school year, the center and Windsor Academy host a variety of high quality after-school programs and the center offers tutoring in all academic domains.

Students and senior citizens from the area are working together this summer at St. Stephen's in a program called Friends of the Garden. The students have been interviewing the seniors about what it was like to grow up in the Linden area and will use what they learned from the interviews as the basis for mini-plays that will be a joint effort as part of a harvest celebration in the fall.

Williams said funds for Friends of the Garden come from a partnership grant provided by the Columbus Foundation. "It's great to see how the program is bringing people of different generations together," she said. "Friends of the Garden also promotes our community garden, which will be the site for the fall festival and was where we had a kickoff event to start the summer. Both events are free and provide performing and visual arts activities that give people in the neighborhood a chance to experience the talents of incredible artists, see inspiring performances, and observe exhibits."

This is also the busiest time of year for the choice food pantry at St. Stephen's, which is set up like a grocery store and allows participants to choose food for their families rather than receive a prepackaged set of items. "There's definitely a



**Participants in one of the summer programs at St. Stephen's Community House take care of a garden at the center.** Photos/St. Stephen's Community House

spike in the need for the pantry right now. This will last until school starts," Williams said. "Kids are more active and eat more during the summer. Since they're unable to get the meals they obtain the rest of the year at school, there's a bigger strain on families.

"Having a choice pantry allows them to continue to be active while having a balanced nutrition program which gives them the things they like to eat. It's critical that children have this, for you can't learn or be active while you're hungry."

Throughout the year, St. Stephen's serves as the lead agency in a partnership with two other settlement houses and Franklin County Children Services that's known as the Family to Family Initiative. "This is a program for families at risk of or having open cases with Children Services. It's designed to keep them together whenever possible, or, if they're separated, to keep them close to home and provide the kind of support that will allow them to be able to come together again more quickly," Williams said.

She said the initiative averages about 380 families a month, providing them with material assistance, parenting classes, and other forms of support. It operates two separate programs for different ZIP codes at the community center and a third at Reeb Elementary School in the South End.

Family services at St. Stephen's also include a program

designed to help senior citizens maintain self-sufficiency through support services, advocacy, and transportation services. It cooperates with LifeCare Alliance to provide lunch for seniors in a dining area at the community house. More than 100 older people benefit from the program. In a recent survey, 97 percent of the seniors served by St. Stephen's said the assistance provided by the center enabled them to maintain independent living status.

St. Stephen's also offers health and wellness programs for people of all ages through its Living Well in Linden initiative, and it loans bicycles to individuals and families to help with their physical fitness.

Since 1991, St. Stephen's has been the site for a child care center named for the local chapter of the Christ Child Society, which provides financial and volunteer support. It currently serves 50 children ages six weeks to four years, offering year-round day care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., two nutritious meals, a snack, and a full range of programs.

It's designed for the children of parents who are working, receiving job training, or attending an educational program, and was one of the first early-childhood programs in the nation to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's leading organization of early-childhood professionals.

*See BRIDGE, Page 17*



**Parents and children take part in a spaghetti dinner as part of a series of parenting classes at St. Stephen's Community House.**





### Courage Retreat with Dr. Perry Cahall

The Columbus chapter of Courage will be sponsoring a retreat from Friday, Sept. 14, to Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in the Cincinnati suburb of Milford.

Courage is a Catholic organization which promotes chaste living for those struggling with a same-sex attraction and is in accordance with the Church's teachings on homosexuality. This fall, it will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in the Diocese of Columbus.

The theme of the retreat will be "Pursuing Purity of Heart" and the presenter will be Dr. Perry Cahall, associate professor of historical theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Cahall is a recognized authority and lecturer on Blessed Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body teachings. This will be his second retreat for Courage.

Those interested in attending may contact the Columbus Courage chapter at (614) 372-5249 or by email at frjosephklee@yahoo.com.

*Pray the Rosary*

## FRANCISCANS WITH DIOCESAN TIES MARK ANNIVERSARIES

Nine Franciscan sisters with ties to the Diocese of Columbus were among 26 jubilarians honored June 28 at the provincial house in Stella Niagara, N.Y., at an anniversary Mass and dinner. Marking their 70th anniversary of profession of religious vows were Sisters Barbara Holtzinger and Justine Lyons. Celebrating 65 years were Sisters Marie Altier, Helen Welch, and Mary Frances Welch. Sixty-year jubilarians were Sisters Christina Kraus and Maura Forkort. Golden jubilarians were Sisters Marygrace Polino and Virginia Dehner.

Sister Barbara, of the St. Leo Convent in Columbus, ministered at St. Ann's Hospital for more than 20 years, mainly as a chaplain. She taught and was principal at Columbus St. Peter and Sacred Heart schools and taught at Columbus St. Leo School.

Sister Justine, from Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, tutors and leads a choir at Stella Niagara. She taught at Columbus Rosary, Sacred Heart, and St. Francis DeSales high schools and at Columbus St. Matthias School, where she was principal.

Sister Marie, a minister of hospitality at Stella Niagara, entered the Franciscans from Corning St. Bernard Church. She taught at Lancaster St. Bernadette School.

Sisters Helen and Mary Francis, both Stella Niagara residents, are from Columbus St. Peter Church. Sister Helen was an administrator at New Lexington Mount Aloysius Academy. She taught and was principal at Coulmbus Sacred Heart School and served at Columbus Trinity School. Sister Mary Frances taught at Columbus St. Peter and St. John the Evangelist schools.

Sister Christina, of Junction City, does outreach work at Beaver, Ohio, after ministering at the St. Francis



**Local jubilarians of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity are (from left): seated, Sisters Helen Welch and Mary Frances Welch; standing, Sisters Marie Altier, Barbara Hotzinger, Marygrace Polino, Virginia Dehner, and Maura Fortkort. Jubilarians missing from the photo are Sisters Justine Lyons and Christina Kraus**

Center in McArthur for 16 years. She did religious education in Junction City and Somerset after teaching at Columbus Holy Rosary School and at Mount Aloysius Academy.

Sister Maura, of Stella Niagara, was vice president for mission at St. Ann's Hospital from 1996-99.

Sister Marygrace, a manager at Heart and Soul Food Pantry in Niagara Falls,

N.Y., served at St. Ann's from 1964-87 in several capacities, including as vice president of the medical staff.

Sister Virginia, house minister and counselor at Emmaus House in Ocean Grove, N.J., entered the convent from Columbus Holy Spirit Church. She taught at Columbus St. Leo School for 10 years and at Delaware St. Mary School.

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### NEW PHILADELPHIA TEENS HEAR GOD'S CALL AT STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

"My expectation is that God will find them where they are, and challenge them, and take them where they weren't expecting to go," Kathy Hamilton of New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church said of the parish's 10 students (pictured above) who came to Franciscan University of Steubenville's high school youth conference from Friday, June 29, to Sunday, July 1.

Hamilton, the parish's coordinator of religious education and youth ministry, has brought young people to Steubenville youth conferences for 10 years.

For high school freshman Amanda Karl, the experience was "life-changing, to sum it up."

"I think God was calling me to come," said Brandon Meredith, a sophomore. "I really witnessed God this weekend."

James Walsh, also a sophomore, entered the weekend unsure about what he believed, but by

the end of the conference, he had "learned to understand the Eucharist more."

Tori Leskovyanski, a junior, said she especially enjoyed the Catholic atmosphere, referring to her weekend as "mind-blowing."

John Anderson, a senior, found that the conference helped him in especially tangible ways. "When it comes to people who aren't Catholic, these events have given me the courage to speak up about the faith," she said.

Chaperone Karen Dick couldn't agree more.

"It was an amazing experience to watch these guys witness the Holy Spirit," she said. "I feel so special to have been a part of it."

More than 2,200 young people from across the nation attended the conference, which featured talks, confession, chastity workshops, Mass, and Eucharistic adoration.

Photo courtesy Franciscan University of Steubenville

### BRIDGE, continued from Page 15

The center has a budget of about \$4 million per year, with its largest single source of revenue coming from individual contributions. Most of the rest comes from various community and government agencies and the United Way of Central Ohio, with about three percent from the Diocese of Columbus.

The principal annual fund raising event for the center, Bravo! for the Children, which included silent and live auctions and food from the Bravo! restaurant group, took place on Saturday, July 21.

Youth services programs at St. Stephen's will benefit from the annual Gingerbread Fantasy and Fashion Show at the Jefferson Country Club in Gahanna on Sunday, Nov. 4.

More than 1,000 volunteers assist St. Stephen's throughout the year, with the largest number taking part in the center's Christmas Care One New Toy pro-

gram, which collects nonperishable food items, new toys, and financial contributions.

This program has been in existence for more than 60 years, reaching more than 3,500 families annually with the support of the Central Ohio AFL-CIO, schools, businesses, and individuals. Its kickoff will be in September, with distribution of toys and food scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16.

St. Stephen's is part of the "Care Enough to Act" awareness and fund raising campaign being coordinated by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. Other participating agencies are the St. Vincent Family Center, Catholic Social Services, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and the St. Francis Center in McArthur,

For more information about St. Stephen's, go to [www.saintstephensch.org](http://www.saintstephensch.org), or call (614) 294-6347.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Elisha and Jesus both do a lot with a little



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

July 29, 2012  
2 Kings 4:42-44  
Ephesians 4:1-6  
John 6:1-15

Aug. 5, 2012  
Exodus 16:2-4,12-15  
Ephesians 4:17,20-24  
John 6:24-35

For the next five weeks, we will take Gospel readings from the Gospel according to John, probably because Mark’s Gospel is too short to cover the entire liturgical year. It also offers a chance to reflect on the “bread of life” discourse which John 6 offers for our consideration.

The Old Testament link with this theme is the tale of Elisha, the man of God, who succeeded Elijah as a prophet of the Lord in ninth-century BC Israel. The village of Baal Shalishah was near Samaria, the capital city of Israel.

The incident of Elisha feeding the people is clearly part of the backdrop for the New Testament feeding of the multitudes, as in the Gospel for July 29. The servant doubts that loaves will be enough to feed the people. Elisha asserts firmly that it will suffice. The 100 who are fed is a comparatively small number when viewed against the New Testament feeding, but the important thing is that the prophet speaks with confidence of the Lord feeding the people and there is even some left over, “as the Lord had said.” This remark must mean in connection with what the Lord had said to Elisha somewhere, though not explicitly stated.

Some commentators note the lack of the miraculous in the story, noting that the 20 loaves were enough to feed them because of the extra “grain in the ear.” But that makes little sense, unless the grain meant some kind of fruit. The bottom line is that despite the servants’ objection, all the people ate and were satisfied

because there was some left over, a point not lost on the Gospel writers.

All four Gospels record the feeding of a multitude, but each has a slightly different rendering. This is the only miracle (or sign) mentioned in all four gospels. John’s unique details include Jesus ascending a mountain (although it was probably a hill; the Greek word could mean “hill” or “mountain”). The mention of Passover being near is also unique to John. Because he does not include an institution of the Eucharist scene at the Last Supper, this mention of Passover makes that link.

John mentions Philip and Andrew among the disciples, whereas the Synoptic Gospels mention no one by name except Jesus. John also identifies the available bread as barley loaves. The fish he mentions uses a specific Greek word (*opsarion*), which means little (dried) fish. The Synoptics all use the Greek word *ixthus*, which is a generic word for fish. So they say, in essence, we have “five barley breads and two little dried fish; but what good are these among so many?”

Curiously, only the men are counted in all four versions of this scene. There is no explanation as to why women and children were not included in the count. All four scenes mention the giving of thanks. In John, Jesus himself passes the bread and fish around. In the Synoptics, the disciples do so.

Only John remarks that “this is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” That could be a veiled reference to Elijah, who was supposed to return from heaven before the Messiah came. Or it could be some veiled reference to Moses, who also fed the people. Only John records a reaction by the crowds that they want to make him a king.

All the gospels note that there was abundant food left over (12 full baskets). That suggests the abundance of the food provided, especially because “they had had their fill.” It also suggests that a lot can be done with a little. If there are to be leftovers, it is up to us to see that it happens.

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



WATTERSON ATHLETES CHOOSE COLLEGES

Three athletes from Columbus Bishop Watterson High School recently signed college letters of intent for the coming academic year. They are (from left): Ashley Andracki, Wilmington, basketball; Kaela Hughes, Wittenberg, softball; and Regina Smith, Ohio Dominican, soccer.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

The Weekday Bible Readings			
7/29-8/4		8/5-11	
MONDAY Jeremiah 13:1-11 Deuteronomy 32:18-21 (Ps) Matthew 13:31-35		MONDAY Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Peter 1:16-19 Mark 9:2-10	
TUESDAY Jeremiah 14:17-22 Psalm 79:8-9,11,13 Matthew 13:36-43		TUESDAY Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Psalm 102:16-23,29 Matthew 14:22-36	
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THURSDAY Jeremiah 18:1-6 Psalm 146:1-6 Matthew 13:47-53		THURSDAY Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:12-15,18-19 Matthew 16:13-23	
FRIDAY Jeremiah 26:1-9 Psalm 69:5,8-10,14 Matthew 13:54-58		FRIDAY 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Psalm 112:1-2,5-9 John 12:24-26	
SATURDAY Jeremiah 26:11-16,24 Psalm 69:15-16,20-21 Matthew 14:1-12		SATURDAY Hebrews 1:12-2:4 Psalm 9:8-13 Matthew 17:14-20	

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<b>SUNDAY MASS</b> 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 WWHO's and WHIZ's cable channel listing. Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County). Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.
<b>DAILY MASS</b> 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.
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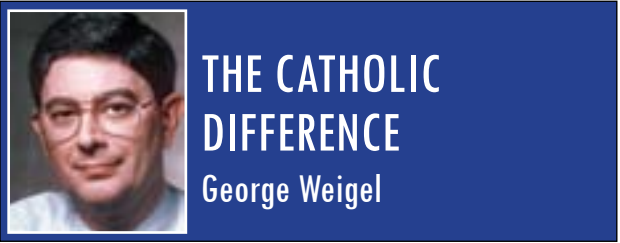
The war on (little) women and other insanities

The Supreme Court’s minor mistakes have few systemic consequences. But when the Supremes make a big mistake, the error tends to seep throughout the entire political process, poisoning everything in its path.

That was what happened with the Court’s 1857 *Dred Scott* decision, which intensified the passions and accelerated the dynamics that led to the Civil War—and to 600,000 Americans killing each other. That was what happened when the Court got it wrong again in *Plessy*

*v. Ferguson*, the 1896 decision that declared segregated public facilities constitutional: three-and-a-half generations of American politics were distorted by a fierce struggle between segregationists and integrationists, with the Democratic Party held hostage to its fever-swamp wing.

And that is what happened with *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion on demand across the country. Ever since, the abortion issue has been the most bitterly contested in our public life, and *Roe* has



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

distorted everything from free speech to religious freedom to health care legislation (dental insurers are being queried by federal regulators as to whether their coverage includes abortion—dental insurers!). Those distortions confirm that the Court got it fundamentally wrong in 1973.

The forces that defend

*Roe v. Wade* know the fragility of that “exercise in raw judicial power” (as Justice Byron White, dissenting from the *Roe* majority, put it). That is why they defend it with such fury—and with arguments that are increasingly absurd. Those absurdities were on full display in late May when the U.S. House of Representatives took up the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act. PRENDA’s purpose is to ban sex-selection abortions in the United States—which almost always means aborting unborn girls for the simple reason that they are girls.

This odious practice, a commonplace in Asia (where there are estimates of some 160 million “missing” females), is not yet widespread in the United States. But one sex-selection abortion is one too many, and the attitude to this war on little women within the billion-dollar abortion industry is chilling: a Planned Parenthood representative told the *Huffington Post*, prior to the

House vote on PRENDA, that “No Planned Parenthood clinic will deny a woman an abortion based on her reasons for wanting one, except in states that explicitly prohibit sex-selection abortions.” As Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.) put it in an op-ed piece in *The Washington Post*, “In other words, Planned Parenthood is OK with exterminating a child in its huge network of clinics simply because she’s a girl.”

The arguments against PRENDA in the House were ludicrous. The proponents of *Roe*’s unlimited abortion license, which they had long defended on the grounds that ready access to abortion is essential to women’s equality, argued that lethal discrimination against (little) women *just because they are girls* must be legally permissible. Radical feminism is now consuming its own future, literally.

And why? To defend *Roe v. Wade*—and, ultimately, the sexual revolution for which *Roe v. Wade* was and is the ultimate technological buttress. Were PRENDA to become law, and were the Supreme Court to find that PRENDA passed constitutional muster, a thread would

be pulled, and that thread might unravel the entire warped tapestry woven out of *Roe v. Wade*. The pro-*Roe* forces understand that. And if saving *Roe*, that alleged foundation of gender equality, requires the manifest absurdity of self-described feminists (female and male) defending lethal discrimination against the littlest of little girls, well, so be it.

The same take-no-prisoners dynamic was at work earlier this year in Planned Parenthood’s assault on Susan G. Komen For the Cure, which had dared to hold Planned Parenthood accountable for not offering the mammograms the Komen Foundation’s money was supposed to help provide. But rather than admitting its failure and promising to offer genuine preventive health services to women, Planned Parenthood and its cultural and political allies crushed Komen—the cleanest of squeaky-clean charities—like a grape.

And some wonder why these same forces are now arrayed against the Church for daring to defend religious freedom?

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# Pray for our dead

ADAMS, William L., 80, July 20  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

ANKOWSKI, Helen R., 91, July 8  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

ARRIGO, Tom, 69, July 14  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BLACK, Dolores, July 20  
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

BOCKELMAN, William, 76, July 14  
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

BOSSCAWEN, Mary L., 49, July 12  
Church of Our Lady, Columbus

BOUTSELIS, Daniel R., 22, July 14  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

BROWN, Alberta B., 90, July 13  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

CANNATA, Sue, formerly of Columbus, July 16  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Scottsdale, Ariz.

CLOUSE, Christine H., 40, July 10  
Holy Trinity Church, Somerset

COLLIER, Ruth A., 63, July 16  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

CUMMISKEY, Karen M., 56, July 19  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

DAVELLI, Teresa, 100, July 17  
St. Mary Church, Marion

DIEWALD, Kristin M., 44, July 20  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

FISHER, Neil F., 77, July 7  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

FITZPATRICK, Danny, 57, July 13  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

FLEMING, John J., 84, formerly of Columbus, July 19  
Holy Family Church, Port St. Lucie, Fla.

FORE, Dottie L., 60, formerly of Columbus, July 13  
Christ our Light-South Church, Zimmerman, Minn.

HALL, Grover "Ted," July 14  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

IDUMAJOGU, Philomena, 50, June 21  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

KAISER, Margaret M., 92, July 11  
St. John Church, Logan

LEWIS, Kathleen, 69, July 8  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

MARTINO, Ralph J., 83, July 10  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

MAY, Mary R., 89, July 2  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

McCONNELL, Elizabeth, 95, July 20  
St. Mary Church, Marion

McGONAGLE, Dr. J.W., 88, July 5  
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

MEIER, Francis A., 80, July 13  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

MOUSER, Shirley V., 74, July 15  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

OLIX, Dr. Melvin L., 84, July 19  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

PAINTER, Elizabeth J., July 13  
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

PAYONK, Andrew J., 82, July 21  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

REHAK, Helen J., 84, July 14  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

REINHARD, Anton "Tony," 66, June 26  
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

ROWLEY, Carmen L., 66, July 15  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

SHAFFER, Army Col. (Ret.) Anthony D., 49, July 10  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

SIMONS, Inez, 84, July 9  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

SKEELE, George E., 76, July 7  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

SORG, Richard E., 60, July 3  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

SPARE, Gary, 71, July 18  
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

STALEY, Vera, 94, July 11  
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

THOMAS, Margaret M., 52, July 16  
St. Mary Church, Chillicothe

VERHOFF, Anna M., 91, July 17  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

VOIT, Mary E., 92, July 17  
St. Patrick Church, London

WARD, Donna M., July 2  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

WERNER, Kathleen, 65, July 8  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

WIHL, Kathryn "Pud," 75, July 17  
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

## Father Gary Scherer, CPpS

Funeral Mass for Father Gary Scherer, 73, CPpS, who died Friday, July 6, was held Tuesday, July 10, at the St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio. Burial was in the cemetery of the Precious Blood Fathers in Carthagen.

He was born January 3, 1939, in Portsmouth, to John and Ruth (Seyfried) Scherer. He entered the Society of the Precious Blood in 1958 and was ordained on June 3, 1967.

His first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Joseph Church in Wapakoneta from 1967-70. He then ministered as a chaplain at Holy Name Hospital in Cincinnati from 1970-81 and at St. Eliz-

abeth Medical Center in Dayton from 1981-2000. He became parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, Ind., in 2000, serving there until retiring for health reasons in 2010.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Roger and Jimmy; and sister, Sandra. Survivors include seven brothers, Raymond (Pat) Joe (Carol), David (Alice), Daniel (Debbie), Dean (Gale), Richard, and Mark; and six sisters, Carol (Thomas) Peckham, Donna (Arthur) Pickelheimer, Sue (Randy) Burnside, Diane (Greg) Lodwick, Lynne (Curt) Webb, and Ann Bartlett; and several nieces and nephews.

## Lynne A. Hurley

Funeral Mass for Lynne A. Hurley, 65, who died Saturday, June 23, was held Thursday, June 28, at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was at Union Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Oct. 30, 1946, to the late Ray and Betty Work.

She was a graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, earned a bachelor of social work degree from The Ohio State University, and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

She was a social worker for Catholic

Social Services, United Cerebral Palsy, Passport, Franklin County Children's Services, the Clintonville Resources Center, CallVac, and other agencies. After leaving social work, she assisted her husband in operating a own home-centered business. She also was a co-founder of the shut-in visitation ministry at her parish.

She is survived by her husband, William; sons, Robert (Linda) and William (Julie); sister, Christine (Christopher) Fisher; and five grandchildren.

## Albertus J. Muckensturm

Funeral Mass for Albertus J. Muckensturm, 95, who died Saturday, July 21, was held Wednesday, July 25, at Lancaster St. Mary Church. Burial was at St. Mary Church.

He was born Nov. 1, 1916, to Frank and Emeline (Hallam) Muckensturm.

He was employed by Anchor Hocking Glass Corp. for 47 years, served with the Army in Europe in World War II, reaching the rank of staff sergeant, was a founding member of St. Mark Church, and was a member of the

## Ida Mae Weisgerber

Funeral Mass for Ida Mae Weisgerber, 90, who died Saturday, July 21, was held Wednesday, July 25, at St. John Church, West Chester.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Carl, whose cartoons appeared in the *Catholic Times* for 40

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1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus

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**Friday & Saturday, July 27 & 28**

(Sunday - patron saints procession after 10:30 Festival Mass)

Entertainment: Fri - The Eddie Pollina Band ~ 7-11 pm

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**Food Stand, Country Store, Bingo, Raffles**

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## JULY

### 26, THURSDAY

20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

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

'Courage' Support Group Meeting

7:30 p.m., A Catholic organization providing support for individuals with same-sex attractions.

Mary Louise **614-436-8676**

### 27, FRIDAY

Walking the Labyrinth at OSU Chadwick Arboretum

7 p.m., Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, leads carpool from St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus, to walk the labyrinth at Chadwick Arboretum of The Ohio State University, Lane and Fyffe avenues.

**614-291-4674**

### 27-29, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Columbus Marian Conference at Ohio Dominican

Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Columbus Marian Conference. Theme: "Triumph of the Two Hearts." Includes Mass each day

. **614-351-9233**

### 28, SATURDAY

Watterson-Whetstone Alumni 5,000-Meter Fun Run

8:30 a.m., Whetstone High School, 4405 Scenic Drive. Columbus. Watterson-Whetstone Track and Cross Country Alumni 5,000-Meter Fun Run. For all alumni and friends of Watterson and Whetstone high schools. **614-268-8671**

**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**

### 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**

NFP Information Session at Delaware St. Mary

1:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Information session for Natural Family Planning. **740-362-6644**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

### 31, 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**

### 2, 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**

### 3, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

**Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

**St. John Chrysostom First Friday Sale**

4 to 6 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. First Friday sale of pirogi, stuffed cabbage, noodles, and baked goods. **614-882-7578**

**All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory**

Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

### 4, SATURDAY

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, fol-

lowed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. **614-861-4888**

**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**

**Dominican Rite Mass at Columbus St. Patrick**

10:30 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Missa Cantata for the Solemnity of St. Dominic, celebrated according to the Dominican Rite in the Extraordinary Form proper to the Dominican order. **614-224-9522**

**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**

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

**Bishops' Golf Classic**

7:30 a.m., Medallion Club, 5500 Club Drive, Westerville. Annual Bishops' Golf Classic benefiting Catholic school tuition assistance through diocesan Office of Development and Planning. "Scramble" format; mixed foursomes. **614-241-2550**

**Aquinas Alumni Luncheon**

Noon, TAT Ristorante di Famiglia, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

**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**

**Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting**

11:30 a.m., Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 648 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting, with Mass concelebrated by Fathers Josh Wagner and Jeff Rimeslspach, followed by lunch at home of Serra member Jean Finn. Reservations required. **614-251-7410**

**Ohio Dominican Black & Gold Club Dinner**

6:30 p.m., Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Third annual Black & Gold Club dinner to benefit ODU athletics, with live and silent auctions and raffle. Speaker: Clark Kellogg, CBS sports commentator and former Ohio State basketball star. **614-251-7410**

**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**

**Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting**

7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served three months, were honorably discharged or are on active duty. **614-221-7601**

**Bishop Campbell Visits Good Samaritan Hospital**

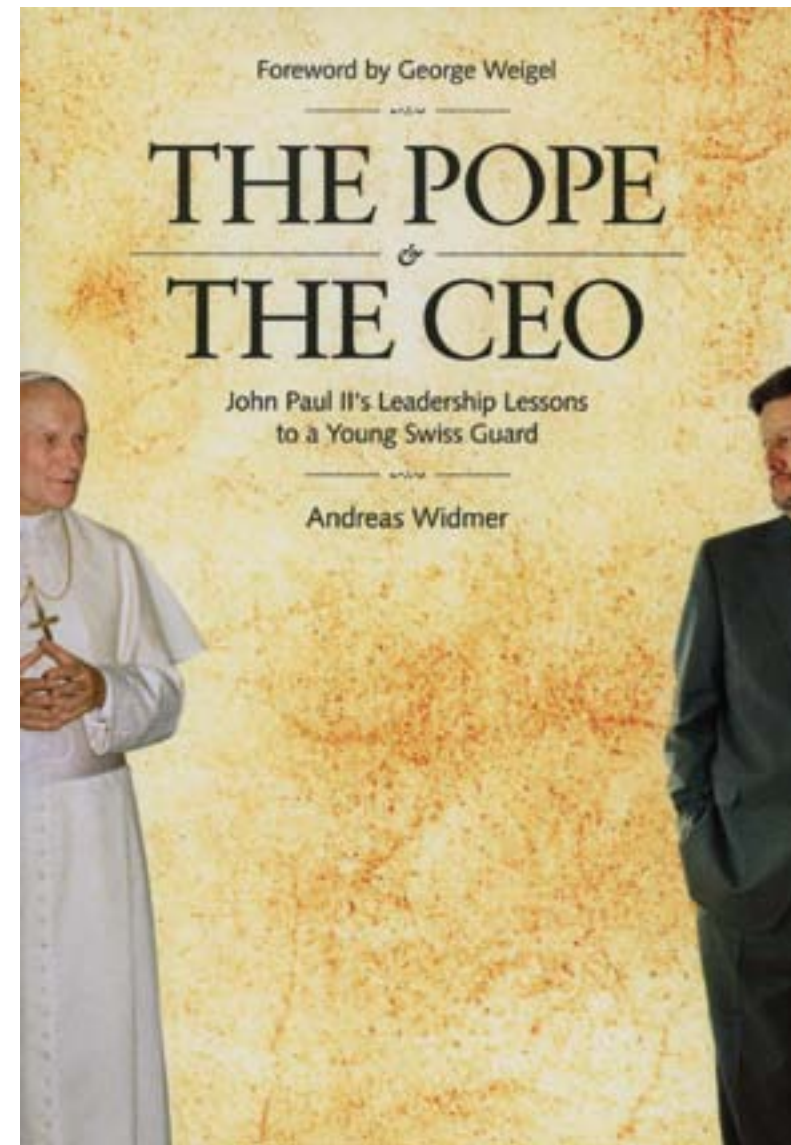
11 a.m., Genesis-Good Samaritan Hospital, 800 Forest Ave., Zanesville. Visit by Bishop Frederick Campbell.

**Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves**

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

**20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**





**Ex-Swiss Guard recounts business lessons learned from pope**

***“The Pope & the CEO: John Paul II’s Leadership Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard” by Andreas Widmer. Emmaus Road Publishing (Steubenville, Ohio, 2011). 155 pp., \$12.95.***

**Reviewed by Daniel S. Mulhall**  
*Catholic News Service*

The story is an unusual one. A young man leaves his home in a small village in Switzerland and becomes a member of the elite Swiss Guard that protects the pope and the Vatican. During his few years in the Swiss Guard, the young man learns life lessons from the pope, which he then uses to become a successful businessman. Wishing to give back, the man shares what he learned and how it applies to running a business.

That paragraph describes the book “The Pope & the CEO.” The young man, Andreas Widmer, served as a member of Pope John Paul II’s protection detail with the Swiss Guard for a few years in the late 1980s. The book presents a series of principles that Wid-

mer learned from John Paul, and his application of those principles to business success. Both the principles and the business advice are of interest and worth the consideration of anyone engaged in running a business.

The book is enjoyable to read and the stories are quite appealing. The idea of gleaning wisdom from the teachings of a pope and applying them to business is novel, although there have been other books written along this line that use the principles from religious life -- those of the Jesuits, in particular -- and show how they translate into successful business management.

What makes this book different is that much of Widmer’s learning comes from observation: Widmer would see the pope act in various substantial ways, and, from the pope’s behavior, would draw forth a life/business lesson.

While this personal connection to the Holy Father makes the book of greater interest to religious readers than a book solely about business might be, there are times when this personal connec-

tion seems a bit too much to believe. That John Paul II would know his protection detail well and treat them with dignity and respect is quite acceptable. That he would become a companion and friend stretches credulity. Fortunately, such claims are rare.

The business principles that Widmer presents here are not that much different than one expects to find in a typical book written for business leaders, although, because they are often stated in religious language, the book approaches business somewhat differently.

Widmer encourages business leaders to know who they are and why they do what they do -- what he calls being true to their vocation. Widmer argues that to succeed, the leader must find and maintain a proper sense of balance. He also encourages business leaders to make prayer a part of their regular routine and to develop a sense of humility, recognizing their own limitations and abilities. Leaders are also encouraged to develop a moral vision and then to follow it, doing what is right rather than what is expeditious.

*Mulhall is a speaker and writer on topics related to evangelization, catechesis, and pastoral planning. He currently serves as director of professional development and Hispanic catechesis for RCL Benziger.*



## BOOK REVIEW

# THE POPE & THE CEO

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN PHOTOS



People pray at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Aurora, Colo., during a July 22 Mass for the victims of the movie theater shootings in Aurora. Pope Benedict XVI expressed his sadness over the tragedy during his Angelus on July 22, saying he was “deeply shocked by the senseless violence.” A gunman killed at least a dozen people and injured many more on July 20 during a midnight showing of the new Batman movie “The Dark Knight Rises.”

CNS photo/Shannon Stapleton, Reuters



Clowns attend Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City on July 18. Hundreds of people, outfitted in the costume of their trade, took part in an annual pilgrimage honoring Mary for interceding on their behalf for work.

CNS photo/Henry Romero, Reuters



Attendees at National Black Catholic Congress XI sing on July 19 during the gathering in Indianapolis. The three-day event attracted 2,500 black Catholics from across the United States.

CNS photo/Lawrence Chatagnier, Bayou Catholic



## ST. BRIGID HARVEST CELEBRATION



Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School hosted a celebration of the spring harvest by offering a mixed green and vegetable salad made from produce grown in the school garden. Members of the school's first-grade class are shown harvesting carrots. The salad included mixed greens, spinach leaf, kale, rainbow carrots, orange carrots, onions, snow peas, and herbs. It was served with the choice of a strawberry-citrus dressing or an orange-yogurt dressing created by Ohio State University Medical Center chef Drew Patterson, who visited the school several times during the 2011-12 academic year. Throughout the spring season, students planted seeds and starter plants and weeded and watered the garden. Late in the school year, they harvested, washed, and prepared the vegetables for the salad, which was served to everyone, whether they brought their lunch from home or brought it that day. The garden was among several activities funded by a HealthierOhio School Challenge Team nutrition grant awarded to the school by the Ohio Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

## ST. AGATHA GIRL SCOUTS RECOGNIZED



Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 50187 from Columbus St. Agatha Church were recognized for receiving their Bronze Award at a Scout service unit meeting. Eleven of the 15 girls in the troop earned the award. They each spent a total of 15 hours making a picnic lunch for teachers at the school, making and serving meals to the homeless, working at the Dublin free lunch program, shipping Girl Scout cookies to Afghanistan, and working at the Special Olympics, serving meals to participants and their families. Award winners pictured are (from left): first row, Lauren Sengelmann, Lizzie Blunk, Ashley Keller, Grace Lombardo, and Katy Brown; second row, Brigid O'Brien, Brinley Zieg, Angie Egeler, Sarah Puthoff, and Haylie Rohletter. Not pictured is Caroline Brown.

Photo courtesy St. Agatha School



## SCIENCE DAY AT KINGS ISLAND

Chillicothe Bishop Flaget Middle School students visited Kings Island as a culmination of science activities in which they learned about Newton's Laws and the science of motion. Students spent time learning about and building their own roller coasters, then headed to Science Days at Kings Island to experience the thrill of gravity for themselves.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School



## MIRANDA NEFF PLACES THIRD IN COMPETITION

Miranda Neff, who will be a sophomore in the coming academic year at Columbus Bishop Ready High School, placed third in the beginner group level at the seventh annual Chinese bridge competition hosted by the University of Massachusetts. The competition, which took place in Boston in late April, consisted of a four-minute speech, two to seven questions about the speech, and a talent portion, all done in Chinese. Neff has taken Chinese in elementary school through the distance learning program at Bishop Ready and has completed her first year of high school level Mandarin.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School