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The Editor’s Notebook

**Being Adaptable**

By David Garick, Editor

“Just do it my way.” I don’t know why the world can’t seem to get that message straight. It seems like every day, I run into people who just won’t cooperate and do what I think they should do. Sometimes they put up an argument. Most often, they just ignore me. Why can’t they see that I am always right?

It took me quite a while to get that mindset out of my system. My wife would contend that I haven’t gotten over it yet. At the heart of this is that old sin that goes back to the Garden of Eden … pride. We humans are flawed to the core with the notion that we are possessed of the wisdom to choose the course of the universe. It didn’t work out for Adam and Eve and it hasn’t worked out for the countless generations since the fall of man. But inside each one of us there remains that tiny voice that whispers to us, “You’re different. You really do know how things should run.” Then we run into the wall.

God understands us … each one of us … even me … better than we think. He realized that we needed a guide who could show us that God’s ways work and lead to life while our ways, as good as they seem in our tiny minds, lead to death. He came to earth in the person of Jesus, showing us how life works and death. He came to earth in the person of Jesus, showing us how life works and death. He came to earth in the person of Jesus, showing us how life works and death. He came to earth in the person of Jesus, showing us how life works and death. He came to earth in the person of Jesus, showing us how life works and death.

In the Gospels, Christ says “Follow me.” In fact, he makes that command 19 times during his earthly ministry. So he says to each of us, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” In doing that, we are forced to go against many of the concepts that are deepest in our own being. We must face our greatest fears, including the fear of not being in control, and live the life that God is calling us to live. For each of us, it will be different. But through prayer, we will come to understand how God is calling us to serve through our lives or even in the face of death.

In following Christ, we learn to adapt ourselves to live as he modeled life for us -- not to mimic his actions, but to live our own lives in such a way as to follow the will of God. That is why all believers do not have a cookie-cutter existence. Each of us has a unique responsibility to carry out a life that reflects the will of God. If we put our own pride aside, we can come to understand what Christ meant in telling us, “Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Or as St. Paul later explains, “If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him.” While this command in some cases does relate to literal life and death, what we are being commanded to do in a broader sense is give up control of our own life in order to find true life in Christ.

We must adapt how we live our lives to reflect the example Christ made for us in dealing with the unique challenges that are placed before us in everyday life. This week’s Catholic Times takes a look at how the people of New Philadelphia Sacred Heart Church have responded to the call of Our Lord to make their parish an example of Christ’s love at work for his people.

This is how we “carry our cross” and offer our life for the cause of Jesus, Our Lord.
Bishops ask for peace after white nationalist rally turns deadly

By Rhina Guidos
Catholic News Service

In the aftermath of a chaos- and hate-filled weekend in Virginia, Catholic bishops and groups throughout the nation called for peace after three people died and several others were injured following clashes between pacifists, protesters and white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 11 and 12.

A 32-year-old paralegal, Heather D. Heyer, was killed when a car plowed into a group in Charlottesville on Aug. 12. The driver was identified as James Alex Fields, who allegedly told his mother he was attending a rally for President Donald Trump. Reports say the car allegedly driven by Fields plowed into a crowd during a white nationalist rally and a counter-rally the afternoon of Aug. 12.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said early on Aug. 14 the “evil attack” meets the legal definition of domestic terrorism and suggested pending federal charges for Fields, who was arrested and was being held without bail. Fields was formally charged on Aug. 14 by a Charlottesville judge with second-degree murder, three counts of malicious wounding and failure to stop in an accident that resulted in death.

Outside the Charlottesville courthouse where Judge Robert Downer handed down the charges and Fields appeared via video link from jail, white supremacists and counter-protesters clashed, but there were no arrests. The same day, anti-racism rallies were held in several cities.

The bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, was one of the first to call for peace following the violence in Charlottesville late Aug. 11, which only became worse the following day.

On the evening of Aug. 11, The Associated Press and other news outlets reported a rally of hundreds of men and women, identified as white nationalists, carrying lit torches on the campus of the University of Virginia. Counter-protesters also were present during the rally and clashes were reported.

The following day, at least 20 were injured and the mayor of Charlottesville confirmed Heyer’s death later that afternoon via Twitter after the car allegedly driven by Fields rammed into the crowd of marchers. Two Virginia State Police troopers also died when a helicopter they were in crashed while trying to help with the violent events on the ground. CNN reported that 19 others were injured and remained hospitalized on Aug. 14 but were listed in good condition.

“In the last 24 hours, hatred and violence have been on display in the city of Charlottesville,” said Richmond Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo in a statement on the afternoon of Aug. 12. “I earnestly pray for peace.”

Charlottesville is in Bishop DiLorenzo’s diocese.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the events “abhorrent acts of hatred” in an Aug. 12 statement. He said they were an “attack on the unity of our nation.”

Virginia’s governor declared a state of emergency on Aug. 12 when violence erupted during the “Unite the Right” white nationalist protest against the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. But the trouble already had started the night before with the lit torches and chants of anti-Semitic slogans on the grounds of the University of Virginia.

“Racism is evil,” President Trump said in an Aug. 14 statement. “And those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans. ... As I said on Saturday (Aug. 12), we condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry, and violence. It has no place in America.”

Other groups, including many faith groups, seeking to counter the white nationalist events showed up during both events. Authorities reported clashes at both instances.

“Only the light of Christ can quench the torches of hatred and violence. Let us pray for peace,” said Bishop DiLorenzo in his statement. “I pray that those men and women on both sides can talk and seek solutions to their differences respectfully.”

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, which covers Northern Virginia, tweeted on what was happening in Charlottesville and followed up with a lengthy statement, calling the events “saddening and disheartening.”

“The more we read about the demonization of racism, bigotry and self-proclaimed superiority made it seem as though we were living in a different time,” said Bishop Burbidge, noting “much progress made” since the civil rights movement of the 1960s. “And yet, there are some who cling to misguided...
**September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

**A New Work of Mercy: Care for Our Common Home**

By Julie Laudick

In the thirteenth century, Thomas Aquinas enumerated the traditional sets of seven spiritual and seven corporal works of mercy. On September 1, 2016, the World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation, Pope Francis introduced a new work of mercy: care for our common home. Why does this generation require a new one? In his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si, Pope Francis exhorts us to confront what he calls the ecological crisis: “Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years” (LS 53).

What is merciful about caring for our common home? The Catechism sums up the works of mercy as “charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities” (CCC 2447). Shouldn’t our neighbors, and not the earth, be the objects of our mercy? In the Gospel of Luke, an expert of the law asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” When Jesus responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan, he expanded the concept of neighbor to include anyone we might encounter, even those considered enemies.

Until the last few hundred years, most people had a local sphere of influence. It was sufficient to love your immediate neighbor as yourself. But in our globalized economy, we participate in systems that affect our brothers and sisters in the farthest reaches of the planet, most of whom we will never meet. Pope Francis points out the ecological debt between the global north and south caused by “the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries” (LS 51). In proposing care for our common home as a work of mercy, he is inviting us to expand our concept of neighbor yet again.

Furthermore, Pope Francis introduced this new work of mercy as a ‘complement’ to the traditional sets. This word comes from the Latin completer, which means to fill up, or to complete. In a sense, care for our common home is the seed-bearing fruit of the other works of mercy. The rest are incomplete without it. We cannot give drink to the thirsty if we pollute our water. We cannot welcome the stranger if our house is in disarray. We cannot counsel the doubtful among the next generation if by our wasteful lifestyles we leave them a damaged earth less able to reflect the glory of the Creator (Romans 1:20).

Finally, Pope Francis explained that care for our common home is not only corporal, but also spiritual in nature. Given that we started with fourteen, does this mean that we now have a total of fifteen, sixteen, or somehow still fourteen works of mercy?

Regardless of how you choose to enumerate them, there are many ways to practice this new work of mercy in daily life. By transforming our own homes, parishes, and cities into places of peace, we lay the groundwork for the other works of mercy to grow in the hearts of those who dwell there. For practical suggestions on caring for our common home in the diocese, take a look at the Laudato Si Creation Care Guide:


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**St. John Neumann prison ministry marks two years**

The prison ministry of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church is celebrating its second anniversary this month.

The work began in August 2015, when parishioners Jack Bryant and Ed Kramer asked chaplain James Meacham of the Delaware County sheriff’s office if they could offer a Catholic Bible study to county jail inmates. The jail already had several Bible studies, but none of them were Catholic in nature, and some prisoners had requested this.

Meacham agreed to the request and several parishioners volunteered immediately to help, with more following.

Although volunteers originally planned to go to the jail once a month, Meacham had other ideas. He scheduled volunteers to visit once a week, with women going on Monday evenings and men on Tuesdays.

The first sessions were on Aug. 17 and 18, 2015, and St. John Neumann volunteers have brought the Word of God to the prisoners every week since. Some parishioners also have gotten involved in re-entry programs for people released from jail. The prisoners have expressed gratitude to the volunteers for listening to them, rather than judging or talking down.

The volunteers discuss Bible verses, explain Catholic teaching, and pray the rosary, but their main purpose is to let the inmates talk and to listen for opportunities to steer them toward Christ. It’s also important to let the prisoners know they are not alone and someone cares about them. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has provided Bibles and other Catholic materials, and the parish rosary makers have donated hundreds of twine rosaries, which are the only kind of rosary permitted inside the jail. The inmates have eagerly accepted the rosaries.

Prison ministry is not for everyone, but if your heart is leading you in this direction, email Jack Bryant for more information at jbyrant140@yahoo.com. People wishing to participate in this ministry also will need to pass a background check. New volunteers may be put on a waiting list, since the jail limits the number of volunteers.

**K of C to host soccer challenge in Hilliard**

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a soccer challenge at the Spindler Park fields on Spindler Road near Hilliard from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9. This is a free event, open to all young people age 10 to 14 in the Diocese of Columbus. Individuals are encouraged to bring their favorite soccer ball(s).

The challenge is to score as many points as possible with a limited number of kicks. The soccer goal is divided into a series of five scoring zones, with a point value given to each zone. After the participant is given 15 penalty kicks, his or her total number of points will be awarded depending upon the scoring zones that were hit. Winners receive the opportunity to advance to higher competition. In recent years, many participants from the diocese have made it to and won the state finals.

Additional information may be found at [http://kofc5801.org](http://kofc5801.org).

**Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club meeting**

After its annual two-month vacation, the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club will resume its monthly meeting schedule on Friday, Sept. 1.

The event at Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., will feature a talk by Ben Hartings of Sunbury St. John Neumann Church about his book *Return to the Altar, A Sacred Journey Through Grief and Joy*, co-authored with his wife, Lynn.

Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and the talk until about 1 p.m. A $10 donation covers the lunch and meeting.

For more information on the club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/mlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/mlc) or contact club president Tim Merkle at [htm@ejhlaw.com](mailto:htm@ejhlaw.com).
Stewardship Employment Ministry has placed 977 people in jobs

The Stewardship Employment Ministry (SEM) is nearing two significant milestones — being in existence for 10 years and placing 1,000 people in jobs.

SEM was established at Westerville St. Paul Church in 2008 by parishioner Tom Nann to provide a faith-based solution to guide job seekers through the hiring process. Nann said that as of early July, it had placed 977 people in gainful employment.

More than half of those placements have been made since 2012 through one-on-one contact initiated by Nann or SEM participants as a result of what they have learned through the ministry. Nann makes monthly visits to representatives of 13 large central Ohio companies to see what their employment needs are. This allows him to bring up-to-date information to help the people attending SEM’s weekly meetings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the church’s administration building, 313 N. State St.

The ministry has conducted similar meetings at other parishes in the Columbus area over the years, but Nann said financial limitations led to a decision to concentrate its efforts at St. Paul. Those limits also have prevented it from conducting the job fairs which it sponsored from 2008 to 2012 at the Westerville parish. Those events attracted an average of more than 30 companies and resulted in more than 400 job placements.

“We’re starting to change the focus of our meetings,” he said. “Besides talking about subjects directly related to a job search, we’re taking a more intense look at how unemployment and underemployment affect families.

“Those 977 jobs represent 977 families. Feeding America, which represents food banks across the nation, says the most impoverished people in the United States are children under 13, with one in six going to bed hungry. That’s unacceptable. Coming across these statistics deeply moved me and made me realize the broader impact of losing a job or being underemployed.

“And just because you may be working doesn’t mean you’re not affected by unemployment. I’m sure everyone knows someone who’s unemployed or underemployed. Also, look at your paycheck. Some of that money is going for various programs to help the unemployed. You can’t avoid it.”

Nann himself is unemployed, having lost his job in November because of cutbacks by his employer. “That has made what I’m doing more personal than ever,” he said. All his work with SEM has been on a volunteer basis.

To allow its programs to remain free of charge to any unemployed or underemployed individual, SEM relies heavily on contributions from parishes and individuals. Nann said a responsive grant from The Catholic Foundation and the backing provided by Father Charles Klinger, pastor of St. Paul Church, have been of considerable benefit to the organization.

“We’ve had unbelievable support from Father Klinger,” he said. “His compassion and his love of Christ have strengthened my own faith, and I know it’s done the same for others.”

People wishing to help the ministry may now go to its website and donate by credit card. Nann said 89 percent of what is donated to SEM goes to programs directly related to the ministry’s mission, with 11 percent for expenses.

The ministry also is sponsoring a golf outing on Monday, Sept. 11 at Blackhawk Golf Club, 8830 Dustin Road, Galena. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The $80 fee will include a box lunch and a dinner at St. Paul Church.

For more on sponsorship packages for the tournament and other information about SEM, go to its website, www.stewardshipemploy.org, or call Nann at (614) 306-4487.

Season of Creation to be celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

When Pope Francis proclaimed Sept. 1, 2015 as the first World Day of Prayer for Creation, Catholics joined with other Christians who already had made Sept. 1 a day of prayer for everything God has created. This opened a Season of Creation that stretches from Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of the environment.

Although there is no official liturgical season to honor our Creator, more than 55 nations conducted at least 300 events to honor creation during that time period in 2016.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, will host a series of events during that period this year.

The theme of “A Drop of Honey” has been chosen, with the goal of affirming some of the organizations who are dedicated to caring for creation.

The parish’s Season of Creation events will include Morning Prayer at 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1; a visit to a recycling plant and a landfill; petitions for creation during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass; and a blessing of the animals and creation on Wednesday, Oct. 4.
MORE NARROW GATE? REFUSE TO BAPTIZE?

**QUESTION & ANSWER**

**by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE**

*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** At dinner recently with two Catholic priests, they happened to observe that it will be more difficult for them to reach heaven than for most people. I dismissed that opinion rather quickly until I read a passage from section 14 in *Lumen Gentium*.

Speaking of Catholics, it said: “He is not saved, however, who, though part of the body of the church, does not persevere in charity. He remains indeed in the bosom of the church, but, as it were, only in a ‘bodily’ manner and not ‘in his heart.’...”

“All the church’s children should remember that their exalted status is to be attributed not to their own merits but to the special grace of Christ. If they fail moreover to respond to that grace in thought, word and deed, not only shall they not be saved but they will be more severely judged.”

Is the “gate of heaven,” therefore, narrower for Catholics because more is given and expected? (Vacherie, Louisiana)

**A.** Let me say first that I have always believed that the vast majority of the people God created will wind up in heaven. Why would God have made all of us in the first place, if that experiment were destined largely to fail?

And I do not think that the gate is more narrow for Catholics; in fact, I think the opposite -- namely, that Catholics have a head start on eternal salvation. We Catholics have access to abundant graces through the seven sacraments that help us to live as God wants; and we have, from Christ, the guarantee of fundamental truth and of continual guidance in theological teaching.

What the Second Vatican Council was cautioning against (in your quote from *Lumen Gentium*) was the same kind of formalism Jesus had detected in the religious leaders of his day -- the conviction that merely by officially “belonging” to the church, righteousness and eternal salvation were certainties.

The council noted that salvation is worked out “on the ground,” by sharing God’s love with those we meet. (Didn’t Jesus say the same thing in Matthew 25, when he suggested that the ultimate thing we’ll judged on is whether we helped people when they needed it?)

It is true that, as Luke’s Gospel says (12:48), “much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” But that heavier responsibility can be balanced by the opportunities that life offers. (Priests, for example, have the daily Eucharist, the Divine Office and the frequent chance to minister directly with the compassion of Jesus.)

**Q.** Can a priest refuse to christen a child born out of wedlock? (Mason Neck, Virginia)

**A.** The answer -- which may not be the one you were expecting or wanted -- is, “It depends.” Simply that the child’s parents are unmarried would not justify refusing a baptism, and I would call Pope Francis as my witness on this.

In 2014, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis was reported by the Italian press as having baptized the child of an unmarried couple in a ceremony in the Sistine Chapel. That would have squared with what Pope Francis, in 2009 while still a cardinal in Argentina, was quoted as saying in the Italian magazine 30 Giorni: “The child has absolutely no responsibility for the state of the parents’ marriage. And often a baptism can be a new start for the parents as well.”

There may, however, be other circumstances that would warrant delaying a baptism. The church’s *Code of Canon Law* requires that, for an infant to be baptized, “there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion” (No. 868.1.2).

Priests vary somewhat as to just what evidence is needed for that assurance, but pastoral sensitivity is always critical; I am personally inclined to give the benefit of the doubt to the parents.

Nearly all parishes require parents to attend a class or two of baptismal preparation, which can help to bring them back to regular church attendance and sometimes, if the circumstances permit, to have a marriage blessed in the church. (And even if there is virtually no likelihood that the parents will bring the child to Mass regularly, sometimes a grandparent is willing to step into that role.)

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

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**Knights of Columbus state soccer challenge winners**

Rachel Thompson, representing Father Hohman Council 5253 of Reynoldsburg (girls age 11), and Oscar Marquez, representing Assumption Council 3727 of Columbus (boys age 13), were statewide winners in their respective categories of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. They previously won at the council, district, and regional levels. Each event involved taking 15 penalty kicks, with the competitor with the highest number of successful tries advancing to the next level. They were presented their awards by Allen Perk of St. Matthew Council 5801 in Gahanna (left), coordinator for the event, and Steve McClellan, district deputy of K of C District 47. Photo courtesy Steve McClellan

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**John Michael Talbot coming to Bucyrus**

Grammy Award-winning Christian musician John Michael Talbot is bringing his “Lifetime of Music and Ministry” tour to Bucyrus. He will be in concert at Bucyrus Holy Trinity Church, 760 Tiffin St., at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. The event is being sponsored by Holy Trinity and Galion St. Joseph churches.

Tickets are $30 for general admission and $50 for a VIP ticket which includes early admission during the sound check, preferred seating, and an autographed CD.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the parish offices, after weekend Masses at the parishes, by calling (419) 562-1346 or (419) 468-2884, or online at www.johnmichaeltalbot.com. For additional information, go to www.holytrinitybucyrus.org.

Talbot is one of the pioneering artists of contemporary Christian music. He is recognized as Catholic music’s most popular artist, with multi-platinum record sales and compositions published in hymnals throughout the world.

The “Lifetime of Music and Ministry” concert tour will feature Talbot sharing songs which span more than four decades of music ministry. His 55th album, *The Inner Room*, was released in September 2016. His 29th book, *Monk Dynast*, was published in February 2016. He has just completed three years as creator and host of the TV series *All Things Are Possible*.

Talbot leads his very active ministry from the Little Portion Hermite in Arkansas and St. Clare Monastery in Texas, where he is the founder and minister general of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. His artistic and humanitarian efforts have been recognized with awards from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Gospel Music Association, the Mercy Corps, and the Mother Teresa Award.
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and evil beliefs about what makes American unique and remarkable.”

He condemned “all forms of bigotry and hatred,” denouncing “any form of hatred as a sin.”

“We must find unity as a country. Unity does not mean we all believe the same things,” Bishop Burbidge said. “We must be united by a shared interest in freedom, liberty and love for our neighbor. ... Without respect for each other, even when we adamantly disagree, we will see more violence and discord in this great nation.”

Chicago’s Cardinal Blase J. Cupich said on Aug. 12 via Twitter: “When it comes to racism, there is only one side: to stand against it.”

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelph called racism the “poison of the soul,” and said in a statement that it was the United States’ “original sin” and one that “never fully healed.”

“We are excited to make a difference in the lives of women and families through these important events,” said PDHC president Julie Moore. “People come to PDHC every day for help. Sometimes their situation is so difficult they feel hopeless. At PDHC, they receive hope that comes through compassionate support and practical resources. These events will enable us as a community to provide much-needed care.”

PDHC cares for men and women through its extension services and recovery programs, which offer help that extends beyond pregnancy to assist parents after they choose life and their babies are born. PDHC’s parenting classes are designed for new mothers and fathers, and its abortion recovery programs offer help to those who are hurting from the effects of a past abortion. The organization is dedicated to serving the whole person—body, mind, and soul.

The final component of PDHC’s ministry is its prevention program. Last year, the in-school education program was presented to more than 8,000 students and teachers in more than 50 central Ohio middle schools and high schools. The program’s instructors teach students about healthy relationships and setting life goals.

There is no charge to attend either of the life and liberty celebrations, thanks to generous underwriters. Guests will be given an opportunity to make a contribution to PDHC.

Those interested in attending must register by Friday, Sept. 15. For more information and to register, visit www.SupportPDHC.org.

Dominican Learning Center needs tutors

The Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus, will host a tutor training workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Volunteer tutors are needed to teach adults seeking basic education skills, preparing to take their high-school equivalency test, or learning English as a second language. There is a special need for tutors to teach reading and writing in English on weekdays.

To register, email dlccolumbus@oppeace.org or call (614) 444-7330, or visit www.domlearningcenter.org.

Pilgrim Fatima statue coming to Columbus

One of six pilgrim images of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by Pope Francis on Jan. 11 as part of the Fatima centennial celebration will be in Columbus this weekend.

The statue will be displayed for veneration from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road. The event will be sponsored by the Alliance of the Holy Family International.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

Noon – Welcoming procession;

12:30 p.m. – Talk on importance of consecration and the brown scapular; family consecration to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; brown scapular investiture.

1:30 p.m. – Rosary procession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; silent Adoration.

3 p.m. – Divine Mercy Chaplet.

4 p.m. – Mass.

imposition of scapular, rosary and re-coronation of Our Lady; consecration prayer of Pope St. John Paul II.

Custodian Opportunity

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Grove City, is looking for a full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer custodian, who is responsible for performing general cleaning and upkeep of assigned areas within the Parish and School facilities.

Applicant must be able to perform heavy duty cleaning, vacuuming, and lifting, to work independently, paying close attention to detail, and perform all physical aspects of the job duties. Previous custodian or maintenance experience preferred but not required. Availability to work weekends is preferred.

Please forward resume, references, and compensation requirements to David J. Frea, Parish Administrator, at dfrea@OurLadyOfPerpetualHelp.net or call the parish office at 614-875-3322.
Jonathan Beiter, Eagle Scout

Jonathan Beiter, a member of Lancaster St. Mary Church, has earned Eagle Scout rank, the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve. He belongs to Scout Troop 187 in Baltimore. His trail to Eagle included completing the requirements for 51 merit badges and being elected to the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of Scouting. For the service project required to become an Eagle, he designed and organized completion of new vinyl benches and signs for Otte Park and Pleasantville Park in Pleasantville.

Photo courtesy Beiter family

Andrew Welsh, Eagle Scout

Andrew Welsh, a member of Boy Scout Troop 16 at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. For his Eagle project, he built 10 player equipment boxes for the baseball fields at Whetstone Park, with the help of many other Scouts and other adults.

He was awarded his Eagle rank at a troop court of honor on Saturday, Aug. 19. He is a senior at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. The troop’s scoutmaster is Nick Tippet and its spiritual adviser is Father Matt Hoover, pastor of the church.

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Harvest time. During this time of year, we begin to think of all the seeds we have sown and the things we have accomplished as a result of our physical and spiritual efforts. By our hand and our heart, we have toiled to produce. Through this growth, we sometimes see a particularly different outlook on life.

Very often, it is a simple touch or smell or sense of self that activates a memory of long ago thought to have been forgotten. We reminisce about the times we have shared and the happy or funny moments that made our life so meaningful. It is our constant reminder that things are not stagnant in this world and constantly will change. This is by God’s design, so that we do not get too settled and forget why we were placed here in time or situation.

When we plant, it is just as important for the soil to be rich as to have a good foundation on which to grow. We also know that we need to give it the water and food it needs to survive. Jesus tells us this time and time again.

Our actions cause a ripple effect that blends into the lives of so many others. Someone a continent away is being helped by the simple act of offering a meal or precious water to drink in a thirsty world.

It is so important to remember to also feed the soul. For without spiritual richness and a healthy prayer life, our efforts can stand on empty hands. We must grow and harvest the inner strength of every person so that they can provide the same bounty to another. Giving forward is not a concept alien to us. We are taught from an early age that one person can change the world if he or she just has the courage to be vulnerable to the experience.

And it does not matter where we begin. Some of us start from a vast, open field, while others begin life from a much different perspective. We are born into a life where work commands that we sacrifice. By growing into what we may become, we are allowing the Spirit to be alive and present, no matter what the circumstance.

To live a life of humility and respect is something that only God can grant. He instills the very nature of grace in our hearts and in the fulfillment of a promise kept. Some of the most powerful people began their vocations with the smallest amount of human belongings. I am reminded of St. Francis, who started his ministry with a little plot of land called the Portiuncula and an ancient church, both of which were in need of his love and attention. The church, Our Lady of the Angels, grew into what some people say is one of the most beautiful churches in Italy.

Even with humble beginnings and surroundings, the smallest of us can be transformed into a moment of light to shine with us all. Be thankful for what you have planted. Save these seeds of growth to instill a perpetual harvest – one that can help a world in such desperate need of the very basics of life: food, clothing, and shelter for the body and for our very soul.

May God continue to bless the harvest, may He continue to shine on us all, and may His peace be with you always.

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HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

Baseball

My husband, Al, and I enjoy Cleveland Indians baseball. During the last few years, I’ve learned more about the rules and I have become a true fan, as we enjoy attending games once or twice a month each season.

Interestingly, many of the virtues and habits that are necessary for professional baseball players to excel on the field also are important in helping us on the road to sainthood.

Patience. Baseball games are long – typically around three hours. There may be rain delays, multiple coaching visits to the pitching mound, catcher-pitcher discussions, and extra innings. Fans and players need patience. On the road to holiness, we sometimes may feel as though there are a lot of extra innings when life, work, and family needs reach a crescendo. St. Francis de Sales said, “Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.”

Perseverance. In a game where you strike out more often than you hit, you can’t give up. For example, players work on their ability to hit different types of pitches such as the curve, slider, sinker, and cutter to improve their odds of hitting. Perseverance is a key to the spiritual life as well. Even when it’s tough to pray, we do it. Even when we don’t feel God close, we trust and keep loving, serving, and asking for God’s grace to assist us in our endeavors.

Humility. When a player makes an error on the field, it is recorded and announced as an error – to the whole world. Even though they are the best at their sport, they make mistakes that impact the entire team, and they still have to get up and play the game again the next day, nearly every day for six months. Humility is a great teacher. As St. Teresa of Avila said, “There is more value in a little study of humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world.”

Wisdom. There are a lot of decisions that need to be made in a split second in a baseball game. Experience, skill, luck, training habits, and physical and intellectual gifts contribute to the development of a player and his ability to make wise decisions, whether at bat or in the field. In the example of King Solomon, we can ask for wisdom. St. Augustine said, “Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

Trust. The success of a team is dependent on everyone doing his job well. Trusting in each other’s skills, supporting and encouraging each other is important. When a pitcher is struggling and the pitching coach walks out to the mound to check in, the infielders gather around the pitcher to show their trust in him. In our own lives, we have many ways to be encouraged and to trust on our spiritual journey as we build strong family bonds and holy friendships, frequent the holy Eucharist, grow close to our Blessed Mother, and share in the communion of saints.

Faith. I am always moved when a player goes up to the plate and makes the sign of the cross, kisses his Miraculous Medal or cross, and even occasionally bows his head in prayer. Our gifts, no matter what they may be, are given to us by God to share with others. It gives me hope to see million-dollar athletes honoring God in the public eye, even if only for a few seconds … and even if it’s a prayer for a hit.

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BY TIM PUET

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Deacon Ron Onslow has been serving as a deacon for more than 30 years. He said to Sacred Heart parishioners, "I am happy to begin my second year serving the parish." He is often assigned to Sacred Heart, "He's often assigned to Sacred Heart. "He's a father and a grandfather, and he's very active in my first few months serving the parish," Father Coning said. "He's very active in the parish and is a great support system," which includes Kathy Hamilton, faith formation director; Beth Fraguase, music and liturgy director; and Chris Clore and Liz Breehl, office staff.

Father Jeff Coning, the parish's pastor for nearly seven years, said he believes Deacon Onslow is the first deacon ever assigned to Sacred Heart. "We are really, really blessed to have that," Father Coning said. "He's a parishioner, that of someone who is married, a father and a grandfather, and knows what family life is all about," Father Coning said. "He's often talked about how to love his two calls from God involved parish this involved. It's as though God said to him, 'We need you here at Sacred Heart. We've dealt to have him.'" Father Coning also has been pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel since 2014 and Deacon Immaculate Conception Church since 2017. "I thought Father Coning was the most rewarding thing I've done in my first few years serving the parish," Deacon Onslow said. "I feel like I'm a part of a great support system," which includes Deacon Onslow, Kathy Hamilton, Father Coning and others.

"I'm happy to have the help of two very experienced people in this situation like this," he said. "The parishioners of all three places have responded positively to this change, which also allows all of us to have a way to keep a strong spiritual life going at all three places and to help each other out as needed."

Deacon Onslow's impact at Sacred Heart has been felt particularly through his involvement in the parish outreach to the sick and the homebound. "For many years, that work has been done primarily by two long-time residents, Ray Schiltz and Bill Montz, and Msgr. (George) Schlegel," his predecessor as pastor, Father Coning said. "Deacon Onslow organized a new group which took up that task, and we have 12 people actually involved in the work." They visit residents of the six nursing homes in New Philadelphia and members and their families who are homebound. They also visit married couples who were married there 32 years ago. "I'm hoping to strengthen our 'Joy-Filled Marriage' program," he said. "I'm hoping to strengthen our communal spirit with other parishioners who can't get to church and among the people who are homebound."

Belknap is now part of the group involved in visiting the sick and the homebound. She recalled one particularly nice day, "I went to see a 97-year-old woman, and she told me, 'You know how I see Jesus? Not as a baby in a crib any more, but as an adult. He's dressed in white and black. He tells me what to do and what not to do. And I've told him I'm ready to see him face to face, but I recognize it has to be according to his timetable, not mine.'" Belknap said, "That really moved me." "Joyce's work in that ministry inspired me to be part of it," Brodzinski said. "The one-on-one connections you make are so important. You can be more personal as easily as you could be on the other day. We can build up to some day. Through visiting others, I've come to a greater appreciation of how important it is to get out of your normal routine and for others to know that people care about them and what they do." The parish is in the midst of an effort which has raised $900,000 of the $1.5 million needed to replace the current two-level basement sanctuary with a new hall, seating about 500 people on one level, in a new building. The current hall will be used for storage and the gymnasium on the first floor of that building will remain. The new hall also will include a full preparation and serving kitchen, flexible classrooms and meeting rooms, handicapped-accessible restrooms, and a canopy for auto passenger drop-off.

"The idea is to maintain a connection that goes beyond marriage prep," I also want to strengthen our relationships with single-parent families and the divorced or separated, so we continue to form our communal spirit with other parishioners."

Sacred Heart has about 680 families and has been in existence since 1895. It held its first Conception mass in 1897 and was named in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. N.E. was dedicated in 1928. A grotto of the Virgin Mary, which has been at the rear of the church's sanctuary since 1966, was recently added adjacent to the church, built mostly with volunteer help, in gratitude for a personal commitment to serve one side and Jesus and His Sacred Heart on the other.

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Two women’s groups both meet once a month and serve the parish in different ways. The Altar Society meets on the first Monday for prayer, a meal, and a program. It provides candles, altar cloths, and other items mainly for parish use. It also takes care of funeral luncheons.

Sacred Heart is one of the few parishes in the diocese with a chapter of the Loyal Christian Benevolent Association, a national organization with a history of more than 125 years. The LCBA is more oriented to activities outside the parish. These include donating clothes and funds to the Birthright organization, assisting the local homeless shelter and the Salvation Army, and providing financial aid to Tuscarawas Central Catholic students. Parishioner Andi Fox recently was chosen as the organization’s member of the year.

Knights of Columbus Council 2372 has a history which goes back to the early 1920s and was renamed a few years ago in honor of Marine Lance Cpl. Peter Clore, who died in combat in 2011 in Afghanistan. It sponsored a chicken barbecue earlier this month and also conducts pancake breakfasts, takes part in the Knights’ statewide Measure-Up campaign for the developmentally disabled, and assists Father Coning as needed with other parish activities.

The Knights also purchased a monument remembering parish members who served in the military and a flagpole which stands next to it, both of which are in front of the church. The American flag atop the pole is lit at night. Standing on top of the monument is the cross which had been atop the school building.

Other parish organizations include a senior citizen group, which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Tuscarawas County Senior Center; a bereavement group, which gathers on the second Friday; and Busy Hands, Warm Hearts, which makes prayer shawls on the third Wednesday.

For more information about Sacred Heart, go to the parish website, www.sacredheartnewphila.org, or call (330) 343-6976.

**Dominican Studies lecture series**

Ohio Dominican University’s Center for Dominican Studies will present a lecture series, “Behold the Inheritance of St. Dominic,” during the 2017-18 academic year. The series will explore how the Dominican charism and legacy continues to unfold and manifest at the present time. Each of the eight lectures will be presented by a member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, ODU’s founding congregation.

All the free presentations will take place on Wednesdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Catherine of Siena Room of Erskine Hall on ODU’s campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Lunch will be provided.


Anyone with questions about the events may contact Sister Diane Traffas, director of the Center for Dominican Studies, at traffas@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-4722.
Girls age eight to 12 from throughout the Columbus area gathered at the Martin de Porres Center from July 17 to 20 for the Girls for Peace summer camp, a community outreach ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

The girls spent the week interacting with each other and with sisters from the congregation. Through crafts, games, technology, and field trips, they practiced teamwork and conflict resolution, expanded their creativity, and learned presentation and public speaking skills. The camp also provided an environment for the girls to meet and interact with Catholic sisters in a way that explored and encouraged religious life.

The campers were exposed to global social justice issues through documentary videos, and were challenged to come up with solutions. Sisters helped moderate groups of girls as they created PowerPoint presentations to explain their ideas for creating a more just and peaceful world.

As a reflection of the congregation’s commitment to ecological justice, camp participants traveled to Shepherd’s Corner, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. This 160-acre farm offered a perfect setting for hands-on learning about farming and ecology.

Throughout the camp’s activities, Dominican Sisters of Peace acted as guides, helpers, and even dancing partners, with the goal of giving the campers a fun introduction to community life and the Dominican charism.

“We really consider this to be a vacation event,” said Yahaira Rose, director of the Martin de Porres Center. “Many girls never see a sister outside of a church setting. The Dominican Sisters of Peace wanted to give these girls the opportunity to experience life in the community and let them begin to see the consecrated life as an alternative from this very early age.”

The Girls for Peace camp was funded by The Catholic Foundation as part of its ongoing efforts to encourage vocations in the diocese.

As a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, the Martin de Porres Center is dedicated to serving others. The center partners with local agencies, churches, and other organizations to respond to the spiritual, social, and educational needs of God’s people.

**Women’s silent retreat to take place Oct. 6-8**

“The New Evangelization Touches Home” will be the topic of the next silent retreat sponsored by the Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. It will begin with registration at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 and will end at noon Sunday, Oct. 8.

Father Thomas Blau, OP, will be retreat master, presenting four talks which will combine the theory and practice of evangelization with how it can be lived at home. Currently stationed at Columbus St. Patrick Church, Father Blau is an itinerant preacher in the tradition of the founder of the Dominican order, St. Dominic de Guzman.

Before his ordination, he was a teacher, a letter carrier, and a co-owner of a drug store. As a missionary, he has lived in Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico. He was educated in public schools, including the University of Akron, before receiving degrees from Franciscan University of Steubenville, the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, California, and the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. He has been involved in campus ministry at the University of Virginia and Providence College.

The fee for the retreat is $140, which includes a private room for two nights and six meals. Financial assistance is available for those who need it. In addition to the four talks, the retreat will include Masses on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday, all-night Eucharistic adoration on Saturday, two opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and quiet times for private prayer and meditation.

The Catholic Laywomen’s Retreat League has been offering retreats for more than 50 years. It particularly invites women who never have made a silent retreat to come away and rest for a while in the beautiful setting of historic St. Therese’s Retreat Center, letting its staff cook and care for you and letting the Lord fill you with his presence.

For more information, send an email message to retreatleague@gmail.com to receive a registration form, or call Sharon Gehrich at (614) 882-1946. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 8.

You are registered only when your deposit of $50 is received. No phone or email registrations can be accepted.

**St. Elizabeth to host Sept. 10 Healing Mass**

Father John Vadakkettom, CFIC, will celebrate a Healing Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 in Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd.

The Mass will be preceded by recitation of the rosary at 2:30, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a brief explanation of healing ministry. Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and those present will be invited to come forward for healing prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for those who need it. The program will end with a potluck social.

“Father John” is known by many people in the Diocese of Columbus for his hospital ministry. He is one of three priests of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception serving at St. Elizabeth Church. They are members of an order whose charism is to demonstrate the love of Christ for humanity by devoting their lives to care of the sick, education of the orphaned, and abandoned young people in need of assistance.

The event will be sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Inc., a lay organization under the authority of Bishop Frederick Campbell through his appointed liaison, Father Dean Mathewson. For more information, go to http://www.cccrcolumbus.org.
Matthew greatly expanded Peter’s answer in Mark. Mark had answered, “You are the Christ.” On the literary principle that the shorter text is more likely the original response, Mark’s is probably the version which captured what Peter said. Matthew answers: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” thereby adding a further identity to Jesus. Luke simply tries to clarify the title by adding “of God.”

Soley in Matthew is Peter rewarded by Jesus for having received the revelation that inspired his answer: “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.” Jesus then gives him a title by calling him “Peter,” a name which means something like “Rocky” and all that name implies in English. Consider the people we know who go by that name. They have hearts of gold, they are well-intentioned, will do anything for anybody, but brightness is not necessarily one of their assets. Such is the one who receives “the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” The power of binding and loosing allows him to exercise the role of chief spokesman for the group (“my church”). He has the power to make binding decisions, a power which will be shared with the rest of the Twelve in Matthew 18:18.

Father Lawrence Hummer, pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary Church, may be reached at hummerl@stmarychillicothe.com.

Corpus Christi Parish
MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Parish of Corpus Christi is looking for a qualified individual to fill its recent Maintenance vacancy. This is a part time position requiring approximately 20 - 25 hours per week. The Maintenance position provides routine and preventative maintenance of equipment and interior and exterior structure of the building; performs custodial duties and other duties as assigned.

A basic knowledge in mechanics, plumbing, carpentry, electrical, plastering and painting is necessary for this position. Other required skills include multi-tasking, establishing priorities, exhibiting initiative, responsibility, flexibility, cooperative interpersonal skills, and maintaining confidentiality. Work requirements also include being able to respond to critical calls and emergencies outside of regular scheduled hours. A minimum of one year prior experience is required. Job offer is contingent on the successful passing of the mandatory background screening and completion of the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” course. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send cover letter, resume, and references by, September 5, 2017 to Father Vince Nguyen, Administrator at: parishcclcolumbus@gmail.com

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF AUG. 27, 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.
Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWNO-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.

We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours
It’s a culture war, stupid

Those who persist in denying that the Church is engaged in a culture war, the combatants in which are aptly called the “culture of life” and the “culture of death,” might ponder this June blog post by my summer pastor in rural Quebec, Father Tim Moyle:

“Tonight I am preparing to celebrate a funeral for someone (let’s call him ‘H’) to protect his privacy) who, while suffering from cancer, was admitted to hospital with an unrelated problem, a bladder infection. H’s family had him admitted to the hospital earlier in the week under the assumption that the doctors there would treat the infection and then he would be able to return home. To their shock and horror, they discovered that the attending physician had indeed made the decision NOT to treat the infection. When they demanded that he change his course of (in)action, he refused, stating that it would be better if H died of this infection now rather than let cancer take its course and kill him later. Despite their demands and pleadings, the doctor would not budge from his decision. In fact he deliberately hastened H’s end by ordering large amounts of morphine ‘to control pain’ which resulted in him losing consciousness as his lungs filled up with fluid. In less than 24 hours, H was dead.

“Let me tell you a bit about H. He was 63 years old. He leaves behind a wife and two daughters who are both currently working in universities toward their undergraduate degrees. We are not talking here about someone who was advanced in years and rapidly failing due to the exigencies of old age. We are talking about a man who was undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments. We are talking about a man who still held on to hope that perhaps he might defy the odds long enough to see his daughters graduate. Evidently and tragically, in the eyes of the physician tasked with providing the care needed to beat back the infection, that hope was not worth pursuing.

“Again, let me make this point abundantly clear: It was the express desire of both the patient and his spouse that the doctor treat the infection. This wish was ignored.”

Canada’s vulnerability to the culture of death is exacerbated by Canada’s single-payer, i.e., state-funded and state-run, health care system. And the brutal fact is that it’s more “cost effective” to euthanize patients than to treat secondary conditions that could turn lethal (like H’s infection) or to provide palliative end-of-life care. Last year, when I asked a leading Canadian Catholic opponent of euthanasia why a rich country like the “True North strong and free” couldn’t provide palliative end-of-life care for all those with terminal illnesses, relieving the fear of agonized and protracted dying that’s one incentive for euthanasia, he told me that only 30 percent of Canadians had access to such care. When I asked why the heck that was the case, he replied that, despite assurances from governments both conservative and liberal that they’d address this shameful situation, the financial calculus always won out – from a utilitarian point of view, euthanizing H and others like him was the sounder public policy.

But in Canada, a mature democracy, that utilitarian calculus among government bean-counters wouldn’t survive for long if a similar, cold calculus was not at work in the souls of too many citizens. And that is one reason why the Church must engage the culture war, not only in Canada but in the United States and throughout the West: to warm chilled souls and rebuild a civil society committed to human dignity.

Then there is the civic reason. To reduce a human being to an object whose value is measured by “utility” is to destroy one of the building blocks of the democratic order – the moral truth that the American Declaration of Independence calls the “inalienable” right to “life.” That right is “inalienable” – which means built-in, which means not a gift of the state – because it reflects something even more fundamental: the dignity of the human person.

When we lose sight of that, we are lost as a human community, and democracy is lost. So the culture war must be fought. And a Church that takes social justice seriously must fight it.

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Conscience Protection Act

By Michelle Maskulinski

Imagine having to decide between your paycheck and your beliefs. This scenario has become a reality for some health care providers.

Congress needs to approve the Conscience Protection Act of 2017, also known as House Bill 644 and Senate Bill 301, to protect those individuals and health entities who morally and ethically oppose abortion and do not want to participate in, provide, or pay for an abortion. Passage of this act will also set a precedent for potential future moral dilemmas related to health care, such as providers being forced to participate in or pay for euthanasia. What about the rationing of health care services, as we are seeing with the case of Charlie Gard in the United Kingdom? Health care workers and providers should not be forced or coerced to perform any activities that are morally objectionable to them.

When the U.S. Supreme Court issued its Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, it said health care providers would not be required to violate “personally held moral principles.” Since that time, Congress has passed the Church Amendment of 1973 and the Hyde/Weldon Amendment every year since 2004. These amendments affirm the freedom of health care workers and providers to not participate in, provide, or pay for abortion, but have limitations and loopholes that must be addressed. They provide no recourse through the court system for those who are discriminated against for their beliefs regarding the sanctity of life. When providers’ moral principles are threatened or violated, their only option is to appeal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where cases can languish for years. The Conscience Protection Act has been introduced every year since 2013. It currently has the support of 105 members of the House of Representatives and 24 senators. The American Civil Liberties Union opposes this bill, claiming it will impair a woman’s access to abortion. The bill simply protects health care entities and providers who do not want to participate in abortion. If the bill is passed and a woman wishes to seek an abortion, she still will be able to go to an abortion provider, just as she can now.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops supports this bill. Additional information may be accessed through the USCCB web page (http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm). The page includes the story of Cathy DeCarlo, a nurse in New York who was forced to participate in an abortion procedure despite her moral objection. She was threatened with the loss of her job and nursing license. Within the Diocese of Columbus, U.S. Reps. Brad Wenstrup, Bill Johnson, Bob Gibbs, and Jim Jordan are supporting House Bill 644. Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio is supporting Senate Bill 301.

This bill is about freedom to live and work while staying true to personal beliefs and values. If health care workers are bullied by employers or organizations, this bill will allow them recourse through the court system to fight for their rights. I urge readers to contact their legislators to support this bill and to thank the legislators who already support this measure, which would allow us to live out our faith in the workplace. It is time the Conscience Protection Act becomes law.

Michelle Maskulinski is a member of Circleville St. Joseph Church.
**Pray for our dead**

- Adams, Claire M. (Belyea), 86, Aug. 15
  St. John of Arc Church, Powell
- Barks, William R., 87, Aug. 10
  St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville
- Bell, Frederick C., 70, Aug. 18
  St. Catharine Church, Columbus
- Beveridge, Byron H. II, 65, Aug. 13
  St. Mary Church, Lancaster
- Bosetti, Barbara (Ayres), 61, Aug. 1
  Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia
- Caso, Carl M., 65, Aug. 14
  St. Bridigid of Kildare Church, Dublin
- D'andrea, Dorothy M. (Hann), 92, Aug. 6
  Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center
- Deal, H. Carol (Dehl), 79, Aug. 15
  St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus
- Dingledine, Betty (Feagans), 84, Aug. 13
  Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City
- Dublin, Daniel J. III, 69, Aug. 12
  St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
- Feiler, Robert J., 79, Aug. 16
  St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell
- Forker, Cecilia M. (Buchana), 95, Aug. 14
  St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center
- Gavr, Arthur F. Jr., 77, Aug. 13
  Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia
- Gartner, Billie J. (Ricci), 48, Aug. 12
  Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia
- Hawk, Joyce A. (Krier), 71, July 27
  St. Luke Church, Danville
- Hennessy, William A., 90, Aug. 8
  St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester
- Hofmeister, Jeffrey, 64, Aug. 8
  St. Vincent de Paul Church, Mount Vernon
- Huff, Linda (Lorenz), 71, Aug. 13
  Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia
- Kane, Stacy A. (Smith), 46, Aug. 17
  St. Catherine Church, Columbus
- Kelly, Helen (Bigler), 96, Aug. 12
  Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center
- Knapp, Vivian E. “Evy” (Evans), 90, Aug. 6
  St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington
- Kopec, Al, 85, Aug. 14
  St. Joseph Church, Dover
- Kusn, Thomas M., 71, Aug. 11
  St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury
- McENERY, Elizabeth A. “Betty,” (Feoerster), 89, Aug. 11
  Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center
- McKeeG, Anna R. “Gram,” 94, Aug. 15
  St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
- McNamer, William M., 61, Aug. 18
  St. Brendan Church, Hilliard
- Mehling, Barbara A. (Ashbridge), 62, of Marble Cliff, Aug. 11
  St. Barbara Church, Massillon
- Mongolier, Joseph R., 82, Aug. 10
  St. Paul Church, Westerville
- Papai, John L., 70, Aug. 11
  Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus
- Patton, Richard L., 84, Aug. 16
  St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Pickerington
- Pfeifer, Herbert J., 85, Aug. 6
  Church of Our Lady, Columbus
- Pratt, Thomas R., 86, Aug. 15
  Christ the King Church, Columbus
- Rohlter, James B., 69, Aug. 15
  St. Mary Church, Marion
- Schmidt, Clara E. (Snyder), 93, Aug. 12
  St. Mark Church, Lancaster
- Sherer, Ralph, 86, Aug. 5
  Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia
- Short, Thomas C., 71, Aug. 11
  St. Mary Church, Lancaster
- Sivick, Michael, 86, Aug. 12
  St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus
- Stevens, Helen “Suzy” (Johnson), 71, Aug. 8
  St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin
- Tarulli, Timothy, 55, Aug. 5
  St. John the Baptist Church, Columbus
- Theado, Virginia H. (Manns), 93, Aug. 5
  Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus
- Waid, Paul B., 90, Aug. 12
  St. James the Less Church, Columbus
- Wnek, Billie J. (Thorp), 48, Aug. 12
  St. Rose Church, New Lexington
- Yingst, Mary K., 66, Aug. 12
  St. Christopher Church, Columbus
- Zang, Arthur F. Jr., 77, Aug. 13
  St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

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**Deacon Kenneth L. Drummer**

Funeral Mass for Deacon Kenneth L. Drummer, 63, a deacon of the Diocese of Columbus, who died Wednesday, Aug. 2, was held Saturday, Aug. 12 at St. Joseph Church in Lakeland, Florida.

He was born on Sept. 1, 1953 in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Richard and Mary (Jones) Drummer.

He received a bachelor’s degree and a graduate degree in business from the University of Kentucky, was a banker and accountant with various financial institutions, and was working for IBM at the time of his death.

He was baptized and grew up as a Southern Baptist and became a member of the Catholic Church in 1973. He entered the Loyola University of New Orleans program for pastoral studies before being accepted as a diaconate candidate in 1996. The following year, he entered the Columbus Diocesan Diocesan School of Theology.

He was ordained a deacon on Feb. 3, 2001 by Bishop James Griffin in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and served in diaconal ministry at Columbus St. Agatha Church until 2004 and the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes in 2004 and 2005. His job then took him to Florida, and he served at St. Anthony Church in the Diocese of Orlando until 2010 and at the Lakeland parish until his death.

Survivors include his parents; wife, Suzanne (Shaw); daughter, Sarah; brother, Richard; sister, Kimberly; and two grandsons.

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**Sister Gladys Carmen Aragon, OP**

Funeral Mass for Sister Gladys Carmen Aragon, OP, 86, who died Monday, Aug. 14, was held Wednesday, Aug. 23 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in 1930 in Cienfuegos, Cuba, to the late Pedro Reginaldo Aragon and Mara Caridad Aloma. She entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine de’Ricci, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace, in 1959.

She earned a liberal arts degree from Barry University in Miami and ministered on the retreat staff at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, Virginia, for more than 40 years. She also served on the retreat staff of the Dominican Retreat House in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She is survived by her sisters, Maria Teresa and Elsa.
Reception for Ohio Dominican ‘Chrysalis’ Art Exhibit 5 to 7 p.m., Wehrle Gallery, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Opening reception for “Chrysalis” art exhibit featuring works by ODU art faculty on the theme of the chrysalis and butterfly. 614-251-4453

26. 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.

Dominican Learning Center Tutor Training 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dominican Learning Center, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Training for volunteer tutors wishing to teach adults seeking basic education skills, GED preparation, or English as a Second Language. 614-444-7330

Pilgrim Fatima Statue at Church of Our Lady Noon to 5 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. One of six pilgrim statues of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by Pope Francis on Jan. 11 will be displayed for veneration. Noon, procession; 12:30, talk, family consecration, scapular investiture; 130, rosary procession, Exposition of the BlessedSacrament; 3, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 4, Mass. 614-861-1242

Before the Flood at Shepherd’s Corner 1 to 3 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Film “Before the Flood,” narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, about how climate change affects the environment, followed by discussion led by Sister Marguerite Chandler, OP. Suggested donation $5. 614-866-4302

27. SUNDAY

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

Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame Mass, Induction 11:45 a.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 88 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Mass honoring eight newest members of school’s athletic hall of fame, followed by brunch, with induction ceremony at 1 p.m. Tickets $30 ($20 for table of eight) for brunch and induction. 614-268-8671

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

DCCW Mother Teresa Awards Dinner 4:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Annual Diocesan Council of Catholic women dinner, featuring presentation of inaugural Mother Teresa Awards of Charity, Compassion, and Service. 614-228-8601

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

28. MONDAY

Catholic Singles Fellowship Mass, Dinner, Adoration 5:30 to 8 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Parish’s Catholic singles fellowship group attends Mass, followed by dinner at a site to be determined, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 to 8. All diocesan Catholic singles welcome. 740-362-2246

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry 6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men’s Bible Study 7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominin Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday Scripture readings.

29. 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 7:30 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church’s respect life committee.

31. 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.
By Jennifer Brinker  
Catholic News Service  

Ann Sieben looks exactly like what you’d expect of a pilgrim. Tanned skin and rosy cheeks are evidence of spending hours under the sun. If her boots could talk, they’d explain that the light coat of dust is from walking on a trail for weeks. Sieben’s bright, big smile, though, is a tell-all of the energy and vibrancy it takes for a journey by foot to visit the places where an American saint once lived and worked.

Sieben and her friends, Roscoe Hill and Jim Adams, walked 335 miles in 25 days to experience the spirit of the journey of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who arrived in America in 1818 to establish schools in Missouri with her community, the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The trio’s pilgrimage highlights a number of events planned by the Society of the Sacred Heart over the next several months to mark the bicentennial of the saint’s arrival, including eucharistic celebrations, more pilgrimages, a spirituality forum and an online year of prayer that begins in November.

Sieben, 53, herself has planned two more pilgrimages for the spring and fall of 2018. She has made this her vocation as a consecrated layperson with the Society of Servant Pilgrims, but she had only heard of St. Rose Philippine a year ago.

“I’m from New Jersey,” she said with a grin. But nevertheless, she recognized the historic importance of the anniversary of the saint’s arrival and how she pioneered educating children in rough, frontier conditions.

“Part of the pilgrimage experience was really to connect with her experience,” Sieben said. “The pilgrimage puts us in touch with the earth and the elements and what she was facing. We give up the comforts of home, and she had no comforts.”

Saints and pilgrims go hand in hand, because of the journey that both experience, she explained.

“The saints are saints because they exercised heroic virtue in their lifetime,” Sieben said. “They left examples for all of us of how they lived their day-to-day holy life. This is why saints and pilgrims go together. We (get to visit) a destination where the saint did their work, where they walked, and did these heroic, virtuous things.”

Sieben placed two small booklets on a table. One was a long piece of card stock folded in sixths. It was filled with signatures and stamps of the places they stopped along the route. The other was a small booklet, inserted with three pieces of paper that unfolded, revealing list of anticipated places where they could stop.

These were the group’s lifelines. The card stock acted as a passport, filled with the signatures of people they stayed with or visited along the way. They could show it to those in the next town when vying for a place to stay. It’s something that pilgrims have used for more than 1,000 years and was the precursor to the national passport, Sieben explained.

“It’s a pilgrim’s credential,” she explained. “I can say, ‘Look, we’re certified by the archbishop of Denver, and we’re signed by the archbishop of Kansas City.’”

With Google Maps, Sieben sketched a route starting from Mound City, and heading east to Clinton, where they picked up on the Katy Trail. In that first stretch of 81 miles, “I just had to figure out where to go on the dirt roads, farm roads, and find churches and walk from church to church,” she said.

Sieben has had more than a decade of experience with this. As a mendicant pilgrim -- one who dedicates her life to walking on pilgrimages, often going solo and carrying nothing of value -- she started the Society of Servant Pilgrims under the approval of the Archdiocese of Denver. In 2016, the society became an official Association of the Christian Faithful under canon law.

The route didn’t precisely follow St. Rose Philippine’s steps, but the group stayed as authentically connected as possible by paralleling the Missouri River, and witnessing native prairie land as the saint would have seen it. They averaged about 13 miles a day. Sieben walked faster than the other two, so she would arrive at a town for the evening and look for someone to make arrangements to stay at a church for the night.

At several churches, the group found an image of Jesus knocking on a door -- a sign of welcome to pilgrims. “When someone knocks on the door, you should treat them as Jesus,” Sieben said. “I think, ‘How many doors were opened to us with this spirit?’”

Three years ago, Sieben met Jim Ad-
ams at a national pilgrims’ gathering at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

Adams, 75, who attends Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in University City, had been interested in El Camino de Santiago in Spain, but never got to walk along the famed pilgrimage route.

Last year at the same gathering in Belleville, Adams told her about St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. He had been reading about the American saint -- one of 10 American saints, to be exact -- and the bicentennial celebration in 2018.

Roscoe Hill, 80, met Sieben in Denver some years ago. He and his late wife, who about 10 years ago had walked El Camino de Santiago, were introduced to her through the friends sometime back and they kept in touch.

When he learned of her plans to go to Kansas and Missouri, he asked if he could come along.

The day they reached St. Charles, May 18, marked the 18-month anniversary since his wife had died.

Adams felt the benefits of doing a “Ninety percent of what we have to do with our brain is put out the other stuff,” he said.

“When you’re walking by yourself like this and there’s no industrial sound, no mad rat race going on all around you, it just opens you up. You don’t have to spend all your energy taking all the distractions away. When you get used to the blisters and other inconveniences, you get in a rhythm and it’s very restful. It made me appreciate walking. I might do this again.”

More information about upcoming bicentennial events, including how to make a similar pilgrimage, is available at rscj.org/bicentennial2018. Information about the Society of Servant Pilgrims is available at www.societyofservantpilgrims.com.

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Dominican Learning Center partners with two parishes

Juana and Sister Robin are part of Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The program combines the center’s expertise with the good will of parish members to create an on-site adult ESL class at the two parishes.

What makes the program unique is the involvement of parish members. Instructional space was provided at St. Agnes, and parish volunteers offered their time to serve as tutors, while the center trained the tutors and provided instructional materials. This is a one-on-one program, with tutors and learners meeting at a time of their convenience. The class has been in operation for about a year, with the help of a generous grant from The Catholic Foundation.

“Learning English is not just an academic exercise for our Latino parishioners. A better grasp of English will help them better manage their resources and protect themselves from unscrupulous employers and merchants,” said Cindy Oddi, DLC liaison for the two parishes.

“And the opportunity for members of our parishes to work so closely helps us draw our parishioners closer together and strengthen our church.”

The Dominican Learning Center also offers an adult ESL class in cooperation with Columbus Christ the King Church on the east side of the city, and will open a northwest location in cooperation with Columbus St. Peter Church later this year.