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## HONORING CHRIST THE KING



The Editor's Notebook

The Divine King

By David Garick, Editor



The Church year ends this week with the annual Feast of Christ the King. This is an important day in the year for us. I think that we are often too glib in talking about the Kingdom of Heaven. We tend to gloss over the Kingdom part. We want heaven, but we want it on our terms.

I am certainly a big fan of democracy. I believe that government owes all of its power to the consent of the people. The problem is that some of us think that should apply in matters of faith as well. We want to call the shots. We think that the Church should reflect the opinions of the people in the pews. Shouldn't the Church constantly change to reflect the spirit of the times? The answer is a resounding "No!"

The problems we face today stem from the original sin in the Garden of Eden. Our pride gets us into trouble. Adam and Eve sinned in their desire to decide for themselves what is good and what is evil. But that is a determination that God reserves to Himself. Our original parents rebelled against that and were cast from the Garden. How little we have learned over the centuries.

Today, we still want to use our judgment to decide what is right and wrong. We want to amend God's laws to fit our own desires in this modern world. As a result, marriages break up because people don't feel "fulfilled," and the idea of a life-long partnership seems too much of a burden, leaving children without the stability of a traditional nuclear family. Rather than go against the tide of conventional wisdom, we decide

that homosexual conduct is not really a sin, it's just another lifestyle choice. So why not let same-sex couples marry? Never mind that this further erodes the natural function of the institution of marriage. Expediency has become our prime directive. Can't be bothered with having a child right now? Abortion is a quick and easy way out. Don't call it murder, that's too judgmental.

The fact is there are natural laws and there is a judge. Our happiness and our true freedom does not come from doing whatever we think is right. True freedom comes from living in this world in accord with the will of God, who created the world and all of us.

God made that clear through the prophet Isaiah: "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; Let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

I'm glad that we don't elect a God. I'm glad that my eternal soul is in the care of a kind and loving King. I'm glad that it is not up to me to decide what is right and wrong. My King has already done that. I am proud to serve Him.

BISHOPS APPROVE EXHORTATION ENCOURAGING GREATER USE OF PENANCE

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

The U.S. bishops on Nov. 13 overwhelmingly approved an exhortation encouraging Catholics to take advantage of the sacrament of penance, also known as reconciliation.

The vote, which required approval of two-thirds of the bishops, was 236-1.

The text was prepared by the bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, chaired by Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wis.

The exhortation quotes from the Gospel of John after Jesus arose and told the Apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."

In so doing, the exhortation says, Jesus was "proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness."

It adds, "In the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we repent, let go of any pattern of sin, grow in the life of virtue and witness to a joyful conversion."

Bishop Ricken said the document was prepared so that it "might assist in the conversion of hearts for Jesus

Christ, which is at the heart of evangelization."

He added that the exhortation is "rooted in the teachings" of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The brevity of this statement is intended to foster a wide dissemination in parish bulletins, diocesan publications, and social media. In response to a question, Bishop Ricken said the document, if approved, would be published as a pamphlet.

The exhortation tries to ease the fears of Catholics who have not gone to confession for some time.

"We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament," it says. "If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name."

The exhortation reminds Catholics that "Pope Benedict XVI has said, 'The new evangelization ... begins in the confessional!'"

The exhortation will be made public in time to allow for dioceses to prepare for Lent 2013 and to offer the sacrament at times that are "convenient and plentiful," according to a background document on the exhortation.



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for a combination of religious and political reasons. He saw it as a response to government incursions against religious liberty in Europe and to the rise of secularism, a philosophy which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God does not exist.

It's a feast that in the past may not have resonated that well in the United States, a nation which was born out of resistance to the idea of kingship. But more than eight decades after it was first celebrated, it may be taking on new meaning for American Catholics as they fight their own battle to preserve religious liberty and continue an ongoing struggle against the same secularist philosophy Pius XI condemned.

In 1925, Benito Mussolini's Fascist dictatorship was in firm control of Italy, Communism had taken over in Russia, and Germany was in the midst of unrest which eventually brought Hitler and the Nazis to power. Pope Pius said the new feast was a response to the widespread desire of many in the clergy and laity who were looking for a reaffirmation of the primacy of Christ in the life of mankind and of the Church's independence from government interference.

Today, as they seek to overturn the federal mandate to require nearly all health insurance plans, including those offered by most Catholic univer-

sities and agencies, to cover sterilizations and contraceptives, the nation's bishops are involved in the same battle to be free of government control that Pius XI was referring to 87 years ago.

The Feast of Christ the King originally was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, the day set by Pope Pius in his encyclical announcing the event. It was moved to the final Sunday in Ordinary Time in 1969 as part of a revision of the Church's calendar of feasts. This year, it will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 25.

The day's readings at Mass establish the titles for Christ's royalty over men. He is God, the creator of the universe, with a supreme power over all things. He is our Redeemer, who purchased us by his precious blood and made us his property and possession, and he is head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy."

Catholic author David Bennett notes on the Web site [www.churchyear.net](http://www.churchyear.net) that Pope Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have a number of effects.

"When we pay honor to the princely dignity of Christ," the pope wrote, "men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to protect freedom and immunity from the power of the state; and that in fulfilling the task committed to her by God of teaching, ruling, and guiding to eternal bliss those who belong to the king-

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THANKSGIVING



BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

When it comes to Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims were latecomers at the table.

The image of Thanksgiving Day which comes to most Americans' minds is that of the Pilgrims sitting down with Native Americans in 1621 (probably in early October) at Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts and celebrating their survival of a year of hardship since landing at Plymouth Rock in November 1620.

But more than 50 years before the arrival of the Pilgrims, the Spanish Catholic explorers who had established a colony in Florida had their own celebration to thank God for blessing their efforts.

The Spanish explorer Pedro Menendez de Aviles celebrated a feast of thanksgiving with the Timucua Indians on Sept. 8, 1565, in St. Augustine, Fla., the oldest permanent European settlement in the United States. They dined on bean soup, according to "The Cross in the Sand," a book written in 1965 by . Michael Gannon, a retired history scholar from the University of Florida.

"By the time the Pilgrims came to Plymouth, St. Augustine was up for urban renewal," Gannon joked in 1985 in an Associated Press story about the subject. Robyn Gioia, an author from St. Augustine, added to the debate in 2007 with a children's book titled "America's REAL First Thanksgiving."

Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles noted in 2008, while he was archbishop of San Antonio, that "on April 30, 1598, in Texas, (Spanish explorer) Don Juan de Onate had already declared officially a 'Day of Thanksgiving,' commemorated

with the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

"Onate did what is essentially Catholic: to celebrate the Eucharist, a word which comes from the Greek term *Eukaristein*, and which means, precisely, 'thanksgiving,'" Archbishop Gomez wrote.

The people at Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts, site of the 1621 Thanksgiving, acknowledge that it may not have been the original celebration of such a feast in what's now the United States.

"Plimoth Plantation prides itself in peeling back the layers on America's favorite holiday, but we never claim we held the first Thanksgiving," Plimoth spokeswoman Jennifer Monac told *USA Today* in 2007.

"What people celebrate today as Thanksgiving is pretty much a myth. It's nothing like what the people in Plymouth or Jamestown or St. Augustine, for that matter, celebrated," she said.

Thanksgiving Day is not an official feast day of the Catholic Church in the United States, but many parishes in the Diocese of Columbus and elsewhere will mark the occasion with special Masses on Thursday, Nov. 22. In some cases, there may be blessings of food for distribution to the poor or for family use.

There also is a special Mass for the day. The Old Testament reading for the day is from the book of Sirach on the wonders God has done. It is followed by a passage from First Corinthians in which St. Paul thanks God for the grace he has bestowed on the Christian community of Corinth, and the parable of the 10 lepers from Luke's Gospel, with its message in

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A stained-glass window of Jesus wearing a crown is seen at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y. The feast of Christ the King, celebrated on the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, is observed on Nov. 25 this year.

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**PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP**  
By Rick Jeric

*Grateful*

Did you pray for our military veterans this past week? The focused prayer for our brave heroes, both living and deceased, seems easy. But like any good prayer, it takes time, dedication, and even good planning or scheduling. We simply would not be here enjoying our current freedoms and lifestyles if not for their selfless sacrifice and service. We are forever grateful. We should always pray for our veterans, along with all those currently serving in the military. As we know, conflicts are forged and wars are waged by leaders and politicians who typically never set foot on a battlefield. We send young men and women far away to do their dirty work and to keep us safe. And yes, in many cases, to also keep other people and nations safe. So while we pray for these brave fellow Americans, let us also pray for an end to war and for an everlasting peace on earth.

Thanksgiving is here again. It is a little early this year, it seems. Of course, amid all the challenges, struggles, and suffering in the world, we have much for which to be thankful. I am grateful for all that God provides. As good and faithful stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, we cherish and tend them responsibly, we share them in justice and love with others, and we return them with increase to the Lord. I am grateful for every new day, even when I would rather stay in bed. I am grateful for my home, the electricity, the furnace, and the coffee maker, knowing that there are literally millions of people in this world who have none of those things. I am grateful for a loving, caring, giving, and wonderful wife and children who treat me better than I really deserve. I am grateful for my automobile and for the resources to buy gasoline and provide maintenance, no matter how much I grumble about the cost. I am grateful for everyone on the road, even when I lose my patience with them, because they each help make up the Body of Christ. I am grateful for my co-workers, who dedicate themselves to doing their very best to serve the people of the Diocese of Columbus. I am grateful for the plentiful food and drink that are so readily available and accessible each day, whenever we want it, again knowing how many people in our own back yard are in line at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen, Faith Mission, or the Salvation Army. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend Mass each day, and the privilege of receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, which is the spiritual nourishment that ties all of these things together and gives us eternal life. I am grateful for every one of us who are the Body of Christ. Thank you, Lord, for all that you provide.

Our practical challenge this week is to be grateful, but also to live our lives in thanksgiving as the Eucharist demands. Just get rid of whatever is making you bitter, resentful, sad, depressed, hardened, selfish, or angry. No matter how bad it seems, we are of God, for God, and will return to God. Live your gratefulness and thanksgiving and embrace those you love. Tell them. Welcome them. Seek out those who you know are struggling. Serve the strangers. Be grateful, show it, and live it.

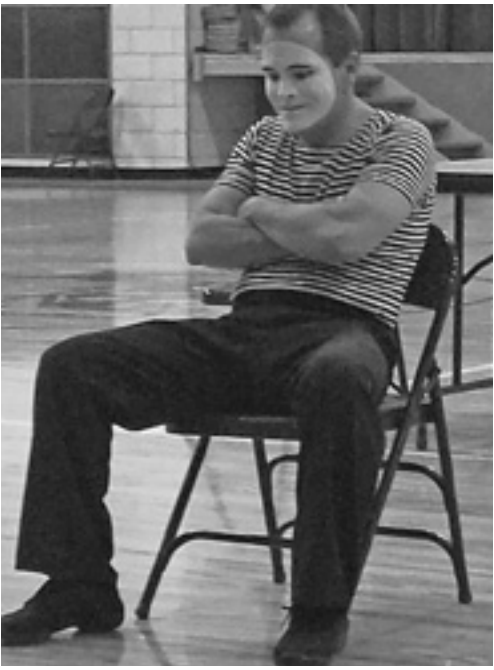
**Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.**



**BISHOP FLAGET AUTHORS DAY**

Toma, a mime who studied and taught with the world's most famous mine, Marcel Marceau, visited Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School on its Young Authors Day, sponsored by the school Parents' Club in cooperation with Mobile Ed Productions. Toma's presence helped students learn the difference between writing for the stage and writing for the page. After an opening assembly, students returned to their classrooms, where they worked in groups to write stories Toma could perform in the afternoon. During the lunch hour, he went over all of the students' stories, picking the top 10 to turn into scenes. The day ended with Toma's performance and an evaluation of the students' writing.

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School



**Bishop Dewane to headline Cradling Christianity**

Cradling Christianity's eighth annual fundraiser for Christians in the Holy Land will take place in the chapel and Walter Student Commons at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013. Bishop Frank Dewane of the Diocese of Venice, Fla., will be the featured speaker.



A board member of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, Bishop Dewane worked for NBC

in Moscow, and later, after ordination, served as a member of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in New York City. He was appointed bishop of Venice in 2006. Check the Cradling Christianity Facebook page and the website [www.FFHL.org](http://www.FFHL.org) and click on "regional sites/Columbus, Ohio" for more information, or send an email note to [figiebrown@aol.com](mailto:figiebrown@aol.com).

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**Fall Priests' Retreat**



Several diocesan priests took part in the fall priests retreat at St. Therese's Retreat Center. The retreat director was Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and vice postulator for the sainthood cause of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He devoted the retreat to discussing various aspects of priesthood and the priestly life of loving service to Christ, His church and His people. Retreat participants were (from left) Father Theodore Machnick, Father William Hahn, Msgr. Robert Noon, Msgr. David Sorohan, Father Harold Schneider, Father G. Michael Gribble, Father Apostoli, Fr. Joseph Losh (seated), Father Peter Gideon, Father David Sizemore, Father Jeffrey Rimelspach, Msgr. Robert Schneider, Father Hilary Ike, Father Michael Nimocks, Father Jonathan Wilson, Msgr. James Ruef, Father Michael Lumpe, and Father Victor Wesolowski. Participants not pictured were Msgr. Anthony Borrelli, Father Michael Dosch, OP, Father Richard Engle, Father Matthew Hoover, Msgr. James Nugent, and Father Jerome Stluka.



**DeSales student in lead role of "The Nutcracker"**

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School senior Brooklyn Slone will be performing in the lead role of Clara at the Columbus Youth Ballet's version of "The Nutcracker." Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Thurber Theater in the Drake Union at The Ohio State University, 1849 Cannon Drive, Columbus.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

**"Bethlehem Carol" at St. Joan of Arc**

The true meaning of Christmas bursts forth from the eyes of children as angels sing, camels dance, and animals give praise at the birth of Jesus. Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, will present its 20th annual production of "A Bethlehem Carol" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. The play will be performed by the children of the parish. Cast members include, front, Lexi Winship, and back (from left) Katherine Winship, Nolan Vondracek, Rachel McCabe, and Anna Wiemels.



Photo courtesy St. Joan of Arc Church

**St. Pius Retreat**

The Spiritual Life Committee of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church will sponsor its annual men's retreat from Friday to Sunday, Dec. 7 to 9, at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The theme will be "Jesus is God's unique human ADVENTure. Each person is also one of God's human ADVENTures." The retreat leader will be Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, of the Columbus St. Thomas



More Retreat Center. Mass, adoration, group discussion, and fellowship will be part of the experience. This Advent retreat will allow participants to slow down and encounter God's presence in their busy lives. The cost is \$110, or \$50 for those not wishing to stay overnight, payable to St. Pius X Church. To register, contact Leah Kelly at (614) 866-2859. The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 30.

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*A quick note from:*

THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

OUR SUNDAY LITURGY:

The Communion Rites - The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic prayer ends with our voice joining with the eternal *Amen*. No longer are we kneeling. We now find ourselves standing around Christ's altar. However, our minds and hearts are not dismissed from the presence of the heavenly liturgy. Through the voice of our presider, Christ himself commands us to pray to God the Father using his special prayer.

Within the celebration of the Mass, the Lord's prayer takes on a special significance that we do not experience when prayed at other times. During this point in the celebration of the Mass, we find ourselves physically standing in the present world while our minds and hearts are at the heavenly liturgy. We are between the ever-present and the eternal future. It is with this understanding that we are commanded to pray the words Jesus gave us.

The first half of the prayer places our attention on God the Father. Where else would our attention be when we are standing in his presence? We are stating what is going on within our minds and hearts: "Our Father, who art in heaven." In a form of praise, thanksgiving, and petition we continue to pray "thy, thy, thy." First, praising God's name. Secondly, giving thanks for the offer of eternal life. And finally, petitioning that what we experience at the heavenly liturgy will be experienced within our present lives.

The words of our Lord's prayer now turn our attention to the present. We now pray for "us, us, and us." We are standing with the entire Church – now, in



the past, and in the future. The "us" is everyone. We pray that we will receive what we need for life – our daily bread. We pray for forgiveness. However, this forgiveness is limited by our own forgiveness of others. And we pray for the grace to avoid being tempted in our present lives as continue to seek the heavenly kingdom.

The words of this last petition are echoed as the presider continues; "Deliver us, Lord, from every evil . . . keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety . . ." Then, using the words of Scripture, "as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13), the presider identifies our place within the middle ground: on the one hand, the evils of this world; on the other, the coming of Christ from the future. It is from this middle ground, where we hope to see the future coming of our Savior, that we conclude our dialogue with God the Father by saying, "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever."

The Lord's prayer is the beginning of the Communion Rites. It is the bridge between the Eucharistic prayer, where we physically stand within our own worship space while our minds and hearts are present at the heavenly liturgy, and the rites that continue through the end of our celebration.

CAN A CHRISTIAN WHO IS NOT  
A CATHOLIC RECEIVE A SACRAMENT?



QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

Q. My mother, a baptized member of the Baptist tradition, is 92 years old. She is currently hospitalized with some very serious health issues that may result in the end of her natural life.

I am a Roman Catholic, an ordained permanent deacon. I would like to know your view on whether to have my parish priest administer the sacrament of anointing (of the sick) to my mother. She is not asking for this, is likely not sufficiently lucid to understand, and would not have understood the sacrament even before the deterioration of her health.

At some level, I suppose having her anointed would provide a sense of peace to my wife and me. Are we off base? (Evansville, Ind.)

A. The church's *Code of Canon Law*, in No. 844, speaks to your situation.

In reference to the sacraments of penance, Eucharist, and anointing of the sick, that canon provides that "if the danger of death is present, ... Catholic ministers administer these same sacraments licitly also to other Christians not having full communion with the Catholic Church, who cannot approach a minister of their own community and who seek such on their own accord, provided that they manifest Catholic faith in respect to these sacraments and are properly disposed."

The effects of the sacrament of anointing include, among others, "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; (and) the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1532).

Given those effects, I

can understand why it would be of great comfort to you to have your mother anointed. However, a key element here is that your mother never asked to be anointed, and I would consider it a violation of her privacy and privilege to confer the sacrament on someone who (as the canon stipulates) has not sought it on her own accord.

Certainly it would be proper for you and/or your parish priest to pray at your mother's bedside that God will bless her with strength and peace. I would suggest, too, out of respect for your mother's religious preference, that you might invite a Baptist minister to pray over her. (I'm not sure of her state of awareness, but that might give her added comfort.)

Be at peace. No doubt your mother has lived a good life (including raising a deacon for the church). I'm quite sure that God has this all figured out and is waiting to bring her home.

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

"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" CONCERT

The Martin de Porres Center's annual holiday program, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, will feature the Columbus Women's Chorus (CWC) presenting its "Home for the Holidays" concert. The chorus, led by artistic director Jennifer Bell will entertain the audience with selections from its recent "Family and Friends" concert and some seasonal favorites. The chorus was born in 1989 as a non-auditioned group open to all women who want to sing for the purpose of celebrating life through the power of music.

The mission of the CWC is to foster excellence and innovation in the performance and

presentation of women's music and, through its community of voices, to entertain and educate audiences, enrich and enlighten minds and spirits, encourage societal change, and open hearts to diversity. Known in central Ohio for performing music created and inspired by the lives and experiences of women from all walks of life, the chorus offers two major concerts each year and performs at various events.

To register for the event by Friday, Dec. 7, call the center, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus, at (614) 416-1910 or go to [www.martindeporres-center.net](http://www.martindeporres-center.net). A free-will offering will be taken at the door.

Circleville K of C honors nation's longest-serving sheriff

Father John S. Hannan Knights of Columbus Council 5297 in Circleville sponsored an appreciation dinner for retiring Pickaway County Sheriff Dwight Radcliff, the nation's longest-serving sheriff, who will be stepping down in January after 48 years as the county's top law enforcement officer.

The sheriff and the Pickaway County Catholic family had a long relationship, stemming from the many years the sheriff's office and jail were located across an alley from Circleville St. Joseph Church.

Among special guests at the dinner was Msgr. Frank Meagher, who served the parish for many years. During the blizzard of 1978, Msgr. Meagher and his four-wheel drive Bronco were pressed into service by Radcliff

to help citizens affected by the storm. Following the blizzard, the sheriff made Msgr. Meagher an honorary deputy and the department's chaplain.

The night also featured presentations from Judges William Harsha, Charles Hosterman (retired), and Randall Knece, all of whom had worked with Sheriff Radcliff. The sheriff was introduced by his son, Robert, who will follow in his father's footsteps after being elected sheriff earlier this month.

At the end of the evening, the council's grand knight, John Lake, presented Sheriff Radcliff with a donation from the council for the DARE program, which works with schoolchildren to teach them the dangers of illegal drugs.



Pictured at an appreciation dinner for retiring Pickaway County Sheriff Dwight Radcliff are (from left) John Lake, grand knight of Knights of Columbus Council 5297; the sheriff's wife, Betty; Sheriff Radcliff; and Msgr. Frank Meagher.

Catholic Man of the Year applications

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is requesting nominations for the 2013 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year award, which will be presented by Bishop Frederick Campbell at the club's Feb. 1, 2013 meeting at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. All nominees are invited as the club's guests to the award ceremony. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The club has presented the award every

year since 1957. Anyone in the diocese may participate by nominating a man who would serve as an inspiration and would strengthen all Catholic men to continue living their vocation of holiness.

Nominees must be laymen, who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the "good and faithful servant." The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal witness of the faith during the award ceremony, which is shared throughout the diocese through the *Catholic Times* and St. Gabriel Radio.

The process for selecting an individual is difficult because each of the nominees is a Catholic Man of the Year in his own right. But only one can be selected from the many qualified candidates who are nominated.

The award selection committee is made up of two men from each of the following organizations:

the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Men's Ministry, the Catholic Men's Retreat League, and the Serra Club, along with a parish priest for spiritual guidance. After consideration of each nomination, the committee makes a recommendation to the bishop. Last year, Tom Wagner of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish was selected as the award recipient.

Nominators are asked to list the nominee's name, address, parish, pastor's name, telephone, email address, marital status, and (if married) the nominee's wife's name. Nominators also must list their own name, phone, email address, and relationship to the nominee.

They also must describe specific qualifications of the nominee, addressing his spirituality and how he lives the life of Christ in the home, the parish, and the community. Remarks should be as descriptive as pos-

sible, using a maximum of 500 words.

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ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

By Loren Brown



Parking Spaces for the Future Faithful

Growing up in the Toledo Diocese during the 70’s, I recall receiving much of my “youth ministry” through our Catholic Youth Organization, or CYO, as we affectionately referred to it on a daily basis. I was blessed to participate at the CYO football fields, in the downtown CYO Activities Center and in another CYO gymnasium for basketball. Youth ministry at our Sacred Heart parish and school, for me, also consisted of being a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, and an altar server, participation in the weekday Mass liturgy, and, of course, receiving excellent instruction from the Sisters of Notre Dame. Youth ministry was not a specific title or program in our parish; it was a culture in our parish life. This culture rooted me with lifelong Catholic relationships, Catholic teachings and values, and the desire to grow even closer to God in my faith coming out of early adulthood.

Today, youth ministry is a specific focus in our parishes and in our diocese. There is also more of a focus on young adult ministry, with the diocese even introducing a Theology on Tap program for our faithful in their 20s, 30s, and beyond. Yet in speaking with Mike Hall, director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young

Adult Ministry, I learned that we only have approximately 40 full- or part-time youth ministers on staff in our parishes. This means that less than 40 percent of our parishes in the 23-county diocese have organized youth ministry development. Many youth ministers also perform other duties, including family ministry, religious education, development of the liturgy (in music and other ways), and more. Our Catholic youth and young adult ministries are so important to the future of our faith, and we are blessed to have a number of staff and volunteers who are dedicated as disciples of Christ for the faith development of our young people. Thank you to each of them for their gifts!

However, we still have a long way to go. It is heartbreaking to see so many of the grant requests to The Catholic Foundation for youth ministry go unfunded because of the many other needs requested by our parishes and the limited amount of financial resources. Youth ministry is rooted in the parish, and everyone is responsible for welcoming and including our youth into parish life. Too often, we think about providing for the long-term physical needs of the parish, such as new parking lots, but fail to provide

for the spiritual needs of our future parishioners. Did you know that 54 percent of people who leave their faith do so by age 18? Parking lots and other building repairs are certainly important, but by forming and training youth ministers and developing youth ministry programs, we have the opportunity to use more of those parking lot spaces now and in the long-term future of our parishes and Catholic faith.

It takes \$30,000-40,000 per year to pay for the salary and benefits of a full-time youth minister. Just two or three estate plan gifts could fund a youth minister in perpetuity through an endowment at The Catholic Foundation. Think about how we all can involve our youth in the liturgy, parish life, even the development of the homily through the work of a youth minister. This just sets the stage for their involvement in parish life as they develop into young adults and beyond. I encourage you to pray about establishing an endowment fund at The Catholic Foundation or allocating funds in your estate that specifically benefit youth ministry at your parish. We are here to help you, as you help the future faithful in our diocese.

*Brown is the president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation and a parish-ioner at Granville St. Edward Church.*

The Catholic Foundation’s New Development Officer



Craig joins Loren Brown, chief executive officer, and Scott Hart-

The Catholic Foundation has hired Craig Heppner as development officer.

man, senior vice president of development and grants administration, in their efforts to meet the ongoing needs of the schools, parishes, and ministries within the diocese.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, Heppner previously worked as a field agent for the Knights of Columbus, providing members with insurance and financial solutions. He is a third-

degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 11275 in Upper Arlington and a fourth-degree member of Assembly 2380 in Columbus.

Craig lives in the city’s Clintonville neighborhood with his wife, Courtney, and their two-year old son, Rory. They are expecting an addition to their family in April. They attend Columbus Immaculate Conception Church.






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Being Grateful

By Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC

There are special times during the year when most of us at least make an extra effort to express our gratitude and appreciation for the people in our lives and the gifts we have been given — Mother’s and Father’s Day, birthdays, Valentine’s Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Now there are even designated days to celebrate grandparents, bosses, secretaries, and so on. For the most part, these days are marketing tools to get us to spend our money. On the other hand, they do serve as reminders of how important it is to thank others and show our appreciation for them.

As Christians, we know that that everything we are and have has been given to us by God, including our relationships. One way to express our love is through our gestures of gratitude, not just with cards or gifts on special days, but always.

Gratitude is something we learn. Many parents try to teach their children to be thankful. One often hears a mother or father say to a small child after he or she receives something, “What do you say?” I was also taught to write thank-you notes when I received a gift or was invited to a dinner, etc. Now people send emails or virtual cards. Many don’t even bother. If you have gone to a wedding lately,

you might know what I mean.

In our world, it is so easy to get wrapped up in our much-too-busy lives that we often forget or neglect to perform even simple acts of courtesy. We fail to express our appreciation for acts of kindness we receive. Many times we don’t even think about it. Even worse, some of us may consider some good deeds done as things others are supposed to do. I have heard people say they don’t feel obliged to thank people in the service industries because “that is what they get paid for.” Some children have a similar attitude about their parents. They don’t think about thanking them for what they do because they feel that is their duty. That is what parents are supposed to do. Often, when they become adults and parents, they realize all their parents did for them. Then there are those people, as my father used to say, who think the world owes them a living! We can take a lot of things and people for granted, including God.

As in all relationships, gratitude is also important in our relationship with God. When it comes right down to it, all we are and have comes from our gracious God. A good habit to develop in our evening prayer or some other time of the day is to reflect on the past 24 hours and give God thanks for the many blessings,

We are to reclaim and redeem the world for Christ’s kingdom

By Leandro M. Tapay

Jesus taught in a way that did not require sophisticated theological scholarship to decipher the meaning behind His words. He made God’s truth more accessible and understandable to common folks.

An expert of the law tested Jesus with the question “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?”

In a sweeping simplification of thousands of years of Jewish teaching, Jesus summed up God’s law in a way anyone could understand. He replied, “‘Love God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The whole law and the prophets hang on these two commandments” (Matthew 22:34-40).

Love God. Love your neighbor. That’s it!

How much simpler this must have been to the common folks who were being manipulated by the complexity coming from their teachers and leaders.

To love God means to love Him with our heart and soul – to love Him with our whole being – totally and completely.

It sits above the many detailed requirements of the Old Testament Law because it recognizes that all forms of obedience to God must first and foremost flow from our love for God. Christ’s castigation of the Pharisees condemned their legalism, devoid of any love, mercy, and justice.

Jesus then linked the second commandment to the first by saying “and the second is like it.” In other words, loving our neighbor is like loving God. If we truly love God, we will express it by loving our neighbors. When we truly love our neighbors, it expresses our love for God.

The two loves are fully interconnect-

great or small, we have received. Even the fact that we had another day of life is something to thank our creator for.

I have written many times about my admiration of the people of Uganda, but it is worth doing it again. The people in that nation have a beautiful custom of giving thanks for everything in their lives. Their word they use is *webali*. Any time a person goes to someone’s home, the host thanks that person for visiting. Or if someone has a conversation with another, that person would thank him or her for speaking. They express gratitude for every human action, no matter how big or small. It is an important part of their culture. I have experience of this, since I am living with our Ugandan novices. They appreciate everything they have and receive.

The Ugandans have a lesson to teach us. There is no doubt that our world would be a better place if we regularly expressed our genuine appreciation for life and for all that we receive from God and one another.

St. Paul says it simply in Colossians, “... Always be thankful” (Colossians 3:15). And, I would add, don’t forget to express it.

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lives of obedience to everything Jesus commanded.

We are commanded to love God, to love our neighbors, and to go and make disciples of others who will do the same.

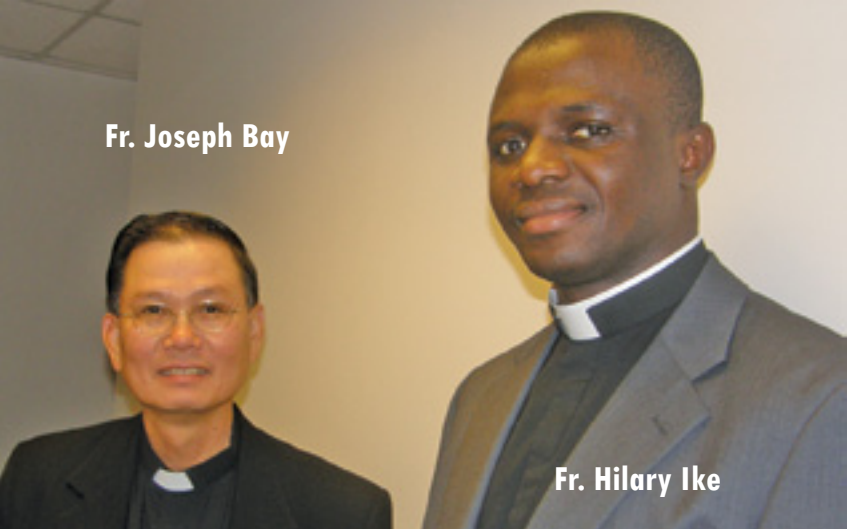
The spreading of the Gospel has to be carried out on earth by the Church – men and women commanded by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ followers were not to sit idly and await His return; they were to work boldly in a social revolution that will be completed upon His return – when all things will be restored and His kingdom made complete.

The same is true today. We are not to give up on the world – not to retreat from it. Just the opposite – we are to reclaim and redeem the world for Christ’s kingdom.

*Leandro M. Tapay is director of the Missions Office of the Diocese of Columbus.*



# PRIESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SERVE CATHOLICS IN COLUMBUS



**BY TIM PUET**

*Reporter, Catholic Times*

**Father Ramon Oweru, CFIC**, has celebrated Masses in English, Italian, and the Tagalog language of the Philippines. Some have been before thousands of Filipinos. Others have been in hospital chapels with no one present. But regardless of the situation, each Mass is a special occasion for him.

“Every Mass is always a meaningful Mass,” said Father Oweru, “Every time I proclaim a particular Gospel reading, no matter how many times I’ve read it before, it seems like I find a new idea through the prompting of the Holy Spirit.”

“There’s always something new to discover in the Mass, or an aspect of something that’s familiar being shown to me in a different way,” said **Father Jose Manickathan, CFIC**, who, like Father Oweru, is a member of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. “I celebrate or concelebrate Mass every day, whether it’s at a hospital or at Holy Cross. If I don’t, I feel something is lacking.”

Father Oweru and Father Manickathan have resided at Columbus Holy Cross Church since March 2011 and serve as chaplains at Mount Carmel East and West, Doctors West, and Riverside Methodist hospitals in Columbus, Mount Carmel St. Ann’s Hospital in Westerville, and Dublin Methodist Hospital.

They are among several priests from other nations currently serving in the Diocese of Columbus whose presence provides a constant reminder of the universal nature of the Catholic Church and of Jesus’ final command to the Apostles to spread his message to the world.

“No matter where a priest is, his ministry is still the same and the Catholic Church is the same,” said **Father Sylvester Onyeachonam**, of Nigeria, who is chaplain at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and in residence at Columbus Christ the King Church. “I have been a priest in Nigeria, in Ireland, and now here in the United States. No matter where I am, I find people are very appreciative of my calling and that the values of hospitality, compassion, and care a priest represents cut across all cultures.”

Father Oweru, a native of the Philippines, and Father Manickathan, who is from India, celebrate Masses at Mount Carmel West and East and St. Ann’s on various weekdays and on Sundays. Father Oweru also celebrates a Mass for Filipino Catholics at 7:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month at Holy Cross. Father Manickathan occasionally presides at the 3:30 p.m. Sunday Masses at Columbus Sacred Heart Church in the Syro-Malabar Catholic rite, which has most of its members in India.

Father Oweru and Father Manickathan both had extensive international experience before coming to Columbus, serving in their respective homelands and in Canada. Father Manickathan also has served in the Archdiocese of Milan, Italy, and as a chaplain in the Sanctuary of Our Lady in Lourdes, France.

“Culture, climate, and language were all different in every place we’ve been,” Father Manickathan said. “Each place has its own distinct way of thinking and at first, it’s a little difficult to adjust. But eventually, you get used to it. The structure of the Mass is the same everywhere, so you always have that in common with other Catholics. Both of us spent time in Toronto, where there are Sunday Masses

in 35 languages, but nearly everyone speaks English, so we could communicate and mingle with everyone.”

“Our main work here is in hospitals. The opportunity to work with people who are in pain and need prayer is something that’s at the heart of being a priest, no matter where you are,” Father Oweru said. “Our master, Jesus, was always concerned about healing, and there’s a great opportunity for conversion in hospitals. Those without faith may find a hope and strength they weren’t aware of, and those with faith find that it gives them greater hope and strength to meet the challenges they face.”

“A hospital is always a place of paradox,” said Father Onyeachonam. “Lives are saved and lives are lost. Some days are very fulfilling because you witness miracles in which God works through doctors and nurses. Others are heart-breaking, especially here at Nationwide Children’s, because the patients are so young and you and the parents feel so helpless when facing the reality of a child dying.”

Father Onyeachonam, of the Diocese of Enugu, Nigeria, has been in Columbus since mid-2011. He is taking clinical pastoral education courses at Nationwide Children’s and ultimately will return to Nigeria to train other priests as hospital chaplains. Previously, he spent four years in Ireland, ministering to its small, but growing African community, primarily in Dublin, at the request of that nation’s bishops.

“I was a pioneer there,” he said. “Africans began coming to Ireland after it joined the European Union. Eventually, the bishops asked for someone to serve them because they realized the African style of worship did not fit the European

pattern. Ireland to that point had very few Africans, and the Irish today are struggling with integration in the way the United States did in the 1950s.

“My work here and in Ireland has been very fulfilling, but one of the things common about both places for me, as I think it is for many missionaries, was a feeling of loneliness in the period after arriving in a new country, before you start knowing people, knowing the system, and starting to move around.

“You have to jump through a lot of hurdles, but eventually you start finding friends in the community and especially among your fellow priests. The priests here in Columbus have really helped me settle down and provided great friendship. But I have to admit that sometimes I still feel a little homesick.”

Two priests from foreign lands serve on the diocesan marriage Tribunal. **Father Joseph Bay**, a native of Vietnam, was ordained by Bishop James Griffin in 1994 and is pastor of Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church. **Father Hilary Ike** is from the same Nigerian diocese as Father Onyeachonam and is in residence at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Father Bay came to Columbus in 1990 to study for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum and has been here ever since. He had been a seminarian in Vietnam for nine years, but had to leave because that nation’s Communist government wouldn’t let him complete his seminary education there.

“The best thing about being a priest here is being able to minister in freedom and democracy,” he said. “In Vietnam, worship is allowed, but it’s not really free. There no longer is a Communist party. It’s called the People’s Party instead, but it’s the same thing.

“The government is very much a collectivist economy, with most of the money ending up in the party’s pockets. They can stop priests and bishops from functioning at any time and otherwise make life difficult for them. A good example is what they do on Christmas, which was always a major holiday before they took over. On that day, they always make sure there’s a major exam in the schools, so families can’t spend the whole day together and have to worship when they can.”

He said he has been to Vietnam a few times since becoming a priest, but is always happy to come back to the United States and feels this is where he belongs.

“I love being able to work with people in difficult times, whether it’s at a funeral, or in the hospital or through the Tribunal, sharing their problems and showing them their situation is not hopeless, that God will provide them with an answer and the help they need,” he said.

“The Tribunal provides a great opportunity for catechesis,” said Father Ike, who serves as a Tribunal defender of the bond, speaking on behalf of the validity of a particular marriage. “It’s not just about determining whether a marriage is valid or not or providing redress in cases where it isn’t. It’s also about catechizing a person so he or she can see the values of Christian marriage in general, and so that if that person enters into another marriage, it will be successful and won’t end in a fiasco.”

Father Ike also was part of the Tribunal in his Nigerian diocese and expects to eventually return there. He often is part of the Nigerian Mass celebrated at 3 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month at Columbus St. Matthias Church, along with the local Nigerian

community’s chaplain, **Father Balonwu Okpe**, in residence at Delaware St. Mary Church.

“It provides me with great joy to be able in touch with fellow Nigerians and celebrate Mass in the Igbo language with them,” Father Ike said. “Their style of worship is very vocal, very enthusiastic, much more than at most American Masses. It’s a small, but loud group, and provides me with a wonderful opportunity I cherish.”

Other members of the diocesan clergy who were born in other nations include **Msgr. Anthony Borrelli** (Italy), retired; **Msgr. Romano Ciotola** (Italy), Columbus Our Lady of Victory; **Msgr. Paul Enke** (born in England, raised in Columbus), Granville St. Edward; **Father Denis Kigozi** (Uganda), Columbus St. Thomas; **Father Saulius Laurinaitis** (Lithuania), retired; **Father Robert Penhallurick** (England), Hilliard St. Brendan; **Msgr. Mario Serraglio** (Italy), retired; and **Father Joseph Vio, SAC** (India), Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center. **Father Joseph Ascencio**, a priest of the diocese who was born in Mexico, lives in Denver.

Other priests from foreign countries serving in the Diocese of Columbus include **Father Ronald Boccali, PIME** (Switzerland), Heath St. Leonard; **Father Antonio Carvalho** (Brazil), Columbus Holy Name Church and Parroquia Santa Cruz; **Father Thomas Kamau** (Kenya), weekend assistant at Newark St. Francis de Sales; **Father Jose Perez** (Venezuela), retired; **Father Jinseok Tae** (Korea), serving the Korean Catholic community, which meets at the Columbus St. Leo Church building; and **Father Fritzner Valcin** (Haiti), Columbus St. Francis of Assisi.

## A FAITHFUL KNIGHT AT AGE 108

**BY TIM PUET**

*Reporter, Catholic Times*

Charlie Barcio had a very simple answer when asked to sum up what’s meant the most to him in 108 years of life. “My church, my work, and my wife,” he responded.

Barcio, certainly among the oldest and perhaps the oldest living member of the Knights of Columbus, moved in late July to a Columbus assisted-living community from Victorville, Calif. His wife, Dorie (*pictured with him*), lives with her son and daughter-in-law in Blacklick and visits her husband daily.

Barcio was born March 22, 1904, in Erie, Pa., and lived there for most of his life until moving to Florida in 1972. The Barcios stayed in Victorville after Mrs. Barcio had a stroke while visiting her son and his family there last year. They celebrated Barcio’s birthday there earlier this year, then decided to move to Columbus so he could receive the care he needs and she could be close to her daughter.

Barcio was a multitasker long before the word became fashionable, serving as, among other things, an electrician, a mechanic, an auto dealer, a fire chief, a sailor, a first aid instructor, a musician, a broadcaster, and a maintenance man – often hold-



ing several of those jobs at once.

Through all of that, he has remained a faithful Catholic, attending Mass regularly and helping the various parishes where he’s been a member in a variety of ways. He has been part of the Knights of Columbus since 1948 and a fourth-degree member since 1951. The K of C membership records office in New Haven, Conn., says it’s unable to determine with certainty whether he’s the oldest member of the fraternal group.

“It’s just a great organization for any Catholic man, and I’m happy to be involved in it,” he said. “I’ve been about everything except a grand knight.” He said the closest he came to being a grand knight was when he and someone else tied in balloting at a council he helped start in Sharpes, Fla., and he decided to let the other man receive the honor.

Asked what made him decide to join the Knights, Barcio said, “Somebody in Erie asked me. That’s all it took.”

Barcio frequently attended K of C meetings in Florida and was honored as the state’s oldest Knight at the organization’s state convention in 2010, where it was noted that both he and the Florida state council of the Knights were 106 years old at the time.

Once the Barcios moved to Ohio, they began looking for a local council on the east side of Columbus. They found what they were looking for at Father Hohman Council 5253 in Reynoldsburg, and Mrs. Barcio’s daughter brought him to its October meeting.

“After our council meeting in September in the parish center, a gentleman attending volleyball practice there came up to me and asked if I was a Knight. He said someone he knew had a 108-year-old Knight who would like to come to a meeting and needed a place that was wheelchair-accessible,” said council member Steve Dodaro. “I told him we could handle the situation. I didn’t hear anything more until the next meeting, when Mr. Barcio arrived with his

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his daughter-in-law, who drove him and picked him up.”

“It amazed us to find out he was 108, because he looks much younger and was very interested in what we are doing,” said Steve McClellan, council grand knight. “We’re delighted to have Charlie join us and hope he’ll come to as many activities as he can.”

Barcio had been the maintenance man for the Catholic churches he attended in Sharpes from 1972-90 and in St. Cloud, Fla., where he moved following his marriage to Dorie, 85, his second wife. The couple had known each other for years in Erie and stayed in touch after their respective spouses died. He retired from his maintenance position in St. Cloud in 2004 only because his parish’s insurance company wouldn’t cover him any more because of his age.

He was born three months after the Wright Brothers made their first flight and said one of his earliest memories is of seeing the Wrights demonstrating a plane in Erie. He was born Charles Straub, with his name being changed after his mother remarried when he was six, three years after his father died. In the intervening three years, he lived first in an orphanage and then in a household of 10 children with his grandparents.

Barcio moved to Rochester, N.Y., for a few years after his mother’s second marriage. He and his mother then returned to Erie, where they lived on a 30-acre farm west of



town. “I used to walk seven miles to the cathedral for Mass every Sunday, so I couldn’t go to church daily. But I always loved the Mass and tried to go as often as I could,” he said.

Barcio worked part-time as a gardener and a handyman during his youth, saving \$75 one summer to earn enough for his first bicycle. He continued riding bicycles until earlier this year, when he had to stop because of health issues.

After graduating from high school in Erie, he worked for the Burke Electric Co. there, then joined Edison Electric, furthering his education with courses in Chicago and St. Louis. He said being an electrician was his favorite job.

His mechanical aptitude led him to become an auto repairman, a garage and

gas station owner, and eventually a car dealer. In Erie, he had a franchise for the old Kaiser and Frazer brands and later opened a Ford dealership. He also had a business installing and maintaining coin-operated dry cleaning machines.

In what spare time he had, he helped organize the West Lake Volunteer Fire Department in Erie, eventually becoming its chief. He was also a state fire instructor for Pennsylvania and a longtime Red Cross first aid instructor. Like many people in Erie, he enjoyed sailing. He was a member of the Presque Isle Yacht Club, where he served a term as commodore. He also led the chamber of commerce in the Erie suburb of Millcreek and played several instruments in a dance band.

Even with all his business and social connections, he may have been best-known in Erie for his association with St. Julia Church. He is one of five men considered mainly responsible for founding and building the church near the Lake Erie shore in 1939, and he narrated broadcasts of Masses on a local radio station for 32 years.

“This was in the days before lectors,” he said. “The priest there and I were

just casually talking, and he said I had a good voice and wondered if I wanted to be on the radio. I said it was all right and he told me ‘You’ve got the job.’”

Barcio and his first wife, Winnie, were married from 1922 until her death in 1969 and had three children: Jack, a retired Army master sergeant who lives in Lake City, Fla.; Phyllis, of Erie; and Charles Jr., who was killed in World War II. Mrs. Barcio has two sons: Glenn, of Blacklick, and Donald, of Victorville.

Barcio is a resident of the Woodlands in Columbus and attends the Masses celebrated there by retired Father Joseph Ehwald every week. He feels staying physically active and not smoking or drinking alcohol are the main reasons he’s been able to live so long. “One other important thing about him is that he’s always been a gentleman,” his wife said. “He wore a suit every day for most of his life and still likes his shirts pressed, collared, and tucked in.”

Asked if there’s anything more he hopes to see, Barcio said, “I’ve seen all I wanted to. It’s been a very exciting life. I’m grateful to God for allowing me to have done so much.”

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which Jesus praises the one leper who returned to give thanks.

The Vatican’s first recognition of the American Thanksgiving occurred in 1922, when Pope Pius XI invited the students of the American College in Rome to visit him for an audience as part of their celebration of the event.

“National thanksgiving! It is a noble idea on the part of your people – choosing the day for prayer,” the pope told the 180 students, according to a story in *The New York Times*. “Men who lack prayer lack one of the essentials of life. Your country must indeed be blessed by almighty God.

“It is consoling to see the heads of nations fixing days for the people to pray to and thank God for blessings received. Nations doing this cannot but prosper materially and spiritually. I am with you, with your people, on the day of Thanksgiving. We are praying together.”

Thanksgiving on that year was celebrated on Nov. 30, the last

Thursday of a five-Thursday month. President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday of November to be a day of national thanksgiving in 1863 in response to a campaign by Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of *Godey’s Ladies Book*, the nation’s first popular women’s magazine, and it has been observed annually in the United States since then.

In 1939, at the request of Fred Lazarus Jr. of the Columbus-based Lazarus department stores, who wanted to expand the Christmas shopping season, President Franklin Roosevelt had declared the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. This was another five-Thursday month and resulted in confusion over when to celebrate the holiday.

The “two-Thanksgivings” controversy was repeated for the next two years. It ended in late 1941 when Congress adopted and Roosevelt signed a resolution setting the date for Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday in November.

MEN’S LUNCHEON CLUB MEETING

Father Michael Hinterschied, parochial vicar of Westerville St. Paul Church, will speak at the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meeting on Friday, Dec. 7, at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave. The meeting will follow the church’s 11:45 a.m. Mass and will conclude by 1 p.m. No reservations are needed, but a \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and meeting.

Father Hinterschied was ordained this past May. His talk will continue the club’s December tradition of hearing from one of the newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Columbus, which is one of its most popular luncheons of the year.

For more information, contact Andrew Kebe, club president, at [andrew@spoweb.org](mailto:andrew@spoweb.org) or visit [www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com).



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*The Feast of Christ the King (Cycle B)*

# Liturgical year ends with ‘royal’ readings



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**Daniel 7:13-14**  
**Revelation 1:5-8**  
**John 18:33b-37**

We’re still dealing with Daniel’s visions as we enter this final Sunday of the Church year, honoring Christ as king. It is impossible to say accurately what Daniel saw in his night visions (dreams probably, and who can tell what dreams mean, Freud notwithstanding). He saw one “like a son of man coming on the clouds of heaven.” That expression, “son of man,” occurs in Ezekiel many times and simply means human being. This one is *like* a human being so that, though the figure is a heavenly one appearing in the divine court, he maintains some human features – a face, perhaps.

Christians have interpreted this figure to be the future Christ Jesus, reading here a prophetic utterance by Daniel. Jews have been more restrained in their interpretation, suggesting this was Michael or, eventually, even a personified Israel.

The presentation of this figure at court is drawn along the lines of ancient royal customs where the guest was officially announced and presented before the Ancient One (God). He received from God all the elements of power known to humans: dominion, glory, and kingship. With that, all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. In other words, this “one like a son of man” will enjoy universal sovereignty.

The Gospel from John comes during Jesus’ trial before Pilate, when Pilate asks him if he is “the King of the Jews.” This will become the charge leveled against him that is posted on the cross with him: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”

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dom of Christ, she cannot be subject to any external power.” In addition, Pius said, “Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals, but also rulers and princes, are bound to give public honor and obedience to Christ.

“The faithful, moreover, by meditating on these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal,” he wrote in conclusion.

“If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his pre-

If in fact he were a king, then he would be a rival to Caesar, which would be a crime of treason. We do not know where Pilate got his information to ask such a direct question of Jesus, but we can surmise this was not the first time Pilate had heard of Jesus. Whatever discussions he may have had with Jewish leaders before this are unknown, but for him to lead off with this question strongly suggests that he had some prior knowledge of Jesus of Nazareth.

Pilate’s question emphasizes “you” when he asks Jesus “You are the king of the Jews?” In modern American English, that would imply disbelief: “You (of all people) are the king of the Jews?” It could have that same sense of doubt in Greek. Of course, by this point, Jesus would have been up all night and wouldn’t have looked his Sabbath day best in any case. For all we know, he was frail and unsightly on his good days.

There was a millennium artist, whose name escapes me, who came up with a controversial rendering of what Jesus might have looked like from an artist’s perspective. There were howls of disapproval all over the place, which probably meant that the artist was on to something. In any case, from Pilate’s question, all we can gather is that he was surprised that Jesus would be accused of being king of the Jews.

Jesus’ answer to Pilate is noncommittal at first, until he finally says “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” It remains so, despite efforts in every age to make it of this world. Inasmuch as his kingdom is not of this world, we might well wonder why we are celebrating Christ as King of the universe, which still seems to place limits on his kingship.

The Revelation reading remains earthbound by calling Jesus “ruler of the kings of the earth.” Perhaps it would be wiser, because “My kingdom does not belong to this world,” to celebrate the feast of Christ, “the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come,” and leave it at that.

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cious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion, if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire.”

The encyclical did not mention the United States or any other specific nation. But it said the “nature and meaning of this lordship of Christ ... consists ... in a threefold power” identical to the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

In the U.S., that power is divided among the president, Congress, and the Supreme Court, while in the heavenly kingdom, it is reserved to Christ.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

**MONDAY**  
Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5  
Psalm 24:1-6  
Luke 21:1-4

**TUESDAY**  
Revelation 14:14-19  
Psalm 96:10-13  
Luke 21:5-11

**WEDNESDAY**  
Revelation 15:1-4  
Psalm 98:1-3,7-9  
Luke 21:12-19

**THURSDAY**  
Revelation 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a  
Psalm 100:1b-5  
Luke 21:20-28

**FRIDAY**  
Romans 10:9-18  
Psalm 19:2-5  
Matthew 4:18-22

**SATURDAY**  
Revelation 22:1-7  
Psalm 95:1-7  
Luke 21:34-36

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 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](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville, and 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable systems for WHIZ’s and WWHO’s cable channel listings.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County). Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

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

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

# 200 years behind what?



THE CATHOLIC  
DIFFERENCE  
George Weigel

Eighteenth-century British Jacobites wistfully toasted “the king over the water,” referring to exiled King James II, his successors, and the Jacobite hope for a Stuart restoration to the throne of the United Kingdom. Throughout the pontificate of John Paul II, the cardinal archbishop of Milan, Carlo Maria Martini, SJ, was a kind of “king over the water” for Catholics of the portside persuasion—the pope who should-have-been and might-yet-be. That never happened (although the progressives at the conclave of 2005 implausibly ran Cardinal Martini, then ill with Parkinson’s disease, in a failed attempt to block the election of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger). But longing for the lost cause continued.

Thus, the day after his death this past September, Italy’s leading newspaper, Milan’s *Corriere della Sera*, published an interview with Cardinal Martini, conducted a few weeks before his death; evidently, the archbishop-emeritus put an embargo on the interview, such that it could be published only after he died.

In the interview (immediately dubbed his “spiritual testament” by his admirers), Cardinal Martini described the Church in Europe and America as “tired,” and asked “Where among us are the heroes from whom we can draw inspiration?” The burning “coals” of the Church, Martini continued, were hidden under piles of ashes; indeed, there is “so much ash on top of the coals that I am often assailed by a sense of powerlessness. How can the coals be freed from the ashes so as to reinvigorate the flame of love?” The cardinal went on to propose, quite rightly, that true reform in the Church is always reform inspired by Word and

Sacrament. But then, at the end of the interview, came the money quote: “The Church is 200 years behind. Why in the world does it not rouse itself? Are we afraid? Fear instead of courage?”

To which one wants to reply, with all respect, “Two hundred years behind what?” A Western culture that has lost its grasp on the deep truths of the human condition? A culture that celebrates the imperial autonomous Self? A culture that detaches sex from love and responsibility? A culture that breeds a politics of immediate gratification and intergenerational irresponsibility, of the sort that has paralyzed public policy in Italy and elsewhere? “Why in the world,” to repeat the late cardinal’s question, would the Church want to catch up with that?

As for the question, “Where are the heroes?” Cardinal Martini seemed unaware of, or puzzled by, or perhaps even unhappy with, the heroic witness of the man who created him cardinal after naming him successor to St. Ambrose in Italy’s most prestigious see: John Paul II, whose faith and courage continue to inspire the liveliest parts of the Catholic world in

Europe and America. (John Paul, for his part, gave Martini’s commentary on the First Letter of Peter to the cardinals gathered for the pope’s silver jubilee in 2003, as an appendix to a replica of the Bodmer Papyrus copy of the “first encyclical.”) Nor was John Paul alone as an exemplar of Christian heroism during the Martini years in Milan; years in which, to take but two examples, Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko became the martyr-priest of Solidarity and Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta completed her singular witness to the “flame of love” the cardinal thought buried under ashes.

For all his brilliance, Cardinal Martini, like many on the Catholic left, never seemed to grasp that the secular culture with which Vatican II hoped to open a dialogue was not the secular culture that emerged in Europe in the aftermath of the upheavals of 1968. The new secularism was not open to the possibility of transcendent truth, as the secularism of, say, Albert Camus had been. The new secularism was embittered, aggressive, and narrow-minded. It was not so much interested in dialogue as in cultural hegemony. And it is now firmly committed to driving the Catholic Church out of public life throughout the Western world.

There is no need to lament being “behind” that. The Catholic challenge is to get ahead of that soul-withering ideology and convert those in thrall to it by example and persuasive argument.

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## Bishop Ready Hall of Fame inductees

This year’s inductees into the Columbus Bishop Ready Hall of Fame, shown with school principal Celene Seamen (fourth from left) are (from left) Robert Spears, siblings Elizabeth and Robert Livingston, James Brochowski, and Becky Schell, accepting the honor posthumously for her husband, Mark Schell. The hall was established in 2001 and includes 47 Ready graduates. Nominations for induction may be made by alumni and others. The standards for induction include personal achievements, contributions to the Bishop Ready community, contributions to the community at large, and personal life witness and reflection of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School



# Pray for our dead

**BERENDT, Mary J., 86, Nov. 11**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**BIZZARO, Ralph, 95, of Columbus, Nov. 13**  
St. Bernard Church, Bradford, Pa.

**BORCHERS, Rosemary, 92, Nov. 18**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**CAHILL, Mary K., 55, Nov. 12**  
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

**GETZ, Leo N., Nov. 15**  
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

**HAHN, Joseph M., 50, of Columbus, Nov. 12**  
St. Peter Church, Mansfield

**HROMADIK, Joan M., 72, Nov. 10**  
St. Anthony Church, Columbus

**KETTER, Mary E., 80, Nov. 17**  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

**KIRILLOW, Motrena, 90, Nov. 15**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**KOCH, Mary A., 80, Nov. 12**  
St. Mary Church, Columbus

**LISTON, Philip M., 77, Nov. 13**  
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

**MANFULL, Avery, 5 weeks, Oct. 7**  
Sacred Haert Church, New Philadelphia

**MARCHESE, Vincenzo “Vincent,” 83, Nov. 2**  
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

**MATTES, Dorothy R., of Upper Arlington, Nov. 14**  
St. Vincent Church, Akron

**NASH, MaryAnne, 76, Nov. 16**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**NOLL, Maureen E., 51, Nov. 11**  
St. Peter Church, Columbus

**PIERRON, Taylor A., 22, Nov. 10**  
Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

**REYNOLDS, Nancy, 75, Oct. 26**  
Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth

**STANGER, Rosemary, 91, Nov. 17**  
St. Ladislav Church, Columbus

**VLAHOS, Phyllis A., 76, Nov. 6**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

## Cecilia Hike

Funeral Mass for Cecilia Hike, 105, who died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012, was held Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery, Portsmouth.

She was born June 18, 1907 in Chicopee, Kan., to John and Lucy (Tierney) Wallace. She was a retired beauti-

cian and was a member of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nicholas; and eight brothers and sisters. Survivors include her son, Merle, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

## Annual Borromean Lecture

**John Garvey (left), president of the Catholic University of America, delivered the annual Borromean lecture at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, speaking to students, faculty members, and supporters of the school on the relationship between virtue and beauty. He is pictured with James Lower, school principal. “Beauty orients us to something higher,” Garvey said. “When we enjoy it, it’s a reflection of what we value, what we hope for, what we aspire to.” He spoke of St. Hildegard of Bingen, recently named a doctor of the church, saying she saw that beauty is “an expression of what, with God’s grace, we hope to be.” He said there’s a necessary connection between goodness and beauty, adding that “it’s not a coincidence that we use the same word — grace — to describe both the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the beauty of a painting,**



**dance, sculpture, or architectural structure.” The Borromean lecture series was established in 2000 by St. Charles alumnus Robert Dilenschneider to address the need for civility, morality, and ethics in tomorrow’s leaders and features a speaker of national renown every year.**

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general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953  
**Advent Workshop at Circleville St. Joseph**  
3:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., Circleville. Advent wreath workshop, dinner, and wreath blessing for families. Replacement wreaths, bows, and complete sets will be available, and there will be an Advent activity for children to complete and take home. 740-477-2549  
**Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter**  
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

### Holy Rosary-St. John’s HOLIDAY BAZAAR

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## NOVEMBER

### 22, THURSDAY

Community Kitchen, St. Aloysius Thanksgiving Dinners  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Community Kitchen, 640 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus; 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free Thanksgiving Day dinners, open to all.

### 24, 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  
**Ordination of New Permanent Deacons**  
10 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell ordains 12 new permanent deacons for the Diocese of Columbus. 614-241-2545  
**Memorial Mass for Children at Resurrection Cemetery**  
1 p.m., Chapel, Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St., Lewis Center. Monthly memorial Mass for all unborn babies buried in cemetery’s Garden of the Holy Innocents, and any other babies whose parents want to honor their lives, sponsored by Back in His Arms Again ministry. 614-906-3115; 614-800-8888

### 24-25, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

**Nativity Exhibit at Jubilee Museum**  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. “Mangers at the Museum” exhibit of nearly 100 Nativity sets, including the largest set of Fontanini figures in the United States. Also open weekdays by appointment. 614-461-6204

### 25, SUNDAY

**Father Huber K of C Assembly Memorial Mass**  
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual memorial Mass honoring deceased members of Father Huber Assembly 809, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.  
**Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**  
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242  
**St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans**  
7:30 to 9 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Rutledge

**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

### 27, TUESDAY

**Preparation Session for Personal Consecration to Jesus**  
6:45 p.m., RCIA Room, St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. First of four preparation sessions for personal consecration to Jesus through Mary. Sessions continue on Dec. 4, 11, and 18. 740-354-4551  
**Josephinum Talk on St. John Vianney**  
7 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Talk with Father George Rutler “On the Cure d’Ars Today: Remarks on St. John Vianney.” Part of Josephinum Priests, Poets, and Philosophers series. 614-885-5585  
**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

### 28, WEDNESDAY

**Advent Evening at Corpus Christi**  
6:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Advent quiet evening featuring seasonal reflective readings. 614-443-2828  
**Virtues Curriculum Information Session at St. Michael**  
7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Michael School, 64 Selby Blvd., Worthington. Information session with Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist on school’s virtues-based curriculum. 614-885-3149

### 28-30, WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

**Ohio Dominican Holiday Art Market**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wehrle Art Gallery, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Holiday art market featuring handcrafted items and original artwork by ODU faculty, staff, and students.

### 29, THURSDAY

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

## DECEMBER

### 1, SATURDAY

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654

**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  
**Thomas Merton Retreat at St. Paul**  
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Miller Hall, St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. Retreat with Dr. James Finley, a former associate of Thomas Merton. focusing on Merton as a guide to contemplative living. 614-882-2109

**Program for Young People at Portsmouth St. Mary**  
6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Maroon Hall, St. Mary Church, 524 6th St., Portsmouth. Social and discussion program for young adults with sisters of the Children of Mary, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession. 740-354-4551

**‘A Bethlehem Carol’ at St. Joan of Arc**  
7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. 20th annual performance of parish children’s Christmas musical, “A Bethlehem Carol.” 614-761-0905  
**Filipino Mass at Holy Cross**  
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. 614-224-3416

### 1-2, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

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### 2, SUNDAY

**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Talk on “The Many Faces of Mary” with Brother Randall Kin, OFM. 614-488-9971  
**Exposition at Church of the Resurrection**  
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession into chapel following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. 614-933-9318

**Family Advent Afternoon at Lancaster St. Mary**  
12:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 132 S. High St., Lancaster. Family Advent afternoon featuring crafts, fellowship, and lunch. Reservations requested. 740-687-5177  
**Seton Parish Advent and Christmas Concert**  
3 p.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Advent and Christmas concert featuring children’s choir, praise and traditional choirs, New Creation Singers and adult handbell ringers. 614-833-0482  
**Vespers Service at Plain City St. Joseph**  
6 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Vespers service for the First Sunday of Advent. 614-873-8850  
**Catholic Youth Summer Camp Dinner Theater**  
6 to 9 p.m., Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus. Catholic Youth Summer Camp dinner theater production “Awaiting Christ” featuring Advent-related skits, dramas





HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
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# “Mangers at the Museum”

The Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus, will display most of its collection of nearly 100 Nativity scenes at a “Mangers at the Museum” exhibit during the holiday season.

The exhibit will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, with those hours continuing each weekend through Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 5 and 6. Weekday tours of the museum are available by appointment only.

A highlight will be the nation’s largest collection of Fontanini Nativity figures

from Italy, which will be in a separate room from the rest of the display in the old Holy Family School auditorium. The collection was donated to the museum by Father Carmen Arcuri, a retired priest of the diocese of Columbus. Another retired diocesan priest, Father Harold Schneider, also has donated several Nativity scenes.

The Currier and Ives-style Nativity figures which were displayed on the St. Joseph Cathedral lawn in the 1940s will be displayed, along with complete sets from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mexico, Honduras, and Sweden, an Eskimo Nativity scene, and “orphan” figures which were part of



other sets.

The museum’s permanent collection is recognized by the Vatican as the largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork in the United States. Extremely rare papal treasures, vestments, holy books, paintings, sculptures, and other artistic displays line the collection.

Allow approximately an hour-and-a-half for a full tour. For more information, contact Carley Stedman at (614) 361-7450. Saturday tours do not require reservations; for weekday appointments, contact Linda Hamilton at (614) 461-6204. The museum’s website is [www.jubileemuseum.org](http://www.jubileemuseum.org).

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# “Peace on Earth” Nativity Exhibit

The University of Dayton’s annual display of Nativity scenes will focus on the timeless Christmas message of peace and explore

the ways humans have experienced it and yearn for it.

“At the Manger: Peace on Earth” runs from Saturday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Roesch Library, featuring this year’s exhibit of more than 200 Nativity scenes, also called crèches, drawn from the collection of the university’s Marian Library.

The university will welcome the season and unveil the exhibit with an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, on three floors of Roesch Library. The family-oriented event includes four separate exhibits, children’s activities, light refreshments, live entertainment, shopping at The Stable Store, and even a college football viewing area.

“Every Christmas, we select a new group of Nativity scenes from our large and diverse collection to explore new themes,” said



Kathleen Webb, dean of university libraries. “The exhibit changes every year and has become a tradition with many families who start the Christmas season at the open house or visit the display sometime during the season.”

At the center of “Peace on Earth” — the featured exhibit

— are large sculptures of the Holy Family, surrounded by dancing children and encircled with clusters of Nativity scenes representing various interpretations of the theme.

“The angel’s message on the night Christ was born of ‘Glory to God in the highest and on Earth

peace to men of good will’ challenged humanity to celebrate life, create beauty, seek love, and avoid war,” said Father Johann Roten, SM, Marian Library director of research and special projects. “Our exhibit will show how those themes have shaped Christmas culture.”

SIX NEW CARDINALS REPRESENT DIVERSITY OF CHURCH



INDIA  
Baselios Cleemis Thottunkal



NIGERIA  
John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan



UNITED STATES  
James M. Harvey



PHILIPPINES  
Luis Tagle



COLOMBIA  
Ruben Salazar Gomez



LEBANON  
Patriarch Bechara Rai

## NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pope Benedict XVI will induct six new cardinals into the College of Cardinals Nov. 24 during a consistory at the Vatican.

The appointment of six non-European cardinals represents the diversity and geographical reach of the church. Pictured from top left are:

Syro-Malankara Archbishop Baselios Cleemis Thottunkal of Trivandrum, India, 53;

Nigerian Archbishop John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan of Abuja, 68;

U.S. Archbishop James M. Harvey, head of the Prefecture of the Papal Household, 63;

Philippine Archbishop Luis Tagle of Manila, 55;

Colombian Archbishop Ruben Salazar Gomez of Bogota, 70; and

Lebanese Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai of Antioch and All the East, 72.

CNS photos



Opponents of same-sex marriage demonstrate in Paris Nov. 18 against the French government’s draft law to legalize marriage and adoption for same-sex couples. Catholics are called to serve the common good of society, including by protecting traditional marriage and defending human life, Pope Benedict XVI told bishops from France. CNS photo/Christian Hartmann, Reuters

Pope Benedict XVI, accompanied by his brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, gives his blessing as he attends a concert by the Sistine Chapel Choir in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Nov. 10.

CNS photo/Paul Haring







## VERA WHITE NAMED TO NATIONAL POST WITH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

The National Council of Catholic Women has named Vera White (second from left) of Columbus as province director of the Province of Cincinnati. White has in the past held many leadership positions in the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, an affiliate member of the NCCW. As province director, White will be representing all Catholic women in Ohio on the NCCW board. She was elected to the post at the recent NCCW annual convention in Myrtle Beach, S.C. She and her husband, Gary, are parishioners at Columbus Ss. Augustine and Gabriel Church.

## MIGUEL DIAZ, AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN, TO BECOME ENDOWED PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON,

Miguel H. Díaz, United States ambassador to the Holy See since 2009, has joined the University of Dayton faculty as professor of faith and culture, an endowed professorship.

"As ambassador, I know firsthand the role of American culture and leadership in international relations, as well as the growing importance of religion on the world stage," he said. "I look forward to building bridges between faith and culture and to facilitating inclusive, scholarly, and constructive conversations that advance the common good."

A prominent Catholic theologian, Díaz was the first Hispanic to represent the United States at the Vatican. Last fall, he helped launch the religion and foreign policy working group of the Secretary of State's strategic dialogue with civil society. This groundbreaking initiative facilitates regular engagement with communities of faith.

"Miguel Díaz finds common ground in discourses that too often divide. He has been an influential Catholic leader in areas as far-ranging as human trafficking to interreligious dialogue," said Daniel J. Curran, president of the University of Dayton. "He brings a wealth of experience and a thoughtful theological approach to issues of faith and culture. We're delighted that he's accepted this important, highly visible position."

Michael Galligan-Stierle, president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, welcomed Díaz's return to Catholic higher education.



"As a world-class scholar who has spent the last three years in service to our country and the world community, Miguel Díaz brings a valuable perspective to Catholic higher education," Galligan-Stierle said. "The wisdom and insights he gained while serving as ambassador to the Holy See will significantly en-

hance not only the University of Dayton, but also the broader Catholic higher education community."

This is not Díaz's first stint at Dayton. He served as an assistant professor of religious studies at the university from 1996-98.

"I am delighted to assume this endowed professorship at the University of Dayton at a time when the Catholic Church remembers the 1700th anniversary of Constantine's conversion, commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and celebrates the Year of Faith," he said. "Whether we consider the profound impact of Constantine's conversion on Christian traditions or the refreshing invitation of the Council to read the signs of the time and to interpret these signs in light of Christian faith and revelation, we stand squarely at the bridging of faith and culture. This coming year, which Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed as the Year of Faith, provides a wonderful opportunity for Catholic universities to reflect upon the development of Catholic intellectual traditions and contribute to the ongoing weaving of faith and the cultural realities that surround us."

Before being named U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, Díaz taught theology at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn., and St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. He was a board member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and is a former president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States.