

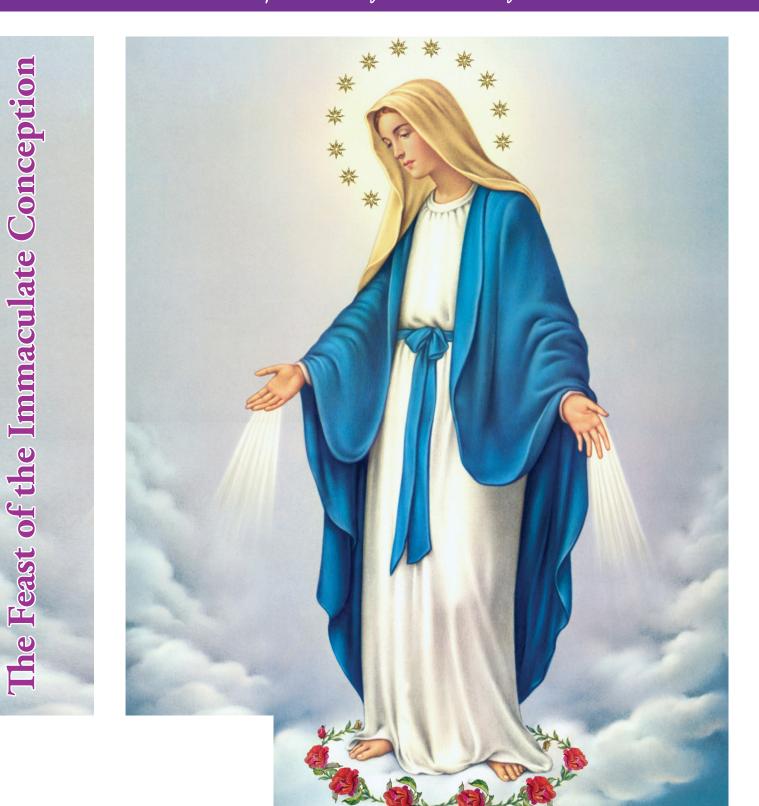


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The Editor's Notebook

Simple Obedience

By David Garick, Editor

With the Feast of the Immaculate On Thursday, Conception taking place this week, Dec. 12, we Catholic Times is taking a look at celebrate the the special place Mary plays in our incredible stofaith. It is fitting to do that in the ry of Juan Dimidst of our Advent preparations ego. A simple Mexican peasant, he for Christmas. After all, for the Inencountered Our Lady of Guadalupe, carnation to take place, Mary had to assent to her role in that process. "Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to vour word" (Luke 1:38). Having been born without the handicap of Original Sin, Mary was clearly more tradition was born that has enriched inclined to live a holy life. But she still had free will. She still had it in her power to say, "No, I'm not going to have a child now. No way!" That's how the world would tell us to react. But that's not what happened. Mary simply said "Yes" to the Lord.

Mary continues to confront us to this day as an example of obedience. Her of their church building in a devasmessage runs totally counter to what tating Thanksgiving Day fire. But our society tells us. The world says this parish, named and dedicated to you are supreme. You decide what the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, you will do and what will happen is drawing strength from those very with your body. Can we overcome hearts. They are committing themthe message of the world and obey the selves to carrying out God's will in will of God? It's easy to say, "Well, Mary was born without sin. She could do that. I'm not that strong." Mary rebuild their church and, at the first has shown us otherwise. Opening our Mass after the fire, stepped forward hearts to God fills our lives with God's with a significant special offering to grace. Willingness to do God's will aid their suffering brothers and sisendows us with the strength to accomters in the Philippines. plish the task he places before us.

not enough, consider another event coming of Our Lord at Christmas, let we celebrate this coming week in us remember that all the gifts of faith which Mary's example of simple and eternal life come from simply obedience led others to do the same. saying "Yes" to Christ.

and she told him to have the bishop in Mexico City build a chapel for her. Do you think he really wanted to go tell a bishop what to do? But he did. Not once, but several times, until the bishop saw the miracle of Our Lady, and a the lives of millions of the faithful by bringing them closer to Jesus through her. It only happened because of Juan Diego's simple obedience.

As you will read on the next page of this newspaper, our Catholic brothers and sisters in Cardington are facing the aftermath of the destruction Morrow County and in the world. They are already moving forward to

We are all called to simple obedi-If the example of Mary's own life is ence. As we prepare to celebrate the

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT



ANNUAL COLLECTION HELPS RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, in the Diocese of Columbus. Now in its 26th year, the collection is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington and benefits more than 34,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious-order priests.

Last year, the Diocese of Columbus contributed \$144,870 to this collection. Women and men religious who efits. Their sacrifices now leave their serve or have served in the diocese religious communities without adebut whose communities are based elsewhere may benefit from the annual appeal.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the collection in 1988 to address the significant lack of retirement funding among U.S. distributed to eligible communities to help underwrite retirement and 2012 alone. health-care expenses. Since the collection began. Catholics have contributed \$698 million. More than 93 percent of donations directly supmunities.

Communities use these funds to median age is a decrease in the bolster retirement savings and to number of religious able to serve in subsidize such day-to-day expens- compensated ministry. By 2023, the es as prescription medications and NRRO projects that retired religious nursing care. The NRRO also al- will outnumber wage-earning relilocated nearly \$3.6 million to as- gious by four to one.

The annual Retirement Fund for sist religious communities with the Religious collection will take place greatest needs and to promote ongoing education in retirement and elder-care delivery.

> Despite the generosity to the collection, several religious communities struggle to provide adequate care. In the past, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—served for small stipends that did not include retirement benquate savings for retirement.

The rising cost of care compounds funding difficulties. Last year, the average annual cost of care for senior religious was more than \$38,000 per person, while skilled care averaged more than \$57,000. The total cost of religious communities. Proceeds are care for senior women and men religious was more than \$1.1 billion in

At the same time, the number of religious needing care is on the rise. In 2012, 61 percent of the religious communities providing data to the port senior religious and their comNRRO had a median age of 75 or older. Accompanying the higher



Front Page:

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patronal feast of the United States, will be celebrated Monday, Dec. 9 this year because the regular feast day of Dec. 8 is a Sunday. It is not a holy day of obligation this year.

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CARDINGTON CHURCH PLANS FOR FUTURE AFTER FIRE

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

Cardington Sacred Hearts Church was destroyed by a fire early Thanksgiving pay for it in cash because it has no debt. Day, but "what happened won't hold us down," said Father John Bakle, SM, parish administrator. "We will continue parish life and go on with most of the programs we had planned for the holiday season."

These include the parish's collection for the food pantry in Mount Gilead, its gathering of items for Christmas baskets, and an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 10 a.m. and sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14671.

A site for those activities has yet to be determined. Father Bakle said Tuesday morning that the Cardington-Lincoln Local School District has offered the church the temporary use of the district's closed intermediate school building. He said he would be looking at the ing's electrical room. building later in the day to see how it could be adapted to the parish's needs and would then discuss the offer with school officials.

The building was completed for the 2012-13 school year for use by fourthto sixth-grade students. It was in use for only one year before being closed because of a significant drop in student enrollment resulting from the closing and subsequent sale of the former General Motors stamping plant in Ontario, just outside of Mansfield.

Trinity United Methodist Church in Mount Gilead has offered its facilities for use by the Sacred Hearts congregation as a temporary worship site. Father Bakle said that for the time being. Masses will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday in Trinity Hall. A site for Parish School of Religion classes hasn't been determined.

Bishop Frederick Campbell came to Cardington on Sunday, Dec. 1, three days after the fire, to celebrate the parish's first Mass in the Methodist hall. "The bishop told us the diocese wants to get started with the planning process cover the rest. today," Father Bakle said.

The bishop had been scheduled to visit Cardington on Monday, Dec. 9, to bless a digital organ which the parish had iust purchased from the Graves Piano instrument had served as a showroom Thursday, Nov. 28 by a newspaper de-

demonstration model for about two years. Father Bakle said that the organ had been installed less than two weeks ago and that the parish had been able to

The organ and nearly all the rest of the church's contents, including interior furnishings and liturgical items such as vestments, chalices, and hymnals, were destroyed by the fire. About the only items saved were the tabernacle and a set of bells.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. Spokesman Michael Duchesne of the state fire marshal's office said Tuesday that after going through the remains of the 40-year-old building, investigators from the office said it's unlikely a cause can be found because of the extent of the destruction. He also said that there was no sign the fire was set intentionally and that the person who first called in the fire said the flames were coming from the build-

The church was located on U.S. 42 between Cardington and the Morrow County seat of Mount Gilead and was the county's only Catholic church. It stood out in the flat north central Ohio landscape because of its contemporary design and because it was surrounded by farmland, including what Father Bakle estimated is about 15 acres owned by the Diocese of Columbus.

Diocesan finance director Bill Davis said he and other diocesan officials will meet with Father Bakle later this month to begin the process leading to building of a new church at the same site.

Davis said the diocese's insurance on the church building will cover its full reconstruction cost. The diocese is self-insured, and Davis said most of the money to pay for rebuilding of the church will come from the self-insurance program. If the reconstruction cost is beyond the building's coverage limit. the Catholic Mutual Group, a self-insurance organization which serves most of the nation's dioceses and more than 200 religious orders or institutions, will

The fire did not affect the church's offices and rectory, which are about 100 vards from the destroyed building.

Father Bakle said he was unaware of the fire until about 20 minutes after and Organ Co. of Columbus, where the it was first spotted at around 4 a.m.



A view of the fire which destroyed Cardington Sacred Hearts Church on Thursday, Nov. 28. The state fire marshal's office said the cause has not been determined.

Photo by Alissa Staley, courtesy of The Morrow County Sentinel, Mount Gilead

patch. "The sound of sirens awoke me, resulting in the replacement of all three and when they didn't disappear into the distance. I figured something must be been serviced less than two months ago. happening on the church property," he said. "Then I saw flashing red lights. Immediately looking out my bedroom window, I saw not just a small fire across the way, but a complete conflagration" to which nine trucks from six fire departments ultimately responded.

that there was nothing, either structure a parish and rebuilding what they origior contents, that could be salvaged, at least in a usable condition, and that the structure and contents would probably be a total loss," Father Bakle said. "During the rest of the morning, many people stopped by to voice their concerns and promise their prayers. The fire professionals did a magnificent job and had the fire pretty well contained around 10 a.m. Most of the fire trucks and equipment had left by 1 p.m., but we had to call them back at about 2:30 because of a flareup."

The church was built primarily of wood. Father Bakle said that meant there was always great concern about the potential for fire. "We were very careful to have plenty of fire extinguishers in place because of the thought that something might happen," he said. "I never imagined the whole place would go up in flames."

He said that in the winter of 2011, connected oil-burning furnaces. Two 42, Cardington OH 43315-9512.

livery carrier for *The Columbus Dis*- of them blew up, but didn't catch fire, with more efficient models which had

In a letter to parishioners, Father Bakle said that though the church building is gone, it provided "lots of happy memories of all kinds of events in our lives and those of our parents and children. We can keep those memories alive by maintaining our faith and hope and "At about 7 a.m., they reported to me courageously moving into our future as nally built for us."

> Sacred Hearts Church has a membership of about 750 individuals from 200 families. It traces its beginnings to the founding of Cardington St. Joseph Church in 1868. The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary came to the parish in 1948 and established a second Morrow County church, Mount Gilead St. Matthew, in that year. When the two parishes merged in 1971, the congregation, also known as the Picpus Fathers, departed from the county. The name of the merged parish honors that order of priests for its service.

> Father Bakle, a member of the Marianist order, has been administrator at Sacred Hearts since July 2008.

The church has set up a fund to help with expenses as it begins the process of recovering from the fire.

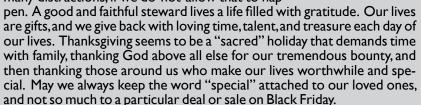
Donations may be sent to: Sacred Hearts the church had difficulty with its three Church Rebuilding Fund, 4680 U.S. Route

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Rejection

Did you enjoy saying "Thx" to those who deserve it most this past week? The texting abbreviations might be a good way to get our attention, but hopefully, we were able to thank those special people in person, or at least live over the telephone. Our holidays have become much too busy, with too many distractions, if we do not allow that to hap-



A good number of years ago, practically in a prior life, I was teaching a group of eighth-grade students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. It was just about this time of year, and we were discussing the Immaculate Conception. Among the important and practical issues was the fact that the Immaculate Conception refers to Mary being conceived without sin, rather than Mary's conception of Jesus. We also discussed the importance of our holy days of obligation. Aside from those items, one very insightful and thoughtful young lady in the class asked the following question: "If Mary was conceived without sin, and sinned no more, then how could she have said anything but 'Yes' to the angel at the Annunciation? She could never have even considered rejection of the message, right?" I can assure you that a deep theological discussion did not happen as a result of her question. After all, this was eighth grade, and I am certainly not qualified to go that deeply into serious discussion. But a good discussion did follow, and I was really moved by how deep and serious these students were, given their advanced age of 14 or so. They were satisfied with the overriding fact that Mary is our shining example of what it means to say "Yes" without hesitation or concern for consequences. They determined that she was perfect because of her love and dedication to God, rather than that love being an accidental or predetermined result of perfection. That was a great class, and I will always remember those good students. What about us? I submit for our contemplation the following question: "If we receive the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our God, in the Eucharist each Sunday, and daily if we can, then how could we ever say anything but 'Yes' to Him? How could we ever consider rejection?" We are sinners, and we suffer the lasting effects of original sin. This complete circle of forgiveness is the mystery of the Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord. The very same God comes to us physically and actually in the Eucharist. The challenge is clear: let us use this Advent to rediscover the saving gift of the Eucharist.

Our practical challenge this week is to make a simple, private promise. Recommit your life to the real presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight the path. We must receive Him at Mass on Sunday. We should go out of our way to do the same during the week, any chance we have. Priorities? To help us prepare, get out your Bible or computer, and read the Gospel of John, chapter 6, beginning with verse 22. This is the discourse on the Bread of Life. Read, meditate, and prepare well. Crave the Eucharist. As an extra challenge, go to Mass on Monday, Dec. 9, and thank Mary the Immaculate Conception for her "Yes." The solemnity is moved to Monday this year.

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

MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT **MASTER'S PROGRAM AT ODU**

The higher learning commission of ment program is specifically designed ary of 2014.

cal practice management program will be taught by faculty with vast, diverse degree around their schedule. Additionally, students will gain relevant experience through ODU's strong network of health professionals and organizations in the greater Columbus region.

"ODU's medical practice manage-

the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has approved Ohio competencies necessary for long-term Dominican University's new graduate success in managerial and executiveprogram in medical practice manage- level positions in medical practices and ment, which will be launched in Janu- other health service organizations," said Dr. Theresa Holleran, vice president for ODU's master of science in mediacademic affairs. "Graduates will possess knowledge of health care law, regulations and economics, as well as leadprofessional experience in health ser- ership, analytical and decision-making vices. The program's courses will take skills that will help them successfully place one night a week to offer working manage a medical practice in today's adults an opportunity to achieve their rapidly changing health care climate."

The health care management field is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States. Additionally. Yahoo! Education selected medical and health services management as the top growing health care career for 2013.

'OCTOBER BABY' SCREENING

Stallions for Life, the pro-life club of and drinks will be provided. Baked Columbus St. Francis DeSales High goods will be available for purchase, School, in partnership with Ohio Right with the proceeds benefiting the club. to Life, will present a screening of the at 4:30.

movie about how every life is beautiful. tions will be accepted. Pizza, popcorn, (614) 783-4711.

More information on October Baby film October Baby at 5 p.m. Sunday, may be found at http://www.octoberb-Dec. 15 in the little theater of the abymovie.net/synopsis. Note that this school, 4212 Karl Road. Doors open is a PG-13 movie, as it deals with the mature theme of abortion.

October Baby is an inspiring pro-life Anyone wishing to attend is asked to contact Mackenzie Kraker by Wednes-The screening is free, although dona- day, Dec. 11 at kraker.1@desales.co or

DAY OF RENEWAL

New Evangelization."

The day will begin with registration For more information, call at 9 a.m.. The Sacrament of Reconcili- (614) 237-7080.

The Columbus Catholic Charismatic ation will be available at 9:30, along Renewal is sponsoring a day of renew- with praise and worship until Mass at al at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 10:15, followed by a talk by Deacon 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., on Thurs- Jerry Butts of Columbus Corpus Chrisday, Dec. 12. The theme will be "The ti Church on missionary zeal, and concluding with a potluck luncheon.

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Correction - Some of the information printed in the Dec. 1 Catholic Times about Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Marion St. Mary Church was incorrect. Adoration takes place every Friday, from the end of the 8:30 a.m. Mass to 9 a.m. Saturday, and the church has a Holy Hour with Exposition and confessions every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m.

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school would agree to donate 10 turkeys to the winning school's

FOOD DONATION CHALLENGE



The Student Council of Somerset Holy Trinity School challenged all classes to bring in food items for the Somerset food pantry. Each classroom exceeded its goal, and more than 500 items will be donated.

ODU, UF PRESIDENTIAL WAGER BENEFITS MID-OHIO FOODBANK

The University of Findlay have ed at the game, which was played "This wager ensures that regardteamed up to donate 2,278 pounds at Ohio Dominican. The wager less of the outcome of the game, of food and 10 turkeys to the Mid- also stipulated that the losing uni- everyone is a winner." Ohio Foodbank this holiday sea- versity's president would wear the son, fulfilling a wager made be- winning school's football iersey tween the universities' presidents in a YouTube video. on the outcome of their Oct. 17 nationally televised football game on the CBS Sports Network. ing moment for both of our out-contribution of 1,139 pounds of ODU won the game 41-21.

Dr. Peter Cimbolic, Ohio Do- opportunity to serve those who total gift. minican president, presented the winnings to Greg Winslow, vice president for development at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank

The presentation is included in a light-hearted video co-produced by the schools that features both the bet.

Cimbolic and Findlay's president. Dr. Katherine Fell. made a pregame wager that the losing local food bank, which also would In A Pod?" Participants are asked or call (740) 928-4246.

Ohio Dominican University and receive all food donations collectare most in need," Cimbolic said.

The donation includes food

collected during October by students involved in ODU's campus "This is a wonderful and mean-ministry. ODU's food services ingful way to conclude an excit- partner, Sodexo, matched the standing universities, and a great food, to double the universities'

COUPLES RETREAT

ter, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., will depart Saturday after a can-Newark, will host a winter retreat on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10 is \$120 per couple, including an presidents participating in settling and 11, for couples who wish to explore ways to strengthen their relationship with each other and

It will be facilitated by Dan and Mary Ann Kerscher and titled

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Centon arrive by 7:30 p.m. Friday and dlelight dinner at 5 p.m. The cost overnight stay, breakfast, lunch, and the Saturday dinner.

For more details or to register, visit the center's website at www. stspeterpaulretreatcenter.com, send an email message to info@ "Apples and Oranges? Two Peas stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org.

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FULTON SHEEN A SAINT?; **CATHOLICS AT A GAY WEDDING?**



QUESTION & ANSWER by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE Catholic News Service

O. About 10 years ago, I read an article in our Catholic newspaper about the possibility of Archbishop Fulton Sheen's becoming a saint. Since then, though, I have heard nothing further. Could you tell me where that process stands now? (I think it would be great if it happened. I remember, as a child, watching his show on television. I wish there could be reruns.) (Severn, Md.)

A. In June 2012, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was declared "venerable" by the Vatican. This means that he is considered to have been of "heroic virtue" and is worthy of imitation. The next step on the road to sainthood is beatification, which requires one miracle through that person's intercession

The Vatican is reviewing an Illinois case from 2010 in which an infant boy, apparently stillborn, was revived, after not breathing for more than an hour, when his mother prayed to Fulton Sheen.

The media-savvy Sheen won the hearts of many Americans with his television show Life Is Worth Living. It ran from 1952 to 1957 and, at its peak, had 10 million weekly viewers. With only a blackboard and a statue as props, Sheen spoke with drama and humor of the values that should guide faith-filled living.

In 1952, he received an Emmy as most outstanding television personality. He also served for many years as the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, spreading the message of the Gospel through missionary efforts across the globe.

Father Robert Barron, creator of the current award-winning television documentary Catholicism, has called Sheen "the patron saint of media and evangelization."

. My sister-in-law is gay, and she and her partner have been together for 23 years. They are planning on getting married soon and, sometime later, having a reception. Although we love them both, we do not believe in gav marriage. My husband thinks that, given our moral position, we

should not attend

I am torn. I worry that by not going, the hurt feelings may damage family relationships for a long time. In the eyes of the Catholic Church, would it be wrong for us to attend? (Greenville, S.C.)

The situation you present is, unfor-Atunately, not uncommon today. Many faithful Catholics are wrestling with the decision that confronts you, and reasonable minds may differ as to the best solution.

The challenge of Christians always is to follow the scriptural mandates, even when to do so might be countercultural. Clearly the teaching of the church is that homosexual "marriage" is morally unac-

Referencing several Biblical passages, the Catechism of the Catholic Church concludes, in No. 2357, that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered" and "contrary to the natural law."

When faced with whether to attend a gay wedding, one is called to give public witness to one's beliefs.

In May 2013, Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence, R.I., advised his diocese as follows: "Catholics should examine their consciences very carefully before deciding whether or not to endorse same-sex relationships or attend same-sex ceremonies. realizing that to do so might harm their relationship with God and cause significant scandal to others."

Notice that the bishop's caution does not qualify as an absolute prohibition, but it would seem to me that one's presence at such a wedding ceremony might well be viewed by others in attendance as an en-

Here. I think, is what you might do: You and your husband might explain to his sister -- in the most kind and gentle way possible -- that, as much as you love her, your deeply held religious beliefs make you uncomfortable with attending the ceremony.

Your absence, notable as it will be, will give witness to others of your moral stance. But since the "reception" will be held sometime later, your presence instead at that event might serve to preserve family harmony and a continuing relationship with those involved.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Dovle at askfatherdovle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208. CORNERSTONE OF HOPE OFFERS HOLIDAY EVENTS ADVICE FOR GRIEVING

By Jerri Donohue

Because the holiday season is an especially difficult period for people who mourn, Cornerstone of Hope is offering a free program to help them cope.

The nonprofit, nondenominational bereavement center will host an ornament workshop on Sunday, Dec. 8 at Columbus St. Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road. Participants of all ages will decorate an ornament in memory of a deceased loved one. Interested adults can also attend a brief presentation on techniques for handling grief during the holiday season.

The hour-long workshops will begin at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. To register, call (614) 824-4285 by Friday, Dec. 6.

Marissa Aquilino, a grief counselor at Cornerstone of Hope. said activities such as the workshop console survivors by acknowledging the deceased. She advised grieving individuals to include their lost loved one in the holiday.

"Just because that person is not there with you physically doesn't mean your relationship with them has died," Aquilino said.

She offered the example of her grandmother, who lights a candle at church and a second candle at home for Aquilino's late grandfather.

"It makes her feel connected to him spiritually," Aquilino said.

In a similar vein, Cornerstone of Hope sponsors an annual Christmas candlelighting and remembrance ceremony. The nondenominational event will take place at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 7 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Aquilino said family members also could write about a favorite holiday memory of their loved one to share at a suitable time, such as before saving grace on Christmas Day. Another option is to say a prayer or poem and it every second."

then release balloons containing messages to the deceased.

Mark Tripodi. Cornerstone of Hope's executive director, and his wife co-founded the program after the sudden death of their three-year old son. Tripodi said it helps to stay focused on the spiritual aspect of Christmas by identifying with Marv and Joseph.

"They were walking the unknown, just like many grieving families are," he said. "They were alone, and very anxious and very scared.'

Tripodi advised the bereaved to remember the purpose of Christ's birth.

"Without Jesus, the Word made flesh, we don't have that opportunity to join our loved ones in Heaven," he said.

Aquilino suggested additional ideas to get through the

- Honor the deceased, perhaps by donating to a charity he or she supported.
- Reduce expectations. For instance, a person who usually invites extended family for the Christmas feast might need to
- Accept help. Ask a friend to assist with chores such as wrapping gifts.
- Plan how to spend Christmas Day, from what Mass to attend to where and what to eat.
- Connect with friends at short events, such as a senior lun-

Tripodi recommended ways to comfort the bereaved during the Christmas season:

- Have a Mass said for a deceased loved one
- Pray for the grieving and tell them so in a note
- Acknowledge their loss.
- "Don't feel like your bringing it up will make it worse." Tripodi said. "They're thinking about

HARTLEY REACHES STATE FINALS; READY LOSES ON LAST PLAY

Columbus Bishop Hartley advanced to the coach Brad Burchfield said of the big early state high school football championship lead. "You want to have the wind at your lev will have its hands full with one of the game, while Columbus Bishop Ready fell iust short last weekend in a semifinal that was decided on the final play.

Hartley scored on its first play from scrimmage and rolled to a 49-22 victory over Akron Manchester in a Division V semifinal at Mansfield's Arlin Field on Saturday night.

One night earlier on the same field, Ready was agonizingly close to advancing, but a late field goal gave Kirtland a 10-7 victory over the Silver Knights in Division VI.

Hartley (13-1) faces Coldwater (12-2) in a rematch of a regular-season game at 11 a.m. Saturday at Massillon's Paul Brown Tiger Stadium for the state title.

Bishop Hartley 49, Manchester 22

Talk about fast starts. Hartley hit Manchester with a 75-yard touchdown run on a reverse to Jacob Mercier on the first play of the game to set its victory in motion.

The Hawks scored again on the second play of their second possession when senior Alonzo Saxton scooted 85 yards for a touchdown and a 12-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

Senior running back Sam Mackowiak added a 7-vard touchdown run later in the first guarter to cap an 11-play, 74-yard drive. Senior quarterback Jared Brandewie ran for a two-point conversion to give the Hawks a 20-0 lead.

Hartley rushed for 279 yards in the first quarter and had 518 total yards-allonthe ground. The Hawks threw two passes and completed one for no gain.

"That's the way you draw it up," Hartley

back and in control of the game, particularly in a game like that when there is so much on the line. We knew that they were a ball-control team, and if we could get out early and get a lead, that it would give us a lot of confidence."

Mackowiak finished with 220 rushing vards and four touchdowns on 30 carries. He has more than 2,000 yards on the ground this season.

Mercier ran for 118 vards behind Hartley's dominant offensive line, sophomore Ouri Hickman contributed 92 yards on 17 carries, and Saxton added 88 vards. Hickman scored on a 1-yard run with 58 seconds left in the first half to boost Hartley's lead to 28-7.

Manchester (11-3) closed to 28-14 on the first possession of the third quarter, but the Hawks' defense made a fourth-down stop on Manchester's next drive at the Hartley 37. The Panthers were held to a season-low 200 total yards and 148 on the ground after rushing for 600 the previous week in a 69-21 playoff win over Columbiana Crestview.

The Hawks then pulled away with touchdown runs of 2, 11, and 9 yards by Mack-

Hartley is in the state finals for the second time in four years. It won the Division IV title in 2010.

Saturday's game will be a rematch of a regular-season contest between the Hawks and Coldwater, which won 41-16 at Hartley on Sept. 6.

Coldwater, the defending Division V state champion, eliminated West Jefferson 35-10 in the semifinals to reach the championship

game for the fifth consecutive year. Hartstate's more successful programs.

"Our kids have a lot of pride and they want to make amends," Burchfield said. "The first time, Coldwater played a lot better than us. There is a lot of motivation to play better this time.'

The Hawks look forward to the challenge.

"This is what high school football is all about." Burchfield said. "You have two heavyweights matching up on the biggest stage. It's going to be exciting.'

Kirtland 10, Bishop Ready 7

An offensive showcase that was expected between the state's highest scoring teams never materialized.

The hard-hitting defensive struggle came down to one play at the end of the game. Kirtland sophomore Brad Hauptman kicked a 22-yard field goal to give the Hornets the 10-7 victory

Kirtland, which came in averaging 50 points per game, converted on third down three times during the winning drive, which started on its own 40-yard line with 2:11 left.

"I'm still in shock that they went 50, 60 yards on our defense and hit that winning field goal with their backup kicker," Ready coach Joel Cutler said.

Ready, also averaging 50 points per game, had tied the score at 7-7 with 56 seconds remaining in the third quarter when quarterback Matt Yoho broke free for an 84-vard

The only scoring in the first half came in the second guarter on a 19-yard run by Kirtland running back Sam Kukura, who set up the touchdown two plays earlier with a

But the Panthers were unable to get West

47-yard halfback pass to Matthew Finkler Kukura rushed for 110 yards and completed three passes for 73 yards, including one on third down during the winning drive.

Kirtland's defense neutralized Ready's high-scoring offense. Ready running back Akili Taylor was held to 28 yards on 13 carries. Yoho rushed for 144 yards on 11 carries and completed 2 of 13 passes for

"Boy, we had some shots and some opportunities and we just didn't capitalize,' Cutler said. "It just wasn't meant to be. We didn't perform as well as we'd hoped, especially on offense.'

Ready's season ended with an 11-2 record. Both of its losses were to teams playing in state finals. Central Catholic League rival Hartley was the only other team to defeat Ready during the season.

"There are only a handful of teams that can say they got to play 14 out of 15 weeks. and that's pretty darn good," Cutler said. "We're proud of that and I'm real proud of the seniors. We've developed a real close relationship with this group of seniors. We bought into the program and it's going to be sad not having them around."

Throughout the season, the Silver Knights maintained a devotion to St. Michael, the school's patron.

"The chapel at Bishop Ready is St. Michael's, and we go there after team meal every single Friday," Cutler said. "He guards us and we carry our shields high for him."

Kirtland (14-0) moved on to face Haviland Wavne Trace in the Division VI final at 11 a.m. Friday in Massillon. The Hornets have won 43 of their past 44 games, including a state title in 2011.

WEST TEXAS A&M HALTS OHIO DOMINICAN WIN STREAK AT 15

Ohio Dominican's perfect season and 15- and driving deep into West Texas territory. II playoff game.

West Texas A&M, the sixth seed in Super Region Four, scored 21 points in the fourth quarter and upended second-seeded Ohio Dominican 34-27 last Saturday at Panther Field on the ODU campus.

Seventh-ranked Ohio Dominican, the champion of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, took a 13-7 lead on its first possession of the third quarter. Ouarterback Mark Miller connected with wide receiver Nick McKnight for an 8-yard touchdown pass.

Later in the third quarter, two key turnovers proved costly for the Panthers.

With Ohio Dominican (10-1) leading 13-10 Abe Johnson that made it 27-20.

game winning streak came to an abrupt end Miller's pass was tipped and intercepted at in the Panthers' first-ever NCAA Division the West Texas 1-yard line. The Buffaloes responded by driving to a tying field goal with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter.

On the Panthers' next possession, wide receiver Nate Weeks fumbled after a 14-yard catch and West Texas recovered at its 44vard line. The Buffaloes then drove to a goahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

After 19th-ranked West Texas expanded its lead to 27-14, the Panthers tried to rally.

Cornerback Justin Bell intercepted a pass by West Texas quarterback Dustin Vaughan, who is Division II's second-leading passer with 4,588 yards. ODU took advantage of the turnover, scoring on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Miller to wide receiver

Texas' potent offense off the field and the Buffaloes won in the playoffs for the second week in a row. They advanced to face fourth-seeded Grand Valley State in the third round. Grand Valley State, which lost 57-14 to Ohio Dominican during the regular season, upset the region's top seed, Colorado State-Pueblo, last Saturday.

"Every point is important in a game like this and we made some critical plays, some crucial plays," Conley told The Columbus Dispatch. "But to win, we have to make even more of those plays. Our kids fought. They left it on the field. That's an experienced team we just played."

Ohio Dominican had trouble slowing down West Texas' prolific passing attack. The Buffaloes racked up 416 yards through the air and 530 total yards while wearing

down the ODU defense with a 15-minute advantage in time of possession.

The Panthers gained 392 total yards, but were hurt by the turnovers and the loss of running back Mark Nichols, a senior from Newark Catholic who was the team's leading rusher during the regular season. Nichols suffered an arm injury in the second quarter after rushing for 45 vards on 11 carries.

Cody Culbertson of Columbus Bishop Ready and Dominic Clegg of Columbus Bishop Watterson were among ODU's leading tacklers with 12 and 10 stops, respectively. Two of Culbertson's tackles were for loss. Brad McCurdy of Watterson contributed six tackles and Brent Wahle of Columbus Bishop Hartley kicked two extra points

Ohio Dominican's winning streak was the longest in Division II.

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Bishop Ready Honors New Hall of Fame Members and Service Award Winner

Mary McAllister and Michael Llaneza, owner-operator of Lanz Printing in Columwere honored at an assembly at the school, as was Father Leo Connolly, who received the Silver Knight Service Award.

McAllister, a member of Ready's Class of 2008, is a Joyce scholar who graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 2012 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She has spent the last year as men, "never is too busy, always has the time, a volunteer at Amate House in Chicago, tutoring students at St. Mary of the Lake Elementary School, where most of the students are African refugees. This fall, she began her first year at The Ohio State University's or concelebrant at our liturgies, for confesmedical school.

who recently were elected to the Columbus bus. He has devoted hours to support of his Bishop Ready High School Hall of Fame, alma mater. Whether it's meeting a "rush" deadline or attending Ready events, he has always been a proud alumnus and readily acknowledges the positive effect the school continues to have on his life.

Father Connolly, pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia Church, is a faithful Ready supporter who, in the words of principal Celene Seaand provides a wealth of spiritual knowledge and a generous spirit" in his dealings with Ready. "I can always count on Father to come through, whether it's as a celebrant sion for our students, or as a sounding board Llaneza, a 1974 Ready graduate, is the when I need an objective opinion," she said.

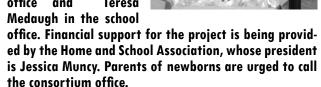


Honorees at a recent assembly at Columbus Bishop Ready High School were (from left): Father Leo Connolly, Mary McAllister, and Michael Llaneza, with the school's principal, Celene A. Seamen. Photo courtesy Bishop Ready High School

ST. ROSE STUDENTS GREET **NEWBORNS IN PERRY COUNTY**

New Lexington St. Rose School is making an effort to recognize newborns in the Perry County Consortium. Whenever word is received about a newborn, the school will send a pink St. Rose of Lima bear and card recognizing the event.

Teacher Jonathan Medaugh is coordinating the activity, with the help of Ruth Fondale in the consortium office and Teresa Medaugh in the school



Pictured with the first batch of bears is sixth-grader **Dalton Proctor.** Photo courtesy St. Rose School

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ADVENT AFTERNOON CONCERT

The choir will offer music from many traditions: a beautiful 16th century Advent anthem, rythmic African and Spanish songs, a lovely arrangement of Silent Night.

Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m.

1559 Roxbury Rd. Columbus 43212 For information, call Carol Ann: 614-348-8822





Hilliard St. Brendan School eighth-grade students are shown at one of the monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield as part of a trip to Gettysburg and the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton in Emmitsburg, Md. The trip provided links to the school's religion, language arts, and social studies curriculum. Students and parents raised funds to support the trip at Lenten fish fries. Photo courtesy St. Brendan School



THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE THE GIFT OF YOURSELF

It was just recently that I realized something about myself: I like old people.

I think it all began back when I was about six. Or maybe I was seven. Regardless of my age, I remember distinctly liking my great-grandmother. For one thing, she made waffles that did not go in the toaster. For another, she was always happy to see me.

In the last few months, I've found myself around a number of people whose ages trump mine by a minimum of 40 years. I've had a chance to share these wonderful experiences with some of the young people in my life, and it's been a gift.

It's been a gift for the young people (myself included, though I'm not such a spring chicken), because they need to see that respecting life extends all the way to the end. The natural end. The end that God gives us,



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which isn't always pretty, or comfortable, or exciting.

It's been a gift for the older folks (myself included, though I'm not really all that old), because they're lonely. They need to see the energy and the hope that these young people embody. They need to be inspired and reminded why they worked so hard, why they sacrificed so much, why they keep on going.

It's been a gift for the people who have heard about

it (including you, dear reader, though you may not know it), because we need the reminder to love.

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As we enter the hap-happiest time of the year, many around us suffer. They suffer from loss and loneliness, from heartache and sorrow, from despair and grief. They suffer in ways invisible to our eyes but resounding to our hearts.

This Christmas, whether it's the nursing home down the road or a relative's apartment, I challenge you to give the time that, in our society, is worth far more: your time. In doing so, you will find your heart home to a gift far greater than that which you give.

Sarah Reinhard is the author of Welcome Baby Jesus: Advent and Christmas Reflections for Families, and camps out online at SnoringScholar.com.

Bishop Watterson Signees



Four Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students recently announced their intent to play sports in college. They are (from left): first row: Madeline Grubbe, swimming, Toledo; Lauren Ghidotti, tennis, Xavier; second row, Scott Carter, baseball, Adrian; Lauren Frilling, volleyball, Xavier. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School



First-Grade Thanksgiving at St. Andrew School

Columbus St. Andrew School first-grade students participated in a Thanksgiving program. They learned about the Pilgrims and Native Americans and celebrated afterward at a Thanksgiving feast with their parents.

Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: LOGICAL, YET A MYSTERY

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary is logical on the one hand, yet mysterious on the other, says Msgr. Eugene Morris of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

"On the one hand, it makes perfect sense in light of our belief that God loves us so much that he wants to set us free from sin, reconcile us to him, and rebirth us through the gift of his son Jesus, the second person of the blessed trinity, born with divine and human nature, son of god and son of Mary.

"At the same time, it is a mystery why out of everyone in human history, God gave this young girl from the Holy Land of 2,000 years ago her unique role in the economy of salvation – the unduplicated privilege of being without sin from the moment she was conceived, so she could serve as the vessel to fulfill the plan God had for all of creation.

"He had to being about her conception in such a way that if a child of hers was to be the son of God, she had to be blameless. She is the mother of God. though she was not born like God, because God chose her for this role, and she accepted. You may ask 'Why her?' but why not her?"

The Catholic Church is celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec. 9 this year because the traditional feast date of Dec. 8 is on a Sunday.

Usually, the feast is a holy day of obligation in this country because the bishops of the United States placed the nation under the protection of the immaculately conceived Mary as its patroness in 1846.

This year is an exception to the requirement that U.S. Catholics attend Mass for the feast, but many churches will be celebrating special Masses on Monday to mark it.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception refers to the belief that Mary was conceived and born without being tainted by the original sin of Adam. It was a widespread belief among Catholics from the early days of the Church, but was not made a part of official Catholic teaching until 1854, when Pope Pius IX issued a document proclaiming the doctrine to

It is not to be confused with the virgin birth, which refers to the belief that even after conceiving and bearing Jesus, Mary remained a virgin.

"The Church has always held that Mary, in advance, received the fullness of grace which Christ gained for us on the cross," said Msgr. Morris, director of sacred liturgy for the college of liberal arts and the school of theology at the Josephinum. "All of us, even Mary, benefit from her son in this way, but she received that benefit in advance.

"How is this possible? Because the Church understands that while the salvation of the human race through Christ happened in time and space, it is not bound by time and space. So it is possible that in God's providence in bringing about our salvation, he allows the merits of his son to be applied to Our Lady, so he can fulfill the task given to her for our salvation."

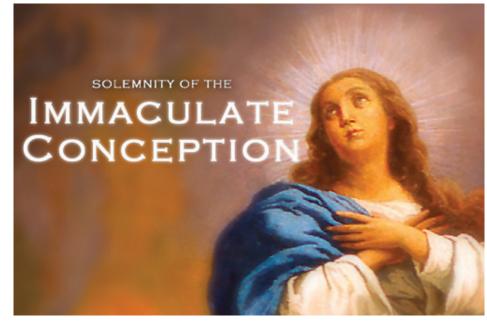
Msgr. Morris noted that Mary's role in salvation is clear from the beginning of the Bible, where, in the third chapter of the book of Genesis, though not mentioned by name, she is considered to be the woman whose offspring, Jesus, will "crush (or "strike at", depending on the translation) the head" of Satan, depicted in this case as the serpent in the garden of Eden.

"As soon as we sinned, the Father made it clear how he was to bring about the restoration of creation, and what Mary's role in that restoration was to be," Msgr. Morris said. "This was part of the story of Adam and Eve. who were our first parents in sin.

"Jesus is the new Adam and Mary the new Eve, and they are our first parents in grace. Both sets of parents are involved, in a sense, in God's ultimate desire for his creation. One other thing to note is that, at least for a time, both sets of parents were sinless. It's hard for us now to picture Adam and Eve as sinless, but that's how they began.

"When talking about the Immaculate Conception, keep in mind that the ultimate answer as to why God has done this and is doing this is because he loves us. The privilege he gave Mary was not so much for her as it is for us, as well as for her."

It took a relatively long time for the



doctrine of the Immaculate Conception to become dogma because, unlike the virgin birth, it is not explicitly stated in Scripture. Many early church fathers and doctors, while considering Mary the holiest of saints, had difficulty seeing her as sinless.

"This is one of those Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians," the website www.americancatholic.org says in its "Saint of the Day" feature for Dec. 8.

A feast known as the Conception of Mary began to be celebrated in the sev-Western Church adopted it one century later, and it received its name of the Immaculate Conception in the 11th century. It is celebrated nine months before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin on Sept. 8, just as Christmas is nine months after the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25.

Pius IX was highly devoted to the Blessed Virgin and felt God was leading him to issue *Ineffabilis Deus*, his document about the Immaculate Conception. But before he did, he asked the world's bishops whether he should do so, and 90 percent responded affirmatrine on Dec. 8, 1854.

and said "I am the Immaculate Conmany titles.

The Scripture readings for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception include the Genesis description of the consequences of the sin of Adam and Eve, and Luke's Gospel account of Mary's acceptance of her role as the mother of Jesus. These combine to emphasize Mary as the new Eve who said "Yes" to God, while the first Eve

Mary has been honored in the United States from the earliest days of European colonization.

In 1643, the king of Spain issued enth century in the Eastern Church. The a proclamation placing the Spanish colonies in North and South America under the protection of the Blessed Virgin. Her patronage also was implicit in the voyages of Christopher Columbus, who named his flagship the Santa Maria.

> The largest Catholic church in the United States is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Its cornerstone was laid in 1920, but it took nearly 40 vears to finish because of the Depression and World War II.

The basilica is one of thousands of churches across America dedicated to tively. He then prayed at great length Mary. The Diocese of Columbus has and fasted before proclaiming the doc- 10 churches and four schools with the name "St. Mary," three churches Four years later, Mary put what might and two schools named "Immacube said to be her personal stamp of aplate Conception," plus several other proval on the proclamation when she churches and schools dedicated to appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes the Blessed Virgin under one of her

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATIONS

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Masses and other events on either the feast day itself or other days between Sunday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 15. The feast day is Thursday, Dec. 12, marking the anniversary of the third and final apparition of the Blessed Virgin to St. Juan Diego near Mexico City in 1531.

Some parish programs will include the "Happy Birthday" serenades to Mary that are known as mananitas. The schedule for activities throughout the diocese is as follows:

Parroquia Santa Cruz, Columbus - Procession from the Holiday Inn, 7007 N. High St., Worthington, traveling 3.7 miles down High Street to Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 8, with mananitas at 1:15, Mass at 1:20 and refreshments at 2:15 at Our Lady of Peace. The parish regularly meets at Columbus Holy Name Church, where *mananitas* will be sung at 11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11. On the Dec. 12 feast day, there will be recital of the rosary, followed by Mass, at 7 p.m. and a fiesta after Mass.

Columbus Christ the King – Mananitas, 6 a.m. Dec. 8, followed by breakfast at 7. Rosary procession starts at 11:30 a.m. that day at PNC Bank, 2295 E. Livingston Ave., traveling to church for 12:30 p.m. Mass, followed by fiesta at 2 p.m. in All Saints Academy gym. The feast itself will be celebrated on Dec. 12 with the rosary and songs at 6 p.m., followed by Mass at 7.

Columbus St. James the Less – Music, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, followed by Mass, procession after Mass, and reception.

Columbus St. Peter – Rosary, 10 p.m. Dec. 11, followed by refreshments, and mananitas at midnight. Mass, 7 p.m. Dec. 12.

Columbus St. Stephen - Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe daily at 7 p.m. through Dec. 11. Procession starts at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 8 from upper parking lot of church to Westland Mall and back, followed by Mass. Mananitas, 10 p.m. Dec. 11, followed by Vigil Mass in Spanish at 11. Mananitas, 5 a.m. Dec. 12. Masses, 5:30 a.m. (Spanish), 8 a.m. (English) and 7 p.m. (Spanish), Dec. 12. *Posadas*, which recreate Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem, will take place at 7 p.m. daily from Monday, Dec. 16 to Monday, Dec. 23.

Columbus St. Thomas – Bilingual day of reflection with Father Thomas Florek, SJ; theme: "Guadalupe: Crossing Borders, Uniting Brothers and Sisters," Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Procession from back entrance of Mann's Trailer Park and Sixth Avenue to church, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 8, followed by bilingual Mass at 11:30, and fiesta in parish center.

Delaware St. Mary – Mass, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 12, followed by potluck dinner in school commons.

Dover St. Joseph – Procession, 4:45 a.m. Dec. 12, followed by mananitas at 5, Mass at 6, and traditional

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Confessions, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12, followed by bilingual Mass at 7 and potluck in gym with *mariachi* band performing. Joint celebration with Ada Our Lady of Lourdes.

Marion St. Mary – Mananitas, 5 a.m. Dec. 12. Masses, 6 a.m. (Spanish) and 8:30 a.m. (English) Dec. 12. Procession featuring traditional dancers and mariachi music, 12:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, followed by Mass in Spanish at 1 and potluck fiesta in Moira Hall..

Newark St. Francis de Sales – Mass in Spanish, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, followed by fiesta in Johnson Hall from 7:30 to 9:30.

West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows - Mananitas, 11 p.m. Dec. 11, followed by a light meal of bread and hot chocolate.

Westerville St. Paul – Mass, 6 p.m. Dec. 12, followed by reception.

The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, begins with a 57-year-old Aztec peasant who had been given the name Juan Diego upon being baptized. On his way to Mass on Dec. 9, 1531, he was walking by a hill northwest of Mexico City which had been the site of an Aztec temple. All at once, he heard beautiful music and saw a radiant cloud from which a young Native American woman dressed like an Aztec princess spoke to him in his own language.

"My dear little son, I love you," she said. "I desire you to know who I am. I am the ever-virgin Mary, mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things, He is in all places. He is Lord of heaven and earth. I desire a church in this place, where your people may experience my compassion. All those who sincerely ask my help in their work and in their sorrows will know my Mother's heart in this place. Here I will see their tears. I will console them and they will be at peace. So run now ... and tell the bishop (of Mexico City) all that you have seen and heard."

Juan Diego did so, but the bishop's advisers kept him waiting for hours. The bishop himself told Juan Diego he would consider the request, but appeared skeptical. Juan Diego went back to the hill and found Mary waiting for him. He told her he felt unworthy to bear her message, and she responded, "My little son, there are many I could send. But you are the one I have chosen."

The next day, Dec. 10, Juan Diego went back to the bishop, who asked for a sign that it was indeed Mary. She then told him, "My little son, am I not your Mother? Do not fear. The bishop shall have his sign. Come back to this place tomorrow. Only peace, my little son.'

Juan Diego did not come back the following day because his uncle had become seriously ill. On Dec. 12. he left his uncle's side to find a priest. He had to pass by the hill, and on doing so, he found Mary again waiting for him. She told him: "Do not be distressed, my littlest son. Am I not here with you who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protec-



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tion? Your uncle will not die at this time. There is no reason for you to engage a priest, for his health is restored at this moment. He is guite well. Go to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there. Bring them then to me."

The flowers to which she was referring were roses, which should not have been blooming at that time of year. He gathered them in his cloak, or *tilma*, a poncholike cape made of cactus fiber. She said, "My little son, this is the sign I am sending to the bishop. Tell him that with this sign I request his greatest efforts to complete the church I desire in this place. Show these flowers to no one else but the bishop. You are my trusted ambassador. This time, the bishop will believe all you tell him."

Juan Diego went to the bishop, spread out his cloak, and the roses fell to the floor. At this point, the two men discovered the cloak was imprinted with an image of Mary as Juan Diego had seen her on the hill. The bishop and his advisers then fell to their knees.

Juan Diego returned the next day to his uncle and found him completely cured. His uncle told him he had been visited by a young woman, surrounded by a soft light, who said she had just sent Juan Diego to the bishop with a picture of herself. She told his uncle, "Call me and call my image Santa Maria de Guadalupe."

It's believed the word Guadalupe is a mistranslation of local dialect. The word Mary probably used was Coatlallope, which means "one who treads on snakes" – a reference to the description in Genesis 3:15 of a woman who will destroy the snake representing Satan by striking at his heel. The representation of a snake being crushed by the woman is part of the Guadalupe image.

A relic of the image, which has been touched to the original, can be seen at Plain City St. Joseph Church. 12 Catholic Times December 8, 2013 December 8, 2013 Catholic Times 13

Wolper, Emens to address ODU winter graduates at 100th commencement

Beatrice Wolper and Richard Emens, cofounders of the Conway Center Family Business, will address Ohio Dominican



University graduates and receive honorary degrees at ODU's 100th commencement exercises on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m.

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

This will be the first time a husband and wife have jointly addressed ODU graduates at commencement.

Wolper and Emens serve on the Conway Center's advisory board and Emens is its executive director.

The not-for-profit center, located on the ODU campus, is the only organization in central Ohio that provides education resources, including succession planning, for family business leaders.

Wolper is president of the Columbus law firm of Emens & Wolper, focusing on family-owned business, women business owners, estate planning, and wealth transfer, and serves as outside general counsel to privately held businesses.

She serves as Ohio president for the International Women's Forum and is involved with Insight Bank, the Capital Club, and the legal advisory boards of the Columbus Foundation and Central Ohio Planned Giving.

She has served on committees of the boards for the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, COSI, Women's Business Board, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Mount Carmel College of Nursing, Greater to more than 8,000 Ohio landown-Columbus News Bureau, and Small **Business Council.**

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the YWCA Women of Achievement award; and the Women in Business Advocate award from the U.S. Small Business Association.

Sky Radio Network selected her as one of America's most influential women in 2006. She is listed in the corporate law section of Best Lawvers in America.

Wolper received a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, and a juris doctorate from Northern Kentucky University.

Emens is a partner of Emens & Wolper, practicing in the areas of business planning, oil and gas law, and natural resources law.

He is a member of the bar associations of Ohio and Michigan and has served as trustee and president of the Energy and Mineral Law Foun-

He also was chair of the Ohio State Bar Association's oil and gas committee, trustee of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, attorney member of the Ohio Oil and Gas Commission, and a drafter of Ohio's oil and gas conservation law.

He served as chair of the Ball State University Foundation, where he founded the Emens Scholars program, and also served as chairman of Franklin University's board of

Emens is in Best Lawyers in America in the categories of oil and gas law, natural resources law, and corporate law.

He writes frequently on oil, gas, and mineral issues and has spoken ers about oil and gas leases and pipeline easements.

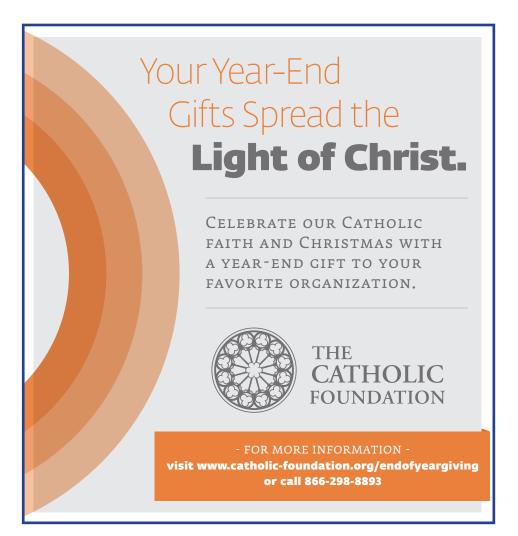
She has won many awards, includ- He received a bachelor's degree ing Women Who Make a Difference summa cum laude from DePauw from the International Women's Fo- University and a juris doctorate rum; Entrepreneur of the Year from from the University of Michigan

ST. CATHARINE FIFTH-GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS DIOCESAN CHAMPIONSHIP



The Columbus St. Catharine School fifth-grade girls volleyball team completed an undefeated season with a victory over Hilliard St. Brendan in the Diocesan Recreation Association championship game. This is the second year in a row the team has gone undefeated. Pictured are (from left): Alyssa Carfagna, Gabriela Bott, Olivia Zeltman, Megan Diehl, Colleen Sweeney, Emily Schweitzer, Baille Breckenridge, Katie Heuser, Caitlin Abel, and Sami Jolley. Not pictured is teammate Meaan Lampke. The team has been coached for the past two years by Tom Diehl, Tanya Schweitzer, and Erin Heuser.

Photo courtesy St. Catharine School



LECTURER URGES STUDENTS TO THINK GLOBALLY

lege students cannot find Iran. Iraq. Israel, or Indonesia on a map, and this lack of knowledge hampers America's ability to respond in a global environment, said Dr. Allan Goodman, president of the International Institute of Education, at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School's annual Borromean lecture.

Goodman said foreign language learning is at the lowest level in U.S. history and noted that last year, Harvard graduated more students with a degree in film studies than majored in Arabic nationwide. He spoke to more than 800 students, faculty, and community members in the school's Robert C. Walter Student Commons on Friday, Nov. 22.

He cited a report by the Council on Foreign Relations that concluded, "America's failure to learn strategic languages, coupled with a lack of formal instruction about the history and cultures of the rest of the world, limits U.S. citizens' global awareness, cross-cultural competence, and ability to assess situations and respond appropriately in an increasingly interconnected world."

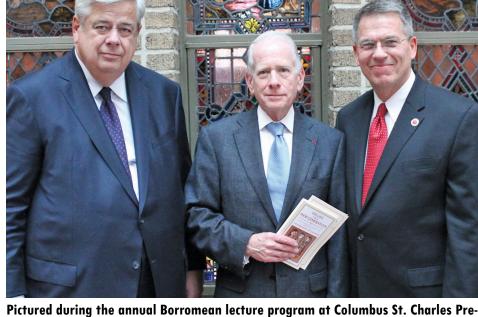
About 70 percent of the nation's col-St. Charles to get their passports and consider studying abroad.

"While in college, 90 percent of your counterparts will not study abroad," he said. "If you choose the path less taken, it will change your lives. ... It will certainly change those whom you encounter – and, in the process, make the world we share a less dangerous place."

Goodman is the sixth president of the IIE, the leading not-for-profit organization for international educational exchange. It administers the Fulbright program sponsored by the State Department, as well as more than 250 corporate, government, and privately sponsored programs. The institute also rescues scholars threatened by war, terrorism, and repression.

The lecture series was established in 2000 through the initiative of St. Charles alumnus Robert Dilenschneider, author and founder of The Dilenschneider Group, a strategic communications firm. It is named for the school's patron, St. Charles Borromeo.

Previous speakers have included Michael Novak, former U.S. ambassador; Cardinal Avery Dulles, SJ; Joel Klein, Goodman encouraged the students of former chancellor of New York City dent of News Corp.; and Archbishop nuncio to the United Nations.



paratory School are (from left) St. Charles araduate Robert Dilenschneider, founder of the lecture series; Dr. Allan Goodman, who presented this year's lecture; and St. Charles principal James Lower. Goodman is holding a copy of a recently released book edited by Dilenschnieder titled "Values for a New Generation- Great Thinkers Discuss What Really Matters in Life," featuring comments and life experiences from lecture presenters of the last decade. Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

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schools; William McGurn, vice presi- Celestino Migliore, former apostolic

LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS RECEIVE TOP INTERNATIONAL AWARD

cils in the Diocese of Columbus have James Council 2299, Logan (Thomas don Kelly Council 11224, earned the distinction of Star Council, one of the organization's top awards. for the 2012-2013 fraternal year.

They are Delaware Council 1056 (Todd Ames, grand knight); Kenton St. Elizabeth Council 11193, Columbus

Twelve Knights of Columbus coun- Council 1597, (Bradford Lauter); St. (Oliver Collins); Father Shel-Walsh); Father Andrew Hohman Council 5253. Revnoldsburg (Stephen Mc-Clellan); Miraculous Medal Council 11188, Columbus (Robin De Santos);

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West Jefferson (Mark Taylor); St. Andrew Council 11275. Columbus (Daniel Dowler); St. Michael Council 11445, Worthington (Brett Gissel):

St. Margaret of Cortona Council 12939, Columbus (Sean Fitzgerald); Our Lady of Peace Council 14282, Columbus (Robert Brehm); and St. Mark Council 15447, Lancaster (Ronald Klausing).

The award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities.

In announcing the local winners of the Star Council award, Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the organization, said from its headquarters in New Haven, Conn., "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. Your dedication to the order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved.

"At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award

be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community, and the order."

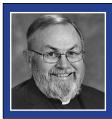
The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Church, their communities, families, and young people. With more than 1.8 million members in more than 14,000 councils around the world, the Knights of Columbus annually donates more than \$167 million and 70 million hours of service to charitable

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Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)

A vision that goes far beyond one historical era



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

I once passed an exam at the Pontifical Biblical Institute for Father Alonso-Schoeckel after staring all night at a potted cactus. I realized after hours of staring at that cactus that it represented precisely what he'd been teaching that semester in a course on "Inspiration and Inerrancy in the Scriptures." It had to do with imprints from the previous page (or leaf) being recognized on succeeding leaves. I guess you had to be there to appreciate it.

Many scholars argue that the "stump" imagery is a sign that the line of David's successors had already died out, but they miss what may be more obvious. Isaiah stared at a stump and came up with one of the most inspired images of the entire book, as he sees a shoot from the stump of Jesse unfolding. Jesse had been the father of David, who became Israel's greatest king and the standard against whom all other kings were measured. Granted his many sins, he still represented the greatest period of growth and stability in Israel's history. But David had been dead for centuries by the time Isaiah prophesied, and Isaiah had begun to look to the future for someone who would come from Jesse's line and would do justice in the land.

The spirit of the Lord had been given to David when he was anointed by Samuel (1 Samuel 16:13). Israel longed for another leader who would enjoy that same inspiration. Some, like Hezekiah and Ahaz, had shown promise, but Isaiah looked to the future for someone who would embody all the gifts he lists and who would be able to resist the policies of ill-informed advisers.

Wilderness Outreach

Wilderness Outreach is sponsoring its annual 20-mile Advent hike from Lake Logan to Ash Cave on Saturday, Dec. 14. It will begin with Morning Prayer at 7 a.m. and conclude by 5 p.m.

Participants are asked to bring a pack with water, snacks, lunches, a small prayer book, and a rosary. Those who choose may hike either the first 10 miles from Lake Logan to the Hocking Hills rappelling area or the last 10 miles from that area to Ash Cave, which the hikers expect to reach around midday.

Since this is a one-way hike, logistics must be worked out ahead of time. For details, contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761 or john@wildernessoutreach.net.

The vision of such a leader is compared to the ideal picture of creation itself, when all was peace and harmony. That makes the hope difficult, but not impossible to attain. In that idealized future, even the nations would come to Israel's king, reflecting more the thinking of Second Isaiah. One sees additions like this scattered throughout Isaiah which are attributed to the final editor of Isaiah, as a reminder throughout Isaiah that the whole vision cannot be limited to one historical period or person. Thus, Isaiah's vision was broader than his own time and place, according to the later editor, who scatters elements of later prophets into the original Isaiah's work.

Gradually, this ideal vision of peace in the animal world came to be identified with the time of the Messiah and the peace that the Messiah would bring to the many enemies of Israel and to Israel herself. Israel still awaits this prophecy's fulfillment. Christians look to its fulfillment in Jesus.

Matthew relates the preaching of John the Baptist in the Judean desert. John quotes Isaiah 40:3, which probably became his theme throughout his preaching ministry, however long it lasted. On that question we cannot be sure, but the Baptist movement was widespread enough that people as far away as Ephesus had heard of John (see Acts 19:3) when Paul asked them if they had "received the holy Spirit."

John's preaching included the call for "repentance" and the nearness of "the kingdom of heaven." Matthew uses the expression "kingdom of heaven" rather than "kingdom of God" (as in Mark and Luke), according to some commentators, to avoid using "God."

The Pharisees and Sadducees are cast in a bad light by John, as they will be later by Jesus. They are represented as being on the wrong side of the Gospel from the outset. John wants proof of their repentance, rather than the claims they make. Claiming Abraham as father is not enough. Rather, produce good fruit.

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

Health Care Enrollment Assistance

Certified application counselors from the Universal Health Care Assistance Network of Ohio will help people enroll in the new health insurance marketplace on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Center for Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus.

If you would like help at the computer to enroll, call (614) 512-3731 for an appointment. Expect enrollment to take an hour to an hour-and-a-half. If you primarily want information, you do not need to RSVP. If you need assistance in Spanish, please indicate this when calling. The deadline to enroll is Monday, Dec. 23 for coverage to begin Jan. 1.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY Genesis 3:9-15,20 Psalm 98:1-4 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38

TUESDAY Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96:1-3,10-13 Matthew 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-4,8,10 Matthew 11:28-30

THURSDAY Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Judith 13:18bc,19 (Ps) Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

> FRIDAY Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Matthew 11:16-19

SATURDAY Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Matthew 17:9a,10-13

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2013

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
7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel
53, Columbus. Check local cable system for

WWHO's cable channel listing.

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

WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception
Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24

in Scioto County. DAILY MASS

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

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

Are We Satisfied or Dissatisfied This Advent?

Built inside each of us are feelings of satisfaction and dissatisfaction which are part of our God-given conscience. Shortly before the birth of Jesus 2,000 years ago, the world was a mess and most everyone knew it. In Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, where all roads led to Rome, the greatest empire the world had ever seen, everyone knew the world was in a sorry state. Fast forward 2,000 years and, even though most of the world is now literate and many people can travel and even use the Internet, the world is still hurting.

There is a hope for something better. Yet in the Western world, we all too often put our hopes and dreams in things that have no everlasting value. We know better, but we do it anyway. In our own nation, the metropolitan areas of New York and Los Angeles have the greatest percentage of counselors, therapists, and psychiatrists, and yet there still aren't enough. Why? We are like Charlie Brown and the football, forever thinking Lucy is finally going to let us kick it. We fall for the speeches of politicians, salesmen, and spiritual gurus, but not for the Son of God.

However, Jesus is always there, urging us to listen and take heed to his words. Every Christmas, the story of his humble birth gives us a chance to reconsider our path and get back to the innocence of Christmas that we experienced in our youth. Perhaps if we experience that kind of Christmas, we will reignite the faith we had as children.



THE TIDE IS TURNING
TOWARD CATHOLICISM
David Hartline

I was thinking about this while doing some research on the writings of Pope Francis. The pope is a hot commodity on the Internet, and he has certainly stirred some real emotions with his words. However, compared to the recent news that Amazon and other delivery services might someday offer us delivery via drones – well, let's just say the Holy Father was way down the list in order of importance for those people who were caught up with thoughts of drones delivering packages. As if we couldn't just wait another day for that package, a drone has to give it to us today!

In all honesty, I probably spent way too much time in my youth anticipating great sporting events and rock concerts. I have fond memories of them to this day. However, I would like to think that even then, I had at least some perspective on what was really important, and faith was always in the mix. However, our world today seems to run from faith.

Why, instead of embracing the truth, do too many of us run away from the truth, thinking that the whims of the world will bring happiness? If that's all there is,

it only brings on more sadness and loneliness, which is why so many of the wealthy in the aforementioned cities need professional help. Sadly, all of this can even cause the faithful to lose hope, seeing so many people they know who appear lost, like a sheep without a shepherd. Yet isn't that what Advent and Christmas are all about – a better way?

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You might recall that in a previous column, I wrote about a talk I recently gave in Canada, and how despite the culture of secularism that pervades in Canada, one family stands tall, shining a beacon of hope for all to see. After my talk, a young man spoke to me and said he was troubled by the words of a college colleague who wondered why his mother didn't abort his very young brother – a child whose birth was greatly unexpected by his parents. I told the young man that those who trumpet abortion, promiscuity, etc. may appear to be confident, but most who believe in such things live unhappy lives.

They are the ones most in need of the Christ child, for all of their rebellion against the truth has only led to more misery and loneliness. We may be the only hope they have not to fall further into darkness. Christ came to bring all into the light. During this Advent, let that light begin with all of us.

Hartline is the author of "The Catholic Tide Continues to Turn" and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.

ODU TO LAUNCH NEW MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES — ENGLISH TRACK

Ohio Dominican University will launch its new accelerated master of arts in liberal studies (MALS) – English track on Jan. 13, 2014. The program will offer English teachers an opportunity to earn their master's degree, strengthen their professional skill set, and earn qualifications to teach English college courses for dual enrollment credit at their high schools.

The 33-credit-hour MALS-English track will be offered online and on campus. It will allow students with varying schedules and work demands an opportunity to achieve their degree in as few as 18 months.

"This program offers teachers an opportunity to gain a master's degree in their content area and to offer their students the unique advantage of getting a jump start on their college career before they graduate from high school," said John Naughton, ODU's director of graduate admissions.

January classes are forming now. For more information on ODU's MALS-English track, call (614) 251-4615, email graduateadmissions@ohiodominican.edu, or visit www. ohiodominican.edu/MALS.



Hundreds of people gathered at the family center of Columbus St. Aloysius Church from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day to enjoy a free holiday meal, prepared and served by more than 60 dedicated volunteers. Among those taking part was Bishop Frederick Campbell, who greeted many of those in attendance and provided a healing presence. The dinner is a tradition which dates back to 1974, with its principal financial support coming from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church. This year, between 200 and 300 meals were served at the center, and an additional 150 were delivered to the homebound through Catholic Social Services. In addition, turkey sandwiches and meals to go were provided, as well as bags of dry goods and fresh produce donated by the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Father Richard Pendolphi greeted guests as doors opened and led all in prayer before the meal.

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Pray for our dead

CLEARY, Betty, 85, Nov. 27 Holy Name Church, Columbus

CUTLER, Pamela S., 56, Nov. 25 St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

DORGAN, Irene, 89, Nov. 24 St. Paul Church, Westerville

GESICK, Lorita J., 83, Nov. 29 St. Matthias Church, Columbus

HERRMANN, Jean F., 75, Nov. 25 St. Mary Church, Columbus

NICKELS, Kathleen, 89, Nov. 25 St. Andrew Church. Columbus

PAXHIA, Dorina, 78, Nov. 28 St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

REID, Mary A., 73, Dec. 1 St. Agatha Church, Columbus SCANLAN, Margaret E., 88, Dec. 1 St. Mary Church, Groveport

SCHMIDT, George W., 90, Nov. 26 St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

SCHMIDT, Ruby, 79, Dec. 1 St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

SEARS, Juneabelle, Nov. 28 Holy Name Church, Columbus

SILVER, E. Joseph "Joe," 85, Nov. 23 St. Thomas Aguinas Church, Zanesville

TOMASINA, Rose M., 94, Nov. 20 Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

WENGERTER, Edward A., 83, Nov. 27 Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

Father Louis "Luke" Turon, OP

Funeral Mass for Father Louis "Luke" Turon, OP, 92, who died Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, was held Saturday, Nov. 30 at Zanesville St. Thomas Aguinas Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Somerset.

He was born June 4, 1921 in Old Forge. Pa. to the late John and Olympia (Gallia) Turon.

He was a physician, receiving his degree from the medical school of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and served as a doctor with the Army in occupied Japan after World War II. After leaving the Army, he was ac-

cepted into the Dominican order as a novice, took solemn vows on Aug. 16, 1949, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 1955.

One year after his ordination, he was among a pioneering group of four Dominican friars who began a mission in Pakistan, where Christian missionaries previously had been forbidden. He staved there for the next 44 years, returning to the United States in 2000 to serve in Zanesville, where he remained until moving to the Mohun center for health reasons this past June.

He is survived by an aunt and several

Typhoon Fundraiser

Norton Road, is working with its Filipidinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Dec. 14, to assist victims of the devastating typhoon.

St. Cecilia parishioner Seraphim Biliran and his family are leading the effort. Biliran's cousin, Bishop Crispin Varguez, is bishop of the Diocese of Borongan in the eastern part of the Philippine island of Samar. Father Leo Connolly, St. Cecilia pastor, said his parish is working with the bishop to establish a relationship between the students of St. Cecilia School and children in lesser-known areas of the Philippines affected by the typhoon.

In a video made for St. Cecilia, Bishop fice at (614) 878-5353.

Columbus St. Cecilia Church, 434 Varguez said that as of Nov. 26, 40,231 families in the diocese were affected no families in organizing a fundraising by the typhoon. He said 9.082 homes were destroyed and 3,582 were badly damaged, with 247 confirmed deaths, 22 missing, and 1,047 injured.

The bishop also said 17 churches suffered major damage, including one church that is more than 400 years old and was destroyed beyond the point where it can be salvaged. All the diocese's small village chapels were destroyed, and 18 rectories and five schools had severe damage. The video may be seen at http://www.youtube. com/watch?v=dOVxJVDKBrU.For more information, call the church of-

Sister Stella Spangler, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Stella Span- Damien. gler, OP, 91, who died Tuesday, Nov. 26, was held Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

sfield to Otto and Agnes (Hoeffler) Springs (1960-72, continuing on the Spangler.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in classics from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University), a certificate in theology from Providence (R.I.) College, and a master of arts degree in library science from Rosary College in Chicago. She entered the novitiate of the former Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus in in 1944, taking the name Sister Joseph Motherhouse.

She ministered at Newark St. Francis de Sales School (1944-45); Steubenville Holy Name School (1945-46); Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Academy (1946-60); and as librar-She was born Feb, 8, 1922 in Wood- ian at the College of St. Mary of the staff there until 1976). She served as chief consultant in the construction of the college's Spangler Library, which was named in honor of her father. She lived at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus from 1976 until her death, serving as a part-time librarian at the Motherhouse until 1989.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Spangler. She is survived by a sister, Sister Mary 1942 and made her profession of yows Michael Spangler, OP, who lives at the



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DECEMBER

5. THURSDAY

Advent Quiet Morning at Corpus Christi Center of Peace 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Advent quiet morning, featuring reflections on "Preparing for Christmas" by Father Rich-

Christmas Tour of Newark Churches

St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., Newark, will be the last stop of the evening "Sights and Sounds of Christmas Tour" of churches in and around downtown 740-345-9874 Newark

6, FRIDAY

St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass: continues to 5 p.m. Saturday. Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Mass With Bishop Campbell at Watterson

10:30 a.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates all-school Mass.

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Meeting

12:15 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting. Speaker: Father Michael Gentry, parochial vicar, Powell St. Joan of Arc Church. Details at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

'The Beauty of Advent' at St. Timothy

7 p.m., St. Timothy Church, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. "The Beauty of Advent," a celebration through music, dramatic readings, and dance. Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick

7 to 9 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy

614-224-9522 All-Night Eucharistic Vigil

Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; prayer until 11:30 p.m.; private prayer until 7:30 p.m. Saturday. All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory

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

6-8, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Men's Retreat at St. Therese's

St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Men's retreat sponsored by Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church spiritual life committee, directed by Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches. Theme: "Presence Makes Per-614-866-2859

7. SATURDAY

Day of Reflection at St. Thomas

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.. St. Thomas Church. 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Bilingual day of reflection with Father Thomas Florek, SJ. Theme: "Guadalupe: Crossing Borders, Uniting Brothers and Sisters." 614-252-0976

Mary's Little Children Prayer Group

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus, 8:30 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m., Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting. 614-861-4888

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi

10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion.

Day of Recollection at Lancaster St. Mary 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Spirit Center, St. Mary School, 309 E.

Chestnut St., Lancaster. Day of recollection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP. Theme: "Mary's 'Yes' and Ours." Lunch included

Giftmaking Workshop at Shepherd's Corner

1 to 2:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Workshop on making beaded napkin rings and mitten Christmas cards. led by Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP, and Americorps volunteer Sarah Krosse. \$10 fee.

614-866-2859

Anointing of the Sick at St. Pius X After 5 p.m. Mass, St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Communal Anointing of the Sick. Also after 8:30 a.m. Mass Dec. 8.

Christmas Concert at St. Flizabeth

7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd. Columbus. Annual parish Christmas concert, with choirs and "surprise visitor."

'A Bethlehem Carol' at St. Joan of Arc

7:30 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. 21st annual performance of parish children's musical "A Bethlehem Carol."

Filipino Mass at Holy Cross

7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community.

7-8 SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Advent Mission at Wheelershurg New Boston

St. Peter in Chains Church, 2167 Lick Run Lyra Road, Wheelersburg, and St. Monica Church, 4252 Pine St., New Boston. Advent Mission with Edson Bosetti, promoter of devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. Saturday at St. Peter in Chains, Reconciliation, 6 p.m.; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary, 7; talk, 7:30; Benediction, followed by light reception, 8:15. Sunday at St. Monica, Mass, 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch; talk, 1:30 p.m.; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary, 2:15; benediction, 3. 740-574-5486

8, SUNDAY

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Making Saints: The Canonization Process" with Kathleen Riley, Ohio Dominican University history professor and member of the Cause for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Ornament Workshop for the Grieving

1, 2, and 3 p.m., Bryce Eck Center, St. Andrew Church, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Hourlong workshops for grieving people to decorate ornaments in memory of a deceased loved one, sponsored by Cornerstone of Hope. Registration deadline Dec. 6. 614-824-4285

'Catholicism' Series at St. Pius X

1:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. "New Expressions I," Part 3 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" series.

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Open House at Jubilee Museum Memory Room

1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Holy Family Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Open house at St. Joseph Academy Memorv Room. Enter at east door.

Adoption Program at St. Paul

1:30 to 3:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. "Adoption -- Another Option" presentation by parish Elizabeth Ministry, with adoption attorney Rosemary Pomeroy as guest speaker and questions and answers with a panel of adoptive parents. RSVP to jemcmullin@ yahoo.com.

Christmas Concert at Corpus Christi

2:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "Christmas Harmony" concert with local choirs. 614-443-2828 guest musicians, and soloists.

Christmas Concert at St. Leo.

3 p.m., St. Leo Church, 221 Hanford St., Columbus, Christmas concert with three guest soloists and singalong. Proceeds benefit church's stained-glass window refurbishing. Christmas Concert at St. Leonard

3 p.m., St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road, Heath. Christmas concert featuring all parish choirs, parishioner John Sheets' string students, and the Leonardi Hand-

Christmas Concert at de Porres Center

3 to 4:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive. Columbus. "Lift Our Voices. Lift Our Hearts" Christmas concert with Columbus Christian Center choir, directed by Vanessa Carter, Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse administrator.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching.

Evening Prayer, Exposition, Benedition at St. Elizabeth 5:30 to 7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Evening Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Colum-

bus. Mass in Spanish.

Morning of Reflection at St. Therese's

Sacrament, and Benediction.

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Morning of reflection with Sister Louis Mary Passeri, OP, celebration of Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and lunch, sponsored by Columbus Holy Spirit and St. Philip churches.

Calix Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Business meeting followed by 7 p.m.

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church.) 614-718-0277. 614-309-2651. 614-309-0157 Our Lady of Peace Men's Bible Study

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

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CONCERT

Advent and hristmas

The Cathedral Choir and soloists will be joined by the Cathedral Chamber Orchestra for a program of works for Advent and Christmas, including Felix Mendelssohn's rarely performed Vom Himmel hoch, at 3 p.m.Sunday, Dec. 15 in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. The audience also will have the opportunity to sing the great carols of the season with orchestra and organs.



CONCERT

Christine's Christmas



Christine's Christmas transforms tragedy into a celebration of life and love.

Ten years ago, Christine Wilson died, along with four other students, in a tragic fire near The Ohio State

University's campus. Since then, her family has honored her memory with an annual concert, "Christine's Christmas," to raise funds to help children through the Christine Wilson Foundation.

The foundation's mission is to reach out and help children in central Ohio. It provides two annual \$2,500 scholarships to incoming Columbus Bishop Watterson High School freshmen. It also provides support for the Christine Wilson Burn Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital and aids in other efforts to assist families of children dealing with recovery from hurns

Overall, the foundation has benefited 15 central Ohio organizations, including the Christ Child Society, Bishop Watterson, and Hilliard St. Brendan School, providing more than \$550,000.

This year's concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 in the Capitol Theater at the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St. The featured performer will be pianist Mark King. Christine once was the baby-sitter to the Kings' three children. He will be joined by master of ceremonies Chuck Strickler, vocalist Willie Grove, and the Chamber Music Connection Orchestra.

For tickets and information, call the foundation at (614) 355-0888 or visit www.NationwideChildrens.org/ChristinesChristmas.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

In document, Pope lays out his vision for an evangelical church

By Francis X. Rocca

Catholic News Service

In his first extensive piece of writing as pope, Pope Francis lays out a vision of the Catholic Church dedicated to evangelization in a positive key, with a focus on society's poorest and most vulnerable, including the aged and unborn.

Evangelii Gaudium ("The Joy of the Gospel"), released by the Vatican Nov. 26, is an apostolic exhortation, one of the most authoritative categories of papal document. (Pope Francis' first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, published in July, was mostly the work of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI.)

The pope wrote the new document in response to the October 2012 Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization, but declined to work from a draft provided by synod officials.

Pope Francis' voice is unmistakable in the 50,000-word document's relatively relaxed style -- he writes that an "evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!" -- and its emphasis on some of his signature themes, including the dangers of economic globalization and "spiritual worldliness."

The church's message "has to concentrate on the essentials, on what is most beautiful, most grand, most appealing and at the same time most necessary," he writes. "In this basic core, what shines forth is the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead."

Inspired by Jesus' poverty and concern for the dispossessed during his earthly ministry, Pope Francis calls for a "church which is poor and for the poor."

The poor "have much to teach us," he writes. "We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voices to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them."

Charity is more than mere handouts,

"it means working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor," the pope writes. "This means education, access to health care, and above all employment, for it is through free creative, participatory and mutually supportive labor that human beings express and enhance the dignity of their lives."

Yet he adds that the "worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. ... They need God and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith."

Pope Francis reiterates his earlier criticisms of "ideologies that defend the absolute autonomy

of the marketplace and financial speculation," which he blames for the current financial crisis and attributes to an "idolatry of money."

He emphasizes that the church's concern for the vulnerable extends to "unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us," whose defense is "closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right."

"A human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development," the pope writes, in his strongest statement to date on the subject of abortion. "Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be."

The pope writes that evangelization entails peacemaking, among other ways through ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. He "humbly" calls on Muslim majority countries to



Pope Francis makes a point as he leads his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Nov. 20. In his first extensive piece of writing as pope, Pope Francis lays out a vision of the Catholic Church dedicated to evangelization, with a focus on society's poorest and most vulnerable, including the aged and unborn. (NS photo/Paul Haring

grant religious freedom to Christians, and enjoins Catholics to "avoid hateful generalizations" based on "disconcerting episodes of violent fundamentalism," since "authentic Islam and the proper reading of the Quran are opposed to every form of violence."

Pope Francis characteristically directs some of his strongest criticism at his fellow clergy, among other reasons, for what he describes as largely inadequate preaching.

The faithful and "their ordained ministers suffer because of homilies: the laity from having to listen to them and the clergy from having to preach them!" he writes.

The pope devotes several pages to suggestions for better homilies, based on careful study of the Scriptures and respect for the principle of brevity.

Pope Francis reaffirms church teaching that only men can be priests, but notes that their "sacramental power" must not be "too closely identified

with power in general," nor "understood as domination," and he allows for the "possible role of women in decision-making in different areas of the church's life."

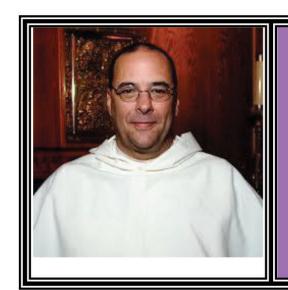
As he has done in a number of his homilies and public statements. the pope stresses the importance of mercy, particularly with regard to the church's moral teaching. While lamenting "moral relativism" that paints the church's teaching on sexuality as unjustly discriminatory, he also warns against overemphasizing certain teachings out of the context of more essential Christian truths.

In words very close to those he used in an oft-quoted interview with a Jesuit journalist in August, Pope Francis writes that "pastoral

ministry in a missionary style is not obsessed with the disjointed transmission of a multitude of doctrines to be insistently imposed," lest they distract from the Gospel's primary invitation to "respond to the God of love who saves us."

Returning to a theme of earlier statements, the pope also warns against "spiritual worldliness, which hides behind the appearance of piety and even love for the church, (but) consists in seeking not the Lord's glory but human glory and personal well-being," either through embrace of a "purely subjective faith" or a "narcissistic and authoritarian elitism" that overemphasizes certain rules or a "particular Catholic style from the past."

Despite his censures and warnings, the pope ends on a hopeful note true to his well-attested devotion to Mary, whom he invokes as the mother of evangelization and "wellspring of happiness for God's little ones." **20** Catholic Times December 8, 2013



Back to Basics:

A PARISH MISSION

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December 9th through the 12th

Father Jordan Turano, OP, a priest of the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) will guide us on a journey to God. <u>Getting Back to Basics</u> is designed to assist in our quest for happiness and the desire to be loved. Join us for our Parish Mission and start getting back to basics!

7:00 p.m. each evening

Monday, Dec. 9th - God & Relationship

Tuesday, Dec. 10th - God & Suffering

Wednesday, Dec 11th - God & Reconciliation

Thursday, Dec. 12th - Evangelization:

Where do we go from here?

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday talks will be followed with the opportunity for Confession. Confessions will continue until last one is heard.