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BISHOP EARL K. FERNANDES

Church and world welcome a new shepherd with open arms

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On May 8th, the whole world was filled with joy when we heard those words, Habemus papam. We heard: We have a pope. And then Pope Leo XIV came out on the balcony, and everyone was rejoicing.

Even before he came out on the balcony, you could hear the bands playing and the people singing. Then he came out, and the whole world was filled with joy. He began his address to the people with "Peace be with you all," which were the first words of the risen Lord. The pope pointed out that these are the words of the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his flock.

We appreciate and give thanks to God for the fact that we have a new pope, but we also give thanks to God for the bishops in communion with the Pope as well as the priests. We, as members of the flock, listen for the voice of the Lord.

Usually, Jesus is saying to us, "Follow me." We could think of many people, and the many voices that we hear. But which



ones should we follow? We should follow the voice of Christ, the Good Shepherd. He alone is the way to the Father. He alone is the one who is willing to give his life over entirely for us, to lay it down and to take it up again. Yet, as the Good Shepherd, he also watches over, protects, nurtures and defends his flock. He

is concerned about each member of his flock.

We also think about other people in the Church who have shepherding roles. It is easy to think about the Pope, the bishops, and the priests. I ask that you pray for all of us: that we may be able to live our vocations. Parents, too, have a shepherding role. They watch over their children. They want to work hard for their children and protect their children from any harm; they also want to feed their children - not only physically feed their children but feed the spiritual lives of their children. Parents have to be like shepherds who are vigilant, watching carefully over their children, because they have been personally invested in each child.

I think also of all the mothers. Mothers are highly invested in their children in the womb, and then afterward, throughout the whole lifetime. I think about all the things my own mother did for my brothers and me - how she fed us when we could not feed ourselves, how she cooked our food, how she ironed our

shirts and our trousers and laid them over our chairs; how, with great love, she packed up our lunches and with her own hand wrote our names on our brown paper bags as we went off to school; how she spent time teaching us because she knew that there were also wolves out there. She wanted her sons to be prepared.

Jesus knows about the wolves, but He also gives us shepherds. It is comforting to know that we are worth a shepherd's care. We ought to be docile toward the Good Shepherd, listening to His voice and following Him wherever He leads.

We could think about many world leaders, but how many of them are like Jesus, willing to pour out their blood, give over their bodies entirely for their people? Jesus, the Good Shepherd, was willing to do that, and God, our Father, raised him gloriously from the dead, and so we can cry out: "He is risen. He is truly risen. Alleluia!"

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus

Diocesan seminarian describes atmosphere of excitement in Rome

By Christopher Dixon

The first day of the conclave, May 7, many seminarians studying in Rome opted to watch the smoke from the roof of our seminary, the Pontifical North American College, rather than from St. Peter's Square. We suspected the smoke would be black.

It turned into an all-night affair, with the smoke expected around 7:45 or 8 p.m. and not coming out until 9 p.m. Due to the late hour, the darkness of the sky did not highlight the black smoke well from the angle we were watching.

I woke up the next morning on May 8 and things felt different. It felt like a good day. I went to class and then to the Square for the expected noon smoke.

There weren't many people in the Square, but it was neat to experience a

much-anticipated event with no countdown, no buildup and everyone simply fixated on a chimney.

At 11:51 a.m., smoke came out and there was light clapping. The smoke was black, but observers were excited to see smoke without another hourlong delay.

After pranzo (lunch) and riposo (nap), I returned to the Square around 4:45 p.m. Now there was a certain feeling in the air. Waiting in the security line, there seemed to be a level of excitement looming around us.

Twice as many people were in the Square than there were at noon. The last two pontiffs, Popes Benedict XVI and Francis, were elected during this smoke signal.

My friends and I prayed Evening Prayer, part of the Liturgy of the Hours,

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Fathers Nic Ventura (left) and Brett Garland (second from right) and seminarians Christopher Dixon (center) and Michael Rhatican from the Diocese of Columbus were in St. Peter's Square for the introduction of Pope Leo XIV on Thursday, May 8.

Photo courtesy Christopher Dixon



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POPE LEO XIV

The former Cardinal Robert Prevost, a Chicago native, was selected on Thursday, May 8 by the College of Cardinals during the second day of the conclave as the first U.S.-born pope in the history of the Catholic Church. Catholic News Service photo

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'We have a pope': Leo XIV

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, the Chicago-born prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops under Pope Francis, was elected the 267th pope on May 8 and took the name Pope Leo XIV.

He is the first North American to be elected pope and, before the conclave, was the U.S. cardinal most mentioned as a potential successor of St. Peter.

The white smoke poured from the chimney on the roof of the Sistine Chapel at 6:07 p.m. Rome time and a few minutes later the bells of St. Peter's Basilica began to ring.

Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, protodeacon of the College of Cardinals, appeared on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at 7:12 p.m. He told the crowd: "I announce to you a great joy. We have a pope ('Habemus papam')," saying the cardinal's name in Latin and announcing the name by which he will be called.

Ten minutes later, the new Pope Leo came out onto the balcony, smiling and waving to the crowd wearing the white papal cassock, a red mozzetta or cape and a red stole to give his first public blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world).

The crowd shouted repeatedly, "Viva il papa" or "Long live the pope" as Pope Leo's eyes appeared to tear up.

"Peace be with you," were Pope Leo's first words to the crowd.

"My dear brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave his life for God's flock," he said, praying that Christ's peace would enter people's hearts, their families and "the whole earth."

The peace of the risen Lord, he said, is "a peace that is unarmed and disarming."

Signaling strong continuity with the papacy of Pope Francis, Pope Leo told the crowd that God "loves all of us unconditionally" and that the church must be open to everyone.

"We are all in God's hands," he said, so "without fear, united, hand in hand with God and with each other, let us go forward."

He thanked the cardinals who elected him, apparently on the fourth ballot of the conclave, "to be the successor of Peter and to walk with you as a united church always seeking peace, justice" and together being missionary disciples of Christ.

Telling the crowd that he was an Augustinian, he quoted St. Augustine, who said, "With you I am a Christian and for you a bishop."

"Together we must try to be a missionary church, a church that builds bridges and always dialogues, that is always open to receiving everyone like this square with its arms open to everyone, everyone in need," he said.



Pope Leo XIV appears on the central balcony at St. Peter's Basilica after being named the 267th pontiff of the Catholic Church on Thursday, May 8. *Catholic News Service photo*



Pope Leo XIV bows his head in prayer after his introduction to the crowd in St. Peter's Square on a momentous day for the Church.

Photos by Catholic News Service and diocesan seminarian Christopher Dixon

The new bishop of Rome told the people of his diocese and of the whole Catholic Church, "We want to be a synodal church, a church that journeys, a church that seeks peace always, that always seeks charity, that wants to be close to people, especially those who are suffering."

After asking the crowd to recite the Hail Mary with him, Pope Leo gave his first solemn blessing.

A longtime missionary in Peru, the 69-year-old pope holds both U.S. and Peruvian citizenship.

La Repubblica, the major Italian daily, described him April 25 as "cosmopolitan



and shy," but also said he was "appreciated by conservatives and progressives. He has global visibility in a conclave in which few (cardinals) know each other."

That visibility comes from the fact that as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops for the past two years, he was instrumental in helping Pope Francis choose bishops for many Latin-rite dioceses, he met hundreds of bishops during their "ad limina" visits to Rome and was called to assist the world's Latin-rite bishops "in all matters concerning the correct and fruitful exercise of the pastoral office entrusted to them."

The new pope was serving as bishop of

Chiclayo, Peru, when Pope Francis called him to the Vatican in January 2023.

During a talk at St. Jude Parish in Chicago in August, the then-cardinal said Pope Francis nominated him "specifically because he did not want someone from the Roman Curia to take on this role. He wanted a missionary; he wanted someone from outside; he wanted someone who would come in with a different perspective."

As prefect of the dicastery then-Cardinal Prevost also served as president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, where nearly 40% of the world's Catholics reside.

A Chicago native, he also served as prior general of the Augustinians and spent more than two decades serving in Peru, first as an Augustinian missionary and later as bishop of Chiclayo.

Soon after coming to Rome to head the dicastery, he told Vatican News that bishops have a special mission of promoting the unity of the church.

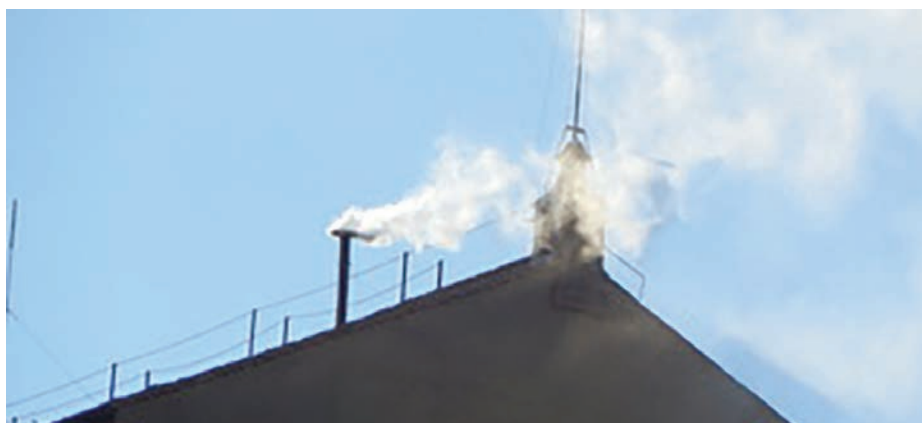
"The lack of unity is a wound that the church suffers, a very painful one," he said in May 2023. "Divisions and polemics in the church do not help anything. We bishops especially must accelerate this movement toward unity, toward communion in the church."

In September, a television program in Peru reported on the allegations of three women who said that then-Bishop Prevost failed to act against a priest who sexually abused them as minors. The diocese strongly denied the accusation, pointing out that he personally met with the victims in April 2022, removed the priest from his parish, suspended him from ministry and conducted a local investigation that was then forwarded to the Vatican. The Vatican said there was insufficient evidence to proceed, as did the local prosecutor's office.

Pope Leo was born Sept. 14, 1955, in Chicago. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the Augustinian-run Villanova University in Pennsylvania and joined the order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981. He holds a degree in theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

He joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until 1999 when he was elected head of the Augustinians' Chicago-based province. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order. In 2014, Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru, and the pope asked him also to be apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru, from April 2020 to May 2021.

The new pope speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese and can read Latin and German.



White smoke from the Sistine Chapel alerts the world that a pope has been chosen (above) before Pope Leo XIV appears to the crowd in St. Peter's Square (below). Photos/Christopher Dixon

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in the Square. A nearby group prayed the rosary. Some priests from our diocese joined us. I practiced taking pictures of various objects and people around the Square in anticipation of an announcement.

People started clapping. Did we have smoke? No, this time it was because seagulls had brought a baby chick next to the chimney. We did not have smoke yet.

Clapping erupted through the Square minutes later. Cheering. More clapping. Shouts of "Habemus Papam (We have a pope)!" The smoke was white. The College of Cardinals had chosen a pope.

Everyone immediately looked at their watches. We knew we would have to wait nearly an hour for the announcement. It was 6:08 p.m.

After the initial excitement of the smoke died down, we began discussion. Who could be elected pope so quickly? It must be someone good, we suspected, because he needed two-thirds of the cardinals' votes, which is a supermajority.

We grew more anxious as the hour mark hit. We asked questions, such as, what will the new pope wear?

French Cardinal Dominique Mamberti walked out. We found out he was not elected pope.

"Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum (we announce with great joy)," he said. The people cheered again, "Habemus papam!" Cardinal Mamberti continued, "Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum (the Most Eminent and Reverend Lord) – this is taking ages, it seemed – 'Dominum Robert Franciscum (Lord Robert Francis).' Someone yelled, 'Prevost! An American!'"

We all cheered and hardly heard the rest of the announcement, which ended "Leonem XIV (Leo XIV)." What a great name!

We started chanting, "USA!" Time continued to pass slowly as we waited to see Pope Leo XIV walk out on the loggia (lodge).

After what seemed the longest few minutes of my life, we saw him, donning the red mozzetta, a short cape-shaped garment worn by high-ranking ecclesiastics. He was overwhelmed with emo-



tion, waving to the people.

He looked like a pope. The white and red suit him well – a younger pope, a human pope, an American Pope!

He greeted us with the words, "Peace be with you" – the same words spoken by Jesus when He greeted the disciples after the Resurrection.

He continued his first speech, ending by invoking Our Lady of Pompeii, whose feast is May 8 – the day of the Holy Father's election – a Marian pope, a lovely pope, an American Pope!

We knelt to receive his first blessing Urbi et Orbi (To the city and to the world). We continued to cheer as he waved goodbye, but the festivities did not end.

We went back to the seminary – even the porter was celebrating – for a much delayed dinner. Every Thursday, we happen to eat American food for dinner. Nothing like celebrating Pope Leo XIV, Papa Americano, by eating a cheeseburger and fries!

Our rector walked in to a standing ovation and told us, "Gentlemen, your lives are about to change."

Then-Cardinal Prevost had celebrated Mass for Thanksgiving Day at the Pontifical North American College last November. Someone grabbed an American flag and started waving it as we continued to celebrate into the night. We moved to our lounge, where we started to sing American songs, eat snacks, drink beer and converse with one another.

We have a Pope – an American Pope.

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Pope Leo: A pope is nothing more than a humble servant

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Catholic community is alive, beautiful and strong, and it is up to its pastors to protect and nourish the faithful and to help bring God's hope to the whole world, Pope Leo XIV said.

For that reason, the pope invited the cardinals "to renew together today our complete commitment to the path that the universal church has now followed for decades in the wake of the Second Vatican Council," and that "Pope Francis masterfully and concretely set it forth in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*" ("The Joy of the Gospel"), he said May 10, in his first formal speech to the College of Cardinals.

He also said he chose his name in homage to Pope Leo XIII, recognizing the need to renew Catholic social teaching to face today's new industrial revolution and the developments of artificial intelligence "that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor."

The pope, who was elected in a conclave of 133 cardinal electors on the fourth ballot May 8, met with members of the college, including non-electors, in the New Synod Hall at the Vatican.

Pope Leo told the cardinals that after his "short talk with some reflections," which the Vatican press office published, they would have "a sort of dialogue," which many of them had asked for, "to hear what advice, suggestions, proposals, concrete things, which have already been discussed in the days leading up to the conclave." Those discussions in the closed-door meeting were not published.

In the text that was released, the pope said the events of the past three weeks, beginning with Pope Francis' final days, his death and funeral, have allowed them "to see the beauty and feel the strength of this immense community, which with such affection and devotion has greeted and mourned its shepherd, accompanying him with faith and prayer at the time of his final encounter with the Lord."

"We have seen the true grandeur of the church, which is alive in the rich variety of her members in union with her one head, Christ," Pope Leo said.

The Catholic Church is "the womb from which we were born and at the same time the flock, the field entrusted to us to protect and cultivate, to nourish with the sacraments of salvation and to make fruitful by our sowing the seed of the Word, so that, steadfast in one accord and enthusiastic in mission, she may press forward, like the Israelites in the desert, in the shadow of the cloud and in the light of God's fire," he said.

Because of that, he asked the cardinals to renew their "complete commitment" to the church's post-Vatican II journey, which was detailed in Pope Francis' 2013 apostolic exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world.

"I would like to highlight several fun-



Pope Leo XIV presides at his first Mass after his election in the Sistine Chapel on May 9.

Catholic News Agency photos



Pope Leo XIV prays in front of a fresco of Our Lady of Good Counsel at the shrine named after the image in Genazzano, Italy, southeast of Rome, on May 10. The shrine, with a famous image of Mary, is run by the pope's Augustinian confreres.

damental points" from the document, he said: "the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation; the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community; growth in collegiality and synodality; attention to the 'sensus fidei' (the people of God's sense of the faith), especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, such as popular piety; loving care for the least and the rejected; courageous and trusting dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities."

"Sensing myself called to continue in this same path, I chose to take the name Leo XIV" for several reasons, he said, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII, "in his historic encyclical *Rerum Novarum*' addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution."

Today, the church continues to offer "everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor," he added.

14 things to know about Pope Leo XIV

Catholic News Agency

On May 8, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected Pope Leo XIV, making him the 267th pope and the first from the United States.

Here are 14 things to know about Pope Leo XIV:

1. Robert Francis Prevost was born on Sept. 14, 1955, in Chicago to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph.

2. His father was a World War II Navy veteran and school superintendent; his mother was a librarian who was very involved in parish life.

3. The new pope speaks multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese.

4. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Villanova University in 1977 before pursuing his religious vocation.

5. He completed his secondary studies at the minor seminary of the Augustinians in 1973 in Michigan. In 1977, he became a member of the Order of St. Augustine and took his solemn vows in 1981.

6. He completed a master of divinity degree at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and earned a licentiate and doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He went on to teach canon law in seminaries during his time in Peru.

7. He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, by Archbishop Jean Jadot in Rome.

8. He served extensively in Peru from 1985 to 1998, working as a parish pastor,



seminary teacher, and diocesan official. He was also part of the leadership of Caritas Peru, the Church's charitable organization.

9. After being elected the head of the Augustinian Province of Chicago, he returned to the U.S. in 1999. He was elected prior general of the Augustinians in 2001 and then reelected in 2007, serving as head of the order until 2013.

10. Pope Francis appointed him apostolic administrator and then bishop of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014 and 2015 respectively, and received episcopal consecration on Dec. 12, 2014, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Chiclayo.

11. He was made a cardinal by Pope Francis on Sept. 30, 2023.

12. While serving the Church in Peru, Francis made him a member of the Dicastery for the Clergy in 2019 and then a member of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2020. In 2023, Francis made him prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops.

13. His episcopal motto (pictured above), which is a bishop's personal motto, is "In illo uno unum," which means "In the one Christ we are one," reflecting his commitment to unity.

14. Prior to becoming pope, he had an active X account — the first to have his own social media account before becoming pope.

Pope prays for vocations, peace, mothers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- With a huge and festive crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV led his first Sunday recitation of the "Regina Coeli" prayer on May 11 and urged all Catholics to pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood and religious life.

Before the pope appeared on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, the crowd was entertained by dozens of marching bands and folkloristic dance troupes who had marched into the square after attending an outdoor Mass for the Jubilee of Bands and Popular Entertainment.

Pope Leo also noted that it was Mother's Day in Italy, the United States and elsewhere. "I send a special greeting to all mothers with a prayer for them and for those who are already in heaven," he said. "Happy holiday to all moms!"

Italian officials estimated 100,000 people were in St. Peter's Square or on the surrounding streets to join the new pope for the midday prayer.

In his main address, Pope Leo said it was a "gift" to lead the crowd for the first time

on the Sunday when the church proclaims a passage from John 10 "where Jesus reveals himself as the true Shepherd, who knows and loves his sheep and gives his life for them."

It also is the day the Catholic Church offers special prayers for vocations, especially to the priesthood and religious life.

"It is important that young men and women on their vocational journey find acceptance, listening and encouragement in their communities, and that they can look up to credible models of generous dedication to God and to their brothers and sisters," the pope said.

He prayed for Ukraine and told the crowd, "I am deeply saddened by what is happening in the Gaza Strip. Let the fighting cease immediately." He praised India and Pakistan for reaching a ceasefire agreement and entrusted his "heartfelt appeal" to Mary, Queen of Peace.

Earlier in the day, Pope Leo celebrated Mass at an altar near the tomb of St. Peter in the grotto of St. Peter's Basilica.

Leo to inaugurate his papacy May 18

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Leo XIV will officially inaugurate his papacy with Mass in St. Peter's Square May 18.

Although he was pope from the moment he accepted his election May 8, the inauguration Mass -- which replaced the papal coronation after the pontificate of St. Paul VI -- formally marks the beginning of his ministry with his reception of the fisherman's ring and his pallium, a wool band worn around his shoulders.

The Vatican announced the date for the Mass May 9 along with events on his schedule for the rest of the month.

In a separate statement, the Vatican said the new pope has asked the heads of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia and the offices of Vatican City State to continue in their posts "on a provisional basis."

When Pope Francis died April 21, and when any pope dies, most of the top Vatican officials lose their positions, giving the new pope a chance to appoint his team. Those reappointed included two women who were the first appointed to their posts and who succeeded cardinals: Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist Raffaella Petrini, who is president of the office governing Vatican City State; and Consolata Missionary Sister Simona Brambilla, prefect of the Dicastery for

Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

In reappointing the officials temporarily, the Vatican said, "the Holy Father wishes to set aside some time for reflection, prayer and dialogue before any final appointment or confirmation is made."

Here is Pope Leo XIV's schedule for the rest of the month of May released by the Vatican on May 9:

-- May 16: Meeting with diplomats accredited to the Holy See.

-- May 18: Mass for the solemn inauguration of the pontificate at 10 a.m. Rome time (4 a.m. EDT) in St. Peter's Square.

-- May 20: Formal possession of the Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

-- May 21: Pope Leo's first weekly general audience.

-- May 24: Meeting with members of the Roman Curia and employees of Vatican City State,

-- May 25: Recitation of the "Regina Coeli" prayer in St. Peter's Square. Formal possession of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, followed by formal possession of Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major.

New pope chooses traditional name

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Even before he stepped out on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and spoke May 8, Pope Leo XIV's choice of a name was a powerful statement.

Following Pope Francis, who chose a completely new name in church history, Pope Leo opted for a name steeped in tradition that also conveys an openness to engaging with the modern world.

The pope's choice of name is a "direct recall of the social doctrine of the church and of the pope that initiated the modern social doctrine of the church," Matteo Bruni, director of the Vatican press office, told reporters.

Pope Leo XIII, who was pope from 1878 to 1903, is known for publishing the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" on worker's rights -- considered the foundational document for the church's social teaching. The document emphasized the dignity of workers and condemned the dangers of unchecked capitalism and socialism.

The name Leo is a "direct" reference to "men and women and their work, also in the time of artificial intelligence," Bruni said.

Pope Leo XIII also opened the Vatican secret archives to scholars, founded the Vatican observatory to demonstrate the church's openness to science and was the first pope to be filmed on a motion picture camera.

Tied to the new pope's first words to

the faithful: "May peace be with you all," his namesake Pope Leo XIII was also a peacemaker who reconciled the church with the governments of France, Russia, Germany and Great Britain.

Pope Leo's name also has a Marian significance, since Pope Leo XIII wrote 11 encyclicals on the rosary and was also the first pope to embrace the concept of Mary as mediatrix, which holds that Mary helps distribute Christ's grace through her intercession.

The first pope who took the name Leo became pope in 440. Known as "Leo the Great," he promoted the doctrine of papal primacy based on succession from St. Peter and was a peacemaker who convinced Attila the Hun to turn back from invading Italy in 452.

Pope Leo X (1513-1521) was the last pope to not have been a priest at the time of his election to the papacy.

The new pope's predecessor, Pope Francis, was the first pontiff since Pope Lando in 913 to choose an entirely new papal name. Before him, Pope John Paul I, elected in 1978, also broke with tradition by forgoing a numeral, though his name was a blend of his two immediate predecessors' names.

By contrast, Leo is among the most frequently taken names by a pope, with only Benedict, Gregory and John having been chosen more often. Of the 13 previous popes named Leo, five are canonized as saints.

Is Confirmation like graduation?

Dear Father,
I've read that some bishops are lowering the age of Confirmation. I feel this is wrong. Our parish has always had Confirmation for teenagers. We told them that if they went to religion classes, they could graduate from catechism and that we would throw them a party. How can we keep them interested in religion if this change happens closer to home?

-Kim

Dear Kim,

You are correct. Some bishops are lowering the age for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These bishops are not party killjoys, however. They are trying to kill the idea that Confirmation is a kind of graduation from religious education classes.

Graduation is a stepping stone to put aside the past and move on to something new. While there may be the feeling of accomplishment, graduation also means that you are done with something. When we graduate from high school, we throw away our books and notes.

Confirmation, on the other hand, is not a stepping stone from something that I've finished, like a high school education. It is a transformation that is meant to finish, complete, me. More accurately, it brings to fruition what was begun at my baptism. Confirmation is a strengthening sacrament. It strengthens me to carry out all that is required of a follower of Jesus Christ.

Baptism is new life in Christ. When I am baptized, I gain a new power to live for God, to worship God, and to belong to God rather than to this world. I become an adopted child of God through the power of Jesus' death

SACRAMENTS 101

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

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and resurrection. The water washes me clean of all that prevents the full life of the Trinity to be in me. I receive the gift of eternal life, which means that I will live forever with the Blessed Trinity.

It's important to know that God wants us more than we could ever imagine. God instituted baptism precisely so that we could be freed from the clutches of the devil and his minions and live in freedom. It is possible, of course, to refuse to live with God by making choices that are destructive of self and others. Hell welcomes such persons who want to escape the loving embrace of God.

That said, the baptized life, as beautiful as it is, is incomplete. By way of analogy, baptism is like infancy. (St. Paul, on adulthood). Confirmation is akin to reaching maturity. At a certain age in our physical life, we grow up and begin to give more than we take. We live for others more than we live for ourselves. We take responsibility for the good of others, beginning with our family and extending to all of society. We are still the children of God but must not remain spiritual infants.

An essential aspect of the strengthening received in Confirmation is that we become soldiers, as it were, for Christ and the Church. No one can deny that we

are engaged in a spiritual battle, contending with the powers of hell. Young people, more than ever, need the strengthening grace of Confirmation, especially in light of all the evils they encounter, not the least of which are available on phone and computer screens.

At Confirmation, we do not graduate as if we are finished with the life of grace. Confirmation deepens my divine life; it does not end it. This is the opposite of the notion of graduation whereby I end my period of education, throw away my books and move on to something different. As a Catholic who has received the gift of Confirmation, I don't leave. I enter even more deeply into the Catholic life, life in and with and for God. I live as God intended Adam and Eve to live before their rebellion.

We might even consider that Adam and Eve wanted to "graduate" from Eden. They wanted freedom from God so they could live the way they wanted apart from His plan for their happiness.

Confirmation is the sacrament of living more freely, happily and fully all that God lays out for me. Rather than throwing away my books, especially the Bible, the Catechism and the lives of the Saints, I study them more deeply. Rather than "graduating" from Sunday Mass and leaving the Eucharist behind, I receive the grace to pray, to speak with and listen to the Blessed Trinity more intimately. Rather than going off in search of myself, I find the rich friendships to which the saints invite me. I see the Church as less an institution and more a spacious home with all my brothers and sisters centered on the most important thing in life: loving God and going to our eternal home.

The heart behind our words: wisdom from the Book of Sirach

As women, we find ourselves talking all the time — whether it's over coffee with a friend, a late-night chat with our husbands or a quick phone call to check in with a family member. Words seem to come so naturally.

I often apologize for all of my words, but my husband has told me many times that my words are a window into my heart. They show what's really going on inside. Reflecting on this, it's humbling to realize that someone is seeing that whole picture, especially the someone whom I love so very much. I'm just as guilty as anyone of not realizing how my words can reflect the condition of my heart.

I remember a time in my life when I was under so much stress. I had many babies in diapers, a husband who traveled frequently, and I was juggling the needs of my family, my marriage and my faith. In those moments, I wasn't always proud of the words that I thought or the ones that came out of my mouth. Sometimes they were sharp or impatient. And when I stopped and thought about it later, I realized that wasn't the me I wanted to be. But I didn't know how to change it on my own. It was in those moments that God gently whispered to my heart: "Let's work on this together, MaryBeth." The truth of the matter is, He's still working on it.

As a mother of 23 years and a wife of 28, I've learned a thing or two about the grace that comes with time, about how marriage and motherhood teach you humility in ways you didn't expect. In those early days of motherhood, I thought I had it all figured out. I had this idealistic view of what being a mother should look like, and my words often reflected that pressure. But after more than two decades of raising children, I've learned that it's the

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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messy, imperfect moments that God works through the most. He uses the days when I've lost my patience or when my words were sharper than I intended to remind me that I need Him more than ever. Humility has been one of my greatest teachers.

The Book of Sirach teaches us that "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so speech discloses the bent of a person's heart." (Sirach 27:6) Our speech reveals what's happening deep down in our hearts. Think about that for a moment. What's coming out of our mouths is often a reflection of our inner life. It's like a mirror that doesn't lie. If I'm constantly speaking words of frustration, gossip or pressure, what does that say about what's going on inside me? If I'm quick to offer words of encouragement, what does that show about the peace in my heart? I remember fondly a song we used to sing in the car with the kids, quoting Philippians: "Encourage one another and build each other up."

As a mother, I've noticed something: The very things I often feel most compelled to correct in my children are often the things I need to work on in myself. I might get frustrated with my child for being impatient, and then realize that impatience is creeping into my own heart. Or I might find myself correcting them for raising their voice in anger, or not balancing their priorities, and in the same breath feel that tug of conviction in my own

heart, recognizing that I've done the same.

Our children, in many ways, hold up a mirror to us, revealing the areas where we need God's grace the most. It's a humbling realization but also an opportunity for growth. Instead of seeing those moments as frustrations, I try to see them as invitations to reflect on my own heart and words, and to ask God for the strength to lead by example.

There was a particular evening not too long ago when the day had been hard and long and patience was running thin and yet one of my children needed to talk through something that had happened at school that day. Lately, it seems their talking time is my going to bed-time, but God provides. As we walked through the issue that needed to be discussed, I realized that I was losing steam. Focus was waning and I just wanted to go to bed. Instead of pausing and asking for a regroup in the morning, I pressed on even while knowing that my threshold for this was very low. As expected, I snapped, feelings were hurt and that child turned away hurt.

I believe in modeling, owning up to your mistakes. If my children see this witness, then they might carry this example with them and realize that we all make mistakes. So instead of brushing my rough words under the rug, I took a deep breath and asked him to come sit with me. I told that child that I should have shared where my talking meter was at for the evening and that even though school had some hard moments, and we had some hard moments, they don't have to define the relationship.

So we began again. We prayed together right there,

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Clergy assignments announced

The following clergy assignments were announced on the weekends of May 3-4 and 10-11.

Reverend Brian Beal, Chaplain, Bishop Rosecrans High School, Zanesville, and Parochial Vicar, St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville and St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, to Administrator, Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton and St. Peter Church, Millersburg, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Paul J. Brandimarti, Administrator, Church of the Ascension, Johnstown, to Pastor, Church of the Ascension, Johnstown, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Jason Fox to Parochial Vicar, St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Dublin,

effective May 16, 2025.

Reverend Thomas Gardner, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton and St. Peter Church, Millersburg, to Pastor, St. Francis De Sales Church, Newark, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Michael Haemmerle, Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville, and Associate Vocation Director, to Director of Vocations, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Denis Kigozi, Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, New Albany, to Pastor, St. Mary Church, Delaware, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Msgr. Frank Lane, Administrator, Sacred Heart Parish, Columbus, and St. John the Baptist Parish, Colum-

bus, to Spiritual Guardian of Priests, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Timothy Lynch, Parochial Vicar, St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Dublin, to Pastor, St. Mary Parish, German Village, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Vincent Nguyen, Pastor, St. Mary Parish, German Village, to Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Columbus, and St. John the Baptist Parish, Columbus, effective July 8, 2025.

Deacon Stephen Petrill, from diaconal ministry at St. Brigid Parish, Dublin, to diaconal ministry at St. Thomas More Newman Center, The Ohio State University, continuing as Director for the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Columbus, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend David Sizemore, Pastor, St. Francis De Sales Church, Newark, to Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, New Albany, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Elias I. Udeh, from Parochial Vicar, St. Peter St. Joan of Arc Parish, Columbus, incardinated into the Diocese of Columbus, February 19, 2025, to Parochial Vicar, St. John Neumann Parish, Sunbury, and continuing as Chaplain for the Nigerian Catholic Community, effective July 8, 2025.

Reverend Nicola Ventura, Graduate Studies, San'Anselmo, Rome, to Director of Sacred Liturgy, Professor, and Formator at the Pontifical College Josephinum, effective July 1, 2025.

Ohio Catholic bishops issue statement on child tax credit

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio issued a signed statement urging lawmakers to include the child tax credit proposed in the Executive Budget to the FY 2026-2027 State Operating Budget.

The full statement from the bishops follows:

"A principal aim of the law is upholding the infinite dignity of those needing the most support in society, especially families caring for the youngest in our state. For this reason, we, the Catholic

bishops of Ohio, have long advocated for the creation of a refundable child tax credit. Child tax credits are a hallmark of pro-family public policy, as reflected in their broad, bipartisan support at the federal level. We are encouraged by the child tax credit proposal in the Executive Budget. This refundable \$1,000 per child credit would give evidence that our society welcomes and cherishes new life while helping families meet their unique needs in a flexible manner. The credit

does not solve all of the difficulties of the increasing costs of raising children. Still, it is a critical step in allocating the state's resources to address a family's needs.

As the General Assembly continues deliberation on the operating budget, we urge lawmakers to restore the child tax credit. Prioritizing young children and their families recognizes the dignity of life and helps expectant parents to trust that their child will be born into a life-

firming culture. The child tax credit is sound economic policy, an incomparable tool for raising children out of poverty. It is also sound moral policy, fulfilling our shared responsibility to children and families who must come first in policymaking. We urge the Ohio Senate to craft a budget that more clearly reflects a civilization of love by prioritizing a refundable child tax credit."

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thanking God for grace, and I was reminded of the humility that comes with being a mother. It's not about being perfect. It's about teaching them that even when we fall short, God's mercy is a beautiful cushion to land upon — and from there,

we learn and grow.

In the words of St. Teresa of Avila, "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the

feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world." Our words are an extension of Christ's presence in the world — our words, as mothers and wives, are

a living example of God's love. When we speak with humility, grace, and wisdom, we invite His presence into our lives and into the lives of those we love. May we always strive to speak with His heart

CORRECTION

The May 4 issue of The Catholic Times listed an incorrect date for the birth of Pope Francis. The late pontiff was born in 1936.

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What is the New Apostolic Reformation?

Meet the biggest religious movement you never heard of: the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR). Begun by Protestants committed to Reformation doctrines, it has faced strong criticism from mainstream Protestants, while also attracting many Catholics. NAR leaders have also been very active politically, including “apostles” Dutch Sheets and Paula White-Cain, senior adviser to the newly created White House Faith Office.

In this article, I’ll give a brief history of the NAR; later, I will detail basic NAR doctrines, along with a Catholic response.

NAR adherents believe that an age of revival began around 1900, during which essentials that the Church lost or suppressed long ago were gradually “revived” or “restored.” This began within the Pentecostal movement in the U.S., notably during the Azusa Street Revival (1906-1909) in Los Angeles, where speaking in tongues was considered evidence of the restoration of “spiritual gifts.”

Pentecostals like Aimee Elizabeth Semple McPherson (1890-1944) made faith healing a well-known practice. After World War II, the healing revivalists Oral Roberts and William Branham created more interest in “manifestations of the Holy Spirit” in North America. Branham inspired the Latter Rain Revival in Saskatchewan in 1947-48. There, members of the Assembly of God began a period of fasting and prayer during which one of them prophesied that the gifts of the Spirit would be restored to the Church by the laying on of hands, leading to reports of healings, “vocal prophetic utterances” and spiritual gifts being “imparted” from one person to another. In 1949, the General Council of the Assemblies of God USA condemned Latter Rain teachings and practices, but this had little effect. Latter Rain congregations simply disaffiliated from the Assemblies of God and continued to spread their doctrines of “restoration.” They taught that God was restoring healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the laying on of hands, prophecy, deliverance and

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true worship. They thought God was also restoring the “fivefold ministry” of Ephesians 4:11, believing that the Church would not be fully effective without the offices of apostles, prophet, pastor, teacher and evangelist operating today.

Restorationist Pentecostals were also influenced by “Word of Faith” teachers who taught the authority of the believer to “command” evil spirits and sickness. E.W. Kenyon, the father of the “prosperity Gospel,” wrote, “You have a right to freedom from pain or sickness. In that Name you command it to leave. You are not demanding it of the Father, because the Father has given you authority over these demoniacal forces.” Kenyon also originated “dominion theology” according to which Christians have been given authority over all creation. This would later be combined with the “mandate” to take over the “seven mountains” of family, religion, education, media, arts and entertainment, business and government.

Revival and Word of Faith came together in the “Jesus Movement” of the 1960s and 70s. John Wimber, a founder of the Vineyard movement, believed anyone could be taught to perform signs and wonders, and that the Gospel should be spread by “power evangelism.” The effective evangelist had authority to demonstrate the power of God through signs and wonders, including receiving a “word of knowledge” about another person, leading to healing and/or a faith commitment.

C. Peter Wagner, who coined the term “New Apostolic Reformation,” defined three “waves” of Pentecostalism. The First Wave was marked by speaking in tongues as

evidence of baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Second Wave came when Pentecostal practices spread among Catholics and mainstream Protestants in the 1960s; it was characterized by “Word of Faith” concepts. What distinguished the Third Wave was the emphasis on “signs and wonders” or “power evangelism.”

The Third Wave really took off in 1994 with the “Toronto Blessing,” a six-days-a-week revival featuring former Baptist minister Randy Clark speaking at the Toronto Airport Vineyard church. After pushback from Vineyard leadership, backers of the revival felt the need for a “new wineskin” that would allow them to incorporate Latter Rain, Word of Faith and Revivalist practices without hindrance from denominational authorities. They believed God was restoring true authority to the Church. From now on, authority would reside in modern-day apostles and prophets, whose power came directly from God, not from a bishop, council of elders, church board, a university degree, or denominational headquarters. Self-designated “apostles” began to form networks of apostles based on voluntary relationships. In 1996, C. Peter Wagner gave the movement the name “New Apostolic Reformation.”

Today, NAR groups spread their ideas through music ministries like Bethel Music, Hillsong, Elevation and Jesus Culture. They run schools to teach people how to prophecy, heal and “hear God’s voice.” These include Christ for the Nations Institute, Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, Global Awakening and International House of Prayer University. In addition to publishing many books, NAR leaders are adept at using digital media. Important NAR figures today include Che Ahn, Heidi Baker, Todd Bentley, Shawn Bolz, Randy Clark, Lou Engle, Bill Hamon, Leif Hetland, Benny Hinn. Cindy Jacobs Jennifer LeClaire, Bill Johnson, Rick Joyner, Rod Parsley, Chuck Pierce, Dutch Sheets, Brian Simmons, Kris Vallotton and Lance Wallnau.

Prayer has a calming effect

Recently, a friend and I had the privilege of doing a workshop with Catholic school children with some ways to calm themselves to avert stress and anxiety with a Catholic approach.

Our approach included prayer, breathing and movement.

With prayer, we encouraged them to cry out to Jesus (in their hearts) with acclamations such as saying the name of Jesus and calling on the Holy Trinity, the Holy Family, the Blessed Mother, the saints and the angels in times of challenge and trial.

The children beautifully shared some of their favorite prayers that they know by heart and say at home with their families. A couple of children said they wrote their own prayers with their parents and siblings. We talked about the power of praying for one another and calling on their favorite saints to come to their assistance.

We emphasized that we are all God’s beloved children and that He wants us to talk to Him and share everything with Him throughout the day, no matter what.

St. Teresa of Avila said, “God dwells within you, within every cell of your being. Seek Him there, in the depths of your own heart.” We can all use the reminder that God lives within us and is always with us and we have the gift of being able to pray unceasingly to Him.

Next, we moved into breathing techniques to relax the body and we practiced breathing in Jesus and breathing

HOLY AND HEALTHY

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out everything not of Jesus. Every breath we have is a gift from God and paying attention to our breathing helps us to stay calm and better able to hear and respond to the promptings from the Holy Spirit.

We talked about how breathing high in the chest is stressful to the body and that when we practice deep, slower belly breathing there is a calming effect on the body. The children practiced belly breathing by placing a shoe on their bellies and breathing in and out through their nose while watching their bellies rise and fall. There were lots of giggles and we appreciated their joy.

St. John Eudes said, “He belongs to you, but more than that, He longs to be in you, living and ruling in you, as the head lives and rules in the body. He wants His breath to be in your breath, His heart in your heart, and His soul in your soul.”

My friend shared that she survived lung cancer, but she had to have a lung removed, but she is now cancer

free. There were some gasps from the children. We explained that over time the other lung has become stronger and she can now enjoy pickleball and other athletic activities without noticing any difference in her breathing.

Most importantly, she shared how she trusted in God to be with her, to strengthen her and to care for her as she navigated this trial. She told the children she thanked God for this situation, for her faith and for the strength God gave her to inspire others as a powerful witness of trust in God.

Finally, we talked about movement and how we can honor our bodies that are made in God’s image. We did some stretching to warm up our bodies. Then we prayed a decade of the Rosary with different movements for the Our Father prayer and for each Hail Mary prayer. This is a Catholic prayer and movement practice called SoulCore.

In “Theology of the Body,” Pope St. John Paul II said, “The body, in fact, and it alone, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and divine.”

We give thanks for the time we had with the children to share our faith and to be inspired by their faith, their joy and their desire to learn and grow. God is faithful and He is working in our families and in our Catholic schools so beautifully making visible the invisible: the spiritual and divine within each of us.



Deacon Zachary Goodchild (right) kneels in front of Bishop Earl Fernandes during the Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 3 at Worthington St. Michael the Archangel Church.



The four deacon candidates, including three seminarians from Uganda, kneel at the altar during the ordination Mass.
Photos courtesy Andy Long

Diocesan seminarian ordained as deacon

By Hannah Heil
Catholic Times Reporter

The diocese gained a new transitional deacon on Saturday, May 3 with the ordination of seminarian Zachary Goodchild to the Order of the Diaconate.

Bishop Earl Fernandes celebrated the Mass at Worthington St. Michael the Archangel Church. Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the United States, was originally slated to attend and confer the Rite of Ordination, but he was unable to be present after Pope Francis' death late last month.

Major concelebrants at the ordination Mass included Bishop Emeritus Frederick Campbell; Father Steven Beseau, rector at the Pontifical College Josephinum; Father William Hahn, diocesan vicar general and director of vocations; and Father Kenneth Brighenti, vice rector at the Josephinum. Father Paul Keller, OP (Order of Preachers), director for the Office of Divine Worship, served as master of ceremonies.

Bishop Fernandes also ordained seminarians Godfrey Ssebiky of the Diocese of Kiyinda Mityana, Uganda, and Adrian Kyambadde and Wynand Ssenkusu of the Diocese of Lugazi, Uganda, to the transitional diaconate. The three are currently offering weekend assistance at parishes in the Diocese of Columbus while studying at the Josephinum.

Goodchild, who is also completing his formation at the Josephinum, and the Ugandan seminarians will return to seminary in the fall for a final year of studies. The four men are projected to be ordained as priests at this time next year.

The Rite of Ordination began with the election of the candidates. The men were presented to Bishop Fernandes, who for-



Newly ordained Deacon Zachary Goodchild stands with Bishop Earl Fernandes.

mally elected, or chose, them for the Order of the Diaconate. Each was called by name and stood before the bishop.

Father Beseau testified before the congregation that the men had been found worthy for ordination to the sacred order, which was accepted by Bishop Fernandes.

The bishop spoke directly to the candidates in his homily. He focused on the importance of diaconal ministry, which is at the root of every ecclesial ministry in the Church.

"My brothers, today, through the laying on of hands you will be ordained as deacons. Diaconal ordination as a step to priestly ordination is not merely an ancient tradition," he said. "A priest who

forgets to be a deacon would no longer rightly understand his priestly ministry. A bishop who did not remain a deacon would no longer be a true bishop. A pope ... if he lost his sense of diaconal ministry, would not really be effective as pope."

He spoke about the threefold ministry of deacons: service of the Gospel (kerygma), liturgy (liturgia) and works of charity (diakonia).

The candidates will announce the kerygma – a Greek word meaning "proclamation" – by proclaiming the Good News, or Gospel, that Jesus died for people's sins and was raised in glory.

Following the Apostles, who provided an example of prayer – the liturgia, the

men as deacons will assist at Mass and celebrate the sacraments of baptism and matrimony. They must also commit to being men of prayer, the bishop said, praying the Liturgy of the Hours daily.

Through a service of charity, the diakonia, deacons bear witness to Christ. Bishop Fernandes told the candidates that they will witness to Christ's commandment of love in humble service through their works.

"It is you, through your proclamation of the kerygma, through your constant prayer and fidelity, and through your humble and compassionate service – especially of the poor – who will make Christ the Deacon present in the world, starting from the sacrament of charity," he said.

An examination of the candidates followed. The men were questioned about their resolve to undertake and faithfully fulfill the diaconal ministry. The bishop examined the men's willingness to serve the Church in union with Christ. The candidates responded, "I do" to a series of questions.

The four then knelt before the bishop and promised respect and obedience to him and his successors. The candidates also made a vow of perpetual celibacy. A promise of celibacy is permanent for transitional deacons. Permanent deacons who serve in parishes, however, are permitted to be married before ordination.

The elect prostrated themselves on the floor before the bishop. The Litany of Supplication to the saints was chanted by the congregation. Each candidate then knelt before Bishop Fernandes, who laid his hands on their heads, in-

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**BISHOP JAMES
A. GRIFFIN**

Born in Fairview Park. Ordained as priest of Diocese of Cleveland on May 28, 1960 in Cleveland St. John Cathedral by Auxiliary Bishop (later Cardinal) John Kroil. Ordained as auxiliary bishop of Cleveland on Aug. 1, 1979. Installed as 10th bishop of Diocese of Columbus on April 25, 1983, serving in that position until retiring for health reasons on Oct. 14, 2004. Associate pastor, Cleveland St. Jerome Church. Administrator pro tem, Cleveland St. John Cathedral. Pastor, Euclid St. William Church. Assistant chancellor, vice chancellor, chancellor, vicar general and member of diocesan Tribunal, Diocese of Cleveland. Vice chancellor and board of trustees member, Pontifical College Josephinum. Past president, Catholic Relief Services. Served on many committees of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and central Ohio civic organizations. Has lived in Powell since retirement

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**MSGR.
WILLIAM A.
DUNN**

Columbus native. Ordained at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop (later Cardinal) John Carberry on May 29, 1965. Associate pastor, Worthington St. Michael and Newark Blessed Sacrament churches and cathedral. In residence, Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church. Pastor, Columbus Holy Rosary, Lancaster St. Mary, Worthington St. Michael and Logan St. John churches. Instructor in residence, Columbus St. Charles Seminary. Teacher, Columbus Bishop Watterson and Newark Catholic high schools, Diocesan religious education director. Chairman, diocesan liturgical commission. Associate director, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for Northern Deanery. Member, diocesan integration committee, personnel board, Priests' Senate and diocesan college of consultants. Vicar, North High Vicariate. Dean, Lancaster Deanery. Appointed on Aug. 28, 1999 as monsignor by Pope St. John Paul II with the title prelate of honor. Retired on July 8, 2014 and lives in Hilliard

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**FATHER
PATRICK A.
TONER**

Born in Braddock, Pennsylvania. Ordained at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Edward Herrmann on May 24, 1975. Associate pastor, Marion St. Mary, Columbus St. Agatha, Columbus Holy Spirit, Columbus Our Lady of Peace and Newark St. Francis de Sales churches. Pastor, Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunbury St. John Neumann, Portsmouth St. Mary, Plain City St. Joseph, Columbus St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus St. Agnes and Columbus St. Aloysius churches. In residence, Columbus St. Ladislav Church. Administrator pro tem, Zoar Holy Trinity, London St. Patrick and Columbus St. Catharine of Siena churches. Air Force chaplain in Arizona, Panama, and Andrews Air Force Base near Washington with service in Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Teacher, Columbus Bishop Watterson and Newark Catholic high schools, Diocesan board of consultants member, diocesan youth ministry office co-director and vicar for West Vicariate. Army intelligence specialist in Germany and Vietnam before studying for the priesthood. Retired on July 14, 2015. Currently serving as administrator of Delaware St. Mary Church

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**FATHER
TIMOTHY M.
HAYES**

Born in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. Ordained at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Griffin on June 22, 1985. Associate pastor, Lancaster St. Mary and Powell St. Joan of Arc churches. Pastor, Newark Blessed Sacrament, Columbus St. Timothy, Chillicothe St. Peter, Chillicothe St. Mary and Waverly St. Mary, Queen of the Missions churches. Teacher, Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School, Associate director and director, diocesan vocations office. Diocesan formation policy board member. Currently pastor, Granville St. Edward the Confessor Church

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**FATHER
PAUL HREZO**

Native of Vincenzo, Italy. Ordained by Bishop Gilbert Sheldon on May 27, 2000 at Steubenville Holy Name Cathedral. Parochial vicar, Marietta St. Mary, Cambridge St. Benedict and Lore City Sts. Peter and Paul churches, Pastor, Cambridge Christ Our Light Parish. Diocesan director of Society for the Propagation of the Faith, coordinator for continuing education of priests and dean of Visitation Deanery, Diocese of Steubenville. Former spiritual director for the College of Liberal Arts and current coordinator of spiritual formation, Pontifical College Josephinum.

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**FATHER
NICHOLAS
MONAGHAN**

Born in Alexandria, Scotland. Ordained on June 29, 2000 as priest of Archdiocese of Glasgow by Archbishop (later Cardinal) Thomas Winning at St. Mary Parish, Duntocher, Scotland. Assistant pastor, Our Lady & St. Helen Parish, Condorrat, Scotland. Assistant pastor and pastor, St. Dominic Parish, Bishopbriggs, Scotland. Administrator, St. Matthew Parish, Bishopbriggs. Member, Scottish Catholic Inter-Diocesan Tribunal. Chairman, Commission for Marriage, Family and Life of the Bishops Conference of Scotland. Current vice rector, College of Liberal Arts, Pontifical College Josephinum.

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**FATHER
MICHAEL
DONOVAN,
O de M**

Born in Chicago. Professed vows as member of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy on Aug. 2, 1994. Ordained at Philadelphia St. Donato Church by Bishop Loreno Leon, O de M, bishop of Huacho, Peru, on May 13, 2000. Parochial vicar, Cleveland Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Philadelphia Our Lady of Lourdes churches. Pastor, Our Lady of Mercy Church, LeRoy, New York and St. Edward Church, Starke, Florida. Prison ministry, Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida. Currently pastor, Columbus Holy Family Church.

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**FATHER
SUNDER ERY**

Native of Balanagar, India. Ordained on March 20, 2000 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kadapa, India by Bishop Prakash Mallavapu. Parochial vicar, St. Mary's Cathedral. Pastor and school superintendent. Holy Cross Church, Kamalapuram, India and Holy Rosary Church, Porumamilla, India. Lecturer in English, St. Joseph Junior College, Kamalapuram. Dean of Porumamilla Deanery. Served in Diocese of Springfield, Illinois as parochial vicar at Shumway St. Mary, Effingham St. Anthony of Padua and Effingham Sacred Heart churches and administrator and pastor at Sigel St. Michael the Archangel, Lillyville Sacred Heart, Green Creek St. Mary Help of Christians and Neoga St. Mary of the Assumption churches. Currently parochial vicar, Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.

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**FATHER JAMES
FARNAN**

Born in Chicago. Ordained in Pittsburgh St. Paul's Cathedral on June 24, 2000 by Bishop (later Cardinal) Donald Wuerl. Served in Diocese of Pittsburgh as parochial vicar of multiple parishes and as pastor of Beaver Falls Divine Mercy, Beaver Falls St. Philomena, Bethel Park Resurrection, Sewickley Divine Redeemer and Waynesburg St. Matthias parishes. Currently parochial vicar, Westerville St. Paul Church.

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Grant them the wisdom, understanding,
and strength they need to follow in the

footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your
Kingdom.
Give them the words they need
to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their
ministry.
Help them to become instruments
of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen. (*Prayer for Priests, USCCB*)

Josephinum honors Birmingham bishop, longtime lay supporter

By Hannah Heil

Catholic Times Reporter

Gratitude was a central theme of the Good Shepherd Dinner held at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Monday, April 28.

The Josephinum bestowed its two highest honors on a member of the clergy and the laity during the dinner. The independent seminary, located in north Columbus, serves more than 15 archdioceses, dioceses and religious orders. Its Board of Trustees is composed of bishops of dioceses throughout the country.

“Our mission is clear: to form holy, generous, adaptable and resilient priests for the Church in the 21st century,” said Father Steven Beseau, rector and president of the Josephinum. “St. Pope John Paul said the future of humanity passes by way of the family. The future of the Church passes by way of the seminary.”

Bishop Steven Raica of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, received the Josephinum’s Good Shepherd Award. The bishop serves as vice chair of the Josephinum’s Board of Trustees and chair of its Academic Affairs committee.

The award is presented to a member of the clergy who exemplifies in his life and ministry the qualities of a good shepherd, including promoting vocations and supporting the Josephinum and its seminarians. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the seminary.

Bishop Raica is a native of Munising, Michigan, located in the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan, which comprises the state’s Upper Peninsula. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan, in 1978.

Pope Francis appointed him bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan in 2014. He was later appointed bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in 2020.

Father Kevin Bazzel, vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Birmingham and a member of the Josephinum’s Board of Trustees, presented the award to the bishop.

“I’m truly honored, and admittedly, I’m a little bit overwhelmed by such a display,” Bishop Raica said, receiving the high honor. “I tend to eschew honorifics as I seek to do God’s will without fanfare and thrills.

“As I accept this award, I do so not as a conclusion of a journey but as a reminder that it is the Lord’s work that we do.”

He reflected on his beginnings in ministry, serving in Flint, Michigan – in the Diocese of Lansing – as a transitional deacon before his ordination to the priesthood. He remembered feeling called as an unworthy instrument, he said, to serve, love, listen and bring mercy where God would lead.

He explained that the Lord has remained faithful, accompanying him in

every season: joy and sorrow, growth and challenge, and in his ministerial tasks.

Bishop Raica said he accepted the Good Shepherd Award also in honor of people who accompanied him, from his hometown of Munising to Lansing, Gaylord, Birmingham and Rome – where he studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University and served as superior of Casa Santa Maria, the graduate studies house of the Pontifical North American College, as well as a spiritual director and adjunct faculty member.

He said many along the way offered support, encouragement and prayers. He thanked such individuals for being a source of strength, laughter and “good grace.”

He also extended gratitude to ministers and leaders for their partnership and friendship. He recognized many priests, religious and laity – specifically members of the deaf and hard of hearing community who he served – whose hearts, he said, are on fire for the Gospel.

He recalled the words of a bishop who quoted a fellow clergyman.

“‘If I were to have a thousand lives knowing what I know now, I would be a priest every time’ – and so would I,” Bishop Raica said, “without hesitation and without regret. It has been the greatest joy of my life.”

Bishop Shawn McKnight of the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri and archbishop-designate of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, presented the seminary’s second-highest honor, the Pope Leo XIII award, to Kathleen “Kay” Gibbons of Dublin.

The bishop, a member of the Josephinum’s Board of Trustees, will be installed as archbishop later this month on May 27.

Gibbons was honored for supporting priestly vocations and the Josephinum. The award takes its name after Pope Leo XIII, who served as pontiff from 1878 to 1903. He granted pontifical status to the Pontifical College Josephinum in 1892, making it the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy.

Bishop McKnight recognized Gibbons for having a heart full of gratitude: to God and for her Church, faith, priests and the Josephinum. He said the Church needs lay people like Gibbons with hearts full of gratitude.

She was honored as a woman of deep faith with daily devotion to the Blessed Mother, regularly offering the rosary and prayer.

Gibbons, a native of Muncie, Indiana, was a founding member of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare parish and the Friends of the Josephinum, which supports seminarians through sponsoring events, assisting with urgent or unexpected needs and offering prayer and encouragement. She served on the Josephinum’s Board of Trustees for nine years – three full terms – and helped orchestrate numerous fund-



Father Steven Beseau (left), rector and president at the Pontifical College Josephinum, honors Kay Gibbons (center) and Bishop Steven Raica of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, at the Good Shepherd Dinner on Monday, April 28 for their contributions to the seminary in north Columbus.
CT photos by Ken Snow



Bishop Steven Raica (center) is joined by Bishop Earl Fernandes (left) and Bishop Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, Missouri and the Archbishop-elect of Kansas City, Kansas, at the Good Shepherd Dinner.

raising events for the seminary.

She started a Columbus chapter of The Christ Child Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families in need. She later served on its board and as national president.

Gibbons and her late husband of 56 years, Jack, were the first couple to co-chair the diocesan Bishop’s Annual Appeal – now The Appeal. Gibbons was also integral in opening the Columbus location of the Women’s Care Center, the largest pregnancy resource center in the United States. She continues to serve on its board.



Bishop Steven Raica speaks at the Good Shepherd Dinner.

Find a parish festival, outdoor event in the diocese

It's May and time once again for the annual parish festivals listing in *The Catholic Times*.

Diocesan parishes will be hosting summer and fall festivals and other related events starting in June at Columbus St. Catharine Church and ending in October. A majority of the festivals occur in June, July and August.

One of the largest and most popular events in central Ohio takes place at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church with the annual Italian Festival, which attracts thousands of guests during its three-day run.

Attending a festival or parish event is a fun and easy way to support churches, schools and groups in their efforts to raise funds for their worthy endeavors.

Keep the festival list as a reference throughout the spring, summer and fall. It's a good idea to check with the parish for any changes in schedules or postponements because of inclement weather.

The following is a list of parish festivals and events reported to *The Catholic Times* as of May 9:

JUNE

JUNE 5-7

ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA

500 S. Gould Rd., Columbus
5-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

JUNE 13-14

ST. MARY

82 E. William St., Delaware
5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

JUNE 20-21

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury
6-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

JUNE 27-28

HOLY TRINITY-ST. JOSEPH

225 S. Columbus St., Somerset
6-11 p.m. Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday (Garden Party)

JULY

JULY 11-12

ST. TIMOTHY

1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus
6 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday

JULY 12

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

St. Luke Community Center
7 W. Rambo St., Danville
5-10 p.m. Saturday

JULY 18-19

ST. JOSEPH

613 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover
5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

JULY 18-19

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

807 Havens Corners Rd., Gahanna
6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

JULY 25-26

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

100 Sherman St., Dennison
6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

JULY 25-26

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

414 E. North Broadway, Columbus
6-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

JULY 25-26

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus
6 p.m.-midnight Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday

day

AUGUST

AUG. 1-2

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus
6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

AUG. 1-2

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

3730 Broadway, Grove City
5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

AUG. 1-2

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

4131 Clime Rd., Columbus
4 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

AUG. 7-9

HOLY SPIRIT

4383 E. Broad St., Columbus
6-11 p.m. Thursday, 6 p.m.-midnight Friday, 5 p.m.-midnight Saturday

AUG. 8-9

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

684 S. Third St., Columbus
5 p.m.-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday

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- CASINO
- BEER GARDEN
- BAKE SALE
- SILENT AUCTION
- RAFFLE
- ROYAL PRINCESS PARTY (SAT)
- MEXICAN DINNER

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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
82 E. WILLIAM ST.
DELAWARE, OHIO

AUG. 8-9
ST. BRENDAN
4475 Dublin Rd., Hilliard
6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday (family
fun hours 3-6 p.m. Saturday)

AUG. 8-9
ST. CECILIA
434 Norton Rd., Columbus
5 p.m.-midnight Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight
Saturday

AUG. 15-16
ST. ANDREW
1899 McCoy Road, Columbus
5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

AUG. 15-17
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
600 Hill Road N., Pickerington
5-11 p.m. Friday, 2-11 p.m. Saturday,
noon-4 p.m. Sunday

AUG. 21-23
ST. JOAN OF ARC-ST. PETER
10700 Liberty Road South, Powell
6-10 p.m. Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday and
Saturday

AUG. 23
ST. PIUS X
1061 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg
5-9 p.m. Saturday

AUG. 29-31
ST. MICHAEL
5750 N. High St., Worthington

7-11 p.m. Friday, 5-11 p.m. Saturday and
Sunday

SEPTEMBER
SEPT. 6
BLESSED SACRAMENT
394 E. Main St., Newark
5:30-11 p.m. Saturday

SEPT. 19-20
OUR LADY OF PEACE
20 E. Dominion Blvd. Columbus
6-11 p.m. Friday, 5:30-11 p.m. Saturday

SEPT. 19-21
ST. JOHN PAUL II SCIOTO CATHOLIC PARISH
524 6th St., Portsmouth
5:30 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday,
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

SEPT. 20
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
144 N. 5th St., Zanesville
5:30 p.m. Saturday (Oktoberfest)

OCTOBER
OCT. 5
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
1033 West Fifth St., Marysville
1-5 p.m. Sunday (Bachtoberfest)

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Deacon candidates prostrate themselves before the altar at Worthington St. Michael the Archangel Church during the Rite of Ordination on May 3. Photos courtesy Andy Long



A large congregation at the Rite of Ordination Mass for four deacons includes members of the clergy.

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voking the Holy Spirit.

The invocation of the Holy Spirit during the imposition of hands is an ancient apostolic gesture. The gesture signifies the conferral of the Holy Spirit by which the men are ordained to service in the sacrament of Holy Orders. The prayer of ordination by the bishop completes the act of ordination.

The newly ordained were then vested with a dalmatic, a vestment proper to deacons, and a stole, which comes from the Latin word “stola,” meaning “garment.” The stole is a scarf-like garment that rests on a deacon’s left shoulder and extends across his chest. It is a sign of a deacon’s office of service.

The new deacons also received the Book of the Gospels. Receiving the Gospels from the bishop is a gesture symbolizing a deacon’s responsibility to proclaim God’s word.

The Rite of Ordination concluded with a fraternal kiss of peace. The greeting from the bishop to the new deacons is a sign that they are co-workers in the ministry of the Church. Deacons in attendance also came forward to extend a greeting to the newly ordained.

Goodchild, 29, from Pickerington St.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, is a 2014 graduate of Pickerington North High School. He attended Ohio Northern University and played on the men’s golf team. He earned a degree in statistics in 2018 with a concentration in actuarial science.

He worked at Nationwide Insurance as an actuary after graduating. He left the company and took a job as a janitor at Seton Parish while discerning a call to the priesthood. In 2019, he served as a missionary with Totus Tuus, a Catholic summer youth program that shares the Gospel with children in diocesan parishes. He began studies at the Josephinum in 2020.

Goodchild has served in assignments at Columbus St. James the Less and Canal Winchester St. John XXIII churches, Spanish immersions in Columbus and at Casa Hogar in Lurin, Peru, and at the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs and former St. Lawrence Haven soup kitchen. This summer, he will serve at St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish (Portsmouth Holy Redeemer, Holy Trinity, St. Mary and Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains churches).

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Emerald Campus blessed, dedicated in Lancaster

Just shy of a year after Lancaster St. Mark Church celebrated its final Mass, the building reopened with a new purpose.

The former St. Mark Church and surrounding 38 acres are now the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Emerald Campus. St. Mark parish was suppressed on April 30, 2024 and merged with Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption parish.

Msgr. Craig Eilerman, rector of the basilica, blessed and dedicated the basilica's new Emerald Campus on Sunday, April 27. The campus' name was inspired by St. Mark's longtime pastor, Father Pete Gideon, who referred to the church and its grounds by the name.

The church building has undergone renovations in the year since St. Mark's closing.

On the campus, the former church building was renamed the St. Mary Center for Evangelization and Faith Formation. The former nave and sanctuary inside the building is now St. Mark Assembly Hall.

The St. Mary Center includes a St. Mark Shrine, which is dedicated to parishioners of the former St. Mark parish. Msgr. Eilerman blessed the shrine with holy water during the building's dedication ceremony.

The rector also blessed St. Mark Assembly Hall, which is filled with chairs, a stage and podium at the front, serving as a space for meetings and other gatherings.

St. Mark Knights of Columbus Council 15447 color guard brought the colors to the assembly hall stage at the conclusion of the dedication.

Al Prisco, a founding member of the former church's Knights of Columbus parish council, moved to Lancaster with his wife nearly 50 years ago. The couple belonged to St. Mark Church.

"Regarding the closing of the parish

last year, it was not easy, especially after being here so long, making all the relationships, just being familiar with St. Mark's and the atmosphere of the parish community," Prisco explained. "It's a very close-knit parish, very family oriented. It was difficult for us, but we were willing to take the lead in moving forward with the changes, and it's turned out very good."

Sue Tobin, a member of the former church for nearly 30 years, shared Prisco's sentiment. Tobin belonged to the parish since the time it had a school. She taught all grades kindergarten through sixth.

"Despite the many tears shed when the parish was closed last year, the transformation, although difficult, has been good," she said. "I'm very, very pleased with how it looks now."

Cynthia Pearsall, who serves as volunteer manager of the food pantry that was part of St. Mark parish for years, attended the blessing and dedication of the new campus. The pantry, located in the building's basement, draws many volunteers and clients. Pearsall described the building as full of the Holy Spirit.

She is a parishioner at St. Mary of the Assumption and has belonged to several parishes throughout the years while serving as a nurse in the U.S. Navy and her husband was a U.S. Air Force officer. The couple lived in Washington for several years before landing in Lancaster.

"I've had lots of opportunities to compare and contrast people and edifices, and this is a special place. St. Mary's is certainly a special place as well. They're very different cultures, but what's very interesting is to watch how it's coming together," Pearsall said.

"The maturity of it is growing by leaps and bounds. There are a lot of St. Mary's people here as well as St. Mark's people celebrating this."



Msgr. Craig Eilerman, pastor of Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, blesses the St. Mark Shrine, which is dedicated to the parishioners of the former St. Mark Church, with holy water.
CT photos by Ken Snow



Addressing the gathering in St. Mark Assembly Hall before the blessing are (from left) Msgr. Craig Eilerman, Deacon Jeffrey Hurdley and Deacon Frank Sullivan.



Msgr. Craig Eilerman blesses St. Mark Assembly Hall.



The former St. Mark Church and surrounding 38 acres are now called the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Emerald Campus, taking the name that former longtime pastor, Father Pete Gideon, called the church and its grounds.



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DeSales teacher, students become Catholic



A Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School teacher and two students entered the Catholic Church. Teacher Luke McClellan and students Ashton Boyd and Anna Claire Carr became Catholic earlier this month. McClellan was welcomed into the faith at Columbus St. Catharine of Siena, Boyd at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle and Carr at Worthington St. Michael the Archangel churches. The students' classmates served as their sponsors. Pictured are (from left) Tessa Bott, Carr's sponsor; Carr; McClellan (wife and sponsor Caroline not pictured); Boyd; and Jacob Reash, Boyd's sponsor.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

DeSales student selected for NASA internship



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School junior Emma Hahn was chosen for the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Enhancement in Earth Science high school internship program in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin Center for Space Research and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Five percent of applicants are accepted in the summer program. Hahn earned a fully-funded scholarship to participate. She will work with NASA experts as a part of a virtual and in-person experience.

Photo courtesy St. Francis DeSales High School

2025 All-Central Catholic League Boys Volleyball

First team

Michael LaSusa, Donovan Timm, Matthew Brown, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School; George Smith, AJ Harvey, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School; Casey Althouse, Ian Shannon, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School; CJ Bartony, Columbus Bishop Hartley High School

Second team

Eli MacKim, Itotia Wilcox, St. Charles;

Ben Gabrich, Will Spiers, Bishop Watterson; Majid Strickland, Dominic Trolli, St. Francis DeSales; Joseph Murray, Bishop Hartley

Standings

St. Charles
Bishop Watterson
St. Francis DeSales
Bishop Hartley

League Record

5-1
4-2
3-3
0-6

Missionaries begin visits to diocesan parishes

By Sister Zephрина Mary, F.I.H

Director, Diocesan Missions Office

The diocesan Missions Office annually assigns visiting missionaries to designated parishes within the diocese. The annual Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) provides opportunities to missionaries to speak at an assigned parish or parishes on a weekend between May and September. This year, 45 missionaries (including bishops, priests, and lay missionaries) from various continents, particularly Africa and Asia, will be visiting the diocese.

On behalf of Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, I would like to welcome the missionaries who are eagerly ready to share their experiences with our parishes. It is one of the greatest and holiest works of the Church to promote the universality of missionary spirit. The Church is committed to the spread of the Gospel in the face of the many tribulations and by hope in Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the Universe.

Our Office is also responsible for the disbursement of funds to the mission organizations.

Why is the universal mission of the Church so necessary? In the early Christian era, apostles and foreign missionaries sowed the seed of the Word of God among millions of non-Christians. Indeed, God blessed their efforts with abundant harvests. There was hardly a

country that was untouched by missionaries. They shed their blood while baptizing, building churches and announcing the Gospel to both the poor and the rich.

Jesus commissioned the Apostles to go and proclaim the Good News to the ends of the earth. Jesus was a missionary and sent by God the Father for redeeming us from sin and eternal death. As Jesus was sending forth the missions to His disciples by empowering them with the Holy Spirit, he said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20: 21).

According to tradition, St. James was the first Apostle to be martyred, by King Herod. St. Jude preached in Armenia and was martyred in Beirut, Lebanon. St. Bartholomew was martyred in India and also preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia, Parthia and Lycaonia. St. Matthew journeyed to Ethiopia for missionary work and was also martyred there.

St. Andrew traveled to Greece for his mission work and was martyred in Patras. St. Peter preached in Antioch, Pontus, Galatia, Bithynia, Cappadocia and Asia and was crucified in Rome. St. Paul preached throughout the Roman Empire, Illyricum, and was martyred in Rome. St. Philip ministered in Greece, Syria and Asia Minor. St. Thomas baptized thousands of people in India, where his tomb is located.

Catholicism exists because of the blood shed by Christ and those who made sac-

rifices by shedding their blood for His bride, the Church.

In the Bible, St. Peter, addressing the Sanhedrin in the early days of the Church, said, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are saved" (Acts 4:12). To proclaim the name of Christ is very crucial to all nations on the earth. It is our duty, as baptized members of Christ, to go to the ends of the Earth, witness the love of God and share with others His mercy and kindness. Jesus Christ came into this world to bring glad tidings to the poor. We are called to support missionaries who come from afar. Even though we cannot all go to the nations through our little charity and financial help, we can enable missionaries to carry out God's ministry to those who may never have experienced God's unending mercy and love. Let us become partakers of Jesus' mission by actively participating in the universal mission of the Church.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus is the only Savior who redeemed all humanity from eternal punishment and freely offered eternal salvation to all. However, to receive this blissful eternity after death, we must believe in and accept Jesus Christ as our God and Redeemer. How can we ignore the pitiful clamoring of so many neglected people suffering mate-

rial and spiritual want in mission lands? "The grace of renewal cannot grow in communities unless each of them expands the range of its charity to the ends of the earth., and has the same concern for those who are far away as it has for its members" (Ad Gentes, 37).

Missionaries very often leave family, friends and familiar surroundings. They are sent to an unfamiliar context and culture. We know mission work is impossible without the support of generous hearts. This is also an opportunity for missionaries to pray for you who are generously thankful for your financial support. As we read in the Holy Scriptures, "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10: 17).

Yes, indeed, we all are one in Christ because we are breaking and sharing the same Bread of the Jesus Christ at every altar in all Catholic churches throughout the world. Therefore, let us help and promote the need of foreign churches asking for help through this appeal for their missionary endeavors.

We can together carry out the missions of the Church and continue to be foster and transform many in the light of Christ, who commanded us to spread the Gospel to the whole world. Let us humbly serve Christ by promoting the universal Church's Mission: salvation of humanity only through Jesus Christ!

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Cathedral to host chamber concert on May 18

A concert with a 22-piece chamber orchestra and *Lucas Stellarum* (Latin for By Starlight), an eight-part mixed vocal ensemble, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The concert also will feature the cathedral choir and Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, cathedral music director. The program will include works by Arvo Part, Felix Mendelssohn and Ralph Vaughn Williams, along with Gabriel Faure's Requiem. There will be a reception afterward in the cathedral undercroft.

Admission is free. The event is being underwritten with funds provided by the late Joseph G. Perko, a longtime supporter of the cathedral's music program.

For more information, go to www.cathedralmusic.org.

Memorial Day services planned at cemeteries

Three diocesan cemeteries will have Memorial Day services on Monday, May 26.

Holy Cross Cemetery, 11539 National Road S.W., Pataskala, will host a flag ceremony at 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 11. There will be an 11 a.m. Mass at St.

Joseph Cemetery, 6440 S. High St., Columbus, with Mass at noon. A noon flag ceremony at Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St., Lewis Center, will be followed by Mass at 1 p.m.

If you have questions or need additional information, call the Resurrection Cemetery office at (614) 888-1805, or visit catholiccemeteriesofcolumbus.org.

Dementia workshops scheduled at St. Peter/St. Joan of Arc

Columbus St. Peter/Powell St. Joan of Arc Parish will host two workshops sponsored by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging's (COAAA) family caregiver support program.

Programs will cover dementia symptoms and challenging behaviors associated with it, as well as useful communication techniques that family, friends and caregivers can use to help people with dementia feel more comfortable. The presenter will be Paula M. Taliaferro, COAAA education coordinator.

Both programs will be presented on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. "Understanding Symptoms of Dementia and Creatively Engaging People in Families and Communities" will be the topic on

May 19 at Columbus St. Peter Catholic Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road.

A workshop on "Challenging Behaviors in Dementia and Ways to Create Home for People Who Are Experiencing Them" will take place on June 2 at Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road South.

COAAA offers education and resources to caregivers, professionals and the public in eight central Ohio counties while advocating for programs and policies that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities.

For more information, send an email to PTaliaferro@coaaa.org.

Men's luncheon club meeting scheduled for June 6

The final Catholic Men's Luncheon Club meeting before the summer break will be held Friday, June 6 after the 11:45 a.m. Mass at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave.

The speaker will be Cody Egner, director of Sacred Music at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish in Cincinnati and founder of St. Charles Catholic Pilgrimages. His talk is entitled "Explore the Sacred: Why Pilgrimage."

The luncheon begins at approximately 12:10 p.m. and includes Egner's presentation. Cost is \$12 for the lunch and meeting. No reservations are necessary.

The June luncheon is sponsored by James E. Macklin, MD. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a future luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com.

There will be no July or August luncheons. The next luncheon will be Friday, Sept. 5, featuring a talk by Father Jacques Kik, pastor of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church and Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Mission.

Adoration at the Statehouse offered in June

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is hosting Adoration at the Statehouse on Tuesday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Governor Thomas Worthington Center.

All are invited to come spend time with Jesus in the state capitol building and pray for national and state government leaders.

For more information, directions and parking information, visit www.ohiocatholicconf.org/adoration.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

Ruminare on the Word of God

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him (Jn 14:23).

Jesus says these words during the Last Supper. He repeatedly reassures the disciples that he would not leave them orphans, alone, abandoned!

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth (Jn 14:15-17). Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him (Jn 14:21).

Jesus promises that the whole Trinity will come and make a dwelling with the one who has Jesus' words, who keeps them.

In this, the old prophecies are fulfilled. The Lord, God of Israel, promised already to Moses that he would walk with them. I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. (Lev 26:11-13) Later, the prophets reassure the nation that the Lord did not change his mind, and he would walk with them (Jer 30:21-22; Ezek 11:19-20)

Once Jesus comes back after the resurrection, the indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity will be possible. In other words, the one who has and keeps Jesus' words will be allowed to live in the

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The concrete "technicality" of it is keeping the word of Jesus. In Greek, it literally means "to attend to carefully." But how? What does it mean?

One of the most frequently recommended practices among the earliest Christian monks, "the Desert Fathers" is what they called *meletê* – meditation. Thus, it was the custom of John the Dwarf, for example, to dedicate himself to prayer, *meletê*, and psalmody after an absence from his cell "until his mind was restored to its former state." The frequency of this recommendation shows the importance of such practice among the monks of the fourth through sixth centuries. The Greek *melete* translates the Hebrew (1) *hgh* : *hagah* and (2) *syh* : *siyah* – utter, muse, repeat in undertone, speak silently and mutter. This is the basic of biblical meditation.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night" (Josh 1:8a). Similarly, the king is required to have a copy of the Book of the Law and utter it day by day, that is, to study in a meditative manner (Dt 17:18-19). Psalm 1 proclaims blessed the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night (Ps 1:2)

In a word, the biblical meditation is the vocal and continuous repetition of the Word of God. The idea comes from the shepherd's world, where the sheep and cows would go out to pastures, feed

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

5-19/5-24 MONDAY Acts 14:5-18 Psalm 115:1-4,15-16 John 14:21-26	THURSDAY Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96:1-3,10 John 15:9-11	5-26/5-31 MONDAY Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b John 15:26-16:4a	THURSDAY Acts 18:1-8 Psalm 98:1-4 John 16:16-20
TUESDAY Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 145:10-13ab,21 John 14:21-26	FRIDAY Acts 15:22-31 Psalm 57:8-12 John 15:12-17	TUESDAY Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8 John 16:5-11	FRIDAY Acts 18:9-18 Psalm 47:2-7 John 16:20-23
WEDNESDAY Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122:1-5 John 15:1-8	SATURDAY Acts 16:1-10 Psalm 100:1b-3,5 John 15:18-21	WEDNESDAY Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Psalm 148:1-2,11-14 John 16:12-15	SATURDAY Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16 Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 Luke 1:39-56

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION: Mass Schedule: Weeks of May 18 and 25

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). (Encore 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. (Encore 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.
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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); St. Patrick (Columbus) (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 I and II of the Liturgy of the Hours.

themselves with the grass and later chew it, ruminate. This is the meaning of the Hebrew *hagah* and *siyah*. Likewise, to meditate means to read the Scripture and ruminate on a word or a phrase.

There are the following simple steps to practice. First, pray to the Holy Spirit. Second, read the passage of the Scripture. Third, re-read it several times and pay attention to a word or phrase that catches your attention. Fourth, repeat the word/phrase for several minutes without any speculation, reflection. Simply repeat it. Fifth, remain in silence

and see whether the dots are connected. In other words, do you see the reason for this word? What does it tell you? How does it illuminate your life situation? If there is no connection, return to it the next time. Ask the Lord for light. If there is a connection, give thanks!

Such a simple practice of keeping the Word leads us to a personal experience of Jesus' presence, his practical guidance in our daily lives. This experience helps us to redirect our steps. In this way, we allow the Word to nourish our hearts, cleanse our thinking and strengthen our steps.

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

Glorification on cross expresses manifestation of Christ's love

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

In the wake of last Sunday's special motif, the liturgy takes us back to the Cenacle, the room of the Last Supper, to hear once again the words the Good Shepherd said on that unique night when He instituted the new and eternal covenant with its unbloody sacrifice.

Today's Gospel picks up where it was left off in Holy Thursday's Gospel. The few verses we hear today work as a sort of exordium of what is known as the Farewell Discourse in the Gospel of St. John (Jn 13:31-17:26). They go straight

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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to the core of the mystery: glorification and love (*agape*.) We may say that this is the statement of the thesis Jesus will expand on throughout the entire discourse or sermon, which will conclude in Chapter 17 in a way that reminds us of these opening verses we hear today.

Readers who are familiar with the Gospel of John know that the employment of language by this evangelist is bewildering, at least according to the common categories we normally use in

our habitual exchanges. The surprise appears right from the get-go with Jesus saying, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once" (John 13:31-32).

What is not clear is the use of the term glorification. At first glance, the play with the word to glorify confuses us. Most of us, when thinking of glorification, think in terms of exaltation, fame and glory in the sense of popular recognition. But if we read the fourth Gospel carefully, we come to the realization that the primary sense of the verb refers to the crucifixion, which few people will consider a glorification. Dying on a

cross was not part of a good résumé. St. Paul clearly states the general appreciation of crucifixion: "We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Corinthians 1:23). He himself had to grapple with the reality of that mystery!

This is really putting things upside down. We understand it only through the eyes of faith. Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard distinguished three main types of people based on their focus and approach to life: the aesthetic (focused on immediate sensible appearances), the ethical (focused on moral duty and societal obligations based on

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the use of reason) and the religious (focused on faith and a relationship with God). The only way to make the jump to the third type is by looking at the passionate, almost foolish, love of God.

Jesus indicates precisely this when he states the second part of His “thesis”: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). We all desire to love and to be loved. This is built into our nature. Neither the aesthetic nor the ethical person will reject this. But Jesus does not stop with “love one another.” He explicitly states, “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” His glory consists in the fact that he carried that love to the extreme, as St. Paul indicates, “Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly ... God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:6,8).

We can spot a mysterious connection here. The term “glory” in Greek is *doxa*, which carries the basic meaning of “radiance” or “splendor.” The related verb “to glorify” is *doxazo*, which means “to cause to shine.” Now, when somebody falls in love, it is even visible for others because they can see some sort of glowing in the person’s face. Hence, we can say that love causes radiance or splendor. Therefore, we can say that Jesus states like a tautology by referring to crucifixion as glorification because the Cross expresses precisely the manifestation of His love that shines in a unique way, as He Himself already pointed out, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). In a few words, there is no other true glorification than the one given by authentic love.

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Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

ANKOWSKI, James J., 78, April 25
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

BADGELEY, Irmgard "Irma" A., 87, April 16
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

BOURKE, Mary (McGinty), 69, April 23
St. Catharine of Siena Church, Columbus

BOCH, Gary, 82, April 14
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

CARROLL, Thomas Edward, 86, April 21
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

DOUGHERTY, Eugene, 89, April 23
St. Matthew the Apostle Church, Gahanna

GERMAINE, Mary E. "Liz," 84, May 2
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

GREEN, Thomas C., 82, April 16
St. Edward the Confessor Church, Gahanna

HAREZGA, James Francis, 73, April 22
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

HARRISON, Lynne A., 77, April 25
Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, Lockbourne

KRAVER, Patricia Catherine "Pat," 84, April 29
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

KRILE, Robert, 82, May 3
St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove

KURGAN, Todd A., 52, April 26
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington

MARSHALL, Louise V., 100, April 24
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

McSWEENEY, Diarmuid J., 84, Feb. 26
St. Edward the Confessor Church, Granville

MILLER, Norma L., 74, May 1
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

PARK, Norma J. (Connel), 90, April 25
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Buckeye Lake

PENSO, Andrew, 95, April 28
St. Joseph Church, Dover

PIERSON, Donna, 84, April 26
St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury

PIPER, Kendall W. "Bill," 80, April 29
St. Mary Church, Delaware

POLING, Carolyn, 92, May 4
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

REGAN, Donald, 77, May 1
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

RICHERT, Jerald "Jerry," 90, May 2
St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon

RIZZO, Linda Kay, 80, April 18
St. Peter Church, Columbus

SPELMAN, David E., 86, April 25
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Canal Winchester

STACHURA, Alan Michael, 69, April 29
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

STEFANICH, Ruth J., 96, Jan. 31
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

STULLER, Nancy, 41, May 5
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville

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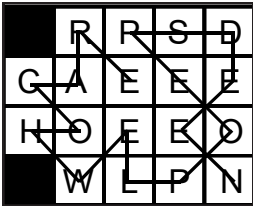
ZIEGLER, Walter, 89, May 3
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

ZUNICH, Lawrence Michael, 79, April 24
St. Peter Church, Columbus

Charles J. "Chuck" Lamb Jr.

A private funeral service was conducted for Charles J. "Chuck" Lamb Jr., 86, who died Tuesday, April 22.

He was born on December 22, 1938, in Minneapolis to Charles and Bertha Lamb. He attended the University of Minnesota, studying business. He joined the U.S. Army in 1957 and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



WORDS OF WISDOM SOLUTION

He held various professional roles with Scouting America, formerly the Boy Scouts of America, over a 35-year career, including director of field services in northern Virginia and central Ohio. He was the longtime chairman of the Columbus diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and was scoutmaster for many troops.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Richard; a sister, Patricia; and a grandson. Survivors include his wife, Mary Virginia "Ginny" (Barber); sons, Mark and Mike; daughters, Teresa Soller and Beth; and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Richard D. D'Enbeau

Funeral Mass for Dr. Richard D. D'Enbeau, 80, who died Monday, April 21, was celebrated Monday, April 30 at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church.

He was born on May 23, 1944 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to the late Ruben and Helen (Cantwell) Denbo and received a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy in 1967 from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; a Master of Science degree in 1969 from Purdue University and a Master of Science degree in organizational development in 1979 from Case Western University.

He was president and chief executive of the New Albany Surgical Hospital when it

opened in 2003 and continued as its president when the Mount Carmel Health System acquired it in 2007, remaining in that position until his retirement in 2015.

He previously held positions with several other hospitals and medical organizations. Survivors include his wife, Janet (Smith) Meeks; children Melyssa Little, Suzanne, Rick (Ann Gilmore) and Pat D'Enbeau of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; stepdaughters Meredith Meeks Veltri (Steven) of Hilliard, Ohio; and Mallory Meeks DeLucas (Matthew); a sister, Marlou (Donald) Eldred; a grandson, three granddaughters and two step-granddaughters.

Dr. Lawrence E. "Gene" Arnold

Funeral Mass for Dr. Lawrence E. "Gene" Arnold, 89, who died Sunday, April 27, was celebrated Saturday, May 3 at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1936 in Zanesville to Carl and Carrie (Untied) Arnold. He was a 1954 graduate of Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School, attended the former Columbus St. Charles Seminary and earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton. He graduated from the Ohio State University College of Medicine, interned at the University of Oregon, took residencies at Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a Master's degree in education, and served with the U.S. Public Health Service.

He was a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist and was an active member of the department of psychiatry and behavioral health at Ohio State from 1970 until shortly before his death. He was professor emeritus of psychiatry, former director of the division of child and

adolescent psychiatry and vice chair of psychiatry and served as interim director of the Nisonger Center of Excellence for Developmental Disabilities.

He was nationally known for his research on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disorders, including autism spectrum disorder and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, writing many books and more than 300 scholarly papers. He also operated an orchard and a farm where he raised hogs, cattle and sheep, specializing in his later years in sheep and growing apples.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Carl; and sisters, Romaine Joseph and Karen Lang. Survivors include his wife, Billie (Crowley); sons, Matthew, Mark (Margaret) and Paul (Elizabeth); daughters, Ann (Jeff) Krieg and Laurie (Michael) Kopf; a brother, Jerry (Theresa); a sister, Carol May; five grandsons, five granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

George W. Gornall

Funeral Mass for George W. Gornall, 85, who died Saturday, April 26, was celebrated Monday, May 19 at Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Church.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1939 to Evert and Marie Gornall. He graduated from Reynoldsburg High School and received a Bachelor's degree from Otterbein College and a Master's degree from Ohio State University.

He dedicated 53 years to education, teaching at Columbus Bishop Watterson High School, South-Western City Schools and Grandview Heights High School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Donald and Thomas. Survivors include his wife, Leona; a son, George (Lauren); a daughter, Lisa (Peter); a brother, William; a sister, Harriet Wengert; and three grandchildren.

Susan M. Owens

A celebration of life for Susan M. Owens, 74, who died Friday, April 11, took place Saturday, May 3 at the Woodside Green Park Shelter in Gahanna.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1951 in Columbus to Lewis and Virginia (Zane) French.

She was a graduate of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and earned a degree in elementary education from Ohio State

University. She began the kindergarten program at Columbus St. Philip School, where she taught for six years, then taught at Columbus St. Catharine School for 13 years.

Survivors include her husband Louis Jordan; daughter Lindsey (Owens) Jordan; brothers Steven and Scott; sister Sharon (French) Wiesner; and one step-grandson.

Altar servers recognized with Serra Club awards

Approximately 100 young men and women received the Serra Club Altar Server Awards at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church on Sunday, May 4. Bishop Earl Fernandes was present to bestow the awards.

Ten young men were also awarded financial aid scholarships to diocesan high schools. The students were recognized for essays they submitted on the priestly vocation.

The event began with a prelude and procession. It was followed by recitation of Daytime Prayer, part of the Church's Liturgy of the Hours prayed by clergy, consecrated religious and many laity daily.

Bishop Fernandes then conferred awards to the recipients.

Young men and women altar servers from diocesan parishes who received awards include Onyeka Anigbogu, St. Pius X; Hyoeun Stella Bae, Columbus St. Andrew; Eva Catherine Bailey, Columbus St. Christopher; Jude Baker, Lancaster St. Bernadette; Teddy Bakhshi, Worthington St. Michael the Archangel; Elizabeth Bender, Delaware St. Mary; Grant Thomas Bently, Columbus St. Peter-Powell St. Joan of Arc; Kaitlyn Bloomberg, Columbus Our Lady of Peace; Elliot Brooks, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Henry Brooks, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Kaitlyn Brown, Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona; Andrew Burns, Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare; Noah Chenault, Columbus St. Patrick; Bode Cherry, Johnstown Church of the Ascension; Oliver Cody, Newark St. Francis de Sales; Victoria Cornett, Circleville St. Joseph; Gordon Crabtree, Lancaster Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption.

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Young men who received scholarships for their vocation essays include Brooks; Messina; Grant Bender, Columbus St. Catharine of Siena; Jack Dury, Nathan Marx and George Zafirides, St. Agatha; Patrick Monahan, St. Michael; Justin Nagy, Immaculate Conception; Jack Reardon, Our Lady of Peace; and Nicholas Ryan Shafer, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

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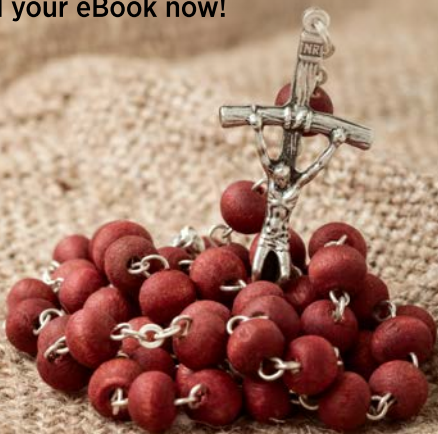
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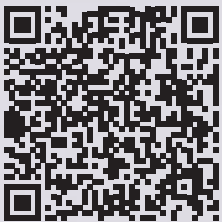


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