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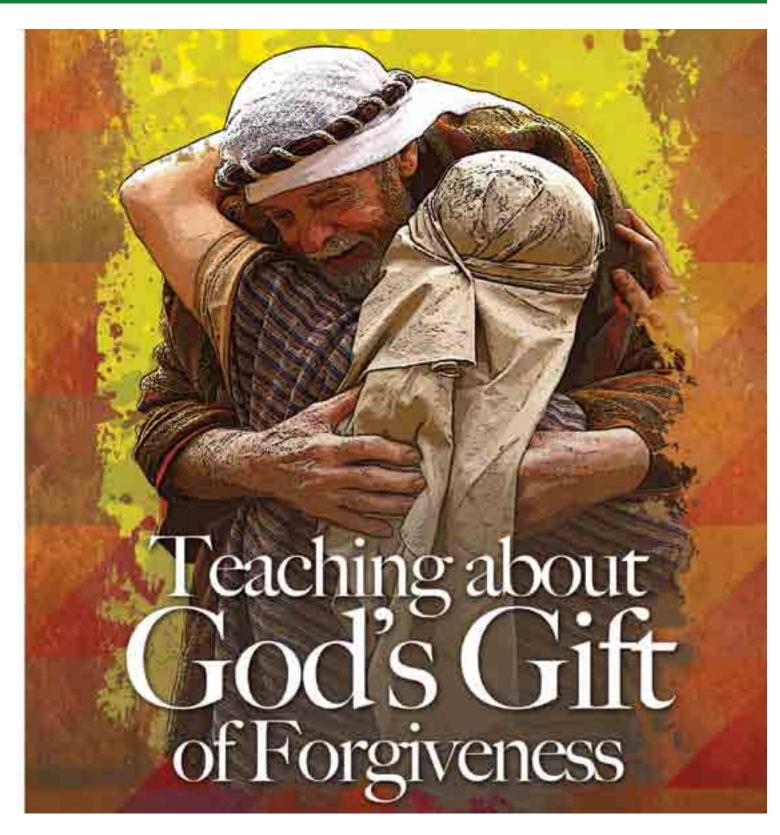


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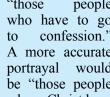
I Believe

I'm a Catholic. That means the world "those people to me. It is a term that describes the who have to go spiritual core of my being. Being Cath- to confession." olic speaks to my direct and ongoing re- A more accurate lationship with God. You are not born portraval would Catholic. You initially become Catholic be "those people through your baptism, but that is condi- whom Christ has redeemed." tional on certain vows that you take at baptism, or that your parents and godparents take for you. Each day of your life, being Catholic means living those vows in an intimate relationship with Christ. It is knowing Christ, believing in Christ, and living in his church according to his teachings.

That's why we recite the Nicene Creed timately, they lead to death. at Mass. These are our baptismal vows, that we believe in One God, the Father and Creator of all things; that we believe in his son, Jesus, who was born of the Virgin Mary and who died and rose again for our sins and who will come again in glory; that we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; and that we believe in the church. Bethrough his chosen intermediary, the ing Catholic means that we believe in the teachings of the church – really believe. We stake our lives on that belief. We believe in all of them, not just the ones that we find easy to follow. And not only do we believe them deep in our souls, but we allow them to direct us in God's forgiveness. And more that that, our lives. We live in accord with the teachings of the church.

ops designates this Sunday every year ture again tempts us to do wrong. as Catechetical Sunday, a time to reflect the central elements of our faith. This year, the bishops have asked that we them and really understanding them are give special consideration to one of the essential sacraments of the church: the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

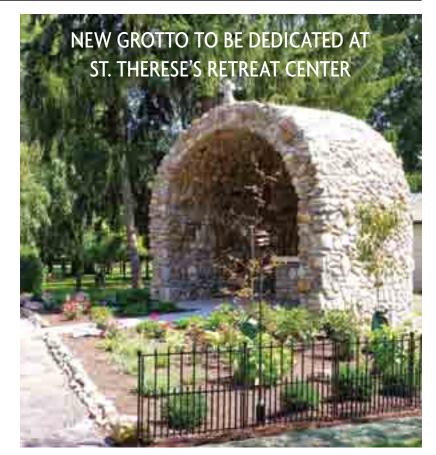
By David Garick, Editor



None of us is without sin. It is part of being human. Sin harms us. We usually don't know it at the time. Giving in to sinful tendencies like greed, anger, envy, or lust may seem satisfying in the moment. But they hurt us. They keep us from living up to our spiritual potential and they separate us from God. Ul-

Though proper catechesis, we learn to recognize the sin in our lives, and we come to realize that Christ, through his own sacrifice of love, provides us the means to overcome sin. It is not just a duty to go and confess to a priest. It is a life-giving opportunity to meet, in a very personal way, with Christ himself. priest. In this encounter, we share with Christ our realization that our human frailty has allowed sin to afflict us and impact our lives and the lives of those around us. In this sacrament, the weight of that sin is lifted from us through we can receive the special gift of grace to strengthen us to avoid that sin in the The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bish-days ahead when our flawed human na-

The teachings of Christ, through his church, are a precious gift. Learning not limited to the brief training we receive as children in catechism class. It is an ongoing process of education that Catholics are often characterized as benefits believers throughout their lives.



A new grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes will be blessed by Bishop Frederick Campbell at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The bishop will conduct a short prayer service and solemn blessing. James O'Shea, the stonemason who has spent many hours designing and building the grotto, will sing the "Ave Maria." Light refreshments will be served afterward.

The previous grotto was demolished because of safety concerns in August 2011. Many donors to the building fund for the new grotto have waited patiently for it to be rebuilt stone by stone.

There is a new Italian statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in a niche in the grotto. To the right of the statue is a small water feature as a reminder of the grotto in Lourdes, France, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette and said "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Beautiful gardens and trees surround the grotto. The 80-year-old Celtic cross from the original grotto was placed atop the new structure on Thursday, Sept. 4. The driveway in front of the grotto is now closed to cars so the area can be a park where people will be able to come, sit on the many benches at the site, and pray or simply rest.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ~ Clergy Assignment

Confirming the appointment of the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, Brother Peter Totleben, OP, as Transitional Deacon at St. Patrick Church, Columbus, effective immediately.



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Catechetical Sunday, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is Sept. 21. This year, the theme is 'Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness."

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Central Ohio Catholics continue support for Holy Land Christians

lumbus made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Being supportive of the Christians in the Holy Land was not new for them. They were members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, which dedicates itself to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Their Holy Land pilgrimage inspired them to spread the word that Christians in the Holy Land need our help. Everyone needs to hear this message. The pilgrims have founded a group known as Cradling Christianity to spread the word to all who would listen, and many have listened

ity Mass (pictured) and fundraiser took need for support of our Christian brothplace Thursday, Sept. 4 at Columbus ers and sisters at this time.

Malteser

International

In 2006, a group of pilgrims from Co-St. Charles Preparatory School's chapel and student commons area. Hundreds of people attend the event, which has raised nearly \$700,000 to provide scholarships and tuition assistance to Christian students in the Holy Land.

At a recent diocesan event, a supporter shared his amazement that hundreds of people are listed as friends of Cradling Christianity in the annual event's program. Because of those friends and surely the grace of God, Cradling Christianity has succeeded. Many central Ohio residents have made pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and others have shared their treasure to support Pales-The ninth annual Cradling Christian-tinian Christians. There is a critical



Help us save Iraqi Christians!



"Thousands of people, including many Christians, driven from their homes in a brutal manner; children dying of thirst and hunger in their flight; women kidnapped; people massacred; [and] violence of every kind... all this gravely offends God and humanity. Hatred is not to be carried in the

name of God.

Pope Francis on the persecution of Christians in Iraq, Aug. 10, 2014

We have watched in horror the ongoing exodus of 1.2 million people in north Iraq, half of them children, as a result of the violent persecution of Christians and other minorities by the extremist group Islamic State. They have been forced to flee and give up all of their possessions, or face a gruesome death at the hand of

Pope Francis made an urgent appeal for humanitarian assistance to the victims of this crisis. Malteser International is on the ground delivering immediate, life-saving aid for Christian families living in refugee camps in and around Erbil.



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Malteser International is the Catholic hu relief agency of the Sovereign Order of Malta. For nearly 60 years, we have been standing by those affected by poverty, disease, conflict and disaster, helping them lead a healthy life with dignity.

Malteser International and its generous institutional donors have pledged \$500,000 in matching grants to the emergency relief efforts in Iraq. That means your donation will be matched dollar for dollar and have

Here are some examples of your dollars at work

- With \$100, we can provide a family of five with a survival kit containing essential household and hygiene items for a family of five
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Father Peter Vasko, OFM, president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, who has lived in Jerusalem for 29 years, provided an update on the current situation there. He said, "The Arab-Jewish conflict has endured for hundreds of years as generations pass their hatred down, seemingly through their DNA." He then listed three main concerns of the conflict: "First, the opponent in this conflict will never go away; second, you'll never be happier in war than you are in peace; third, Jerusalem will never be yours," he said. "Until both sides accept these three realities, peace is impossible. Once accepted by both sides, peace is inevitable. Let us pray this happens soon. Continual negotiations are necessary between the two sides. Meanwhile, Christians are caught in the middle."

the fundraiser, likened the persecution of Christians in Iraq and the Holy Land to the persecution of Native Americans in the Ohio territory during the colonial period of America from 1688-1782. "If one dehumanizes the enemy, then you can do anything you want without remorse," he said. "This exists in all conflicts in the world. A Catholic center must exist, thrive, and be discovered. In the book of Genesis, it is made known that we are made in the image of God, because we participate somehow in the Divine Being, God. To lose participation in God, we deny that they are human. You cannot hate a person if you understand who that person is."

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Check out the Facebook page Cradling Christianity and the website www.FFHL.org for ways to help Christians in the Holy Land. You may Msgr. Frank Lane, guest speaker for also email figgiebrown@aol.com.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Spaces are still available for a retreat rooms. Private rooms may be available for people in their 20s and 30s being sponsored this Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21, by the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, in cooperation with Charis Ministries. It will take place at the Ohio Retreat Center (Camp Marengo), 3480 Township Road 221, Marengo.

The retreat will last from 8:45 a.m. Saturday to 12:45 p.m. Sunday. The \$55 fee includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and their understanding of his ministry, and

for additional cost. Financial assistance is available. For

more information, go to www.charisministries.org or contact Sean Robinson at (614) 241-2565 or srobinso@ cdeducation.org.

Jesus asks his disciples. "Who do you say that I am?" and participants will reflect on what this question means today. Those taking part in the retreat will explore how Jesus lived his life, deepen overnight accommodations in dorm focus on their own spiritual journey.

DISCIPLESHIP WALK

Face Forward, and West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church will sponsor

The diocesan Office of Vocations, Georgesville Road, West Jefferson.

The five-kilometer course will go through the park, where diocesan semitheir first annual Discipleship Walk at narians will help guide walkers. Admis-2 p.m. Sunday. Sept. 21 in Prairie Oaks sion is free, but donations to the Holy Metro Park, 3225 N.E. Plain City- Family Soup Kitchen will be accepted.

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PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

Malteser

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. This is such a simple prayer, and maybe the first one that we learn as a child. It is so simple and yet so powerful. We know it can become too commonplace, and even taken for granted. But once in a while, we bring



ourselves back to the reality of the saving power of the Holy Cross itself, and we also help in its exaltation by praying and using its sign as a normal practice. We can be especially effective by our example at Mass and before and after meals. Did you make any of these adjustments this past week? I am sure that many of us do this already, but, even so, a nice reminder brings us back to a central focus on the Holy Cross. The subtle witness and example is what we mean by enhancing the activity of the Cross. It remains a very visible sign, not one that is meant to be hidden or guarded. It is up to us as active and willing parts of the Body of Christ to keep the sign alive.

Malteser International is the Catholic humanitarian relief agency of the Sovereign Order of Malta. For nearly 60 years, it has been standing by those affected by poverty, disease, conflict, and disaster, helping them to lead a healthy life with dignity. We are all aware of the current persecution of Christians in Iraq and other parts of the Middle East. As Pope Francis said last month, "Thousands of people, including many Christians, driven from their homes in a brutal manner; children dying of thirst and hunger in their flight; women kidnapped; people massacred; and violence of every kind ... all this gravely offends God and humanity. Hatred is not to be carried out in the name of God." We have watched in horror the ongoing exodus of 1.2 million people in northern Iraq, half of them children, as a result of the violent persecution of Christians and other minorities by the extremist group Islamic State. They have been forced to either flee and give up all of their possessions or face a gruesome death at the hands of the invaders. Pope Francis made an urgent appeal for humanitarian assistance to the victims of this crisis. Malteser International is on the ground delivering immediate, lifesaving aid for Christian families living in refugee camps. Malteser International and its generous institutional donors have pledged \$500,000 in matching grants to emergency relief efforts in Iraq. That means your donation will be matched dollar for dollar and have double the impact. Here are some practical examples of how your dollars will be put to work: With \$100, Malteser can provide a family of five with a survival kit containing essential household and hygiene items; with \$200, Malteser can provide a health center with medicine to treat 140 patients.

Our practical challenge this week is clear. As good stewards of the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ, help Malteser International provide lifesaving relief to Christians and minorities in Iraq. Give online at bit. ly/help-lragi-Christians or mail your check, payable to Malteser International, to Charles A. Mifsud, Regional Hospitaller, Columbus Region, 6305 Emerald Parkway, Dublin OH 43016. Malteser International is a 501(c)(3) charity. Donations are tax-exempt, to the extent permitted by law. Thank you!

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

"Marriage and Family at the Forefront of **Social Science" Conference**

entists (SCSS) will sponsor its 22nd and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25, at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The conference will include more than 20 sessions and panels on topics including "Christian Perspectives on Economics and Policy," "Presidential Power After Obama: A Question for Catholic Concern," "Family and the New Evangelization," and "Church Teaching on Marriage and Family."

Dr. Stephen Krason, professor of political science and legal studies at Franciscan University of Steubenville, is presisaid this is the first time the organization has encouraged some presentations fohave a variety of broad topics, we made a riage and family," he said. "That is the focus right now in American life—the implications of the changing attitudes toward marriage and the family."

There will be two plenary talks. Brad Wilcox will speak on "Family as a Social Justice Issue." Wilcox is director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia. He has authored articles and books on marriage, parenting, fatherhood, cohabitation, family structure, and the effect of families on

Dr. Pat Fagan will give a talk on of Society." Fagan is senior fellow and director of the Center for Research on (740) 284-5262 or email her at cli-Marriage and Religion at the Family betti@franciscan.edu.

The Society of Catholic Social Sci- Research Council, where he examines the relationships among family, marannual national conference on Friday riage, religion, community, and America's social problems.

> The Pope Pius XI Award for contributions toward the building of a true Catholic social science will be presented to Father James V. Schall, SJ, who recently retired as professor of government at Georgetown University. He has written 30 books, as well as many articles for Crisis magazine, The Catholic Thing, and First Principles. A special SCSS award will be presented to Dr. Germain Grisez, professor emeritus of Christian ethics at Mount St. Mary's.

Based at Franciscan University, the dent and co-founder of the SCSS, He Society of Catholic Social Scientists is an organization of Catholic scholars and others in the social science fields who cused on a central theme. "Although we seek to promote awareness of the social teachings of the Church and to build up special call for papers in the area of mar- a body of distinctively Catholic social science scholarship. It attempts to challenge the secular approach to the social sciences, in which the role of faith and Catholic social teaching is hardly considered, by combining objective scholarly analysis with fidelity to the Church's magisterium.

Registration fees are \$50 for SCSS members, \$60 for non-members, and \$25 for full-time students. The optional Friday dinner is \$20. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 17.

More information and registration forms may be found at www.catholic-"Marriage and Family: The Template socialscientists.org. For registration questions, contact Carrie Libetti at

69th Annual DCCW Convention

The 69th annual convention of the Coerty impacts mental health. Afternoon lumbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will take place Saturday, Oct. 25 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway.

The convention theme is "Blessed Are the Poor." Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Bishop Frederick Campbell and all other priests who would like to attend will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m.

Installation of new officers will follow the Mass.

The morning speaker will be Valerie Horton, a therapist who works with the less fortunate and will discuss how pov- org/Offices/DCCW.

speakers will be Maggie Weeks and Brooke Gaberle. Weeks just returned from a trip to Haiti and will be sharing her experiences. Gaberle is a former homeless person who will tell her story.

Each parish that sends representatives to the convention will receive a parish award. The pre-convention dinner will be on Friday, Oct. 24, at the Grove City Community Club, 3397 Civic Place. There will be a social hour before dinner.

Registration materials may be found on the DCCW website, www.colsdioc.

Bishop Watterson HS Partners with The Catholic Foundation

It is with great pleasure and excitement that The Catholic Foundation announces that Columbus Bishop Watterson High School has joined five other Catholic high schools in selecting the Foundation as the official planned giving partner for the school. Columbus Bishop Hartley, Columbus Bishop Ready, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Portsmouth Notre Dame, and New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic high schools all recently partnered with the Foundation to enhance current development efforts.

This year, Bishop Watterson will celebrate 60 years of educating students in the Catholic tradition. Each year, the school asks for contributions to its Annual Eagle Fund to help sustain the Watterson tradition of exemplary Catholic education, rooted in faith and committed to excellence. Additionally, the school looks to planned gifts as a way to ensure longevity.

By definition, planned giving is a major gift that comes from the donor's financial or estate planning. Gifts could come from appreciated securities or the other schools, offering expertise in stock, real estate, a retirement plan the areas of endowments, planned givor even cash, but generally are made ing, and bequests. This will allow the from outside of one's discretionary in- schools' development teams to concome. Some donors are in a position to make the gift during their lifetime, but annual giving, while enabling alumni many make it as a bequest in their will. Planned gifts can offer many benefits to the donor, including tax benefits or the

potential for returned income.

Often, a planned gift is put in an endowment fund, which allows the one-time gift to grow and provides a permanent source of funds for the intended beneficiary. Bishop Watterson and the other high schools are blessed to receive financial support from several endowment funds created by generous donors. In the coming months, the schools will implement several planned giving initiatives to support these endowments and potentially open additional endowments, at the discretion of donors.

"The Catholic Foundation currently manages Bishop Watterson's endowment funds. We are excited to again partner with the Foundation, this time to provide the planned giving options that best suit our alumni and friends and their financial goals, while working towards our goal of ensuring an excellent Catholic education for our future students," said Marian Hutson, principal at Bishop Watterson.

The Catholic Foundation will act as a resource to Bishop Watterson and tinue to focus on capital campaigns and and other donors to consider future gifts and long-term planning for the school.

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high schools rests with endowments to help provide for their long-term that cover operations and tuition assistance," said Loren Brown, presi- cese.' dent and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation. "By offering the Foundation's expertise to our schools, we are helping to secure firm financial grounding to ensure a Catholic education is available for future generations of students."

The Catholic Foundation is honored to partner with these five schools and hopes to collaborate with other diocesan schools to offer similar programs.

"The ultimate mission of The Catholic Foundation is to provide for the longterm needs of the Diocese of Columbus." Brown said. "We look forward to working with Bishop Watterson, in addition to Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready, Notre Dame, St. Francis DeSales, and Tuscarawas Central Catholic schools,

needs as an organization in the dio-

The Catholic Foundation's mission is to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus. The Foundation fulfills its mission by seeking donors to establish funds designed to support current and future needs and by distributing earnings according to community priorities and donor intent. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the nation, distributing over \$65 million in the diocese since 1985. All funds are invested in alignment with Catholic beliefs and teachings, in accordance with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, please visit catholic-foundation.org.

NIGERIAN YOUTH AT CONFERENCE

Six young people and two adult chaperones from the Nigerian Catholic community of Columbus St. Matthias Church were among 1,800 people who took part in a high school youth conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Julv.

The theme for the conference was "God Is," based on Isaiah 12:2: "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid."

Musician Bob Rice officially kicked off the event with the song *Not Waiting* for the Afterlife, but the young people didn't wait for the live music to start their weekend. They spilled into the aisles to line dance to The Cupid Shuffle, form conga lines, and act out songs from the hit film *Frozen*.

As the conference talks began, their enthusiasm transformed into quiet meditation. Many of the young people

lifted up their hands or fell on their knees in worship. Host Chris Padgett and guest speakers including David Calavitta, Matt Fradd, and Katie Hartfiel were examples of honesty and sincerity, incorporating their own difficult life experiences – divorce and forgiveness. dating and raising children, agnosticism, miscarriage, and even suicide – into their talks.

The conference also included many small-group discussions, Eucharistic adoration, and opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to attend Mass on all three days of the event. Father John Parks celebrated the Masses. Many young people fell to their knees and some cried as Father Parks walked through Finnegan Fieldhouse in procession with the Eucharist.

Orisa Nnani and Chidi Onyia served as chaperones, and Dr. Chinyere Ipere coordinated the event.

"All accounts relate that a positive experience was enjoyed by those attending," said Emeka Anvadoh, catechist for the Columbus Nigerian Catholic community, who was unable to attend because of a prior commitment."May the 2015 conference see a greater number of our youth experiencing God's grace and love."



Can prayers clinch heaven? Priest at non-Catholic wedding

recitation of certain words

could by itself win joy that

is eternal. After all, a ple-

nary indulgence requires,

in addition to the particular

prayer or action, the recep-

tion of the sacraments of

penance and the Eucharist

(as well as prayers for the

Having said this, I would

still encourage you to con-

prayers you mentioned.

Most often, the effect of

prayer -- as well as com-

forting the soul -- is to

bring one closer to Jesus in

thought and action, which

is the goal of our lives and

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Oried in Cancun,

Mexico, and the pastor of

pope's intentions).



QUESTION & ANSWER by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE Catholic News Service

O. I was given a prayer It strikes me as a bit like magic to think that the mere that I will suffer no purgatory and be taken directly to heaven when I die, provided that I say these prayers daily for 12 years. (Missed days can be made up.) I am about ready to start the third year, but a dear Catholic friend has just told me that this promise is not true.

The prayers are called "The Seven Sorrows of Mary, as given to St. Bridget and The Twelve-Year Prayers of St. Bridget on the Passion of Jesus," and I have read that these prayers were confirmed by Pope Clement XII and Pope Innocent X. I don't really mind doing the the safest path to salvation. prayers, but I would like to know if I can guarantee my salvation. (Fayetteville, Arkansas)

my Christian church (Val-. No prayer -- not even ley Point Church) here in A . No prayer -- not even ley Point Church) here in Pennsylvania is coming to 12 years -- can "guarantee" marry us. (We will actually salvation." Even a plenary get married civilly at the courthouse here at home indulgence, which remits all of the temporal punishbefore we travel to Mexico, in order to be sure that ment due to sin, covers the wedding will be recogonly those sins committed up until the time the indulnized in the U.S.) gence is gained; it is not My brother-in-law is a "prospective." Catholic priest here in

Pennsylvania, and I have The surest way to eternal happiness is to live out the invited him to be present teachings of Jesus Christ (not officiate) at our wedas learned from the Gos- ding on the beach in Canpels. (I quote as my wit- cun. He says that he is not ness Jesus himself, who allowed to attend, since it explained in Matthew 7:21 is not a Catholic wedding that "not everyone who in a church, and that he says to me, 'Lord, Lord' can only come to the dinwill enter the kingdom of ner afterward at the resort heaven, but only the one restaurant. Is that true? who does the will of my (Everyone I talk to says father in heaven.")

a rule for Catholic priests.) (Pennsylvania)

not a Catholic, since your church would seem by its name to be a nondenominational Christian one. I do not know whether your husband-to-be is Catholic, and my answer hinges on whether he is.

If he is not, I don't see why your brother-in-law should feel that he cannot attend the wedding. If. however, the man you are marrying is a Catholic, his responsibility is either to be married by a Catholic priest in a Catholic church tinue the recitation of the or to receive the necessary permissions for the marriage to be performed by someone other than a priest and in a setting other than a Catholic church.

> My guess is that the groom is in fact a Catholic and has not received the needed permissions -- in which case I can understand your brother-inlaw's reluctance to attend.

> Especially as a priest, he is required to avoid giving scandal, and he has evidently decided that his presence at the wedding would create the misimpression that the ceremony was approved by the Catholic Church.

> I would guess, further, that he has made the judgment that for the sake of family harmony -- and with the hope that later vou might decide to have vour marriage "blessed" by the Catholic Church -it would better that he be present at the reception.

Ouestions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail. com and 40 Hopewell St., that this can't possibly be Albany, N.Y. 12208.

A. I take it from your question that you are

ZANESVILLE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The third annual "The Beauty of the Feminine: Fruitful Vine" Catholic women's conference will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 at Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St.

The conference title is taken from St. John Paul II's apostolic letter Mulieris Dignitatem (The Dignity and Vocation of Women). The conference is dedicated to helping women find their dignity and strength in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and with His Blessed Mother, and to helping women come to a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings concerning women's unique talent to be fruitful.

The theme for this year's con-

Handmaid of the Lord: Let It Be Done Unto Me According to Your Word." The speakers include Mother Assumpta Long, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; Dr. Kyle and Lisamarie Beiter. a Catholic obstetrician-gynecologist and his wife; and Emily Jaminet of St. Gabriel Radio's A Mother's Moment program.

The conference is open to all women ages 16 and older. The cost is \$20 before Saturday, Sept. 27 and \$25 afterward and at the door. The cost for students is \$10, and religious are free. Go to the website www.thebeautyofthefeminine.weebly.com or write to the conference email address thebeautyofthefeminine@ ference is "Behold, I Am the gmail.com for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S TALK

The Mount Carmel St. Ann's compassion, and real connection. Hospital Women's Auxiliary Council is presenting an evening with New York Times best-selling author Dr. Lisa Genova on Thursday, Oct. 16 at the hospital, 500 S. Cleveland Ave., Westerville.

Genova's novel about earlyonset Alzheimer's, Still Alice, has sold more than one million copies and soon will be released as a motion picture starring Alec Baldwin, Julianne Moore, Kristen Stewart, and Kate Bosworth. Genova will talk about the book and why understanding what it gives us a chance at empathy,

The evening will begin with registration, a cocktail hour, and book sales from 6 to 7:15 p.m., and an invitation-only reception with Genova from 6 to 6:45. Her talk will begin at 7:30, followed by questions and answers at approximately 8:15, and signing of books.

Tickets are \$250 including the reception or \$100 for general admission. All proceeds will benefit construction of the hospital's new birthing and lactation center. For tickets and general information, including sponsorfeels like to have Alzheimer's ship opportunities, visit www. mountcarmelfoundation.org.

PRO-LIFE TALK

Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller, author of Abandoned – The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars, will speak on "The Three Lessons of Abortion" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus.

sidewalk counseling and volunteerism, will be sponsored by the Columbus St. Andrew Church Respect Life Society and Greater Columbus Right to Life.

Anyone wishing to attend is asked to RSVP to gcrtl.org/mill-The event, a celebration of er or email RSVP@gcrtl.org.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church will be at 10 a.m. Satur-

The annual blessing of animals in front of the church at 386 Buttles Ave. in the Victorian Village neighborhood. Pets brought day. Oct. 4. the feast day of the to the celebration will be blessed parish's patron saint. The bless- individually and receive a pet ing will take place on the plaza treat and personalized certificate.

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Answering God's Call

PUTTING YOURSELF IN GOD'S HANDS



Father Casper Miller

by Tim Puet

Father Casper Miller, SJ, an Ohio native who has spent most of the last 56 years in Nepal, says he never would have chosen the life of a Jesuit missionary priest if it had been up to him. But he was willing to put himself in God's hands, and now he can't imagine living anywhere else.

After taking a three-month summer break in the United States. his first in five years, Father Miller, known among his friends as "Father Cap," has returned to his home in the Asian nation which is best-known for being the home of the world's highest mountains. Two of his sisters live in adjacent condos in north Columbus. He used one of those homes as his "base camp" while visiting his other siblings – a brother in California and a sister in his hometown of Cleveland – and friends there and elsewhere.

While in Columbus, Father Miller attended daily Mass at Westerville St. Paul Church and celebrated weekend Masses there and at Columbus Ss. Augustine & Gabriel Church. "I felt most welcomed and comfortable at both churches," he said. "It was great talking to Father Charlie Klinger at St. Paul's, and I hope to see him again in Nepal. Being at Ss. Augustine & Gabriel, with its large group of Vietnamese members led by Father (Joseph) Bay as pastor, was like being back in Asia."

Father Miller still vividly remembers one specific moment that pointed him in the direction of the priesthood. "It was in the late 1940s, when I was a sophomore at Cleveland St. Ignatius High School and was attending Benediction at St. Mary's Church in Cleveland," he said. "We were singing 'Holy God, We Praise Thy Name' and I was deeply overcome by a feeling of joy and thanks to God. I decided at that moment I was going to give my life to God, but I wasn't sure how.

"St. Ignatius is a Jesuit school, and in my senior year, I was at a retreat in a Jesuit retreat house when I began feeling a strong attraction to the priesthood and to the Jesuits. The Jesuit priests who taught me at St. Ignatius inspired me, but the older Jesuit brothers were even more of an inspiration.

"They looked so peaceful and holy, and I felt it must be a wonderful life that produces men who are like that in their old age. I didn't put it that way when I told my parents about it, but my dad's first response was 'That's great! They take good care of their old men." he said. "Then he told me he never wanted to influence me, but had made a novena to Our Lady and had been praying that I become a priest."

After graduating from St. Ignatius in 1951, he spent the next seven years at Jesuit institutions in Milford, Ohio, and West Baden, Indiana ("I'm technically a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, but never set foot on campus there," he said) and was assigned to Nepal as a Jesuit brother in 1958.

"I had no great desire to be a missionary." he said. "In fact. I really didn't want to be sent overseas. But I read the Jesuit constitution, which said a Jesuit should be willing to accept the possibility of being sent anywhere if he didn't specifically express a desire not to be a missionary. And I felt that to be an authentic Jesuit, I should tell my superiors that I was willing to go wherever I could best serve God.

"That's how I ended up in Nepal as a Jesuit brother in 1958. And when people ask why I'm still there 56 years later, the first thing I tell them is 'I've never been sent anywhere else.' It's not where I would have chosen to go, but it turned out to be the best place for me. I felt at home there at once. I'd never want to go anywhere else now, and I hope to spend the rest of my life there."

Father Miller's first assignment in Nepal was as a teacher for 110 boys who were boarders at St. Xavier School, which the Jesuits had established in 1951 when they were allowed into the isolated nation bordering China and India, becoming the first Christians to live there in 140 years.

He has been in Nepal ever since, with the exception of the period from 1961-65, when he completed his priestly studies in Darjeeling, India, where he was ordained in 1964, and a year at Oxford University in England for anthropological studies. He has served at various times as teacher, principal, seminary rector, anthropologist, prison minister, and writer, and for three years was Nepal's episcopal vicar, its highest-ranking clergy member because the nation did not have a bishop until 2007. For the past five years, he has taught seminarians at a formation house in Nepal's capital of Katmandu.

"I was sick for much of my first year and a half there, and several times, I thought I was going to be sent back to the United States," he said. "But I survived and adjusted. Maybe my earlier problems built up some kind of immunity, because now I hardly ever have even a cold."

Father Miller said that on his arrival in Nepal, he was told "to accept that I may never see a single person being baptized during my time there. The idea was that what we were doing as teachers was planting seeds. But because we respected the people's religion and didn't proselytize, wonderful things happened.

"The Jesuit schools were the first modern schools in Nepal. After a while, people stopped being afraid of us and trusted us, allowing us to do many things beyond education," he said. Today, Nepal is home to about 150,000 Christians, including 10.000 Catholics.

"That's a small number among a population of 27 million, but it once would have been unimaginable," Father Miller said. "Most Nepalis are Hindus, and there's a strong Buddhist presence. There's still a law on the books that says your property will be confiscated if you become a Christian, but it's a dead letter."

Nepal was an absolute monarchy when Father Miller arrived there. That changed in 1990, when an underground movement began committing acts of civil disobedience and violence that led to adoption of a parliamentary system and ultimately to the abolition of the monarchy five years ago.

"The revolution united all the political factions, but they've been working unsuccessfully for years on a new constitution. There's supposed to be an election for a new parliament in 2015, but that seems unlikely because they can't compromise," Father Miller said. "I know the same sort of thing is happening in the U.S. It seems politics are the same everywhere."

Father Miller is 80, but sees no reason to slow down. He is working toward fulfillment of a dream of building a retreat house at Manang in northern Nepal, a village at the base of the 24,000foot mountain known as Annapurna. It's a place where 6,500 people live, but 35,000 climbers pass through annually.

"Four of us Jesuits go there once a month," he said. "It used to be an eight-day round-trip walk from Katmandu. The government has built a road because so many people are passing through. That cuts it to three or four days. A lot of people of all religions I meet there tell me they're seeking a deeper relationship with God, and it would be an ideal place for a center of spirituality and meditation."

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PILGRIMAGE TO CAREY SHRINE SET FOR OCTOBER

Church in downtown Columbus are solation in Carey on Saturday, Oct. 18. hosting a pilgrimage to the Basilica and



St. Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross National Shrine of Our Lady of Con-

The shrine, which is one of two Roman Catholic basilicas in Ohio, is operated by the Conventual Franciscan Friars. Starting in the second century, Catholics have given devotion to Mary as Our Lady of Consolation, one of her earliest titles of honor.

The faithful prayed to her in plagueravaged Luxembourg in the 17th century and reported miraculous cures and healings. In 1652, Pope Innocent X encouraged devotion to Our Lady of Consolation by establishing a confraternity. The devotion spread to the United States, where the nation's first shrine to her was built in Carey. A replica statue was commissioned and arrived from Luxembourg in 1875. Cures and healings reportedly continue to take place at the shrine to the present day.

Mass at the basilica will be offered by Father Michael Lumpe, rector of St. Joseph Cathedral. Pligrims will be taken from downtown Columbus to Carey by



deluxe motor coach, leaving the cathedral at 8 a.m. and returning by 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Lunch is available at the shrine cafeteria.

To reserve a place on the pilgrimage send a check, payable to St. Joseph Cathedral and listing "Carey Pilgrim-

age" on the note line, to St. Joseph Cathedral, Attention: Pilgrimage Trip. 212 E. Broad St., Columbus OH 43215.

Payment must be made by Saturday, Oct. 4. For more information, email Cboor@wowway.com or call (614) 405-7770.

Walsh University Hosts Ohio Hunger Dialogue

Issues of hunger in our local and global communities will be the focus of the Ohio Hunger Dialogue, which will take place at Walsh University in North Canton on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26 and 27.

Ohio will join Kansas and North Carolina as the third state to host such a statewide meeting devoted to seeking hunger solutions. At-

tendees and presenters will include re- at the luncheon. The winner will regional community organizations, Ohio university administrators and faculty members, and Ohio college students. Registration is required by Monday, Sept. 22 at www.walsh.edu/hungerdia- entries. logue.

former congressman Tony Hall, who represented the Dayton area in the U.S. House for more than 20 years. He 3 pm. The dialogue will begin that evelater served as U.S. ambassador to the ning with an 8 p.m. screening of the United Nations Missions on Food and

Agriculture and is now the executive director emeritus of the Alliance to End Hunger, a policy and advocacy group based in Washington.

The Tony P. Hall Student Advocacy Award. recognizing a campus or campus program that is demonstrating impact and addressing hunger in innovative and effective ways in Ohio, will be presented

ceive \$1,000 to support travel and participation in an Advocacy Day experience with Hall in Washington. Winners will be chosen based on video contest

Participants also will be able to attend The Saturday luncheon will feature a farm-to-school workshop hosted by The Ohio State University Extension Service on Friday, Sept. 26 from 9 to film A Place at the Table.

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Community, Tenderness, and the Cross

I have a friend who's leaving to spend a year living and working in the L'Arche community in Trosly, a small town in France north of Paris, so I was particularly interested in the interview with L'Arche founder Jean Vanier in a recent issue of the National Catholic Reporter (For those unfamiliar with L'Arche, it is an international organization that forms communities consisting of people with mental disabilities and those who live and care for them).

As I read the story, two words stood out. First was "community." Vanier sees individualism as "the greatest evil of our time," and says people enter the world of individualism to show how good they are and often that they are better than the rest. It's a sacrifice, as well as celebration. proving ground.

Community, on the other hand, is "a school of love." There, we reveal our woundedness and needs and respond to the needs and woundedness of others. Community is transformational. It isn't easy, as

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anyone living in one can attest. Community isn't always marriage, family, or religious life. It can be our parish or work community, extended family, a close circle of friends or co-workers for a common cause. Whatever form it takes, true community requires

The other word was "tenderness." Vanier referred to a psychiatrist who, when asked for a sign of maturity, said "tenderness" and understands tenderness, not non-violence, to be the opposite of violence.

While speaking of those with disabilities who come

to L'Arche, Vanier noted the importance of helping them discover their preciousness and beauty. not so much by what is done, but by "being with." Listening, treating them with respect, with tenderness -- that is where transformation happens. "What is important," Vanier said, "is relationships."

Our world is broken, and all carry pain within. Many people expressed surprise after discovering Williams had been battling deep depression suggested, those types of wounds are community.

Some people's struggles are more visible. resulting from ignorance, fear, and oppression. The poor. Women. The LGBT community. People of color. Homeless people, many of whom suffer from mental illness. How do we respond to them with tenderness? My experience tells me that "being with" is what opens my heart to those I might otherwise see only as "other."

Before reading this interview, I was working on a column on the mystery of last Sunday's feast, the Exultation of the Cross. As I read about L'Arche, the two themes wove themselves together: The cross present in the living of community, and tenderness leading to and flowing from embracing the cross.

Sunday's Mass collect put me off: "O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race ..." I've never been able to get my head around the image of a God who would demand a bloody sacrifice -- of a son, no less -to appease Divine justice. Unfortunately, that is often the approach taken to make sense of Jesus' suffering and death. It just doesn't fit with Jesus' image of God as "Abba," "Daddy."

This intimate address to a parent exudes tenderness, not retribution. There's the father who welcomes home the prodigal son, the mother hen who gathers and protects her chicks, the shepherd who looks for

Then there's Jesus himself, who tells his followers, "When you see me, you see the one who sent me." Jesus ate with sinners, hung out with those on the fringes, embraced children, and preached giving oneself for others. When asked why he spent time with such people, Jesus replied, "Go and learn the meaning of the words 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Jesus spoke of God as community, Trinity, and invited us to join in. As Vanier noted, community transforms. Community with God transforms completely.

No, I can't imagine God willing Jesus to suffer. While I'm familiar with doctrines of substitutional. even penal atonement, I have to go with my prayer for years. As Vanier and my heart. The world couldn't cope with the radical love and truth of Jesus, and, rather than abandoning who he knew himself to be, Jesus embraced the cross shared in the world of his faithfulness brought. His death and resurrection individualism. but in poured the salve of unconditional love on the wounds of humanity, and calls us to do the same. Community. Tenderness. Jesus asks us to share in his cross and resurrection, opening the door to a transformative relationship with God and all God's people.

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Teaching about CATECHETICAL God's Gift of Forgiveness SUNDAY 2014

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

he ministry of catechesis – teaching in the name of the Church – holds a special place in Catholic life.

"This ministry ... has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church," says the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on its website. "It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others."

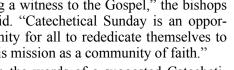
The bishops have set aside this coming Sunday, Sept. 21, as Catechetical Sunday, an event which has taken place across the United States on the third Sunday of September since at least the since mid-1950s and has its origins in a document on catechesis issued by Pope Pius XI in 1935.

On that day, those whom the community has designated to serve to serve as catechists will be called forth in parishes across the nation to be commissioned for their ministry. "Catechetical Sunday is a

role that each person plays, by virtue of Trinity. Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel," the bishops said. "Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith."

In the words of a suggested Catechetical Sunday commissioning service on the bishops' website, "Enlightened by God's Word and the teaching of the Church, catechists impart to others an initiation or a deeper formation in those realities that they themselves have learned as truths to be followed in living and to be celebrated

The diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis said parishes in the Jackson Holy Trinity, Kenton Immaculate Conception, Lancaster St. Mary, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton, Plain City St. Joseph, and the cluster of West Portsmouth Our Lady of Sorrows, Otway Our wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Lady of Lourdes, and Pond Creek Holy



Diocese of Columbus that are known to be planning activities commissioning and otherwise recognizing catechists at this weekend's Masses include Circleville St. Joseph, Columbus St. James the Less, Danville St. Luke, Delaware St. Mary, Dover St. Joseph, Heath St. Leonard,



The office's director, Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, describes catechists' role as "preparing the soil and planting the seeds in which a strong faith is rooted. Parents are the primary educators. By their example and their faith, they model faithful discipleship for their children.

"The community is also extremely important in modeling and supporting faith development," she said. "The bishop is the chief catechist. The individual catechist participates in the teaching mission of the bishop. It is a privileged place. The community as a whole is also vital to faith development.'

"Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness," stressing the role of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is the theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday. "This year, the bishops are placing the emphasis on a specific sacrament rather than on the general theme of religious education." Romanello-Wichtman said. "This gives us a wonderful opportunity to teach about God's initiative of forgiving, healing, and sharing his son with us and to create a sense of joy about the sacrament and how it can transform our lives.

"It's also appropriate because of how Pope Francis has revealed he discovered his own vocation to be a priest in the context of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He has said he went to confession on the Feast of St. Matthew in 1953 as an ordinary 16-year-old student, had what he describes as an encounter with Jesus, and walked out of the confessional convinced God was calling him to the priesthood."

The diocesan Office of Religious Education and Catechesis serves the catechetical and school leaders supporting the nearly 2,400 men and women in the Diocese of Columbus who minister as catechists in parochial schools. Parish School of Religion programs for young people,

Mike Hall, diocesan youth and young adult ministry director, and Sylvia Zaborowski of Buckeve Lake were among those honored by Bishop Campbell at a diocesan catechists' meeting.

sacramental catechesis, and adult faith formation programs, including the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Romanello-Wichtman said the catechists and the 1,085 teachers in diocesan elementary and high schools are responsible for educating about 35,000 children – more than 20,000 attending the diocesan schools and 15,000 in PSR – as well as adults in the RCIA process.

The diocese has certification requirements for catechists which include completion of courses on the Person as a Catechist; Scripture; Christ and the Church; Liturgy and the Sacraments; Morality; and Catechetical Methodology. The Person as a Catechist course is required for all teachers in diocesan schools. Teachers of religion in elementary schools are reguired to complete all six courses. High school religion teachers need 30 credit hours of religious education or theology.

Bishop Frederick Campbell expects that parish catechetical leaders who are salaried or receive a stipend should complete the certification process. The courses are not required for PSR teachers or catechists in parish religious education programs, but "we encourage and recommend that catechists take the courses to help them with the ministry in which they work," Romanello-Wichtman said. "Once the catechists begin the courses, we hope they find them helpful and will continue the office provided support for talks given to participate in the program.'

The office offers all of the certification courses during the summer at various locations. Approximately 625 people attended certification courses this past summer. Some parishes, including Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare, Revnoldsburg St. Pius X, and Marion St. Mary, are offering courses during the school year.

Every August, the office co-sponsors an orientation meeting for new school teachers with the Office of Catholic Schools. In addition, the religious education office hosts a meeting with the diocesan Divine Worship and Youth and Young Adult Min-

and prepare for the coming year. Bishop Campbell is the principal speaker and presides at evening prayer.

Eight people were recognized by the bishop at this year's meeting for their service to religious education in their parishes or for achieving some level of advanced training in religious education or theology. They are Jean Bruner, Kenton Immaculate Conception: Silvia Zaborowski, Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Laura LeCompte, Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center; Sister Joanne Fogarty, OSF, Hilliard St. Brendan; Rose Gorius, Utica Church of the Nativity: Cathry Kerns, Logan St. John: Gloria Price, Waverly St. Mary; and Mike Hall, director of the diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

Romanello-Wichtman's staff includes program coordinators Martha Choroco and Sue Reihing and consultants Judi Engel and Jenny Berryhill. They are in the midst of conducting a series of five meetings throughout the diocese with catechetical leaders to discuss the programs the office is sponsoring and the materials it has available for 2014-15. A similar series of meetings will take place in the spring to review the year's activities and prepare for 2015-16.

Last year at about this time, as part of the Year of Faith which ended last Nov. 24, at several locations by Bishop Campbell concerning the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. "The bishop said at the time that he didn't think the role of the laity had been given enough attention after Vatican II, even though it had been emphasized in the council documents," Romanello-Wichtman said.

"This year, we are asking that parishes." either individually or as deaneries, follow up on the bishop's talks with their own examinations of the importance of the laity in the New Evangelization which was proclaimed by St. John Paul II and continued under Pope Benedict XVI and istry offices in which catechetical leaders Pope Francis. Each pastor and pastoral recognize the achievements of their peers council member in the diocese has re-

ceived resources and packets related to this theme."

The office also is promoting several ongoing formation opportunities for diocesan catechists and teachers. Dr. Ellen Wedemeyer, professor of special education at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, will speak on special-needs children and the resources available to them on Thursday, Oct. 16 in the morning at Columbus St. Agatha School and in the evening at Columbus St. Andrew School. The morning meeting is for principals

and catechetical leaders and the evening event is for parents, teachers, and catechists. She also will speak at an in-service day for teachers at Columbus Holy Spirit School on Friday, Oct. 17. Financial support from Knights of Columbus councils throughout the Columbus area is helping make these events possible.

Popular Catholic musician ValLimar Jansen will be at Columbus St. Peter Church on Thursday, Nov. 20 for two programs featuring creative drama and music people in the diocese are trained as facilifocusing on discipleship and prayer. She will appear in the morning at a meeting of the Diocesan Association of Religious Educators (d.a.r.e.) and in the evening at a of Columbus if there is enough interest to concert for the general public.

She also will visit students of Columbus Bishop Ready and Cristo Rey high schools at Ready on Nov. 20 and will talk to students at Columbus Bishop Hartley and Bishop Watterson high schools the tion and certificate programs, both at area following day. Assistance from the RCL classroom locations and online. The reli-Benziger publishing company is helping gious education office has worked with pay for this event.

The d.a.r.e. organization sponsored an event in August with Father Bob Hader of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on "Parish winter and a luncheon in the spring.

Long-range plans for the Religious Education and Catechesis office include a school of catechesis on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, 2015, to be conducted in English and Spanish, with nationally known catechists Mary Birmingham, Nick Wagner, and Isabel Fernandez.

The office is continuing its partnership with the University of Dayton in an online initiative known as the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation. This program, which is offered in English and Spanish. presents three- to six-week courses several times a year, each with a maximum of 15 participants, for catechists and other interested adult Catholics.

Being a partner diocese in the program means a reduced cost for the courses, which Romanello-Wichtman describes as "an excellent way for people to attain certification as catechists." She said some tators for the program. This would allow courses to be conducted in certain areas solely for participants from the Diocese form a group.

Since 1994, the diocese has worked with the extension program of the Institute for Ministry of Lovola University in New Orleans on fully accredited graduate educa-14 cohort groups, 12 of which have completed the program.

The office hopes to start another group in January 2015 for Spanish-speaking Culture and Climate: How It Affects Cat-people. An information meeting for a echesis" and is planning a retreat in the proposed English-speaking group is scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at Columbus St. Peter Church. Romanello-Wichtman said spring 2015 is the target date for starting that group.

> Additional long-distance learning programs are offered through Boston College, the University of Notre Dame, and other institutions. The office has informa-

tion on those as well.

Funding to help pay for the cost of catechist education programs is available from the diocese's Bishop Elwell Fund, which since 1981 has assisted religious educators with scholarships for courses in theology, religious studies, and religious education at academically accredited institutions

The Office of Religious Education and Catechesis assists many diocesan parishes in adult faith formation programs, including the RCIA catechumenate process, which is a formal process through which adults and children either join or enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Parish-based programs include Scripture study, book clubs, and general discussion groups.

The office approves religion textbooks based on conformity to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and to the diocese's religion course of study for preschool through 12th grade, and works with the offices of Black Ministry, Catholic Schools, Communications. Marriage and Family Life, Latino Ministry, Divine Worship, Social Concerns, Vocations, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Development and Planning on additional programs and

Its resource center, funded mostly by the Knights of Columbus, has access to more than 4.000 books. DVDs. CDs. and videos. It may be visited at http:// catalog.cdeducation.org. The office also publishes a weekly bulletin titled "Good News Bytes" on its website, which may be found by clicking on the "Offices" section of the diocesan website, www.cols**12** Catholic Times September 21, 2014 September 21, 2014 Catholic Times 13



Distributing backpacks to Columbus Holy Spirit School as part of the Ohio Dominican University Alumni Association Council's annual school supplies drive were (from left) ODU students Kole Buckley and Senay Abrah; Jan Berenson of ODU; Sister Margie Davis, OP, ODU campus minister: Ann Snider, ODU director of alumni relations and annual giving; and Debbie Pecinovsky of Holy Spirit School.

Photo courtesy Ohio Dominican University

ODU Alumni Backpack Project Collects School Supplies

Holy Spirit School received essential By providing students with backpacks supplies as a result of the Ohio Dominiand other essential school supplies, the can University Alumni Association ODU community is helping to prepare Council's annual school supplies drive them for success in the classroom and in August.

In addition to the supplies that were dropped off at the school, supporters donated nearly \$500 to purchase items such as pencils, crayons, and glue sticks. Bill Rauch, a 1971 ODU graduate and an alumnus of Holy Spirit School, donated 100 new high-quality book bags.

"ODU's Alumni Association Council reflects annually on activities that fulfill ODU's mission and its commitment to serve our local community," said council chair Lucia McQuaide, former as food to help fill the organization's diocesan school superintendent. "The pantry

More than 120 students at Columbus key to learning is being ready to learn. in life "

> This was the third year the council sponsored a school supplies drive to benefit a Columbus Catholic school or organization. In 2012, ODU collected enough supplies to fill 100 backpacks for All Saints Academy students, and enough financial contributions to purchase a high-definition television for the school's library.

> In 2013, the university collected a year's worth of school supplies for St. Stephen's Community House, as well

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Kateri Circle Formation

tral Ohio. The formation meeting will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 in the shelter house at Lancaster St. Mark Church, at 330 Gay St.

The objectives of a Kateri Circle are to pray for St. Kateri Tekakwitha, share her story, and follow examples of her holiness; to promote conference membership among Native Americans and other cultures; to help develop at the local level the spirit of the Tekakwitha conference for all to express their beliefs in traditional Native and Roman Catholic ways; to help provide catechetical resources for the education of children in Native Catholic ways; to become knowledgeable about Native American issues and how they relate to

A Kateri Circle is being formed in cenour moral and spiritual growth; and to support Youth Kateri Circles and keep families united in the Catholic faith.

> The most recent diocesan census indicates there are about 1,150 Native American Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus. How many other Native Americans are not registered as such and are members of the Catholic Church?

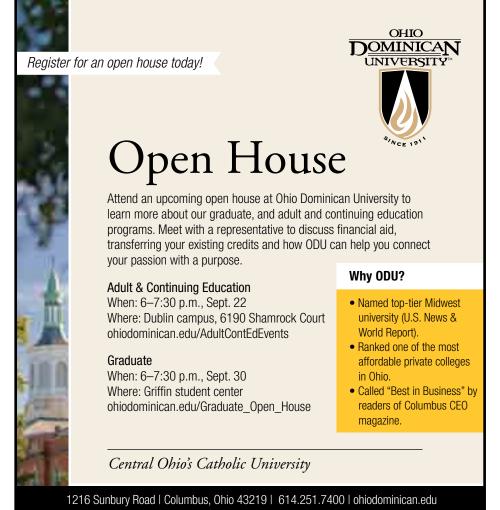
> This meeting is open to everyone with an interest in one or more of the above guidelines, regardless of whether they are Native Americans. Prayers to St. Kateri and any other prayers that are needed will be offered.

For more information, call Carl Lefevre at (740) 756-7008 or email animalslair@aol.com.

Catholic colleges rank as top tier Midwestern universities

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnaseveral area Catholic colleges in the top ti, and John Carroll University in Clevetier of universities in the Midwest. In- land. The magazine analyzes a number cluded in that ranking were Ohio Dominican University. Franciscan University including freshman retention rate, graduof Steubenville, Xavier University and

of factors in determining its annual list, ation rate, and student-to-faculty ratio.



Strong ODU support helps student meet the challenges of autism

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

When David Hanks and his parents were deciding where he should finish his college education, they had some special concerns and challenges.

Hanks, of Worthington, has Asperger's syndrome, a condition of the autism spectrum. After graduating from Worthington Kilbourne High School in 2009, he completed a yearlong program at Columbus State Community College which is designed to help autistic students with the transition to college.

When he and his mother, Karen, went on their college search in 2010, they knew he needed to find a school which would combine an atmosphere of acceptance with a solid program in his chosen major of sports management. They went to The Ohio State University and inquired about Marshall University's Asperger's-specific program, but felt both might be too large.

They finally decided on Ohio Dominican University because it combined the advantages of being small and close to home with a sports management curriculum that includes practical experience with ODU and area professional teams, all within an ethical framework on the role of sports in society.

"ODU seemed like a good choice, but we still had the usual concerns parents have when their children go to college," said Hanks' father, Chip, whose work duties limited his involvement in the college search. "One of the aspects of Asperger's is that people with that condition often find it difficult to socialize with others," he said. "David is much better at social interaction than many others with Asperger's, but still, we wondered how he would handle dealing with so many unfamiliar people in an unfamiliar place."

"After we went to David's orientation at ODU, I realized I didn't have to worry," Karen

and talked to David at lunch and made him feel very comfortable. David was given a single room in a suite, with a fantastic roommate who helped introduce David to others and make him feel comfortable on

"We left campus on the day of the orientation feeling we had made a great decision about the place David would finish his college career." Chip Hanks said. That decision proved to be the right one, as Hanks thrived on campus, became one of the university's best-known students because of his work with its sports teams, and graduated with a 3.34 grade-point average.

"There was some doubt at an early age that he would be able to make it through college, but his determination and the care of many people at Ohio Dominican and Columbus State enabled him to reach that goal," Hanks' father said.

Hanks was diagnosed with Asperger's when he was three years old, his parents said.

"It's common for those with Asperger's to have ritual behaviors in which they always do things a certain way," his mother said. "We noticed he was very regimented in how his toys lined up. He also was much more sensitive than most people to things like loud noises and certain textures.

"Wearing a long-sleeved shirt and hearing presents being ripped open, which most people wouldn't think about, were sources of stress and anxiety for him. He's not a jokester, everything is very black and white to him. It can be hard for him to make choices between two or more things. All of these also are signs of Asperger's."

But there also are many positive aspects to the condition. Laura Ackerman, director of disability services at Ohio Dominican, said these include the ability to focus on one thing over a long period: being able to find unique connections among facts and



ideas; willingness to be an independent thinker; having internal motivation that isn't swayed by others; attention to detail; threedimensional thinking; ability to recognize and speak the truth: logical decision-making; and lack of pretense and of hidden agendas.

"David always could concentrate on things intensely," his mother said. "For instance, when he was young, he loved the movie Aladdin and used to recite scenes from it word for word. We decided it would be best for him to have the same kind of education as his peers, so he went to the Worthington schools. He got involved with athletics at Perry Middle School. He played baseball and basketball there in I wasn't sure how the presenseventh grade and baseball in eighth grade.

"There wasn't room for him on the basketball team in the seventh grade, but he had made so many friends that they asked for him to become the team manager. That was probably the first step that led him to his desire to get involvement in sports management." The following year. he was a playing member of the eighth-grade team. At Kilbourne High, Hanks

played baseball during all of his four years there and served as an assistant to basketball coach Tom Souder. That meant he got to coach his younger brother, Brian. "I think of coach Souder as a second father," he said. "He always encouraged me to set goals and told me I had the power to reach them.

Hanks went to Columbus State at the encouragement of a family friend who had heard about that institution's Autism College Transition program, in which students combine intensive individual coaching and group discussion with going to regular

The program has assisted 44 students since it began seven years ago, said ACT coordinator Matthew Wilson. "David entered in the second year, and the work he and his mom did as advocates is a very important part of ACT's success," Wilson said.

"Both of them did a lot to teach us some practical things and to point us in the right direction for the development of the program. We know it's working because about 80 percent of the students who have taken part in it and gone on to college have staved in school after one year, with the rest going to work.

"One thing I remember in particular about David was his power point presentation on Jason McElwain, a high school basketball manager who got into his team's last game of the season, scored 20 points in four minutes, and became the subject of a book and a movie. tation would come across, but David's excitement about it made it work."

His arrival at Ohio Dominican coincided with the school's expansion into NCAA Division II athletics. He was video coordinator for the men's basketball team and photographer and statistician for the football team. He also was an intern with the ODU athletic office and the Columbus Clippers.

Dr. Peter Cimbolic, ODU president, described Hanks as someone he will always remember. "I try to eat with the students three or four times a week and always saw David with other students." he said. "I remember he's the one student who always called me 'Mr. President' rather than by my last name. He's such a serious-

minded, likable young man you can't help but be proud of him, especially when you know the challenges he's overcome."

"It seems nearly everyone on campus knew David," said Jim Strode, director of the ODU sports management program. "He took the time to know his classmates, especially the athletes. Because of the way he concentrates on things, he knew everybody's statistics, even for those on the teams he wasn't involved with. They really appreciated that he cared that much. He shone in the classroom and was an excellent student, who always did things the right way, with passion and conscientiousness."

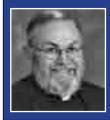
"David put 100 percent into his classes, not just the sports management courses he liked. but ones like theology and philosophy, where he struggled. but put his heart and soul into them. That's where his Asperger's worked to his advantage," said Ackerman, who as ODU's disability services director worked closely with him throughout his college career as he majored in sports management and minored in business administration.

"The only accommodation he had was that because of his attention to detail, he was given extended time to complete tests and took them in my office, rather than the classroom, to minimize disruption, "she said. Now that he has graduated. Hanks is a volunteer intern with working with the Columbus Crew and is looking for fulltime work in sports management. He is a volunteer coach for the junior varsity golf team at Kilbourne High School and hopes to become involved with basketball again.

"I've had some great opportunities at ODU." he said. "Thanks to what I've experienced and how I've grown there, I can think clearly and speak clearly and will be able to work in my chosen field. All I need now is the opportunity.'

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Kingdom of heaven: No way to run a business



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20c-24.27a **Matthew 20:1-16a**

Isaiah reminds us of how different we are from the Lord. Using poetry ("as high as the heavens above the earth are my thoughts from your thoughts, says the Lord"), he demonstrates how vastly different we are hired as much as the ones who had agreed to work at from the Lord.

Yet the biggest difference involves the mercy which the Lord so readily dispenses to the scoundrel and the wicked. Our human reaction wants to avenge the evildoer. We are easily manipulated into demanding blood by movie directors and overzealous news reporters. In the Dirty Harry genre, the bad guys are painted in such evil tones that only a cad would object to Harry's antics.

But the Lord's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are our ways the way of the Lord. We live in a world which demands that good triumph over evil. The Lord's way is far beyond our ability to understand, yet Isaiah invites us to seek the Lord and the Lord's forgiveness

The parable in Matthew is one of the longest parables found in Matthew. It is unique to his gospel, meaning he has drawn upon his own source in presenting this parable. It is magnificent because of the reactions it can generate in listeners who hear this parable, especially in capitalist countries such as ours.

Most of those reactions are negative, as in "That's no way to run a business." They miss the point that the parable is used to show what **the kingdom of heaven** is like, not someone's business.

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Mass on Sunday. Or it should! Everyone will have a different take on the parable, but it remains a question whether we will ever plumb the parable's depths.

The workers at dawn agreed to work for a denarius, which was the common laborer's wage for a day's work ("the usual daily wage"). The ones standing around the market place at 9 a.m. agreed to work for "what is fair." The ones at noon and at 3 p.m. made the same agreement. At 5 p.m. (literally "at the eleventh hour"), still others found standing idle also are hired.

With that, the scene is set. Only the first group agreed to work for a set price, and that was for an entire day's work. When it was time to pay, the vineyard owner told his foreman to pay the last laborers who were

And so the arguments begin. "It's not fair! We worked all day and you're paying those who only worked an hour or a few hours the same. It's not fair!'

The owner objects: "I am not cheating you. You agreed to the daily wage, did you not? I can do whatever I want with what is mine, can I not?" Then the even more puzzling line "the last will be first and the

This line also serves as an introduction to this parable, because Matthew 19:30 ends with the same verse, but in reverse order ("Many who are first will be last and the last will be first").

People have argued for centuries about what it means. However, it is unlikely that Jesus meant anything more than that God, like the vineyard owner, is generous, especially with mercy, whether one comes to him at the beginning of the day or "at the eleventh hour."

Finally, Paul muses whether to be with Christ through death is better than living and preaching the Gospel. He is facing death in his present circumstances (he is in jail). He prefers to be with Christ, but it is better for the Philippians if he stays alive.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor at Chillicothe St. Mary, can be reached at hummerl@stmarychilli-

St. Paul's Outreach Anniversary

Experience Catholic faith alive on college campuses by joining the students and missionaries of St. Paul's Outreach at their 10th anniversary banquet on Thursday. Oct. 23 at the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., Columbus. Hear from keynote speaker Bishop Frederick Campbell and SPO students about how God has grown the ministry through the years it has served on campus.

A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p,m., with dinner and program to follow. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 13 to Aimee Santiago at ohio@spoweb.org or (614) 209-5290.

The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY Proverbs 3:27-34 Psalm 15:2-4b,5 Luke 8:16-18

TUESDAY Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13 Psalm 119:1,27,30,34-35,44 Luke 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY Proverbs 30:5-9 Psalm 119:29,72,89,101,104,163 Luke 9:1-6

> **THURSDAY** Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Psalm 90:3-6.12-14.17bc Luke 9:7-9

FRIDAY Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Psalm 144:1b,2abc,3-4 Luke 9:18-22

SATURDAY Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17 Luke 9:43b-45

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND **TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE** WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2012

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com. Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 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).

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-Lifety (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 I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

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Sports and Faith: the Ties that Bind

There's nothing like going to a high school or college football night game when there's a little nip in the air. I fondly look back at my days as a Marion Catholic High School coach of various sports and a teacher of history and religion. The lessons I learned there taught me a lot about people, life and faith.

There are a lot of correlations and lessons drawn in sports that apply to faith; they are timeless, and even mentioned in the Bible. St Paul, the world's first great Christian missionary, gives us many examples of sports and faith, which probably went over well as he traveled between the sports-minded Greek and Roman worlds.

Sports, like Christianity in general and Catholicism in particular, has rules, codes of conduct, goals, camaraderie, and outreach. Everyone has a chance, as long as they agree to be part of the team and not be self-centered. All of this was pretty selfexplanatory until recently. It seems in our modern, sports-crazy world, no one advocates challenging the coach or the hierarchy of team management, but challenges are often encouraged by those in our modern secular society who want to change the Church. There's something wrong with that pic-

I have been blessed to have met some truly faithful Catholic players and coaches in the last few years, when I have been traveling, giving talks, and researching material for my books. Coaches Lou Holtz and Gerry Faust and ESPN commentator



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM David Hartline

Adam, but when a Catholic writer was introduced to them, they were more than gracious with the time they gave me. Coach Faust especially went out of his way in not only critiquing some of work, but making calls and arranging for me to speak to certain groups across the nation. A more faithful Catholic sports figure you won't find.

The interesting thing about these folks is the gratitude they have for the faithful who have helped them on their way. The rough and tumble world of sports, especially coaching, has helped these men see the truth vs. the false reality our secular world encourages. Our "me-first" culture often mocks the Church for reminding the world that Jesus, the Apostles, and the saints preached self-sacrifice and perseverance. These aren't exactly attributes our self-absorbed modern culture favors.

Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer and Notre Dame's Brian Kelly both came up the hard way. They didn't have famous coaching family members open doors for them, they made sacrifices. and they persevered to get where they are. Both Dick Vitale have been very gracious in endorsing men are known to be supportive of their players, my writings. They certainly didn't know me from but also believe in the spiritual work of mercy

that says, "Admonish the sinner." Anyone who has seen them on the sidelines after a player has made a costly mistake knows this to be true. Sometimes the believer has to tell it like it is.

After being an assistant for a few years, coach Meyer got his head coaching start at Bowling Green. He recently recounted how he told his wife during the run-up to their first season that if he didn't win quickly, they might be out of a job. Shelley Meyer assured her husband of his talents, and the rest is

Brian Kelly's first head coaching job came at Grand Valley State, a Division II school where he often performed the most menial of tasks. It was there he met his wife, Paqui, who supported and believed in him when no one knew who he was. Coach Kelly eventually landed at Notre Dame, land of the Gipper and Knute Rockne. Incidentally. it was coach Rockne's players who helped him become Catholic. He noticed some of his players were slipping out in the very early morning. One day, he followed them to morning Mass and asked them if it was that important to them. They explained to him the significance of the Eucharist. and coach Rockne soon became Catholic.

When sports are done right, it can lead to the aforementioned stories. All too often, we know of the bad examples, so I thought you might like some of the

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

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By Dan Thimons

The popular novel *The Giver* describes a utopian world that seems to be absent of pain and suffering. This comes at a price: the inhabitants of this world have sacrificed their individual freedom. God gives freedom to each of us, not to be used to do whatever we want, but as the capacity and responsibility to love. What Jonas, the main character in The Giver, discovers is that a world without freedom is ultimately a world without love.

Fourteen years prior to the publication of *The Giver*, St. John Paul II described what Jonas later experienced: "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it."

God, in His infinite wisdom, or-

family built upon the marriage of man and woman is to be our first and primary school of love. It is in the family that a child first encounters

love -- the love of a husband and wife for one another and for each of evolution. Each of us is the result of a All are welcome to attend the Sacred their children, who exist as the fruit thought of God. Each of us is willed, of their love.

Sadly, this is often not the experience of children who grow up in broken homes without a father or mother present. Every family, too, has moments of "good times and bad, sickness and health." In the midst of the pain and difficulties of life we have hope because, as St. John Paul II instructed, "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the

know what life is. We are not some

casual and meaningless product of each of us is loved, each of us is nec- at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church.

of love, we must first open our hearts center of their lives. By growing and homes to receive the love of closer to Christ in the time leading Christ. At the center of family life is up to next year's World Meeting of the weekly celebration of the Sunday Families, your family can embrace Eucharist and the Lord's Day. But be- your mission of love and become yond the Sunday Eucharist, Christian family life is to be daily lived as a Dan Thimons is director of the Office domestic Church where Christ reigns of Marriage and Family Life.

sum of the Fa- at the center. One practical way to ther's love for remind ourselves of the centrality of us." Pope Bene- Christ is by enthroning our home to dict XVI also re- the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The imminded us, "Only age of the Sacred Heart serves as a when we meet reminder of Christ's immense love for the living God us, and a call to conform our hearts in Christ do we ever more closely to His.

A local apostolate offers information about devotion to the Sacred Heart www.sacredheartcolumbus.org. Heart Congress on Saturday, Oct. 11

Families can only find lasting peace If families are to live out our mission and joy when Jesus Christ is at the more fully alive.

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Pray for our dead

BOESHART, Mary L., 90, Sept. 8 St. Luke Church, Danville

BROWN, Eileen, 97, Aug. 16 St. James the Less Church, Columbus

BROWN, James W., 74, Sept. 8 St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

COX, Sandra K., 59, Sept. 8 St. Matthias Church, Columbus

CYBULSKI, Gregory, 67, Sept. 9 St. Thomas Church, Columbus

DAVIS, Juanita M., 53, Sept. 9 St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

DEIBEL, Richard L., 80, Sept. 4 St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

DIMOND, Ann M., 76, Sept. 9 St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

ECKSTEIN, Ruth M., 83, Sept. 12 Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

FALK, Trina L., 69, Aug. 26 Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

HANLEY, John M., 91, Sept. 9 St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

HASSON, Ruth E., 82, Sept. 8 St. Patrick Church. Columbus

HITE, Rosemary A., 94, Sept. 2 St. Timothy Church. Columbus

JENTGEN, Richard L., 86, Sept. 4 St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

KISH, Frank J., 82, Sept. 9 St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

LaPORTE, Ann J., 57, Sept. 10 St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin MARTINA, George P., 81, Sept. 6 St. Paul Church. Westerville

MERCURIO, Phillip A., 57, Sept. 9 St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

MUTH, Bonnie K., 81, Sept. 9 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

NICHTER, Donald J., 86, Sept. 9 Christ the King Church, Columbus

PASTIER, Donna J., 82, Sept. 2 St. Thomas Aguinas Church, Zanesville

PIERO, Dr. David L., 69, Sept. 11 St. Peter Church, Columbus

PRYSOCK, Minnie L., 88, Sept. 6 St. Dominic Church. Columbus

PURPURA, Marian, 94, Sept. 8 St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

RIEPENHOFF, Nancy E., 85, Sept. 6 St. Agatha Church, Columbus

SANTORO, Patricia J., 79, Sept. 2 St. Anthony Church, Columbus

SHIVLEY, Robert J., 87, Sept. 7 St. Patrick Church. Columbus

SLUPSKI, John L., 83, Sept. 10 St. Anthony Church, Columbus

SIDNER-ROYER, Barbara I., 73, Sept. 6 St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

THOMPSON, Marissa, 41, Aug. 25 St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

WITTEKIND, M. Eleanor, 99, Sept. 13 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

Nelson N. Harper

Funeral Mass for Nelson N. Harper, 94, who died Saturday, Sept. 6, was held Thursday, Sept. 18 at Columbus St. Timothy Church.

He was born March 14, 1920 in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Nelson and Louise (Sheridan) Harper. He graduated from Lakewood (Ohio) High School and received a master's degree in music education from The Ohio State University. He served as a fighter pilot in the Pacific theater in World War II.

He became director of education for the Catholic Conference of Ohio in 1970 and later became the confer-1985. Earlier, he was director of cho-

textbook publishing firm (1955-69).

He directed the Lakewood Civic Chorus in the mid-1950s and sang in the Columbus Symphony Chorus and the Columbus St. Christopher and Columbus St. Peter parish choirs. He was a volunteer in the physical therapy department at St. Ann's Hospital and a volunteer reader for the Radio Reading Service for the blind

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Donna (Allison); son, Thomas; daughter, Cathy; and sister, Mary Louise Harrigan. Survivors include his wife, Mary (Hummert); son, ence's executive director, retiring in Nelson; daughter, Donice Wooster (Burdette Green): stepson. Tom (Sural music at the University of Dayton san) Knebel; stepdaughters, Vicki (1947-53), supervisor of music for the Davis, Karen (Hal) Brooks, and Beth Diocese of Cleveland (1953-55), and (Randy) Callstrom; and several grandwas employed by the Ginn and Co. children and great-grandchildren.

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CHARISMATIC RENEWAL EVENTS

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic gin from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday Sept. Renewal will sponsor a healing Mass, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 at Columbus Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave. It will be preceded by the rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship from 3 to 4. Dinner will follow the Mass.

The renewal also is sponsoring a citywide prayer meeting Saturday morning, Sept. 27, at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, beginning with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by prayers from 9:30 to noon.

A Life in the Spirit seminar will be-

29 and continue at the same time on Mondays through Nov. 10 at Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3730 Broadway. There will be no charge for participation and free child care will be provided. Preregistration is required for child care.

Life in the Spirit is a seven-week Catholic program designed to stir and renew a person's faith through learning and discussion with others.

For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at (614)914-8556 or email info@ccrcolumbus.org.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP

Bishop sponsored by Catholic Social Services will take place Friday. Oct. 3 from 7:45 to 9 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St.

Speakers will be Bishop Frederick Campbell and Jodi Pfarr, a certified trainer, advocate, and teacher with the Bridges Out of Poverty organi-

After the breakfast. Pfarr will lead a training session in which working with homeless women and law enforcement personnel to help those in attendance better understand the culture of poverty and how to effectively respond to it. poverty reduction.

The annual Breakfast with the The session will take place at Columbus St. Andrew Church's Bryce Eck Center, 3880 Reed Road.

Tickets are \$50 per person and \$125 for a patronage, with additional sponsorship opportunities available. All proceeds will go to the efforts of Catholic Social Services to advance the dignity and potential of the 11,000 people it serves in the 23-county area covered by the Diocese of Columbus in central and southern Ohio. CSS she draws on her past experience programs strengthen families, help seniors age with grace and dignity, provide relief for the most vulnerable, and train more than 100 community leaders in best practices in

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'Reconnect and Come Home' Program at St. Paul

7 to 9 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., Westerville. First session of six-week "Reconnect and Come Home" program for inactive Catholics, led by Catholics who have returned to the Church. 614-882-2109

'The New Jim Crow' Presentation at Ohio Dominican

7 p.m., Alumni Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Presentation on "The New Jim Crow" with author, civil rights lawyer, and legal scholar Michelle Alexander 614-251-4453

19 FRIDAY

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting, for tours. 614-866-4302

20. SATURDAY

Bethesda Healing Ministry 'Experience of Hope' Retreat 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call David Garick

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Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

Tuscarawas County Walk for Life at New Philadelphia

9 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Third annual Tuscarawas County Walk for Life from church to county courthouse rally and back. Speaker: RI McVeigh, Great Lakes regional coordinator, Students for Life America.

'Poverty and Prayer' Program at de Porres Center

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive. Columbus. "Poverty and Prayer" program with filmmaker Gerry Straub. \$20 suggested donation.

Friends of the Poor Walk at DeSales

10 a.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual Friends of the Poor walk of approximately one mile, benefiting diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Participants may walk the route as many times as 614-314-4235 Birthright of Columbus Luncheon and Style Show

11 a.m., Mozart's Restaurant, 4784 N. High St., Columbus, Annual luncheon and style show benefiting Birthright of Columbus, with fashions from Dress Barn, silent auction, and raffle for handmade afghan and flat-screen TV. Tickets \$30. 614-888-0917 or 614-235-7465

Cristo Rey Columbus High School Garden Party

7 to 10:30 p.m., Cristo Rey Columbus High School, 400 E. Town St., Columbus. School's inaugural Garden Party fundraiser. Includes tours of school and Topiary Park next door, plus food, drink, dancing, and opportunity to meet teachers and students. Tickets \$125 (\$225 couples).

20-21, SUNDAY-MONDAY

Jesus Retreat for Young Adults

Ohio Retreat Center (Camp Marengo), 3480 Township Road 221, Marengo. Jesus Retreat for people in their 20s and 30s, sponsored by diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. \$55 fee.

21. SUNDAY

Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

After 9 and 11 a.m. Masses, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant. 614-221-1890 St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Talk on "St. Monica: A Christian Wife and Mother in the Roman Empire," with David Brakke, professor of the history of Christianity from The

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

Ohio State University.

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus (New location). Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors.

614-282-4676 Dave Orsborn OFS Discipleship Walk at Prairie Oaks Park

2 p.m., Prairie Oaks Metro Park, 3225 N.E. Plain City-Georgesville Road, West Jefferson. Five-kilometer Discipleship Walk guided by diocesan seminarians. Free, but donations to Holy Family Soup Kitchen accepted. Sponsored by diocesan Vocations Office, Face Forward, and West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church. 614-221-5565 **Cathedral Concert Series**

3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Concert of German Romantic music featuring organists Sara Seidel of St. John's Episcopal Church, Worthington and Scott Haves of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Gran-

Healing Mass at Christ the King

4 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave. Columbus. Healing Mass sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrated by Father Dean Mathewson, preceded by rosary at 2:30 and praise and worship at 3, with dinner following Mass. 614-237-7080 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.

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

ODU Adult and Continuing Education Open House

6 to 7:30 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, 6190 Shamrock Court, Dublin. Open house for prospective students in university's adult and continuing education programs.

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.

23. TUESDAY

Shepherd's Corner Fall Equinox Labyrinth Walk

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Fall equinox labyrinth walk with Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP. Suggested donation \$5. Registration deadline Sept. 21. 614-866-4302

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeeting

Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Jospehinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting. Speaker: Father Matt Morris, parochial vicar, Worthington St. Michael Church. Reservations required. Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark

7:30 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer group meeting.

24, WEDNESDAY

Theology on Tap Meeting

7:30 to 9 p.m., Old Bag of Nails Pub, 24 N. State St., Westerville. Meeting of Theology on Tap discussion and social group for young Catholics. Speaker: Father Charlie Klinger, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church, on "Things You Wanted to Know About the Church and Are Afraid to Ask." RSVP to cbustheologyontap@gmail.com or Columbus Theology on Tap Facebook page.

24-NOV. 2. WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY 40 Days for Life

7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Founders Women's Health Center, 1243 E. Broad St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at abortion clinic. Individuals may sign up for one- or two-hour shifts. Churches, schools, and other organizations may select one day in which their representatives will cover all shifts.

25, THURSDAY

Ohio Dominican Fall Lecture Series

3:30 to 5 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Center for Dominican Studies fall lecture series on "The Common Good" opens with talk on "The Common Good and the Global Community" by Dr. John Grant, ODU associate professor of business. 614-251-4722

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather per-614-866-4302 mitting, for tours.

Mass, Citywide Prayer Meeting at Church of Our Lady

9 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Mass, followed from 9:30 to noon by citywide prayer meeting sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal. 614-237-7080

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

Corpus Christi Day of Reflection for Needlecrafters

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. "Healing through Needlecraft: A Day of Reflection for Knitters and Crocheters," with spiritual director and needlecrafter Melanie Thomas, \$15 cost includes lunch.

temporary music.

Columbus.

St. Christopher Adult Religious Education

10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Talk on Cristo Rey Columbus High School with school principal Cathy Thomas.

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat con-

Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Bishop Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 1 p.m., Dominican Hall, Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Brunch and induction ceremony for eight new members of school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Tickets \$30. Preceded by Mass at 11:30 a.m. at

Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadwav. 614-268-8671 Catholic Record Society Meeting at Our Lady of Victory

2 p.m., Social hall, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, with Msgr. George Schlegel speaking on "The History of the Catholic Church in Tuscarawas County." 614-268-4166 followed by business meeting.

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. 614-276-1953

Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 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, 614-886-8266

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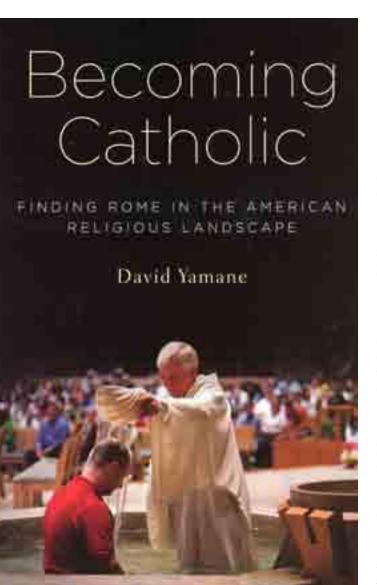
St. Joseph Cathedral Concert Series



Sunday, Sept. 21 Sara Seidel and Scott Hayes

Two prominent central Ohio church musicians will share a program of German Romantic organ repertoire at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 in the opening event of the 2014-15 concert series at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. Sara Seidel holds a master of music degree from

John's Episcopal Church in Worthington. Scott Hayes is director of music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Granville and pursued his graduate studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Their program will feature works by Mendelssohn, Indiana University and is director of music at St. Brahms, Rheinberger, Karg-Elert, and Reger.



BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Mitch Finley

Catholic News Service

In the introduction to Becoming Catholic, author David Yamane writes words that may take the reader by surprise: "Since 1988, well over 2 million individuals in the United States have entered the (Catholic) church. ... (O)n average over the past 10 years, 67,298 adults annually have been baptized Catholic and 83,050 baptized Christians annually have been 'received into full communion" with the Catholic Church in the United States.

Yamane teaches sociology at Wake Forest University, and his book isn't so much about the number of people who have become and are becoming Catholic. Rather, he studies the phenomenon of conversion to the Catholic Church and discusses in depth the process converts go through – the Rite of Christian Initiation of views with people who were becoming Catholic, United States of America in our time.

Yamane observes that "some of the most prominent Roman Catholics of the modern age have been converts," including Blessed John Henry Newman, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Dorothy Day, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Thomas Merton. In this

book, however, the author focuses on what he calls "everyday conversion"; that is, "the hundreds of thousands of individuals who became Catholic in America at the beginning of the 21st century, the formal process of initiation they went through, and what this tells us about Catholicism and religion more generally in a latemodern society like that of the United States."

Yamane found that most of the people he studied ended up becoming Catholic not because they were impressed by the Catholic intellectual tradition, or by studying the history of the church. Rather, they were led to Catholicism by what Yamane calls "mundane mechanisms like family and co-workers." Indeed, most new Catholics in America "are products of their circumstances, not religious seekers or even consumers shopping for faith."

Yamane wrote *Becoming Catholic* as a sociolo-Adults. Based on years of observation and intergist, but his style is accessible to any interested reader and might well be required reading for he follows these people through the four stages anyone active in a parish RCIA program. Beof the RCIA. He then suggests a new perspective coming Catholic is informative concerning the on what it means to choose Catholicism in the RCIA. But any Catholic can benefit from reading, it because it encourages a renewed appreciation and sense of gratitude for being Catholic.

> Finley is the author of more than 30 books on Catholic themes, including a best-seller, "The Rosarv Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers. Old-Timers, and Those In Between."



NEWS IN PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Newly married couples kneel as Pope Francis celebrates the marriage rite for 20 couples during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Sept. 14. CNS photo/Paul Haring



Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington (right) embraces Melkite Catholic Patriarch Gregoire III Laham during an ecumenical prayer service about the plight of Middle Eastern Christians at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington on Sept. 9. Christian patriarchs from the Middle East, along with lawmakers and international human rights activists, were attending the In Defense of Christians organization's three-day summit about the persecution of Middle East minorities. CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn



Bishop David R. Choby of Nashville, Tennessee, ordains William Carmona as a deacon and a priest during a Sept. 8 Mass in an auditorium at Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center in San Antonio as Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio looks on. Father Carmona, gravely ill with cancer, was ordained for the Diocese of Nashville. He Carmona died two days later.

CNS photo/Rick Musacchio, Tennessee Register

Wahle's foot helps Ohio Dominican to success in two sports

BY DOUG BEAN

Ohio Dominican University is off to a 2-0 start in the 2014 NCAA Division II football season. In a sport that is described as a game of inches, victory this season may be more a matter of a "foot,"

Make that the foot of Brent Wahle.

A preseason Division II All-American, the junior kicker from Columbus Bishop Hartley

(pictured) is one of several players from Columbus-area Catholic schools who helped the Panthers reach the Division II playoffs in 2013 after an undefeated regular season.

And with visions of even greater success this year, Ohio Dominican has a leg up on its competition with Wahle. The Panthers opened the season ranked 10th nationally by D2Football.com and favored to win their second straight Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division title.

"We have a lot of talent." Wahle said last week. "I knew we had something special last year. I think this year we'll probably be even better. We have a lot of athletes. It's going to be interesting to watch. I think we can win national championship. I think we're that good. We've got a lot of skilled people."

Wahle is as skilled as any player on the roster. Any time Wahle steps on the field for a field goal or extra point attempt, there's a good chance that he will make the kick. He has become so good at what he does that he's considered one of the best in the nation at his position.

During the summer, he received preseason All-American recognition from USA College, Beyond Sports Network, The Sporting News, and Lindy's. He also was named to the Fred Mitchell Award watch list as one of the best small college kickers in the nation and as one of Beyond Sports Network's top 20 Division II players to watch in 2014.

"It's very overwhelming," Wahle said. "I'm just glad I get a chance and opportunity to do this with these guys. It's been a lot of fun with them.

"I have to give thanks to all the players and the coaches and my snapper and



me the opportunities. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't have any of these awards."

Last year, Wahle made 21 of 25 field goal attempts and led all of Division II in makes per game. He set a GLIAC record with 19 field goals in league games, connected on kicks from 45 yards or longer five times,

hit a school-record 51-yarder, and led conference kickers in scoring with 108 points. He booted four field goals in wins over Walsh and Tiffin.

Wahle was so good last fall that he was named a BSN All-American and thirdteam small-college All-American by The Associated Press.

Entering his third season, Wahle already holds school records for career field goals and points. And he thinks he can be even better this year. Wahle has increased his range on field goals in practice to 55 yards. He worked on his leg flexibility during the offseason to add more distance on kickoffs.

"Brent is an exceptionally talented young man," Ohio Dominican coach Bill Conley said. "He has tremendous athleticism, leg strength, and confidence. His future as a placekicker is unlimited.'

Wahle is more than a kicker, though. When he isn't playing football, the com-

holder. They're giving puter information systems major also is an all-conference player for the men's soccer team. He led the Panthers in goals last year with seven, and was an NSCAA Midwest Region and Daktronics Midwest Region first-team selection.

> Wahle's world obviously is a busy one at ODU, but he's able to balance the demands of two sports and split his time between them, with the blessing of his coaches. When practices overlap twice a week, he spends an hour with the soccer team and then heads over to football. Soccer coach Willy Merrick understands, because he played both sports at Marshall.

> "They tell me if I'm sore or a little tired to take it easy," Wahle said. "I'll just run over to football after an hour at soccer (when practices overlap), and start warming up to kick. I'm already loose, which helps."

> Because soccer games are normally on Fridays and Sundays, he missed only one game in his first two seasons, and anticipates only one potential conflict between football and soccer this year.

> "Coach Conley is really understanding about everything," Wahle said. "He's really a great guy"

> Wahle has turned out to be a diamond in the rough for Conley and the Panthers. Not heavily recruited in high school after setting a school scoring record at Hartley as an all-state kicker and playing on a state championship team in 2010, he considered walking on at a Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly known as Division I) school. But

he decided on Ohio Dominican because it was close to home and he liked the coaches.

"They also said I could play both soccer and football, and so that was a big plus. That was a big part of it," Wahle said. "I knew if I went to a D-I school, I wouldn't be able to do both.

Wahle worked out with Cincinnati Bengals kicker Mike Nugent and Ohio State freshman Sean Nuernberger for a day this summer at the Woody Haves Athletic Center and held his own.

"It would be cool to kick at Ohio State, but I think I'm probably enjoying this more than I would at Ohio State," Wahle said. "I like the smaller school, I get to know everyone and I get to play soccer, too."

When Wahle started kicking footballs in the backyard of his parents' home in Pataskala as an eighth-grader, he never imagined he'd come this far. His career – and his kicks – was just getting off the ground then.

In grade school, Wahle focused more on soccer. His father, Bert, set up a fence that served as a backboard so his son could practice kicking a soccer ball. Later, when Wahle tried kicking a football in junior high and had some success, that same 10-foot wall served as a goal post of sorts. Wahle worked on consistently booting a football over it and then developing his accuracy.

"In eighth grade, we got two points for making extra points instead of one. My dad was one of the coaches, and was wondering whether I could try field goals and kickoffs," Wahle said. "And the first time I did it, I was decent at it and I started practicing in my backyard with my dad, and I ended up getting better at it."

The repetition paid off. By the time he was a sophomore, he noticed a difference in his leg strength. Wahle went to some football camps during high school, but he learned the art of kicking mostly on his own and with his father's support.

At the end of his senior year at Hartley, he had broken all of the school's kicking records and was named first-team All-Ohio in Division IV.

"It just kind of came naturally, I guess," Wahle said. "I didn't know I was going to end up getting this many awards. It's real nice. I'm really enjoying myself."

