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CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Editor's Notebook

Are we "good and faithful servants"?

By David Garick, Editor



Events over the last couple of weeks compel us to take a very hard, self-critical look at ourselves and our world.

First there was Laudato Si', Pope Francis' highly anticipated encyclical on respect for creation. This issue of Catholic Times has lots of information on the things the pope had to say. You can read that for yourself, beginning on Page 3. Simply put, the human race has been gifted by God with a wonderful home and social structures that can enable abundant and enduring life. We have not been good stewards of what has been given to us.

The physical damage we are doing to the planet is a matter of real peril to us and future generations, including what we are doing to our air, our water, our land, and our resources, none of which are being adequately cared for. But all of this is only a part of the overall problem of our disregard for our human ecology. Our misuse and abuse of the earth comes out of a selfish attempt to meet our individual needs without providing proper care to the rest of our human community. Our neglect has its greatest impact on the people on this planet who are the poorest, the weakest, and the most

vulnerable. This is not limited to material and economic resources. Pope Francis reminds us that our disregard is also manifested in a disregard for life itself. We defile creation through callous individual and institutional toleration of, or even advocacy for, slavery, human trafficking, and abuse of disadvantaged populations, and through abortion and population control. Another event this week also raised the specter of how we are damaging our human ecology by destroying our human social structure. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision regarding marriage is tragic for the well-being of society. In one major blow, the court chose to redefine the oldest and most important social structure on earth: the family. A family derived from a man, a woman, and their resulting children is a structure rooted in God's plan for mankind, and has served for millennia as the basis for all social order. Pope Francis will be addressing the importance of strengthening the traditional family in the World Meeting of Families in September in Philadelphia, and in the Synod on Families to follow at the Vatican. In the meantime, on Page 12 of this issue, we are proud to pay tribute to some real, sacramental marriages, as hundreds of local Catholics came together with Bishop Campbell to celebrate significant anniversaries.

USCCB president calls Supreme Court ruling on marriage a "tragic error"

The Catholic bishops of Ohio say the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that states are required to license a marriage between two people of the same sex will not change the Church's commitment to defend what it always has taught about marriage as being the union of one man and one woman.

The president of the U.S. bishops' conference described the decision as "a tragic error" and urged Catholics to move forward with faith "in the unchanging truth about marriage."

The Catholic Conference of Ohio issued the following statement on behalf of the bishops of all six of Ohio's Roman Catholic dioceses shortly after the court issued the decision on Friday, June 26:

"Today the United States Supreme Court released its ruling that states are required to license a marriage between two people of the same sex. This is not the ruling hoped for by the Catholic Church, which believes that marriage is by definition between one man and one woman. For centuries, this definition has been universally accepted in virtually all cultures - secular as well as religious.

"Every nation has laws limiting who can be married and under what circumstances. This is because lawmakers always have understood that marriage does not exist just for the mutual satisfaction of the two people involved, but for the betterment of

society. Traditional marriage is the cradle of the family, the basic building block of society.

"As Pope Francis has reminded us, every child has a right to be raised by two parents, a father and a mother. Both parents are important, and they are not interchangeable. The sad reality that so many children are deprived of this right because of the crisis in traditional marriage does not make it any less important. It is deeply disappointing and worrisome that our courts do not understand this.

"The Catholic Church remains steadfast in its commitment to promote and defend marriage: defined as the union of one man and one woman. With renewed hope, sensitivity, and compassion, the Church will continue to attend to the challenges and hardships that confront individuals and their families, and to treat all persons with the dignity and respect due to them as children of God.

"Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"It is profoundly immoral and unjust for the government to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute a marriage," he said.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule! Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the Catholic Times. During June, July, and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the Catholic Times in your mailbox just prior to: July 19, August 2, 16 & 30 We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September

Front Page graphic: Pope Francis issued his encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home," on Thursday, June 18. CNS graphic/Malcolm Gear Designers

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All creation sings God's praise, but people are silencing it, pope says

By Cindy Wooden/Catholic News Service

The earth, which was created to support life and give praise to God, is crying out with pain because human activity is destroying it, Pope Francis says in his long-awaited encyclical, Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home.

All who believe in God and all people of good will have an obligation to take steps to mitigate climate change, clean the land and the seas, and start treating all of creation -- including poor people -- with respect and concern, he says in the document released at the Vatican on Thursday, June 18.

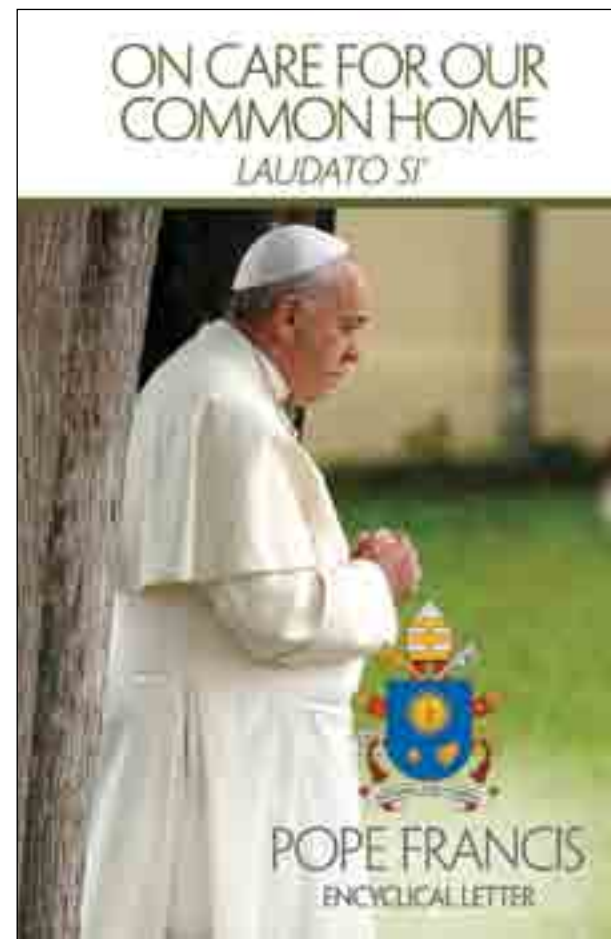
A lack of respect for creation is a lack of respect for God who created all that exists, the pope says. In fact, he continues, a person cannot claim to respect nature while supporting abortion, nor can one claim to be pro-life without a commitment to reversing damage to the environment.

With unusually blunt language for a papal document, the pope decries centuries of exploiting the earth, exploiting other people, and acting as if the point of human life is to buy and consume as much as possible.

"The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth," the pope writes in the document.

While acknowledging science is not the Catholic Church's area of expertise, Pope Francis says "a very solid scientific consensus" points to global warming and indicates "human activity" has seriously contributed to the condition, threatening the planet and all life on it.

Situating ecology firmly within Catholic social teaching, Pope Francis not only insists that wealthier



nations -- who contributed more to despoiling the earth -- must bear more of the costs of remedying the damage, he also calls for their solidarity with the poorest of the earth. He urges generosity in transferring clean technology, protecting small farms, opening access to markets, and protecting people's jobs.

Quoting St. John Paul II and a constant theme of the church's social doctrine, Pope Francis says the church recognizes the "legitimate right" to private property, but also says that right is never "absolute or inviolable," since the goods of the earth were created to benefit all.

Regarding pollution and environmental destruction in general, he says it is important to acknowledge "the human origins of the ecological crisis." While ecology is not only a religious concern, he says those who believe in God should be especially passionate on the subject because they profess the divine origin of all creation.

Pope Francis singles out for special praise Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, who has made environmental theology a key topic of his research and teaching since the early 1990s. Before the encyclical's release, the pope told a group of priests that he had asked the patriarch to join him for the public presentation of the encyclical, but the patriarch had a scheduling conflict and sent one of his top theologians, Metropolitan John of Pergamon.

People are fooling themselves, Pope Francis says in the document, if they think "things do not look that serious, and the planet could continue as it is for some

time." Such people in all honesty are giving themselves permission to carry on with their current lifestyles and habits; their attitude is "self-destructive," he says.

In large sections of the encyclical, Pope Francis' language is poetic, echoing the tone of St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures, which is the source of the laudato si' (praised be you) in the encyclical's title. He quotes a large section of the hymn of praise in a section on the place of each creature in the harmony of creation. The canticle is most famous for its references to "Brother Sun," "Sister Moon," and "our sister, Mother Earth."

The pope says "sister earth" is crying out, "pleading that we take another course" marked by healing and protecting the earth and all its inhabitants.

While Christians cannot "put all living beings on the same level nor ... deprive human beings of their unique worth and the tremendous responsibility it entails," St. Francis' hymn expresses the truth that God is creator of all things, that every part of creation speaks of God's love and power, and that every created being is part of interdependent whole, the pope writes.

"Everything is related," the pope says, "and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth."

In the document, Pope Francis calls on national governments and the leaders of international institutions to be serious and courageous in adopting strict measures to slow and reverse global warming, protect the rain forests, and ensure the availability of clean water for all. He says courage will be needed to adopt policies that initially may slow the pace of economic growth, but which will be farsighted in ensuring a future for the people of today, their grandchildren, and all humanity.

"We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels -- especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas -- needs to be progressively replaced without delay," he says.

He also calls on every Catholic and all people of good will to do their part by, for example, using only nonpolluting detergents, recycling paper, using public transportation, and putting on a sweater instead of raising the heat in the winter.

And he urges Catholics to return to the practice of saying grace before meals, a habit that reminds them regularly that the food they are about to eat is a gift that comes from the earth and from God.

At the end of the document, Pope Francis offers two prayers he composed himself: "A Prayer for Our Earth," and "A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation."

The first prayer includes asking God to "bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction."

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A Prayer for Our Earth. All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You sustain each your creature with all that exists. What are you to the power of your love. Give us your peace, that we may live in justice and peace, having mercy. O God of the poor: Help us to avoid the temptations and dangers of this world so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives. Give us the grace to be just and merciful, to be filled with awe and amazement, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey toward your ultimate light. We thank you for being with us in all things. Exchange us, we pray, for the strength of justice, love and peace. POPE FRANCIS, Laudato Si'

PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

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How was your active participation in the Body of Christ during the past two weeks? When we speak of the universal Church in this way, it opens each day of our lives to the opportunity to make a difference and a positive Christian impact. As good and faithful stewards, we know that the best and most immediate way to make a difference is by effecting change right now, in our own place. The world does not usually change by incredible events. And even when a huge event occurs, it is rarely implemented by one individual. We take small and deliberate steps and impact our own spouse, family, parish, workplace, school, and local community in a realistic way. Worldly frustrations can cause us to throw our hands in the air and become complacent, realizing we have no way to change everyone. But sharing the love of Jesus Christ one person at a time is the best thing we can do. If each of us did this in one small way every day, just imagine the change.

What does it mean to be on the bottom? Usually, it is not a good thing. The bottom of the list is last in our minds and in priority. The bottom of the standings in sports is never good, unless you really want that first draft pick. Bottom feeders are not the most sought-after members of the aquatic world. And a bottom is what we all sit on. I try to pay attention to the news and what is happening in our local community, along with the rest of the world. I watch the local news on television, and I still get the Dispatch home-delivered seven days a week. I am often intrigued by which stories are at the top of the list and which are at the bottom. And lately, I am amazed by the same. So often, the lead story or "Breaking News" has to do with weather or a potentially dangerous situation that is current and unfolding. All too often, the lead story has to do with animals or some sort of animal cruelty or abuse. Further on down the list, often at the bottom, is the story on human suffering, abuse, or murder. I have no problem with animals and enjoy our family cat, but the focus on animals before people in our media is just ridiculous. This is no way to impact our children, either. Our children, our brothers and sisters, and our seasoned citizens need to be brought from the bottom of the list to the top. What more should we expect from a nation and world that shamelessly kills our unborn while fining and jailing someone who kicks a pet? Do not get me wrong – I do not advocate kicking pets, but the ongoing deterioration of respect for human life is alarming. The top and bottom of our priorities are backwards. For example, the lead story on the 6:00 news is about cat and dog abuse in a particular place, while the shooting of a 13-year-old girl, who dies, and of her 15-year-old sister disappears rapidly. Clearly, our inner-city poor who are of color are at the bottom, below Fido and Morris.

Our practical challenge for these next two weeks is to examine our lists. Start at the bottom and work your way up. Hopefully, many of our priorities are in order. If not, now is the time to change. Even our President and Congress salute Catholics and Christians for supporting health care reform. Health care is important, but where do you think Christian values sit on any politician's list of priorities? Sure, some are good people, but let us begin with ourselves and keep the bottom where it belongs.

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

Until He Comes Again, This Is Our Work

By Michael Ames
Office of Development
and Planning



Pope Francis will gather the faithful for the "World Meeting of Families" this fall in Philadelphia. This promises to be a diverse array of people who share with one another, and with all of us, a kinship through our baptism as Catholics. As members of this family of faith, we all have a responsibility to sustain and grow the work of His Church on earth. As this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal theme states, "Until He Comes Again, This Is Our Work." God has blessed us with many gifts because of His great love for us. How do we respond to this love? St. Ignatius pointed out two criteria on love. First: love is expressed more clearly in actions than in words. The second: there is greater love in giving than in receiving.

By supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal you are participating in bringing the Gospel to life through the ministries and programs provided and supported by our Diocese. A few weeks ago, six young men were ordained to the priesthood and will work and minister in our parishes. They are anxious to serve the people of God, and their education and preparation for this lifelong task was in part made possible through the generosity of people who answered the call in support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. There are so many other worthwhile ministries and programs that are directly supported by contributions to the Appeal and which benefit many in our parishes. Giving allows us to contribute to something greater than ourselves.

This year's BAA goal is \$6.2 million and thus far over \$5 million in pledges and gifts has been made. We can make a positive impact on the spiritual, educational and social needs of our brothers and sisters by donating to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every gift, no matter the denomination, makes a difference. And any amount over the individual parish goal will be refunded to that parish for its particular needs. Many parishes have been able to proceed with major projects due to refunds they have received in past campaign years.

If you haven't yet had a chance to donate to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, please consider a gift. Bishop Campbell is most grateful for your continued generosity in support of the work of our Diocese.

To make a gift or receive additional information about the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, go to our website at www.colsdioc.org or contact the Office of Development and Planning at (614) 241-2550, toll-free (877) 241-2550, or by emailing at devmailbox@colsdioc.org

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Columbus Has New Lay Missionaries of Charity Chapter

By Father Joseph Klee

Few people would dispute that one of the most virtuous, holy figures of the last century was Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata (or Calcutta). After the careful process of scrutiny involved in beatification and canonization, the Church celebrates and promotes those who, like her, practiced heroic virtue while on earth. It is the Church's objective and hope that such Christlike lives will serve as examples to inspire the faithful to imitate such goodness in their own lives.

To this end, those particularly touched by the sanctity of Blessed Mother Teresa, who founded the religious order known as the Missionaries of Charity, have wanted to incorporate into their own lives, in their context of being laypersons, appropriate aspects of her life. This resulted in the founding of the LMC – the Lay Missionaries of Charity – directed by the superior general of the Missionaries of Charity contemplative brothers, Father Sebastian Vazhakala, MC.

In 1987, Ugo Cardinal Poletti of the Vatican Office of Religious Institutes gave Church approval to the Lay Missionaries of Charity. He wrote, "I am very happy to say that I cannot but be pleased with the basic aim of the Movement which intends to restore the domestic sanctuary of the family through prayer, dialogue, and personal consecration."

Blessed Mother Teresa herself had felt called to serve the "poorest of the poor" – the truly and totally destitute members of the Body of Christ – throughout the world. However, this woman of God was no mere social worker. She often and emphatically reminded her religious sisters that they were to be "all for Jesus" and needed to undergird their lives of compassionate apostolic works with a deep, uncompromising spiritual life.

She knew that without receiving the copious graces that a deep, prayerful, and sacramental life united to Our Lord would provide, she and her sisters soon would suffer burnout and despair because their work with the poor was so demanding. In fact, so profoundly was this saintly woman united with Christ that she not infrequently would shock people with her rather dismissive perspective on the material poverty of the Third World, saying that the real poverty was to be seen in the West, with its troubling spiritual poverty.

Such an inspired perspective, ultimately placing the needs of the soul above those of the body, led the Lay Missionaries of Charity to adopt as their patron the Holy Family of Our Lord Jesus, His Blessed Mother Mary, and His foster father, St. Joseph. Since most LMC members are called to the vocation of marriage, who better to emulate than the Holy Family? LMC members are thus to first focus their apostolic energies on their families, seeing their role as wife and mother, or husband and father, as being modeled on the examples of Mary and St. Joseph.

Not wanting to exclude the rich experiences of actual direct service to Christ's poor, for which Blessed Mother Teresa was so well-known, LMC members strive to perform apostolic service among the materially impoverished, ideally working alongside the Missionaries of Charity.



Members of the Columbus Lay Missionaries of Charity include (clockwise from upper left) Jan Gillespie, LMC, Frank Xavier, Anne Casey, Father Joseph Klee, and Lucy Hackman. Photo courtesy Lay Missionaries of Charity

There are no Missionaries of Charity in the Diocese of Columbus, but some laypersons in the diocese have expressed a desire to emulate the lives of members of the order. A diocesan LMC charter was formed at a Mass on Sept. 5, 2013 – the 16th anniversary of Blessed Mother Teresa's entry into eternity – at Columbus Sacred Heart Church. Later that fall, the chapter's first member, Jan Gillespie, made her annual renewal of vows in the course of a monthly meeting.

Members of the Columbus LMC chapter look for opportunities to serve established local charitable service providers and events. They also have assisted at convents of the Missionaries of Charity in Detroit, Indianapolis, and Jenkins, Kentucky, and hope to occasionally continue to do so in the future.

Any layperson who desires to join the local LMC chapter is asked to take part in a "come and see" period of attendance and participation in chapter events for a few months. The chapter convenes at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in Columbus Sacred Heart Church for a day of recollection consisting of spiritual readings such as those concerning the life and call of Blessed Mother Teresa, and a Eucharistic Holy Hour, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

If an individual would feel called to this life, he or she then would begin a two-year aspirancy, trying to live the LMC life as best as one can. At the end of that period, if both the aspirant and his or her spiritual director believes that person has been called to be an LMC member, vows of poverty, conjugal chastity, obedience, and wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor are made privately.

Father Vazhakala has said that the LMC statutes represent an ideal, and include recommended prayers and practices. LMC members are attend to attend daily Mass and Communion and practice daily devotions such as the Rosary, *Lectio Divina*, the Angelus, and Eucharistic Adoration. A member is advised to persist in such prayerful initiatives because doing so would have a natural expanding effect which would come to suffuse one's whole life.

To learn more about the Lay Missionaries of Charity, visit <http://laymc.com> or contact Jan Gillespie at (614) 777-0629 or jgillespie270@yahoo.com.

HOW TO TREAT A FORMER PRIEST?



QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Our pastor recently left the priesthood, and now he is advertising on the Web that he is available to perform weddings or funerals (including weddings of gay/lesbian couples). The Catholic priest who married us has also left the priesthood and is now a Presbyterian minister. Both of these men are quick to proclaim openly that they used to be Catholic priests.

My question is this: How does a faithful Catholic treat and respond to these men now? I am appalled at their behavior and wonder what we are doing wrong that so many men are leaving the priesthood. (Central New Jersey)

How you should treat these two men is how you should treat everyone: with kindness. No one can pretend to know the struggles they may have endured -- both in their years of active ministry and in their decisions to resign.

I would say "Be nice to them and leave any judgment to God." At the same time, though, I would be wary of any religious services offered by your former pastor. Having resigned from the Catholic priestly ministry,

DeSales InvenTeam

Members of the St. Francis DeSales High School InvenTeam visited the Heinzerling Foundation in Columbus to present an e-reader to Lizzie, a foundation resident who served as their inspiration for an automatic page turner they created for a competition last summer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The students met with Lizzie to learn what was needed when designing their invention, and used the visit to thank her for giving them the opportunity to work with her. She has a passion for reading, so the students raised money to purchase her the e-reader. Barnes & Noble offered to teach her how to use her new device. Pictured with Lizzie are (standing, from left) Jim Savinell, the students' original adviser; Charlie Mitchell, Emily Piatt, Ali Baird, and Jill Pina, the students' current adviser.



Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

he no longer has faculties from the diocese, which means that he has no authorization from the church to celebrate Mass or to officiate at Catholic weddings or funerals.

As a result, Catholics would not fulfill their Sunday obligation by attending his service (I would even wonder whether his marriage ceremonies are valid civilly, since most jurisdictions authorize clergy to officiate at weddings only if they are in good standing with the parent religious body).

As to the "so many men" who are leaving the Catholic priesthood, you should be comforted to know that these days, this is a fairly rare occurrence (the peak years were the late 1960s and early 1970s).

Also encouraging is the fact that seminary enrollments in the United States are on the upswing. In fact, 2012 saw the highest seminary enrollment in nearly 25 years, according to figures from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate in Washington.

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



JOB OPENINGS The Catholic Foundation

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DCCW gifts for new priests

Members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women continued a 26-year tradition by presenting the six newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Columbus with a gift box on the day before their ordination. Nancy Jo Esper of the DCCW has been in charge of the First Mass Project since its beginning, presenting the gifts to more than 70 new priests and eight additional priest recipients.

Making the presentation were current DCCW president Michelle McCormick and past presidents Esper, Jean Howley, and Janice Streitenberger.

The box contains a handmade white stole which features the emblem of the Virgin Mary (an "M") and an embroidered crown. A woman from southern Ohio made the stoles until several years ago. A northwest Ohio woman took her place for several years until health reasons prevented her from doing so. Now the stoles are being made by Esper's daughter, Linda Powers of the Dayton area.

The box also contains the book *Mary My Hope*, a handmade rosary, an ordination greeting card, information folders about the DCCW, and several prayer cards, one of them containing a prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, the DCCW's patroness. The council's moderator is Father Kevin Kavanagh. The council has presented Father Kavanagh and Bishop Frederick Campbell with a similar white stole and box.

The program has been recognized twice at the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women and has been recognized in *Catholic Woman*, the quarterly NCCW magazine.

Organ recital at Newark

On Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m., Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., will host an organ recital performed by parish music director Christopher Urbiel and Nicholas Schmelter, music director at Immaculate Conception Church in Lapeer, Michigan.

The program will feature music of Bach, Couperin, Dupré, Proulx, Sowerby, and Vierne, showcasing the colors and capabilities of the church's 1963 Austin organ, a two-manual, 23-rank instrument rebuilt in 2012 by Peebles/Herzog of Columbus.

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Hartley 1965 class reunion

The Columbus Bishop Hartley High School Class of 1965 will celebrate its 50th anniversary reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 4 at the Jefferson Country Club, 7271 Jefferson Meadows Drive, Blacklick.

The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, a dinner buffet, live entertainment, a trivia contest, and other activities.

The cost is \$55 per person. Reservations and payment are due by Saturday, Aug. 1. For more information, contact John Loeffler at (614) 866-5730 or jlloeffler3@gmail.com, or Mary Al Hollern Fricke at twaman4947@aol.com.

Senior Citizens Day Celebration

Senior citizens from across the diocese gathered for the 38th annual Diocesan Senior Citizens Day celebration on Tuesday, June 2 at Westerville St. Paul Church. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated Mass and joined participants at a luncheon. In his homily, Bishop Campbell affirmed the wonderful contribution of seniors for their Christian witness and gift of story and service. At the luncheon, Father Charlie Klinger, pastor of St. Paul's, shared interesting historical facts about the parish and highlighted acts of strong faith and courage of Catholics in its early days. This annual event is sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns. Photo by Angelita Canlas/Office for Social Concern



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The discussion is being sponsored by St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM820 and the diocesan office of Marriage & Family Life.

William B. May, author of *Getting the Marriage Conversation Right* and a frequent guest on EWTN and Catholic radio, will discuss the need for a new Marriage Reality Movement and provide a road map for reclaiming the truth about love and marriage.

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Healing Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St. The cathedral's rector, Father Michael Lumpe, will be the celebrant and Msgr. Frank Lane will deliver the homily.

The Mass will be followed by the healing service, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and veneration of relics of the True Cross. Everyone at the service will have the opportunity to speak

individually to one of several priests in attendance and to receive a prayer of healing. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will conclude with Benediction.

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For questions, call the cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

Bishop Watterson Theater Camp

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INAUGURAL SCHOTT AWARD



Cristo Rey Columbus High School has presented its inaugural Schott Award to Don and Nancy Kelley. The school's student body and board of trustees joined to celebrate the occasion at the school.

The award honors the Kelleys' contributions toward the success of the school in its early days. Cristo Rey has completed two academic years and will begin its third year and enter its third class in August, as students in its first two classes become juniors and sophomores and continue to take part in the unique Cristo Rey work-study program.

The award commemorates the spirit of the late Milton Schott, who advocated for Cristo Rey within the community and helped launch the school, which opened its doors in August 2013. Three months later, he died of cancer. His memory lives on as the Cristo Rey mission continues to grow.

In life, Schott loved nature. Shortly before his death, he gave a vase with a quotation on it to his loved ones. Following his example, Cristo Rey honored the Kelleys with a vase that bore that quotation – "Preach the Gospel always, Use words if necessary," a quote

attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who was one of Schott's favorite saints.

Schott's sons, Michael and Nathan, assisted Jim Foley, Cristo Rey president, in presenting the award. Several members of the Kelley family joined in the celebration.

"Milt Schott was one of our original board members and one of the reasons why Columbus has a Cristo Rey school," Foley said. "He was a creative problem solver and very important in all aspects of ensuring this school opened. Don and Nancy Kelley were also original board members and key in the school's existence, too. They are generous, resourceful, and are friends to this school. It was only fitting that they be the first recipients of this award."

Photo: Don and Nancy Kelley, original board members for Cristo Rey Columbus High School, received the school's inaugural Schott Award for their service to the school. Pictured are (from left) Nathan Schott, Michael Schott, Kathleen Quinn, Peggy Kelley, Erin Kelley Kuskowski, Don Kelley, Nancy Kelley, Patrick Kelley, and Lisa Kelley.

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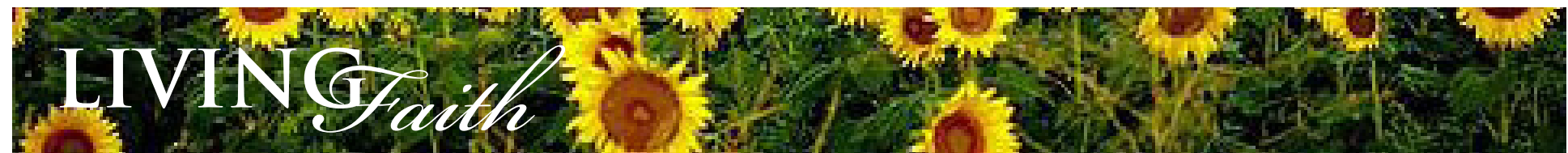
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Mary, Health of the Sick

The house was a wreck, as only a house with a sick mom, a working dad, and an active toddler can be. I was the first in our family to get that particular strain of 24-hour stomach flu. Passed out on the couch, I could only slightly marvel at just how much my husband was doing. I wouldn't fully appreciate it until a day later, when I was feeling better.

He took care of dinner, bedtime, and middle-of-the-night wakeups. He lined up a morning sitter, did the breakfast and morning routine, scheduled his day so he could come home for lunch, and then brought us dinner. "Look, honey, we didn't dirty a lot of dishes tonight!", he commented to me as I was glowering at the mountains by my sink.

On that day, when I was so sick I couldn't pay attention to anything, much less my child, my two-year-old mostly amused herself when she got back to me from her aunt's, though it was at the expense of what little order existed in my house. I started feeling hungry again at midafternoon, and fully human after I braved a few pieces of chicken and took some Tylenol.

On "the morning after," as I surveyed the wreckage of my house, I couldn't help but think that it was an appropriate way to begin reflections on my anniversary. It was on that day, three years before, that he and I vowed all the usual. With the dishes piled by the sink and the tornado of toys throughout the house, the piles of paper and the heaps of laundry, I saw evidence that I was as happy as I had ever been, all thanks to my dear husband and this amazing adventure of marriage.

That day, being sick was a blessing. It seems incredible to see a hardship or physical suffering as a good, doesn't it? We're told all the time by all the experts that our goal in life should be to eliminate suffering. Sickness, by the wisdom of the world, is a hindrance to ideal living.

Yet how else would I have seen how much my husband

could do around the house? Would I have felt his love in as tangible a way if I had been well and going through my normal routines? Maybe. But I came to appreciate him at a whole new level, all thanks to a fit of flu that popped up unexpectedly.

I don't get sick very often, and I am grateful for that. I don't suffer chronic pain or terminal illness. But I know people who do.

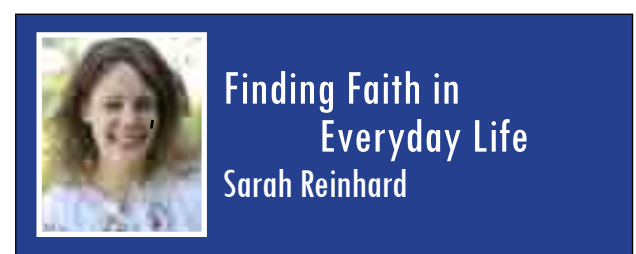
A family member who recently passed away had been battling a debilitating disease for nearly 10 years. She gradually lost the use of her hands and then couldn't walk well. Before she died, she had to sleep with an oxygen machine or risk suffocating at night while she was lying down. Throughout it all, though, I don't recall hearing her complain. Never once did she ask why she had been chosen to bear this cross of sickness. In fact, she was quick to laugh and always a hit with my kids.

Another family member has dealt with a variety of pains and aches for as long as I've known her. She isn't supposed to work more than a set number of hours a week. She has limits as to what she can do and when she can do it. If she let it, her pain levels could easily blossom into depression and melancholy. Though I've seen her in extreme pain, I've never seen her lose hope. She's given me a clear picture of what it means to embrace suffering and come out on the other side of it smiling.

"If Jesus can hang there with His mother at His feet," these examples seem to shout, "can't I smile through these little trials?"

I'm not so good at dealing with my suffering with such grace and style. All too often I slip into complaining, rationalizing, begging God for relief. My hardships are nothing compared to what these relatives of mine have borne, and yet I give up so fast.

I wonder if these women who have borne this ongoing pain have their down days, where they wonder what the



Finding Faith in
Everyday Life
Sarah Reinhard

point of it all is. I can't help but think that they might have a secret way of persevering, a strength that I don't know about, a bag of tricks that gives them the grace to suffer so silently.

Both of these women inspire me to look at Mary, Health of the Sick, in a whole new light. Rather than see this title of Mary as a way of begging for relief, I see her pointing to the grace that can come from suffering, if only I let it.

As Health of the Sick, Mary suddenly becomes an answer to my own weakness in suffering. She points heavenward and lets me in on the grace to use my suffering as a path to grow closer to God. She takes a theory that might make me roll my eyes in the midst of sickness and she embodies it and lives it. She makes it her very way of being.

There is great vanity and selfishness in my desire to be well all the time. Mary stands beside me, whether I'm puking into a bucket or struggling with a pulled muscle, and smiles gently at me. She sees me grit my teeth during the nightly interruptions to my sleep, and she watches me groan at the thought of sacrificing my time for something unplanned and unwanted.

"You can do this," she says. "I'll help you."

Her help might not make the suffering disappear. But what it can do, what it does do, is make me appreciate the grace God offers me at every second of my day.

Sarah Reinhard writes online at SnoringScholar.com. Her newest book, "Word by Word: Slowing Down with the Hair Mary" (Ave Maria Press) is available for preorder now.

Battling the Weeds

By Nancy Grilli

I spent the morning in my yard weeding, mulching, and trimming spent flowers and dead branches. My back hurt (a new phenomenon), and so did my wrist from working the trowel. Occasionally, I complained to my long-deceased mother: "This is your fault, you know. If you hadn't planted your love of the garden into my soul, I wouldn't be doing this." She didn't answer.

Every once in a while, I retreated to the edge of the deck and took a slow draft of my iced tea. I was not motivated by thirst, and the tea was no longer iced, as the cubes had melted into mere slivers, but I needed the break. I can't plow through

the work like I could even a couple of years ago. My body resists and I want to quit. But just when I think I may call it a day, I spy a weed in a flower bed I have just finished – a single leggy clover or a spindly dandelion that is poking its serrated leaves through my perennials like a devil's pitchfork. It stands out across a sea of lush hosta, or wedged among the compact Sweet William.

Why is it that after hours on my knees, the only thing I notice is a weed? Why do my eyes immediately settle there? Why can't I focus on the stately purple iris or the nodding English bluebells and ignore the Virginia creeper and the wild

grape that is snaking through my azaleas? I guess it speaks to perfection. I strive for it, even though I should know by now that it is unattainable.

Focusing on the weeds reminded me of something else my mother planted in my soul – to overlook the faults of others. I have more than two dozen adults in my immediate family – my siblings and my adult children and spouses – and one of the reasons I believe all of us get along so well is that we have learned to overlook the weedy aspects in our various personalities. Oh, we see them. Sure we do. But we resist the urge to reach over and yank on the weed. More

often than not, we hope the weed will be shallow-rooted, as weeds often are, and eventually will be crowded out by more positive growth.

Of course, the best thing I can offer in these adult relationships is the spirit of prayer. When I pray for another person, when I ask for forgiveness for past hurts, when I seek patience in present circumstances or wisdom in my dealings, I find that an infusion of love will settle upon me which serves to crowd out those glances that focus only on the weed and fail to notice the flower before me.

Nancy Grilli is a parishioner at Groveport St. Mary Church.

A Christian prayer in union with creation

**Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!**

**Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today, you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!**

**Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world toward
the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!**

**Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.**

**Awaken our praise and thankfulness for
every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.**

**God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of
your love for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.**

**The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice,
peace, love, and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.**

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The second prayer includes the petition, "O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty."

In the encyclical, Pope Francis urges Catholics to cultivate simplicity; it is good for the soul and for the planet, he says. "A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment," the pope writes.

The encyclical presents the vision of an "integral ecology" that highlights not only the interconnectedness of all created life, but recognizes how political, economic, social, and religious values and decisions are interrelated and impact the way people live with

one another on the planet and use its resources.

"A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings," Pope Francis insists.

For example, he says, "it is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted."

"Everything is connected," the pope writes. "Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

A Brief Theological Commentary on the New Encyclical "Laudato Si"

By Father Thomas Buffer, STD
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Even before it was published, Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* had attracted a lot of attention. Word had it that the pontiff was about to release an important document about climate change or global warming. This led some to question why a pope would get involved in such matters. Wouldn't it be better for him to stick to his areas of expertise, such as religion and theology? Others wondered whether the pope might define some new sins. Would Catholics now have to go to confession and say "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I used the wrong kind of light bulbs?"

Such objections and questions raise some very pertinent questions about encyclicals and papal teaching. Why, in fact, do popes make pronouncements about care for the environment? Has the pope issued a new teaching that creates new ways to sin? Let's be clear: Popes cannot define "new sins" or new revelations that would be binding on all the faithful. They can, however, apply eternal truths and values to changing historical situations. What are the unchanging truths and values behind the new encyclical? Why is the pope, or any religious leader, getting involved in environmental questions at all?

At bottom, religion and theology are about relationships. How does God relate to creation? How should creatures relate to their Creator? How should human beings, made in the image and likeness of God, relate to other members of the human race? Christ himself defined that the essence of religion consists of relationships: love of God and love of neighbor. In his latest encyclical, the Holy Father is asking "How should man, a part of creation, relate to the whole of creation?" For that

matter, what we call "the environment" is really "a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it."

Religion has something important to contribute here because, as the pope observes, empirical science alone cannot provide a complete explanation of the meaning of life and reality. Creation can be fully understood only when it is seen as a gift from the loving Father of all. The biblical accounts of creation "suggest that human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself."

A Catholic approach to environmental matters always will keep in mind the infinite dignity of human life, made in the image and likeness of God. Man finds true freedom and dignity only in relation to God, only when he recognizes himself as part of creation. Francis follows his two immediate predecessors, St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI, in identifying the common root of harm to creation and harm to human culture: behavior based on the belief that one is answerable to no one or nothing but one's self.

Catholic leaders and thinkers place human beings at the center of their concern for creation. At the end of the 19th century, Pope Leo XIII called attention to the way human dignity, in particular the dignity of workers and families, was threatened by industrialization. Pope Francis is equally concerned about a continued decline in the quality of human life and societal breakdown.

While he calls for concerted action to protect the natural environment – the common home of humanity – he warns against solutions to environmental problems that fail to recognize the infinite dignity of human life. He notes that some propose

to address the problem of poverty by making economic assistance dependent on population control programs, and calls out extremists whose proposals to save the environment entail removing human beings from it.

Another traditional theological principle that undergirds the new encyclical is awareness of the unity of the human race. In an increasingly shrinking and interconnected world, the answer to the question "and who is my neighbor?" has become "everybody." While this is a truth accessible to all rational men and women "of good will," it has special meaning for Christians. In Catholic thought, this principle has been called "solidarity."

Christ demonstrated his solidarity with all members of the human race in two principal ways: first, by his incarnation, as Christ, the eternal Word, taking flesh in the womb of the Virgin, joined himself to every member of the human race who ever lived or ever will live; second, by giving his life on the cross for all. What motivated the pope to write this encyclical is the same thing that should motivate us to take its contents seriously and take action: the love that Christ showed for all. As St. Paul says, "For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15, RSV).

Deliberately damaging the environment is not a "new sin." It has always been wrong, for the same reasons that it is wrong to make a mess and not clean up after yourself: it's selfish and uncharitable. This is not new. What is new is our capacity to damage our environment – our "common home," as Francis puts it. This new situation began to arise

about 250 years ago with the beginning of the industrial revolution. With the coming of industrialization, our capacity to cause lasting environmental harm has increased enormously. At the same time, we have an enormously increased awareness of our capacity to cause harm, and a greater knowledge of how fragile environments and ecosystems are.

The sin itself originated long before the industrial revolution. Scripture tells us that it was a problem almost from day one. That was the fault of the creature, not the Creator, who made everything good. Pope Francis, in a nearly word-for-word reworking of the 2010 New Year's/World Day of Peace message of Pope Benedict XVI, tells what went wrong and why: "The harmony between the Creator, humanity and creation as a whole was disrupted by our presuming to take the place of God and refusing to acknowledge our creaturely limitations. This in turn distorted our mandate to 'have dominion' over the earth (cf. Genesis 1:28), to 'till it and keep it'" (Genesis 2:15). Sin broke our harmony with God, with each other, and with creation.

The Pope recognizes that the biblical accounts of creation have been misused to justify the unbridled exploitation or absolute domination of nature by human beings. We can't forget that "the earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1) and to him "belongs the earth and all that is within it" (Deuteronomy 10:14). Human beings are not the absolute owners, but the stewards and caretakers of God's creation. We are responsible to care for the earth for the same reason that we are responsible to care for our neighbors. For this reason, what the Pope calls "cultural ecology" (again, following Benedict XVI) includes "protecting the cultural treasures of humanity" and being particularly concerned for the poor.

Love for the poor, of course, is no novel or periph-

eral part of Catholic Christianity. The ecological problems of today's world, however, focus our attention on the needs of the poor in a new way. Poverty threatens human ecology, forcing many to live in unsafe, unsanitary, and ugly places. When the natural environment is contaminated, the poor often pay the price for the excesses of the rich and powerful, since they are less able to cope with, avoid, or ignore the effects of pollution and climate change.

A final ancient and unchanging principle employed in the encyclical is justice. Compellingly, the pope calls our attention to the question of justice between the generations: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? This question not only concerns the environment in isolation. ... When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results."

Some have raised the question of the level of authority to be ascribed to this encyclical. In addressing this, we should keep in mind the points already made about the application of unchanging doctrines and moral principles to the changing realities of a given historical period. We have seen that the pope's basic arguments are in continuity with those made by his predecessors, in line with centuries of Catholic moral theology and social doctrine. When, however, the pope articulates the current scientific consensus on climate change or discusses details of how pollution is caused, he is not making an authoritative judgment on a matter of faith or morals that belongs to the deposit of faith, but merely stating facts accessible to all.

Encyclical's message about our common home has a challenge for everyone

Although Pope Francis' recent encyclical on the environment has been the subject of considerable media comment, Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns urges people to take the time to read it themselves so they can fully understand the pope's message concerning care for creation.

"If you feel comfortable after reading the encyclical, you may have to read it again," he said. "There's a challenge in it for everyone. It's a beautiful, but very challenging message about our common home. In his unique style, Pope Francis tries to grab our attention with some notable phrases. He echoes St. Francis and previous popes, urging each of us to live out our moral obligation to be good stewards of God's creation – giving due respect to human life and the natural world.

"The Holy Father writes about how 'natural ecology' and 'human ecology' are intimately connected in something he calls 'integral ecology.' The pope is not a scientist, but a pastor who consulted with many pre-eminent scientists who have come to a consensus: The signs of the times are troubling when it comes to the environment," Freewalt said.

"Pope Francis offers a serious wake-up call with a sense of urgency, but also a message of hope. He's asking us to engage in dialogue with one another, person-to-person and nation-to-nation, about the difficult and complex issues related to ecology. But talk is not enough. The pope encourages us to shape the future by making good lifestyle choices, enacting sound policy solutions, and using technology and natural resources appropriately to be more in keeping with the sustain-

ability of our planet," Freewalt said.

He added that the websites of the U.S. bishops and the Catholic Conference of Ohio – www.usccb.org and www.ohiocatholicconf.org respectively – provide additional resources on the encyclical.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace, who are based in Columbus, have been strongly committed to protecting the environment for decades. Their prioress, Sister Margaret Ormond, OP, said, "We applaud Pope Francis' encyclical and the compelling connection he makes between the adverse impact that human behavior has on the earth and on the poor. Seeing these two realities come together as one moral call to action is a welcomed message.

"The Church has been writing about its concern for the earth for a very long time, and *Laudato*

Si' brings together, in a very clear way, the moral, economic, scriptural, and social dimensions that make care of the earth an urgent message of our time. I would encourage *Catholic Times* readers to study what the pope actually says in this encyclical. I think you will be inspired and encouraged in your faith."

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School science teacher Will Reiss is an example of what one person can do to have an impact on the environment. His efforts during the past six years have resulted in the school recycling more than 30,000 pounds of materials annually. He was honored this year by the *ThisWeek* newspapers as the Volunteer of the Year for the Clintonville neighborhood.

"I've been reading the encyclical in parts when

I've had time to, and what impresses me most is that the pope is calling for dialogue among all people about the environment," he said. "It's a master stroke, a great step forward. As the pope points out, we need to find areas of consensus, and once we do so, it will help make change possible.

"It's remarkable how many aspects the encyclical covered. Our impact on the environment is a huge problem, and the encyclical is so comprehensive that it speaks both to the many ways we have caused the problem and to how we can solve it. Change is going to take sacrifice. That's something a lot of people are reluctant to do, but the pope offers several everyday options that people can support. Those suggestions may not seem like much individually, but taken together, they can have a significant impact," Reiss said.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

A chilly reception from Jesus' townsfolk



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

July 5
Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6a

In 1776, England's King George III might well have echoed the Lord's words in Ezekiel's prophecy from Sunday. Yet we are thankful that our ancestors were a "rebellious house," because if they had not been, we would not be.

Ezekiel is addressed as "Son of Adam" (literally, in Hebrew). The expression is used 93 times in Ezekiel. Commentators suggest that the expression stresses his mortality, as opposed to the Lord's divinity. Thus, they translate the expression as "O Mortal" or simply "Man." The stress throughout the book is that the message of judgment or rescue is from the Lord and that Ezekiel is merely the messenger.

The New Testament use of the expression "the Son of Man," as applied to Jesus, is messy and the subject of considerable debate in the present day. It must be said, for the sake of brevity, that it does not relate to the expression used here in Ezekiel, and rendered in the *Lectioary*, as "Son of Man."

The Gospel reading for Sunday does not use the expression "Son of Man," but it does refer to questioners who wonder "Where did this man get all this?" The scene is the synagogue in Nazareth ("his native place"). His customary teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath, which is not specifically spelled out, causes many to be "astounded." Their questions reflect their astonishment: "What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

Those raising the questions were his fellow townsfolk. They had known him (and his family) growing up. How is it that he now possesses all the wisdom that he espouses? They had known him as a carpenter (or someone skilled in construction or building, which is the first meaning listed in the latest edition of *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, revised and edited by

Frederick William Danker). This identity of Jesus as a carpenter is found only here. Matthew's version of this (Matthew 13:54-58) changes Mark to read "Is he not the carpenter's son?"

Identifying Jesus as the "son of Mary" is generally interpreted as a slur against Jesus, since a man was normally identified as the son of his father. The mention of his "brothers and sisters" is interpreted by Catholics as members of his extended family. We would call them cousins. The question they raise is to stress that his townsfolk knew him and his family, so where he came by all this wisdom he was teaching is a natural enough question. People do that all the time with kids who go away to college and who return spouting all their newfound wisdom. The home folks generally remain unimpressed. It's the way of the world.

The adage that "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own home" has many similar sayings throughout the Greek and Roman worlds. Rudolf Bultmann, in *The History of the Synoptic Tradition* (page 31) notes an interesting Arabic parallel: "The piper has no friends (of his art) in his own town." Bultmann also thinks that the saying existed and that the scene was created by Mark to fit the saying. Many others reject this opinion because of the realism of the scene, with the mention of names of the brothers, the sisters, and the general inability to heal in the absence of faith.

That "he was not able to perform any mighty deed there" is noteworthy because no other evangelist said anything about not being able to. This is related to the unbelief of the townsfolk. The following phrase ("apart from a few sick people") seems to moderate the starkness slightly.

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7/6-7/11	7/13-7/18
MONDAY Genesis 28:10-22a Psalm 91:1-4,14-15b Matthew 9:18-26	MONDAY Exodus 1:8-14,22 Psalm 124:1-8 Matthew 10:34-11:1
TUESDAY Genesis 32:23-33 Psalm 17:1b,2-3,6-8b,15 Matthew 9:32-38	TUESDAY Exodus 2:1-15a Psalm 69:3,14,30-31,33-34 Matthew 11:20-24
WEDNESDAY Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,17-24a Ps. 33:2-3, 10-11,18-19 Matthew 10:1-7	WEDNESDAY Exodus 3:1-6,9-12 Psalm 103:1b-4,6-7 Matthew 11:25-27
THURSDAY Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29,45:1-5 Psalm 105:16-21 Matthew 10:7-15	THURSDAY Exodus 3:13-20 Psalm 105:1,5,8-9,24-27 Matthew 11:28-30
FRIDAY Genesis 46:1-7,28-30 Psalm 37:3-4,18-19, 27-28,39-40 Matthew 10:16-23	FRIDAY Exodus 11:10-12:14 Psalm 116:12-13,15,16b,c,17-18 Matthew 12:1-8
SATURDAY Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Psalm 105:1-4,6-7 Matthew 10:24-33	SATURDAY Exodus 12:37-42 Psalm 136:1,23-24,10-15 Matthew 12:14-21

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JULY 5 AND 12, 2015

SUNDAY MASS

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

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus, and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listings.

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

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

DAILY MASS

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

We pray Weeks II and III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

The Church and the "New Normal"



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

In the wake of the Supreme Court's marriage decision, these sober thoughts occur:

(1). The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has rendered a decision that puts the Court at odds with the Constitution, with reason, and with biblical religion.

(2). SCOTUS has gotten it wrong before. It got it wrong on race in *Dred Scott* and it repeated the mistake in *Plessy vs. Ferguson* (which upheld segregated public facilities). It got it wrong by concocting a constitutional "right" to abortion-on-demand in *Roe vs. Wade* and doubled down on that mistake by getting it wrong on abortion again in *Casey vs. Planned Parenthood*. Now, SCOTUS has gotten it wrong on marriage. There are remedies to SCOTUS getting it wrong; one of them is a careful re-examination, during the 2016 campaign, of the theory of "judicial supremacy," which holds that the Constitution means whatever a majority of the Court says it means.

(3). The marriage battle was lost in the culture long before it was lost in the courts. The foundations of our culture have eroded; now, the New Normal insists that literally everything is plastic, malleable, and subject to acts of human will. The result is a moment of profound moral incoherence in which understandings of human nature and human happiness that have stood the test of experience for millennia are being discarded as mere rubbish – and those who resist trashing the moral patrimony of humanity are dismissed as irrational bigots, religious fanatics, or both. This New Normal is willfulness-on-steroids, especially when that willfulness involves human sexuality. Nothing, it seems, constitutes aberrant behavior – except the public defense of traditional virtue.

(4). The Catholic Church in the United States bears its share of responsibility for this incoherence. It was clear 60 years ago that the old mainline Protestant cultural hegemony was fading, that an alternative cultural foundation for American democracy was necessary, and that a new cadre of citizen-leaders, capable of articulating the moral truths on which the American democratic experiment rests, had to be raised up – and the prime candidate for doing all that was the Catholic Church. It might have happened. But too much of the Church's clerical and lay leadership lost its nerve after *Humanae Vitae*; the window of opportunity closed amidst the maelstrom of the '60s and the decadence of the '70s, and the forces of incoherence won the day.

(5). The New Normal will not leave the Catholic Church alone. Like everyone else who contests the New Normal's ideology of "anything goes," the Catholic Church will be aggressively attacked for daring to oppose that ideology. So the Church must learn, fast, how to play good defense, defending the right of our people and our institutions to be themselves; it will do a service to America in the process (A good

primer for thinking through these issues is the recent pastoral letter by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, *Being Catholic Today: Catholic Identity in an Age of Challenge*).

(6). The long-term answer to the New Normal – and to the dictatorship of relativism the New Normal is trying to impose on the universities and professions (without encountering much resistance), on traditional religious communities (less successfully, so far), and on individuals (through reprehensible but effective bullying and shaming) – is the reconversion of the United States to right reason, moral truth, and a biblical way of seeing the world. This is a multigenerational project; it will necessarily be ecumenical and interreligious. From the Catholic point of view, the only possible response to the New Normal is a robustly evangelical Catholicism: one that displays true happiness in lives of solidarity with others; one that links that happiness and solidarity to friendship with Jesus Christ and the truths his Church teaches, inviting others to consider "a still more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12.31).

(7). And that means a thorough catechesis of the Catholic people of the United States, not least through preaching: preaching that forthrightly challenges the too-often-typical Catholic shrug at the New Normal; preaching that calls Catholics to deeper friendship with Christ, meaning deeper conversion to his truth.

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

Diocesan barbecue for youth

The diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring a barbecue for all Catholics in their 20s and 30s at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave.

The event will offer an opportunity to connect with other young adults in Columbus and learn more about some upcoming events being offered by Theology on Tap at

its Columbus and Westerville locations, Charis young adult retreats, the Catholic Foundation's young professionals group, and several parish young adult groups and ministries. The main course and beverages will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring \$5 and a side dish.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP via Facebook or Meet-up or email srobinso@cdeeducation.org

DeSales all-class reunion

The annual all-class reunion of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School will take place from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 10 at the school, 4212 Karl Road, followed by an alumni softball tournament on Saturday, July 11.

For more information on the reunion, go to www.sfdstallions.org/all-class-reunion. Those interested in participating in the softball tournament are asked to contact Tom Snyder at snyder@desales.co.

Aquinas Class of 1950 reunion

Members of the Columbus Aquinas High School Class of 1950 will have their 65th anniversary reunion on Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Guild Athletic Club, 1114 Ridge St., Columbus.

Social time will begin at 4 p.m., with dinner at 6:30. For information and reservations, contact Vito Checchio at (614) 876-4133 or e-mail v14c@columbus.rr.com.

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Pray for our dead

ALBURY, Nathan, 31, June 16
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

AMIDON, Mary A., 86, June 22
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

BESS, Richard J., 93, June 18
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

BOLIN, Mark A., June 22
Holy Cross Church, Columbus

BOTELHO, John, 82, June 18
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

BURKHART, Thomas J., 75, June 10
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

CAPOCCIA, Cesidio "Joe," 73, June 23
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

COLLEY, Michael F., 78, June 20
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CRAWFORD, James E., 79, June 15
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

CROSS, Don W., 87, formerly of Columbus, June 24
St. Francis Xavier Church, Falmouth, Ky.

DAUGHERTY, Esther, 88, June 17
St. Paul Church, Westerville

DEW, Lynda M., 68, June 22
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

DICKMAN, Floyd C., 76, June 14
St. Mary Church, Delaware

DONOVAN, Joseph E., 90, June 16
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

DuSCHEID, Donald J., 82, June 20
St. Peter Church, Columbus

EGNER, Helen L., 91, June 13
St. Mary Church, Delaware

ELFRINK, Stacy E., 44, June 26
St. Patrick Church, London

FORSYTHE, Mary J., 84, June 24
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake

GLAZE, Shirley A., 77, June 18
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

GRAESSLE, Shirley M., 81, June 15
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

GRAHAM, Julia A., 88, June 15
St. Ladislas Church, Columbus

HAAS, Dr. Martin N., 76, June 21
St. Paul Church, Westerville

HANSEN, Madeline M., June 17
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

Ramiro Carvalho

Ramiro Carvalho, the father of Father Antonio Carvalho, administrator pro tem of Parroquia Santa Cruz and Columbus Holy Name, Sacred Heart, and St. John the Baptist churches, died

JENKINS, Robert L., 88, June 20
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

JEROME, Erma D., 103, June 13
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

KISTNER, Deborah L., 53, June 15
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

KNEUBUEHL, James, 93, June 19
St. Joseph Church, Dover

KNISELY, Dr. Anne M., 93, June 21
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

KURZ, Natalie L., 90, June 14
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

LEMIEUX, Aaron S., 49, June 19
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

LENSING, Charles, 82, June 21
St. Philip Church, Columbus

LUPATIN, Louise M., 89, June 21
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

MEARA, James T., 92, June 19
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

RICHIE, Marguerite L. "Peggy," 83, June 20
St. Mary Church, Marion

RORK, Seanan, 41, June 15
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

STALLINGS, J. Robert "Jake," 92, June 25
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

SWINGLE, Jerry E., 82, June 10
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

THOMAS, Joan, 85, June 27
St. John Church, Logan

VOIT, Leo S., 96, June 23
St. Patrick Church, London

VONDERHEIDE, Valentine R., 87, June 23
St. Mary Church, Marion

WEBER, James A. Sr., 88, June 19
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

WINEMILLER, Amelia A., 95, June 12
St. Matthew Church, Columbus

WOOD, Allison O., 43, June 23
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

WOODRUFF, Dr. Samuel A., 74, June 14
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

WORLEY, Lilliane P. "Sunny," 89, June 23
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City

WYRIE, Pauline, 68, June 14
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

YEAGER, Howard L. Jr., 75, June 25
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

in Brazil on Monday, June 22. Father Carvalho was with his family at the time. Information on a memorial Mass will be published when it becomes available.

Father Kenneth A. France-Kelly, OP

Funeral Mass for Father Kenneth A. France-Kelly, OP, 71, who died Sunday, June 21, at the Mohun Health Care Center, was held Wednesday, June 24, at Columbus St. Patrick Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Somerset.

He was born June 22, 1943, in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late Morton and Helen (Hegarty) France-Kelly. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, and advanced degrees from the Catholic University of America and the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies, both in Washington, D.C.

After teaching from 1968-75 at Eastern High School in Washington, he entered the Dominican novitiate in 1975. He was ordained a priest of the Dominican order on June 5, 1981, in Providence, Rhode Island, by Bishop Louis Gelineau of Providence.

James E. Rimelspach

Funeral Mass for James E. Rimelspach, 98, who died Saturday, June 20, was held Wednesday, June 24, at Logan St. John Church. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Logan.

He was born Sept. 28, 1916, in Fremont to Edward and Ellen (Tracy) Rimselspach. He received a bachelor of science degree in horticulture from The Ohio State University.

He moved to Logan, where he helped farmers obtain government loans, in 1938 and remained a resident of the city for the rest of his life. He served in the Navy in World War II, then was an agent for Farm Bureau Insurance and its successor, Nationwide Insurance,

Bridget Williams

Funeral Mass for Bridget Williams, 57, who died Wednesday, June 10, was held Tuesday, June 16, at Columbus Holy Cross Church. Burial was at Headley Cemetery, Blacklick.

She was born in Pittsburgh to John and Harriet Beck. She graduated from Vincentian High School in Pittsburgh, and received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Mercyhurst Col-

lege in Erie, Pennsylvania. She served as parish secretary at Gahanna St. Matthew and Columbus St. Catharine churches.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; son, Christopher (Meredith); daughters, Meghan, Allison (Dave) Weiner, and Ashley Williams; brothers, Rob (Cindy), Jack (Sue), Jim (Diane) and Bill (Denise); and sister, Pat Carr.

ance, from 1947-82.

In his parish, he was a greeter before Mass, served in several other ministries, and was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 2299. He also was a member of the Logan Kiwanis Club for more than 70 years and assisted travelers at the Hocking County Regional Welcome Center for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Florence; brother, John; and sisters, Angela Daubel, Dorothy Reineck, Elizabeth Newton, and Jane Still. Survivors include his son, Father Jeffrey Rimelspach, pastor of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church; and several nieces and nephews.

lege in Erie, Pennsylvania. She served as parish secretary at Gahanna St. Matthew and Columbus St. Catharine churches.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; son, Christopher (Meredith); daughters, Meghan, Allison (Dave) Weiner, and Ashley Williams; brothers, Rob (Cindy), Jack (Sue), Jim (Diane) and Bill (Denise); and sister, Pat Carr.

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**3, FRIDAY
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
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Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refu-**

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gee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House
10 a.m. to 5 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**

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction at 11:30. **All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory**
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by church's Knights of Columbus council and Columbus Serra Club.

**3-SEPT. 5, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Ethiopian Sacred Art Exhibit at Jubilee Museum**
Holy Family Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. "The Sacred Art of Ethiopia: Icons by Contemporary Ethiopian Artists from the Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection," featuring 38 works representing the Orthodox Christian tradition of Ethiopia. Suggested \$10 donation per person. **614-600-0054**

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

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. **614-372-5249**
Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. **614-512-3731**
Filipino Mass at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 204 S. 5th St., Columbus. Mass in the Tagalog language for members of the Filipino Catholic community. **614-224-3416**

**5, SUNDAY
Exposition at Church of the Resurrection**
Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning with procession following 11 a.m. Mass and continuing to 5 p.m. **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. **614-886-8266**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**
Compline at Cathedral
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Chanting of Compline. **614-241-2526**

**6, MONDAY
Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle**
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour sponsored by Marian Movement for Priests Cenacle. **614-235-7435**

**7, TUESDAY
Catholic War Veterans Monthly Meeting**
7 p.m., Red Room, St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Catholic War Veterans Post 1936 meeting. For those who served three months, were honorably discharged, or are on active duty. **614-221-7601**

Abortion Recovery Network Group
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. **614-444-4411**
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. **740-654-6928**

**8, WEDNESDAY
Children's Day at Shepherd's Corner**
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Children ages 8 to 11 are invited to join the staff working in the children's garden, meeting the animals, walking in the woods, and other activities. \$20 cost includes lunch. Registration required. **614-866-4302**
Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves
2 to 3:30 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Turning Leaves and Tea Leaves book club with Dominican Sisters Marialein Anzenberger and Colleen Gallagher. **614-416-1910**

**9, THURSDAY
Women to Women Listening Circle at Corpus Christi**
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. No child care available on-site. **614-512-3731**
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Back in His Arms Again Meeting
7 p.m., Panera restaurant, 782 N. State St., Westerville. Monthly meeting of Back in His Arms Again group for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child.

**10, FRIDAY
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House**
10 a.m. to 5 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**
DeSales All-Class Reunion
5:30 to 10 p.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. School's annual all-class reunion, followed by alumni softball tournament on July 11. **614-267-6822**

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

**12, SUNDAY
Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark**
1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality. This month's meeting celebrates St. Kateri's July 14 feast day, with participants releasing gathered prayers, reciting the Kateri Chaplet, and talking about how she has been involved in their lives. **740-756-7008**

Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting
1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

Father Toner's Retirement Celebration at Plain City
4 to 7 p.m., Parish activity center, St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St., Plain City. Retirement celebration for Father Patrick Toner, the church's pastor. **614-873-5027**
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. **614-886-8266**

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. **706-761-4054**

**12-16, SUNDAY-THURSDAY
Gospel Road Mission Camp in Circleville**
Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry sponsors Gospel Road Mission Camp, for youths in grades nine through 12 from throughout the diocese. Participants will be based at St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., Circleville, work throughout the Circleville area during the day, and take part in recreational and spiritual activities in the evening.

**13, MONDAY
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.

**14, TUESDAY
Calix Society Meeting**
6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.
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. **740-654-6928**

**15, WEDNESDAY
Marriage Talk at Josephinum**
7 to 8:30 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Talk on "Where Do We Go from Here?": Taking Back Marriage for Our Children and Families," with William B. May, author of "Getting the Marriage Conversation Right." **614-241-2560**

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EXHIBIT

**The Sacred Art of Ethiopia:
Icons by Contemporary Ethiopian Artists**

The Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus, is opening a new exhibition, *The Sacred Art of Ethiopia: Icons by Contemporary Ethiopian Artists from the Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection*.

The exhibition will be open from Sunday, July 3 to Saturday, Sept. 5. It features 38 sacred works of art that represent the Orthodox Christian tradition of the east African nation of Ethiopia.

Ethiopia is one of the oldest Christian civilizations in the world, adopting Christianity as its state religion as early as the fourth century. Located at the meeting point of three continents on the Horn of Africa, the nation developed a richly diverse culture, drawing on Egyptian, African, Byzantine, Arabic-Islamic, and European art to create a style of Ethiopian Orthodox sacred imagery unique in Christendom.

The items on display, loaned from the Sacred Art



Pilgrim Collection, are works by contemporary Ethiopian artisans who use time-honored techniques and iconographic motifs to create their folk art pieces. They range from intricately decorated metal crosses, patterned on traditional "lost wax" castings, to a painting on gabi, a handwoven cotton cloth. There are three triptych icons and a wooden stand for holding liturgical texts, covered with sacred images painted on gessoed wood.

Most of the works in the show are paintings on leather, modern variations on historic illuminated manuscripts. They depict the life of Christ from the annunciation of his birth to his ascension into heaven. Some images include titles in Ge'ez, the ancient language of the Ethiopian Church, and in modern-day Amharic. None of the works are signed, but the hand of individual artists can be recognized in border decorations and distinctive styles of image-making, taught in church schools, where most artisan-painters learn their trade. Ethiopian icon painting is a living tradition still practiced today.

Several distinctive features of Ethiopian Christianity are expressed in its sacred art. Ethiopians consider themselves to be direct descendants of the children of Israel through the Emperor Menelik, a son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, who, according to tradition, brought the Ark of the Covenant from Jerusalem to Ethiopia. All churches have a tabot, a wooden box contain-



ing a stone slab, representing the Ark, which is carried in processions such as the one depicted in this show.

Veneration of the Virgin Mary is especially strong among Ethiopians, who have dedicated more churches to Mary than any other saint. A 15th-century emperor decreed that the Mother of Christ be commemorated in more than 30 feast days in the church calendar. She is represented in the liturgical text *The Miracles of Mary* as a wonder-worker and powerful intercessor with her son for sinful humanity. The Virgin Mary often is depicted in sacred art alongside St. George, the patron saint of Ethiopia.

John A. Kohan, a collector and retired associate editor and former Moscow bureau chief for *Time* magazine, will be speaking on the subject of collecting sacred art at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 25 in the Jubilee Museum. A tea-and-sweets reception will follow his talk.

The exhibition is organized by Dr. Graziella Marchicelli, the Jubilee Museum's director of museum services. For more information, visit the museum's website at www.jubileemuseum.org or call (614) 600-0054. A suggested donation of \$10 per person by those attending the exhibition is appreciated.

Photos (clockwise from top center): "Flight into Egypt"; "Passion of Christ Icon Triptych"; "Trinity"; "Virgin Enthroned Triptych"; "Processional Cross with Icons."

Photos courtesy The Jubilee Museum



St. John's Hermitage celebrates ordination of new priests

St. John's Hermitage hosted its second annual "Taste and See" ordination celebration on Monday, June 1, following the ordination of six men to the priesthood

for the Diocese of Columbus. More than 70 friends of the hermitage enjoyed hors d'oeuvres provided by Tim Nikolai, owner of the Mia Cucina restaurant in Powell. Seven different red and white wines provided by importer Dan Frey were sampled by the attendees. Music was provided by Debbie Brennan, music director at Columbus St. Peter Church, and her daughter Mattie.

St. John's Hermitage will sponsor its third annual Evangelization Ambassador Award banquet at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 in the Bridgewater Banquet and Conference Center, 10561 Sawmill Parkway, Powell. The banquet recognizes a priest of the Diocese of Columbus for his outstanding exemplification of the New Evangelization. Nominations of priests may be made by anyone. Past award recipients include Bishop Frederick Campbell, Father Kevin Lutz, and the late Msgr.

Francis Schweitzer. Proceeds from the banquet, which includes a silent auction, will be used to build a chapel, modeled on the *Portiuncula* of St. Francis, at the hermitage.



St. John's Hermitage is a sanctuary for priests and seminarians on 66 acres of rolling hills and ravines near McDermott in Scioto County. The hermitage provides a place and facilities for rest, reflection, and rejuvenation. For more information, check its website at www.stjohnshermitage.org.

Photo: Father Mark Summers (left) and Father Justin Reis at the "Taste and See" ordination celebration sponsored by St. John's Hermitage. Photo courtesy St. John's Hermitage

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There will be a Group Meeting for all people registered for the pilgrimage and for anyone else who wishes to join the group. There are only a few more openings available.
The meeting will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Delaware St. Mary's in Kavanagh Hall.
For directions, call St. Mary's Church at 740 363-4641 and for questions call Deacon Felix at 740 369-2014.

Ben Kerns signs to play football at Mt. St. Joseph

Ben Kerns of Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School signs a letter of intent to play football this fall at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati.



Also pictured are (from left): Tony Hurps, Fisher Catholic coach; Kent Kerns, his father; Maureen Beck, school principal; Tony Delisio, athletic director; Angie Kerns, his mother; and Jen Schwinne, school athletic trainer.

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St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville	60th Anniversary	Bob and Helen Fedorke
St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville	50th Anniversary	Joseph and Carolyn Steiger
St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville	45th Anniversary	Fred and Judy Ivoska
St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus	65th Anniversary	John and Dora Barra
St. Timothy, Columbus	62nd Anniversary	Chuck and Jane Washbush
St. Timothy, Columbus	50th Anniversary	Dick and Maureen Haney



JOIN Honors Volunteers

The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) conducted its annual Mass and recognition ceremony on Wednesday, June 24, the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Frederick Campbell presided. Pictured are (from left): Father Michael Lumpe, rector of the cathedral and JOIN chaplain; Mark Huddy, diocesan moderator for Catholic charities and social concerns; John Reiner of Dublin St. Brigid of Church, recipient of the Mary Margaret Roach Award for his years of devoted and loving dedication to the needs of the poor through JOIN and other ministries; Gary Allwein of Columbus St. Catharine Church, recipient of the Betty Kegelmeyer Award for his ongoing support of and dedication to JOIN in its fundraising efforts; Mary Murphy, director of St. Therese's Retreat Center, recipient of the Father Thomas Cadden Award for her hard work and efforts to address the needs of the poor through her endless support of JOIN's mission; Bishop Campbell; Kathleen MacKinnon of St. Catharine Church, volunteer and member of the Doyle family, accepting a special recognition award to the Frank M. & Gertrude R. Doyle Foundation, Inc., in recognition of its years of selfless generosity to JOIN clients; and JOIN director Ruth Beckman.

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