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The Editor's Notebook

Doing God's Work

By David Garick, Editor



What does it really mean to be “Catholic”? For far too many people, “Catholic” is little more than a descriptive term such as being tall, brown-eyed, Italian, or a “Buck-eye.” That is to say, their parents were Catholic, they were baptized Catholic, they go to Mass now and then – Christmas and Easter, anyway. Perhaps they even went to a Catholic school. But their lives are directed much more by the motivations of modern secular life than by holy scripture and sacred tradition.

There is nothing new in this. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have been trying to take a shortcut to salvation and to make being a Christian fit into their own view of the world. In the Fourth Century, St. Augustine of Hippo wrote in one of his sermons, “If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.”

It is not just what we say we believe, but how our beliefs are translated into action. St. James addressed this in his Epistle: “What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? ... So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But some one will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ... You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

We are called to make our faith part of the very fiber of our beings ... living in devotion to Christ through

worship in communion with him at the Eucharist, through evangelization, bringing the love of Christ to those around us, through support of the church in its mission and through acts of charity in service to our neighbor.

This week, *Catholic Times* turns its attention to a Catholic organization that embodies those principles in extraordinary ways. The Knights of Columbus exist as outspoken defenders of the faith, as devoted sons of the Church, as diligent workers building resources in our parishes and schools, and as faithful servants giving of their time, talent, and treasure to minister to the poor, the infirm, the elderly, and all who are in need.

In this issue, you will read of just a sampling of the wide range of actions taken by Knights of Columbus to make Catholic faith alive and vital in our parishes, in our diocese, across the country, and around the world.

To be Catholic is to serve Christ and to serve Christ is to be Christ-like. The Knights of Columbus understand this. They reflect well the words of St. John: “In this we have known the charity of God, because he hath laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. My little children, let us not love in word, nor in tongue, but in deed, and in truth.”

Every Catholic has something to learn from the Knights of Columbus.

TWENTY QUESTIONS FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENS



1) How many unborn children have lost their lives to abortion since *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion in 1973?

- A) 9 million
- B) 27 million
- C) 53 million
- D) 89 million

2) How many successful treatments for “incurable” diseases have been developed using stem cells harvested from human embryos that were destroyed to obtain them?

- A) 0
- B) 12
- C) 45
- D) 73

3) How many successful treatments for “incurable” diseases have been developed using stem cells from adult tissue sources, causing no harm to the stem cell donor?

- A) 0
- B) 12
- C) 45
- D) 73

4) How many U.S. children live in a household that is “food insecure,” which means it can’t provide enough food for its members at some point during the year?

- A) 2.2 million
- B) 8.2 million
- C) 12.2 million
- D) 16.2 million

5) The official poverty rate in America is:

- A) 9.8 percent
- B) 11.5 percent
- C) 15.1 percent
- D) 22.4 percent

6) How long has the average jobless worker been unemployed?

- A) 6 months
- B) 9 months
- C) 10 months
- D) 12 months

7) According to a 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc., what percentage of American adults believed it is important to make sure that health care professionals in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections?

- A) 28 percent
- B) 42 percent
- C) 65 percent
- D) 87 percent

8) How many patients who are hospitalized in the United States each year are cared for in a Catholic hospital?

- A) 1 in 9
- B) 1 in 6
- C) 1 in 5
- D) 1 in 3

9) According to a study released in the September 2011 issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, what percentage of practicing ob/gyns performs abortions?

- A) 14%
- B) 25%
- C) 50%
- D) 70%

10) Children raised in intact married families are less likely to:

- A) Be physically and sexually abused
- B) Use drugs or alcohol
- C) Become pregnant/impregnate someone as a teenager
- D) All of the above

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SURVEY REVEALS INCREASING HOSTILITY IN U.S. TOWARD RELIGION

By Michelle Bauman/*Catholic News Agency*

A report examining court cases from recent years has found that hostility toward religion has grown to unprecedented levels in the United States.

The newly-updated Survey of Religious Hostility in America serves as “a testament to the radical shift in our culture’s worldview” on religion, said Kelly Shackelford, president of Liberty Institute, and Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council.

On Monday, Aug. 20, Shackelford and Perkins announced the release of the updated analysis, describing “more than 600 recent examples of religious hostility” in the U.S., most occurring in the last decade.

The survey arose out of Shackelford’s 2004 testimony before the U.S. Senate on the rise in religious hostility in the U.S. Some members of the Senate said the examples given were “simply isolated incidents.” In response, the report was developed, documenting the “very real problem” that the issue poses.

The updated survey reveals that eight years later, “hostility against religious liberty has reached an all-time high,” Perkins and Shackelford said.

The report observed a “new front” of attacks against churches and religious ministries in recent years.

Five years ago, it said, it would have been “unthinkable” for the federal government to claim that it could “tell churches and synagogues which pastors and rabbis it can hire and fire.”

Yet this was the argument made by the U.S. Department of Justice in the recent *Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC* case, in which the federal government fought against the “ministerial exception” that allows churches to select their leaders without government interference, it said.

The Supreme Court unanimously ruled against

the department and defended ministerial exception in January.

The survey also documented an “explosion” within the last decade of “cases involving local governments discriminating against churches, particularly in the local governments’ use of zoning laws and granting of permits.”

In one case, a Texas law required all seminaries to receive “state approval of their curriculum, board members, and professors.”

Furthermore, the report documented increasing attacks on religious freedom in the public sphere, pushing “the boundaries of religious hostility” to new limits.

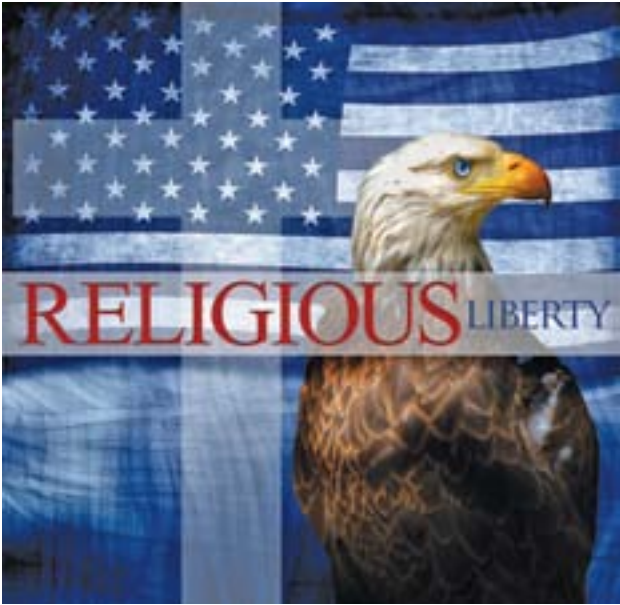
In one instance, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs banned funerals at national cemeteries from including religious content, even if the grieving family wanted the ceremony to include references to God.

In addition, multiple challenges have been brought against veterans’ memorials containing crosses and displays of the Ten Commandments at state courthouses and capitols.

The survey noted a shift in attitude toward these monuments, pointing out that, even a decade ago, veterans’ memorials in the shape of a cross “were widely accepted as fitting symbols of the sacrifices made by so many for this country.”

It also noted several cases challenging the custom of saying a prayer to open legislative assemblies, even though Congress has opened with prayer since the nation’s beginning.

One case showed how senior citizens at an elderly center in Balch Springs, Texas, were told they could not pray over their meals because “religion is banned



in public buildings.” City officials said praying over government-funded food violated the “separation of church and state” and might result in the meals being taken away from the senior citizens.

The report also noted the “alarming frequency” of attacks on religious liberty within schools. These cases, which often involve school officials preventing parents, teachers, or students from speaking about their faith, are frequently the result of “misinformation” and threats of lawsuits from “secularist organizations,” it said.

In one case, a federal judge threatened a high school valedictorian with “incarceration” if she did not remove references to Jesus from her graduation speech. In another, a student was asked “what Easter meant to her” and told she could not say “Jesus.”

Another instance documented a public school district in Greenville, Texas, which told a woman that she could have an assistant principal’s position only if she took her children out of a private Christian school.

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11) According to a study by the University of Chicago . . . which factor best predicts that a boy will exhibit good behavior in fifth grade and avoid being suspended in eighth grade?

- A) Attending a high-quality elementary school
- B) Being raised in an intact home with both his father and mother
- C) Receiving instruction from a caring and competent teacher
- D) Attending a high-quality preschool

12) Children in single-parent families comprise _____ of all American children, yet they account for _____ of all poor children.

- A) 27 percent, 62 percent
- B) 31 percent, 49 percent
- C) 39 percent, 71 percent

D) 42 percent, 50 percent

13) Unauthorized migrants take advantage of our welfare system to their own advantage and at the taxpayer’s expense.

- A) True
- B) False

14) Undocumented immigrants pay taxes.

- A) True
- B) False

15) Studies show that unauthorized immigrants provide a net gain of how much to the Social Security system each year?

- A) \$8 million
- B) \$100 million
- C) \$650 million

D) \$7 billion

16) Torture is intrinsically evil.

- A) True
- B) False

17) What percent of victims maimed or killed by landmines and cluster munitions are civilians?

- A) 20 percent
- B) 40 percent
- C) 70 percent
- D) 90 percent

18) Life-saving, poverty-focused international assistance that fights hunger, disease, and poverty makes up what percent of the U.S. federal budget?

- A) 1 percent
- B) 4 percent

C) 11 percent

D) 16 percent

19) Which of the following are effects of climate change:

- A) Increased temperatures
- B) Rising sea levels
- C) Changes in rainfall that contribute to more frequent and severe floods and droughts
- D) All of the above

20) People with disabilities have a much more difficult time finding the resources they need to live in dignity.

- A) True
- B) False

To see the answers to all the questions, go to Page 5.



Front Page photo:

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus dressed in their ceremonial outfits are frequently seen as honor guards at events throughout the diocese. The Fourth Degree is the highest level of the men’s Catholic fraternal group.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric


Support

Did you take some time to set a good tone for the coming academic year with your students? We all have opportunities to help and to be a positive influence on our students. We have our own children, and we have a serious and basic responsibility to be sure that they have a solid formation of their Catholic Faith. We want them to love one another, to pray, to forgive, and to be active family members. Some of us also have grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends with whom we maintain influence by our blood, by our friendship, or simply by our presence. The best way for us to be sure that all our children grow up to be good Catholic adults is by our example. We are active, energetic doers of God's Word. We are good and faithful stewards of all our resources, especially our human resources, and, most precious, our children. Do not take for granted your impact on your children, and that goes for all of us - parents, grandparents, godparents, and teachers alike. Sit down with them and discuss things with them as individuals. Joyfully watch them grow in their Faith, and know that you play an impactful role in their spiritual maturity.

As we send our children off to school year after year, we grow more and more concerned about their faith, their values, their morals, and ultimately the choices they make. At or near the top of our list should be the choice regarding regular church attendance. There is no greater thing to see than our teenagers dressed and ready to pray, participate in the Mass, and receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The next best thing is to listen to our college-age children talk about their active participation in Mass and other activities at the Newman Center or parish while they are away at college. As parents, we are proud to have been good examples and to get them to this point of "adult choices" in their lives. The unfortunate reality is that many young adults choose to stop attending Mass or their church. The Barna Group studied this in 2011, and some of the results are good for us to ponder and consider. These mature choices are always a work in progress, and we cannot ever stop or give up. It will remain as important as we choose to keep it. Among the top reasons why young adults stop attending church were, first, that churches seemed overprotective to them. Those surveyed said that they feel much of their experience of Christianity is "stifling and based in fear." Second, many felt that there was something lacking in their church "experience." One-third said "church is boring" and one-quarter said "faith is not relevant to my career or interests." Third, young people said that Christians can be too confident in "knowing all the answers" and that churches were out of step with the scientific world. Fourth, young believers said there was significant tension involved in trying to live up to the Church's expectations of chastity and sexual purity, especially when the age of first marriage is now commonly in the late twenties. Fifth, three out of ten young Christians said their church was afraid of the beliefs of others, forcing them to choose between "my faith and my friends." Finally, this same age group said their church was not a place that allowed them to express doubts. They did not feel safe in admitting and discussing them.

Our practical challenge this week is to consider the aforementioned points and pray about what I, as an individual, can do to help. Better yet, what can we do as a family? This is Labor Day weekend. There is no better work, there is no greater example we can set, and there is no greater reward for all of us than our Faith as Catholic Christians. Let us take some good family time during this weekend and the short work and academic week beyond, and take the time to talk about our Faith as a family. Hopefully, everyone can be home together. If not, then use those computers, smart phones, and other gadgets to meet and communicate in a loving way for the sake of our Faith. Make it our labor of love this week.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION IS HOSTING THE FOURTH EVENT IN ITS “CONVERSATIONS” SERIES

“A Conversation on Parish Life” will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at The Catholic Foundation, at 257 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Msgr. Frank P. Lane will moderate the conversation on “Evangelization, the Year of Faith, and Our Parish Life.”

Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have challenged us to rededicate ourselves to fulfill the Lord’s command to teach and preach the Gospel with new zeal and energy. They remind us that to evangelize our contemporary society, we must confront the unique challenges before us.

Among these challenges is the growing secularism of our culture, providing little room for God in the lives of growing numbers of persons. There is an alarming disregard for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death.

Many people are growing indifferent and even openly hostile to the Catholic

faith, justifying their attacks upon the Church by speaking of the need to keep church and state apart.

The mass media continue constantly to change, providing traditional catechesis both an opportunity and a challenge in the virtual world of the Internet, tweets, and blogs. In addition, too many baptized Catholics have chosen to leave the active practice of their faith and, by their indifference, have impoverished themselves and the Church.

Before these and other challenges, the imperative to preach the Gospel in creative new ways, with clarity and courage, has never been more important. This is the work of the new evangelization.

This event is free, but seating is limited to the first 100 people who register. Please contact The Catholic Foundation at (614) 443-8893 or jnaporano@catholic-foundation.org to reserve your seat.

SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Silence is golden and almost unheard of in our society, but the Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League is offering a rare opportunity for all women of the Diocese of Columbus to draw back from the chaos of the world and attend a silent retreat.

The retreat will take place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7, at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Father Michael Ciccone, OP, director of spiritual formation in the school of theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, will be the retreat master. His theme for the retreat will be “The Beatitudes.”

The retreat fee is \$110, which includes six meals and a private room for two nights. Registration is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Oct. 5. Following dinner that evening, silence will prevail.

In addition to Masses on Saturday and Sunday, there will be opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation and all-night Eucharistic adoration, as well as recital of the rosary and praying of the Stations of the Cross.

Quiet time for private prayer and reflection will deepen the retreat experience, which ends with brunch on Sunday, Oct. 7.

The league particularly invites women who have never made a silent retreat to “come away and rest for while” in the beautiful setting of the retreat center. It also will sponsor retreats in 2013 from March 1 to 3 and Oct. 4 to 6.

Space is limited. To request a registration form, call Sharon Gehrlich at (614) 882-1946 or e-mail retreatleague@gmail.com.

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FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP QUIZ: ANSWERS (from page 3)

- 1) ANSWER: C) 53 million.**
There is no federal requirement to report abortions, and state reporting requirements also vary from one state to another. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute (GI) use different methods of data collection: GI (originally founded as Planned Parenthood’s research arm) obtains its numbers from direct surveys of abortion providers, while CDC surveys state health departments. GI’s figures, the basis for this estimate, are considered more complete.
- 2) ANSWER: A) 0.**
While at least two companies have started early clinical trials using cells derived from human embryonic stem cells, one trial was discontinued after disappointing early results, and no trial has shown benefits for patients in peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature.
- 3) ANSWER: D) 73.**
73 conditions have shown patient benefits from human adult and cord blood stem cells, according to the peer-reviewed medical and scientific literature documenting these benefits.
- 4) ANSWER: D) 16.2 million.**
According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 16.2 million children lived in food insecure (low food security and very low food security) households in 2010.
- 5) ANSWER: C) 15.1 percent.**
The official poverty rate in America is 15.1 percent – the highest level in 17 years. (U.S. Census Bureau annual report for 2010).
- 6) ANSWER: C) 10 months.**
Approximately 24 million people (23.8 million) are unemployed or underemployed--a real unemployment rate around 15 percent, and the average jobless worker has been unemployed for 40 weeks – 10 months.
- 7) ANSWER: D) 87 percent.**
In an April 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc.,
- 8) ANSWER: B) 1 in 6.**
Catholic hospitals care for 1 in 6 patients in the United States each year, and provide the full continuum of health care through more than 2,000 sponsors, systems, facilities, and related organizations, employing 725,000 individuals.
- 9) ANSWER: A) 14 percent.**
According to a study released in the September 2011 issue of Obstetrics & Gynecology, the journal of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, only 14 percent of practicing ob/gyns perform abortions.
- 10) ANSWER: D) All of the above.**
Social science research continues to affirm the benefits children receive by being raised by their own married father and mother, each of whom brings unique gifts to the shared task of parenting; that is, fathering and mothering.
- 11) ANSWER: B)**
Being raised in an intact home with both his father and mother. In addition to confirming again that both moms and dads matter for children, this recent study is unique because it illuminates the crucial influence that fathers have on their sons. The researchers found that even when controlling for school quality and other external factors, the presence or absence of a father at home was the biggest single correlate with a boy’s ability to interact appropriately with peers and adults. A similar effect on girls was not found.
- 12) ANSWER: A) 27 percent, 62 percent.**
Sadly, children in single-parent homes are much more likely to suffer poverty than children being raised by their father and mother – not only material poverty, but also the poverty of lacking one of their parents, usually their father. Strong marriages are the foundation of a strong society.
- 13) ANSWER: B) False.**
On a federal level, and with very few exceptions (for

example, prenatal care), unauthorized immigrants are ineligible to receive assistance through means-tested public benefits. On a state level, individual states have to make an affirmative legislative decision to provide services to the unauthorized populations; the default position is such that the unauthorized population is prohibited from receiving such benefits.

14) ANSWER: A) True.
Undocumented immigrants pay taxes. Between 50 and 75 percent of undocumented immigrants pay federal, state, and local taxes. Further still, undocumented workers pay sales taxes where applicable and property taxes—directly if they own and indirectly if they rent.

15) ANSWER: D) \$7 billion.
Seven billion dollars is the number commonly cited by experts as the amount that unauthorized migrants contribute to the Social Security trust fund annually. Because they are unable to collect Social Security due to their unauthorized status, this money helps to ensure the fund’s long-term viability for future generations of retirees.

16) ANSWER: A) True.
Torture is an intrinsic evil because it is a violation of the dignity of the human person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Even those who may have done evil never shed their intrinsic dignity.

17) ANSWER: D) 90 percent.
Ninety percent of people killed or maimed by landmines and cluster munitions are non-military civilians. In addition, 30-40 percent of those killed or maimed by landmines are children. The United States and Cuba are the only countries in the Western Hemisphere which have not yet signed the Mine Ban Treaty which bans the use of landmines.

18) ANSWER: A) 1 percent.
Life-saving, poverty-focused international assistance that fights hunger, disease, and poverty makes up less than 1% of the U.S. federal budget. These life-saving programs include agricultural assistance for subsistence farmers, vaccines for preventable diseases, assistance to orphans and vulnerable children, disaster assistance in places like Haiti, peacekeeping forces to protect innocent civilians in troubled areas such as Sudan and the Congo, and support to migrants and refugees fleeing conflict or persecution in nations such as Iraq.

19) ANSWER: D) All of the above.
Increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and changes in rainfall are all impacts of climate change. They affect people living in poverty the worst, even though these people contribute the least to climate change. In many poor nations, impacts of climate change have led to increasingly limited access to water, reduced crop yields, more widespread disease, increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters, and conflict over declining resources, making the lives of the world’s poorest people even more precarious.

20) ANSWER: A) True.
In 2008, the Census Bureau started collecting statistics on disability status as a way to study the intersection of poverty and disability. The data clearly demonstrate that people with disabilities have a much more difficult time finding the resources they need to live in dignity. In 2010, 28 percent of people with disabilities lived in poverty, a rate more than twice as high as people without a disability (12 percent).



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A quick note from:

THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

OUR SUNDAY LITURGY:

The First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word (comprised of the readings from Sacred Scripture, together with the chants occurring between them and the Homily, Profession of Faith, and General Intercessions which develop and conclude this part of the Mass) takes on a new posture and demands a different response then did the Introductory Rites. During the first reading, the singing of the Responsorial Psalm, and the second reading, we are seated. Our response to this change in posture is not one of passiveness, but one of reception. We are to be receptive to the words of the Scripture passages. Although they were given to the Israelites and to the first- and second-century Christians, the lessons contained in these passages are still meaningful to each of us as we live our lives today. They are the Word from God, and with our openness to them and with the help of our prayer and with the help of the Holy Spirit, they will have a profound effect on us today.

Lectors, members of the community, proclaim these passages to us -- not the presider. These liturgical ministers come from the assembly and enter the sanctuary. Upon entering the sanctuary, they make a profound bow to the altar, then proceed to the ambo. They should make no other gestures to the crucifix, ambo, Lectionary, or even to the tabernacle other than to the bishop when he is present; then, a simple head bow is given to him. The Scripture passages are not just read as one would be reading the newspaper. They are proclaimed, with the meaning of the words, as they are proclaimed, carrying a message to those who hear them. Upon completing the proclamation of the Scripture passage, the lector makes the statement "The Word of the Lord," thus reminding us of the true source of what we have just heard. We give our acceptance of God's Word by replying "Thanks be to God." The lector then makes the same gestures leaving the sanctuary as he or she did upon entering.

The Responsorial Psalm (also called



the gradual) is sung between the first and second readings. Because it is to be sung, there is a liturgical ministry for a psalmist who will lead the assembly in the response to the Psalm passages and to sing the Psalm passages between the responses. He or she makes the same gestures as the lector when entering the sanctuary and moving to the ambo. This ministry is often filled by the cantor, and sometimes by the choir. From the earliest times, Christian communities have always incorporated the Psalms as part of their formal prayer. The Psalms are the core of the Liturgy of the Hours constantly prayed by the Church. It is not appropriate to replace this form of Scripture with a song, even one that is a paraphrased version of the Psalm.

The Scripture passages chosen for individual Sundays are laid out over a three-year cycle that both reflects the seasons of the liturgical year and provides the community with knowledge of the whole of God's Word. These passages, over the liturgical year, will identify the history of salvation and how it continues here and now in the representation of Christ's paschal mystery, celebrated through the Eucharist.

Since the ambo is the place from which the word of God is proclaimed by the ministers, it must by its nature be reserved for the readings, the responsorial psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (the Exsultet). The ambo may be used for the homily and the prayer of the faithful. The ambo should not be the place for other uses that need a microphone. We should provide another place where the call to prayer can be made, for use by the cantor, or for the making of announcements. The Word of God deserves a unique place, both in our worship space and in our hearts.

DID JESUS HAVE SIBLINGS?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. At a Bible study group in our apartment complex, it was shared with those attending that Jesus had five siblings. What Bible passage does that come from and, if it's true, why do we call Our Lady "Virgin Mary"? (Some in the group said that Mary was a virgin at the time of Jesus' birth, but had five additional children with her spouse Joseph.) (Albany, N.Y.)

A. The perpetual virginity of Mary -- before, during, and after the birth of Christ -- has been consistently taught by the church from the early Christian era. We reflect that belief at Mass when we say, in the *Confiteor*, "blessed Mary ever-virgin."

What, then, are we to make of such passages as Mark 6:3, where Christ's neighbors in Nazareth ask, "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Josés and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?"

Traditionally, Catholic biblical scholars have pointed to the fact that the Greek word *adelphos* used in this passage could mean not just "blood brother," but also such relations as stepbrother, nephew, or cousin. But there are still other interpretations consistent with the perpetual virginity of Mary.

The second-century *Protoevangelium of James*, for example, described these *adelphi* as children of Joseph by a previous

marriage. Likewise, Orthodox churches today speculate that Joseph was a widower who had other children before he married Mary, and some Catholic commentators agree.

(They point to the fact that Joseph is often portrayed in art as an older man and that Joseph had clearly died before the public ministry of Christ, or else his role in that ministry would have been treated in the Gospel accounts.)

That Jesus had no "blood brothers" gains support from the fact that Jesus, on the cross, entrusted his mother to the beloved apostle John; Jewish law dictated that the responsibility of caring for a widowed mother would have passed to the next oldest son, had one existed.

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

SERVICE SATURDAY

Catholic Social Services is sponsoring its semiannual Service Saturday on Oct. 13. Volunteers will help older adults and disabled individuals in Franklin County who need help with small home repairs, painting, yardwork, or other special projects.

Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. Coffee, doughnuts, and box lunches will be available, and there will be a short orientation and training session. Supplies will be made available at the work sites.

Anyone who knows of someone aged 60 or older or a disabled person of any age who lives in Franklin County and could benefit from the assistance provided by the volunteers is asked to contact Tara Cox at (614) 857-1238 or tcox@colscss.

or by Thursday, Sept. 13, with the following information: name, address including ZIP code, telephone number, and project idea. Make sure you discuss the event with the individual before making the referral.

Anyone interested in volunteering may call Stephanie Jursek at (614) 857-1216 or sjursek@colscss.org. She will have information on where to gather for the day. The deadline for volunteering and obtaining a T-shirt from the event is Monday, Sept. 24.

Those unable to volunteer who are interested in helping the program by purchasing supplies may send donations to Cox at Catholic Social Services, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215.

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"BORN AGAIN" STORE SERVES SCIOTO COUNTY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

For more than 30 years, people in northwest Scioto County and surrounding areas have known that if they need clothes or emergency assistance of any kind, the Born Again store will be there to help them.

The store, located in the village of Otway, is a cooperative ministry of Otway Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the village government, and Anawim House, a Christian community that moved to Otway in 1976 to work closely with Father John Stattmiller, who had just been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes and who moved back to the community, where he lives today, upon his retirement from active ministry.

The store has been serving residents from as far as 50 miles away since 1979. For many people in the area of Scioto, Pike, and Adams counties that includes Otway, Lucasville, Seaman, Peebles, Rarden, and other small communities, it's the only convenient place they can go in times of need.

Mary Kay Hummel, who has been with the store since it opened, said it served moiré than 1,500 people last year, a number that's been growing steadily in the last couple of years because of the continuing effects of high unemployment.

"We serve an area of little towns where nearly everybody knows each other, where you have plenty of face-to-face communication and don't have much bureaucracy," she said. "People don't have to fill out paperwork here and there are no income guidelines, because we know who's hurting."

"Besides providing clothing assistance, we received 17 requests for cash assistance in the past 12 months and were able to say 'Yes' to all 17. Some were fire victims, some were unemployed people needing assistance with utility bills, and some involved health care or injury issues."

"Not all requests come directly from the person needing help," she said. "Sometimes family or friends let us know about the need. We thank God that we can perform this assistance, no matter who asks or what's needed."

The store on state Route 73 is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays and is staffed by volunteers including Georgia Furr, former mayor of Otway; Della Hoffer; Sue Banks (*pictured with a customer*) and Patti Warrick. Tom Loar of Powell, who served as a lay missionary in the area for several years, continues to assist the store by delivering items from clothing drives he has initiated in some Columbus parishes.

"The store is a self-supporting organization. The parish purchased the building, but the store doesn't use parish or diocesan funds," Hummel said. "Any money we make is used mainly for building upkeep, utility payments, and responding to requests for aid. Funds from the store also support the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious education program conducted at Our Lady of Lourdes."

Furr said 10 to 20 people usually come in during the course of a day, with mornings being the busiest time as customers see what new items are available and catch up on what's going on. The building where the store is located is a traditional community gathering place, having served at various times as a grocery, feed store, and pool hall.

"We don't have to beg for clothes to fill our racks," Furr said. "Everything we receive is donated, mostly from people in our service area, but there's also a lot that comes from Columbus. You never know what you might find outside the door."

Besides receiving individual donations, the store benefits from winter clothing drives Loar conducts at Columbus



Bishop Watterson High School and Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. The St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in Columbus and Columbus St. Anthony Church also provide significant help.

The store's clothing racks were filled with items for all ages and sizes when the *Catholic Times* visited this summer. Hummel said regardless of the season, there's always an ample supply. Donated appliances, household goods, books, movies, and other items also are available.

"We've never been in a situation where we felt we were short of things," Hummel said. "Usually, we have more than we need and end up donating the excess to Mount Unger Baptist Church in Adams County."

Hummel has been a resident of the Otway area since 1976, when she moved from Columbus, where she had been doing community organizing work, and became a part of the Anawim House community. She wrote a Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)

grant proposal under which the store was set up by two VISTA volunteers.

"When we started the store, the economic situation in Scioto County was much like it is today," she said. "Back then, the steel mills in Portsmouth were closing, the shoe factories were long gone, and people here were trying to find their way through hard times. We provided a service that wasn't readily available in this part of the county, and we've been doing it ever since."

Loar came to Otway from Columbus in 1991 to serve as a lay missionary because he felt a call to a simpler lifestyle and a desire to become more active in Christian service. He lived there for seven-and-a-half years, then moved back to the Columbus area.

"A member of my Cursillo group got me to move here 20-some years ago," he said. "I also helped at the churches in West Portsmouth and Pond Creek, but when I came to Otway, the Lord showed me this is where I was supposed to be."

The volunteers said the

biggest challenge the store has faced came in 1997, when nearby Brush Creek and its tributaries overflowed their banks for the first and only time they can recall. The flash flood produced a wall of water whose effects still can be seen at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, with the high-water mark most notable as a dark line on a cloth picture of the Sacred Heart. Furr said there was about four feet of water in the building at the height of the flood.

"That was a once-in-a-lifetime event, we hope," Furr said. "It was described as the kind of thing that happens once every 700 years."

"We survived that and it didn't take too long to get up and running again," Hummel said. "Once we opened, we got plenty of donations and aided a lot of people in getting back on their feet. It's been that way for the store from the very beginning. We've been a real help for people -- not in a patronizing way, but in the sense that we're all neighbors and that there are times when any of us might need help."

LOVING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

Many of us have hidden fears and hesitations when it comes to dealing with persons with severe disabilities. Their unfamiliar gestures, behaviors, and limitations can challenge us and infringe on our comfort zones. We may be tempted to apply a different standard when we deal with them. Even very young children with disabilities may suffer discrimination through denial of care as newborns, or through abortion in utero.

During his presidential campaign, former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum and his wife, Karen, were often asked by people on the campaign trail about their daughter Bella, who was born with Trisomy 18, a severe genetic defect caused by an extra chromosome. Such children tend to have shorter lifespans, with 90 percent dying during the first year of life. Nevertheless, with proper care, some can live well into their teens, and even into their 20s or 30s. Bella became known to the public during her father's candidacy, in part because of several memorable moments during the TV debates in which Rick powerfully described how Bella's birth and struggles had impacted their family.

Early on, Rick and Karen struggled with the Trisomy 18 diagnosis and with the way physicians labeled it a "lethal diagnosis" and "incompatible with life." Because they already had lost another child at birth, Rick, almost unconsciously, remained emotionally distant from Bella during the first few months of her life. He focused on being the pillar of strength for the family through the storm. He later described it during one of the public presidential debates this way: "I decided that the best thing I could do was to treat her differently and not love her ... because it wouldn't hurt as much if I lost her."

Several years before Bella's birth, Rick had sponsored the partial-birth abortion ban in Congress. He had spent long hours on the Senate floor lobbying to protect children who were discovered to have "problems" before birth, rather than allowing them to be targeted for late-term abortions.

When Bella was five months old, she became critically ill and was rushed to the emergency room. Rick grasped her little finger on the gurney where she was lying. "I remember holding that finger, and looking at her, and realizing what I had done," he said. "I had been exactly what I had said that I had fought against at the partial-birth abortion [hearings]: I had seen her as less of a person because of her disability."

His candor is a reminder of the challenges we all



MAKING SENSE
Out of Bioethics
Father Tad Pacholczyk

face in caring for and loving those with disabilities and physical limitations. Having learned many valuable lessons from their daughter, Rick and Karen now serve as even more vigorous advocates for children with disabilities. They realized they had to immerse themselves in the world of special needs, which Rick described as "a different world," — one in which children like Bella "do not get the care they need unless the parents fight for it."

I recently had the opportunity to meet Rick and Karen. Karen described how Bella's situation was exacerbated by health care professionals who would not treat her with the same dignity and respect as normal children. Surprisingly, some doctors did not even address Bella by her name. Rick and Karen soon found an exceptional team of physicians who not only called Bella by her name, but also were hopeful and positive about her life and possibilities.

Karen also mentioned another couple with a child affected by Trisomy 18. They had been told after delivery that little could be done for their newborn, and the child was placed off to the side, until one of the parents noticed her struggling and sought assistance for her. Other parents spoke to Karen about the subtle, but noticeable resistance among medical staff whenever they brought their child with Trisomy 18 to the hospital for medical attention. The Santorums had experienced similar challenges with caregivers and medical staff. They had to fight to get the prescription for oxygen and basic medical supplies that Bella needed after she left the hospital; in addition, a hospice physician prescribed what would likely have been, if administered, a lethal dose of morphine.

Discrimination against those with disabilities should never be allowed to gain a foothold in the medical profession, nor be allowed to guide public policy. The true measure of the greatness of a society will always be in terms of how it treats its weakest members, and the authenticity of our own love will be measured by our compassion and acceptance of the disabled and the powerless. God seems to send us children with disabilities to help us grow, to remind us that every soul is of greater importance than its frail body, and to teach us how man's highest calling is found in his Godlike possibility of sharing unconditional love.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

St. Paul's Outreach Banquet

St. Paul's Outreach will sponsor its annual banquet on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., Columbus.

Bishop Frederick Campbell will be the keynote speaker and students will talk about how SPO is bringing Catholic faith alive on campus.

A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner and program to follow. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 8, to Sarah Deak at ohio@spoweb.org or (614) 352-2440.

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<http://www.spoweb.org/ohiobanquet>.




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Devouring His Word



The Great Surrender
Megan Thompson

Until I was about 20 years old, I was one of the pickiest eaters known to man. My diet mostly consisted of cereal, grilled cheese, and chicken nuggets. (I'm not exaggerating. I can show you pictures of my weight gain at that age.) But around that time, I started to try different foods -- healthier foods, ethnic foods. And I found that I really love food. That's kind of a silly and almost cliché sentence, but I do. I love eating. I love cooking for people. I love trying new things. Because I love food, though, I must admit that I have a hard time not eating fast. When something is so satisfying to me, I tend to eat quickly, relishing every second that my palate is pleased by my meal. Sorry, people. I'm just never going to be that super-classy girl on a date who picks at her meal and doesn't have room for molten lava cake. I'm more likely to be the girl who finishes her rack of lamb in five minutes. When something is so rich and so perfectly delicious, I can't help but consume it immediately.

The book of Ezekiel is one of my favorite books of the Bible. But it is strange. The Lord reveals himself to Ezekiel in very unique and odd ways. In the third chapter of Ezekiel, the Lord comes to the prophet and tells him "Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go speak to the house of Israel." As Ezekiel literally consumes the word of God, he says that "I ate it and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth." He

ate with immediacy. He consumed the Word without hesitation. And he was left sweetly satisfied. With that full digestion of the Word, Ezekiel's longing was satiated and his heart was filled with readiness to live his life for the Lord.

If I were to be honest, I am no Ezekiel. I don't heed the words of my Father, asking me to consume the scroll. I am no Jeremiah who passionately writes "When I found your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). Sure, I carry my Bible around with me at all times. I know a lot of Scripture passages. I have been given the gift to communicate the Gospel effectively. But the truth is that the Word of God is not something that I always find so rich and so perfectly delicious that I want to consume it immediately and constantly. Some of the passages are easy to digest and I readily take joy in reading and believing those. But a lot are gritty and

tough and I find myself avoiding or discarding those sections that are not immediately satisfying to me.

This lack of full consumption comes from a heart that lacks desire to change and repent. The word of God, when fully ingested, requires sacrifice and surrender and the abandonment of our will. And for many of us, including me, that reality lessens our desire to fully engross ourselves in it. By nibbling on his Word, we are able to maintain our own autonomy that would have to be given up if we fully devoured his word.

But by snacking on Scripture, we deny our Lord the ability to completely nourish and replenish our weary souls. By reshaping the Gospel to be comfortable and convenient by avoiding the passages that require simplifying our lives and sacrificing our wills, we refuse the Lord's desire to stretch our capacity to love and to fill us with peace and purpose. We deny the Lord the ability to give us the words that would be the "joy and the happiness of [our] hearts."

May we be people that "learn to savor how good the Lord is" (Psalm 34:9) as we recognize that everything he asks and teaches us in his Sacred Word is an expression of his perfect love for us.

Megan Thompson is youth minister at Gahanna St. Matthew Church. She posts her thoughts online at <http://surrendertohislove.blogspot.com>

“Go-To” People

By Gloria Butler

Every parish has them. You probably know several "go-to" people. These are the folks who seem to be everywhere, involved in everything in the parish or community, while others marvel at their energy, the time they devote, and, of course, the talents they share. There is an old saying that "if something needs done, ask a busy person." Nowhere is this more true than in Catholic parishes all over the world. Some people have a knack and simply thrive when they are juggling multiple projects. Other buzz words for them are "multitaskers" or "overachievers." Whatever drives these Type A folks, who are often going strong for 15 hours a day or more, they all share some common character-

istics. Simply stated, they are usually organizer junkies with clever, exciting personalities, who have managed the ability to think on their feet and receive personal satisfaction from completing multiple tasks each day. They will tell you that they actually enjoy putting out fires, juggling jobs, home, family and volunteer work in their churches, schools, and communities.

Our priest believes that we all should strive to become "saints alive." He is a kind and trusting sort, usually believing in people, even more than they may believe in themselves. He has proven time and again that just about anyone can do just about anything if others expect them to accomplish the task. Some of the most successful en-

deavors have been accomplished by parishioners who said "I have never done anything like this before." It is hard to say "no" to any priest, let alone one who makes you feel you are the perfect choice for this committee or that upcoming event.

Father's confidence in parishioners is unwavering and instills a feeling of confidence and pride in volunteers working to do a great job. He refers to us as "parish angels," and everyone knows how good angels are! The "go-to" list, in our rural parish is growing. New faces are everywhere, serving on the altar, joining various committees, teaching PSR, doing church maintenance, supporting Bible studies and dozens of other areas that keep a grow-

ing parish vital and exciting.

We are a very blessed parish, working together, supporting each other, and reaching out to help those in need. Our goals are not modest! This fall, a campaign to finance a new church is being launched to replace our beloved century-old-plus church, which we have sorely outgrown. The campaign will require prayer and sacrifice from every parish family. Consensus seems to be that minds are made up. We will accomplish the goals and build our new church! Then we will fill it with "go-to" people to work for the biggest and best "go-to" one we know -- our Lord and Heavenly Father.

Gloria Butler is a parishioner at Plain City St. Joseph Church.



WORLD'S LARGEST CATHOLIC FRATERNAL GROUP SERVES AS CHURCH'S 'STRONG RIGHT ARM'

By dictionary definition, a knight is “a defender, champion, a zealous upholder of a cause.” Much more than a men’s group, the Knights of Columbus serves as a true defender and upholder of our Catholic faith, and Knights are recognized in the Diocese of Columbus, throughout Ohio, and around the world for their many contributions to the parishes and communities they serve.

Kevin Miller, a parishioner at Columbus St. Cecilia Church, who currently serves as state advocate for the Knights’ Ohio State Council and is the ranking state officer in the diocese, said, “The Knights of Columbus here have been for many years the leader in both programming and membership growth in Ohio. Knights always take great pride in being known as ‘the strong right arm of the church’ -- and here in Columbus, we are very proud that our efforts offer whatever assistance we can to support our diocese, our clergy, our parishes, and our neighborhood and communities.”

Since their inception in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., the Knights have been dedicated to these goals through the exemplification of four principal virtues -- charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The order was founded by a young parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Conn., whose goal was to establish an organization that would unite men in their faith, offer them a sense of pride in their American Catholic heritage, and help members provide for their families in times of need.

The organization took the name “Knights of Columbus” and selected as its patron Christopher Columbus, a

George Jones (center), who at the time was grand knight of Knights of Columbus St. Andrew Council 11275, presents a check for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Pantry to Lucy Cormier of Catholic Social Services in 2010

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Catholic recognized in legend as the discoverer of America – clearly demonstrating that Catholics were instrumental in our nation’s beginnings and could stand proudly as full members of American society.

In the 130 years since being founded, the Knights have grown to become the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization, with more than 1.8 million members in 15,000 councils worldwide, expanding beyond our national boundaries to 13 other nations around the world.

Within the Diocese of Columbus, the Knights’ presence dates back to 1899, with the institution of St. Joseph Cathedral Council 400, which still exists. As our diocese grew and expanded, the Knights grew as well – with more than 9,000 Knights serving in 70 councils within the diocese.

For Knights, the most important of their virtues is charity. In the 2010-11 fraternal year, Knights worldwide contributed more than \$154 million to charitable causes and provided more than 70 million man-hours of service to our church and communities.

Internationally, here is a sample of the projects to which the Knights have contributed:

- Providing the uplink cost for the tele-

vising of papal ceremonies, especially at Christmas and during Holy Week – and the downlink in poor mission countries, helping bring the pope to the world during these important milestones in the liturgical year.

- Providing the entire budget of the national family planning offices of the U.S. and Canadian bishops.

- Contributing, since 1981, more than \$38 million to thousands of seminarians and postulants through the Refund Support Vocations Program.

- Donating \$10 million to victims of the 2005 Gulf States hurricane disaster.

- Donating more than \$1 million to the Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund, providing financial aid to families of emergency personnel who were killed or disabled during the 9/11 attacks.

- Creating the Knights’ ultrasound initiative, which, since its inception in 2009, has helped provided more than 250 ultrasound machines for pro-life pregnancy centers.

- Creating the “Healing Haiti’s Children” program, which provides prosthetics and two years of physical therapy for children who lost limbs during Haiti’s catastrophic earthquake. The Knights also established a relief fund immediately following the disaster and purchased

more than 1,000 wheelchairs for Haitians suffering disabilities.

Recently, the Knights have been active in initiatives defending religious freedom, supporting the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in their efforts to combat proposed limits to First Amendment rights, including the Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate which forces employers to cover medical interventions which are contrary to Catholic teaching and beliefs.

At the Knights’ annual convention this month in Anaheim, Calif., Pope Benedict XVI, in a letter thanking the Knights for their efforts, said, “At a time when concerted efforts are being made to redefine and restrict the exercise of the right to religious freedom, the Knights of Columbus have worked tirelessly to help the Catholic community recognize and respond to the unprecedented gravity of these new threats to the Church’s liberty and public moral witness. By defending the right of all religious believers, as individual citizens and in their institutions, to work responsibly in shaping a democratic society inspired by their deepest beliefs, values and aspiration, your Order has proudly lived up to the high religious and patriotic principles which inspired its founding.”

Within Ohio, the Knights maintain an



Kevin Miller, state advocate for the Knights of Columbus, presents a check from the K of C vocations aid program to Father Michael Lumpe, diocesan vicar for priests. Photos/Knights of Columbus

active presence though the implementation of many statewide charity programs:

- The Ohio Cash Bonanza program, in which Knights sell \$5 tickets for a statewide raffle with 20 prizes, including a top prize of nearly \$50,000. Money earned through the program supports many state philanthropic programs, as well as rebating money back to participating councils to support their charitable efforts. In 2012, more than \$693,000 was raised through the program.

- The “Measure Up” campaign, in which Knights throughout the state don yellow vests and take to street corners to collect funds for the developmentally disabled within their communities, giving each donor a plastic ruler for their contribution. Knights collected more than \$365,000 statewide last year, with all of it being distributed to qualified local charities which councils can select.

- The state’s Matching Fund campaign, in which councils make donations to religious education offices within their diocese, with the Ohio State Council providing matching funds of as much as \$25,000. Last year, the program collected more than \$44,000.

- The “Pennies For Heaven” campaign, in which councils collect funds to provide financial assistance to seminarians. More than \$100,000 was collected statewide last year.

At local councils, charity and service programs are implemented through a framework highlighting six service areas – church, family, community, youth, council (fraternal programming), and pro-life.

“Through our areas of service, councils have the opportunity to create and ad-

minister programs based on the interests of their members and the needs of their parish,” Miller said. “The activities and events that councils participate in and sponsor are as diverse and varied as their Knights’ interest and the parishes they represent.”

Knights may be seen engaging in numerous aspects of parish life – fish fries, festival activities, pancake breakfasts, men’s faith formation, youth programs, and many other events.

While many people may remember the traditional K of C halls throughout the area, in the mid 1980s, the Knights adopted a more parish-based council approach to provide enhanced engagement in parish life.

“The evolution of councils aligned directly to parishes offered new opportunities for growth and expansion and enhanced our ability to serve parishes, especially in growing suburban areas,” Miller said. “By being a direct part of the parish, we were able to provide greater presence, allowing us to better fulfill our mission of charity and service, while at the same time making us more visible to parish communities, thereby attracting more men to join with us in service.”

Traditional Knights’ halls and “geographic” councils still exist and are highly successful, serving in areas outside the greater Columbus area, where concentration of parishes is not as extensive.

Membership in the Knights is simple and inclusive: All Catholic men 18 or older are eligible for membership. The order is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

K of C COUNCILS IN COLUMBUS DIOCESE RECEIVE TOP SUPREME, STATE AWARDS

The Knights of Columbus offer many annual award programs at the state and international level to recognize their councils’ outstanding work and program participation throughout the year. For the 2011-12 fraternal year, many councils within the Diocese of Columbus distinguished themselves by receiving state and Supreme Council recognition for their superior service.

K of C councils qualify for Supreme Council recognition by excelling in membership growth and insurance membership growth, performing at least four programs in each of the Knights’ six service areas (church, community, council, family, pro-life, and youth), and meeting necessary administrative requirements.

Councils that excel in all of these areas earn the most prestigious awards the Supreme Council can bestow on a council — the Star Council award, for achieving these goals with at least 100 percent of assigned membership growth, and the coveted Double Star Council award, for achieving these goals with at least 200 percent membership growth. This year in the Diocese of Columbus, eight councils earned Star Council and two earned Double Star Council standing (see list below).

In addition to recognizing Star Councils, the Ohio State Council also holds its own council recognition program each year, highlighting participation in Supreme and State Council activities. The state program for 2011-13, “Take Up His Cross,” has been designed to focus on the three main principles of the order: charity, unity, and fraternity.

Councils participating in the program participate in a maximum of 35 programs, or “steps” in the six areas of service, plus membership. Those councils who “max” the program, meet the necessary administrative requirements and achieve 100 percent of their assigned membership quota are recognized with the state’s Gold Cross award.

With additional excellence in membership achievement, Gold Cross councils can be winners of the Platinum Cross award as one of the top 10 councils statewide. This year, from the more than 475 councils in Ohio, the Diocese of Columbus had five of the 17 Gold Cross winners, with three councils achieving Platinum Cross status (see below.)

Additionally, the diocese was the recipient of the state council’s Buckeye Award, which was presented to State Advocate and ranking state officer Kevin Miller. The award is given to the diocese with the highest amount of council participation in the state general program and the highest net membership increase for the 2011-12 fraternal year.

“I was very proud to accept the Buckeye Award on behalf of our diocese, as I am proud of the outstanding achievements of all our councils during this fraternal year,” Miller said.

“These awards are a small token in recognition of the diligent service provided by these councils in advancing the cause and tenets of Columbianism – their efforts and contribution to our order, church, and faith are deeply appreciated, and will have a positive impact in their councils for years to come.”



SUPREME COUNCIL DOUBLE STAR AWARD
St. Patrick Council 11207, Columbus
Fr. Sheldon Kelly Council 11224, West Jefferson

SUPREME COUNCIL STAR AWARD
Delaware Council 1056
Marysville Council 5534
Westerville Council 5776
New Albany Council 10941

St. Andrew Council 11275, Upper Arlington
St. Michael Council 11445, Worthington
Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council 12772, Plain City
Our Lady of Peace Council 14282, Columbus

OHIO STATE COUNCIL “GOLD CROSS” AWARD
Westerville Council 5776
New Albany Council 10941

Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus
St. Patrick Council 11207, Columbus
Fr. Sheldon Kelly Council 11224, West Jefferson

OHIO STATE COUNCIL “PLATINUM CROSS” AWARD
3rd -- Fr. Kelly Council 11224, W. Jefferson
5th -- New Albany Council 10941
9th -- Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus

CARDINGTON K of C ASSISTS WITH STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN



Sacred Hearts Knights of Columbus Council 14671 of Cardington presented a check from the Knights' annual statewide "Measure-Up" campaign, in the amount of \$565.60, to the Whetstone School and Industries of Morrow County. Knights and Whetstone representatives raised the money by soliciting donations at the Marengo Market and the Marion Wal-Mart. The campaign raises about \$500,000 per year statewide to assist people with developmental disabilities. One-hundred percent of the donations are used by local and state organizations for this purpose. Pictured at the donation ceremony are (from left), Will Schindley, council treasurer; Penny Cranston, Greg McCelland, Maggie Clark, Raven Carroll, Nancy Foglesong, and Matt Ohler, Whetstone representatives; and Pat Kelty, grand knight. Bob Goheen of the Knights is shown with a Whetstone representative collecting donations. Photos by Chuck Large



KNIGHTS SPONSOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Members of Knights of Columbus Council 14342 of Columbus St. Christopher Church sponsor a pancake breakfast every year. Pictured getting ready to serve pancakes are Matt Tillett, the council's first grand knight (left), and Andy MacKinnon, deputy grand knight. K of C councils throughout the diocese sponsore breakfasts, fish fries, spaghetti dinners, and other food-related activities to raise money for many charitable efforts, including support for vocations, assistance for the developmentally disabled, and activities at individual parishes. Photo/Knights of Columbus

"PENNIES FOR HEAVEN"

The Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Columbus again showed their strong support of vocations to the priesthood by contributing \$40,000 to this year's "Pennies for Heaven" campaign – nearly 40 percent of Ohio's total of \$101,214.

Ed Olenhouse, a parishioner at Hilliard St. Brendan Church and diocesan coordinator of the program, said, "This great effort in support of Pennies for Heaven is an achievement in which all Knights within our diocese can take great pride. For years, Columbus has set the pace in support of this important program, and we are very proud of the much-needed support we give to those studying for careers in the priesthood within our diocese."

Money collected from Pennies for Heaven is given directly to the vocations director in the diocese in which it was collected. It is used to promote vocations and to assist with extraordinary expenses which may be incurred by those seeking a religious life.

"Seminarians, due to the demands of their studies, do not have time to even consider any part-time work for incidental expenses," Olenhouse said. "While the diocese sees to their education expenses, help is often needed for other expenditures – from dental work to car repairs to an emergency trip home due to illness or a death in the family. These are the type of expenses where Pennies for Heaven makes a difference."

This year, 13 councils from the diocese contributed \$1,000 or more to the program: Lancaster Council 1016, \$4,032; Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus, \$3,552; St. Brendan Council 11208, Hilliard, \$3,278; Father Andrew Hohman Council 5253, Reynoldsburg, \$3,200; Father William Spikerman Council 671, Marion, \$1,897; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 4603, Grove City, \$1,619; St. Michael Council 11445, Worthington, \$1,425; St. Andrew Council 11275, Upper Arlington, \$1,150; St. Elizabeth Council 11193, Columbus, \$1,007; St. Luke Council 910, Danville, \$1,000; Westerville Council #5776, \$1,000; New Albany Council 10941, \$1,000; and Pontifical College Josephinum Council 15009, Columbus, \$1,000.

How were the top councils so successful? While councils "pass the jug" for donations from members at meetings and events throughout the year, councils who have experienced the most success in the program have made special efforts to reach out to their parishes for support.

"The councils who have made the biggest Pennies for Heaven contributions understand the challenges we face with vocations are not just a Knights issue, but a churchwide issue," Olenhouse said. "They made the effort to inform and create awareness of this critical need within their parishes, and ask them directly to provide their support." Special collections and fund raising events have allowed parishioners to contribute directly and generously to the effort.

Olenhouse would like to see Columbus councils reach a goal of \$50,000 in the 2012-13 fraternal year. He continually challenges councils to work closely with their parish pastors for more frequent collections after Sunday mass and to plan other fund raising activities.

"I think each council should always strive to do more," he said. "By creating awareness of our efforts to support seminarians, we have been amazed by the fantastic generosity shown by members of the diocese. We can only hope that this level of support can be contagious, driving us to even higher levels of support and helping supply needed money to this important cause."

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The lessons of the order are exemplified, or demonstrated, to new members by participating in ceremonies, or "degrees," highlighting each of our virtues. At the First Degree exemplification, a candidate learns the virtue of charity. He is then said to be

a First Degree Knight of Columbus. Upon reaching the Third Degree, a member is considered a full Knight.

The Fourth Degree may be considered the most visible aspect of the Knights of Columbus. Added in 1899, the primary purpose of the

Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Easily recognized with their capes, chapeaus, and swords, Fourth Degree Knights participate in color corps, religious, and public functions. About 20 percent of Knights are Fourth Degree members. Any Third Degree Knight is eligible to join the Fourth Degree six months from the date of his First Degree.

W. Lee Brock, a member of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church and long-time head of degree exemplifications in the diocese, said the degrees serve as the focal point for new members to understand the importance of their involvement in the Knights of Columbus.




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Knights scholars (front, from left) Jonathan Zins, Ha Nguyen, Olivia Britt, Olivia Ortega, Emily Pina, Devani Adam, Charlotte Kunkler, and Alicia Kunkler are shown with (back, from left) Knights officials Gary Eckstein, Kevin Miller, and Dave Helmstetter; Bishop Campbell; and state officers Ken Girt, Denny Shonebarger. Fr. Richard Snoke, and Bob Byers Photo/Knights of Columbus

"From the very inception on the order, Father McGivney thought it important that the central tenets of the Knights be presented in a memorable and unique format, so that they would be remembered vividly by members," Brock said. "The degree exemplifications do just that. They are solemn ceremonies designed to make members contemplate the importance of our virtues, and how they impact their future involvement and service."

One of the most important benefits available to all Knights is the ability to participate in the Knights of Columbus insurance program, founded at the same time as the order's inception in 1882. Rising from Father Mc-

Givney's intent to protect against the potential of family financial ruin caused by a father's death, the program has grown to \$80 billion worth of insurance in force, paying more than \$3.2 billion in dividends to insured members in the past decade.

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credit-rating organization, for 35 consecutive years.

"It has been said that the best way for a Catholic man to serve his church and community is to join the Knights of Columbus," Miller said. "By joining the Knights, men have a ready opportunity to make a meaningful contribution, based on their time, interest, and talents, to support their church and faith and work to make their community a better place. It is our hope that every Catholic man joins us in faith and service."

For additional information about the Knights of Columbus, please visit the Knights' web site at www.kofc.org, or email join.kofc.columbus@gmail.com.

"INSPIRATIONS FOR OUR SOUL"

A day of recollection with Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, with the theme "Inspirations for Our Soul" will take place Friday, Sept. 21, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. It will begin with registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and conclude with a holy hour from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Father Apostoli, a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, has been teaching and preaching retreats and parish missions for several decades, and is considered one of the world's foremost experts on the apparitions at Fatima. He frequently appears on

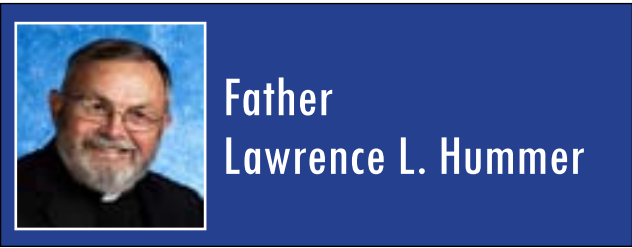
EWTV television and radio and hosted the TV special "Our Lady of Fatima and the First Saturday Devotion."

He also is the author of several books, including "Following Mary to Jesus" and "Walk Humbly With Your God," and is the vice postulator for the sainthood cause of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

A contribution of \$25 will cover the cost of the day. For reservations, write to Bob Muetzel, Box 710, Somerset OH 43783 or call him at (614) 299-7700 or (740) 743-3848 or Mary Ann Jepsen at (614) 436-6884.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Do not add or subtract from the Lord’s command



Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“You do this and I’ll do that” is an expression we all know well. When found in the Scriptures, especially when it comes to observing the statutes and decrees of the Law of the Lord, it appears that those who observe all these commandments can force the hand of the Lord. Here, the command is to observe what I, the Lord, command, neither adding to it nor subtracting from what I command. The adding-to will become an issue in the Gospel reading for this Sunday.

Often in the United States, when a Supreme Court nominee is being vetted, the question arises what the nominee’s view of the Constitution is and whether this or that law would violate the original intention of the framers of the Constitution. Arguments run this way and that about whether this law or that is faithful to the Constitution. Now, people will begin to argue whether there can be a legal prohibition on the possession of assault rifles in the hands of individuals in light of the most recent attack in Colorado. The argument will turn on the original doctrine of the right to keep and bear arms. Of course, the statute does not say “all arms,” so the arguments will be interesting.

When Deuteronomy says not to add to or subtract from what the Lord commands, it leads us to wonder what we are supposed to do with the many laws which apply to sacrifice in the Temple, when the Temple no longer exists. One can hardly observe a commandment that revolves around the type of animal that may or may

not be sacrificed when animals are no longer sacrificed.

What complicates this even more for Christians is that we consider Christ Jesus to have been the one perfect sacrifice offered to God. Since nothing more perfect can be sacrificed, it negates the idea of offering anything else. We read in the letter of James: “... every perfect gift is from above.” In this way, Christians gradually parted ways with the command not to add to or subtract from, based on historical change.

The Gospel issue involves ritual purity laws and the interpretations of those laws which had the force of law among the Pharisees and their followers. The accusation of the Pharisees in their encounter with Jesus in this scene is that his disciples do not observe their customs, not that Jesus ignores them, whether he did or not: “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”

Jesus calls them hypocrites (literally “play actors” in Greek), quotes Isaiah, and then levels his main critique: “You disregard God’s commandment, but cling to human tradition.” Of course, Jesus never answers their question about why his disciples ignore the tradition of the elders. Jesus defends his disciples by criticizing their critics.

In verses missing from Sunday’s selection, Jesus explains how they disregard God’s commandment (verses 9-13). There will probably always be tension between tradition and law, and here Jesus opts for law over tradition. What Moses wrote is binding, not what Pharisees (or anyone else) say he wrote.

If the Christian is ordered and directed in all things by the law of love (of God and of neighbor), then every action he or she performs must be guided by that love. No tradition, however well-intentioned, can replace or supersede that law of love. Catholics need only hearken back to the old days of meatless Fridays. “Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

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

St. Pius Women’s Retreat

The spiritual life committee of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church is sponsoring its annual women’s retreat from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 14 to 16, at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The theme will be “Ephphatha: Be Opened!” Retreat leaders will be Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, and Suanne Gettings, pastoral assistant at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany. They

will examine the many ways people can clear the impediments in their lives that block their path to a deeper relationship with God.

The cost for the weekend is \$110 for overnight retreatants and \$50 for commuters, including all meals and materials. Contact Leah Kelly, St. Pius X pastoral minister, at (614) 866-2859 to register or for additional information. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 7.

Serra Club Seminary Tour

On Tuesday Sept. 18, members of the North Columbus Serra Club will be visiting the Cincinnati archdiocesan seminary – Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary in Norwood.

The visit will include Mass, lunch, and a tour with Msgr. Frank Lane. Space is limited to 50 people.

The bus will leave for Cincinnati from the north parking area of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, at 8:30 a.m., returning around 4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per person. Contact Alan Dekker for reservations at Alelddek@aol.com.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Psalm 119:97-102
Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Psalm 145:8-14
Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Psalm 33:12-15, 20-21
Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40
Luke 5:33-39

SATURDAY
Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
Psalm 13:6
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.
Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378) (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).
Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).
Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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

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

The Signs Around Us



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

nice about the wild days that were once the norm, and was turned into a pillar of salt.

Too many people believe they are missing out on something by not joining in the “fast living, everything is good, and there is no such thing as sin” culture in which we find ourselves. Nothing could be further from the truth. (I could tell you remorseful stories about aging movie stars and rock stars told to me during my talks at Family Theater in Hollywood, but I will save that for another column.)

Recently, I received a rather rude email from an atheist who came across some of my writings and seemed to know about the release of my upcoming book “The Catholic Tide Continues To Turn.” The writer went on to say that no one cares what God wants any more and that people are looking out for themselves. The writer said only the ignorant and weak-willed read the Bible or religious books, otherwise why would pornography be so popular, and why would the erotic thriller “Fifty Shades of Grey” have

All of us probably have noticed that even though the late August temperatures have been hot, the sunsets come sooner now -- a sure sign that fall is near. Jesus reminded us that we should watch the signs around us, and so we should. This week marks the feast days of St. Monica and St. Augustine. For more than 30 years, St. Monica prayed that her wayward son see the light instead of the endless nightlife of wine, women, and song that was his routine. He even had a child out of wedlock. St. Monica is a powerful example for parents whose children have run off the rails, so to speak. After all of our speeches and interventions have gone by the wayside, prayer is a powerful weapon, the power of which we can scarcely fathom.

The future St. Augustine came to the faith later in life and bitterly lamented the path that had taken him far from where he knew God wanted him to go. The “Confessions” of St. Augustine, the first western autobiography, written in 397 and 398, is one of the most widely read books in the history of the Christian world. He wrote that the world had seduced him with lust, power, and debauchery. He wanted to make sure others didn’t tread the path he had taken and vociferously warned all who would listen.

This is a problem in our modern world. I call it Lot’s Wife Syndrome. You might recall in the Old Testament that God spared Lot and his family from the destruction that awaited Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot’s wife turned back against God’s orders, seemingly to remi-

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STEEPLE BLESSING AND DEDICATION



bequeathed his home at his death to fund the steeple project.

“The steeple was manufactured by Campbellsville Steeple Industries in Kentucky. The Chester J. DeBellis Family, Albert Corna and Joseph DiCesare, Sr. generously supported the steeple installation. General Contractor, Corna Kokosing Construction Company, Mark Corna, President, removed and replaced deteriorated masonry and installed the new steeple on October 8, 2008.

“The steeple is dedicated to Steven Alberto Maselli, his parents Nicholas and Annina, his sons, Nicholas and Mark and daughter-in-law Beverly.

“Steeple Blessing & Dedication — Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 2012—Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus —Patrick W. Davis, Diocesan Building Superintendent—Reverend William A. Metzger, Pastor.”

The following prayer for the blessing of a new steeple was recited:

“My brothers and sisters, on this, the parish feast, we gather to bless the renovated steeple

sold tens of millions of copies?

I wrote this person back, saying it is sad that so many people don’t know their faith and turn to pornography and atheism out of emptiness and resentment. I told the writer that I was puzzled, because if he or she doesn’t believe God exists, why say people don’t care what God wants? I did this because I am convinced that the overwhelming majority of atheists have a hatred directed toward God because of some issue related to authority figures in their lives.

I went on to say that I can’t imagine people reaching for the latest erotic thriller should they think their life is coming to an end. They actually might just dust off their Bible or read a religious book or two. When we are thinking of our own mortality, we suddenly become a little more serious about our standing before God and giving an account of our earthly life.

There are so many lost people in the world looking for every answer except God. We the faithful must be the beacon of hope that gives the world some comfort in the storms of life. We also must be willing to risk losing certain friendships, associations, etc., when our faith calls for it. Jesus warned us to be in the world, not “of the world.” The signs are all around us, Jesus told us, if we would only heed them.

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

of St. John the Baptist Church. Here, in a spirit of devotion, we take part in this celebration with reverence for the cross of Christ, and we pray in thanksgiving for this tall and stately steeple.

“Let us live in the hope that by the presence of this steeple, standing tall against the sky of downtown Columbus, all who see it will be inspired to enter St. John the Baptist Church in order to hear the word of God and celebrate the sacraments.

“May we, the faithful, assembled here, recognize the cross at the top of this steeple as our protection in danger and a constant reminder of God’s love.

“Lord God, Father all-holy, you will the cross

of your Son to be the fountain of all blessings and the source of all grace. In your goodness, be near us, who have raised this steeple with the sign of our faith. May we proclaim the good news of God’s love by word and deed. As we carry out our earthly duties, may we be filled with the spirit of Christ and keep our eyes fixed on the glories of heaven, where you, Father, receive those who will reign with your Son, for ever and ever.”

The black granite plaque was donated by the Tony and Irene Solazzo family. Joe Solazzo played a key role in its installation. Coordinators of the event were Joseph Pishitelli and his wife, Judy.

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St. Mary Church, Groveport

CALCARA, Joseph, 81, Aug. 22
St. John Neumann Church, Dublin

CARROLL, Nellie M., 84, Aug. 25
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CASTORANO, Annio V., 92, Aug. 23
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

CORDESCO, Mary C., 91, Aug. 21
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

FOURNIER, Lloyd J. “Frenchie,” 91, Aug. 20
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

HOUSTON, Marthasue, 82, Aug. 22
St. Patrick Church, London

HUGHES, Martha L. “Marti,” 64, Aug. 20
St. Peter Church, Columbus

HUNTER, John R., 59, Aug. 22
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

INSCORE, Roger A. “GP,” 72, Aug. 16
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

LEONARD, Thomas J. Jr., 46, Aug. 27
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

MARSICO, Ronald, 76, Aug. 18
St. Peter Church, Columbus

MITRIONE, Anna, 85, Aug. 26
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

MOORE, Louise F., 91, Aug. 21
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

OCHOA, Sandra E., 38, Aug. 25
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

ORZECOWSKI, David A. “Andy,” 45, Aug. 20
St. Paul Church, Westerville

PAINTER, Henry C., 89, Aug. 25
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

QUINN, Michael D., 65, Aug. 12
Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton

REEB, Catherine E. “Sis,” 95, Aug. 18
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

ROSS, Hazel, 97, Aug. 16
Church of the Atonement, Crooksville

YACOBOWZI, Hazel A., Aug. 25
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

Joyce A. Walent

Funeral Mass for Joyce A. Walent, 60, who died Monday, Aug. 20, was held Saturday, Aug. 25, at Worthington St. Michael Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

She was a secretary at St. Michael

School for 12 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Phyllis Pytel.

Survivors include her husband, John; and son, Bradley.

Spirituality webcast series

How does faith deepen as we age? What are young adults, empowered through their faith, saying about spirituality? What can we do to help people with dementia reconnect to their faith?

These and other questions are raised in an innovative webcast series presented this fall by the Martin de Porres Center’s Institute for Maturing Spirituality.

The institute’s fall series, running from Sept. 26 to Nov. 13, features four inter-faith topics of interest to adults age 50 and older, as well as professionals who work with elders.

The 90-minute webcasts, produced live from the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, extend an ongoing theme of the institute’s programming -- facilitating intergenerational dialogue on matters of faith.

“We’ve found a deep hunger among both older and younger adults to know more about each other’s spiritual journeys and experiences,” said center director Christina Butler. “Our webcasts allow us to take this conversation to faith communities and senior residences where older people naturally gather.”

Established in 2004 by the Dominican Sisters of Peace for outreach to the community, the Martin de Porres Center offers a variety of educational programs, as well as space for retreats and art exhibits in a contemplative environment.

In addition to encouraging intergenerational dialogue, the center’s Institute for Maturing Spirituality delivers programs targeted to adults in the second half of life and educational opportunities for those preparing to minister to older adults.

The fall webcast series builds on the series launched a spring and summer. Each 30-minute presentation is followed by a time for small-group discussion at subscriber locations. Facilitators at each site call in questions for the presenter to answer.

The coming topics are:

“Open Mind, Open Heart: Pilgrim-

age Through the Later Years.” The major work of a spiritual journey is the interior transformation of the traveler, not arrival at the place. Presenter: Mary van Balen. Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.

“Empowered for Renewal: The Spirituality of Young People.” In an age of moral degradation and spiritual apathy, many Christian young people are engaged in renewal and service. Presenter: Megan Thompson. Thursday, Oct. 11, 2 p.m.

“Cherishing Broken Tablets: Maintaining Connections with Cognitively Impaired People.” People with dementia have spiritual needs. It’s vital to affirm these needs and find new ways to keep people connected to their faith, physical environment, and faith communities. Presenter: Rabbi Cary Kozberg. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.

“Kenosis: Life Discovered In Letting Go.” People who thrive spiritually share a common trait: they let go of the past, they live in the present, and they look to the future. Presenter: Jay Jackson. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m.

Individual faith and residential communities are invited to subscribe to a single presentation or the entire series of live webcasts by contacting Butler at (614) 416-1920 or cbutler@op-peace.org.

A program of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, the Martin de Porres Center is named after a Dominican saint who was the Peruvian-born son of a freed African slave and a Spanish nobleman. Known for his compassion and service to the poor, Martin’s example provides the guiding spirit for the center.

Dedicated to serving others through collaboration and mutuality, the Martin de Porres Center partners with local agencies, churches, and organizations that respond to the educational and spiritual needs of God’s people.

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30, THURSDAY

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Weekly meeting of parish’s new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program.

614-406-9516

SEPTEMBER

1, 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, followed 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

Bishop Ready 25th Anniversary Reunion

7 p.m., Old Bag of Nails Pub, 24 N. State St., Westerville. Columbus Bishop Ready High School Class of 1987 25th anniversary reunion. Contact Corry Rausch at corry1968@gmail.com or Debbie Bramlish at dbramlish@columbus.rr.com.

2, SUNDAY

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

706-761-4054

Compline at Cathedral

9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Chanting of Compline.

614-241-2526

3, MONDAY

Labor Day Parade and Mass

10 a.m., City Hall, 90 W. Broad St., Columbus. Labor Day parade to St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., for 11 a.m. Mass, followed by picnic in alley behind church.

Sponsored by Columbus metropolitan assemblies of the fourth-degree Knights of Columbus.

614-491-2751

Healing Service at St. James the Less

7 p.m., St. James the Less Church, 1652 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus. Mass, preceded by confessions from 6 to 7 and rosary at 6:30, followed by healing service with Carmelo Cortez of the Philippines.

614-861-4888

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

4, 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

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

5, WEDNESDAY

Bishop Campbell Visits Portsmouth Notre Dame

10 a.m., Notre Dame High School, 2220 Sunrise Ave., Portsmouth. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates all-school Mass.

740-353-0719

6, THURSDAY

Cradling Christianity Dinner at St. Charles

5:30 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. Seventh annual Cradling Christianity dinner to raise funds for tuition assistance to Christian students in the Holy Land. Begins with Mass in chapel, celebrated by Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, followed by dinner and silent auction in Walter Commons. Speaker: Father Earl Fernandes, STD, dean of Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Norwood.

614-459-5676

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

7, 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

Blue Mass at St. Timothy

5 p.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Annual Blue Mass honoring first responders and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell and sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14345.

614-451-2671

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.

7-9, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Silent Retreat for Men at St. Therese’s

St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Silent retreat for men, sponsored by Catholic Laymen’s Retreat League, led by Father Edmond Ditton, OP. Theme: “St. Peter As Our Model of Faith.”

614-855-2105

Watterson Alumni Weekend

Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. School alumni association sponsors weekend events for alumni of classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007. 6 p.m. Friday, tailgate at Patrick J’s, 2711 N. High St., followed by football game against Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit at Hagely Field; 5 p.m. Saturday, Mass at school, followed by reception, class pictures, and dinner; 1 p.m. Sunday, Shay/Scholl Golf Classic, Riviera Golf Club, 8205 Avery Road, Dublin.

614-268-8671

8, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

614-565-8654

Dan Schutte Music Workshop at Somerset Holy Trinity

9 a.m. to noon, Holy Trinity Church, 228 S. Columbus St., Somerset. Musical workshop, emphasizing congregational participation in Mass, with composer Dan Schutte, who also will lead singing at 5 p.m. Mass. Free; donations accepted; lunch included.

740-743-1030

Sister Dorothy Doyle’s 60th Jubilee Mass at Rosemont

4:30 p.m., Rosemont Center, 2440 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass marking 60th anniversary of profession of vows by Sister Dorothy Doyle, RGS.

614-471-2626

9, SUNDAY

Opening of Dick English Exhibit at de Porres Center

2 to 4 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Opening reception for “Around Home and About Town” exhibit of photos by former Catholic Times photographer Dick English. Exhibit continues through Thursday, Oct. 18.

614-416-1910

Newark St. Francis de Sales 125th Anniversry Mass

Noon, St. Francis de Sales Church, 66 Granville St., New-

ark. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates church’s 125th anniversary Mass.

740-345-9874

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

706-761-4054

10, MONDAY

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon

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

Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

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

614-406-2939

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, (Christ the King Church campus), Columbus.

614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men’s Bible Study

7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

614-459-2766

10-12, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Sewing for Newborns in Need at Sts. Peter & Paul Center

9 a.m., Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark. Sewing of baby quilts for Greater Newark chapter of Newborns in Need.

740-928-4246

11, TUESDAY

‘EnCourage’ Support Group Mass and Meeting

6 p.m. Mass, followed by 7 p.m. meeting of a new Columbus-area Catholic organization providing solace, support, and counsel for parents and relatives of those with a same-sex attraction.

614-732-5249

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

12, WEDNESDAY

Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves

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

614-416-1910

13, 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.

614-406-9516

Theology on Tap Meeting

7 to 9 p.m., El Vaquero Restaurant, 3230 Olentangy River Road, Columbus. Monthly meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for Catholics 21 and older. Speaker: Jerry Freewalt of diocesan Office of Social Concerns, discussing “Faithful Citizenship.” Information at <http://cbustheologyontap.tumblr.com> or on Facebook.

14-16, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Courage Retreat at St. Therese’s

St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Retreat sponsored by Columbus chapter of Courage, a Catholic organization which promotes chaste living for those with same-sex attraction, led by Dr. Perry Cahall of Ohio Dominican University. Theme: “Pursuing Purity of Heart.”

614-372-5249

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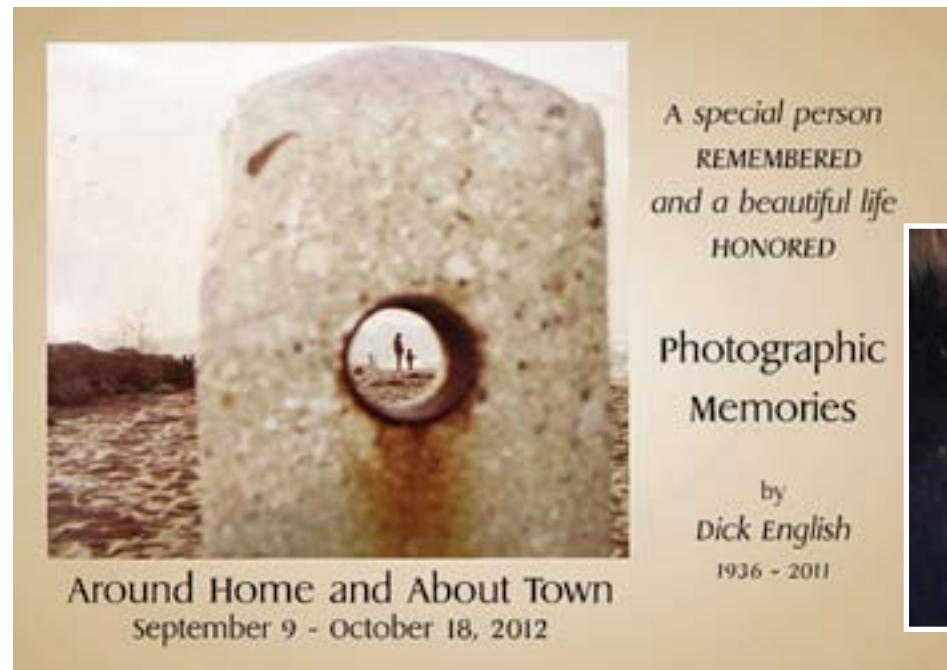
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The Martin de Porres Center is hosting an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, for an exhibit of photographs by longtime *Catholic Times* photographer Dick English (1936-2011). Before the serious illness that claimed his life last December, as plans for this retrospective exhibit were being made, English suggested the title “Around Home and About Town” to

reflect the comfortable and familiar subjects of many of his favorite photos. The exhibit will continue through Thursday, Oct. 18.

In his own words – nostalgic in the digital era – “I have always been attracted to pictures. Cameras seemed so magical. Put film in a black box, aim, arrange the scene, and press a button. Take film to be processed. Wait several



PHOTOS BY DICK ENGLISH

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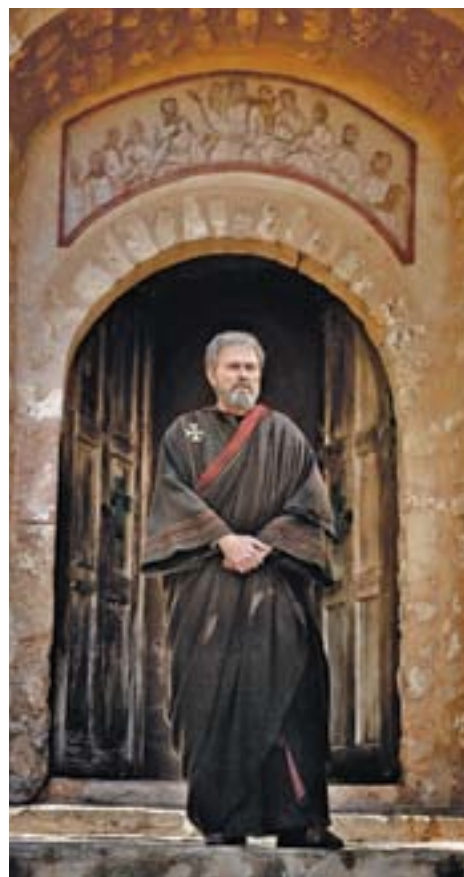
days (pre-Polaroid and one-hour printing); then enjoy the good pictures and learn from the mistakes that dashed some of your dreams.” His artist’s statement continues, “After seeing the quality of our wedding photographs in 1976, I strived to find some way to do this type of work. I answered an ad for a wedding photographer. Great experience.”

At the reception, a brief program will

take place at 3 p.m., including the singing of several hymns by the choir of Columbus St. Thomas Church, where Dick and his wife, Ginny, maintained active membership for 36 years.

To view the exhibit after the opening reception, please call the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, at (614) 416-1910 for an appointment.

MOVIE REVIEW



RESTLESS HEART

Message for modern times seen in story of St. Augustine's conversion

By Catherine McDonough
Catholic News Service

St. Augustine’s “Confessions,” the autobiographical account of his sinful youth and eventual conversion to Christianity, may be a centuries-old story, but its message still resonates today, according to the head of Ignatius Press.

For the first time, a feature film -- titled “Restless Heart” -- will tell the story of the fifth-century doctor of the church’s journey to faith, said Mark Brumley, chief executive officer of Ignatius Press.

“Catholics who have children who stray and leave the faith, or a spouse who is not Catholic ... can learn from the example of St. Augustine,” Brumley said in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) “was raised in a family situation where his mother was a Christian and his father was not. He was not baptized as a child. He went off to school and was exposed to many perspectives at odds

with faith,” he said.

Later, after he converted to Christianity in 386 and was baptized, he “came to be a major figure,” Brumley said.

The title of the movie is taken from a famous quote of St. Augustine: “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.”

The U.S. debut of the film was scheduled for Aug. 29 during the 2012 Catholic Marketing Network Trade Show at the Arlington, Texas, Convention Center, according to an announcement from Ignatius.

Ignatius Press is working with parishes, organizations, and individuals who want to arrange a screening of the film at a local theater or some other appropriate venue. Information about arranging a screening may be found online at www.restlessheartfilm.com.

“Restless Heart” is one of two films Ignatius Press is currently behind. The other is “Cosmic Origins,” about the

intersection of faith and science, which is being made available for showings in parishes and schools. Information for private screenings of “Cosmic Origins” may be found at www.cosmicorigins-film.com.

Either movie can be a fund raiser for parishes or groups, Brumley told CNS. He said each also can be a “faith raiser,” helping people deepen their faith during Pope Benedict XVI’s Year of Faith, which starts in October.

Produced by an Italian public broadcasting station, “Restless Heart” originally was filmed in English as a mini-series and, with Ignatius Press as a partner, has made it to the U.S. as a full-length film.

“It is a truly inspirational film, and I think people will be greatly moved,” Brumley said. “They will be moved and inspired by the story of St. Augustine.”

Photo: Franco Nero portrays St. Augustine later in his life in a scene from “Restless Heart.”
CNS photo, courtesy of Ignatius Press



Members of the Missionaries of Charity pray in front of a portrait of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, marking her 102nd birthday, in Kolkata, India, on Aug. 26. Mother Teresa, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate who died in 1997, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003 at the Vatican.
CNS photo/Rupak De Chowdhuri, Reuters

NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Residents react after visiting a cemetery decorated with opposition flags on Aug. 19, the first day of Eid al-Fitr, in Homs, Syria. Archbishop Mario Zenari, the Vatican nuncio to Syria, said all sides in the conflict must rigorously respect international humanitarian law.
CNS photo/Sham News Network handout via Reuters



Workers install a bronze statue of Jesus crucified in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita, Kan., on Aug. 20. The bronze statue and accompanying statues of Mary and Joseph are part of a renovation of the mother church of the Diocese of Wichita that will be completed by the end of the year.
CNS photo/Christopher M. Riggs, Catholic Advance

Diocesan high school football season kicks off

BY DOUG BEAN

Another high school football season kicked off last week for 10 teams in the diocese. And the school with the greatest expectations for a successful run didn't disappoint anyone.

Columbus Bishop Hartley, which won a state title in 2010 and reached the Division IV semifinals last year, dominated perennial playoff qualifier Amanda-Clearcreek this past Friday night en route to an impressive 42-0 victory.

Four diocesan schools collided in head-to-head matchups during the opening weekend. Two of those featured new head coaches on the sideline.

Joel Cutler, previously an assistant coach at Upper Arlington, enjoyed a successful debut at Columbus Bishop Ready with a 34-20 win over Newark Catholic on Saturday night. Casey Cummings guided his alma mater, Tuscarawas Central Catholic, to a 51-29 victory over Lancaster Fisher Catholic on Saturday afternoon in New Philadelphia.

Columbus Bishop Watterson, coming off an uncharacteristic 3-7 season in 2011, took the first step toward returning to its winning ways with a 24-14 victory over Whitehouse Anthony Wayne on Friday.

That same night, Portsmouth Notre Dame showed it has some game with a 55-20 rout of Chillicothe Huntington.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales, one of the state's traditional Division III powers, didn't fare as well. The Stallions opened with a loss to Gahanna for the second consecutive year, dropping a 13-10 overtime heartbreaker on the road to a Division I playoff qualifier from a year ago.

Columbus St. Charles and Zanesville Rosecrans also came up short their first time out. St. Charles ran into powerful Pickerington North and fell 50-22 to a team considered to be among the top three in central Ohio. Rosecrans lost to Crooksville 42-33.

Hartley's run under fourth-year coach Brad Burchfield has rivaled the prowess of DeSales and Watterson the past few years. And after blowing past Amanda-Clearcreek, the Hawks appear to have another juggernaut this season.

One of Hartley's top players is Ja'Wuan Woodley, a 5-foot-11, 225-pound two-way senior who was the Division IV state defensive player of the year in 2011. From his running back spot on Friday, the University of Toledo recruit rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns. He's coming off a 1,526-yard, 19-TD campaign last fall.

Complementing Woodley on offense is senior Jacob Matuska, a highly recruited 6-3, 250-pound tight end and linebacker who has committed to play for Notre Dame, and senior running back Marcellus Calhoun. Matuska caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jared Brandewie against Amanda-Clearcreek and Calhoun racked up 168 yards on the ground, including an 88-yard scoring run in the first quarter.

Hartley's schedule features its first meeting with Watterson since 1996. The teams play Sept. 28 at Hartley.

Cutler took the first step toward filling the big shoes of former coach Larry Wolf with the opening win over Newark Catholic. Wolf resigned after the Silver Knights went 4-6 in 2011, their second straight season with the same record. Wolf now serves as an assistant offensive line coach at Ohio Dominican University.

"With Newark Catholic having such a great tradition, it was a fun evening and a great win," Cutler said. "I was just really pleased and happy for our kids. They've put in a ton of work before the season both on the field and academically."

Cutler's team is inexperienced with only four starters each on offense and defense,

but there's talent at the skill positions, starting with Matt Yoho. Ready's senior quarterback passed for 201 yards and a touchdown in the opener, connecting seven times for 163 yards with Kelly Culbertson. Senior running back Akili Taylor was just as prolific, with 171 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 26 carries.

"That's what we're striving to be, as balanced as that on offense," Cutler said.

Newark Catholic suffered an opening loss for the second year in a row. Despite falling to Ready, the Green Wave maintains high hopes for the season. Those expectations include reaching the playoffs after missing out last season with a 5-5 record.

Senior running back Kevin Bourne, the team's leading rusher last year with 480 yards, returns along with junior quarterback Chayce Crouch. They're among seven returning starters on offense for a team that has reached the postseason a state-record 31 times.

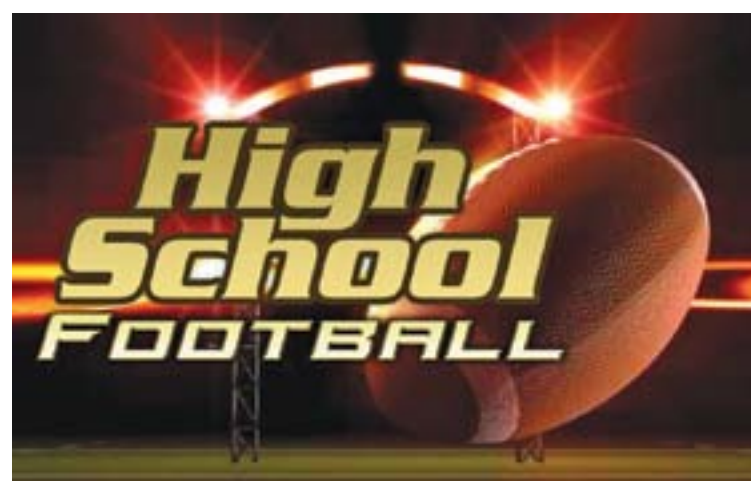
Watterson finds itself in a similar situation. Like Newark Catholic, the Eagles are accustomed to winning. Their sub-.500 record a year ago was the school's first since 1991.

The turnaround won't be easy. With only seven returning starters and a rugged schedule that has six 2011 playoff qualifiers, the Eagles will be challenged. But their opening victory is a step in the right direction.

Leading the Watterson offense are senior quarterback Andy Elbertson, who ran for a touchdown and passed for one on Friday, and junior running back Cody Calhoun. Anchoring the offensive and defensive lines is senior Andrew Lorenz.

Graduation losses left DeSales with just five returning starters, including 10 on defense. And the young Stallions face four 2011 playoff teams out of the gate.

Even with the loss last Friday,



the Stallions' pedigree suggests that they'll bounce back and extend their streak of 18 straight playoff appearances. The good news for DeSales is having some experience at the skill positions on offense, starting with senior quarterback Alex Perrine running the triple option.

St. Charles led Pickerington North twice in the early going Friday before the Cardinals' defense was overwhelmed by a North offense that gained 490 yards.

After reaching the postseason in 2010, St. Charles slipped to 4-6 last fall, but has hopes of elevating its play. Two of the players who could help the Cardinals do that are senior running back Sean Fitzmartin, who scored 16 touchdowns last year, and senior linebacker Philip LaFleur.

Optimism abounds at Tuscarawas Central Catholic, which is trying to bounce back from a 2-8 season. The Saints have eight coaches on their staff, led by Cummings, and the number of players on the team has risen from past years to 36.

Michael Lawless, who shifted to quarterback from other positions for his senior year, led the Saints against Fisher Catholic, passing for 318 yards, three scores and two two-point conversions and running for 177 yards and two TDs.

Fisher Catholic hung with Central Catholic, tying the score at 21 in the third quarter on Matt Leckrone's 61-yard

touchdown run, but was outscored 30-8 the rest of the way.

It wasn't the start to the season the Irish wanted, but there's a strong positive vibe running through a roster of about 30 players out to rebound from last year's 2-8 record. The team's strength appears to be in the offensive backfield, with senior quarterback Joe Delisio and running backs Derrick Schneider (221 rushing yards in the opener) and Leckrone.

Notre Dame just missed qualifying for the playoffs last year with a loss in its final regular-season game. With six home games this year and a solid core of experienced skill-position talent on a 25-player roster, the Titans are thinking postseason.

Senior quarterback Michael Mader is surrounded on offense by Kevin Lewis (36 catches, 11 TDs in 2011), Jack Kayser, Dakota Smith, and Jacob Milani. In Notre Dame's opening win, Smith rushed for 188 yards and two touchdowns and Kayser ran for 82 yards and two scores.

Rosecrans' first playoff victory last year whetted the Bishops' appetite for another bite of the postseason. But they stumbled their first time out with Friday's loss to Crooksville after leading by 14 points at half-time and 13 in the third quarter.

The Bishops are building their hopes around a senior-dominated offensive line and senior running back Luke Lloyd (1,300 yards, 15 TDs in 2011).