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**CARMELITE SISTERS CONTINUE LONG TRADITION  
OF CARING FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM**

**The Editor's Notebook***Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother*

By David Garick, Editor



Mother's Day has recently passed. Father's Day is here. It's a good time to reflect on our relationship with our parents. I think all of us would acknowledge that we owe our parents a lot – our very existence, for starters. To my parents' everlasting credit, despite an untold number of provocations on my part during my childhood and adolescent years, they never regretted their role in thrusting me on an unsuspecting world, although I think my father spent the rest of his life wondering how my thinking could have gotten so out of whack from the worldview he would have preferred me to hold. I had an independent streak that often led me down roads which my father never would have traveled. Of course, I inherited that stubborn independence from him, so I guess he had it coming.

I definitely can identify with the remark attributed to Mark Twain, who is reported to have said, "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." Actually, the learning process lasted much longer than seven years. I was blessed to spend many more years as an adult observing my father and mother and my wife's father and mother as they dealt with the issues in their lives. Wisdom is said to come with age. We often associate wisdom with knowledge. But I think wisdom comes more from faith in dealing with life's challenges.

That was especially valuable during the final stages in each of their lives. None of us relishes the thought of losing the vigor of youth and facing the approaching reality of infirmity and death. One of the greatest lessons I learned from my parents and my in-laws came not from my childhood, but from their old age. I learned that life remains vital and exciting in all its stages, that the loss of physical abilities in no way lessens the wonder of each day in God's

creation. I learned that love conquers fear and that faith lights the way down every path, no matter how dark. I learned that even death can be approached with dignity, love, and joy.

Faith is everything. For most of us, faith in our loving God was instilled in us by our parents. That faith unites us over the years and carries us through the storms of this world. Ultimately, it carries us safely home to Christ. So, just as our parents built faith in us as children, we must be part of the faith that sustains them as they head into the challenges of old age.

Taking care of aged parents is a difficult, often heartbreaking endeavor. Not all of us have the ability to provide all the physical care their medical conditions may demand. Fortunately, we now have access to facilities that can provide the care to meet their needs. This issue of *Catholic Times* takes a look at a group of devoted religious who have dedicated themselves to assisting us in providing that care. The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm do a wonderful job of attending to the physical and spiritual needs of our parents. As their founder, Mother Angeline McCrory, said, "Our apostolate is not only to provide care in up-to-date homes for the aged, but as religious, it is to bring Christ to every old person under our care."

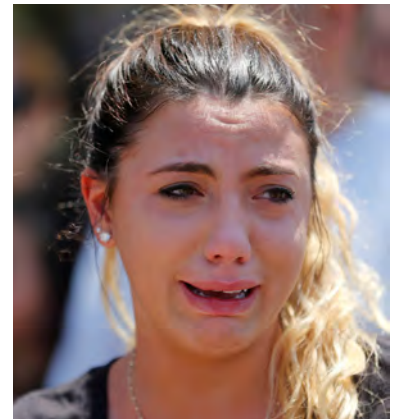
We are all called to bring Christ to those around us. In one of His final talks with the apostles before his ascension into Heaven, Our Lord said "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." What a wonderful blessing if that assurance would come from having that hand that dresses and leads you come from a loving and faithful Carmelite sister.

**Arrest of Christian Refugees**

**Chaldean-American Lavrena Kenawa cries during a June 12 rally outside the Mother of God Chaldean Catholic Church in Southfield, Michigan. Her uncle was among dozens**

**of Chaldean Christians who were arrested by federal immigration officials on the weekend of June 10 and 11 in the Detroit metropolitan area. Members of Detroit's large Chaldean Catholic community said the arrests left them sad and frustrated.**

CNS photo/Rebecca Cook, Reuters



Correction - A story in the June 4 Catholic Times incorrectly identified the order of priests which serves Columbus St. Patrick Church. The parish's priests are Dominican Friars.

Another story in that issue incorrectly stated that seminarian Kyle Tennant was a graduate of Portsmouth Notre Dame elementary and high schools. He is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, but attended a public elementary school because bus transportation to Notre Dame Elementary was unavailable.

**Catholic Times is on summer schedule!**

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the Catholic Times. During June, July and August, we will only be publishing every other week. Look for the Catholic Times in your mailbox just prior to **July 2, 16, & 30; August 13 & 27**

*We will return to our regular weekly publication schedule in September*

**Front Page photo:**

**Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, one of two adjacent facilities on Columbus' far east side sponsored and operated by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. The other is the Villas at St. Therese.**

CT photo by Ken Snow

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## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ~ Clergy Assignment

The Diocese of Columbus has released its list of changes in clergy assignments for 2017-2018. Additional assignment changes may be released at a future date.

These appointments become effective July 11, unless otherwise noted.

**Father Emmanuel Adu Addai**, from the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana, to the care of the Ghanaian Catholic community in Columbus, in residence at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville, effective Feb. 28.

**Msgr. John K. Cody**, from Interim Judicial Vicar, Diocesan Tribunal, to retirement, continuing as Judge, Diocesan Tribunal, effective July 3.

**Father Rodney M. Damico**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville, to retirement.

**Deacon Eugene Dawson**, from diaconal ministry, St. Joseph Church and Holy Trinity Church, Somerset, to retirement, effective May 1.

**Father Nicholas L. Droll**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Corpus Christi Church, and St. Ladislav Church, Columbus, to Administrator, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, West Portsmouth; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Otway; and Holy Trinity Church, Pond Creek.

Confirming the announcement of the provincial of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers, **Father Peter Fegan, OP**, from Pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, to service outside the diocese, effective Aug. 9.

**Father David M. Gwinner**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville, to retirement.

**Father Robert J. Kitsmiller**, from Adjutant Judicial Vicar and Judge, Diocesan Tribunal, to Judicial Vicar and Judge, Diocesan Tribunal, effective July 3.

**Father Robert J. Kitsmiller**, to Associate Administrator, St. John the Baptist Church and Sacred Heart Church, Columbus, in residence at St. Joseph Cathedral.

**Father Anthony P. Lonzo**, from Associate Administrator, St. John the Baptist Church and Sacred Heart Church, Columbus, in residence at St. Joseph Cathedral, to Parochial Vicar, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Westerville.

**Father Vincent T. Nguyen**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon, and St. Luke

Church, Danville, to Administrator, Corpus Christi Church and St. Ladislav Church, Columbus.

**Father Paul A. Noble**, from Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington and the Parishes of the Perry County Consortium (St. Bernard, Corning; St. Patrick, Junction City; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville), to Pastor, St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury, continuing as Director of Vocations.

**Father Daniel W. Olvera**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon, and St. Luke Church, Danville.

**Deacon Thomas Phillips**, to Deacon Administrator, St. Agnes Church and St. Aloysius Church, Columbus, continuing with ministry at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Columbus, effective March 28.

**Father David W. Sizemore**, from Pastor, St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury, to Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark.

**Father Stephen M. Smith**, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church and Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth, continuing as Parochial Vicar, St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; St. Monica Church, New Boston; and Holy Trinity Church, Jackson.

**Father Adam A. Streitenberger**, from pastor, St. Mary Church and Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth, to residence at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus.

**Father Jan C.P. Sullivan**, from Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, to Pastor, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, effective Aug. 9.

**Father Nicola D. Ventura**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Church, Columbus, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church and Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; St. Monica Church, New Boston; and Holy Trinity Church, Jackson.

**Father Joseph T. Yokum**, to Pastor, St. Mary Church and Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth, continuing as Pastor, St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; St. Monica Church, New Boston; and Holy Trinity Church, Jackson.

**Father David E. Young**, from Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, West Portsmouth; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Otway; and Holy Trinity Church, Pond Creek, to retirement.

## 118<sup>th</sup> commencement exercises of the Pontifical College Josephinum



Seminarians from the Diocese of Columbus who received degrees at commencement exercises of the Pontifical College Josephinum last month are (from left): Jacob Stinnett, John Sorenson, Andrew Wisniewski, and Eugene Joseph.  
Photo courtesy Pontifical College Josephinum

It was a day of great joy at the Pontifical College Josephinum as the seminary celebrated its 118th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 13. Members of the graduating class – 44 seminarians from 17 dioceses in the United States and abroad – were awarded degrees from the Josephinum's college of liberal arts, pre-theology program, or school of theology, becoming alumni of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy.

The day began with a baccalaureate Mass in the newly restored and renovated St. Turibius Chapel, with Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Josephinum rector-president, as principal celebrant.

Msgr. Schreck's commencement remarks referenced the impact of the renovation on the lives of seminarians. "The new outpouring of spiritual energy which the Holy Spirit will infuse into the future liturgical and prayer life of this seminary, through this uplifting and edifying art and architecture of this sacred place, will make the chapel's rededication and these 118th commencement exercises one of the great historical markers in Josephinum history," he said.

A bachelor of arts degree in philosophy or humanities was awarded to 13 graduates of the college of liberal arts, including Jacob Stinnett of the Diocese of Columbus, who received a degree in humanities and honors

philosophy *summa cum laude*. Twelve pre-theology graduates earned a bachelor of philosophy degree, including John Sorenson of the Diocese of Columbus, or a certificate of completion in philosophical and theological studies, including Columbus diocesan seminarians Andrew Wisniewski and Eugene Joseph.

The master of divinity degree, which signifies fulfillment of requirements for priestly ordination, was awarded to 19 graduates of the school of theology, 10 of whom completed the additional academic requirements of a master of arts in dogmatic theology, moral theology, biblical studies, or evangelization. The baccalaureate in sacred theology (STB), a pontifical degree conferred by the Josephinum in affiliation with the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, was awarded to 10 of the deacons.

Commencement marks a defining moment in the vocational journey of the seminarians who received degrees. A majority of college and pre-theology graduates will continue their priestly discernment as they begin graduate theological studies. Graduates of the school of theology return to their respective dioceses for priestly ordination. The ordination class of 2017 will join nearly 1,200 ordained Josephinum alumni who serve the universal Church in nearly every state and 18 nations.

## THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC



By Rick Jeric

### *Fathers of Jesus*

Here comes another Father's Day this Sunday. I do not think any of us need to be reminded to honor our dads this weekend. Similar to how we focused on our moms last month, honoring our dads is something different and unique for each of us. It is a special prayer, a remembrance at Mass, a trip to the cemetery, a meeting in person with a meaningful embrace, or a lot of patience in spending some quality time with a dad who has a difficult time remembering exactly who we are. A phone call, an email, a note, a Skype, a Snapchat, or whatever it takes to make up for distance. And if we are relatively close, let us be sure we make the effort to be there with our dad in person. After all, remember those diaper changes (maybe not), those first solid food feedings (first cheeseburger), the long and patient hours of homework help, sporting events, music lessons, scouting, sleepovers, fishing, girls nights, training wheels, learning to drive a car, moving in and out of college, and the list goes on and on. Let us all pray an Our Father for our dads today at the very least.

Jesus was fortunate to have two Fathers. How can you go wrong with God the Father as your first father? We know they are two distinct persons of the Holy Trinity, yet one in the same and inseparable. No way to fully comprehend that, we just keep the faith. And Jesus told us by way of Philip, if I remember correctly, that whoever has seen Jesus has seen the Father. The Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father. I guess we could say with a good amount of certainty that Jesus is the "spitting image" of God the Father. He would be the "apple of His eye," much more so than the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden. And by way of the guidance of His Father, Jesus became the Firstfruit of the Heavenly harvest of souls as the bondage of sin was destroyed forever. Jesus is God, so He was someone who could keep Himself in check. But He is also distinct as the second person of the Trinity, so He needed the love and guidance of His Heavenly Father. Do we? Or do we know what is best for us? Jesus is divine and knew exactly what was happening (agony in the garden). But He still prayed and struggled with temptation, suffering, and everything that comes with being human.

Jesus was truly blessed to have St. Joseph as a father. Come to think of it, so was I, as my dad's name is Joseph. As a man, Jesus needed a great, strong, and humble father to raise Him properly in His faith, family, and work. Do you think Joseph knew or fully comprehended that he was raising a son who was also God? How intimidating would that be! Who better than St. Joseph to guide our Lord in the basic tenets of the Jewish faith, the choices and consequences between right and wrong, humility, how to treat everyone with respect, how to be a skilled carpenter (I wonder if Jesus ever had to worry about things like "measure twice, cut once"), how to handle girls and first dates, how to pray well, what to do if confronted by bullies or robbers, how to defend yourself, how to sacrifice, how to be tough, and what it means to be a man. As we remember our own dads this Father's Day, let us be thankful for their guidance and that of God the Father, Jesus, and St. Joseph.

## Academic competition winners



The Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School quiz team finished second among more than 700 teams at the Ohio Academic Competition in Columbus. Beaver Creek, a school of more than 2,300 students, defeated Fisher, which has an enrollment of 161, after Fisher had won a match between the two earlier in the day. Team members pictured are (from left): Alex Blackston, coach Michael Sedlack, Zack Vogel, coach Lynn Stevenson, Hunter Wotruba, and Carter Corcoran. Not pictured is Brock Conrad.

Photo courtesy Fisher Catholic High School

## St. Francis DeSales alumni events

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School is sponsoring two alumni events on the weekend of Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8.

The school's annual all-class reunion will take place beginning at 5:30 p.m. July 7 at Gabby's, 1887 Tamarack Circle North, Columbus. The event will include free pizza from 6 to 8 p.m. (with admis-

sion wristband), door prizes, a 50-50 raffle, and more. All proceeds will benefit the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund.

The Dick Davis memorial alumni softball tournament begins at 9 a.m. July 8 in Alumni Stadium. Visit [www.sfdstallions.org/alumni-softball-tournament](http://www.sfdstallions.org/alumni-softball-tournament) for more information and to register your team.



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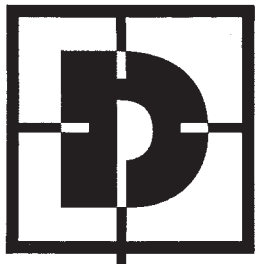


## Bishop Watterson National Business Honor Society inductees

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School inducted 18 students into the National Business Honor Society. The school's chapter of the society, created in 2013, was the first in central Ohio and the second in the state. Fundraising efforts of the school's Business Club and Student Council were recognized at the induction ceremony. Society members presented a check for \$7,000 to Nationwide Children's Hospital and checks totaling an additional \$10,000 to the Breast Cancer Institute, Hope in Honduras, and the St. Francis Center in McArthur.

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Employment offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" training.

Qualified candidates should forward cover letter, resume, professional references, and salary requirements to:

**David J. Frea/Parish Administrator, at  
dFrea@OurLadyOfPerpetualHelp.net**

## Catholic War Veterans award



Monica Sullivan (left) and her younger sister, Elizabeth, received top honors in contests sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans. Monica finished first in an Easter poster contest for students in grades six to eight conducted by CWV St. Patrick Post 1963 of Columbus. Elizabeth's entry was first in the state among students in kindergarten through second grade in a St. Valentine's coloring page contest. They were presented their awards in May by David Nixon, CWV Ohio first vice commander, at a meeting of American Heritage Girls Troop 0031 at Columbus St. Patrick Church.

Photo courtesy Catholic War Veterans

## Religious freedom Mass at the cathedral

As part of the national Fortnight for Freedom, a Mass and Holy Hour for religious freedom will take place Wednesday, June 28, at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The 5:15 p.m. Mass will be followed by the Holy Hour, which will begin with a rosary for religious freedom and liberty, followed by silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction.

For more information, contact the cathedral at (614) 224-1295 or the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540. Elevator access to

the cathedral is available via the west entrance (in the courtyard) from East Broad Street.

The Fortnight for Freedom begins on Wednesday, June 21 and concludes on Tuesday, July 4. This is a time when the liturgical calendar celebrates a series of martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution, including St. Thomas More, St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul, and the first martyrs of the Church of Rome.

For more information, visit [www.fortnight4freedom.org](http://www.fortnight4freedom.org).

## Gay priests? - Conversion before marriage?



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

**Q.** I have heard that 60 percent of Catholic priests are gay. Is this the truth? (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

**A.** Frankly, no one has an accurate answer to your question. Numbers vary widely, and I have seen “guesstimates” that range from 10 to 60 percent. My belief is that the reality tends toward the lower end of that scale.

In a 2002 national survey of priests by the *Los Angeles Times*, nine percent of respondents identified themselves as homosexual and another six percent said they were “somewhere in between but more on the homosexual side.”

Most social scientists who have studied the issue believe that the percentage of homosexuals within the Catholic clergy is somewhat higher than among American males generally, since priests already are a self-selected group who have chosen not to marry.

The church always distinguishes, of course, between a homosexual orientation, which is not considered sinful, and homosexual acts, which are. A priest -- whether gay or straight -- is pledged to be celibate.

The church's *Code of Canon Law* notes that “clerics are obliged to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom of heaven and therefore are bound to celibacy, which is a special gift of God by which sacred ministers can adhere more easily to Christ with an undivided heart and are able to dedicate themselves more freely to the service of God and humanity” (Canon 277.1).

In 2005, the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education said men should not be admitted to the seminary who “practice homosexuality” or “present deep-seated homosexual tendencies.”

That guideline, repeated by the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy in a document issued in 2016, generally has been taken to mean not that everyone with a homosexual orientation must be denied admittance, but that homosexuals incapable of living a

celibate life cannot be priests.

Such an interpretation would seem consistent with Pope Francis' oft-quoted response to journalists aboard a papal flight in 2013. When asked about clerics who are gay, the pope said, “A gay person who is seeking God, who is of goodwill -- well, who am I to judge him?”

Many Catholics have known gay priests who remained faithfully committed to celibacy and who served the church effectively and with distinction.

**Q.** I am trying to learn the requirement as regards a forthcoming wedding. In this case, the husband-to-be is Catholic, and the wife-to-be is Baptist. Does the marriage have to be blessed before the wife can convert to Catholicism? Or is it the opposite? (City of origin withheld)

**A.** The wife-to-be may become a Catholic at any point she wishes -- either before or after the marriage ceremony -- but there is no requirement that she do so.

To become a Catholic, she would need to take a course of instruction in the Catholic faith. Typically, that would include weekly sessions lasting eight or nine months, but the length is somewhat flexible, depending upon the seeker's familiarity with Catholic teachings.

My own pastoral instinct -- and I have conveyed this to couples -- is to put off the spouse's reception into the Catholic Church until after the wedding. With the proper permission, the couple can be married -- in a Catholic church and by a Catholic priest -- in a ceremony recognized by the church as a sacramental marriage, even though the bride is a Baptist at the time of the wedding.

There are two vital decisions being made -- one, to marry, and the other, to become a Catholic. These decisions are separate and distinct and should not be conflated.

Waiting until after the marriage assures that the program of convert instruction will not be rushed. Also, I would not want the wife to feel some years later that she had become a Catholic mainly so the marriage ceremony could be “nicer.”

*Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 30 Columbia Circle Drive, Albany NY 12203.*

## The Catholic Foundation awards scholarships to more than 35 students

This year, more than 35 students in the diocese received awards totaling more than \$142,000 from 21 scholarship funds at The Catholic Foundation. The scholarships support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded more than \$430,000 in scholarships.

Through the continued generosity of donors who share this dedication to education, the Foundation will continue to support students as they answer

God's call.

The Foundation made it easier than ever to apply for scholarships, with a complete listing of available scholarships, qualifications, and applications on its website. Recipients were selected based on criteria established by the donor who created each scholarship. For more information on tuition assistance, contact the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools or your local school. For more information on scholarship funds, visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org).

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Qualifications include a doctorate in clinical psychology, appropriate licensure, knowledge of marriage and family life, a Christian background (Catholic preferred), and the ability to write clear, cogent reports in a timely manner.

Please submit a resume and letter of interest by June 23, 2017 to:

**Reverend Msgr. John K. Cody, Judicial Vicar**  
**Tribunal of Catholic Diocese of Columbus**  
197 East Gay Street, Suite 500  
Columbus, OH 43215

## Diocesan Scout Camporee

The day camp portion of the annual diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee has received the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's Activity Award of Excellence.

The award was for the 2015 camporee, which had a theme of "Living Your Faith."

The camporee, sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, has taken place annually for the past several years on the third weekend of May from Friday to Sunday at historic St. Joseph Church in Somerset, the community where Ohio's first Mass was celebrated in 1808.

The event is open to all Catholic elementary and secondary school students, whether or not they are Boy or Girl Scouts or members of similar organizations. It is divided into the one-day camp program for students in grades one to five, which includes skits, discussions, and games, and a weekend retreat for students in grades six to 12, which fulfills retreat requirements of Scouting's *Ad Altare Dei* medal. The medal is available to boys and girls.

The program for both groups includes a Mass on Saturday at St. Joseph Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered to the older group.

It focuses every year on one of four themes – "Living Your Faith," "The Universal Church," "Saints, Angels, and Heroes," or "Prayer."

The Activity Award of Excellence is presented annually by the national Catholic Scouting committee to programs which are religious in nature and focus on helping young people and their families better appreciate duty and service to God.

## Theology of the Body program

The world is a challenging place for teens. It has become increasingly difficult for parents and educators to help them discover the purpose of their bodies, the gift of sexuality, and our unique call to love. A program called "YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body" is designed to present young people with an authentic view of the human person by showing what healthy relationships look like and how to live a life of sacrifice and discipleship.

The Diocese of Columbus is offering a one-day training session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 29 at Hendricks Hall of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, 7179 Avery Road, for people interested in this program. The cost is \$50 and includes a leader's guide, training handouts, continental breakfast, and lunch. To register, go online to <https://stbrigidofkildare.wufoo.com/forms/q8704mz14x3uta> or contact Laura Butsch at (614) 718-5832.

The training program is being presented in partnership with the Diocese of Columbus and is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation.

### Answering God's Call

## SISTER WILMA, AT AGE 82, IS STILL PRACTICING HER FAITH THROUGH SERVING PEOPLE



### Sr. Wilma Ross, SCN

by Tim Puet

Most sisters who have been in a religious community for several decades have served in many places. Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, is an exception.

Her first assignment with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth was to teach at Columbus St. Ladislav School, and she never left. She taught there from 1963 to 1981, then went into nursing and social work, and continues to live at the St. Ladislav convent, which includes a Eucharistic chapel open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.

"I'm on call 24 hours, seven days a week at St. Ladislav and Corpus Christi parishes," she said. "I do all the sacramental visiting for the parishes, train extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, go to hospitals and nursing homes on a regular basis, and do most of the planning for funerals.

"I also coordinate the parish bereavement group, am secretary-treasurer of our Senior Stars activities for older people, and direct a card party for the people of the neighborhood during the winter months. There's always something to do, and I'm fortunate that I'm still able to get around to do it," said Sister Wilma, 82. "In fact, I just renewed my driver's license, so I'll be able to keep up my work."

Sister Wilma's two parishes are part of a three-parish cluster on the city's south side, along with Columbus St. Mary Church in the German Village neighborhood. Father Kevin Lutz is pastor and Father Nicholas Droll is parochial vicar.

"I've known the people here for so many years," she said. "Father Lutz and Father Droll often have told me how glad they are that I'm here and can help them serve three parishes. They're wonderful priests, but I know it has to be difficult for them to serve three parishes.

"I've had a wonderful opportunity to practice my faith through serving the people of this area for so long and being available to those who need me the most. I grew up poor, and this is a neighborhood much like the one I was raised in, so I know what it's like for the people living here."

Sister Wilma grew up in Dennison Immaculate Conception Church, attending the parish school from grades one to 12 and graduating in 1952. "The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth taught all 12 grades," she said. "I never had a man as a teacher until my junior year in high school."

Dennison was a railroad town then, with railyards covering 40 acres and a train station that became known nationwide for the friendliness of the townspeople, who provided sandwiches and coffee to more than a million soldiers passing through during World War II. The station is now a museum commemorating that heritage. Sister Wilma has two sisters (one of them deceased) and a brother. Their father was a retired employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Besides railroading, the manufacturing of clay pipe was the other big business in Dennison and neighboring Uhrichsville. After graduating from high school, Sister Wilma went to work as a time-keeper for American Vitrified Products, a pipemaking company. "I never thought of going to college after high school," she said. "I thought that was reserved for the very rich."

She remained friendly with the sisters who taught her. "One year, I drove them to their motherhouse in Nazareth, Kentucky, for the

summer and picked them up," she said. "One said I would be a sister someday, but I thought, 'Oh no, I couldn't. I talk all the time.'"

She said her decision to consider a religious life began with a question from her niece, Roseann Bonamico, now a teacher at New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Catholic High School.

"Roseann asked me 'What are you going to do with yourself? Are you going to live here all your life?' and I told her, 'That's a good question,'" she said. "A friend of mine also was thinking of the religious life. We went together to Father Hugh Gilbert, our pastor, and he said we should at least make the attempt to become sisters and see if that life was for us.

"I wanted to go to the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth because I was familiar with them. Father Gilbert paid for my 'dowry' and did everything a sponsor could. I entered the convent at Nazareth on Sept. 8, 1958, five days before my 24th birthday, and became a postulant nine months later, on July 19, 1959, the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Sisters of Charity.

"Two years later, in 1961, on the same date, I made my first vows, taking the name Sister Joseph Marguerite. That's the date members of our order use in determining their anniversaries of service, so I've been a sister for nearly 56 years. I made my perpetual vows on that day in 1966," Sister Wilma said.

"I received a bachelor's degree in education in 1963 from Nazareth College, which the sisters operated and is now Spalding College in Louisville, Kentucky, and began teaching that fall. I was supposed to teach in Kentucky, but another sister became ill and I was sent to Columbus instead. That thrilled my mother, because I was closer to home.

"My first class at St. Ladislav had 60 students, which was typical for the time. We had 460 students in the building. I liked teaching and the kids liked me. It helped that we had some wonderful priests – Msgr. Frank Riehl and Msgr. George Mason," she said.

"I stayed in education for 18 years and got a master's degree from Nazareth during that time, then took a break and went to Spalding for training, earning a bachelor's in nursing." She returned to Columbus in 1985 and was a nurse until 1993 at St. Anthony's Hospital (now Ohio State University Hospital East). She also worked at Ohio State's Talbott Hall for people dealing with substance abuse during that time. "That was a real eye-opener," she said.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Poor sold St. Anthony's in 1991 to Quorum Health Care, which sold it to OSU eight years later. Sister Wilma worked in home health care with the Dominican Health Care system from 1993 to 2000, and has been concentrating on pastoral ministry at St. Ladislav since then.

She is one of four Sisters of Charity of Nazareth serving in the Diocese of Columbus. The others are Sister Sharen Baldy, SCN, who works with the Joint Organization for Inner-City Ministries; Sister Rose Mary Gerlica, SCN, in family ministry in Columbus; and Sister Dorothy Gerlica, SCN, who lives in New Lexington.

"I never wanted to do anything spectacular," Sister Wilma said. "I just wanted to be of service to God and the people who were wherever I happened to be. I love my community, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky. It is my religious family and I cherish my membership all these years. Finally, I thank God for my parents, who gave me life to do his work on earth."



### Newark Catholic students' balloon experiment

Students from the physics for robotics engineering class at Newark Catholic High School launched a high-altitude balloon from the Union County Airport in Marysville and tracked it to Zanesville. The balloon reached an altitude of approximately 111,000 feet. The lowest temperature recorded was minus-85 degrees Fahrenheit. The project was a lesson in engineering teamwork and the integration of disciplines ranging from electronics to mechanical design to physics. Teachers and students taking part in the project were (from left): Russ Nelson, Andy Bemis, Mike Tobin, Natalie Hudson, Ben Russ, Charlie Wade, Steven Hitchens, Rudy Snider, and Ben Bemis.

Photo courtesy Newark Catholic High School



### Annual sportsmanship award presentation

The Joe Sestito-Kathryn Buckerfield Sportsmanship Award, given annually by the Diocesan Recreation Association to a parish exhibiting excellent sportsmanship, was presented to Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church before the Columbus Clippers' Catholic Family Night game on May 17. Taking part in the presentation were (from left): Julius Palazzo, boys DRA director; Father Mark Hammond, St. Vincent de Paul pastor; Martha Downs, St. Vincent de Paul School principal; Doug Brenneman, school athletic director; and Marty Raines, DRA director. The award also includes a \$500 tuition grant for a St. Vincent de Paul student. A ceremonial first pitch was thrown before the game by Maggie Richardson, a fourth-grade student who is on the volleyball, basketball, and track teams for the St. Vincent de Paul Blue Streaks.

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## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

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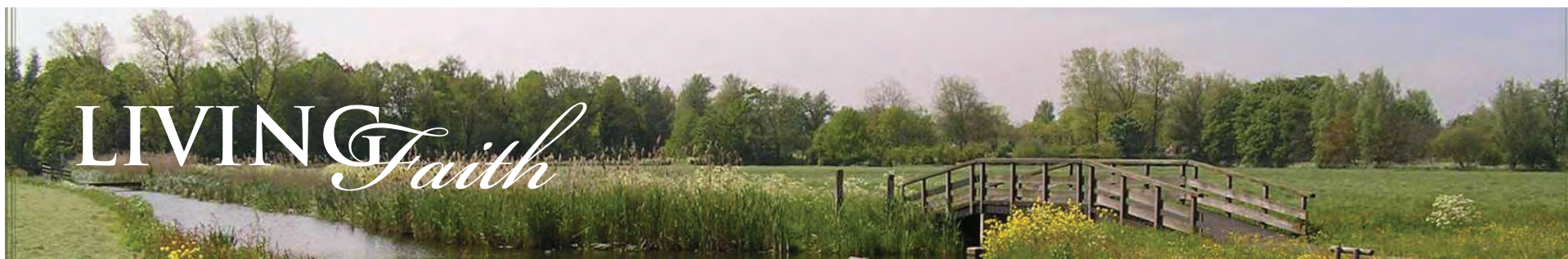
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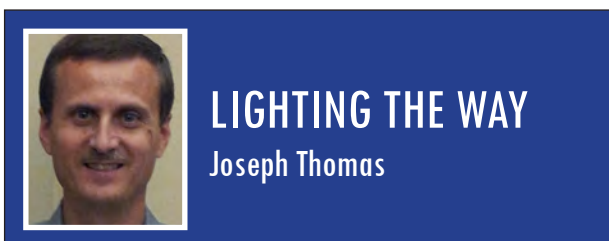


## Raising good men

Have you ever asked for something and given something else in return? Have you ever prayed for someone, only to have that prayer needed by another even more? That is how life presents itself to us. In those moments of divine mercy, we find that what we seek is not often what we find. The wishes we have for others, especially for our children, outweigh the personal costs we associate with giving. Sacrifices are necessary to accomplish what we want as we pass through and experience the wonder we call life.

Fathers, in particular, go without, not only to preserve the precious environment in which their loved ones live, but also to protect them from the everyday dangers ever present in our world. I recall that when I was young, my father made many decisions which at the time I thought of as being unfair and not deserving. My mother would try and help, but he often was alone in the things he held closest to his heart. Now, later in life, I am becoming increasingly aware of why he thought the way he did. The old adage “I hope you have a child just like yourself” is so true. And, yes, God has a sense of humor.

This past Easter, I became the godfather of two very



precocious twin boys. I am beginning to understand what an awesome responsibility it is and how I am to play a role in how their faith life evolves.

When a father makes an important decision, it often is based on his past experiences and how those events changed his life. We try and set an example for our loved ones by the way we live our lives.

By our charity for others, by the way we act in certain situations, by the way we give of our time or by just listening, we are setting the stage for them to becoming good people. Our wish for them is a simple one – to have a rich, full life, and to have them be happy in their choices and be faithful to their true Father in Heaven. That is all we can ask of them. We just need to love them and be there when they need

it the most.

These two boys will make mistakes and learn from them. They may not always be the brightest bunch in the group, but, hopefully, with their parents’ guidance, they will become good, honest men. With everything they will go through in life, it is important for them to know someone always will be there for them. That is what we wish for all children, for ourselves, and for our world.

No one said being a father would be easy. It takes a great amount of patience, but also can be an incredible adventure. St. Francis de Sales once said, “There is nothing so strong as gentleness and there is nothing so gentle as real strength”. Remember that the next time your children leave the lid off of the peanut butter jar and you come home to find the dog licking it clean.

May all fathers and parents raise holy and beautiful children. May the wind be forever at your back, and may His peace be with you always.

*Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a freelance writer and is active in many diocesan and church activities.*

## Loss of loved ones brings powerful lesson in life well-lived

**By Tom Tornabene**

I have heard many times that God does not give us more than we can handle. This is true, but there are times He could lighten up a bit. On March 18, my mother, who was 88, passed away. Twelve days later, on March 30, my 91-year-old father passed away. On April 22, my sister’s husband died. It was a very difficult month for me, my sister, and my brother. Those who died had been ill, but that did not make their deaths easier. All were people of faith, and all belonged to New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church.

The loss of my mother was notable in particular at the church, because her fidelity to her parish and her faith was the center of her life, and her childlike trust in Jesus never wavered. In fact,

her viewing at the funeral home lasted for six uninterrupted hours, with many people who wanted to pay their respects unable to do so for lack of parking and of time.

During this difficult monthlong period, our extended family rallied around its members and gave each other comfort and love. We never questioned God or His will. But, to be truthful, that would not have been enough to enable us to soldier on day after day. What gave us strength were the many wonderful friends and members of our faith community. Their outpouring of love, support, and sincere caring drove us to appreciative tears, and, more importantly, helped us keep moving on.

What I learned is that any act of kind-

ness – no matter how small or how insignificant the provider believes it is – is immeasurable to the people who receive it. Every time it seemed we wanted to withdraw, to stop moving forward, someone would reach out to us. Whether it was through a text, email, card, flowers, or food didn’t matter. Those seemingly small gestures served as fuel to keep us moving. Their value to us was incalculable.

My mother made it her life’s work to reach out to anyone in distress. She would send cards, make phone calls, or simply provide words of kindness and support, and they always were accompanied by many sincere prayers. Everything she did was rooted in love and sincerity, and when her family faced a seemingly insurmountable amount of

grief and sorrow, those decades of giving love and support came back to us tenfold.

Every act of kindness that we do for each other is a testament to God’s love and fulfills what Jesus told us was the Golden Rule. My family learned firsthand the truth of this, and we never will underestimate it or take it for granted. We will continue the legacy of my mother and pass it on. For we are more than just a community of faith. We are Christian soldiers who take care of each other. No act of kindness goes unappreciated, and such acts are what help us travel this valley of tears until we receive our reward in heaven.

*Tom Tornabene belongs to New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church.*

# Carmelite Sisters have a 70-year legacy of caring for the aged and infirm in the diocese



Photos, top to bottom: Sister Serafino Bezossi (seated) and (from left) Sisters Robert Neckorniac, Winifred Jordan, Ann Elizabeth Brown, James Weis, Maureen Sullivan, and Eileen Fitzsimmons, OCarm; Father Raymond Maher, OCarm, distributes the Eucharist at a daily Mass in the chapel of Mother Angeline McCrory Manor; Bingo is one of many social activities for Manor residents. CT photo by Tim Puet (group picture); other photos by Ken Snow



**BY TIM PUET**

Reporter, Catholic Times

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm have been providing homelike care for senior citizens of the Diocese of Columbus for 70 years, fulfilling a mission summed up by their founder, Venerable Mother Angeline McCrory, OCarm, in a simple phrase: “Be kinder than kindness itself.”

“I can’t say enough good things about the care the sisters have given me and the others here. They truly become your family,” said Norbert Smithberger, who for the last 11 years has been a resident of either The Villas at St. Therese or Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, the two facilities the sisters sponsor and operate on the far east side of Columbus.

The Carmelites arrived in Columbus in late 1947 and were in charge of the former St. Raphael’s and St. Rita’s homes for the aged for more than 50 years. As those buildings got older and harder to maintain, the sisters determined that the best way for them to continue serving the diocese and the residents of the homes was in newer, more spacious buildings. That led to the opening of the Villas in 2000 and the Manor five years later.

The Villas have two separate areas, which share common gathering spaces. An area for independent living has 75 one- and two-bedroom apartments for people who can care for themselves without help. An assisted-living space has 50 apartment units for people who need assistance with two or more aspects of daily living. Both areas are filled to capacity and have a waiting list of people who desire to live there when space becomes available.

Mother Angeline McCrory Manor is a skilled nursing care facility with 147 units for people who need 24-hour assistance and medical supervision with all aspects of their lives. It

also can be used for short-term rehabilitation for people recovering from heart attacks, hip and knee replacement surgery, and other major procedures. There is a waiting list for the long-term care units. The number of available short-term care spaces varies, said Sister Ann Elizabeth Brown, OCarm, chief executive officer of the Villas and the Manor.

“We’re caring for more short-term patients than we used to. The ratio is about 60 to 40 percent long- to short-term. Those are the percentages we had hoped for when the Manor first opened,” she said.

“When Mother Angeline founded the order in 1929, people didn’t live as long as they do now. When they came to one of our homes for the aged, they expected to live there for the rest of their lives.

“Today, the Villas still have some of their original residents, and some people living at the Manor came there from St. Rita’s or St. Raphael’s. But now, the advances of medicine have allowed people to live much longer and make it much more likely for them to come to a facility like ours for a short time, recover from whatever brought them here, and go home to a fulfilling life,” Sister Ann said.

“Federal health care policy also encourages shorter stays,” said Joanne Whiteman, executive director for the two Columbus Carmelite facilities. “And with all the changes that have been made recently and may be yet to come in federal regulations, it’s easy for people to be confused about who pays for what and for how long. Many people believe the government pays for much more than it does.

“We keep people informed about their benefit situation every step of the way, from the time of their admission and continuing for as long as they are here, so they always know where they stand. We’re very attuned to the changing condi-

tions of health care.”

“Another thing that’s changed over the years is that as people live longer, they tend to wait longer to go into care. The average age for people entering assisted living is now in their 80s. That means that when they do enter, their needs are greater than when the average was in the 60s and 70s,” Sister Ann said.

“In the last year, we have added nurses in the assisted living area at the Villas so that a nurse is available 24 hours a day. We also have expanded our palliative care program,” which is designed to manage people’s illnesses and maintain the quality of life, rather than merely prolong life, Whiteman added.

“All residents of the Manor now are assessed upon arrival by sisters who are trained in palliative care to determine their needs in that area. We also are integrated with Mount Carmel Health’s short-term palliative care program,” she said.

Sister Ann, an Upper Arlington native, said she joined the Carmelites because she grew up a few blocks from St. Raphael’s and grew to love the mission of the sisters. She has been a member of her order for 53 years. During that time, she spent one year at St. Rita’s and the rest of that time outside her home state, serving in Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, Florida, New York, and Kentucky before returning to central Ohio last year.

She is one of seven Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm at the Villas or the Manor. The others are Sister Eileen Fitzsimmons, OCarm, manager of the Villas; Sister James Weis, OCarm, pastoral care specialist at the Manor; Sisters Winifred Jordan and Maureen Sullivan, OCarm, palliative care specialists at the Manor; Sister Robert Neckorniac, OCarm, retired and living at the Manor; and Sister Serafino Bezossi, OCarm, in long-term care at the Manor.

Their order has nearly 200



From left: Joanne Whiteman, executive director of Mother McCrory Manor and the Villas at St. Therese; Manor resident Norbert Smithberger; Fathers Michael Nimocks and Michael Reis, residents of the Villas.

members ministering to the elderly in long-term care, assisted living, and independent living facilities at 18 sites in eight states and one in Ireland. Mother Angeline said she founded it because, while working among the aged in Brooklyn and Pittsburgh, she came to dislike the institutional flavor of existing homes.

Mother Angeline died in 1984 and was declared Venerable in 2012. She lived in Columbus for a time in the 1940s, helping her order establish St. Raphael’s Home at the former estate of Samuel P. Bush, who was president of Buckeye Steel Castings and was the grandfather of President George H.W. Bush and the great-grandfather of President George W. Bush. St. Rita’s was located on East Broad Street and later on Greenlawn Avenue.

Sister Pauline Ross, OCarm, was administrator of the Manor from 2005-16, and now is serving the Carmelite system and residing at Carmel Manor in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. She knew Mother Angeline and told the *Catholic Times* in a 2010 interview that the order’s founder “wanted our homes to be like people’s homes. She wanted couples to stay together and for people to be able to take things with them which would make people feel more comfortable.”

That homelike atmosphere is found throughout the Villas and the Manor, both of which are bright, airy places, with large gathering and dining spaces

and windows with a view of the woods surrounding St. Therese’s Retreat Center, operated by the Diocese of Columbus since 1931. Traffic whizzes by a short distance away on East Broad Street and Interstate 270, but the buildings are far enough off the road that it’s easy for a visitor to forget he or she is in a busy urban area.

Rooms in the Villas are distinctive because each has the personal touch resulting from residents being allowed to include items of their own. Lois Carroll, 89, has been a resident of the independent living portion for eight years and lives in a three-room apartment which has several pieces of furniture from her former Columbus home, as well as prints from Arizona which allow her to recall traveling to the Sonoran Desert.

“I moved here from a home where I’d lived for 16 years,” she said. “My husband insisted that we buy a bigger house than we had, then he died three weeks after we moved in. I lived alone for the rest of that time and was ready for a change. I had to get on the waiting list and wait a year for the type of space I wanted to become available, but it was worth it.

“I love it here because I don’t have to worry about yardwork or taxes or all the other things that go with home ownership. I have my car and come and go as I please. I have nice neighbors, and if I should have a problem, I take it to Terri (manager Terri

Fisher) and she finds a solution.

“Meals are available, but I prefer to cook on my own. I don’t play cards or bingo, but they’re here if I want to. Same thing with the exercise program. I’m not interested, but I’m glad it’s there if I decide to get involved. We have a good library, and I use that a lot. I also like having friends over for cocktails. With all that, I have all the advantages of a house and none of the headaches.”

The Manor has 132 full-time and 84 part-time employees, with the Villas employing 23 people full-time and 22 part-time. Both facilities offer complete food service, daily Mass and other religious activities, exercise classes, discussion groups, visits by speakers and school groups, and social gatherings including bingo, cards, crafts, and movies,

Residents of the Villas also are given a chance for group outings to local stores and to events such as Columbus Clippers baseball games, and lunch at local restaurants. In addition, the Villas have an ice cream shop which is open six afternoons a week and a beauty shop open four days a week.

The Manor’s public space is designed in “streetscape” style to encourage people to gather. It includes a living room, library, cafe, gift shop, beauty and barber shop, clinics, and the Buckeye Lounge, an area decorated with Ohio State memorabilia. The lounge has a big-screen



Lunchtime at the dining hall in the assisted-living area of the Villas at St. Therese on the far east side of Columbus, near St. Therese’s Retreat Center.

television, and beer and wine is served there.

Manor residents live in one of two four-story towers divided into seven neighborhoods of 21 units each. All neighborhoods have a living room, dining room, laundry, spa with whirlpool tub, a nurse’s station which has refrigerators for snacks, and low barriers that make it easier for nurses to assist residents.

Smithberger, 87, said he’s grateful for the constant concern offered by the staff of the Villas, where he lived from 2006-14, and the Manor, where he moved three years ago as his health needs changed.

“They’re always good to people and really interested in how we’re doing, and they’re dependable,” he said. “You know you’ll see one or two of them every day. Knowing who your caregivers are and having them know you becomes more important as you get older. I came to the Villas about a year after my wife, Rita, died, and it was a very wise move.”

Smithberger is the father of Deacon Marion Smithberger of Columbus St. Timothy Church and was a very active member of Knights of Columbus Council 5253 in Reynoldsburg. He said the sisters and the rest of the staff at the Villas and the Manor also have been responsive to his spiritual needs.

“Daily Mass always was an

important part of my life when I was a parishioner at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. One of the main reasons I came here was because of the Catholic atmosphere. I’d be missing something if I didn’t go to Mass. I can do it here, plus it’s just nice to have so many priests nearby,” he said.

Father Raymond Maher, OCarm, is chaplain at the Manor. Ten diocesan priests live at the Villas – Msgrs. Frank Meagher and Robert Noon and Fathers Michael Nimocks and Frank Stanton in independent living, and Msgr. Carl Claggett and Fathers Carmen Arcuri, Richard Engle, Salius Laurinaitis, Michael Reis, and Dennis Stevenson in assisted living.

“Priests don’t get any favors when it comes to becoming residents,” said Father Nimocks, who has lived at the Villas for the past four years. “I had to get on the waiting list like everyone else and spent a year at St. Therese’s while I was waiting. But I was willing to wait because there are so many advantages here. You’re in the city, but you don’t realize it. You look outside and you don’t see Broad Street, but woods. You feel like you’re in the country, but are close to doctors, hospitals, and social activities.

“From my standpoint, it’s the best of two worlds,” he said.

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“It’s nice to be around so many laypeople. And since I wasn’t ordained a priest until I was 54, I’m enjoying the chance to get to know many of the diocese’s senior priests and learn from them.”

Father Reis has been a resident of the Villas for the past year. “It’s wonderful to be a part of the Mass with my brother priests every weekday and still go to parishes to say Mass on weekends,” he said. “All the priests who are able to do so gather at 9 every morning to concelebrate Mass, with Msgr. Noon setting the schedule to determine who will be principal celebrant.

“We also have a support group of priests – those of us living here and other retired priests—which meets here once a month. And when we have people visiting us, it can be quite a social gathering. I heard a lot of good things about the Villas before coming here, and Sister Eileen’s a real go-getter, so it’s been very enjoyable in my short time here.”

Both the Villas and the Manor have received consistently high marks from rating agencies. Late last month, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services gave the Manor a five-star rating, the highest in its ranking system, meaning it’s among the top 10 percent of nursing homes in Ohio in terms of quality.

In addition, the Ohio Department of Aging’s 2016 family satisfaction surveys, conducted among families of residents, gave the Manor an overall satisfaction score of 87.8 and the Villas an 85.9 score on a 100-point scale. That compares with statewide averages of 77.9 and 82.2 respectively for similar facilities.

For more information about the Villas, call (614) 856-9951 (independent living) or (614) 864-3576 (assisted living) or go to [www.villasatsthereseindependentliving.com](http://www.villasatsthereseindependentliving.com). Information about McCrory Manor is available at (614) 751-5700 or [www.mangelinemanor.org](http://www.mangelinemanor.org).

**St. Brendan divorce support group**

Hilliard St. Brendan Church will host a Christian-based six-week program which will provide a positive environment of comfort and support where divorced and separated people can process the loss of a marriage.

The sessions will be in the church’s Carter conference room, next to the nursery, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on

Sundays from June 25 to July 30.

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## Christ Child Society scholarship recipients

During its annual Founder's Day event, the Christ Child Society of Columbus awarded five new scholarships and a one-time grant to students who will attend central Ohio Catholic high schools next year:

The Liz O'Brien Scholarship was awarded to Damian Albrycht, a member of Columbus St. James the Less Church, who will attend Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School.

Abigail Conturo, a member of Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, will attend Columbus Bishop Ready High School. She received a one-time only grant from the Christ Child Society.

Christina Daniel, who attended Columbus All Saints Academy, will attend Columbus Bishop Hartley High School. She is the recipient of the Mitchell Family Scholarship.

Jackson Hartman will attend St. Francis DeSales High School. He received the Christ Child Society Scholarship and is a member of Columbus St. Matthias Church.

Kennedy Howell, a member of Columbus St. Mary Church, will attend Bishop Hartley and is the recipient of the Koczan/Lembach Scholarship.

The Christ Child Society Scholarship was given to Jamie Macauley, a student at St. Matthias School who plans



to attend St. Francis DeSales High School.

Four graduating seniors also were recognized. Mary (Edie) Collins graduated from Bishop Hartley. She was the recipient of the Christ Child Society Scholarship and is a member of St. Mary Church. Ryan Henne, also a Hartley graduate, is a member of Columbus Holy Spirit Church and was the recipient of the Mitchell Family Scholarship.

Tim Pham, a member of St. James the Less Church, graduated from St. Francis DeSales High School and was the recipient of the Liz O'Brien Scholarship. Olivia Rowe graduated from Bishop Ready. She was the recipient of the Christ Child Society Scholarship and is a member of St. Mary Magdalene Church.

New awardees will apply for continuation of their scholarships each year. Christ Child scholarships and grants to-



Photos (clockwise): Christ Child Society scholarship winners (from left): Jackson Hartman, Msgr. John Cody, Jamie Macauley, Bishop Frederick Campbell, Deacon Frank Iannarino, Damian Albrycht, and Christina Daniel.

Graduating seniors who were Christ Child scholarship recipients: (from left) Tim Pham, Msgr. John Cody, Bishop Frederick Campbell, Deacon Frank Iannarino, Mary (Edie) Collins, and Ryan Henne.

New Christ Child Society inductees (from left): Gail Stahura, Theresa Robenalt, Beth Lecorgne, Maria Ellis, Msgr. John Cody, Bishop Frederick Campbell, Jeanenne Carfagna, Deacon Frank Iannarino, Debbie Luffy, Lisa Godfrey, and Trudy Elberon. Not pictured: Patti Barnhart, Michele Bianconi, Renee Ciminello, Ann Holben, Carol Simpson, and Clare Snyder.

Photos courtesy Christ Child Society

tal \$39,250 for the 2017-18 school year. Since the inception of the scholarship program in 2000, the society has awarded \$841,850 to students attending Catholic schools.

Students from seven Catholic schools designated by the diocese as those with the most need were eligible to apply this year.

The Christ Child Society of

Columbus is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of central Ohio children.

For more information, visit [www.ChristChildSociety.org](http://www.ChristChildSociety.org).



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## The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Cycle A)

# God provides, whether with bread or another way



Father  
Lawrence L. Hummer

**June 18 -- Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a;  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17;  
John 6:51-58**

In Deuteronomy, the journey of the Hebrews through Sinai nears its end. The book is fashioned as a kind of review of the situation, reminding them of how the Lord has led them for 40 years. Moses adds that it was done to “test you” by affliction to see whether they would keep the commandments. Such a remark is a theological explanation inserted into the text.

In response to their hunger, the Lord fed them with *mana*. Many attempts have been made to identify the origin of *mana*, but none suffices. The point is that God provided for them during the Exodus and God will continue to provide for them if they keep the terms of the covenant. This was done to show them “that you do not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.”

That line was used in Matthew’s scene of the temptation of Christ. Luke uses only the first part. Rabbis point out that those who quote the line “Man does not live on bread alone” do so with a spiritual understanding that suggests people do not find fulfillment in material things, but must attend to the spiritual side as well. Yet the Lord actually promises to care for them constantly. It may be with bread one time (in the desert), but it may be by some other means at another (help after the Northern Kingdom was destroyed).

Deuteronomy constantly reassures Israel that “the Lord our God” remains faithful, even during tragedy and suffering. Many reject this as simplistic, especially in light of evil like the Holocaust. Others point to similar acts of terror unleashed against innocent victims of war and violence, rejecting the idea that such evil can be attributed to God’s discipline. People tend to see the everyday violence and terror of today the same way,

## WATTERSON CAMPS

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School will be offering art, band, theater, and wood shop camps in addition to sports camps for boys and girls basketball, baseball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, girls soccer, girls volleyball, and weight training. All camps except for field hockey will be held at the school, 99 E. Cooke Road. The field hockey camp will be at Thomas Worthington High School, 300 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Worthington.

Grade levels, ranging from third through 12th, vary depending on the activity. Space is limited in the art and wood shop camps. For more information, go to [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com) and click on the “Summer Activities” tab on the home page.

blaming God for the way things are.

“Do not forget the Lord your God” is a reminder to the people of Israel of all that the Lord protected them from while they were in the desert, and has continued to protect them from during their time of settlement in the land flowing with milk and honey. The Lord will continue to protect those who abide by the covenant.

Paul warns the Corinthians to “avoid idolatry.” He reminds the church that “the cup of blessing” which we bless is a participation in the blood of Christ. The same is true for the bread we break. We become one with Christ because all of us eat from the same loaf, which is Christ. At the same time, we become one with all others who eat and drink of the same substance. That is how “we, though many, are one body.” Paul was responding to a problem which had arisen in the Corinthian church, in which some members were eating offerings which had been made to the Greek gods. The misperception that those who did this could be mistaken for idol worshippers led Paul to issue this warning.

Finally, the Gospel draws from John the image of Jesus as “the living bread come down from heaven.” The bread he gives is “my flesh for the life of the world.” “The Jews” (unbelievers, in John) argue how “he can give his flesh to eat.” The “flesh and blood” represent the whole Christ. John does not have a scene introducing the institution of the Eucharist, which makes it plain that this scene replaces it. As central as the Eucharist is to the Church, it is inconceivable that John would avoid it totally. It is entirely possible that the original words of institution included “flesh” rather than “body” in referring to the Eucharist, because Aramaic had no word for “body” as such. Whether flesh or body, the Eucharist remains the presence of Christ for believers.

*Father Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary, may be reached at [hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com](mailto:hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com).*

## ROBOTICS CAMP

The Columbus Our Lady of Peace School Robotics Club and the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School robotics team are collaborating this summer on a camp for students entering grades five to eight. The camp will be at Our Lady of Peace School, 40 E. Dominion Blvd., from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, July 10 to 14.

Space is limited. No robotics experience is necessary. The cost is \$30 for OLP students and \$50 for students from other schools. To see if spots are available, contact Kathy McMahon at [kmcmahon@cducation.com](mailto:kmcmahon@cducation.com).

## HARTLEY VALEDICTORIANS

Columbus Bishop Hartley High School has announced its valedictorians for the Class of 2017.

They are: Juliette Amorati, Sarah Buckingham, Erin Carmon, Alexander Dawes, Margaret Farrell, Olivia George, Andrew Heinmiller, Frances Hillyer, Elizabeth Huggins, and Valerie Zaino.

The information was unavailable before the May 21 issue of the *Catholic Times*, which featured graduation information from diocesan high schools, went to press.

## The Weekday Bible Readings

6/19-6/24

**MONDAY**  
2 Corinthians 6:1-10  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Matthew 5:38-42

**TUESDAY**  
2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
Psalm 146:2,5-9a  
Matthew 5:43-48

**WEDNESDAY**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
Psalm 112:1-4,9  
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

**THURSDAY**  
2 Corinthians 11:1-11  
Psalm 111:1-4,7-8  
Matthew 6:7-15

**FRIDAY**  
Deuteronomy 7:6-11  
Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,10  
Matthew 11:25-30

**SATURDAY**  
Isaiah 49:1-6  
Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15  
Acts 13:22-26  
Luke 1:57-66,80

6/26-7/1

**MONDAY**  
Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:12-13,18-20,22  
Matthew 7:1-5

**TUESDAY**  
Genesis 13:2,5-18  
Psalm 15:2-4b,5  
Matthew 7:6,12-14

**WEDNESDAY**  
Genesis 15:1-12,17-18  
Psalm 105:1-4,6-9  
Matthew 7:15-20

**THURSDAY**  
Acts 12:1-11  
Psalm 34:2-9  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18  
Matthew 16:13-19

**FRIDAY**  
Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22  
Psalm 128:1-5  
Matthew 8:1-4

**SATURDAY**  
Genesis 18:1-15  
Luke 1:46-50,53-55 (Ps)  
Matthew 8:5-17

## DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEKS OF JUNE 18 AND 25, 2017

### SUNDAY MASS

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

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

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

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

Mass from 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).

### DAILY MASS

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

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

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

## Way beyond the New Atheist nonsense

Given the intellectual flimsiness of their work, it's best to look for cultural causes to explain the popularity of the New Atheists. And surely one factor here is the now-canonical notion in Western high culture that biblical religion is incompatible with modern natural science – an idea rooted in the notion that the “scientific method” is the only way to get at the truth. (William Shakespeare, call your office.)

Facts are stubborn things. And the fact is that two Catholic priests, Fathers Gregor Mendel, OSA, and Georges Lemaitre, were pivotal figures in creating two of the most important scientific enterprises of the 21st century: modern genetics, which is giving humanity previously unimaginable powers over the future, and modern cosmology, which is giving us glimpses of the universe in the first moments of its existence.

Mendel is perhaps the more familiar figure. Most



### THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE George Weigel

high school biology classes explain how the Moravian monk developed gene theory and the theory of inherited characteristics (with its distinction between recessive and dominant traits) from his studies of the humble pea. Lemaitre, a Belgian, was a brilliant mathematician who first articulated the big-bang theory of the universe's origins and subsequent expansion. That proposal, ridiculed by some at first, reigns supreme in astrophysics and seems to have been verified by the astonishing work of the Hubble

space telescope. Watch for Lemaitre's bold idea to gain even further traction by the findings of the James Webb space telescope when it begins orbiting the sun in a few years.

Unless one wishes to assert that Mendel and Lemaitre were split personalities who said Mass in the morning and did science in the afternoon, thereby dividing their lives into hermetically sealed containers, the cutting edges of modern science itself would seem to rebut the claim that “believer” and “scientist” are mutually incompatible human types.

Pope St. John Paul II was fascinated by the hard sciences (physics, chemistry, astronomy) throughout his life. For decades, he hosted at Castel Gandolfo a twice-yearly seminar of leading figures in those fields so he could keep abreast of developments in their disciplines. But for John Paul II, everything eventually pointed to the New Evangelization. Even before he began using that term, he sent a letter to the head of the Vatican Observatory,

noting that “those members of the Church who are either themselves active scientists, or in some special cases both scientists and theologians, could serve as a key resource” in bridging the chasm that too often separates modern science and biblical religion. Those scientists and scientist-theologians, the pope continued, “can also provide a much needed ministry to others struggling to integrate science and religion in their own intellectual and spiritual lives.”

John Paul II's challenge has been taken up by the Society of Catholic Scientists ([weigel.link/catholic-scientists](http://weigel.link/catholic-scientists)). From a standing start last year, the society has almost 400 members, 80 percent of whom hold a doctorate in the natural sciences, the rest being primarily graduate students. That's an impressive head count for such a new outfit. It also suggests that membership in such a Catholic organization is not an impediment to being taken seriously in the highly competitive academic world of natural science. The inaugural SCS conference in April was addressed by scholars from Harvard, Oxford, MIT, Penn, Brown, and the University of Texas at Austin.

The moving force in organizing the society has been Dr. Stephen Barr, professor of theoretical particle physics at the University of Delaware. Barr's engaging and accessible articles have long been familiar to readers of *First Things*, and those looking for something different by way of vacation reading this summer might pick up the recently-published collection of his essays, *The Believing Scientist* [[weigel.link/barr](http://weigel.link/barr)] (Eerdmans). There, he discusses everything from evolution to the mind-soul debate to big-bang cosmology to science as ersatz religion, while gently skewering a few luminaries who begin to talk nonsense when they venture beyond their realm as scientists.

The Bible teaches that God impressed his intelligibility onto the world through creation by the Word. When that conviction weakens, faith in reason begins to crumble, and the result is the intellectual playpen known as post-modernism. In renewing the covenant between faith and reason, the Society of Catholic Scientists serves the good of both – and of our culture.

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

### Holy Family alumni group reunion

The Holy Family Alumni Association's annual homecoming will take place Sunday, June 25, beginning with an 11 a.m. alumni Mass at Columbus Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., and followed by refreshments in the church undercroft.

The festivities will include a raffle and an opportunity to tour displays in the church's alumni room. The church and the undercroft are now accessible through an elevator at the east entrance of the church. For more details, contact Genny (Welker) Temple at (614) 539-4815.

### Coordinator of Peace, Justice and Ecology Ministry

The Sisters of the Precious Blood and Missionaries of the Precious Blood are seeking a coordinator of Peace, Justice and Ecology Ministry to promote the mission of both the Sisters of the Precious Blood and the Cincinnati Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood through education, advocacy and action on issues of justice responding to the needs of our times.

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Applicant must have a bachelor's degree in theology, social work or a related field, or a minimum of three years' experience in social justice advocacy or direct service to the poor, marginalized and excluded. He/she must have experience in organizing and educating around justice issues, strong interpersonal and networking skills. Must have experience working within the Catholic Church and a willingness to learn, respect and work within the charism and mission of the two Communities.

Position is full time (37-40 hours per week including some evenings or weekends,) salaried with benefits.

The applicant works independently of daily supervision and is responsible to the President of the Sisters of the Precious Blood and the Provincial Director of the Cincinnati Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

Send resume and contact information for references to:

**Sr. Nancy McMullen at [nmcmullen@cppsadmin.org](mailto:nmcmullen@cppsadmin.org)  
4000 Denlinger Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45426**

# Pray for our dead

**ADAMS, John J., 85, May 26**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**ALTIER, Louis, 81, May 31**  
St. Bernard Church, Corning

**BENINTEND, Lawrence, 48, May 24**  
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

**BLACKBURN, Mary R., 100, May 29**  
St. Aloysius Church, Columbus

**BLAKE, Freda P. (Wince), 87, June 3**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**BRODRICK, Michael R., 70, June 9**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**DICHIERA, Lena, 93, May 26**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**DUPAIN, Ryan M., 23, of Columbus, June 4**  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burgettstown, Pa.

**EADES, Esther A. (Giehl), 92, June 3**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**ECOS, John R., 83, May 28**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**FISTER, Claude V. "Vince," 74, June 8**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**FLANAGAN, Dortha M. (Frick), 93, May 31**  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

**FLEMING, Patti (DiGioia), 90, formerly of Columbus, May 19**  
St. Anthony Church, Tigard, Ore.

**FOGARTY, Robert, 87, May 27**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**FULLWILER, Ellis I., 97, of Hilliard, May 26**  
St. Benignus Church, Greenfield

**GARNER, Gregory R., 70, June 4**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**GEISER, Edward, 77, June 5**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**GENEL, Rick, 72, formerly of Columbus, June 3**  
St. John the Evangelist Church, Naples, Fla.

**GETREU, James P., 87, June 9**  
St. Mary Church, Groveport

**GILLESPIE, Eileen L. (Henkener), 93, June 2**  
St. Patrick Church, London

**GOUDY, Becky (Cairns), 63, June 4**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**GREER, Mary A. (Opat-Cervenka), June 1**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

**GRIMES, Robert J. "Bruno," 88, June 2**  
Holy Family Church, Columbus

**HERZIG, James, 79, May 27**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**HUFFMAN, Thomas, 52, June 9**  
St. Mary Church, Delaware

**JOFFRE, Janet M. (Schaeufele), 92, June 5**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**JONES, Trent M., 48, May 24**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**KEHRER, Marcia (Ambrose), 93, June 2**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**KING, Elizabeth "Bette" (Bodenhamer), 89, May 31**  
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

**McMANIS, Mary K., 91, June 1**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**MEARS, Anne (Ruscin), 91, June 1**  
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

**MIKLE, Mary F. (Griffin), 89, May 29**  
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

**OSTER, Barbara B. (Harrold), 92, June 2**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**PADDOCK, Virginia F. (Kempinski), 91, Feb. 15**  
St. Timothy Church, Columbus

**RADLOFF, William, 88, June 7**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**RAIMONDE, Barbara E. "Pete" (Alt), 88, June 7**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**RIEGER, Corrine (Sciarini), 84, May 30**  
St. Joseph Church, Dover

**ROGERS, Lawrence C., 77, June 1**  
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbus

**SHEEDY, Jean M. (Robinson), 87, May 29**  
St. Michael Church, Worthington

**STANKO, Dr. Joseph S., 68, June 5**  
St. Mary Church, Marion

**TANSKY, Marian L. (Morgan), 98, June 2**  
St. John Church, Logan

**TODD, William M., 64, June 4**  
St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus

**VACCARI, Pasquale A., 83, May 29**  
St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus

**VanSICKLE, Mary (Pallotto), 82, May 22**  
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

**WEHRLE, Frank G., 90, June 4**  
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

## Sister Ruth Schirtzinger, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Ruth Schirtzinger, OP, who died Tuesday, June 6, was held Tuesday, June 13 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born April 16, 1944 to David and Alice (Maloney) Schirtzinger. She was a graduate of Columbus Our Lady of Victory elementary and high schools and received bachelor of science degrees in elementary education from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) in 1969 and in nursing from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1991. She received a master's degree in education from Marygrove College in Detroit in 1978.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1963 and professed her first vows on Aug. 15, 1966, taking the name Sister Margaret Marie.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she taught first grade at Columbus Christ the King (1966-67), Newark St. Francis de Sales (1968-69), Columbus Holy Spirit (1969-70), and Somerset Holy Trinity (1970-77) schools and kindergarten at Delaware St. Mary School (1984-87). She also was a teacher and principal in the Diocese of Steubenville and in Michigan. She served from 1990-2013 as a registered nurse in the vascular thoracic unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus and was a volunteer at the Kobacker House Hospice in Columbus from 2004 until earlier this year, earning its Compassionate Care Award in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Philip. Survivors include brothers, Robert (Kay) and Edward (Diane); sisters, Rosemary (John) Conroy, Patricia (Bruce) Marshall, Margaret (Jim) Griesen, Marie (Ed) Taris; and many nieces and nephews.

## Janice Della Flora

Funeral Mass for Janice Della Flora, 85, who died Sunday, May 28, was held Saturday, June 3 at Columbus St. Timothy Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She served as organist at St. Timothy Church, where she was a founding member and also was a member of the choir and a school volunteer. She also was employed for many years at The Ohio State University.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Ernestine (Kelley) Patterson; husband, Hugo; stepmother, Lillie; brother, Michael; and a grandson. Survivors include sons, Anthony, Thomas, Daniel (Susan), Joseph (Mary), and John (Cathy); daughter, Ann (Marty) Gilan; brother, Peter (Ginny); 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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## JUNE

### 15, THURSDAY

#### Cenacle at Holy Name

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#### Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. Program: "How Could Hell Possibly Exist?"  
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### 16, FRIDAY

#### Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting.  
614-866-4302

### 17, SATURDAY

#### Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

#### 'Theology of Dance' at Chillicothe St. Peter

6 p.m., St. Peter Church, 118 Church St., Chillicothe. "Theology of Dance," a program by Catholic author, speaker, and radio host Elizabeth Ficocelli and her husband, Mark, drawing parallels between respectful dance and respectful relationships. Begins with dinner and ends with a swing dance lessons. For parents and high-school or young-adult couples. \$20 per couple.  
740-774-1407

### 18, SUNDAY

#### Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family

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

#### Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick

Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour.  
614-224-9522

#### St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans

1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors.  
614-282-4676

#### Polish Mass at Holy Family

2 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in Polish, followed by outdoor procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi.  
614-221-4323

#### Violin and Cello Concert at Marysville

3 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1033 W. 5th St., Marysville. Concert featuring siblings Igor Cetkovic, cellist, and Ivana Cetkovic, violinist.  
937-644-6020

#### West Columbus Deanery Corpus Christi Program

4 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 61 S. Union St., London. 20th annual West Columbus Deanery celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Begins with Evening Prayer, followed by procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and reception in parish center.  
740-852-0942

#### Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi

4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection.  
614-512-3731

#### Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching.  
614-237-0401

#### Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

### 19, MONDAY

#### 'Mass and a Meal' at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Inaugural "Mass and a Meal" monthly event sponsored by

parish's Frassati Society for young adults, featuring Mass, followed by a meal, with a volunteer providing the main course and those attending bringing side dishes, desserts, and beverages. Participants are asked to RSVP.  
614-224-9522

### 20, TUESDAY

#### Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

### 21, WEDNESDAY

#### Abortion Recovery Network Group

9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected.  
614-721-2100

#### ODU Adult and Continuing Education Info Session

6 to 7 p.m., Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Information session on university's adult and continuing education programs.  
614-251-7400

#### Summer Solstice Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd's Corner

7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Sister Diane Kozlowski, OP, to commemorate the summer solstice, "the day of longest light."  
614-866-4302

#### Program on Lay Associate Groups at Lancaster St. Mary

7 to 9 p.m., Spirit Center, St. Mary School, 309 E. Chestnut St., Lancaster. Program featuring members of various religious orders' lay associate groups discussing their activities. Light refreshments provided.  
740-653-5054

### 22, THURSDAY

#### Cenacle at Holy Name

6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

#### Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults. "Christ in the City" program with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Taize chant, and night prayer, followed by refreshments at a local pub.  
614-224-9522

#### Abortion Recovery Network Group

7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program and wants to stay connected.  
614-721-2100

### 23, FRIDAY

#### Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center Open House

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will be open, weather permitting.  
614-866-4302

### 24, SATURDAY

#### Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City

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

### 25, SUNDAY

#### Holy Family Alumni Association Homecoming

11 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Annual homecoming sponsored by Holy Family Alumni

Association, with Mass, followed by refreshments in the undercroft, along with tours of the parish alumni room and a raffle.  
614-539-4815

#### Praise Mass at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music.  
614-861-1242

#### Crossing Borders Project Reception at de Porres Center

2 to 5 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Program featuring artist participants in the Columbus Crossing Borders Project, a traveling art exhibit and documentary film into the journeys of refugees. Exhibit is on display at the center by appointment only through June 30.  
740-739-1561

#### St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans

2 to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Meet in church for prayer, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and fellowship. Visitors welcome.  
614-895-7792

#### Diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries at St. Matthew

2:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Annual Jubilee of Anniversaries sponsored by diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office, with Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrating Mass honoring couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and subsequent anniversaries, followed by reception.  
614-241-2560

#### Support Group for Divorced, Separated at St. Brendan

3 to 4:30 p.m., St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. First session of six-week Christian-based support group for divorced and separated adults. Book, suggested readings, handouts available.  
614-846-2361

#### Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King

5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching.  
614-237-0401

#### Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter

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

### 27, TUESDAY

#### Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass.  
614-294-5319

#### Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc

Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.

### 28, WEDNESDAY

#### Cathedral Mass and Holy Hour for Religious Freedom

5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass for religious freedom as part of U.S. bishops' annual Fortnight for Freedom, followed by Holy Hour with rosary, silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.  
614-241-2540

### 29, THURSDAY

#### Cenacle at Holy Name

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#### Frassati Society Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick

7 p.m., Aquinas Hall, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of parish's Frassati Society for young adults.  
614-224-9522





## BOOK REVIEW

## I AM A WOMAN OF VALUE-I AM A WOMAN OF WORTH-I AM HIS!

This is a book of inspirational reflections by local author Diana Marie Winkler.

She candidly shares life lessons learned while sitting at the Lord's feet. Through the Lord's guidance, she was able to be set free from her past unwise choices, to let go of negative thinking, and to replace it with positive thinking.

She gave up her scrappy ways, courageously tore down barriers that were making her feel "less than," and walked into the life the Lord had waiting for her -- a life of great joy, laughter, and total trust in Him. Most importantly, as she developed a special relationship with the Lord, she started to feel her value and worth as a daughter of the King. She believes that what He has done for her, He will do for you.

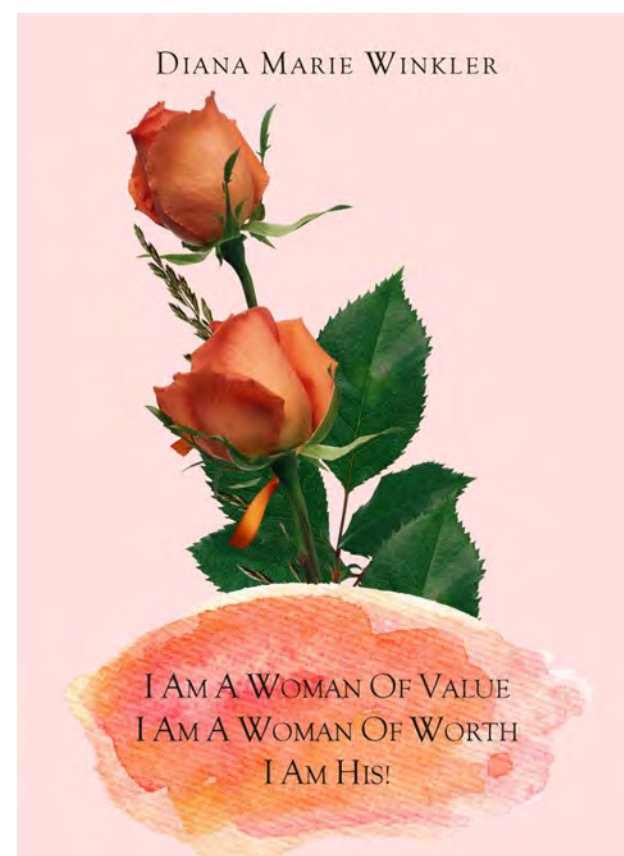
The book is organized as a series of daily reflec-

tions on issues including stress, guilt, hurt feelings, finding peace, embracing happiness, self-acceptance, and much more. Each reflection is tied to Scripture passages that bring the power of God's love to that aspect of life.

A companion journal provides a space for personal thoughts, enabling the reader to make each of these reflections pertinent to his or her own life issues.

The book is written for women, but these life lessons are equally valuable for men. We all can benefit by better understanding that each of us is a creation of God, a treasure from heaven, a child of the Almighty.

The book is available at Generations Religious Gifts in Columbus or online at Amazon.com. Winkler will sign books at the St. Gabriel Catholic Radio studios on Thursday, June 22.



*Diana Marie Winkler is a parishioner at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church. She shares her thoughts online at [www.iamtheshepherdsdaughter.com](http://www.iamtheshepherdsdaughter.com).*

## DOCUMENTARY FILM &amp; EXHIBIT

The Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, will be displaying art from the Columbus Crossing Borders project and presenting a documentary film on its work from Saturday, June 17 to Friday, June 30. A reception focusing on the exhibit will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

Through partnership with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, the project allows an intimate look into the arduous journeys of refugees who are willing to share their stories on film. Fueled by these stories, 34 artists were presented with a unique challenge: allow the neighboring artists to cross the borders and enter into the artists' paintings.

Perhaps a hand is reaching from one painting into the next, or a figure is fleeing from one painting to the other. However these "border crossings" take place, the artists have created works that overlap and integrate harmoniously, resulting in a visual tribute to the resilience, strength of spirit, and determination of people who have survived

incredible hardship.

The documentary will spotlight the refugees' stories and the art inspired by those stories. Through the lens of filmmaker Doug Swift, people who have fled war, terror, and horrific conditions will be introduced, and viewers will be able to observe what is universal about their journeys and what is unique.

## CROSSING BORDERS



Viewers will see the unease and fear that profoundly affects border issues and will observe the humanity of those who provide comfort, support, and advocacy. And when 34 artists join to create a project based on the timeless plight of refugees, they metaphorically encounter many of the difficulties, challenges, and abundant gifts that re-

sult in crossing borders.

For more information, go to the project's website, [www.columbuscrossingbordersproject.com](http://www.columbuscrossingbordersproject.com). The exhibit will continue touring Ohio through the fall of 2018. It will be displayed in September at Capital University's Schumacher Gallery and in October at the United Church of Granville.

# Polish Mass in Columbus helps preserve a strong faith tradition

BY TIM PUET/ *Catholic Times Reporter*

Catholics of Polish descent are understandably proud of Poland's heritage as a nation where Catholicism has stood firm for more than 1,000 years, enduring invasions by larger neighbors and most recently triumphing over communism through the spiritual leadership of Pope St. John Paul II, a Polish native.

Since 2004, that legacy has been honored every month at a Mass in the Polish language in Columbus. For most of that time, the Mass has been at Columbus St. Mary Church. When the effects of a lightning strike last August forced that church to close indefinitely for repairs, Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, himself of Polish descent, offered his church as an alternate site for the Mass, which is celebrated at 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month.

The celebrants are priests from the Diocese of Cleveland, which has substantially more residents of Polish and eastern European descent than Columbus. One of those priests is Father Michael Krupka, who celebrated last month's Polish Mass at Holy Family. Father Krupka is retired from parish ministry and this month is marking his 40th anniversary of being ordained a priest on June 5, 1977, by Servant of God Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, who endured persecution and imprisonment under communism and was a key figure in the

restoration of Polish democracy.

Father Krupka said the Cleveland diocese at one time has 17 churches offering Masses in Polish. St. John Cantius Church in the Tremont neighborhood on Cleveland's near west side continues that tradition today with a Polish Mass each Sunday and on holy days and has a pastor and parochial vicar of Polish heritage.

"Having a Polish Mass in Columbus is like an island for the Polish community," Father Krupka said. "We have such a great faith tradition, with the example of John Paul strengthening it and bringing awareness of it to the world. It's up to those of us who come to the Mass to maintain it."

"Remember who you are," he told the Holy Family congregation in remarks during the closing portion of last month's Mass. "You are part of a great chain of faith. If it is broken, you will break something important in your life. Be proud to share your experience." Those remarks were in English. Most of his homily earlier in the Mass was in Polish, as were the Mass itself and accompanying hymns.

The Mass is sponsored by the Polish American Club of Columbus, which was founded in 1980. "The club began having priests come from Cleveland for Polish Masses on an irregular basis a few years later. That's the way it was when I arrived in Columbus in 1999, and we were satisfied with that, but a change in the club's leadership led to



more frequent Masses," said club member Jan Klarenbach, a Polish native who also lived in Germany and Canada before coming to the United States.

"The club was founded by a group of Polish Americans who wanted to perpetuate Polish traditions as they understood them," said club member Stan Vingle. "By that I mean sort of an Americanized version, which included Masses and other church activities, but also had a strong emphasis on things such as polka dances and other social events."

"As it got older, the original leadership group was replaced by people who arrived from Poland after the collapse of communism in the 1980s, many of them coming to Columbus because of connections with The Ohio State University. They had a different understanding of what parts of Polish tradition they wanted to preserve – one which included greater emphasis on Masses and other spiritual programs."

This led to the beginning of the monthly Masses at St. Mary's. In addition to the Masses, the Polish American Club, led by its president, Margaret Cym-

bal, sponsors several other activities. These include monthly board meetings; a weekly Wednesday volleyball gathering at Wyndham Park in Dublin; a monthly social event, generally on the last Wednesday of the month; a special Christmas Eve supper known as the *Wigilia*, which took place at the Westerville VFW hall last year; an Easter food blessing; participation in the Columbus International Festival; and one or two dances or parties a year.

The club since 2005 also has sponsored weekly classes in Polish for children as a way of preserving the Polish language and traditions. They are known as "PACanow," a word play combining the club's initials with the name of a Polish town that is both an actual community and a mythical destination in Polish children's literature. PACanow classes take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Upper Arlington Public Library, 1945 Lane Road.

This coming Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi, is a major event in Poland,

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with communities large and small staging outdoor processions centering on the Eucharist, carried through the streets by the local priest bearing a monstrance.

"I was part of one of those processions in 2007 when I visited the community of Miejsce Piastowe, my family's ancestral home in Poland," Vingle said. "The town has about 2,000 people, and there were at least that many in the procession, from the whole village and its surroundings. Traffic stopped, and the whole town came to a halt. I've never seen such an expression of religious faith."

The PAC is inviting the people of the Diocese of Columbus to join in its own Corpus Christi procession at its 2 p.m. Mass this Sunday, June 18. Club member Carol Crooks said the club is especially hopeful that newcomers will take part in the procession because many club members are currently in Poland for the wedding of Agnieszka Albrycht, who was the club's president for the past three years.

Albrycht, who is a real estate agent in Columbus, and her fiance, Wacław Guzik, will be married in Rogi, Poland, on Saturday, June 17, starting a new



**Father Michael Krupla, a retired priest of the Diocese of Cleveland, celebrates a Mass in Polish at Columbus Holy Family Church on Sunday, May 21.**  
CT photos by Ken Snow

chapter in a transatlantic romance which began when the couple met online a few years ago. Guzik will move to Columbus with his bride following the ceremony.

Besides its social and educational activities, the PAC provides financial

support for three members of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, a Polish-based religious order, who live in Columbus.

Sisters Irena Lisowska, Bożena Tyborowska, and Maria Lukaszuk, LSIC,

reside at 957 E. Broad St. in a building which the Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, also Polish-based, converted into a convent when they came to Columbus in 1913. The Dominicans are now based in another building on the city's east side, at Roosevelt and Livingston avenues, and continue to minister at several parishes in the city.

The Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception were established in 1850 by Blessed Edmund Bojanowski, and have 3,300 members serving in Europe, Africa, and North and South America. They have been in the United States since 1926. Their American provincial headquarters are in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and they serve in four New Jersey dioceses, one diocese each in Pennsylvania and Florida, and the Diocese of Columbus.

For more information about the Polish American Club, go to its website, [www.poloniacolumbus.org](http://www.poloniacolumbus.org). To learn more about the Little Servant Sisters, contact Sister Bożena at (856) 874-6096 or Sister Irena at (908) 494-1713. The website of the sisters' order is [www.lsic.us](http://www.lsic.us).

## Jubilee of Anniversaries



**Bishop Frederick Campbell honored religious sisters in the Diocese of Columbus who are celebrating significant anniversaries during a special Mass on Saturday, June 3 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church.**

**Pictured are (left to right): Sister Pieta Mattingly, OP (65 years); Sister Mary Ruth Leandres, OP (50 years); Sister Carolyn Thurn, OP (60 years); Sister Bernadette Campbell, OP (60 years); Bishop Campbell; Sister Maria Lukaszuk, LSIC (40 years); Sister Bernadette Selinsky, OSF (50 years); Sister Patricia Twohill, OP (40 years); Sister Marilyn Sue Hopkins, OSF (60 years); and Sister Diane Traffas, OP (65 years).**

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