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The Editor's Notebook

Remembering Our Heritage

By David Garick, Editor

We Catholics are blessed with a rich heritage. We have 2,000 years of faith and tradition that has built, sustained, and nourished our unique status as the Body of Christ, alive in the world.

It is indeed exciting that every time Mass is celebrated, here in the Diocese of Columbus and around the world, that Christ is indeed present in all of us, his church. Just as we look back at our familial ancestors for making each of us who we are as individuals, and the social and political leaders who built our nation into what it is today, we also should have a deep respect and understanding of how the Church carried the faith intact to us over two millennia.

This issue of *Catholic Times* looks at the rich treasures that are housed in the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center at Columbus Holy Family Church. Most local Catholics would be surprised to learn that we have, right here in Columbus, the largest collection of Catholic artwork and artifacts in the United States.

To visit the Holy Family museum is to immerse oneself in the rich tapestry of Catholic life that has brought the church to where it is today. Just as we are enriched by our knowledge of the lives of the saints as models for our own lives, we also gain perspec-

tive from seeing and touching the works of the lives of the priests, sisters, and lay people who made the church real in building our parishes, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and social ministries.

We have an incredible opportunity to deepen our understanding of who we are as Catholics, here in central Ohio and around the world through the wide assortment of exhibits at our museum. And since history is never static, the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center not only serves as a source of knowledge of our past, it also works to preserve elements of our heritage in the form of religious items and makes them available for use by new generations of Catholics in parishes here in the diocese and around the world.

If you have never visited the Holy Family museum, give yourself a special Christmas gift and pay a visit over the holiday season. If you have been there before, come back to see the new exhibits that have been added. See for yourself how the Church we love today reached us through times of trial and of triumph.



For JOIN, Christmas is year-round

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

For many groups which help people facing difficulties, the Christmas holiday season is a time for special activities. But things aren't quite that way at the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs, said its director, Ruth Berkman.

"We're well aware of the season, because it is our busiest of the year, but we don't do a specific Christmas program," she said. "For us, Christmas is really all year round, because there always are people in need who come to us for emergency assistance."

Beckman, JOIN's director for 31 years, said the organization has providing assistance to nearly 38,000 people since January — a number that's gone steadily upward in the last few years.

"The variety of things people need has become so much greater," she said. "We continue to receive requests for food and clothing and always have items available to fill those needs. But other agencies also can handle that, and there's so much more that we've gotten involved with over the years."

She said the agency deals with many more immigration-related issues than it used to. "It's amazing the number of birth certificates we're helping people obtain from the state of Ohio and elsewhere," she said. "We've spent about \$100,000 this year helping more than 4,100 people get their birth certificates. That's something I never could have imagined a few years ago."

"Another thing we're getting a lot of requests for is special shoes for particular jobs. Many of our contributors may not realize this, but we also provide help for people needing eye exams,

glasses, and dental work. Then there are the steady requests for assistance with utility and rent payments and for bus passes or gas cards." JOIN actually helped more people with transportation -- more than 15,000 -- than with anything else this year.

Beckman said JOIN's policy continues to be to never turn anyone away and to always try to find a way to meet immediate needs, whether directly or through other agencies.

"The people who come to us have reached a point where they have to reach out, but in so many instances, they're willing to help, because they're not just looking for a handout," she said. "It happens all the time that maybe we can only provide \$100 or \$200 for a month's rent, but if we do that, the family can come up with the rest."

Churches and organizations from throughout the diocese provide assistance to JOIN throughout the year and particularly during this season.

"For so many families, it's a tremendous Christmas gift just to be able to go to church and be together under one roof, with enough heat and medicine," Beckman said. "Our experience has been that we receive a sufficient amount of toys for the smaller children, but don't forget the teens and the parents. Gift cards for \$10 to \$25 to major stores can go a long way, and bus passes, gas cards, and phone cards are a great help all the time. So are donations of body lotion, size 4 diapers, dish soap, and bar soap."

JOIN is located at 578 E. Main St. in Columbus and is open from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. every Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Its phone number is (614) 241-2530.

From Kindergarten to College, ODU Alumnae Impact Student's Life

At age 18, Mayra Flores has made it her life's mission to change the lives of others. As a freshman at Ohio Dominican University studying early childhood education, she's well on her way.

Her future hasn't always been so clear or bright. At one point, Flores considered college little more than an unattainable dream. Because of this, she accepted a different future.

"My plan was to go to work," Flores said.

Mira Wright changed all of that.

"Mira pushed me to go to college," Flores said. "I wouldn't have gone to college."

Wright has spent the last five years, ever since Flores was an eighth-grader at Ridgeview Middle School in Columbus, as Flores' Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor.

"When I had an opportunity to become involved in Project Mentor, I thought it would be an opportunity for me to make a direct impact on a student," Wright said. "Mayra was very shy and wasn't willing to speak up for what she might need. I've seen her become much more extroverted, particularly with her instructors. There were things she didn't understand."

Flores' path to Ohio Dominican hasn't been easy.

She moved to Columbus from Ecuador when she was just five years old.

"My parents didn't know any English," Flores said. "I was in a new place, a new country. I didn't know anything."

During her time as a kindergarten student at Cranbrook Elementary School, she met Yoon Kim. Kim was Flores' English as a Second Language instructional assistant.

"She was very shy and lonely," Kim said of Flores. "She didn't have any friends and she was always isolated. I tried to talk to her and pay her more attention."



Ohio Dominican University freshman Mayra Flores (center) is pictured with Yoon Kim (left) and Mira Wright, two ODU graduates who have helped her achieve her dream of attending college

Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University

Flores, Wright, and Kim met for the first time on Oct. 20. However, it wasn't by design. You could say it was coincidence, or even faith.

Wright was helping Flores find an outfit to wear to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio annual meeting and luncheon on Oct. 30, at which Flores received the organization's Alumni Little of the Year Award. While shopping in the Kingsdale Center Macy's store, Flores soon realized the store associate helping her find clothing was Kim, the same woman who had bought her a winter coat in kindergarten.

Kim couldn't hide her emotions as she broke into tears.

"I always wondered how she turned out. Something hit me and said this girl might be the same girl that I taught," Kim said. "It was a very emotional experience."

"It was an emotional moment, because I haven't seen (Kim) in forever and she was there for me," Flores said.

Flores soon discovered another coincidence. Wright and Kim both graduated from Ohio Dominican.

"I feel they helped me a lot through school and be more passionate about school, and I want to have the same impact on others," Flores said.

"As a small liberal arts college, I felt Ohio Dominican served Mayra because of her being shy and the classroom sizes would be small," Wright said. "I took Mayra to Ohio Dominican and she instantly loved the feel of the campus."

Wright invited Kim to sit at their table during the Big Brothers Big Sisters luncheon. Together, they watched Flores being recognized — an opportunity that may have never happened if not for the role both women have played in Flores' life.

"They were always there for me and I want to show them what I'm capable of," Flores said. "Look at what I've accomplished, and it's because of them."

Curtin to Address Ohio Dominican University Winter Commencement Graduates

State Rep.-elect Michael Curtin, former president, chief operating officer, and vice chairman of the Dispatch Printing Co., will deliver the commencement address at Ohio Dominican University's 98th commencement exercise at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

Approximately 200 students will have degrees conferred upon them as they are joined by hundreds of family and friends in Alumni Hall.

Curtin retired from the Dispatch organization in 2011 after 38 years and was elected

in November as a Democrat to representative the 17th Legislative District in the Ohio House of representatives.

He began his career with *The Columbus Dispatch* in 1973 as a general assignment reporter. He spent the next 18 years covering state and local government, public policy, and politics for the newspaper.

In 1985, he became its chief political writer, public affairs editor, and director of the Dispatch Poll. In 1994, he was promoted to executive managing editor. The next year,

he was named editor, and in 1998, was promoted to associate publisher.

Curtin was named president in 1999, chief operating officer in 2002, and vice chairman in 2005. From 2008 to 2011, he served as associate publisher emeritus.

He has served on a variety of boards, including those of Ohio Dominican, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Newspaper Association, the Mount Carmel Health System, the YMCA of Central Ohio, the Columbus Metro-

politan Library Foundation, the Catholic Foundation, and Prevent Blindness Ohio.

He is a graduate of Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and of The Ohio State University School of Journalism.

Ohio Dominican University is a four-year private liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic and Dominican tradition. The university has approximately 2,700 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 42 majors, as well as seven graduate degree



programs. Ohio Dominican uses a student-centered approach, with a commitment to quality teaching and learning.



The third week of Advent



Front Page photo:

This room filled with items from popes and bishops is part of the Holy Family Jubilee Museum in Columbus, recognized by the Vatican as having the largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork in the United States.


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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric


Salt

Did you make your list this past week? Did you check it twice? I hope we can take 10 minutes to find some things in our life that we can readily change. I know we spend more time than that just thinking about our own Christmas gift lists. The most difficult thing for me was narrowing my list down to only 10 things. I have a great deal of room for improvement. And what a great time of year to consider good change in our lives. Advent challenges us to prepare well for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the child. Unfortunately, I find myself all too often caught up in a preparation that focuses on all the necessary Christmas festivities. Those are all good things. But think back to your childhood. What were we taught, and what are we teaching our children now? Advent is also a time for prayer, fasting, and repentance. It is not just a time for anxiety and good cheer. And repentance is not just something reserved for Lent. Make your list, check it twice, and then pray, repent, and live a new life along with the Christ child.

To conclude my thoughts of the past two columns, I offer a few more items for our contemplation. We, the laity, are called to be the salt of the earth. The Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* provides this challenge for us. Our bishops, pastors, and all clergy are the ones shaking the salt shaker. We need their dynamic leadership. We are challenged here and now with public policies that are direct threats to our Faith and religious freedom. These policies, such as the Health and Human Services mandates to provide abortion and contraception services, are a compromise to moral absolutes. Our statements in opposition should be bold and without compromise. We are all in this together, and we need to start acting like it. Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit led this same Church through the first days of challenge and struggle after the Ascension, through much persecution throughout history, and now today the challenges to what we believe. I am confident that we will survive this religious freedom challenge. I wish I could do more. This Year of Faith is not meant to heal wounds. It is meant to get our butts in gear and focus on our Catholic Faith. We know what to believe. The basic tenets of our Faith have not changed. So we all have a choice. We can sit around and be apathetic, or we can do something about it. The Year of Faith should rekindle our Catholicism in our hearts, and then motivate us to share it with the world, like salt through a shaker. Jesus challenges us to share our faith. We should not be discouraged by human weakness. If that was the case, those first disciples, uneducated fishermen and the like, would have been dismissed as zealots and extremists, and they would have failed. Let us all continue to do much good for many.

Our practical challenge this week is to season and preserve. Salt has always been the most common way to season good food all over the world. It has also been a primary way to preserve food and keep it from spoiling, especially before refrigeration. Jesus not only challenges us to be, but He calls us to be salt for the earth. As we make our final preparations for celebrating His birth once again, let us fervently season our families, friends, co-workers, and even strangers with the love of Jesus Christ that is our salt. Let us additionally use that seasoning to preserve our Catholic Faith, and also our hearts, minds, and souls from the potential spoil of the world. Wrap up Advent with the challenges of our Year of Faith.

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



GYM BLESSING



The Notre Dame schools in Portsmouth recently installed a new gym floor, thanks to the generosity of many donors in the community. Father Joseph Yokum, pastor of Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains and New Boston St. Monica churches, is pictured blessing the gym floor. Photo courtesy Notre Dame Schools

Catholic Diocese of Columbus Employment Opportunity

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus is seeking a full-time Director of the Office for Divine Worship. The director's primary function is to assist the Bishop in his role as "chief steward of the mysteries of God and the overseer, promoter, and guardian of the liturgical life" of the Church in Columbus. On behalf of the Bishop, the director's principal responsibility is the formation and preparation of liturgical ministers and liturgical committees, specifically, as the coordinator of the work of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission (an advisory group composed of pastors, liturgists, musicians, artists, architects, and directors of RCIA); a resource person to Diocesan parishes and institutions as well as Diocesan staff and Offices, handles correspondence for the Bishop dealing with liturgical matters.

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Catholic dancers take the stage in the Nutcracker

Twenty-six central Ohio Catholic students had the chance to perform at the Ohio Theater in Columbus for this year's production of "The Nutcracker." The traditional holiday favorite features a company of 26 professional dancers and 152 local dance students. Performances will continue through Sunday, Dec. 23. Tickets to "The Nutcracker" start at \$20 and can be purchased through CAPA (614-469-0939), Ticketmaster (1-800-982-2787, ticketmaster.com) or balletmet.org. Discount coupons are available at all Central Ohio Kroger stores. Group discounts are available through BalletMet (614-586-8665). College students with ID can purchase \$15 student rush tickets at the theater beginning two hours prior to show time. Pictured are (from left), first row, Hannah Dilley, daughter of Greg and Julie Dilley (Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help); second row, Nathaneal Ely, son of Michael and Lisa Ely (Columbus St. Patrick); Emma Smith, daughter of Kevin and Mary Smith (Our Lady of Perpetual Help); Matt Rees, son of Jeff and Michele Rees (Columbus Holy Spirit); Allyson Fries, daughter of Jody and Tom Fries (Columbus St. Agatha); and Sean Price, son of Gregory Price and Julie Graham-Price (Columbus St. Mary); third row, Lily RosatiVoos, daughter of Chris and Rob RosatiVoos (Columbus Our Lady of Peace); Sophia Adkins, daughter of Mark and Sally Adkins (St. Patrick); Jennifer Scarpitti, daughter of Joseph Scarpitti (Powell St. Joan of Arc); Anna Grillo, daughter of Tim and Mary Grillo (Columbus Our Lady of Victory); and Kate Fields, daughter of John and Kim Fields; fourth row, Elizabeth Hudelson, daughter of Betsy and Dave Hudelson (St. Patrick); Kristin Bricker, daughter of John and Tilde Bricker (St. Patrick); Morgan Sheehan, daughter of Barbara and Dan Sheehan (St. Joan of Arc); Michaela Adkins, daughter of Mark and Sally Adkins (St. Patrick); Clare Wilsbacher, daughter of Tony and Holly Wilsbacher (St. Joan of Arc); Katie Alexander, daughter of Tom and Arlene Alexander (St. Agatha); Clara Grillo, daughter of Tim and Mary Grillo (Our Lady of Victory); and Ashley Forche', daughter of Alison and Rob Forche' (Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton/Reynoldsburg St. Pius X); fifth row, Emily Rorris, daughter of Susan and Chris Rorris (Columbus Sacred Heart); Lucy Horner, daughter of Bruce Horner and Kathleen Tully (St. Patrick); Lydia Wolf, daughter of Mike and Julia Wolf (St. Pius X); Emily Thomas, daughter of Clare and Wendy Thomas Jr. (Columbus Immaculate Conception); Addie Wolfe, daughter of Jim and Linda Wolfe (Columbus St. Christopher); Sidney Flynn, daughter of Michael Flynn and Diane Hoenig (Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center); and Flora Carey, daughter of Erika and Christian Carey (Immaculate Conception). Photo courtesy Ballet Met

THE JESSE TREE

Sixteen years ago, Westerville St. Paul Church began a partnership with the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist in Columbus. An important component of this partnership is St. Paul's annual Jesse Tree project, which is designed to encourage gifts to Holy Rosary-St. John and the Community Kitchen of Columbus, based in the former St. John School building.

The 2,000 gift tags on the Jesse Tree depict Old and New Testament symbols of important events that led to the birth of Christ. Some gift tags on the tree ask for checks to purchase food and provide for operating costs for the Community Kitchen. Others request help in covering the cost of utilities for Holy Rosary/St. John Church. Additional tags ask for gift cards that benefit the Community Kitchen and the Columbus parish's senior ministry and food pantry, or for toiletries, warm gloves, hats, and socks for adults and children. Students at St. Paul School provide toys.

These gifts will be distributed at the Community Kitchen Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 22. In addition to providing cash and gifts, more than 200 St. Paul parishioners will participate in sorting, wrapping, distributing, and cooking for the party.

The Jesse Tree is based on the Old Testament prophecy that the Messiah would come from the House of David, as contained in Isaiah 11:1: "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Jesse was the father of King David.



'FIRST FREEDOM' ON PBS STATIONS

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

As church leaders have warned in recent years, the rights of believers are increasingly under threat – not only around the world, but within the United States.

So the documentary “First Freedom: The Fight for Religious Liberty” – a look at the origins of the religious guarantees enshrined in the First Amendment – makes for timely as well as educational television.

Filmmaker Lee Groberg’s documentary – produced in association with PBS affiliate WETA in Washington – premieres on PBS stations in cluding WOSU-TV, Channel 34 in Columbus, and WPBO-TV, channel 42 in Portsmouth, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Narrated by Brian Stokes Mitchell, Groberg’s film uses interviews with scholars, archival images, and re-enactments to chart the shifting fortunes of religious liberty in the New World from the 1630 founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony to the death of James Madison in 1836. It also explores the varied views of the divine held by people who played a key role in the American Revolution, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, and second cousins Samuel and John Adams.

Most of these founders seem to have been believers of one stripe or another. John Adams, we learn, never missed Sunday service unless he was ill. But their outlook on faith was affected both by Enlightenment-era suspicions of

the supernatural and by emerging challenges to the doctrine of the Trinity.

As the program makes clear, anti-Catholicism, a near-universal prejudice among their English forbears, was hardly unknown among the founders themselves. Thus, the Quebec Act of 1774, in which the British Parliament guaranteed recently conquered French Canadians the free exercise of their religion, drew fulminating oratory from Sam Adams and a caricature of Catholic bishops from engraver Paul Revere.

Washington, by contrast, seems to have been proof against such sentiments. As one dramatization shows, when he sent troops to invade Canada during the Revolution, Washington ordered their commander to respect both the property of the Catholic Church and the sensibilities of its members. His equally laudable freedom from anti-Semitism is the subject of another re-enactment.

Catholic viewers might wish that the contribution of their ancestors in the faith who made Maryland a pioneer of religious toleration among the colonies had been highlighted. Still, given his limited 90-minute time frame, Groberg manages to craft a valuable overview of complex developments that viewers of all faiths will likely appreciate.

While the subject matter of “First Freedom” is unlikely to appeal to very young family members, the program is free of any genuinely objectionable material. It’s rated TV-PG – parental guidance suggested.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT PRIESTS WITH FLASHY CARS?



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. While I realize that diocesan priests do not take a vow of poverty, it is almost scandalous to see so many pastors in our area driving Cadillacs and other high-end automobiles, buying vacation homes, wearing Rolex wristwatches, etc. In every case I know about, these priests live in lower- to middle-class parishes, and -- especially in the present economy -- the vast majority of their parishioners live in much more difficult circumstances.

My teenage children have told me that their friends joke about our pastor’s annual change from one luxury car to another. I have also heard very specific questions from Protestant friends about some of our clergy living a lifestyle that doesn’t in any way resemble the example of Jesus.

To add to the problem, a good number of these high-living priests are conducting capital fundraising campaigns and asking for the full cooperation of their parishioners. I have found your advice on church matters in the past to be caring and realistic and am hoping that you can weigh in

on this situation. (New Jersey)

A. If things are as you describe them, it is definitely a cause for concern. As you point out, diocesan priests (unlike members of religious orders) do not take a vow of poverty. They are paid a salary, from which they take care of their expenses. (Typically, a major share goes to automobile expenses and to income taxes -- with a large chunk to Social Security, where priests are considered to be self-employed.)

In my diocese, there is a gradation in a priest’s salary, depending on the number of years ordained, and it tops off at about \$30,000 a year. (A classmate of mine once observed, only semifactiously, that with a priest’s workload, he is paid below the national minimum wage.)

So I have trouble figuring out how a priest could buy a Rolex -- or why he would want to. My watch cost \$9.66 at Walmart several years ago and has functioned perfectly ever since.

It’s true that a priest might have family resources or receive generous gifts from wealthy

parishioners, but he is not free to flash this around. The church’s *Code of Canon Law* specifies in No. 281.1 that priests deserve to be compensated so they can provide for their necessities, but is quick to clarify in No. 282.1 that “clerics are to foster simplicity of life and are to refrain from all things that have a semblance of vanity.”

It would seem clear that lavish vacations and luxury vehicles not only show poor judgment, but violate that canon.

One of my heroes was the now-deceased Bishop Kenneth E. Untener of Saginaw, Mich. He kept all of his worldly possessions in his modest car and moved continually around his diocese, staying for a month at a time at the rectory of each of his parishes.

While every cleric cannot be held to that standard, perhaps some of the priests of your acquaintance need to be reminded that the Christ whom they follow had “nowhere to rest.”

You might want to write to your pastor, telling him how his teenage parishioners feel about his choice of cars -- anonymously, if you feel you have to, although a signed letter would be so much stronger.

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

RETIRED ROSECRANS TEACHER HONORED

BY TIM PUET
Reporter, Catholic Times

After 42 years as a teacher at Zanesville Rosecrans High School, Larry Denbow says it’s difficult to get used to the quiet and to the chance for a leisurely lunch every day now that he is retired.

“It’s quite an adjustment,” he said. “I heard bells constantly for more than four decades and had 25 minutes to eat. Now I don’t have any of that, and it seems unusual. There still are times when I’m dreaming that I’m in the midst of planning the next day’s classes. After being a teacher for so long, I guess you can’t expect to stop thinking like one right away.

“Now that I’ve had a little time away from the classroom, I find I don’t miss the schedules or the routine that much, but the kids – I miss them all. Rosecrans is a small school and we’re all part of one big family. It was a privilege to work in that atmosphere and be a part of the development of so many outstanding young people.”

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Denbow was chosen as the Kiwanian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Zanesville and was honored by the service club at a luncheon in October. The club also set up a scholarship in his honor, announcing it would award \$500 in Denbow’s name to a graduating senior member of the Key clubs from both Rosecrans and West Muskingum high schools.

“Usually you have to die for stuff like that to happen,” Denbow said. “To receive recognition like that makes me feel very fortunate and humbled.”

The Key Club is Kiwanis’ nationwide youth service organization. Denbow organized its Rosecrans chapter in 1982 and has been chapter adviser ever since. “The principal at the time brought me into the office, introduced me to four Kiwanis members, and said you’re going to be the Key Club adviser,” he said. “I had no idea what a Key Club was, but learned quickly and enjoyed it. I’ve been going to Kiwanis ever since.”

He continues to work with the Key Club at its meetings every Monday at the school and to take club members to Kiwanis meetings every Wednesday. The club has always been one of the school’s largest extracurricular organizations, ranging in size from 25 to 75 members. This year, it has 34, which Denbow said represents about one-fifth of the student body.

Kiwanis and Key clubs perform service activities centered around children. The Rosecrans Key Club collects mittens and hats for children in Zanesville-area schools and assists the Kiwanis with its peanut sales and other programs benefiting organizations including the Starlight School and the Carr Center in Zanesville, both of which serve children with disabilities, and Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus.

Denbow graduated from Ohio University, taught for one year each at Maysville High School in Zanesville and Morgan High School in McConnelsville, then came to Rosecrans in 1970 and stayed there until the end of the 2011-12 school year, teaching on a part-time basis for the last seven years.

“When I started there, I thought I’d be there for five years and go back to a public school,” he said. “When I reached that five-year point, I was a Rosecrans person from one end to the other. I had no desire to leave because I enjoyed the small-school atmosphere so much.”

He taught social studies classes throughout his tenure at the school – “mostly what used to be known as Problems of Democracy and now is called government and law, plus American history,” he said. “There were also other courses the school offered in that area over the years. I taught psychology for 10 or 15 years, plus economics and mock trial at various times, even a semester in religion. For 10 years or so, I also had freshman courses in geography and study skills.”

He said his favorite subject was government and law. “I redesigned that course in a way that seemed to work best for me and the students,” he said. “I taught an entire year of government in the first semester and a year of law in the second. That seems crazy, but it worked for us. Government was a pretty straightforward class, but for the law portion, I went into the areas the students had questions about in any given year and emphasized what was interesting to them.

“We always stayed within the diocesan and state guidelines. Over the years, the guidelines have come to where I was a long time ago.”

He said technology plays a much bigger role in education and in the lives of students than it did 42 years ago, but young people themselves haven’t changed that much. “Kids are kids,” he said. “They’re still children, but they are rapidly moving toward adulthood and its responsibilities, and you have to understand them.”

He said the two biggest changes over the years in the organizations he is most identified with have been the role of girls in the Key Club and the role of laypeople at Rosecrans.

“When I started with Key Club, it was an all-boys organization because Kiwanis was still all-male,” he said. Girls were allowed in Key Club in 1981, and Kiwanis began admitting women in 1987. “Now there’s about a 50-50 split in both organizations between male and female members. The Key Club here has about a 60-40 male-female ratio in terms of officers, but we’ve had a lot more girls in those roles in the last few years. That change from being all-male was a great benefit for both organizations,” Denbow said.

“The teaching staff consisted almost entirely of priests and sisters when I came here, with about 20 sisters, plus Dominican and Franciscan priests from the two Zanesville parishes, and very few laypeople,” he said. “Now, like most Catholic schools, we don’t have any priests and sisters left on the staff. But one thing that was true 40 years ago and still is today is that those who are Catholic school teachers feel it’s a special calling, a real mission in their lives.”

Denbow and his wife, Kay, whom he met at OU, have been married for 42 years and have two grown children. Kay also was an educator, retiring six years ago after 35 years as a first-grade teacher in the Zanesville public schools. She is a longtime member of various choirs at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church and has been involved with community theater productions.

“One other thing that’s changed a lot is the number of exchange students we have at Rosecrans,” Denbow said. “We used to have one or two a year. Now it’s more like 15 to 20, including the brothers and sisters of students who were here earlier. Some of them spend all four years here, especially those from South America or Asia.

“We’ve been blessed by having many people willing to be host families for them. It’s been fun, and it’s helped our own students see how much they have in common with other young people, no matter where they’re from.

“I’m also extremely pleased to have been part of a school that sends all its students on to higher education every year. They go everywhere, to major colleges across the nation and sometimes elsewhere. I’m proud to know they can come from a small town like Zanesville, go anywhere they wish, and be successful because of the foundation Catholic education has given them.”



Fight for Religious Liberty

NEW RULES STRENGTHEN THE RELIGIOUS IDENTITY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

Warning that Catholic charitable activity must not become “just another form of organized social assistance,” Pope Benedict XVI issued new rules to strengthen the religious identity of Catholic charities and ensure that their activities conform to church teaching.

The pope’s apostolic letter on the “service of charity,” issued *motu proprio* (on his own initiative), directs bishops in overseeing charitable works

in their dioceses. The document, dated Nov. 11, was released by the Vatican on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Charities approved by the church or supported by church funds “are required to follow Catholic principles in their activity and they may not accept commitments which could in any way affect the observance of those principles,” the pope wrote.

The staff members of such charities must therefore “share, or at least respect, the Catholic identity” of their

agencies, and exemplify “Christian life” and faith. Bishops are to provide these employees with “theological and pastoral formation” through special courses and “suitable aids to the spiritual life.”

Catholic charities are forbidden to “receive financial support from groups or institutions that pursue ends contrary to the church’s teaching,” or to “accept contributions for initiatives whose ends, or the means used to pursue them, are not in conformity with the church’s teaching.”

To ensure that the church’s charitable agencies reflect “Christian simplicity of life,” each bishop is to set their salaries and expenses at levels “in due proportion to analogous expenses of his diocesan curia.”

When “the activity of a particular charitable agency is no longer being carried out in conformity with the church’s teaching,” Pope Benedict wrote, the responsible bishop must inform his flock and “prohibit that agency from using the name ‘Catholic.’”

The document is the Vatican’s latest

measure aimed at reinforcing the religious identity of Catholic institutions. In May 2012, the Vatican issued rules strengthening its control over Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 164 Catholic relief, development, and social service agencies around the world, including Catholic Relief Services in the United States.

In the apostolic letter, the pope praised Caritas for its “generous and consistent witness of faith and its concrete ability to respond to the needs of the poor.”

He also instructed bishops to foster the establishment of a “local Caritas service or a similar body” in every parish under their authority, not only to provide aid to the needy, but to educate the community in a “spirit of sharing and authentic charity.”

Pope Benedict specified that the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum*, the Vatican office in charge of coordinating and promoting charitable giving, would be primarily responsible for “promoting the application of this legislation and ensuring that it is applied at all levels.”



The Lost Ones

By JOSEPH THOMAS

Imagine coming across a small village where children are at play. Sounds of laughter and of joy and the scattering of footsteps are felt and heard. Parents stop their busy day to watch as their little ones run about.

Now imagine a world in which you visit a site eerily vacant and silent. It is like walking into a ghost town. The smells of dust, wanting, and nothingness seem to fill the air. You wander the area, seeking some proof of life only to find no existence. This is the place left by broken hearts and minds. These are the moments that cause you to reflect on your own mortality and the truer meaning of life.

More than 2,000 years ago, this was the place and the time for emptiness brought on by bigotry and ignorance. A king found it necessary to kill off the infant population and, in essence, rid

the world of a savior. Little did he know that it was the manifest destiny of God to produce a son and that nothing, not even a man’s blind act, would keep this from happening. Born in a little town, in the midst of chaos and confusion, were our redemption and a warning: To all who try and seek justice at the hands of innocents, look about, someone is now watching you. He is there in the quiet of the night, in the hands of a mother, in the hearts of many, to protect them. Theirs is the new kingdom, the inheritance Jesus brought to our world and in the redemption for those little lost souls roaming and searching for heaven and the lamb.

Children say that there is a light that shines in all of us, a beacon that they use to follow Jesus home. What a wonderful lesson we can learn from them. Especially at this time of year, we rush around, spending our time shopping, rushing here and there, trying

to get that one gift that would make their Christmas complete. What they really want is just to be with their family and the love that comes with the season.

We adults tend to go through life thinking that busy is better and keep our minds so preoccupied that we forget life’s true meaning. The fear of stopping, of self-reflection and finding out who we truly are, overrides our passions and makes us smaller in the eyes of God. Therefore, strive to be like a child, think like a child, act like a child, love like a child. Look with wonder at all of the innocence of being born. Don’t worry about the things you must accomplish before the day ends, and learn, as they do, to just live in the moment. Remember that your love is the brightest light of all.

For all the snowy nights, the shiny lights, the whimsical sights, and the glorious rights, let us hope that those now with us and those children

who never got a chance to exist, who struggled relentlessly for their mother to give them life, are given the same chance to experience the wonders of this season. We celebrate their lives, however short, and the countless lives of all children around the world today. They are known as our little ones, our quiet ones, our blessed ones, and our lost ones. Keep in heavenly peace, my children, keep in heavenly peace.

May you have a wonderful holiday. And remember, He knows when you are naughty or nice, so hope for less coal and more presents in all your stockings. Merry Christmas, may God continue to bless us all, and may His peace be with you always.

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Getting Ready for Christmas

By FATHER PATRICK TONER

Thanksgiving is over and the holiday shopping season has begun. Please note that I did not say the Christmas season has begun. The Christmas season is Dec. 25 to Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Everyone enjoys the song “The 12 Days of Christmas.” Originally, the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi, was the important feast. In the Eastern Church, the focus is still on the Epiphany.

The word “Epiphany” means “Manifestation.” God is showing off his gift to the world with heavenly wonders. St. Matthew records the coming of the Magi, wise men, or “kings” from the East. Tradition numbers them “three” because there are three gifts – gold,

frankincense, and myrrh. Later tradition gave them names. What we notice is that those who were expecting the Messiah didn’t respond to the news.

Christians celebrate the time leading up to Christmas as the season of Advent. Advent, which means “coming,” speaks about his first coming in history and his second coming in glory. It is a time of preparation. Some Advent traditions remind us of waiting in hope for the coming promise. Advent calendars reveal a prophecy each day to prepare us. Jesse trees recall the heritage of Jesus and his claim to the kingdom of David.

The name “Christmas” is a contraction for Christ’s Mass. The highlight of the day was the celebration of Holy Mass at midnight. I still find it the best time to get in touch with the wondrous

mystery we celebrate. St. Francis of Assisi introduced the practice of using a stable to tell the story.

One of my favorite ideas is preparing the crib. The stable is set up, but not populated. For each good deed done, children get to place a straw in the manger to prepare a bed for baby Jesus. On Christmas night, the scene is completed and we welcome the newborn king with hymns and carols.

The date of Christmas, Dec. 25, was once calculated to coincide with the winter solstice. The year we start counting from for the Year of the Lord, Anno Domini (AD), was miscalculated, and the days got off the mark. Scholarship allows us to date his birth to between 6 and 4 BC. We cannot go back and change the calendars. All that is important is the belief in his birth.

The idea of gift giving comes from the stories about St. Nicholas, who morphs into the jolly old St. Nick or Santa Claus. As the idea became popular in the United States, he became more important – to some, more important than Jesus. As we move into a more secular society, even the name of the season pushes Christ out in favor of “happy holidays.” If you really want to be countercultural, you can still wish people a merry or a blessed Christmas.

As you get ready for Christmas, remember what we are celebrating. Also remember that some of our neighbors are celebrating other holidays at this time. So whatever you are celebrating, make it a time of peace and joy for all.

Father Toner is pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church.



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Christmas Day
8:00 AM Missa in Aurora (Latin)
9:00 AM Missa in Die (Latin)
11:00 AM English, Msgr. Francis X. Schweitzer

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Photos, from top: (1) Holy Family Jubilee Museum staff members (from left) Carley Stedman, marketing director; Linda Hamilton, curator; and Father Kevin Lutz, Holy Family pastor. (2) A display of papal items includes a white zucchetto (skullcap) worn by Pope St. Pius X and a broad-brimmed hat known as a galero from Pope Pius XII. (3) A life-size hand-carved crucifix said to have been given by King Louis Philippe of France to the Catholics of Bardstown, Ky. CT photos by Tim Puett

Double celebration for JUBILEE MUSEUM AND CATHOLIC CULTURAL CENTER AT COLUMBUS HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

BY TIM PUETT

Reporter, Catholic Times

The approaching end of one year and beginning of another marks the midpoint of a double celebration for the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center at Columbus Holy Family Church.

The year about to end is the 100th anniversary year for the museum building, which served as the parish school for 61 years following its completion in 1912. The coming year of 2013 will be the 15th year for the museum itself. Father Kevin Lutz, Holy Family's pastor, opened the museum in 1998 and named it in anticipation of the Jubilee Year Pope John Paul II had proclaimed for 2000.

To honor the dual anniversaries, the museum is displaying most of its collection of nearly 100 Nativity scenes through Sunday, Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. The Nativity exhibit and the rest of the museum are open until then from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays. Regular museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with tours scheduled at other times on request. The museum will be closed on from Monday, Dec. 24 to Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Dec. 31 to Wed. Jan. 2.

The exhibit showcases the nation's largest collection of Fontanini Nativity figures from Italy, which was donated to the museum by Father Carmen Arcuri, a retired priest of the Diocese of Columbus. Another retired diocesan priest, Fa-

ther Harold Schneider, also has donated several Nativity scenes.

In addition, the Currier and Ives-style Nativity figures displayed on the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral lawn during the 1940s are on display, 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 Nativity exhibit will be followed by several special programs throughout 2013. Father Lutz said these events will include tributes to bishops, sisters, and priests; movie nights; a banquet; and other activities.

The museum grew out of Father Lutz's intention to put together an exhibit on the history of the Diocese of Columbus for the Jubilee Year at Holy Family Church. He had an art collection of his own which he planned to exhibit on the upper level of the former school building. When he asked people to donate additional items, the response was substantial enough that he soon had enough material to fill all the space the site had available.

The museum has been growing ever since. Its permanent collection is recognized by the Vatican as the largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork in the United States.

"We're not sure how much we've collected," said museum curator Linda Hamilton. "Like any museum, we have thousands of items on display and thousands more that are archived and stored because there's no room for them, or they're

not in display condition, or they're things like school desks, which fall more into the category of useful everyday items than museum pieces."

"We're always adding or subtracting items," said Carley Stedman, the museum's marketing director. "We've become known across the nation by being showcased on Father Mitch Pacwa's EWTN television program and through a *USA Today* story and articles in the local media.

"Probably at least once a month, a pastor will call, looking for anything from a communion paten to an altar or an organ. We're receiving things every week. Besides finding new homes for items, we frequently loan things to events such as youth activities, Marian conferences, and the recent Sacred Heart Congress at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church," he said.

Father Lutz said the museum has provided liturgical furnishings to dozens of churches in the Columbus area and throughout the nation. "There's been a real resurgence of interest in the traditional art of the church," he said. "Many pastors who are building new churches want them to have a timeless look. The new St. Paul Church in Westerville is a good example, with its Romanesque architecture and use of stained glass from former churches in Cleveland.

"I'm seeing a lot of reclamation of older windows, traditional art, and stations of the cross, and this is one of the first places parishes come to when they're looking for that," Father Lutz said. "Tastes are very flu-

id, but that is the trend these days."

"One of the largest items we've found a new site for is the main altar for St. Turibius Chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum. It came from a former church building at Wills Creek near Cambridge – a small church with a huge altar," Stedman said. "A set of Stations of the Cross we had is now in a recently dedicated cathedral in Kazakhstan. A statue of St. Brigid of Kildare we had acquired recently was restored and now is part of the Dublin church of the same name."

Besides providing an altar for the Josephinum, the museum has received altars from the pontifical college in northern Franklin County. The carved wooden altars date back to the seminary's founding as a boys school by Msgr. Joseph Jessing in the Ohio River town of Pomeroy and traveled with the institution when it moved first to downtown Columbus and then to its current site. "They were in storage and sort of forgotten for a while until someone there unearthed them and asked us to help restore them and prevent further deterioration," Father Lutz said.

One of the museum's newest and most popular exhibits is a collection of more than 300 dolls wearing traditional sisters' habits, displayed in a room which also includes full-sized, habit-wearing mannequins

A chalice with a heart-shaped amethyst that belonged to Mary Queen of Scots is one of the most valuable items on display at the Holy Family Jubilee Museum. The amethyst dates to the 16th century, while the chalice is of later origin.



and even a doll depicting actress Sally Field in costume from the television show "The Flying Nun." The collection was donated by Sister Rosaire Walker, who lives in Newfoundland.

Other recent acquisitions include pipe organs from Columbus Holy Cross and New Philadelphia Sacred Heart churches, both of which have purchased new organs. "Those organs may be resurrected in the future, in whole or in part," said Father Lutz, himself an organist. "I just hate to see instruments like that cast into the dumpster."

The hallways and most of the building's 18 former classrooms are filled with many other trea-

sures. One room contains items from popes and bishops, while another includes stained-glass windows, stations of the cross, and other parts of the original Columbus St. Peter Church on the city's east side, Father Lutz's home parish. A large amount of Byzantine art was donated by the Franciscans of the Holy Land when they closed their museum in Washington in 2006. There's even a synagogue with a Torah scroll.

One of the most valuable items on display is a chalice with a heart-shaped amethyst that belonged to Mary Queen of Scots. The amethyst dates to the 16th century, while the chalice is of later origin. One bookcase includes a 1558 Bible and

a 1511 edition of the Book of the Hours, both from France. Another contains a 1582 first edition Rheims New Testament in English.

A life-size hand-carved crucifix in a hallway is said to have been given by King Louis Philippe of France to the Catholics of Bardstown, Ky. The museum's oldest items are pottery, an oil lamp, and coins from the pre-Christian era in the Holy Land.

A hallway display case honors Columbus police officer Tom Hayes, who was paralyzed in a 1979 shooting, but became a civilian sketch artist for the police department and died last year.

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One of the Jubilee Museum's hallways is an example of the variety and beauty of

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Father Lutz was a friend of Hayes, and after the officer's death, he was able to track down the gunman to say Hayes had forgiven him right away and had prayed over the years that he would become a Catholic if he was not one already. Father Lutz baptized the man, who served 24 years in prison for the crime, this past July and continues to visit and counsel him as he struggles with multiple sclerosis.

"People are astonished at what they see here," Father Lutz said of the museum. "You tell someone you're going to a parish museum and they expect to see one room with 19 pictures of dead pastors and some old prayer books. We have none of that. Come here and you'll find a collection as diverse as that of any museum in the country, with a unique Catholic perspective."

The building where the museum is located is in Columbus' Franklinton neighborhood and was built on the site of a former diocesan seminary by Father Dennis Clarke, Holy Family's pastor a century ago. The parish's church and rectory were built at about the same time.

The school was hardly finished when Columbus' most destructive flood occurred in February 1913. People swam and ran to the new school to find shelter, and it became a distribution center for food and blankets in the weeks after the flood — a role it would serve 60 years later in a more permanent way.

Its construction of masonry and poured concrete makes it as sturdy and structurally sound as it was when it was new. The maple wood floors in the classroom all sit on concrete decks. Even the attic floor is heavy concrete. An east wing added in the 1930s was

built in the same way.

At its peak, the school had about 1,000 enrolled in grades one to 12 taught mostly by the Sisters of Mercy from Louisville, Ky. Holy Family High School closed in 1964 and the grade school followed in 1973, but the building has never been idle.

Many groups from in and out of the parish have used it in the past 40 years, including Project Head Start and the Homeless Families Foundation. Its upper floors now house the museum, but today it's probably best known as the site of Columbus' largest soup kitchen, which was founded in the mid-1970s by Msgr. Francis Schweitzer. The kitchen, located in the building's basement, serves thousands of meals a week, and was directed for 29 years by Frances Carr, who relinquished that position this summer but remains active as a volunteer.

Msgr. Schweitzer is retired and lives in a skilled-care facility, but remains active in the parish, celebrating Mass at noon every weekday in the church's basement chapel. Msgr. Schweitzer is the senior priest of the diocese and quietly observed the 67th anniversary of his ordination on Oct. 27 at Holy Family.

For more information about the museum or to schedule a tour, contact Stedman at (614) 361-7450 or Hamilton at (614) 221-4323. Allow approximately 90 minutes for a full tour.

The museum's website is www.jubil-eemuseum.org.



Photos, from top: (1) Dolls in traditional sisters' habits, most of them donated by Sister Rosaire Walker; (2) A case with a variety of sacred vessels; (3) A 1511 edition of the Book of the Hours comes from France and is the museum's oldest printed item.



The former Columbus Holy Family School, dedicated in 1912 and now the home of the Holy Family Jubilee Museum and the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.

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POPE BENEDICT XVI TWEETS WITH FOLLOWERS

By **Carol Glatz**

Catholic News Service

To celebrate the launch of his new Twitter account, Pope Benedict XVI will tweet the answers to a handful of questions from his followers.

The pope's rare question-and-answer exchange on the social media site shows the church doesn't just want to teach the truth, but also wants to listen to others, said Archbishop Claudio Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

The archbishop and other Vatican officials spoke at a news conference on Monday, Dec. 3, to reveal the pope's new Twitter account @Pontifex.

Starting Wednesday, Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the pope will send messages in eight languages, including Arabic, from eight different Twitter accounts. @Pontifex is the English feed while the other language accounts use an extension of the main handle. For example, the Spanish feed is @Pontifex_es.

The handle "Pontifex" was chosen because it means "pope and bridge builder," said Greg Burke, media adviser for the Vatican's Secretariat of State. The name suggests "reaching out" and bringing unity not just of Catholics "but all men and women of good will," he said.

Msgr. Paul Tighe, secretary of the communications council, said the pontifex name also "refers to the office more than the person"; that is, it highlights the leader of the church and the Catholic faithful.

A more practical consideration was that many permutations of the name Pope Benedict XVI already were taken by other people not affiliated with the pope, whereas the handle "Pontifex" was available.

was available.

Using a handle that wasn't taken meant the Vatican didn't have to "go around and get people to vacate the space," Msgr. Tighe said.

The pope's first tweets from the new accounts will be responses to four or five questions about the Catholic faith sent to the pope on Twitter via the hashtag #askpontifex, he said.

The very first question came in during the news conference announcing the initiative. It was in Spanish and asked "What is the core of the message of the Gospel and how can we help to share it?" Msgr. Tighe said.

While it's expected people will send questions that are off-topic — such as one asking who will win an upcoming sports match — only questions dealing with the Catholic faith will get serious consideration, said Burke.

The pope planned to personally send the inaugural tweets around noon Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the end of his general audience. The Q&A exchange was to be offered just that one time, and the rest of the papal news feeds will be excerpts from his general audience talks, Angelus addresses, or other important speeches, Burke said.

Each tweet will be crafted by a Vatican official and the pope will review and approve each one before it is sent from the Vatican Secretariat of State's offices, he said.

The papal tweets will be posted with some regularity, but won't be too frequent, given the time constraints of the pope and that each tweet needs his approval, Msgr. Tighe said.

Even though he won't be physically sending the tweets, the messages "are pearls of wisdom coming from the heart of the pope's teaching and coming from



his own mind and ideas," he said.

When asked whether the tweets will carry the weight of papal infallibility, Archbishop Celli said the tweets "aren't positions taken on dogma"; however, they will be excerpts from his teachings and are a part of the papal magisterium.

To avoid making people feel left out or underappreciated for not being followed by the pope, the pope's accounts won't follow anyone else on Twitter, except the other @Pontifex language accounts, Burke said.

The pope's presence isn't to amass a fan club, but to encourage all the other Catholics who are present and active online, Msgr. Tighe said. Even though the pope won't be using the site to retweet, follow others or comment, his presence is meant to "encourage them to engage in debate and discussion" with their fans and followers.

The Vatican isn't afraid of the likelihood of insults or criticism being aimed at the pope on Twitter, Burke and Msgr. Tighe said.

"It's a free market of ideas, and that's good," said Burke.

The Monsignor added that it would be worse to have kept the pope out of the Twittersphere out of fear of engagement and then to leave that space "vacant."

Claire Diaz-Ortiz, manager of social innovation for Twitter, told Catholic

News Service that before the account was made public, @Pontifex had 11 followers. Within an hour of its unveiling, it had more than 14,000 followers, which was "a pretty great feat" considering the figure snowballed from the Tweets of the pontifical council, Vatican Radio, and fewer than 100 reporters at the Vatican news conference.

Diaz-Ortiz said she works with "high profile" religious leaders and started helping the Vatican expand its presence by opening a papal account this past spring.

"The thing we see with religion and what makes it so interesting," she said, "is that their engagement levels are really through the roof."

She said if you were to compare the number of followers an "average pastor" has to the number "an L.A. film star has, you see that engagement per number of followers is so much higher for a religious leader."

"What that tells us is that this is the kind of material that people on Twitter want to connect with and want to hear about more," she said.

She said Christian leaders have repeatedly pointed out "how many Bible verses are really less than 140 characters" to begin with. Diaz-Ortiz also said that the "positive messages of spirituality" in the Gospels already make a nice fit for the Twitter format.

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Third Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

Joy is the overriding theme for Sunday readings



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

There is a marked change in tone in Sunday’s readings, especially in the first and second readings. The theme of joy is traditionally introduced on this third Advent Sunday, marking the nearness of the coming of the Lord. This should be an occasion of joy.

Zephaniah is excited because the Exile is over and the Israelites’ time of servitude is over. This is interpreted as the Lord removing the judgment against Israel. The true King of Israel, the Lord, is in their midst, so there is nothing more to fear. Most of Zephaniah was judgment against Israel. Doom and gloom was his message.

The verses in Sunday’s first reading were obvious additions to the original prophecy, added by a later scribe. Yet what they expected when the Exile was over and what they got when they returned from exile were two different things. As with all things, expectations and hopes are one thing, but reality is another.

In the Philippians reading, joy is once again the overriding theme. In fact, Paul is so happy that he repeats the injunction: Rejoice! The joy is generated by the prospect (and belief) that the Lord is near.

With that prospect, Paul says there should be no cause for anxiety. Rather, Paul says, make your requests known to God in prayer, and allow the peace of God to descend upon you.

Prayer works in some of the most difficult situations we face. When the peace of God descends upon us, there is no better or more secure place to be. As the song says, “No storm can shake my inmost calm.”



ICU Unit visits St. Vincent students

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School students recently were visited by a mobile ultrasound unit. Pictured in front of the unit are (from left) Laurel Vines, unit director Adam Barton, Mark Fongheiser, Sam Wendt, Matthew Brenneman, Caleb Wade, Ethan Buehler, Brooks McKinley, Brendan Richardson, Elizabeth Day, and Michaela Parks. The school's seventh- and eighth-graders are raising money to directly support Image Clear Ultrasound (ICU) Mobile, which provides mobile clinics to pregnancy distress centers. The units offer free ultrasound and counseling services to women experiencing unplanned pregnancy, allowing ultrasound technology and help to go to where the need is instead of waiting for women to find it. ICU Mobile units are in operation across the nation and soon will be in Uganda and Brazil.

Photo courtesy St. Vincent de Paul School

The Gospel continues last Sunday’s work of John the Baptist, who here addresses various groups of people who ask what they are required to do, in light of his proclamation of a baptism for the forgiveness of sins. To some, he said “Share what you have.”

To tax collectors, he said “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” This deserves further comment. Tax (or toll) collectors were hired by Romans to collect certain taxes, and built into the charge was a fee for the collector. It was a system that was easily corrupted, which leads people generally to categorize all people in a given profession as belonging to the stereotype of the group.

Because many toll collectors were known to be corrupt, in the popular imagination, all were corrupt. There were taxes on everything from produce to property purchases and leasing. Ours is not the only society in which taxes are charged. All societies need taxes to exist. John did not forbid the collection of taxes. He just said not to go beyond what the prescribed rate was.

When soldiers came to John, they were not Roman soldiers, but more than likely soldiers who protected Herod Antipas. During this period, there were no Roman soldiers stationed in this region, according to the Jewish historian Josephus. John required them not to practice extortion. The Greek verb means “to shake violently,” which we would recognize from the expression “shake someone down.”

John also requires them not to falsely accuse anyone, which comes from a Greek verb that gives us the word “sycophant,” an interesting derivation but too long to explain here. Finally, John says to be content with your pay. I never yet have heard a soldier of any stripe content with his wages.

The excitement was palpable among the people, wondering whether John might be the long-awaited Christ. John knows better and points them away from himself toward the one he knows is coming after him, the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY
Genesis 49:2,8-10
Psalm 72:3-4,7-8,17
Matthew 1:1-17

TUESDAY
Jeremiah 23:5-8
Psalm 72:1,12-13,18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

WEDNESDAY
Judges 13:2-7,24-25a
Psalm 71:3-6,16-17
Luke 1:5-25

THURSDAY
Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 1:26-38

FRIDAY
Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm 33:2-3,11-12,20-21
Luke 1:39-45

SATURDAY
1 Samuel 1:24-28
1 Samuel 2:1,4-7,8abcd (Ps)
Luke 1:46-56

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2012

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

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

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

The Schoenstatt Movement Nears 100 Years

In my last column, I wrote of new movements in the Church that give us hope in troubled times. When writing my just-released book, “The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn,” even I was stunned about the new movements that keep cropping up within the Church, even as so many have written the Church off. Indeed, this is the history of the Church – when she is thought to be coming under the grip of the dark side, she only grows stronger in faith, because of her burgeoning movements, and leaves evildoers scratching their heads.

I must admit a certain reticence to writing this column because I don’t think in one article I can truly do the Schoenstatt movement justice, but the movement’s nearly 100-year-old story and that of its founder, Father Josef Kentenich, really need to be told. In 1914, Father Kentenich, a young German priest, started a movement that was so unique it took nearly 50 years before many people would understand the groundbreaking effects it could have on the Church. This future saint not only would survive the suspicions of some on the theological left and right, but he also would survive the Dachau concentration camp.

He died in 1968, the same year as another misunderstood priest, St. Padre Pio. However, Father Kentenich left behind an amazing outlook which every believer should emulate and a perseverance that few could imagine. In a modern world full of individuals



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

making millions of dollars on self-help, pep talks, and new age “spiritual guidance,” Father Kentenich reminded everyone that Jesus is our true spiritual guide and His Blessed Mother the model for us all to follow.

Father Kentenich took the same philosophy as St. Teresa of Avila, who was fond of saying, “Please, Lord, save us from more dour priests and their false asceticism.” Father Kentenich raised the ire of some in the Church when he repeated St. Teresa of Avila’s views and those of another saint named with a similar name – St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. Though an intellectual of the highest order, Father Kentenich restated the words of Jesus that “we must be like little children if we want to enter the Kingdom of God.” The German priest said the faith must equip us here on earth with spiritual and earthly strategies. He looked into the field of human behavior and the burgeoning field of Catholic psychology to help the faithful cope with an increasingly narcissistic world. One can only imagine Father Kentenich’s views to-

Foundation’s Conversation Series

The Catholic Foundation recently hosted the fourth event in its continuing Conversation series, this time focusing on “Evangelization, the Year of Faith and Parish Life” with Msgr. Frank Lane.

Msgr. Lane began by pointing out that there are several ways to approach the Year of Faith, one of which is the renewal of our sense of the sacramental life of the Church. Much of his conversation focused on the sacraments, as he noted that they lay the groundwork for the parishes.

“Parish life, in order to be whole, must have its foundation on the sacramental life of the church,” he said. “In a parish setting, we participate in a universal restoration through our commitment to the sacramental life given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.”

He went on to discuss how the sacraments, charity, and faith are crucial to the individual and the Church. Most importantly, because of the sacraments, the means of salvation, the Church is necessary in order for people to be saved. This makes it worthwhile to sustain parish families, because there is no nourishment for salvation from any other source.



Therefore, it is truly important to immortalize our ancestors and our faith. Msgr. Lane described how we need to find ways to include our heritage in our parishes, knowing that buildings don’t last forever and communities shift. One of the best ways

to ensure the Church remains for the salvation of our future ancestors is through the new evangelization.

“The idea of the New Evangelization will not happen unless Catholics believe and practice their faith,” he said. “Believe not just in mind, in projects and theories, but believe in their hearts that this is the road to heaven.”

The next Conversation is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013 at The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus. A panel will present “Myths and Misconceptions on End of Life Decisions,” which will discuss a Catholic perspective on medical treatment, living wills, organ donation, palliative care, extraordinary means, and more.

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BOOK REVIEW

JESUS OF NAZARETH: INFANCY

By CAROL GLATZ AND FRANCIS X. ROCCA

Catholic News Service

The Nativity story, like the whole story of Christ, is not merely an event in the past, but has unfolding significance for people today, with implications for such issues as the limits of political power and the purpose of human freedom, Pope Benedict writes in his third and final volume on the life and teachings of Jesus.

“Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives” is only 132 pages long, yet it includes wide-ranging reflections on such matters as the significance of the Virgin Birth and the distinctive views of nature in ancient pagan and Judeo-Christian cultures.

The book was formally presented at the Vatican on Nov. 20, and was published in English and eight other languages in 50 countries on Nov. 21.

In the book, Pope Benedict examines Jesus’ birth and childhood as recounted in the Gospels of Sts. Matthew and Luke. His interpretation of the biblical texts refers frequently to the work of other scholars and draws on a variety of academic fields, including linguistics, political science, art history, and the history of science.

The book’s publication completes the three-volume “Jesus of Nazareth” series, which also includes “From the Baptism in the Jordan to

the Transfiguration” (2007) and “Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection” (2011).

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said at the Nov. 20 book launch that the three books are the “fruit of a long inner journey” by Joseph Ratzinger, whose personal views they represent. While much of what the pope says is accepted Catholic dogma, the texts themselves are not part of the church’s Magisterium and their arguments are free to be disputed, Father Lombardi said.

In his new book, the pope argues that Matthew and Luke, in their Gospel accounts, set out to “write history, real history that had actually happened, admittedly interpreted and understood in the context of the word of God.”

The pope calls the virgin birth and the resurrection “cornerstones” of Christian faith, since they show God acting directly and decisively in the material world.

“These two moments are a scandal to the modern spirit,” which expects and allows God to act only in ideas, thoughts and the spiritual world, not the material, he writes. Yet it is not illogical or irrational to suppose that God possesses creative powers and power over matter, otherwise “then he is simply not God.”

The pope enriches the Gospel accounts with personal reflec-

tions as well as questions and challenges for his readers.

For example, considering the angel’s appearance to the shepherds, who then “went with haste” to meet the child Savior, the pope asked “How many Christians make haste today, where the things of God are concerned?”

Pope Benedict examines the political context of the time of Jesus’ birth, which featured both the so-called “*Pax Romana*” -- the widespread peace brought by the Roman ruler Caesar Augustus -- and King Herod’s thirst for power, which led to the slaughter of the innocents.

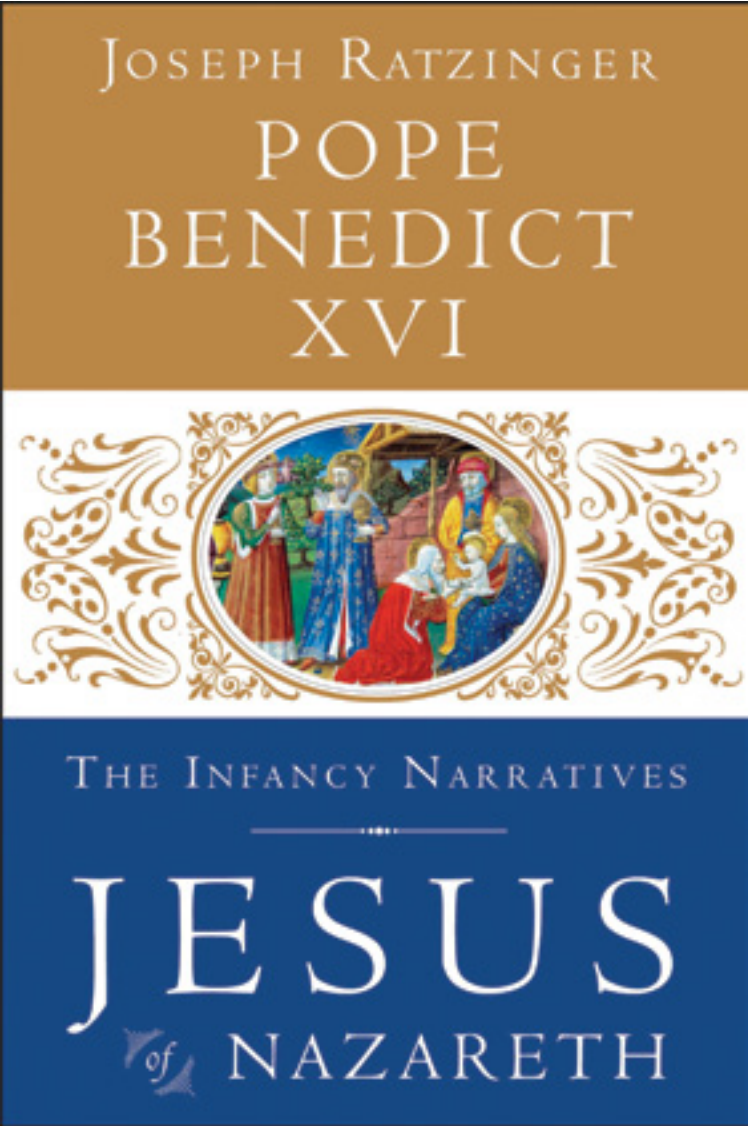
“*Pax Christi* is not necessarily opposed to *Pax Augusti*,” he writes. “Yet the peace of Christ surpasses the peace of Augustus as heaven surpasses earth.”

The political realm has “its own sphere of competence and responsibility;” it oversteps those bounds when it “claims divine status and divine attributes” and makes promises it cannot deliver.

The other extreme comes with forms of religious persecution when rulers “tolerate no other kingdom but their own,” the pope writes.

Any sign God announces “is given not for a specific political situation, but concerns the whole history of humanity,” he writes.

The pope writes that the Three Wise Men symbolize the purification of science, philosophy,



and rationality.

“They represent the inner dynamic of religion toward self-transcendence, which involves the search for truth, the search for the true God,” the pope writes.

The pope also argues that the star of Bethlehem was a true celestial event.

It “seems to be an established fact,” he writes, that the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn happened in 7-6 BC, which “as we have seen is now thought likely to have been when Jesus was born.”

A key topic in the book is the role of human freedom in God’s divine plan for humanity.

“The only way (God) can redeem man, who was created free, is by means of a free ‘yes’ to his will,” the pope writes. It is precisely “the moment of free, humble yet magnanimous obedience,” such as Mary and Joseph showed when listening to God, “in

which the loftiest choice of human freedom is made.”

Jesus, too, in his human freedom, understood he was bound to obedience to his heavenly father, even at the cost of his earthly life.

The missing 12-year-old, rediscovered by an anxious Mary and Joseph in the Temple, was not there “as a rebel against his parents, but precisely as an obedient (son), acting out the same obedience that leads to the cross and the resurrection,” the pope writes.

Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection is a story filled with contradiction, paradox, and mystery, the pope writes, and “remains a sign of contradiction today.”

“What proves Jesus to be the true sign of God is he takes upon himself the contradiction of God,” Pope Benedict writes, “he draws it to himself all the way to the contradiction of the cross.”



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Actors dressed as Joseph and Mary and the three Wise Men, part of a live Nativity scene, stroll past the U.S. Capitol after demonstrating outside the nearby Supreme Court in Washington on Dec. 5. Members of the Christian Defense Coalition gathered with live actors and animals to demonstrate that such displays are protected by the First Amendment. The event was a reaction to other courts involvement in the banning of Nativity scenes in some parts of the United States.

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A student from the Chicago International Charter School, located on the campus of St. Anselm Parish, holds a sign as hundreds gather for a peace vigil and march on Nov. 30 following the recent shootings of two men outside of St. Columbanus Church. The two men were exiting the funeral of James Holoman, a former gang member. Chicago police said one man was killed and another critically injured in the bloodshed.

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A Christmas tree is illuminated in the Old Town Square on the eve of St. Nicholas Day in Prague on Dec. 5. St. Nicholas Day marks the start of Christmas for the Czech people.

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