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New archbishop appointed in Cincinnati

Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr on Wednesday and named Auxiliary Bishop Robert Casey of Chicago as his replacement.

Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, made the announcement on Wednesday morning, Feb. 12.

Archbishop Schnurr, 76, has led the Archdiocese since 2009 and served a year past the mandatory retirement age for bishops of 75. Bishop Casey, 57, will become the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati when he is installed at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains at a date to be determined.

Archbishop-designate Casey has spent his entire career in the Archdiocese of Chicago after his ordination to the priesthood in 1994. In 2018, he was ordained as a bishop by Archbishop Blasé Cupich in Chicago.

"Entrusted with proclaiming the joy of the gospel, I answer the call of Christ to accompany all in the archdiocese on the journey of faith, so that together we may deepen our love for God and neighbor," Archbishop-designate Casey said in an announcement from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

As required by Canon Law, Archbishop Schnurr had submitted his resignation to the Holy See on June 21, 2023, when he turned 75. He came to Cincinnati after serving as the Bishop of Duluth, Minnesota, from 2001 to 2008. An Iowa native, he was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, in 1974.

"It has been my great honor and privilege to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati these past 15 years," Archbishop Schnurr said in an announcement from the archdiocese. "Now, on behalf of the people of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, it is a great joy to welcome Archbishop-designate Robert Casey to his new home."

Bishop Earl Fernandes, who served as a priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, was ordained and installed by Archbishop Schnurr as the 13th bishop of the Diocese of Columbus on May 31, 2022.

"On behalf of the clergy and faithful in the Diocese of Columbus, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Archbishop-designate Robert G. Casey,



Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati hands the Book of the Gospels to Bishop Earl Fernandes during his ordination and installation in the Diocese of Columbus on May 31, 2022. Archbishop Schnurr, who is retiring, served as Bishop Fernandes' consecrator. *CT file photo*

who has been appointed by the Holy Father as the Archbishop of Cincinnati," Bishop Fernandes said in a statement. "Archbishop-designate Casey has served the faithful in the Archdiocese of Chicago for more than 30 years and has shown a particular interest in the Hispanic community. Knowing him to have a shepherd's heart and a pastor's sensitivity, I am confident that he will be a true blessing to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which is so dear to my heart.

"Archbishop Casey inherits the patrimony of this historic Archdiocese, and I am confident that under his leadership, the seeds of faith planted by his predecessors and the People of God there, will blossom and the Church will flourish.

"I also want to thank Archbishop Schnurr for his years of dedication, service, leadership, prayer, and discipleship for the faithful in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and throughout the state of Ohio. His leadership at the USCCB, his organization of World Youth Day, his financial acumen, and his commitment to fostering a culture of vocations are but a fraction of his contributions to the life of the Church. I wish him well as he enters retirement, grateful for his friendship and witness.

"The families, parishes, schools, social service agencies, and other ministries within the Archdiocese will be well tended by Archbishop Casey. I look

forward to collaborating with Archbishop-designate Casey as he strengthens the bonds of communion among the Dioceses in Ohio and leads the Catholic Conference of Ohio."

Archbishop Schnurr will continue to serve as the archdiocese's apostolic administrator to provide governance until Archbishop-designate Casey's installation.

"Archbishop-designate Casey is highly regarded by the people and priests he serves," Archbishop Schnurr said, "and I am pleased such a good man will be shepherding the people of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati."

Archbishop Schnurr said he plans to remain in Cincinnati during his retirement to assist his replacement as needed.

"I am confident that he will find the local Church to be very welcoming and dedicated to the evangelization of our communities," Archbishop Schnurr said.

Archbishop-designate Casey, who is fluent in Spanish, entered Niles College Seminary after high school and graduated from University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary before he ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1994,

His assignments have included associate pastor at Chicago St. Ita Parish; as director of Casa Jesús, a house of dis-



Auxiliary Bishop Robert Casey of Chicago will be the new archbishop of Cincinnati.

cernment for men from Latin America; and as pastor of Our Lady of Tepeyac, St. Barbara and St. Bede the Venerable parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He also served on the priests' placement board and the priest steering committee for Renew My Church.

He was appointed vicar general of the Archdiocese of Chicago on Sept. 12, 2020.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio welcomed Archbishop-designate Casey and paid tribute to Archbishop Schnurr for his service. The Archbishop of Cincinnati serves as chair of the Catholic Conference of Ohio board of directors, which governs its operations and activities.

"We congratulate Archbishop-designate Robert G. Casey on his appointment as Archbishop of Cincinnati," said Brian Hickey, executive director of the conference.

"We are grateful for Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr's steady leadership and pastoral guidance in Ohio over the past 16-plus years. Archbishop Schnurr's love for Jesus Christ was evident nationally and in Ohio through his tireless governance and unwavering support for the poor and vulnerable in all times and seasons. The Catholic Conference of Ohio will miss Archbishop Schnurr's guidance, but we wish him abundant joy and peace in retirement."



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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 17th annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference ends for more than 3,300 in attendance from throughout Ohio and other states on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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Women bow their heads in prayer during the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 15.



Father David Sizemore, pastor at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, walks behind the monstrance during a Eucharistic procession.



Attending the conference are (from left) Gianna Oyster, Clare Hilgefort, Brooke Rubin, Kimberly Schneider and Abby Heinlen.



Conference speaker Sarah Swafford



Conference speaker Mary Guilfoyle



Sister Mercedes Torres, OP



Father John Riccardo CT photos by Ken Snow

Over 3,300 attend annual women's conference

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

Speakers from across the country gathered for the 17th annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 15, encouraging more than 3,300 women in attendance that they were created for this moment to be a gift for others and that they have much to offer a broken and dark world in desperate need.

The conference was held in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center. Women of all ages attended and had an opportunity to participate in Adoration, confession and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Relics were also on display from the National Centre for Padre Pio.

The schedule included talks from Carrie Schuchts Daunt, an author and speaker and content developer for the John Paul II Healing Center from Tallahassee, Florida; Sarah Swafford, of Atchison, Kansas, the founder of Emotional Virtue Ministries and a speaker covering topics of faith, relationships and interior confidence; and Sister Mercedes Torres, OP (Order of Preachers), the vocations director for the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The conference also featured talks from Father John Riccardo, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit and executive director of ACTS XXIX, a ministry designed to proclaim the gospel in an attractive way and equip clergy and lay leaders for the present moment, and Mary Guilfoyle, a missionary with ACTS XXIX and co-host of the "You Were Born for This" podcast with Father Riccardo.

Women were present from various dioceses, including Cincinnati, Toledo, Steubenville and Cleveland, as well as several attendees from out of state.

More than 40 priests were available to hear confessions, and 86 religious sisters attended the conference. An Adoration chapel was also open throughout the day.

More than 60 vendor tables were set up, ranging from religious orders to local ministries.

The Vigil Project provided music for conference.

Jennifer Rice, director of missionary discipleship at Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church, served as emcee for the second year. It was also the second time Delaware St. Mary Church served as the host parish for the conference.

Bishop Earl Fernandes, who was unable to be present this year, sent a re-

corded video message that was played for the women present.

Daunt opened the lineup of speakers.

A wife, mother to nine children and daughter of Dr. Bob Schuchts – founder of the John Paul II Healing Center and author and therapist of more than 30 years – Daunt serves as a developer and content creator for the center's women's conference "Undone."

When contemplating what to share with the crowd of more than 3,000 women, Daunt said she felt the Lord wanted her to offer a part of her story where she knew she was created for this moment.

She recalled a wife and mother at her parish who taught classes on Theology of the Body. Daunt said the woman wrote on the board one day, "Become who you are." As she looked at the board, the line struck her and memories began flooding back.

In high school and early college, Daunt shared that she wanted to be an underwear model. A lie had taken root in her that her body should be idolized.

She later prayed, "Lord, help me to reconcile these things." She said God began to show places in her heart that had been knotted.

In middle school, she explained, she wanted to be anybody but herself. She

wanted somebody to see and know her. Those desires continued into high school, where she found there was something "socially acceptable" about her, and so began the lie that her body was meant to be idolized.

Years later, when Daunt was pregnant with her fourth child, she recalled praying in an Adoration chapel and hearing the Lord say to her, "You're going to be stretched." She responded by giving her "fiat," or "yes," to God, although she did not know to what exactly.

The pregnancy was not only physically stretching – she later birthed a 10-pound baby boy – but also stretched her emotionally. It was a difficult period, and she received demeaning comments.

However, she recalled holding her newborn son, John, whose name means "gift of God's mercy," in the middle of the night. He looked up at her with "piercing blue eyes," and she said, she heard Christ's words, "This is My Body given up for you."

In that moment, Daunt learned what her body was truly made for.

"What was beautiful about my body was that I was made and created to be a gift," she said. "Each of us are made and

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Faithful attend Mass with anointing at Cathedral

Two days before the World Day of the Sick, Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrated a Mass with anointing on Sunday, Feb. 9 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

The Columbus region for the Order of Malta has assisted with the Mass with Anointing of the Sick for the past six years. Anointing of the Sick is reserved for those with a serious illness, but others came to the Mass to accompany the sick in prayer and solidarity.

The Mass normally takes place on the second Sunday of February immediately before the World Day of the Sick, which was observed this year on Feb. 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Order of Malta's Columbus region members participated in the Mass. The lay religious order, whose members are called Knights and Dames, facilitates medical, social and humanitarian projects around the world.

The Columbus Region of the Order of Malta operates a clinic at the former Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John campus that provides medical and dental care for the poor and sick. Its members also visit prisoners and engage in other charitable works.

"The Order of Malta is a 1,000-year-old organization whose two charisms are defense of the faith and caring for the sick and the poor," said Brian Kinney, a member of the Columbus Region. "We would like people to know that the Order of Malta Center of Care Clinic, where we have



Members of the Columbus Region of the Order of Malta form a procession ahead of Bishop Earl Fernandes at a Mass with anointing on Feb. 9 at St. Joseph Cathedral. CT photo by Ken Snow

our primary work here in the diocese, is always looking for volunteers, whether they are medical or non-medical, to assist with the help in the clinic."

In Bishop Fernandes' homily, he referred to St. Mark's gospel and to Jesus calling on his apostles to go and preach, cast out demons and lay hands on the sick and cure them, anointing them with oil.

"Meanwhile, in St. James letter, he asks, 'Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he's committed

any sins, his sins will be forgiven."

From the beginning, Bishop Fernandes said, the apostles and priests laid hands on the sick and anointed them with oil in the name of the Lord. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he took His disciples aside and proclaimed, 'In my name, you will cast out demons. In my name you will heal the sick.' And so we carry out this practice. We anoint them with oil. I will lay my hands on each of these sick person's heads, then I will anoint them on the forehead and the palms of the hands."

The bishop explained that Anointing of the Sick is not just for the dying but for those who are truly sick, who have grown feeble with the burden of years, have a

serious illness or are facing some surgery.

"Our hope and our prayer is that these individuals here who will be anointed will receive the healing, whether spiritual or physical healing, that they need; that they will receive the forgiveness of sins; that they will be restored to their family and be able to return to their livelihood," he said. "For if it is not God's will that they receive physical healing, they will be closer to Him and that they will be preparing for eternity."

He went on to say that all people have been called despite their unworthiness to collaborate in the ministry of healing, reconciliation, forgiveness and proclaiming hope.

"The sick who are here with us, they hope to get well, and even if they know that their illness may be terminal, they also hope for heaven and eternal happiness with God, and there will be no more sickness or suffering," he said.

"And we are all pilgrims of hope, but the presence of the Church and the prayer of the Church for the sick also reminds them that they are not alone, that they are vital and valuable members of this community, that they will not be abandoned, and that Christ is always close to us, despite our unworthiness."

Bishop Fernandes pointed out that Christ healed St. Peter and St. Paul, and that Isaiah recognized his own unwor-

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Does the Penitential Rite at Mass replace Confession?

Dear Father,
At the beginning of Mass, the priest forgives our sins, so why do I have to go to confession? It seems like a waste of time by repeating things.
-Deen

Dear Deen,
Almost every Mass begins with the Penitential Act, but this is not the same as the Sacrament of Penance and therefore it does not substitute for the sacrament.

After the Sign of the Cross and the priest's greeting, he begins the Penitential Act with: "Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries."

The Penitential Act at Mass is our general acknowledgement of being sinners and needing God's forgiveness as a means of preparing for divine worship. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (#51) points out that this beginning part of the Mass is intended to help us dispose ourselves to hear God's Word and to celebrate the Eucharist.

It is essential to remember what the essence of the Mass is: the worship of Almighty God by taking in His Word and offering Him a sacrifice. The sacrifice we offer is the same as what Jesus Christ offered, namely His entire life and suffering and death.

This is the supreme act of divine worship for eternity. We have nothing better to offer God than uniting ourselves, our lives, with the offering of Christ's sacrifice. By offering our lives, we are offering the gift of ourselves, which is most pleasing to the Father when we unite our personal sacrifice with Christ's.

While we need to be offering God ourselves throughout each day of our lives, we do this supremely at the

SACRAMENTS 101

Father Paul Jerome Keller, OP, S.T.D.

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Sacrifice of the Mass. Even with human dignitaries, we prepare ourselves by dressing up, speaking politely, and even giving a gift of some sort, all in the hope of being in that person's good graces.

I think of the parable of the man without proper clothing at a wedding (Matthew 22). His audacity gained him a quick and infelicitous dismissal. The Penitential Act at Mass is the time for each of us to consider whether we are interiorly properly dressed. (It wouldn't be a bad idea to make sure we're exteriorly prepared to be in God's presence, too!)

We can understand the Matthew 22 parable in another way: the need for deeper conversion and repentance that comes through the Sacrament of Penance.

If we have offended God mortally, that is, broken friendship with Him by serious sins, then we need to get our wedding garment cleaned in order to properly attend to His wedding banquet. At the very least, we begin with a sincere act of contrition, which includes the intention to get to confession as soon as possible (not just sometime down the road).

Someone will undoubtedly point out to me that the General Instruction speaks about the priest giving absolution during the Penitential Act. However, the Instruction also clearly states that this particular absolution "lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance."

In other words, the sacramental grace is lacking.

The absolution of the Sacrament of Penance takes away sins an individual confesses, notably mortal sins. In confession, the priest uses the words "I absolve you from your sins ..." Notice the particularity of certain sins of an individual.

However, at the beginning of Mass, the priest prays generally: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." Observe how the priest includes himself and prays in a general way for forgiveness.

Individuals who are aware of having committed mortal sins are obliged to go to confession. If they are unable to find a priest for confession, though obliged to worship God at Mass, they may not receive Holy Communion.

The Penitential Act at Mass may help a person with mortal sins who can't make it to confession by giving him an opportunity to deepen his sorrow for sins and may attain for him the graces to make a good sacramental confession and to reform his life.

Also, the Penitential Act at Mass assists OCIA (formerly RCIA) initiates. Catechumens needing to be baptized as well as those already baptized in other Christian communities entering the Catholic Church may receive graces to deepen their relationship with God during the Penitential Act.

Finally, we are able to receive forgiveness of venial sins through the Penitential Act at Mass. That's because, as St. Thomas Aquinas teaches, any act of charity done for love of God removes venial sin.

I hope that this helps everyone to overcome any perfunctory responses to the priest during the Penitential Act at Mass. Mean what you say!

Growing in patience

HOLY AND HEALTHY | Lori Crock

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Patience is a challenging virtue for me. There was a time in my life when I wouldn't wait in line for Confession if the line was more than a couple people. I would only go if there wasn't a very short line. God has brought me along, since then thankfully, so that now I have a deep appreciation for this sacrament and I will gladly wait any amount of time for it. I use the time in line to pray my Rosary, give thanks, to talk to God. My impatience has been transformed with new eyes to see the 'waiting' as something good and useful.

My daughter-in-law recently inspired me to start making sourdough bread. Since then, several people have told me that was something they did during Covid. Somehow I missed that! I am enjoying this new hobby even though it takes quite a bit of patience as there are roughly 10 steps that take place over 1-3 days. As an example, the bulk fermentation phase for the dough takes 8-10 hours.

A friend encouraged me to go to a local grocery and simply buy a sourdough loaf. I think he was missing the point of my desire to make sourdough from scratch. The waiting, the anticipation, the creativity, the challenge, and the joy of sharing something homemade afterward is what makes it interesting to me. The process requires a lot of patience and I see that this is good for me. I just said to my friend that the hardest part of bread-making is waiting an hour for it to cool after it comes out of the oven.

Patience is also key to a fruitful spiritual life. St. Cyprian struggled so much with patience that he wrote a book about it, *On the Advantage of Patience*.

He said that we have to be convinced that patience will benefit us before we can truly embrace the vir-

tue. He speaks about patience in the suffering of poor health, the drudgery of work and by the people who irritate us. He speaks of the importance of patience when we are making big and important decisions in our lives.

He advises that we seek to grow in self-control, gentleness, love of neighbor along with other companion virtues. He reminds us that God is patient with us and with our mistakes. St. Cyprian said, "Wait for each other." This sounds like a new daily prayer for me.

The words of scripture tells us that patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and that patience is so much better than pride. Many of the psalms and proverbs extol us to grow in this important virtue. From Proverbs 16:32: "Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city."

So how do we grow in patience? Practice it. Like anything else, a muscle being exercised, or a new hobby (like bread-making) started, we have to give ourselves time, gentleness and grace to begin to adopt this virtue in our everyday lives. When we fail in patience, we have

the opportunity to learn from it.

Recently, a batch of my bread dough didn't rise. I was baffled and not happy about the time and ingredients lost. I thought maybe this hobby wasn't for me. But I researched what I might have done wrong and learned that I had 'rushed' the starter. It wasn't ready. I needed more time to grow. This little bit of failure was a very good thing for me as a reminder to slow down and it also reminded me of the need to try and fail, try and fail, as I did as a young athlete. It reminded me that perseverance is also an important companion virtue to patience. I suppose this growing in patience and perseverance never stops no matter what season of life we are in — it just changes in shape and form.

As we move through life on this side of heaven, in anticipation of going home to Jesus someday, may we persevere with patience and hope, as St. Paul prescribes in Romans 8:12, "But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Amen.

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Following the path we are given

I woke early the other day and made a list. Things seemed out of whack, and I knew just what I had to do.

I mapped out a week that included all the things: daily Mass, daily rosary, weekly adoration, family prayer, morning and evening prayer, my Bible in a Year app, confession and all the devotions to my special saint friends renewed and prayers said. What a beautiful plan it was, color coded and structured.

I took a breath, sipped my tea and thought, "This plan right here will bring everything into balance." All who are away from the Church will return. All the imbalances shall be restored. Every worry shall be put to rest because by doing these things I am placing my trust in Jesus.

As I sat and prayed my morning rosary, a child came down to ask a question. "Hold on!" I said somewhat frustrated, "I'm trying to pray." If I could just start strong, I knew it would be a good day.

Throughout the day, there were countless "interruptions" in my plan for holiness: a request for help with school, seeing my husband knee-deep in meetings and noticing he hadn't eaten, a text from a friend whose heart was aching and an empty wash machine. I'm coming, Lord; I'll be right there, I thought.

As I went to get ready for daily Mass, I got a phone call. "Mom, I need help." I sighed to myself in resignation knowing I would miss Mass and be just stuck again not making any progress toward placing my trust in the Lord.

It's easy to get frustrated with ourselves for not being disciplined enough to do "all the things" that clearly will

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

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help us grow in that relationship we long for with the Lord. My heart aches with a deep longing for all the intentions that sit deeply, and I think that if only I did these things, all would be healed and well. If only I belonged to the "holy people club," my worry would be gone, I'd have made it, and God's heart would be so pleased.

Have you ever felt this way? After giving myself a few days to live in this slump, I took some time early one morning to sit with the Lord and tell Him how frustrated with myself I was and how everything in life seemed out of balance. Kids were making mistakes I could not fix. There was suffering and hardship for family and friends. Financial, work, school and parental stress were feeling overwhelming and yet each day I began again on a path that seemed to have no reprieve in sight.

But as I sat with the Lord I wondered, what if it is not the reprieve we should be seeking but each moment we are walking, each step we are taking, aligning it with the Lord. Perhaps it is not so much all the prayers said or the daily Masses attended but the acceptance of the path we are given. The surrender of our will to God's will.

This witness to making God's will paramount above

our own has to be a beautiful gift for the Lord. My heart desires to do all the holy things, but what is necessary is to align ourselves first with the vocation we are called to. For me, that is wife and motherhood.

Our sanctification is found in our daily fiat to the life God has given us; the spouse and children we have been blessed with. Our service to their hearts and their sanctity help form us on the path we have been given. Saying yes to the Lord in this way is the surrender that we must trust in and the surrender that will make all the things be well in His time.

In our human desire to control things, we take the gift of knowing our path to heaven through our own vocation for granted. Through walking that path we have been given, surrendering each moment to the Lord and making it an offering, we align ourselves with His plan for our life and when we do that, peace comes. I am learning peace doesn't look like I'd hoped it did, with all the problems fixed and no more worry. Rather it looks and feels like the realization that we are not alone, that God is working for us and that we are becoming better versions of ourselves for Him through our surrender.

So, the next time you, like me, are tempted to make the lists and try to do "all the things" to fix all the problems, stop. Take a look at your own path and ask the Lord how He is calling you, just you, to walk your unique path of holiness and begin again. This is how we truly place our trust in Jesus.

Cathedrals and us

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in the nation's capital is a magnificent Neo-Gothic structure, based on 14th-century English models, that calls itself "Washington National Cathedral": a non-sequitur repeated by many others. There is, however, no such thing as a national cathedral. Recently restored Notre-Dame de Paris is the cathedral church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Paris; it's not "Paris National Cathedral." Ditto for St. Paul's in London; Christopher Wren's masterpiece is the cathedral church of the Anglican Diocese of London, not "London National Cathedral." A cathedral is the seat of the bishop of a diocese, and there are no national dioceses, even in small states like Liechtenstein and Luxembourg, where diocesan boundaries are coterminous with national borders. That Washington Cathedral is the seat of both the Episcopalian bishop of Washington and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States changes nothing because the latter is no more a "national bishop" than the Episcopal Church is America's national church.

To call the great edifice on Mt. St. Alban in the District of Columbia the "national cathedral" thus falls into the category of Washingtonian hyperbole, ecclesiastical subdivision. That's not the only odd thing about Wash-

ington Cathedral these days, however. For, like Anglican cathedrals in the U.K. that have become venues for helter skelters, "Princess Proms," and miniature golf courses, Washington Cathedral has become an "event space" where just about anything goes — including corporate "holiday parties" for clients, during which the nave of the cathedral is filled with drinks bars and food stations, a light show plays off the ribbed vaults, and a band performs in front of the chancel near a prefabricated dance floor.

That crass secularization of sacred space suggests that what calls itself a "national cathedral" has sadly become a witness to the real absence.

In glass and stone fashioned by craftsmen of faith, great cathedrals once embodied a tight synthesis of culture, society, and Church. That synthesis rarely exists today. All the more reason, then, to be reminded of what the great cathedrals teach us when they're allowed to do so. Pope Benedict XVI did that in his singularly lucid way in a homily at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral in 2008:

Archbishop John Hughes, who ... was responsible for building this venerable edifice, wished it to rise in pure Gothic style. He wanted this cathedral to remind the young Church in America of the great spiritual tradition to which it was heir, and to inspire it to bring the best of that heritage to the building up of Christ's

body in this land. I would like to draw your attention to a few aspects of this beautiful structure which I think can serve as a starting point for a reflection on ... the Mystical Body.

The first has to do with the stained-glass windows, which flood the interior with mystic light. From the outside, those windows are dark, heavy, even dreary. But once one enters the church, they suddenly come alive; reflecting the light passing through them, they reveal all their splendor. Many writers — here in America we can think of Nathaniel Hawthorne — have used the image of stained glass to illustrate the mystery of the Church herself. It is only from the inside, from the experience of faith and ecclesial life, that we see the Church as she truly is: flooded with grace, resplendent in beauty, adorned by the manifold gifts of the Spirit. It follows that we, who live the life of grace within the Church's communion, are called to draw all people into this mystery of light.

... The unity of a Gothic cathedral, we know, is not the static unity of a classical temple, but a unity born of the dynamic tension of diverse forces which impel the architecture upward, pointing it to Heaven. Here, too, we can see a symbol of the Church's unity, which is the unity — as St. Paul has told us — of a living body composed of many different members, each with its own role and purpose. Here too we see our need to acknowledge and reverence the gifts of each and every member of the body as "manifestations of the Spirit given for the good of all" (1 Cor 12:7).

The beauty of Catholic faith — the truths of which express the one Truth who is the Thrice-Holy God — is best understood "from inside." That is why those of us privileged to experience that beauty are called in Baptism to invite others "inside," so that they, too, may bathe in the radiance of the sublime beauty that is the divine presence in the world.

A true cathedral, functioning as such, is a summons to evangelization.

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Sixteen religious communities serving in the diocese attended a Mass on Sunday, Feb. 2, the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Photos courtesy Andy Long



Sister Antoinette Cedrone, FMA, the bishop's delegate for religious in the diocese, participates in the Mass with sisters from other religious communities.

Mass honors consecrated religious in diocese

Sixteen religious communities in the diocese joined Bishop Earl Fernandes for a Mass celebrating the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Priests in the diocese were invited to concelebrate the 5:15 p.m. Mass at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. A dinner for clergy and consecrated religious was held in the cathedral undercroft after Mass.

The children's choir from Lancast-

er St. Bernadette Church joined for the Mass.

Consecrated religious communities present included the Apostolic Sisters of St. John; Children of Mary; Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro; Congregation of Sisters of St. Dominic, Immaculate Conception Province; Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus; Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters); Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy; Dominican Sis-

ters of Peace; Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity; Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (FIH); Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Word; Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget (Bridgettines) and Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"The full realization of the true happiness of the consecrated life is very real

— a very precious thing, undoubtedly part of the hundredfold which Christ has promised to those who leave all and follow Him," said Sister Zephрина Mary, FIH, director of the diocesan Missions Office, who attended the Mass with consecrated sisters in her religious order. "I thank God for His special call and grace to lead a religious life and follow Him daily with a smile."

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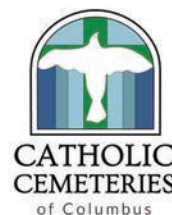
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Parishes plan special events, prayer services during Lent

The following is a list of special events for Lent planned in parishes of the Diocese of Columbus, as supplied to *The Catholic Times*:

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Lenten Encounter with the Sisters of the Children of Mary, based in Newark, Sunday to Wednesday, March 30 to April 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Theme: “Anchored to Two Pillars: Setting Out into Deep Waters.” Topics: Sunday, “Understanding Grace and the Indwelling Trinity”; Monday, “Jesus Eucharistic: Lament of the Sacred Heart”; Tuesday: “The Blessed Virgin Mary – Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Mother of Jesus Eucharistic”; Wednesday, “At Home in Christ’s Church and Redemptive Suffering”

Chillicothe St. Mary – Confessions, Monday, April 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, April 17, 8:30 p.m. to midnight (Evening Prayer 11:45 p.m.), church office

Circleville St. Joseph – Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, Tuesday, March 4, 6 p.m.; simple suppers, Fridays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 and April 4 and 11, 6 p.m.; penance service, Sunday, March 16, 3 p.m.; Adoration, Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; parish mission on the Eucharist with the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Thursday to Saturday, March 20 to 22, 7 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Adoration, Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia -- “School of Prayer” series with Father Bernard Mulcahy of the Pontifical College Josephinum, Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 7 to 9 p.m.

Columbus St. Christopher – Young Catholic Professionals evening of Adoration and confession, Thursday, March 20, 7 to 8 p.m.

Columbus St. James the Less – Day of recollection in English, Saturday, April 5, noon to 5:30 p.m.; retreat in Spanish, Saturday, April 12, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Living Stations of the Cross outdoors, Friday, April 18, 3 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Stations with improvised meditations by Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, cathedral organist and music director, Sunday, March

23, 3 p.m.; Tenebrae service with the Cathedral Schola, designed to re-create the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Good Friday, featuring Thomas Tallis’ Lamentations of Jeremiah and Gregorio Allegri’s Miserere, Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary German Village – Adoration, Benediction and confessions, Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene and St. Aloysius – Mary’s Way of the Cross, led by women of both parishes, Friday, April 18, 3 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church

Columbus St. Patrick – Release of a new “Lenten Light” video series on YouTube and Facebook, with a short reflection for the week by a Dominican friar, Monday mornings, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 and April 7 and 14; parish mission with Father James Sullivan, OP and Fr. Christopher Daniel, OP, Tuesday to Thursday, March 18 to 20. Subject: “Lent Matters: Growing in Faith, Hope and Charity.” Each day begins with 11:45 a.m. Mass, followed by confessions and all-day Adoration, Rosary at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7 and additional time for confessions, concluding with Benediction at 9 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Peter and Powell St. Joan of Arc – Penance service, Monday, March 18, 7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc. English- and Spanish-speaking priests available for confession.

Danville St. Luke – Penance service, Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Delaware St. Mary – Women’s Lent By Candlelight dinner, Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – “Sisters in Christ: A Lent to Remember” series, Wednesdays, March 5 and 19 and April 2 and 9, 1:15 p.m.; “Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well” series, Wednesdays, March 5 and 19 and April 2 and 9, 7 p.m. or Thursdays, March 6 and 20 and April 3 and 10, 10:30 a.m.; Parish Rosary, Sundays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13, 8:30 a.m.; Evening Prayer, Sundays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13, 5 p.m.; soup suppers, Tuesdays,

March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1 and 8, 6 p.m.; “Mom to Mom: The Sorrowful Mysteries” series, Wednesdays, March 19 and April 2, 9 and 16, 9:45 a.m.; Taize prayer service, Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.; Penance service and Vespers, Sunday, April 13, 5 p.m.; blessing of Easter food, Saturday, April 19, noon; Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m.

Gahanna St. Matthew -- “Restored” parish mission with John Edwards of “Just a Guy in the Pew” podcast. Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15. Friday, Stations, 6:30 p.m., Edwards’ conversion story, 7; reception, 8. Saturday, Mass, 8:30 a.m., talks on “Restoring Your Identity” and “The Most Important Thing,” 9 a.m. to noon with break between talks; Tenebrae service with Ensemble Una Voce vocal group, Wednesday, April 16, 8 p.m.

Johnstown Church of the Ascension – Vespers, Sundays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13, 4 p.m.

Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption – Evening Prayer, Sundays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6, 4 p.m.; soup suppers and Psalms, Wednesdays, March 12, 19 and 26 and April 2 and 9, after 6 p.m. Mass; penance service, Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.; Adoration, Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m., ending with Vespers at 4 p.m.; Living Stations, Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m.; Morning Prayer, Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, 9 a.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – “A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion” study, Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 and April 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, March 12, 19 and 26 and April 2 and 9, 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Evening Prayer and Vespers, Sundays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13, 5:30 p.m.; musical presentation of Bach’s full St. John Passion, Sunday, March 16, 3 p.m. Stations Through the Eyes of Mary, Friday, April 18, 3 p.m.; Tenebrae service, Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Talk series on “The Desert and the Lantern Waste” with parish faith formation director Jacob McCarthy, Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10, 6 p.m.; penance service, Tuesday April 1, 6:30 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Lenten evening of reflection with texts from Scripture, theologians and poets, together with music by Dan Schutte, Craig Courtney, Dan Forrest and Ola Gjeilo, Friday, March 14, 7 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Evening Prayer and Benediction, Mondays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 and April 7 and 14, 6 p.m., followed by Stations at 6:45

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Evening Prayer, Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15, 7 p.m.; Divine

Mercy Novena and Chaplet, Friday to Sunday, April 18 to 27, 2 p.m.

Plain City St. Joseph – Soup suppers, Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m., activity center; celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph, Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. Mass at church followed by dessert reception at activity center

St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Community – Confessions, Monday, April 14, 4 to 7 p.m., Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church; Walking Stations, Friday, April 18, 1:30 p.m., Holy Redeemer to Portsmouth St. Mary Church; Our Lady of Sorrows procession, Friday, April 18, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary

St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus – Seven Sorrows Rosary, Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Friday, April 11, noon

Somerset Holy Trinity-St. Joseph – Series on history of the Catholic Church with Father Andre-Joseph LaCasse, OP. Thursdays March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7 p.m., St. Joseph parish hall; Eucharistic Adoration, Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1 and 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., followed by Holy Hour and Benediction from 6 to 7, Holy Trinity

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Shroud of Turin exhibit, Friday, March 7, 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday to Friday, March 8 to 13, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Reconciliation service, Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Parish mission with Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, national director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers, Sunday to Tuesday, Feb. 23 to 25, 7 p.m. Talk subjects: Sunday, “The Greatest Threat to Holiness”; Monday, “Pray, Hope and Don’t Worry” (on raising faithful Catholics and encouraging the return of those who left the Church); Tuesday, “The Solution: Forgiveness and the Church.” Masses 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Confessions after Sunday and Monday talks. Reception, 8 p.m. Tuesday.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude – Miracles of the Eucharist traveling exhibit, Saturday March 15 after 4 p.m. Mass and Sunday, March 16 after 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses; Lenten Night of Mercy with Adoration and confessions, Tuesday, March 18, 5 to 6 p.m.; Ukrainian Easter egg making workshop, Sunday, March 30, noon to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.; Shadow Stations presented by parish youth, Friday, April 11, 6 p.m.; Good Friday outdoor stations, Friday, April 18, 3 p.m., weather permitting

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Diocesan parishes list Eucharistic Adoration times for Lent

The following is an updated list of locations throughout the diocese where Eucharistic Adoration is taking place, as supplied by the parishes to *The Catholic Times*. The list includes special Adoration times during Lent. Adoration does not take place during the Sacred Triduum from the evening of Holy Thursday, April 17 through the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. with confessions; Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Bridgettine Sisters (Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget of Sweden) convent, 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus) – Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 9 p.m.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Canal Winchester Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.; First Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m., both at St. John XXIII Church

Chillicothe St. Mary – Thursday, April 17, 8:30 p.m. to midnight (Evening Prayer 11:45 p.m.), church office; Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chillicothe St. Peter – 6 a.m. Tuesdays to 7 p.m. Thursdays; First Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Circleville St. Joseph – First Sundays, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – Saturdays after 11:30 a.m. Mass

Columbus Holy Spirit – First Fridays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – 6 a.m. Sundays to midnight Fridays; 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Holy Hours, Wednesdays, 3 p.m. for the unborn and 4 p.m. for an end to capital punishment; ADORE Night with confessions and praise and worship songs, Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fridays, 3 p.m.; Holy Hour for children, Saturdays, 3 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization (formerly Columbus Holy Name) – 6 p.m. Mondays to 8:30 a.m. Saturdays in chapel

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Columbus Sacred Heart – Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Agatha – Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Andrew – Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m., ending with Compline and Benediction

Columbus St. Catharine – Sundays through Fridays, 6 a.m. Sunday to midnight Friday, church closed Saturday

from 12:01 to 6 a.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays at 7 p.m. are ADORE nights featuring candlelit programs and confession

Columbus St. Cecilia – Tuesdays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Christopher – Weekdays, 3 to 4 p.m. with Mass at 4; Young Catholic Professionals adoration, Thursday, March 20, 7 to 8 p.m.

Columbus St. James the Less – Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m. with bilingual Benediction

Columbus St. Josephine Bakhita at St. Elizabeth Church – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Columbus St. Mary German Village – First Fridays, from after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1, 8 and 15, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Columbus St. Patrick – Fridays, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information)

Columbus St. Peter – Mondays through Fridays, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Columbus St. Stephen the Martyr – Thursdays, 6 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center – Mondays through Fridays, 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. when Ohio State University classes are in session

Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle – Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Coshocton Sacred Heart – First and third Fridays, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Danville St. Luke – Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Delaware St. Mary – Thursdays, after 5:30 p.m. Mass to 7:30 p.m.

Dennison Immaculate Conception – Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 to 9:30 a.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m., chapel; First Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., church

Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle – 24 hours, seven days a week in basement adoration chapel. Open to the public from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Holy Hour for the reparation, purification and sanctification of the Church, fourth Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Granville St. Edward – Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday; other Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator – Mondays, 6 to 10 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

(First Fridays until 1 p.m. Saturday); Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Johnstown Church of the Ascension – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to Benediction at 1 p.m.

Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption – Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m., ending with Vespers at 4 p.m.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 6 p.m. Thursdays to 8 a.m. Fridays

London St. Patrick – Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; First Fridays, noon to 5:15 p.m.

Marion St. Mary – Fridays, 5 to 6 p.m.; First Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; second Sundays (except April 13), 10 to 11 a.m.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – First Fridays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Thursdays, 3 to 10 p.m.; Fridays, 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Third Sundays, noon

New Lexington St. Rose – Wednesdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction and followed by Mass at 6:30

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Evening Prayer and Benediction, Mondays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 and April 7, 6 p.m.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Mondays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Perpetual Adoration, except from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Sign up at www.setonparish.com/ministries/adoration

Plain City St. Joseph – Mondays through Thursdays, 6 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 6 to 8 and 9 to 11 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Portsmouth St. Mary – Perpetual Adoration 24 hours a day, except when there are Masses or special events

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 9 a.m. Mondays to 8 a.m. Saturdays

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 9 p.m. in chapel, with Holy Hour from noon to 1 p.m. in church; Sundays, 4 to 5 p.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 6:30 a.m. Saturday

Somerset Holy Trinity – Tuesdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1 and 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., followed by Holy Hour and Benediction from 6 to 7

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – First Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily in chapel

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Sundays, 8 to 8:45 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays through Fridays, 7:15 to 8:15 a.m.

Waverly St. Mary, Queen of the Missions – Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Westerville St. Paul the Apostle – First and third Wednesdays, 2:30 to 9 p.m. (confessions 7 p.m.); First Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael the Archangel – 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Tuesdays to 9 p.m. Fridays in chapel; Holy Hour with confessions, Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in church

Zanesville St. Nicholas – First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in chapel

Zoar Holy Trinity – Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.



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created to be a gift."

She explained that there is no division between body, heart and spirit. God is a communion of persons. When He created woman, He created her in a "very beautiful and particular way."

"As women, we are made and created with the capacity to receive," Daunt said.

She explained how women are made with an "openness," and a woman's soul is crafted as a shelter in which others' souls can unfold. Women, she said, are created to be life bearers and life savers.

She acknowledged that many women do not feel loved, seen or that they have what it takes. So many, Daunt said, in their lives, have had broken places and traumas. As a result, women often do not love who they are and the truth of who they were created to be.

"Each of us have places that need to be attended to," she said, that have never been looked at or acknowledged.

Daunt said she is grateful she went through a healing process so she now has a greater capacity to receive and give the gift of herself. Doing so, she explained, can also help save individuals who "need that soft place to land." Women need opportunities to begin to heal.

"Your mission is awaiting," she said.

Daunt's talk was followed by Swafford, the author of "Emotional Virtue: A Guide to Drama-Free Relationships." Swafford speaks at schools, parishes, retreats and conferences worldwide. She and her husband, Dr. Andrew, a theology professor at Benedictine College, are parents to six children.

She said everybody today is "playing with a deck of cards that no one in human history has played with." She listed social media and online dating as examples.

This moment in time is also filled with much fear and isolation.

She likened aspects of the present moment to Communism in Europe. Catholics at the time lived among Communist spies and in a "conform or be canceled" culture, Swafford said. Many Catholic young adults escaped to the Polish mountains with Pope St. John Paul II, then Father Karol Wojtyla, to talk about God.

She told the audience that they also need "zones of freedom" today.

"We have to be able to see the places in our heart where we ache the most," she said.

Swafford explored the "cycle of use." She invited those present to reflect on a time when they used or were used by somebody. She apologized for the times they have not been loved well.

She then asked each woman to voice aloud, "I will not use you, and I will not let you use me."

Swafford explained that individuals can often look in the wrong places for



Conference speaker Carrie Schuchts Daunt
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God. She offered the example of turning to her husband to fix certain problems when only God can.

"It is so easy as women to want to make a man our God," she said.

She explained how many young adults today try to be perfect and find someone perfect for a spouse. She said young men and women end up worshiping each other.

She played a clip from *The Chosen*, a television series based on the life of Christ. The scene was a reenactment of the healing of a man paralyzed for 38 years, recounted in the fifth chapter of St. John's gospel. Jesus asks the man, "Do you want to be healed?"

Swafford pointed out that the man answers with an excuse, but Christ shows the man that all he needs is Him. She said that is her cry for each woman present.

"The greatest gift you can give is your own healing," she said.

Sister Mercedes followed Swafford's talk by sharing some of her story.

She entered the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in 2011 and professed her final vows in 2019.

After college, she moved to New York. Her cousin there, she said, had a very alive and beautiful Catholic faith. She invited Sister Mercedes over for ministry gatherings at her home.

She recognized that people there loved her in a different way. However, she said, she was at a point where she did not want to be seen outside of the house with them.

At the time, she was working for a Manhattan-based non-profit, planning trips and bringing medical supplies and doctors to Cuba and Nicaragua.

At the invitation of her cousin's friends, she attended a retreat.

She went to confession and participated in a night of Adoration. Sister Mercedes explained that she had a moment of truly knowing Christ's love for her.



Laura Wilson, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, holds daughter Elena.

She said she knew it was Jesus there and she had to respond.

The retreat was on Divine Mercy Sunday, and when Sister Mercedes later took the religious name "Mercedes" after Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes (Our Lady of Mercy), that would be her feast day.

In the time after the retreat, Mercedes began working with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Sisters of Life in New York. She said it was her first time seeing "young, habited religious." She recalled being struck that they were "normal."

In spending more time with them, she recognized that their joy for consecrated life corresponded with the joy in her heart.

More than 3,000 women present then participated in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Lord was processed in a monstrance carried by Father Riccardo, who spoke later that afternoon.

As he carried the Blessed Sacrament up and down the aisles, women fell to their knees, adoring the Eucharistic Lord.

After a lunch break and time to visit vendor tables, attendees enjoyed a performance by The Vigil Project. The group's co-director, Andrea Thomas of Cincinnati, is a worship leader dedicated to restoring devotional prayer in the Catholic Church. Other group members come from Nashville, New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

In his talk that afternoon, Father Riccardo described the present moment as a time of tremendous despair and anxiety. He attributed it to "the new Great Depression."

He shared startling statistics that the suicide rate is up 30 percent in the United States and up 50 percent among women during the last 20 years.

He also shared data that one in three teenage girls consider suicide. In girls

ages 10 to 14, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

Father Riccardo said Christendom, a time shaped by a Christian worldview, is gone or rapidly leaving.

Contemplating where the "new order" is, he told women gathered, "I think you're the new order." He said God has put a call on their lives – the greatest mission: to fish for men and women (Mark 1:17).

He encouraged attendees to open up their homes. He said the home is where reality meets the Church.

In being hospitable and hosting individuals in the home, Father Riccardo said, culture will encounter God. He noted that the word "hospital" in Latin means "house for strangers."

"Your home is a hospital, and your kitchen table is the operating table," he said.

Practicing hospitality and turning people back to the sacraments and the Church will give hope to an increasingly anxious generation, he explained.

Guilfoyle, who has served for years in parish ministry, was the final speaker of the day. She focused on identity, which, she said, is a universal struggle.

She said the enemy – the devil – leads women into deep despair and doubt, robbing them of their confidence in God. He preys on their identity.

"How we see ourselves has very little to do with how we are," she said.

Guilfoyle reminded women that they are good at pretending, wearing a mask and acting as if they have it all together. Women struggle because they often depend on what other people think of them. They let the enemy or others define them.

"The core of who we are can become twisted," she explained, leading a woman to think she needs to be perfect at everything. Trying to do so, however, can replace the pursuit of God.

She said they need to know how the enemy works.

The devil calls individuals names such as "abandoned," "unwanted," "a mess," "addict" or "rejected," but she told them, they are not who the enemy says they are.

The conference concluded with a 4 p.m. vigil Mass celebrated by Father David Sizemore, pastor at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church.

Concelebrants included Fathers Riccardo and David Johnstone, chaplain for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. Deacons Felix Azzola and Matthew Paulus from Delaware St. Mary Church assisted.

Music for the Mass was provided by the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference Choir and Sharon Silleck, director of sacred music at Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption.

Clergy Who Cook raises record total for seminarians

By Hannah Heil

Catholic Times Reporter

Sliders, tacos and gelato were among the dishes served at the 15th annual Clergy Who Cook event at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Friday, Jan. 31.

The annual fundraiser is organized by the Friends of the Josephinum, a group of lay men and women founded in 1984 who raise money for men in formation for the priesthood.

This year's Clergy Who Cook fundraiser was the most successful to date. The event raised more than \$112,000.

All proceeds from the event will benefit seminarians at the college, funding the cost of tuition, school books, technology and medical and living expenses. It will also help with unforeseen expenses such as money for transportation home in the event of an emergency.

The money raised "helps fill in the gaps" for seminarians, explained Rick Jeric, vice president of advancement at the Josephinum. "They have a lot of needs, as you can imagine."

The Josephinum's advancement office works closely with the Friends of the Josephinum to provide support when needed.

"This is a great event," Jeric said. "It keeps growing. Every year it gets bigger."

This year's sold-out event with more than 200 guests featured food samples prepared by 11 clergy members. Each chef was permitted two assistants. Their culinary creations included a range of Indian, Italian and Latin delights.

Former food editor at *The Columbus Dispatch* Robin Davis served as culinary judge.

Davis, who is also author of *Recipe for Joy*, presented four awards: People's Choice, Most Creative, Most Complex and Grand Chef.

Father David Arroyo, the diocesan vicar for Hispanic ministry, received the Most Complex award for his Miniature Tacos. Father Arroyo also serves as chaplain at Cristo Rey Columbus High School and is an adjunct professor at the Josephinum.

Davis awarded Deacon Christopher Walsh's Coney Dogs the Most Creative. Deacon Walsh serves at Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church.

The guests could sample each clergy member's creation. Attendees were given a wooden star to vote for their favorite cuisine.

Participants chose Father Jacques Kik, pastor at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church, for the People's Choice award. Father Kik's Sausages: Soujouk (spicy) & Makanek (mild) with Grilled Veggies & Hummus were a fan favorite.

Guests could also purchase "Clergy Cash" to donate to a chef of choice. The clergy member who brought in the most money overall – from both in and outside of the event – won Grand Chef.

The award went to a team of five clergy from Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church – Fathers Jim Black and Tim Lynch and Deacons Frank Iannarino, Steve Petrill and Paul Zemanek – for their Moo Shu Sloppy Joe Sliders.



Participating in the Clergy Who Cook event at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Jan. 31 were priests and deacons serving in the diocese. Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

"I think people are very generous with this," Father Black said. "We raise a lot of money – and not so much raise a lot of money, we do a lot of good for seminarians who need some help."

As a first this year, the event included a live auction with local auctioneer Chris Davis. Using paddles with images of the seminarians' faces, attendees bid on an array of baskets donated by individuals, businesses and organizations.

The event's first live auction garnered thousands of dollars, all of which will benefit seminarians.

"We're just as happy as can be," Clergy Who Cook co-chairman Marci Maynard said. "We went into this thinking, 'Well, if it doesn't work at least we tried,' and it was a huge, huge success – beyond huge – and I can't be happier with the outcome."

Maynard and her co-chair, Jen Bennett, headed the evening's event.

Other clergy who cooked included Father Daniel Colby, parochial vicar at Marion St. Mary and Cardington Sacred Hearts churches. He prepared Sweet Potato and Black Bean Salad, and Father Tom Gardner, pastor at Coshocton Sacred Heart Church, fashioned "Guadalupe Bites" with three homemade salsas.

Father Patrick Toner, administrator at Delaware St. Mary Church, baked Irish coffee cupcakes, and Deacon Anthony Bonacci, who serves at Plain City St. Joseph Church, made Pizzelles & Gelato.

Father Peter Gideon, administrator at Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, was chef of the Lobster Newburg. His two sous-chefs, from New Lexington St. Rose Church, prepared a complimentary Raspberry Streusel dessert.

Also from Our Lady of Peace, Deacon Lou Griffith and the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary had their own station featuring Kerala Chicken Cutlets. The religious sisters, who are serving in the Columbus diocese, are natives of Kerala, India.

Father Brian O'Connor, pastor at Canal Winchester Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish, prepared "Monsi-

gnor Funk's Chocolate Walnut Cookies." The dessert, a French Christmas cookie, was made in honor of a diocesan priest.

Msgr. David Funk, the recipe's author, died a few weeks before the event. Msgr. Funk served at several diocesan parishes, including as pastor at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church, where he also resided after retirement until his death.

"Last summer, my mom tells me that she was going through a recipe book and found a recipe that Msgr. Funk had submitted 10 years ago to *The Columbus Dispatch*," Father O'Connor explained. "I said, 'Well, gosh, maybe I'll do those for Clergy Who Cook this year,' because Monsignor just celebrated his 50th anniversary of priesthood. 'Of course, he passed away here at the beginning of the month, and so, a little different to honor him but certainly very much in his memory.'"

Father O'Connor expressed gratitude to the Friends of the Josephinum. As a graduate of the college, he benefited from their generosity.

"When I was in seminary, they helped me to go on a mission trip to El Salvador, financially, and so, that was a great gift," he said. "They're a great organization for all the seminarians here at the Josephinum."

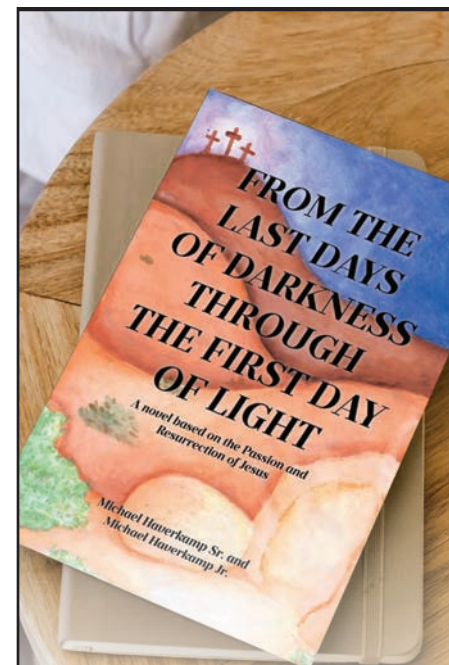
Attendees also heard remarks from Father Steven Beseau, rector and president of the Josephinum. He joked that, while it might be a surprise, clergy can be as talented in feeding people physically as they are in feeding souls.

Seminarians John Paul Stepnowski of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, and Omar Lara of the Diocese of Oakland, California, served as masters of ceremonies.

Just under a year away from the next Clergy Who Cook event, some chefs are gearing up. Deacon Bonacci and his sous-chef, John Ciuca, a member of the Knights of Columbus council at St. Joseph Church, start making plans early, Ciuca said.

"As soon as we're done, we're like, 'What do you want to do next year?'"

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St. Bernadette celebrates traditional Candlemas Mass

By Hannah Heil

Catholic Times Reporter

LANCASTER – The faithful at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church imitated the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph bringing Christ – the light of the world – into the temple while celebrating the feast of Candlemas on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Hundreds of men, women and children gathered before the 7:30 p.m. Mass in the adjoining St. Bernadette School gymnasium. They received blessed candles and processed into the church, as the Holy Family did into the temple in Jerusalem more than 2,000 years ago.

Also known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the celebration recounts Mary and Joseph's presentation of Jesus in the temple 40 days after His birth, as prescribed by Jewish law. The Presentation is recorded in the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 2:22-38).

Traditionally, candles are blessed immediately before the Mass followed by a candlelight procession, representing the light of Christ.

After the blessing and sprinkling of candles with holy water, the faithful at St. Bernadette processed outside with lighted hand candles and into the church for Mass.

One of the antiphons sung during the procession, "Adorn thy bride-chamber, O Zion, and receive Christ, thy King," symbolizes the Church, the Bride of Christ, going to meet Christ, the Bridegroom, the first time that He enters the temple in the flesh.

Approximately 20 altar servers assisted in the celebration as well as the parish's two deacons, Jeff Carpenter and Mark Scarpitti.

St. Bernadette Church was adorned with candles throughout for the Mass, symbolizing Christ as the light of the world.

"A while back I had read an article online where a church would offer eve-



Holding candles (from left) during a Mass at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church on the feast of Candlemas are (from left) Addy, Karah, Wyatt and Sarah Borah. Photo courtesy Ray Stewart

ning Masses periodically lit by candlelight only. They seemed to draw in large crowds – I think they were younger crowds, maybe even college students – so I thought I'd like to try one. The feast of Candlemas seemed to be the perfect time," said Father Daniel Olvera, the church's pastor.

Sarah Borah, the parish's faith formation coordinator, helped decorate the church by creating more than 160 candle holders that were tied to the end of each pew.

The candlelight procession was also an important part of the Mass, Father Olvera explained, because it reminds the congregation of Mary and Joseph bringing the light of the world into the temple.

The Mass drew a significant crowd, including many families with young children.

"I had no idea what the attendance would be like, so I gave it over to Our Lord, Our Lady and St. Bernadette," he

"Candlemas was a beautiful liturgy, and we were honored to be able to help with it," Wes said.

The young couple, who have been St. Bernadette parishioners for about five years, converted to the Catholic faith two years after they married. They have seven children, four of whom served at the Mass.

The Bakers had experience chanting Masses in Latin.

"It is truly an honor to sing the same prayers in the same language to the same melodies as so many of the saints who have gone before us, and who, with the angels, are singing with us at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass," Wes said.

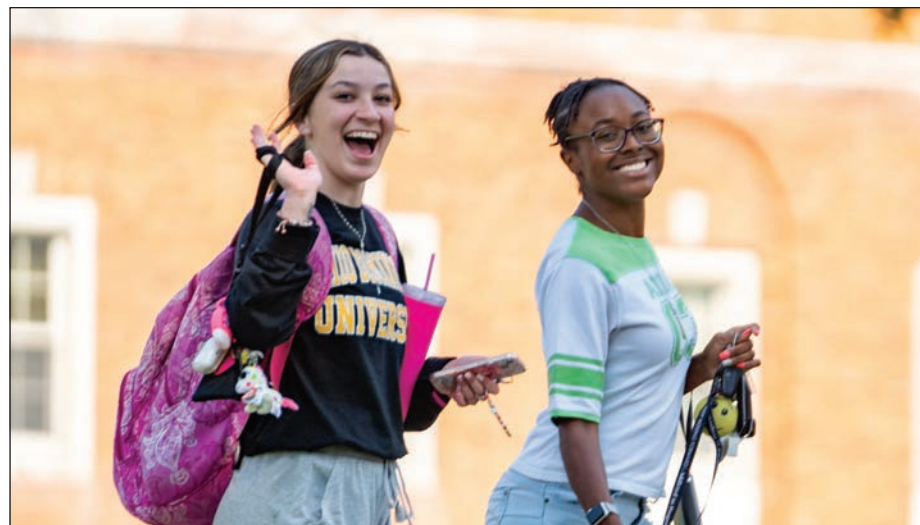
"These chants are a living connection with our Catholic forebears, especially for this feast, which is one of the oldest on the Church's calendar."

On the feast of Candlemas, the Church blesses all the liturgical candles to be used during the year.

Candlemas also marks the end of the extended Christmas cycle. Many church Christmas decorations are removed after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (the Sunday after Epiphany Sunday), while the nativity scene traditionally remains until Feb. 2.

said. "The attendance exceeded my expectation with over 300 in attendance."

Incorporating another traditional aspect, the words of the Mass – the Ordinary Form of the Mass – were proclaimed in Latin rather than English. At the invitation of Father Olvera, parishioner Wes Baker and his wife, Kelly, also led the congregation in chanting, or singing, the Mass prayers in Latin.



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Polish Dinner
Friday, 4-11, 5-7 p.m.

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Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m.

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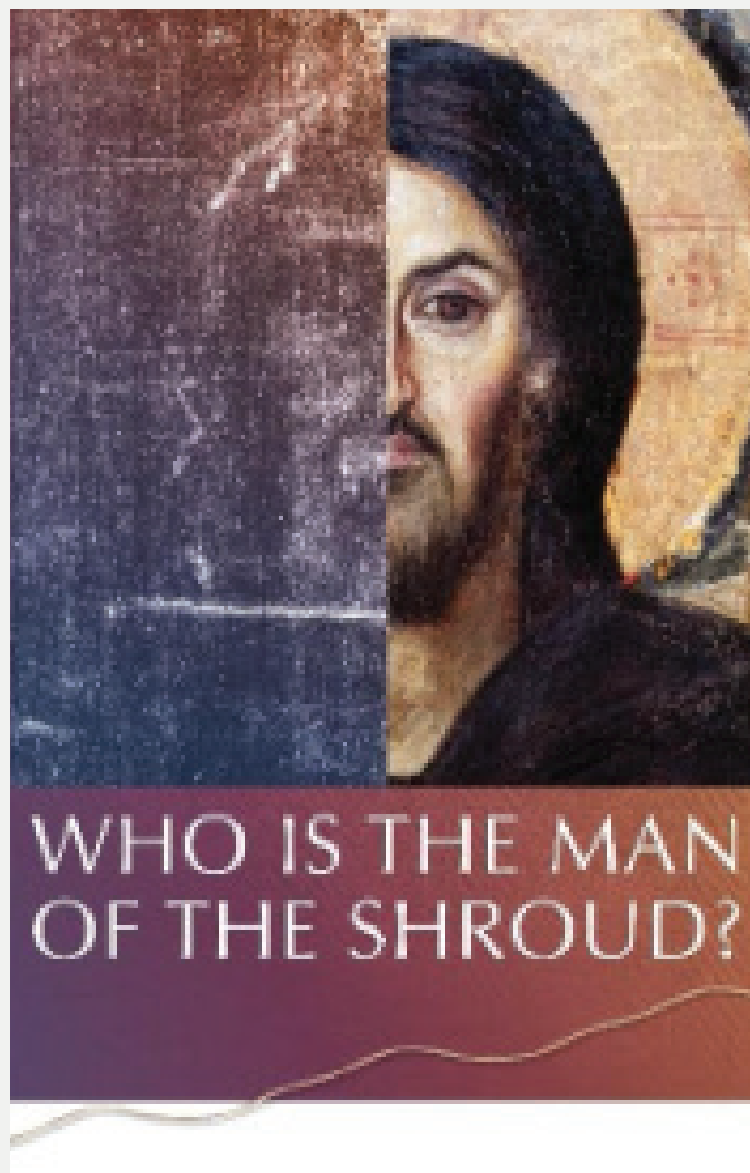
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Date & Time

March 7-13, 2025

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Presentation & Discussion:

March 12 at 11:30 am and March 13 at 6:45 pm
(Same presentation on both days)

Location

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

The Faith and Family Center
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The exhibit was developed by Othonia, a part of the Institute of Science and Faith at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University located in Rome, Italy.



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Surrounding the altar for the last Mass with Bishop Earl Fernandes (center) at Heath St. Leonard Church are (from left) Father Mike Gentry, Father PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri, Msgr. Paul Enke, an altar server, Father Charles Cotton and Father David Sizemore. *CT photos by Ken Snow*

Bishop offers final Mass at Heath St. Leonard Church

Bishop Earl Fernandes and five diocesan priests concelebrated the closing Mass for Heath St. Leonard Church on Sunday, Feb. 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

The bishop had announced the closing of the parish in a decree issued Jan. 15 that said its boundaries would be added to those of Newark St. Francis de Sales Church.

In his homily on the closing, the bishop said, "Today, although it is a sad day, a difficult day for many of you, I understand, it is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many blessings and graces He has poured out in this temple, which was built for His glory, built as a place for Him to encounter His people."

"We give thanks to God for the PIME Fathers who built this parish and whose first staff included some of the diocesan priests here present who have helped to

bring the sacraments, Christ's presence, to the holy people of God.

"We give thanks to God for the new life He gave through the waters of baptism, for those couples who witnessed to true love by getting married in this church, the young people who were confirmed here, who received Christ in Holy Communion.

"God has chosen this place for a particular period and time to pour out grace upon grace upon grace; for His people to see what Simeon saw: salvation; to experience mercy and tenderness in the confessional, or through the Sacrament of the Sick. This, then, is an opportunity to say 'thank you.'"

"Now certainly, St. Leonard's will be combined with St. Francis de Sales and we hope that many of you go and partic-

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The sanctuary at Heath St. Leonard Church is filled for the closing Mass on Sunday, Feb. 2.

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As we face a growing mental health crisis in our society, what should we do?

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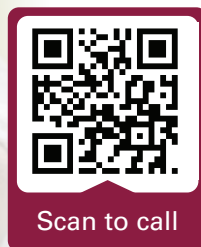
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LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Bishop to present Catholic Man of the Year award

Bishop Earl Fernandes will present the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's annual Catholic Man of the Year award at the club's meeting after the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, March 7 at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

No reservations are necessary. There is a suggested donation of \$12 to cover costs of the lunch and meeting.

The club's next meeting on Friday, April 4 will feature a talk by lay evangelist Justin Fatica on the subject "Hard as Nails."

The March luncheon will be sponsored by St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. The Joseph Group will be the April luncheon sponsor. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact David Kilanski at dkilano@aol.com.

Statehouse Adoration will take place March 11

As part of going out on mission during the National Eucharistic Revival, the Catholic bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to spend time with Jesus and pray for national, state and government leaders during a period of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, March 11 at the Ohio Statehouse.

Adoration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Statehouse's Thomas Worthington Center.

For more details, go to www.ohiocatholic.org/adoration.

Museum to host 'Ask a Priest' Night

Anyone with questions about the Catholic Church that they'd like a priest to answer will have the chance to do so at an "Ask the Priest" night on Friday, Feb. 28 at The Museum of Catholic Art and History, 257 E. Broad St., Columbus.

Priests participating will be Msgr. Frank Lane, administrator of Columbus Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist churches; Father Thomas Blau, OP, of the Columbus St. Patrick Priory and the Barnabas Ministry; Father Michael Donovan, O de M, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church; and Father David Johnstone, parochial vicar of Worthington St. Michael Church.

Those attending will be able to have their questions answered anonymously by dropping them in a basket. The event will open at 6 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception followed by the program from 6:30 to 8:30. There will be a \$25 admission charge.

Questions also may be emailed to info@catholicmuseum.org or dropped off at the museum by Thursday, Feb. 27.

SPICE St. Patrick's party set for March 1

The Columbus St. Catharine Church SPICE program's 22nd annual St. Pat-

rick's Day party will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1 in the Msgr. Sorohan Center at the church, 500 S. Gould Road.

The evening will include Irish food, Irish step dancing and live music from the Hooligans and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased at www.StCatharine.com.

SPICE (Special People In Catholic Education) was founded at the parish and has spread to several other areas nationwide. It recognizes that each parish child is a unique individual with different learning needs and supports serving the educational needs of these children.

For more information or to donate auction items, contact Justin or Marin Santorsola at santorj@gmail.com.

Church of the Resurrection offers evening of reflection

The combined choirs and instrumental ensembles at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, will present a Lenten evening of reflection at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14.

Texts from Scripture, theologians and poets, together with music by Dan Schutte, Craig Courtney, Dan Forrest and Ola Gjeilo, will invite participants to enter more deeply into the season of Lent by journeying through the passion of Christ.

For more information, contact parish music director Thom Wyatt at twyatt@cotrna.org.

Serra Club announces essay contest winners

The Serra Club of Columbus has announced the 10 winners of its second annual priestly vocations essay contest.

They are Grant Bender, Columbus St. Catharine of Siena; Elliott Brooks and Nicholas Ryan Shafer, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Jack Dury, Nathan Marx and George Zafirides, Columbus St. Agatha; Evan Messina and Patrick Monahan, Worthington St. Michael the Archangel; Justin Nagy, Columbus Immaculate Conception; and Jack Reardon, Columbus Our Lady of Peace.

Each will receive a medal and certificate from Bishop Earl Fernandes at the Serra Club's Altar Server Award Ceremony on Sunday, May 4 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

All eighth-grade boys in the diocese were challenged at the beginning of the school year to write an essay of 500 words or less on whether they thought God was calling them to the priesthood. The writers of the 10 most promising essays were awarded \$1,000 tuition assistance to a diocesan Catholic high school.

The club will sponsor the competition again this coming fall.

St. Colman of Cloyne schedules parish mission

A parish mission with Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, will take place from Sunday to Tuesday, Feb. 23 to 25, at Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne Church, 277 East St.

Father Tuscan will hear confessions, celebrate and deliver a homily at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 22 and 9 a.m. the following day and be the homilist for the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

His mission talks will be at 7 p.m. each day. Subjects will be: Sunday, "The Greatest Threat to Holiness"; Monday, "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry" (on raising faithful Catholics and encouraging the return of those who left the Church); and Tuesday, "The Solution: Forgiveness and the Church." He will celebrate Mass at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and hear confessions after the talks Sunday and Monday. There will be a reception at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The talk, an accompanying video and the reception Tuesday will be in the parish hall. The other events will be in the church.

Father Tuscan is national director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers and in full-time preaching ministry for the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, offering retreats and reflection days for parishes, religious and priests.

Children of Mary to conduct Lenten Encounter

The sisters of the Children of Mary, based in Newark, will conduct a Lenten Encounter at Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., from 6 to 8 p.m. each night from Sunday to Wednesday, March 30 to April 3.

The theme for the four evenings will be "Anchored to Two Pillars: Setting Out into Deep Waters." Topics for each session will be: Sunday, "Understanding Grace and the Indwelling Trinity"; Monday, "Jesus Eucharistic: Lament of the Sacred Heart"; Tuesday: "The Blessed Virgin Mary – Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Mother of Jesus Eucharistic"; Wednesday, "At Home in Christ's Church and Redemptive Suffering."

'Just a Guy in the Pew' to speak at St. Matthew

A parish mission titled "Restored" will be led Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15 at Gahanna St. Matthew the Apostle Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, by John Edwards, Catholic evangelist and host of the popular Just a Guy in the Pew podcast.

Edwards will share his testimony of

transformation from drug addiction to discipleship, highlighting the importance of restoring our identity as beloved sons and daughters of the Father and the vital need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

After the mission concludes, he will host a men's group leadership training session.

The schedule for the mission is: Friday, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m., Edwards' conversion story, 7; reception, 8; Saturday, Mass, 8:30 a.m., talks on "Restoring Your Identity" and "The Most Important Thing," 9 a.m. to noon with a break between talks.

'Lent Matters' is mission theme at Columbus St. Patrick

Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will be the site for a parish mission titled "Lent Matters: Growing in Faith, Hope and Charity" from Tuesday to Thursday, March 18 to 20 with Father James Sullivan, OP and Fr. Christopher Daniel, OP.

The mission will begin each day with Mass at 11:45 a.m., followed by confessions, all-day Eucharistic Adoration, rosary at 6:30 p.m. and a talk at 7, with more confessions afterward and concluding with Benediction at 9 p.m.

Franciscan to launch Doctor of Ministry program in faith

Franciscan University of Steubenville will launch a Doctor of Ministry in Evangelization and Catechetics (DMin) Program in the fall. With recent approval from the Higher Learning Commission and Ohio Department of Higher Education, the program will be the university's second doctoral program, following the beginning of its Ph.D. in Theology program in the fall of 2024.

The DMin program will offer students theological, catechetical and pastoral formation to equip them to serve in Catholic higher education, Church leadership and many other apostolates.

The doctor of ministry degree completes a master of divinity, master of catechetics or master of theology degree with a pastoral focus. It is a three-to five-year program built for working professionals in Catholic ministry. The graduate-level classes are offered primarily online and are complemented by three nine-day summer residential sessions. The course of study culminates in a doctoral thesis project.

For more information, visit <https://franciscan.edu/doctor-ministry.html>.

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The totally gratuitous love of God

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Tyron Tomson
Father Tyron Tomson is a priest of the
Diocese of Columbus pursuing a Licentiate in
Sacred Scripture in Rome.



Experience wises us up to the tempting trick of a “free” offer, whether it’s a t-shirt, trial subscription, checking account or lunch. There’s always a catch ... strings are surely and securely attached.

As a result, when the Lord teaches about generous love in the Scriptures, we can find it difficult. It seems unfair in our economic mindset to “Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.” Christ speaks in familiar financial terms of borrowing and interest: “If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.” His images are drawn from the Mediterranean commercial world. The barebones minimum given as a contrast to His own magnanimous example exposes how far we can be from real charity.

The Gospel injunction remains solidly logical in theory and readily verifiable in practice: “For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” He’s teaching more deeply about the justice of our judgment before God, which far transcends fiscal analogies. The terms are hardly arbitrary. Thankfully so. We will find that perfectly suitably fitting to each individual, by definition.

Every Biblical figure demonstrates as much. For example, the maniacal King Saul hunting down David in a jealous rage had his life spared by his own prey. The military commander Abishai wanted to kill him, but his wise uncle David prevented it, both for his own sake and

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for his nephew’s: “for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed and remain unpunished?” He both spiritual and literally took the higher ground, which always symbolizes closeness to the Lord: “David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance.” The forthcoming Golden Rule in the New Covenant was already present in the people’s hearts under the Old Law, as David professes: “The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness.” We all must choose either the way of David or of Abishai. This reflection is timely as we prepare our Lenten resolutions. Are we generous with mercy, especially in how well we treat our adversaries?

We must choose love out of reverence for God and with no demand of recompense, patterned after His paternal care: “As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion,” sings the Psalmist, King David. That great holy hero had his share of sins, like every one of us. He was saved, both physically and spiritually, and poignantly reminds us of God’s forgiveness: “He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction.” David was passing on what he had received because he had integrated it in a fundamental way into his character, and shared that blessing.

“Kindness doesn’t cost anything,” as the wise phrase goes. True enough, but being holy consists in much more than being a decent person. Ultimately, nothing less than our salvation comes down to remaining among fallen humanity or being transformed into the

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

2-24/3-1 MONDAY Sirach 1:1-10 Psalm 93:1-2,5 Mark 9:14-29	THURSDAY Sirach 5:1-8 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Mark 9:41-50	3-3/3-8 MONDAY Sirach 17:20-24 Psalm 32:1-2,5-7 Mark 10:17-27	THURSDAY Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Luke 9:22-25
TUESDAY Sirach 2:1-11 Psalm 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40 Mark 9:30-37	FRIDAY Sirach 6:5-17 Psalm 119:12,16,18,27,34-35 Mark 10:1-12	TUESDAY Sirach 35:1-12 Psalm 50:5-8,14-23 Mark 10:28-31	FRIDAY Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 51:3-6b,18-19 Matthew 9:14-15
WEDNESDAY Sirach 4:11-19 Psalm 119:165,168,171-172,174-175 Mark 9:38-40	SATURDAY Sirach 17:1-15 Psalm 103:13-18 Mark 10:13-16	WEDNESDAY Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	SATURDAY Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION: Mass Schedule: Weeks of Feb. 23 and March 2.

SUNDAY MASS

10:30am Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio AM820, Columbus, FM88.3, Portsmouth, and FM106.7, Athens., and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org.

Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 7:30 and 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or Breeze-line Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from the Archdiocese of

Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

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, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City, Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville); 8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com. 12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Satur-

days, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannstmary.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

We pray the seasonal propers for Weeks III and IV of the Liturgy of the Hours

New Adam: “The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven.” We have departed from the path of God’s love, right along with the rest of mankind. Nonetheless, and in fact right in the midst of that failure, the Redeemer provides hope of redemption through configuration to Himself: “Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.” St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians highlights the nature of God’s love as a free gift incarnated in Christ as a principal theme, emphasizing the Paschal Mystery of His life, death, and resurrection as its source.

Our tangled human intentions find themselves regularly in need of being straightened out, purified, and sanctified after the pattern Christ has set for us. We can’t engage in business “best practices” mentality when it comes to the matters of holiness. The rules of the marketplace don’t dictate the terms of relationships for Christians. We can’t ask ourselves what good will be done for us in return. That’s not God’s idea of love. The greatest good possible, our salvation, has already been accomplished for us. That utter gratuity of grace must be imitated, for “The Lord is kind and merciful.” He desires that we be like Him.

We need to become good disciples of Christ

Sirach 27:4-7
Ps. 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Ervens Mengelle, IVE, SSL
Father Ervens Mengelle, IVE, SSL, is an Assistant Professor of Scripture and Dean of Men in the School of Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum. He holds a licentiate in biblical exegesis from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome with further biblical studies at the Toronto School of Theology.



Today’s passage of the gospel is the last didactic section of the Sermon on the Plain that we began reading two weeks ago (the remaining part exhorts us to act on Jesus’ words, see Luke 6:46-49). The title “Sermon on the Plain” serves to relate and distinguish this sermon from the usually better known “Sermon on the Mountain” that is in Matthew 5-7. Both of them open with similar expressions, “Blessed are ...”, but while Matthew provides a total of eight beatitudes, Luke gives four beatitudes and four woes. This way, Luke introduces the sermon with the very well-known doc-

trine of the two paths or the two ways, a feature of wisdom literature (see Lady Wisdom versus Lady Folly in Proverbs; Psalm 1).

In today’s passage, we can appreciate another characteristic of wisdom literature, which is to know the style of exposition by way of juxtaposition (also called parataxis). This is common in books such as Proverbs and Sirach. The juxtaposition of the different sections

lets the imagination of the reader/hearer attempt to figure out what exactly the connections among the different parts of speech are. Thus, it allows for much richer consideration than does a speech that tries to spell out all the exact connections (especially by use of syntax).

The real challenge in life is to enter the right path. In today’s passage, Jesus clearly asserts the need to have some guidance to become a disciple (from the Latin *discere*: “to learn”) and be adequately educated. Discipleship presumes a period of training before becoming a teacher. As a matter of fact, to be a good teacher, we need first to be a good disciple (in the same way that to be good at giving orders demands that we first learn to obey). That is why Jesus warns us that, before attempting to become a

guide, we need to see clearly, that is to say, to “remove the wooden beam” from our eye first.

We will be able to do it, that is to say to correct our defects and shortcomings, if we, first of all, are correctly educated and disciplined. Jesus makes us aware that we need to recognize whom we will trust as a guide. Echoing this phrase of the gospel, the great mystical doctor, St. John of the Cross, advises to “take care into whose hands they entrust themselves” (*Living Flame of Life* 3:30). Even though the ultimate guide is the Holy Spirit Himself (Who is the one guiding Jesus, see Luke 4:1,14,18), Providence normally works through human agents. Hence, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* lists a num-

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ber of guides in numbers 2683-2690, beginning with the family.

Ultimately, all guidance is done through human speech. Today's first reading and gospel reading point this out on a repeated basis, especially the fact that speech allows us to know what is in the mind or heart of somebody, which will let us realize if that person is trustworthy. In addition, we must make use of our words in such a way that we help to build up our neighbor, as St. Paul says, "No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear" (Eph 4:29). We are called to assist each other in following the right path; therefore, it is vital that our words echo the Word of God.

We are about to begin the Lenten discipline. This is always a very good time for us to examine our lives and conduct in order to make sure that we enter the Easter season with our hearts fully renewed by God's grace and with the determination to follow Jesus' path. A couple of questions coming from today's readings that may help our examination are the following: 1) Whom do I trust as my Master? 2) What use do I make of words to build others up?

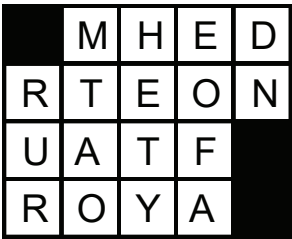
Meanwhile, "... let us pray to God, pray with great love and hope, that he may give us the heavenly grace of the Spirit. Let us pray that the Spirit may guide us and lead us, following God's will in every way, and may remake us in stillness and in quiet. Thanks to his guidance and spiritual strengthening, may we be found worthy to attain the perfection and fullness of Christ. As St Paul says: that you may be filled to the complete fullness of Christ" (Office of Readings, Friday IV week Ordinary Time).

Words of Wisdom

by Pat Battaglia, aka Dr. Fun

Draw a path from letter to letter to spell the words given in capital letters that completes the wisdom statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left or diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

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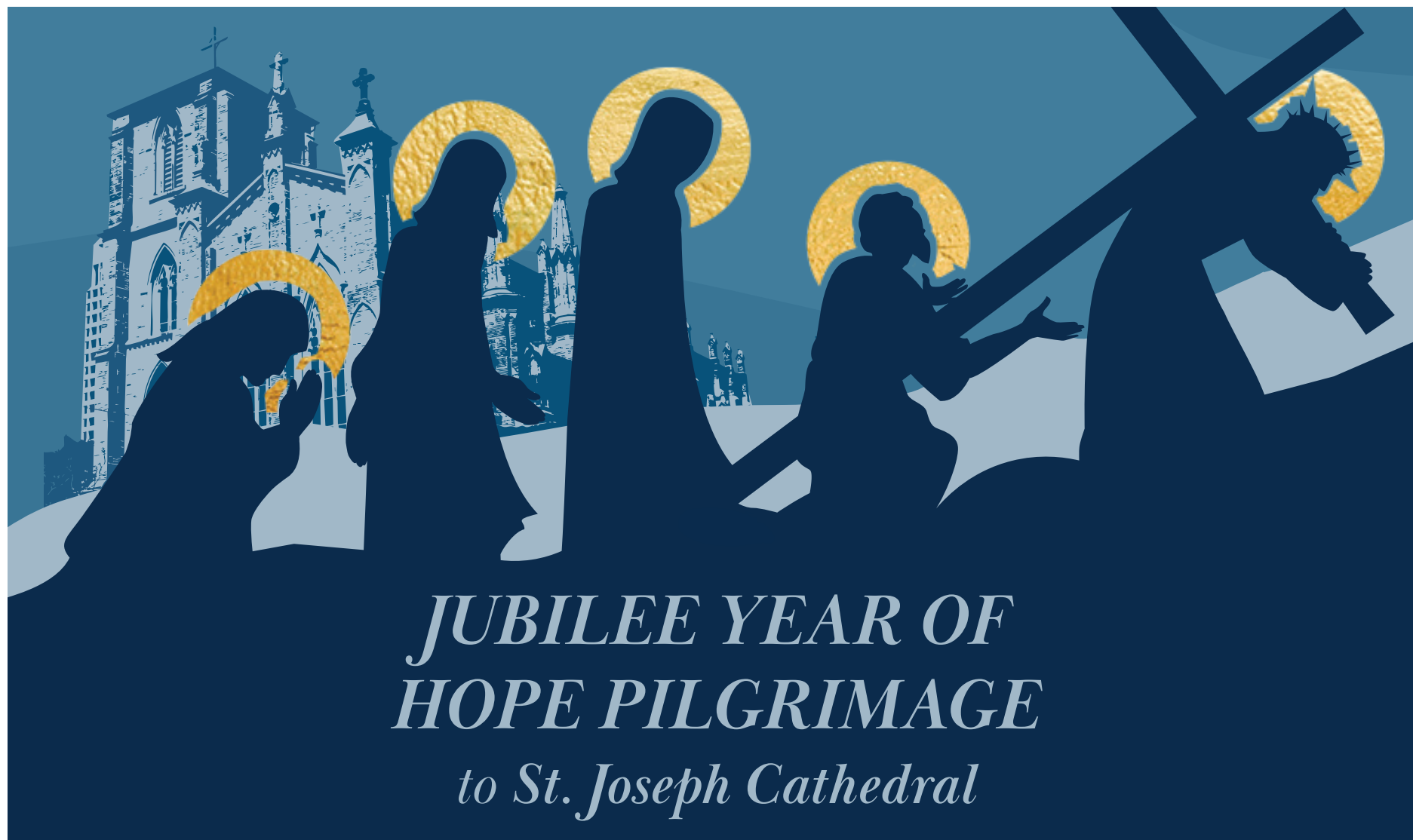
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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE

to St. Joseph Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope with a *Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Cathedral* on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited to participate in this Jubilee Year Event to receive the plenary indulgence.

SCHEDULE

10:00 - 11:45 am | Confession will be available

12:05 pm | Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass and veneration of the 1st Class Relic of the Cloak of St. Joseph

1:30 - 5:30 pm | Confession will be available

Confessions in Spanish available from 3:30-5:30 pm

6:00 pm | Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Ash Wednesday Year C

Think about putting your hope in the Lord during Lent

Joel 2:12-18
Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

People put their hope in many things. Some into financial stability. Others into good health and healthy lifestyle. Someone else puts all hope into a political system or ideology. Some people put hope into self-building – becoming independent in every possible way.

However, which of these things can fix my heart, heal my wounds, restore the fallen apart relations, make my heart and soul whole again? Which of the things people put their hope in can give meaning to my twisted life? The more we think the clearer we see that none of them do.

Lent is an exceptional time to think precisely about this. Where is my hope? Do I hope at all? What do I expect from my hope?

Joel, the prophet, redirects our attention. Return to me with all your heart (...) rend your hearts not your garments (Joel 2:12). Move from the surface to the mystery of being! For there is nothing in this world that gives true, lasting peace! There is nothing that can fill the void of

my heart but the Lord himself! Nothing and no one can fix my existence and make it meaningful. Only Him! He is our hope!

Rend your hearts and see what is there! What do you see there? Bring it to the Lord, so he may bring blessing! (cf. Joel 2:14). Jesus presents God as Father who welcomes back, forgives, restores and gives meaning to our lives (cf. Lk 15:11-32). Keeping this in mind, we embark on the journey of returning to Him just as the prodigal son did. The prodigal son recognizes the void of his heart and the misery he caused. He recognizes what he lost (cf. Lk 15:17). He returns and he is restored as son (Lk 15:22-24). We are invited to do the same. Conversion is not to be reduced to outward forms or vague intentions. It engages and transforms one's entire existence beginning from the center of the person, the heart.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are but tools to rend our hearts, to see clearly, and to help us to return. St. John Chrysostom encourages us to repent, to return to God, the Father, offering us concrete steps: The first path is the path of condemnation of sins. As Isaiah says, tell your sins, and you will be acquitted. And the Psalmist adds: I said "I will bear

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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witness against myself before the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. So, you, too, must condemn the sins you have committed. Condemn them, and that condemnation will excuse you in front of the Lord, since whoever condemns the sins he has committed will be slower to commit them next time. Stir up your own conscience to be your accuser – so that when you come before the judgment seat of the Lord no one will rise to accuse you.

This is the first path to repentance, but the second is in no way inferior to it in excellence. It is to forget the harm done to us by our enemies, to master our anger, to forgive the sins of those who are slaves together with us. As much as we do this, so much will our own sins against the Lord be forgiven. So this is the second path to the expiation of our sins. As the Lord says, Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours.

Would you like to know the third path to repentance? It is prayer: fervent prayer,

sincere and focused prayer, prayer coming from the depths of the heart. If you want to know the fourth path, I will tell you it is the giving of alms. It has great power. And finally, if someone acts with modesty and humility, that path is no less effective to deprive sin of its substance. Look at the publican, who had no good deeds to speak of. In place of good deeds, he offered humility, and the huge burden of his sins fell away.

So now I have shown you the five paths to repentance. First, condemnation of sins. Second, forgiving the sins of those near us. Third, prayer. Fourth, almsgiving. Fifth, humility. So do not be idle but advance along all these paths every day at once. They are not hard paths to follow. Poverty is no excuse for not setting out on the journey. Even if you are destitute, you can do all these things: put aside anger, carry humility in front of you, pray hard, condemn your sins. Poverty is no obstacle – not even to that path of penitence that demands money: that is, almsgiving. Remember the story of the widow's mite. Now we have learned the right way to heal our wounds, let us apply these remedies. (St. John Chrysostom, Hom. de diabolico tentatore 2, 6. PG 49, 263-264)

RELIGIOUS, continued from Page 7

Consecrated men and women celebrating a jubilee anniversary were recognized by the bishop at dinner that evening.

Sister Mariellen Phelps of the Dominican Sisters of Peace celebrated the 80th anniversary of her consecration. Three sisters in the order celebrated 75 years, seven celebrated 70 years, six celebrated 65 years, another six celebrated 60 years, one sister celebrated 50 years and another 25 years.

Two consecrated religious – one with the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Kilimanjaro and another belonging to the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity – celebrated the 50th anniversary of their consecration.

Two Little Servant Sisters of the Im-

maculate Conception celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Two priests from religious communities were also recognized for their jubilee anniversaries.

Father Slawomir Siok, SAC (Society of the Catholic Apostolate, or Pallottines), pastor at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, celebrated 35 years of his priesthood, and Father Michael Donovan, O de M (Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy, or Mercedarians), pastor at Columbus Holy Family Church, celebrated 25 years.

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, celebrated globally, recognizes the dedication and impact of consecrated religious.

The celebration was instituted by Pope

St. John Paul II in 1997 as a day of prayer for men and women in consecrated life. It coincides with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph presented Jesus in the temple 40 days after His birth.

Feb. 2 is also recognized on the Church calendar as Candlemas. All liturgical candles to be used during the year are blessed that day. Candles were blessed at St. Joseph Cathedral preceding Mass.

The candlelight symbolizes Christ as the light of the world. Consecrated religious are called by their vocation to reflect the light of Christ to all people.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life was celebrated at a Mass on the feast of Candlemas at St. Joseph Cathedral. Photo/Andy Long

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ipate in the life of the parish. ... We hope that the Holy Spirit, if you are open to it, will lead you to that place where you need to be so that you tell others about Jesus and what He has done for you."

Celebrating the Mass with the bishop were Father David Sizemore, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church; Fathers Michael Gentry and Peter Claver Kasasa Kiviiri, parochial vicars there; Msgr. Paul Enke and Father Charles Cotton.

The parish was given the name St. Leonard in honor of the Leonardo Di-

Giandomenico family, which donated the land for it in 1962 so there would be a parish to serve Heath.

That community borders Newark and was expanding rapidly at the time because of the growth of suburban shopping areas and the presence of Newark Air Force Base, established in 1953 for equipment storage, repairs and calibration. The base was closed in 1996 and is now an industrial park known as the Central Ohio Aerospace and Technology Center.

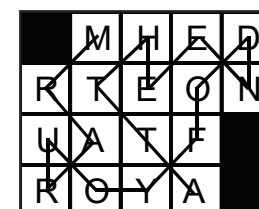
The church building was dedicated in

1964 and a new church and religious education classrooms were dedicated in 1989.

Its pastors have been Father Edwin McNulty; Father Charles Sala, PIME; Father Dávid Petry; Father Harry Schneider; Father Michael Reis; Father William Ferguson and Father William Hritsko. Fathers Schneider (1983-1998) and Reis (1998-2013) had the longest pastoral tenures of 15 years each. The PIME Missionary Fathers provided assistance for many years because their former seminary, later the Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat

Center, was located nearby.

The church was clustered with Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church from 2013 until this past July, when Father Sizemore was appointed as its administrator.



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AMATO, Lawrence "Larry," 84, Jan. 2
St. Mary Church, Delaware

BADER, Rudolf, 88, February 2
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

BISCHOFF, Mary Lou T., 85, Feb. 5
St. Peter Church, Columbus

BLATERI, Frank, 91, Feb. 8
St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Columbus

BREECE, Grace Ellen, 81, Jan. 24
St. Mary Church, Marion

BREITENBACH, John P., 71, Jan. 28
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CAMPBELL, Molly A., 82, Feb. 10
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

COOGAN, Charles, 92, Jan. 26
St. Peter Church, Columbus

COOK, JoAnne Ann, 91, Jan. 5
St. Mary Church, Marion

CUCCARO, Anthony, 91, Jan. 29
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

DOERSAM, Rosemarie A. (Roehrenbeck), 92, Feb. 3
St. Michael Church, Worthington

EMMERT, Bernard L. "Bernie," 85, Jan. 24
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

ENGELHART, Marilyn Louise, 88, Feb. 10
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

EMSWELLER, Joseph Carl, 83, Jan. 11
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

EPIFANO III, James R., 78, Jan. 21
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington

FABINY, Debra (Altier) 69, Jan. 13
St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington

FRANCIS, Raymond, 86, Jan. 24
St. Cecilia Church, Columbus

GADDIS, Eileen (Lucas) 88, Jan 22
St. Rose of Lima, New Lexington

GIRTON, Richard J., 81, Dec. 30
St. Mary Church, Delaware

HALL, Thomas, 95, Dec. 16
St. Mary Church, Delaware

HAUERSPERGER, Janet, 84, Dec. 27
St. Mary Church, Delaware

HILT, Joann, 85, Dec. 16
St. Mary Church, Delaware

HOLLERN, Jan R. (Reed), 73, Jan. 31
St. Elizabeth Church of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, Columbus

HOLONITCH, Elizabeth A. "Betty," 89, Jan. 24
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

JACOB, Norma, 101, Jan. 5
St. Mary Church, Marion

JAMES, Adalynn (Holdcroft), 89, Jan. 30
St. Joseph Church, Circleville

KAISER, Daine (Heft), 86, Jan. 31
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

KASTLE, Andrew, 95, Feb. 7
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus
LINARD, Elizabeth (Salrin), 75, Feb. 4
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

LOMBARDI, Jeanne (Kuechler), 90, Jan. 24
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

McCARTY, Denise Marie "Dee," 56, Feb. 9
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

McSWEENEY, Timothy M., 86, Feb. 6
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

MICHEL, Victoria Ann (Barnes), 67, Feb. 1
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

MILLS, Ronald L., 78, Jan. 28
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

PIRRIE, George Emil, 98, Jan. 14
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

REISCHMAN, Robert, 85, Jan. 31
St. Mary Church, Delaware

REYNOLDS, David H., 82, Feb. 6
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

SHACKELFORD, Margaret B. "Peig" (O'Connor), 83, Feb. 9
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Canal Winchester

SICILIANO, Guy, 94, Feb. 12
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

SMITH, Gary, 76, Feb. 6
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

STUART, Kathryn, 85, Feb. 9
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

THURN, Betty (Schlegel), 88, Feb. 7
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

TIBURZIO, Rudolph J., 89, Jan. 17
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

TONTI, Mary (Kirwin), 96, Jan. 20
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

VIGUE, Patricia (McGonagle), 88, Jan. 7
St. Patrick Church, Junction City

VISINTINE, John F. Jr., 92, Nov. 27, 2024
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

WALKER, Marvin E., 88, Jan. 27
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

Jym Ganahl

A private funeral Mass was celebrated for Jym Ganahl, 76, who died Monday, Feb. 3.

Ganahl was a meteorologist for Columbus television stations for 45 years, first at WCMH-TV (Channel 4) from 1979 to 2016, then, after a brief retirement, for WSYX-TV (Channel 6) from 2017 until May 2024.

He was a 1970 graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. He began as the weather forecaster at KWWL-TV in Waterloo, Iowa at age 17, working there while going to college and serving in the U.S. Army before coming to Columbus.

He taught science to middle school students at Columbus St. Agatha School for three years during the day while continuing his nighttime duties as a meteorologist. He also taught science for a gifted student program at Ohio Wesleyan University.

He was involved in many public service activities for the two Columbus stations and performed in the cast of the "Tecumseh" outdoor drama in Chillicothe and for the Shadowbox Live theater group.

He is survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Col. James A. Coning

Funeral Mass for Col. James A. Coning, 85, who died Tuesday, Jan. 2, was celebrated Saturday, Feb. 15 at New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church. Burial was at Mound Hill Cemetery, Eaton, Ohio.

He was born on Oct. 31, 1939 in Richmond, Indiana, to the late Lawrence and Clara (Driver) Coning.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1957, serving at various bases, and retired from active duty in 1998 as a colonel in the Ohio National Guard. He also was employed by Blue Cross & Blue Shield in Worthington.

He received a Bachelor's degree in political science from Miami University in

Oxford, Ohio in 1966 and a Master's degree in the same subject from the University of Mississippi in 1968.

He is survived by his wife, Anita (Cohée); a son, Father Jeffrey Coning, pastor of New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church; daughters, Anne (Bill) Heishman and Susan (Lee) Shannon; stepsons, Marc (Shannon) Norman and Eric (Kim) Norma; stepdaughters, Cindy Bianucci and Michele Chalice; former wife, Donna; a sister, Betty (Al) Clark; a grandson, four granddaughters, 11 step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Victoria A. Michel

Funeral Mass for Victoria A. Michel, 67, who died Saturday, Feb. 1, was celebrated Saturday, Feb. 8 at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church. Burial was at Mount Olive Cemetery, Zanesville.

She was born on April 3, 1957 in Zanesville to Bernard and Patricia (Cooper) Barnes and was a 1975 graduate of Bishop Rosecrans High School.

For many years, she was the cafeteria manager of Zanesville St. Nicholas School, then Zanesville Bishop Fenwick

School.

She was preceded in death by her father. Survivors include her mother; husband, Dennis; sons, Patrick (Bonnie), Brian (Shanon), Scott (Kari) and Stephen (Jackie), a daughter, Rebecca; a brother, Jeffrey (Bonnie); five sisters, Erin (John) O'Brien, Betsy (Doug) Merry, Mary Cronin-Peadon, Jennifer (George) Bates and Diane (Mark Lincicome) Hoffer; nine grandchildren, five-step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.



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thiness and God made him great.

"And if He could do that for them, why could He not make us great? Why could He not make us holy? Why could He not make us heralds of the Good News?" the bishop asked.

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but to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our God comes to heal. Our God comes to save. Our God comes to be with us and calls us to the greatness of being an apostle, and to the greatness of heaven itself."



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Newark Catholic students participate in rosary



Students at Newark Catholic High School, led by campus minister and theology teacher Chris Grieb, participated in the Midwest Pontifical Missions' World Mission Rosary during Catholic Schools Week in January. They joined students from 77 Catholic schools in 14 midwestern dioceses via Zoom to pray the World Mission Rosary, fostering a spirit of global solidarity and missionary discipleship. Several Newark Catholic students led the fourth decade of the rosary – the only participating high school with leadership roles. The event was organized by the Missionary Childhood Association, part of the Pontifical Mission Societies USA, which is dedicated to fostering a universal missionary spirit among all baptized Catholics. Each decade of the World Mission Rosary, which was created in 1951, represents a region of the world where missionaries share the Gospel.

Photos courtesy Newark Catholic High School

DeSales students combine calculus, Valentine's Day



Mrs. Val Sharritts' Calculus students, including Nana Diaby (left) and Kennedy Saggio, at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School recently completed a Valentine's Box project using their calculus skills to determine the maximum volume of a box with only one piece of cardstock. After solving the problem and building the boxes, they decorated and filled them with treats, which were given to children at St. Stephen's Community Center for a Valentine's Day celebration. This project not only helps students understand the class material but allows them to give something special to children in the local community.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

Watterson seniors make college commitments



Three Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors committed to play college sports on Wednesday, Feb. 5. They are (from left) Zack Weber, football, University of Charleston; Jake Uhlenhake, football, Ashland University; and Jacob Rider, swimming, Clarion University.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School honored



Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help School was honored recently by the Southwestern Christian Ministerial Fellowship, which includes all churches in southwest area of Columbus, for collecting the largest number of non-perishables (more than 4,000 items) for its annual White Christmas Program. Patrick Fahy, a parishioner and the White Christmas coordinator, presented the award at an all-school assembly. The all-volunteer program, which started at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in 1977, collects non-perishable food items from 19 area public and parochial schools during December. OLPH was the largest contributor in the K-8 category as well as the largest contributor of all schools in the South-Western City Schools district. In addition, the school's cafeteria served as the staging area for all 26,974 items collected and the distribution point for the boxes of food that included non-perishables, a bag of apples, potatoes, bread, ham, chicken, bacon, butter and a dozen eggs. In 2024, 95 families were assisted. The remaining 24,000-plus non-perishable donations were given to the Grove City Food Pantry, which will fill its shelves for several months.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Perpetual Help

New parish, school honor patroness



The new Columbus St. Josephine Bakhita Parish and School celebrated their first feast day together recently. The students of St. Josephine Bakhita School, 1566 Ferris Road, came to the parish church on Friday, Feb. 7 for morning Mass and a treat. On Saturday, Feb. 8, the saint's feast day, parishioners and various clergy gathered for the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass in her honor followed by a social hour in the parish hall. More information about the new parish can be found online at bakhitacolumbus.org.

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