OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH
Catholic approach to maternal health needed more than ever, doctor says

**By Carol Glatz**

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Twenty years ago, Dr. Robert Walley founded MaterCare International to serve the culture of life wherever mothers and their children are neglected or abandoned, and to support Catholic health care professionals so they can promote human dignity in their work.

Cultural and legal situations around the world still make pro-life practice a challenge, Dr. Walley said, which is why the organization seeks to strengthen and encourage those facing these ongoing challenges.

“We meet on issues you wouldn’t normally find in a medical conference,” he told Catholic News Service on Sept. 22, during a conference that featured moments of prayer and spiritual support, the latest findings in bioethics, and educational and professional networking.

“We integrate what we believe and do because we believe faith and good medicine go together,” he said.

More than 60 doctors, obstetricians, gynecologists, midwives, bioethicists, religious and other experts attended Matercare’s 13th international conference in Rome Sept. 20-24 to discuss how Catholic health professionals could “still deliver” given today’s moral and ethical challenges.

Dr. Walley, who is a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, said many pro-life professionals “keep their head down” in fear of speaking out or of being threatened with losing a position in secular-run institutions.

He lived and trained in England, but he moved to Canada when Britain’s state-run National Health System required him to perform abortions.

“Catholic obstetricians are like the groundhog: When winter comes, they hide in their burrow. After a time, they sniff the air to see if it is spring. A new spring will come,” he said.

“But St. John Paul II has called on us, saying ‘the church never needed you as much as it does now’ and don’t quit,” he said. However, while they provide important social and educational support, “we need evangelical support from the pope, bishops and cardinals.”

Dr. Brendan Miller, an OB-GYN practicing in Toowoomba, Australia, dedicated his talk to how to survive training and practicing in a “secular system.”

The more “senior” he became as a practitioner or the more specialized he became in ethical fertility treatments, he said, the less he was “picked on” and the less he had to be confronted with abortions or birth control. He said he encountered other pro-life professionals like him who were Muslims or Protestants.

Even though he never revealed his religious affiliation, he said, hospitals...
**HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE**

**The Problem**
Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

**Our Christian Identity**
To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we first must consider who we are at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.”

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

**Our Mission as Christians**
The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19).

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

**Missionary Discipleship**
This doesn’t necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: “Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization.”

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers. We follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we’re more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

**Identity Crisis**
As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. We may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God’s love – individual, real, unchanging – is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

**Our Response**
When people are facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ’s love, however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to walk lovingly with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life and that they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; at other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart. We simply need to follow where he leads.

**A Culture of Life**
This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life that joyfully proclaims the truth of God’s love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus, the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so, too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

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**Heartbeat International partners with The Catholic Foundation**

The Catholic Foundation has partnered with Heartbeat International as its official planned giving partner. “Heartbeat International is excited and pleased to be working with The Catholic Foundation to enrich the lives of our donors,” said Anita Kremm, development director for Heartbeat.

The Catholic Foundation administers the Heartbeat International Donor Advised Fund and the Heartbeat International Endowment Fund, and will assist Heartbeat International in guiding current and potential donors through the process of making a planned gift by offering expertise in the areas of endowments, planned giving, and bequests.

By definition, planned giving is a major gift that comes from the donor’s financial or estate planning. Gifts could come from appreciated securities or stock, real estate, a retirement plan, or even cash, but they generally are made from outside of one’s discretionary income. Some donors are in a position to make the gift during their lifetime, but many make the gift as a bequest in their will. Planned gifts can offer many benefits to the donor, including tax benefits or the potential for returned income.

“By offering the Foundation’s expertise to Heartbeat International and other organizations, we are helping to secure firm financial grounding to ensure these important services are available for many years to come,” said Loren Brown, the Foundation’s president and chief executive officer.

“The ultimate mission of The Catholic Foundation is to provide for the long-term needs of the Diocese of Columbus,” he said. “We look forward to working with Heartbeat International to help provide for their long-term needs as an organization in the diocese.”

_For more information on making a planned gift to Heartbeat International, contact Scott Hartman at The Catholic Foundation at (614) 443-8893 or shartman@catholicfoundation.org._
St. Anthony students make bubbles

Columbus St. Anthony School fifth-grade teacher Amy Moonis started her year off with some team-building activities. The first week of school ended with the students making bubbles. All this helped the students bond with each other in anticipation of creating a successful learning environment.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

Friends of the Poor Walk raises about $25,000

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About 300 people participated, most of them walking four times around a quarter-mile course through the park. Money from the walk is used by the council and Vincentian conferences throughout the diocese for charitable works and social justice programs.

The council’s chaplain, Father Charles Klinger, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church, opened the walk with a prayer for the people most in need and neglected in the nation. Vincentian Council President Warren Wright discussed the organization’s work, thanked walkers for their participation, and introduced members of a family displaced by Hurricane Harvey who are being supported by Vincentians in Columbus.

Danielle Gray, honorary chairwoman for the walk, shared several inspiring stories about her contact with the needy in Columbus through the council. She spoke of an elderly woman who died of malnutrition; men who suffer from addiction and lack of employment opportunities; and families who cannot for one reason or another fend for themselves.

The walk’s chairman, John Willig, said, “God calls us to be his hands and his voice for the poor. Open your lives to allow him to use you for his purpose.” Each walker received a T-shirt with a sketch of Jesus washing Peter’s feet and a quote from John 13: “As I have done for you, you should also do.”

The choir from Cristo Rey Columbus High School, located adjacent to the park, inspired many with its presentation of As I Have Done for You with guitarist/soloist Chris Sullivan, and Let There Be Peace on Earth.

Group seminars on addiction in the family available

How can family members cope with addiction in their family? Bob Bailor, LPC, LICDC, retired chemical dependency counselor, is offering one-to-three-hour presentations to answer this question.

These presentations are free, and Bailor’s guidebook, Chemical Addiction & Family Members, will be available for purchase.

Presentations are available to parishes, parish organizations, and any other group that would like to learn how to deal with an addict or alcoholic in the family in a loving, healthy way.

To schedule a presentation, contact Bailor through his website, www.the-bestlifepossible.net.

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Five generations of Gable family have attended St. Rose School

This fall, as New Lexington St. Rose School opened its doors for the 105th year, students Adelaide and Cecelia Gable walked through the same doors and halls as two of their great-great-grandfathers. As the fifth generation to attend the school, they are part of a tradition that has been in their family for almost as long as the school has existed.

The first generation started with Bo Nash and Francis Gabele (original spelling of the name). Francis Bernard (Bo) Nash was born in 1902 and died in 1964. He attended St. Rose School for seventh and eighth grades (1914-1916) after moving from Corn- ing to New Lexington. He then spent four years at New Lexington High School, graduating in 1920.

Francis William Gabele was born in 1906 and died in 1968. He was part of the school’s original first grade class when it opened in 1912 and continued his education there until graduating from eighth grade in 1920. He attended New Lexington High from 1920-24.

When Bo and Francis started school at St. Rose, they had no indoor plumbing, and there were four classrooms in the school.

The second generation began with Adelaide Nash and Robert Gable. M. Adelaide Nash (oldest daughter of Bo Nash) was born on Nov. 30, 1930. She attended St. Rose in 1937-45 from first to eighth grades, then attended New Lexington St. Aloysius High School, graduating in 1949. St. Aloysius was an all-girls school until 1948.

Robert Anthony Gable (oldest child of Francis W. Gabele) was born on June 18, 1930. He attended St Rose from 1936-44, then was a student at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School from 1944-48.

While Adelaide was in second grade and Robert was in third grade, indoor plumbing was installed in the school, which was much appreciated by all students and staff. A cafeteria was added to the basement of the school in her third-grade and Robert’s fourth-grade year; before that, St. Rose students could walk to New Lexington School to get a hot lunch for 25 cents.

Robert and Adelaide married in June 1954 after meeting through a Catholic youth organization.

Continuing with the tradition started by their parents, Adelaide and Robert sent their son, Eugene, to St. Rose, marking the family’s third generation there. Eugene Francis Gable (third of five boys born to Robert and Adelaide) attended St Rose from 1965-73, then went to New Lexington High from 1973-77. The tradition continued into a fourth generation with Floyd Bernard Gable (second of four children to Eugene), who attended St. Rose from 1988-96 and went to Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School from 1996-2000.

Adelaide Jean Gable (oldest child to Floyd) started kindergarten at St. Rose in 2014 and is in third grade there. She anticipates graduating from eighth grade in 2023. Her sister, Cecelia Belle Gable, is in first grade at St. Rose, with the two representing the family’s fifth generation attending the school. Both girls love their school and are lucky enough to have teachers who taught their dad, Floyd, during his time at St. Rose.

Robert and the older Adelaide Gable, the second generation, still live in the New Lexington area, as do their descendants Eugene, Floyd, Cecelia, and the younger Adelaide. All cherish the time they spent at St. Rose School.

St. Mary of the Springs alumnæ plan exhibit at Jubilee Museum

Last spring, a committee of 14 St. Mary of the Springs Academy alumnæ got together to discuss the feasibility of a St. Mary of the Springs Academy room at the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center.

The museum, at 57 S. Grubb St. in the former Holy Family School building in Columbus’ Franklinton area, is the largest museum of diversified Catholic art and artifacts in the United States. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the museum, which depends solely on revenue from tours and donations for its existence.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace, founded St. Mary of the Springs Academy, a high school for girls, when they arrived in Columbus from Somerset in 1868, operating it until its close in 1966. A women’s college, also with the St. Mary of the Springs name, was added on the same property in 1924. It began admitting men in 1964, and is now known as Ohio Dominican University.

The search is on for academy yearbooks, uniforms, photos, class rings, and other memorabilia from “the Springs,” as well as for funds to help get the room established. Donations, with checks made out to “SMA Room/Jubilee Museum,” may be sent to Carol Brinkarder Klunk, 3002 Plymouth Ave., Columbus OH 43209.

For more information, call (614) 237-1379.
Need for annulment?  
Mass without singing?

QUESTION & ANSWER  
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
Catholic News Service

I had been away from the Catholic Church for a very long time, but I recently returned and I have a question. I was married in the Catholic Church and got a divorce, but I did not get a church annulment. Later, I married a different man (not a Catholic) and divorced him as well. My question is: What do I need to do now in order to go to confession and receive the Eucharist?

I spoke with two priests and received two different answers. One said that I cannot go to confession and receive the Eucharist right away, but that I would first need to get a church annulment (which I have started to do). The other priest, though, said that since I am no longer married, I can go to confession and Communion immediately, without waiting for an annulment.

Please clarify this for me. I am trying very hard to follow the Lord and don’t want to do anything that would endanger my relationship with him. (northwestern Virginia)

A. Whether singing is required at every parish Mass on a Sunday is not a simple question. Even the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the church’s “rule book” on liturgy) seems to offer two different answers.

No. 40 says that “every care should be taken” that singing should “not be absent” during Sunday celebrations; but No. 115 -- while noting that singing on Sundays is especially appropriate “in so far as possible” -- admits that such a Mass “may, however, take place even without singing.”

My conclusion is that, while singing is clearly the preferred choice of the church for a Sunday Mass, the directive is not absolute.

I know, in fact, of Catholic parishes that celebrate one “quiet” Mass early on Sunday mornings, particularly for people who might be on their way to work. You might look for such a Mass in your area.

And with regard to “a period of quiet after communion,” you are right on target. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs that “sacred silence” is to be observed at designated periods throughout the liturgy, and it mentions in particular “after Communion,” when people “praise God in their hearts and pray to him” (No. 45).

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

Retrouvaille can help you save your marriage  
Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring? Your relationship grown cold, distant? Thinking about a separation or divorce? Already separated or divorced, but you wish to try again? The Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille of Columbus will be sponsoring its next program on from Friday to Sunday, Oct. 27 to 29. The program consists of a weekend experience and follow-up sessions. All inquiries are confidential.

For more details or to register, go to HelpOurMarriage.com or call (800) 470-2230.
There is a better way

Today, we begin Respect Life Month. There is no more important issue, but it covers a lot of people, from conception to natural death. There are many great causes that support human life, with even more dedicated staff and volunteers. Before I go into my favorite topic, I want to thank every one of them, while asking God to bless them in their ongoing efforts. Columbus and central Ohio are blessed to have a number of resources for women who find themselves in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy, such as the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, Birthright, and Bethesda Healing for post-abortion resources and counseling. The most successful and comprehensive resource we have is the Women’s Care Centers. They are the largest, most lifesaving pregnancy resource centers in American history. Columbus is blessed to have two Women’s Care Centers, and hopefully a third in the near future. One of the important messages at Women’s Care Centers is “Next Door Saves Lives.” Along with a loving, nonjudgmental, and Catholic philosophy and mission, Women’s Care Centers believe there is a better way. Our Broad Street center is located next door to a formerly very busy private abortion provider. When its abortions began to decline significantly, it moved down the street a few blocks. But the impact remains. Our Main Street center is next door to a very busy Planned Parenthood office. The impact there is tremendous. Our staff of nurses and counselors, with your support, continue to love, serve, and save moms and babies. When we are there, right next door; women come in for a second opinion, they are referred by friends and other family members, we pop up first on Google, and they even come in because they did not know there was an alternative. But if Women’s Care Centers are not there, they cannot come. There simply is no more lifesaving location for a pregnancy center. It is a better way, and next door truly saves lives. All who enter are welcomed, loved, and served.

Our counselors and nurses at Women’s Care Centers are incredible. Their vocation is very special. It is a rare gift to connect so well with young women in crisis. Their motto is “Love, Don’t Preach.” They welcome all who walk through our doors as though they are family. They meet every young woman where she is, and not where we think she should be. They listen, love, and try to understand all the issues before support is offered. We stay with the mother every step of the way, from confirmation of her pregnancy until years after the birth of her child. Every woman is loved unconditionally. We recognize that each young woman is in a different place in her walk with God, so our counselors and nurses strive to be the heart and hands of Jesus Christ. They simply love. In this environment of love, each young woman recognizes her own dignity and feels genuinely valued. In this nonjudgmental environment, these women choose life for their babies nine times out of 10. The ultrasound is a great tool. The image and heartbeat make it real, and that is how Women’s Care Centers achieve such incredible success. Columbus and central Ohio have seen exceptional declines in abortions. Our Columbus community can be very proud that in the last 365 days, its Women’s Care Centers have served more than 3,200 women and provided 2,340 ultrasounds, and an incredible 93 percent of the women who have received the ultrasounds have chosen life for their babies. Because of all this love, our local Women’s Care Center moms gave birth to 1,843 babies in the past year. There is a better way, and it is happening right here. For more information, go to www.supportwomenscarecenter.org.

A celebration took place at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark for deacons celebrating significant anniversaries. Deacons and their wives gathered for their annual summer convocation and picnic, beginning with Daytime Prayer. Honorees were given a gift from Bishop Frederick Campbell honoring their many years of ordained diaconal service.

Pictured (from left): First row, Deacon Tony Bonacci (20 years, serving at Plain City St. Joseph Church), Deacon Gregg Eden (35 years, retired and living in New Orleans, former diocesan Kairos Prison Ministry chaplain), Deacon Elmer Lampe (40 years, retired from Worthington St. Michael), Deacon Joe Schermer (35 years, retired from Columbus St. Peter), Deacon Dan Hann (20 years, London St. Patrick), Deacon John Vellani (25 years, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X), and Deacon Jim Rouse (20 years, retired from Powell St. Joan of Arc and former diocesan vice chancellor).

Second row: Deacon Frank Iannarino (director, Office of the Diaconate), Deacon Bob Ghiloni (20 years, retired from Newark Blessed Sacrament), Bishop Frederick Campbell, Deacon Mark Scarpitti (20 years, Lancaster St. Bernadette), Deacon Bill Demidovich (chairman of the diocesan Diaconal Council), and Deacon John DuPrey (25 years, retired from Reynoldsburg St. Pius X).

Unable to attend and not pictured: Deacon Mark Allison (20 years, ministering outside the diocese), Deacon John Cerande (25 years, Worthington St. Michael and judge on the diocesan Tribunal), Deacon Jack Elam (25 years, retired from Newark St. Francis de Sales), Deacon Tom Bartford (25 years, retired from Westerville St. Paul), Deacon Steve Venturini (35 years, Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal), and Deacon Gil Plummer (20 years - retired from Hilliard St. Brendan).

Patrick Redoutey of Boy Scout Troop 6044, chartered by Pond Creek Holy Trinity Church, was awarded Eagle Scout rank at a court of honor on Sunday, Aug. 27. He is a member of Otway Our Lady of Lourdes Church. His Eagle project was improvement of the water station at the Northwest Local School District athletic fields in Scioto County. Redoutey and members of his troop, soccer team, friends, and family worked three days and spent 160 hours completing the project, which included digging a 40-foot ditch and installing drain tile, plus mixing and pouring a cement pad around the water station. Among his other Scout honors, he was a patrol leader at this year’s National Scout Jamboree and participated in the National Youth Leadership Training program. He is a member of his school’s band and the soccer, swim, Quiz Bowl, and Science Bowl teams.
Watterson students visit Nicaragua

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School students traveled to Nicaragua on a service mission trip with International Samaritan this summer. The 16 students and four chaperones visited a dump and recycling trash to earn about $2 a day. The students began work on a new home for Jessica, a single mother of three who is the first in her community to receive a home. Volunteers worked hand-in-hand with community members to dig the foundation and begin laying concrete. They also made connections with the neighborhood’s children, who would come to watch them work and play with them during breaks. Before departing, the group had the opportunity to shop at an artisan market and visit Lake Nicaragua.

Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

SEX IN ACCORD WITH REASON

An article published in 2012 in “The Atlantic” described the sexual practices of the Aka and Ngandu people who live in the tropical forests of central Africa. Researchers Barry and Bonnie Hewlett, anthropologists from Washington State University, found that married Aka and Ngandu men and women consistently reported having sex multiple times in a single night. They also discovered that practices of, and even the concepts of, homosexuality and masturbation appeared to be largely unknown to the groups:

“In both cultures, men and women view sexual intercourse as a kind of ‘work of the night.’ The purpose of this work is the production of children -- a critical matter in an area with a very high infant mortality rate. Semen is understood by the Aka and Ngandu to be necessary not only to conception, but also to fetal development. A woman who is already pregnant will see having intercourse as contributing to the health of her fetus. The Aka and Ngandu speak of sex as ‘searching for children.’ Said one Aka woman, ‘It is fun to have sex, but it is to look for a child.’ Meanwhile, a Ngandu woman confessed, ‘after losing so many infants I lost courage to have sex.’ Is the strong cultural focus on sex as a reproductive tool the reason masturbation and homosexual practices seem to be virtually unknown among the Aka and Ngandu? That isn’t clear. But the Hewletts did find that their informants -- whom they knew well from years of field work -- ‘were not aware of these practices, did not have terms for them,’ and, in the case of the Aka, had a hard time even understanding about what the researchers were asking when they asked about homosexual behaviors.”

Modern-day Western societies, meanwhile, have adopted an alternative understanding of sexuality, one that leans heavily on adjectives like “pleasure-seeking” or even “recreational,” quite distinct from the category of a “search for children.” They feature practices of contraception, male and female sterilizations, abortions, and the sanctioning of homosexual, masturbatory, and other non-procreative sexual behaviors. In earlier times, however, Western views more closely resembled those of the Aka and Ngandu, especially in recognizing the fundamental orientation of sexuality towards the good of offspring. The Catholic Church has long affirmed that married love has a twofold significance, being ordered both toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring. St. Thomas Aquinas once noted that nature intends, in broad strokes, not only the generation of children, but also their “carrying forth and promotion all the way to the perfect state of man as man” — in other words, both the engendering and conscientious raising of children. Recognizing this natural ordering toward “mature offspring” also points to certain natural inclinations that prompt men and women to protect and care for their children: we are inclined to have sexual relations; we are inclined to be certain that the child we are going to be committed to is our own, and to care for that child continually; and we are inclined to remain with the mother/father of that child, sharing a life of mutual assistance marked by true friendship in the commitment of marriage. Nature has given us these inclinations to serve the good of the species and our personal good.

If human sexuality is properly understood as directed toward bringing forth life within marriage, this raises the possibility that other non-procreative uses of the generative power of man would constitute an inappropriate use of this human faculty, something the Christian tradition has affirmed and commonly taught. Certain types of sexual activity have always been seen, to borrow the Latin phrase, as “contra naturam” (against nature); that is to say, performed in such a way that generation cannot follow. Among such practices would be included masturbation, sodomy, and bestiality. Certain other types of sexual activity, while not contrary to nature in that sense, are still opposed to the order of reason, because the act is done in a way that the due care and education of children is not provided for. This is implied, for example, when men and women who are not married to each other engage in sexual relations, as in situations of adultery, fornication, incest or sexual assault.

St. Thomas noted that the sexual act is one to which we humans, like all animals, are naturally inclined, and as such it would be a grave error to assert that the act could be evil in itself. Nevertheless, the manner in which the act takes place and the details surrounding it are essential to determining whether the act occurs in an authentically human way, that is to say, in a way that is “secundum naturam” (in accord with nature) and in accord with the dictates of reason.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbccenter.org.
Lessons from Mary as Queen of All Saints

They tell me she looks just like me. I smile and nod and smile some more. To be honest, I don’t consider it much of a compliment for her.

But then, when I sent some pictures to a grandmother who hadn’t seen her in far too long, I heard that she thinks my youngest looks, not like me, but like my husband. You might expect me to be disappointed, but I think it’s great.

My older daughter is the spitting image of my husband’s family, though she has some of my expressions. She has his dark eyes, his complexion, his height and stature.

My younger daughter doesn’t look much like her sister. Instead of dark features, she’s light, with curls and an impish ornery smile that I know all too well. She sticks her tongue out when she’s concentrating, and an impish ornery smile that I know all too well.

I know she must be cheering for me. As Queen of All Saints, she has a host of children who have grown up to be a lot like Jesus. While none of us humans can achieve His perfection, the saints stand in a group in front of me, urging me to fight down the desire to see them as too holy to imitate.

So often, I’m guilty of giving up if I can’t reach perfection. What’s the point, after all? Is a thing worth doing if it can’t be done right?

“Yes!” the Queen of Saints whispers in my ear as my head lies on my pillow, exhausted from a day of failed attempts. “Keep failing, my child. It’s the only way you can get close!”

I think this must be how Mary feels about me. She sees me striving so hard to do my best and maybe she smiles, as I do, when she sees how I resemble her Divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit. Does she get a tear in her eye at the thought that I could be like Him?

It goes against my very picture of what a queen does.

She doesn’t lean over a frazzled servant girl and whisper in her ear, does she? She doesn’t lift a small, dirty child from the floor and hold her close, does she? She doesn’t clean other people’s messes when there are maids, does she?

Except that the Queen of Saints does ... all of this and more. She might have a crown of stars, but that doesn’t keep her from doing the floors right beside me. She might have a gown of gold, but she’s still offering to make the tea and join me in drinking it. She might be royalty, but that doesn’t keep her from cheering like a Midwestern football fan at every single small success.

Mary is an example of perfection, but she’s not an inaccessible icon, sitting on a remote throne far away. As Queen of Saints, she opens her arms wide, embracing a group of fallen humans who keep trying.

If I keep listening to her and following her example, I just might find out that I’m starting to look a bit like her. And if I’m lucky, maybe I’ll start to resemble her Spouse, too, which will lead me to looking more like her Son.

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AND provides ‘angels’ to help single mothers

BY TIM PUET, Catholic Times Reporter

A new group known as AND – an abbreviation for Angels Nurture & Disciple – has been formed in Columbus to provide regular one-to-one support to single mothers who want to change their lives, but need the assistance a positive role model can provide.

AND is an offshoot of the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC). Its president and chief executive officer, Tim Welsh, held the same position with PDHC for 10 years and took the same position with AND when it was formed this March.

“AND started in the fall of 2014 with a program PDHC had for single mothers,” Welsh said. “As the program grew, we realized that for it to grow to its full potential, we needed to make it a separate organization independent of PDHC.

“AND is part of the pro-life continuum that begins before pregnancy with educating women and ends with those women becoming mothers, raising physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy children, and realizing their own God-given potential.”

Welsh said AND’s journey with single mothers during the two years following the birth of a child fills the place in that continuum where there was the greatest need.

The organization pairs a single mother with an “angel” who commits to visiting the mother at least twice a week for two years. The “angel” can provide transportation or child care for the mother, but is not required to do so, and is forbidden from providing housing.

In addition, people who would like to provide such support but are unable to meet the “angel” requirements can be part of a “choir of angels” who can assist the “angel” and mother by doing things like cooking a meal or providing a ride to a doctor’s office. Small church groups, mother’s groups, or friends are among those who could be involved in this way.

“There may be other organizations performing this type of role, but there are not many,” Welsh said.

“An ‘angel’ is someone who has a strong willingness to serve, as well as real perseverance and patience,” he said. “It takes a real prayerful person, usually a woman, and usually someone who is a mother herself.”

“Angels” receive training before being assigned to a woman and are asked to write a status report each month on what they have done. Welsh said the program currently has 20 to 25 pairs of mothers and “angels.”

All are encouraged to attend enrichment gatherings which feature speakers talking on issues related to parenthood and life skills. AND sponsors these events on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month at a child care facility on Columbus’ east side. Welsh said the organization is looking for a larger location for the gatherings.

He said single mothers who wish to work with AND are evaluated and must commit themselves to staying off drugs if they are having addiction problems. They also must pledge to live a chaste lifestyle, have a relationship with God, and pursue additional education or employment opportunities, depending on their situation.

“Many single mothers come from an environment in which they are not able to form a real conscience,” he said. “We want to break the cycle that brought them to a pregnancy care center to begin with. We hope to provide an example of the true nature of being pro-life by being with single mothers and their children every step of the way during those first two or three years and providing them with a passageway to a better life.”

Besides its work with The Catholic Foundation, AND has established partnerships with 10 other organizations and businesses who have offered to help mothers in various ways, including with employment, child care, housing, education, and legal assistance.

AND also is asking people to help the organization provide diapers to the mothers it serves. Welsh said one in three single mothers have to reuse soiled diapers on their babies because they cannot afford a proper supply of fresh, clean diapers.

For more information about the organization, call Welsh at (614) 419-6985 or McCauley at (440) 749-5477 or go to www.angelsand.org.

Tuscarawas Central students win “Catholic Challenge”

Two students representing New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School were champions of the latest season of Catholic Challenge on the Living Bread Radio Network of Canton. Elizabeth Clemence and Sydney Lorenz were victorious in the season finale, which was broadcast on Saturday, Sept. 2. They competed against teams from throughout northeast Ohio and were awarded $1,100 for the school.

Clemence is now a freshman at Walsh University, majoring in accounting. She is a member of Dover St. Joseph Church. Lorenz is a senior at TCC and a member of Zoar Holy Trinity Church. She plans to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville and major in theology.

Now in its second season, the Catholic Challenge game show tests contestants’ knowledge of the Catholic faith, with questions on scripture, saints, church teaching, and other subjects. The show airs on Saturdays at noon.

Living Bread Radio (WILB), at AM 1060 and FM 94.5 and 89.5, reaches 14 northeast Ohio counties, including Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties in the Diocese of Columbus. To hear an archive of the whole season of Catholic Challenge programs and the station’s other local programming, visit livingbreadradio.com. Beginning Oct. 1, the stations will present a live broadcast each week of the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church, which has reopened after a fire in 2015.
Representatives from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School’s fall sports teams gathered just before school started last month to put together snack bags and toiletry care packages which were delivered to the children at the Run the Race Club on Columbus’ west side.

DeSales teacher Sarah Gantz, adviser for the school’s Run the Race Support Club, thought this would be a great service project for the student-athletes to participate in as they begin a new school year. Teachers Jean Garrick and Jack Welsh worked with Gantz and the Run the Race Club’s founder, Rachel Muha, to identify needs of children who attend the club.

“There is something we need all year round: bags filled with three or four small snacks that the children can take home to have on the weekend or to take to school if they are allowed. Our children are always hungry,” Muha said.

“The other things our children need are toiletries, small bottles of shampoo, deodorant, lotion, and Band-Aids.”

With the support of coaches, athletes, and their families, the club assembled 300 snack packs, filling medium-size plastic lunch bags with a granola bar, a fruit roll-up, and a drink box, and filled a large box with toiletries.

DeSales athletes help Run the Race Club

Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, was brutally murdered in 1981 in the Guatemalan village where he ministered to the poor. This week, he received the title “Blessed” in a beatification ceremony in Oklahoma.

If the martyrdom of Blessed Stanley Francis Rother “fills us with sadness,” it also “gives us the joy of admiring the kindness, generosity, and courage of a great man of faith,” Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, said at the ceremony on Sept. 23 in Oklahoma City.

The 13 years Father Rother (pictured) spent as a missionary in Guatemala “will always be remembered as the glorious epic of a martyr of Christ, an authentic lighted torch of hope for the church and the world,” the cardinal said in his homily during the priest’s beatification Mass.

“Formed in the school of the Gospel, he saw even his enemies as fellow human beings. He did not hate, but loved. He did not destroy, but built up,” Cardinal Amato said.

“This is the invitation that Blessed Stanley Francis Rother extends to us today. To be like him as witnesses and missionaries of the Gospel, society needs these sowers of goodness,” he said. “Thank you, Father Rother! Bless us from heaven!”

The cardinal was the main celebrant of the beatification Mass, joined by Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City and his predecessor, retired Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran, who formally opened Father Rother’s sainthood cause 10 years ago.

An overflow crowd of 20,000 packed the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City for the beatification of Father Rother, who was murdered in 1981 as he served the faithful at a Guatemalan mission sponsored by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. On the previous evening, a prayer service took place at St. Benedict Parish in Broken Arrow.

Before the Mass began, the congregation was shown a documentary made about Father Rother’s life and ministry titled The Shepherd Cannot Run: Father Rother’s Story. Then, Cardinal Amato, Archbishop Coakley, Archbishop Beltran, and about 50 other bishops, more than 200 priests, and about 200 deacons arrived in procession for the beatification ceremony.
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

A hymn recognizes Christ’s divinity and humanity

**Father Lawrence L. Hummer**

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

A priest friend of mine, now deceased, mentioned years ago in passing that he had spent some time during his seminary days wrestling with the second reading for today, Paul’s reflections in his letter to the Philippians. He laughed when Paul used the technical word *kenosis*, for when Christ “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,” which is drawn from Paul’s words, it also could mean, in the passive voice, “to be rendered powerless.” What is so touching about Paul’s hymn is that it captures well the human reality of Christ, especially in dying like a common criminal. It clearly shows in simple words how emptied of his divinity Christ really was, “to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

This was what Paul and most early Christians saw and believed in Jesus. In order to grasp the ungraspable, they had to find a way to acknowledge the divinity of Christ, while at the same time explain his full humanity. They accomplished it by means of this hymn.

The hymn descends from Christ’s equality with God, which Christ did not regard as “something to be grasped.” People stumble over that line, thinking of “grasp” as meaning “to be understood.” Its meaning is rather “something to be jealously held onto,” as though he would have fought to retain his divinity. He chose rather to empty himself, taking the form of a slave, in human likeness, descending to the point of death, “even death on a cross.” Thus, Christ’s death embraced the most humiliating way to die in the ancient world – as a common criminal on a cross.

With Christianity, however, no life ends in death, as the hymn continues with the exaltation of Christ by the Father, who bestows on Jesus “the name above every other name” so that everywhere, the name of Jesus may be acknowledged, respected, and proclaimed, and every tongue will say “Jesus Christ is Lord.”

The Gospel involves an encounter between Jesus and the chief priests. Jesus poses a question in a parable about two sons, both of whom are asked by their father to work in a vineyard. One said “No,” but changed his mind and did it; the other said “Yes,” but never went. “Which of the two did his father’s will?” Jesus asked. When his listeners answered “the first one,” Jesus remarked that “tax collectors and prostitutes” were entering the Kingdom before them: “When John (the Baptist) came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.”

Yet even when the chief priests saw that, they still refused to change. The priests would have hated the analogy comparing them to prostitutes, which became one more reason for Jesus’ eventual crucifixion. This happened shortly after Jesus had entered Jerusalem, as the drama builds.

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Ohio Dominican to host MBA information session

Ohio Dominican University will host an information session for its master of business administration degree program at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 in Room 274 of the Bishop Griffin Student Center on ODU’s campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. To register for the free event, visit www.ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo.

During the session, attendees will have an opportunity to learn about ODU’s MBA program, which may be completed entirely online, on campus, or in a combination of both formats in as few as 16 months. Students have the option of concentrating in one of six in-demand areas, including data analytics, risk management, finance, accounting, leadership, and sport management. The MBA program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs.

To learn more about earning your MBA at ODU, visit ohiodominican.edu/MBA, email grad@ohiodominican.edu, or call (614) 251-4615.

Rosary rally to take place on Sunbury square

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church is sponsoring a Pray for America rosary rally on the Sunbury village square at noon Saturday, Oct. 14. More than 20,000 rallies are taking place across the nation on that day in honor of the 100th anniversary of the final appearance of Our Lady of Fatima on Oct. 13, 1917.

People of all faiths are welcome to pray for the nation and share messages of peace, good news, and inspiration. Speaking at the Sunbury rally will be Rob Ehlers, a retired Air Force colonel. Parking will be available around the square and at 121 S. Columbus St.

Visit St. John Neumann’s website, www.saintjohnsunbury.org and click on the “News and Events” section for more information regarding the rally.
The transmigration of theological nonsense

During the Long Lent of 2002, Sister Betsy Conway, who lived in the Bostonian epicenter of the clerical sexual abuse crisis, spoke for many self-identified progressive Catholics when she told syndicated columnist Michael Kelly, “This is our Church, all of us, and we need to take it back.” Mr. Kelly, a thoughtful liberal columnist who died tragically in Iraq a year later, agreed. But they were both mistaken.

The Church is not “ours”; the Church is Christ’s. As I wrote at the time, the Church “was not created by us, or by our Christian ancestors, or by the donors to the diocesan annual fund – a point the Lord made abundantly clear himself in the gospels: ‘You did not choose me, but I chose you’” (John 15:16). As a friend put it at the time, “the Church is not ours to take back because it never belonged to us, and the instant we make it ‘our own’ we are damned. No merely human institution, no matter how perfectly pure and gussy and dutiful to its members, can take away even a venial sin. That’s the point St. Paul takes 16 chapters to get across to the Romans.”

In a fine example of the maxim that what goes around comes around, this familiar progressive trope of a Church that “we” must “take back” has now migrated to the opposite extreme of the ecclesiastical spectrum, as exemplified in a Remnant TV video, Catholics Rising (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh1sK7TdYEo) announcing a “Catholic Identity Conference” to be held in late October in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where the untruths that bedevil Catholicism today, will beget the untruths that bedevil Catholicism tomorrow. No authentic renewal of Catholic life, and no effective response to the untruths that bedevil Catholicism today, will begin from the premise that “this is our Church and we must take it back.” It is Christ’s Church, and if any of us proceeds from any other premise, we are part of the problem, not the solution.

I hope someone among those “two bishops and priests from every major traditionalist fraternity in the world” will address the question “Where do we go from here?” Were I asked (which I won’t be), I’d suggest that “where we go from here” is back to the 15th chapter of John’s gospel and Paul’s letter to the Romans. No authentic renewal of Catholic life, and no effective response to the untruths that bedevil Catholicism today, will begin from the premise that “this is our Church and we must take it back.” It is Christ’s Church, and if any of us proceeds from any other premise, we are part of the problem, not the solution.

Moreover, both polar extremes in the Church today seem locked into the same meta-narrative of Catholicism and modernity, in which the paramount question is, “How much should the Church concede to modern culture?” The farther reaches of the Catholic left are willing to surrender a lot, to the point where Catholicism fades into the dull incoherence of liberal Protestantism; the farther reaches of the Catholic right aren’t willing to surrender an inch. Neither side seems much interested in the real question, which is, “How does the Church convert the modern world and the post-modern world – like it converted the world of classical antiquity, similarly beset by the collapse of ancient truths and venerable institutions?”

The Pittsburgh “Catholic Identity Conference” promises that “two bishops and priests from every major traditionalist fraternity in the world” will address the question “Where do we go from here?” The farther reaches of the Catholic left insist, in a false and exaggerated way, that the reform of the liturgy has been hijacked by reactionaries; the Remnant TV video, in a similarly false and exaggerated way, suggests that sacrilegious, goofyflul liturgy is the norm wherever the Novus Ordo Mass is celebrated. The Catholic left is nostalgic for the days when Catholic Lite ruled the roost, and somehow imagines that the 1970s can be recreated; those who made the Remnant TV video manifest a deep nostalgia for the Catholic 1950s, which they, too, seem to imagine can be recreated, and not just in bunkers and catacombs. The Catholic left has long indulged in the conspiracy theorizing encoded in secular progressivism’s DNA; the unstated but unmistakable subtheme of “Catholics Rising” is that malign and clandestine conspirators have hijacked “our Church.”

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The Parishes of Corpus Christi and St. Ladislas is looking for a qualified individual to fill its recently created Secretary vacancy. This is a part time position requiring approximately 20-25 hours per week.

The Secretary position provides support to the day-to-day operations of the activities of the Parish. This position offers the flexibility and opportunity to make use of particular gifts and talents of the individual such as computer skills, programming, and scheduling of various ministries.

Requirements of the position include, but are not limited to, an understanding of communications and the Catholic perspective; excellent communication skills the ability to serve others; must be courteous at all times; must be flexible to adapt to changing needs; the ability to work with others in a collaborative team environment; and the ability to read and comprehend simple instructions, write short correspondence, and memos.

A minimum of two years prior experience in an office setting is required; keyboard and computer experience 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 education and experience. Send cover letter, resume, and references by Friday, October 6, 2017 to:

Father Vince Nguyen, Administrator at parishccslcolumbus@gmail.com

Immigration forum scheduled at Newark St. Francis

Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, 40 Granville St., will host a forum on immigration from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9.

This community project is being organized mainly by a Granville group known as Strong Voices Rising, most of whose members are immigrants who want to educate and advocate for immigration in a nonpartisan way.

The program will include a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session, featuring a view of the Catholic Church’s position on immigration, personal stories, and how individuals can make a difference in the lives of immigrants. Participating will be Jerry Freewalt of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, immigrants from the Newark and Granville area, and others familiar with the topic of immigration. Refreshments will be served.

Those interested in attending the forum also are being encouraged to look at a website known as “Share the Journey,” which was launched on Wednesday, Sept. 27. It may be viewed at https://justiceforimmigrants.org/caritas-share-the-journey-campaign. For more information about the forum, call the church at (740) 345-8974 or Freewalt at (614) 241-2540.

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DAY, Ronald F., 77, Sept. 17
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

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Ss. Simon and Jude Church, West Jefferson

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St. Christopher Church, Columbus

RILEY, Gay (McCoy), 78, Sept. 22
St. Paul Church, Westerville

THOMAS, James E., 95, Sept. 22
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

John B. Hohman

Funeral Mass for John B. Hohman, 70, who died Thursday, Sept. 21, was held Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Zanesville St. Nicholas Church. Burial was at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Caldwell.

He was born in Caldwell on Dec. 17, 1946 to the late Bernard and Leona (Crum) Hohman.

After graduating from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana, in 1970, he spent his entire 43-year teaching career at Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School, where he taught mathmatics and was the school’s first girls basketball coach. He also operated a farm near Adamsville.

Survivors include a daughter, Jessica; three stepdaughters, Crystal Henry, Sherry Turner, and Pamela Winland; a stepson, Bob Reed; brothers, James (Mary Jo) and Andrew (Donna Proctor); sisters, Teresa (Patrick) Paul, Mary (Terry) Finley, Martha Goslin, and Rita; 10 stepgrandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Three Bags Full sale will take place at three sites

The semiannual Three Bags Full consignment event will take place at three central Ohio locations this fall.

Sale dates and sites are:
Tuesday, Oct. 10 to Saturday, Oct. 14, HighPoint Nazarene Church, 795 Pollock Road, Delaware; Tuesday, Oct. 17 to Saturday, Oct. 21, Grove Community Christian Church, 3420 Blacklick Eastern Road N.W., Baltimore; and Wednesday, Nov. 1 to Saturday, Nov. 4, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 5035 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard.

Sale times at each site are 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Tuesday-night shopping at two of the locations is limited to those who have purchased $10 passes online at the event’s website, www.threebags-full.info. The pass admits two people, and the proceeds benefit local families in need. There is no presale at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. Selected items will be available for half-price Friday night and Saturday at all three locations.

The sale began in 2004 in Newark with 12 participating families. Today, more than 500 families sell quality children’s items of all types, as well as teen items, adult men’s and women’s clothing, and maternity wear. Thousands of shoppers from a 100-mile radius come to the event, which takes place on spring and fall weekends. More than 10,000 items are donated for each sale. All items must be current, clean, neat, and of good quality.

Sellers earn money on the items they make available. They name the selling price and earn 65 percent. If they volunteer to help with the sale, they can earn as much as 80 percent. Unsold and unclaimed items are picked up by consignors or are donated to Catholic and pro-life charities such as Joseph’s Coat and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN), as well as other non-profit charities including the Tolles Technical Center GRADS program in Plain City.

It’s easy to become a seller. Complete details and registration information may be found at the website. Register to obtain a seller number, price your items, print your price tags, pin tags on items, select a dropoff time at the location of your choice, and volunteer. All items are uniformly tagged and displayed in groups of the same size and product type, making it easy to shop.

For more information, go to the website or call Joyce Black at (614) 561-5300.
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Inspiring book on Mass should be required reading for all Catholics

By Mitch Finley
Catholic News Service


It’s been a long, dry stretch since someone published a book on the Mass that is captivating, informative, inspirational and challenging.

Rooted in solid, intellectually honest, balanced scholarship, yet written in language that the average person will follow easily and enjoy, Bored Again Catholic is a book that will renew just about anyone’s appreciation for the Mass. Indeed, it should be required reading for Catholics in general and priests in particular.

Timothy P. O’Malley is director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy and teaches theology at the University of Notre Dame. What’s the point of the title of his book? Sometimes it seems as if what we want from the Mass is entertainment, O’Malley writes. “Yet in this desire for entertainment we distract ourselves from the contemplative encounter that each celebration of the Mass offers.”

When it comes to the Mass there is, O’Malley continues, good boredom and bad boredom.

“This book invites readers to learn to pray through the good boredom, as well as to avoid the bad boredom that distracts us from the heart of the personal and communal encounter with Christ that takes place at every Mass,” O’Malley explains.

Logically enough, the book “unpacks” the meanings inherent in each part of the Mass. O’Malley doesn’t just comment on what the Liturgy of the Word is all about or what the Liturgy of the Eucharist is all about. Not at all. Rather, he looks closely at each smaller part of the Mass, including reverencing the altar and greeting the people, the penitential act, Gloria in Excelsis, the Word and silence, acclaiming the Gospel, the homily, the profession of faith, the Roman canon, the eucharistic prayer, the Communion rite and concluding prayers.

No matter how well you think you understand the Mass, you will learn more from this book. It also is ideal for group study purposes, as each chapter concludes with questions for discussion.

In the final chapter, appropriately on the Mass’ concluding rites, O’Malley begins: “At a wedding I attended some years ago, a homeless woman entered the parish church just as the bride and groom were preparing to serve as eucharistic ministers. She came in through the back of the church and approached the altar. The whole assembly stopped and stared for a moment. What was going to happen?”

You’ll have to get the book to find out what happened, but when you do, you’ll gain new insights into the meaning of the Mass and into the spirit of this wonderful book. Let it be.


Finley is the author of more than 30 books on Catholic themes.
Parishioners, Knights knock on doors, check on senior citizens after Irma

By Tom Tracy, Catholic News Service

The nation watched in sadness and outrage at the deaths of eight elderly people in Hollywood, Florida, without air conditioning and electricity following the historic passing of Hurricane Irma.

Members of nearby St. Edward Parish in Pembroke Pines and the local Knights of Columbus council, hearing the call to be good neighbors, prepared hot meals and set out to knock on doors and check in on senior citizen residents four days after the storm.

The group was given permission to go door to door with their hot meals and water supplies at the expansive Century Village Pembroke Pines housing development in western Broward County on Sept. 14.

Residents there reportedly had been without electricity and air conditioning for days, although power was being restored even as the parish volunteers were making their rounds.

According to news reports, police confirmed earlier in the week that about 60 percent of the 15,000-person community of mostly retirees still didn’t have electricity and was under a “boil water” notice. Century Village is a community comprised of people 55 and over.

Compounding the hardships, many elderly citizens at Century Village were unable to get around the four-story buildings because the elevators were not working and some residents couldn’t climb three and four flights of stairs.

The volunteers visited several of the buildings with hot meals consisting of Cuban food and pasta along with bottled water.

Scott O’Connor, the Knights’ state secretary for Florida and a resident of Pembroke Pines, noted that his own mother had lived in Century Village at one time.

“It is a large community built for citizens over 55 years old and in the early days it was primarily Jewish-oriented, but now it is quite an eclectic mix of people and a kind of self-contained city,” O’Connor said.

“We are out here helping and that is what we do; it doesn’t matter what religion you are, we are helping everybody.”

One of the issues the housing complex has, he said, is that the residents are susceptible to loss of power and there is only one elevator in each of the buildings.

“Sometimes you have elderly people who may have mobility issues and can’t get down the stairs, and so bringing meals and supplies in for them is really a necessity and something we can do to help,” O’Connor said.

“Normally when we get affected by storms it is localized. But in this particular case, Hurricane Irma affected really all of our Florida jurisdiction. And we still don’t have access to the Florida Keys here on the fourth day.”

Daniel Diaz, grand knight of Council 14698 in Pompano Beach, helped coordinate the food delivery program along with five other Knights.

“Because they lost power here for about a week, all the food in their refrigerator went bad,” said Diaz, who said he rode out the hurricane with his mother at her residence nearby. “This was widespread and went straight up the entire state.”

Diaz, who also is the Knights’ state young adult and college council coordinator, said he will keep looking for ways the Knights can help in the local hurricane recovery. “We are going to keep our ears open and see how else we can serve our community,” he said.

Irma will be remembered as one of the Atlantic’s strongest hurricanes on record, with peak winds of 185 mph and Category 4 strength when it landed in the Florida Keys. Some sources are predicting that insured losses from the storm could total $18 billion in the U.S.

Hurricane Irma also caused significant harm to populations in the Caribbean, including the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“Before Hurricane Irma, we set up the network in terms of communications and figured out who was doing the various positions in the state and with coordination with (the Knights’) Supreme (Council),” said Knights District Deputy Peter Chiaravalle, a resident of Fort Lauderdale.

“We were lucky on the east coast of Florida -- we didn’t get hit as bad as we thought we might have,” Chiaravalle said. “So a lot of preparation work really paid off.”

Elsewhere in Florida, the Knights were already down in the Keys helping out and a supply truck from the north of the state was waiting to go there, said Joe Cox, public relations coordinator for the Knights’ Region Six in Florida.

“It is in times like these that we find out who has a willing heart and a ready hand to do something for our fellow human beings who have suffered a lot,” he said.
John Carroll University in the Cleveland suburb of University Heights launches the 2017-18 academic year with 18 newly appointed faculty members. The hiring of new professors and lecturers represents the university’s enhanced commitment to undergraduate teaching in accountancy, communications, education, marketing, exercise science, sports studies, and supply chain, as well as the pre-health professions program.

There is also a renewed focus on professionals seeking a master of business administration degree or other advanced degrees in areas such as clinical mental health counseling.

The university’s Tim Russert Department of Communication and Theater offers three tracks of study: communication studies, digital media, and integrated marketing communication. The department is well-known for its exclusive fellowship with the NBC television program Meet the Press, which Russert, a John Carroll graduate, moderated from 1991 until his death in 2008.

The bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) degree in finance at John Carroll’s John M. and Mary Jo Boil School of Business has been acknowledged as incorporating at least 70 percent of the chartered financial analyst program’s candidate body of knowledge (CBOK) and placing emphasis on the CFA Institute’s code of ethics and standards of practice within the program.

This program positions students to obtain the CFA designation, the world’s most respected and recognized investment credential.

JCU’s Mike Cleary program in sports studies focuses on planning, implementation, and leadership across a variety of athletic-related careers in college and professional sports management, coaching, recreation, and administration. John Carroll alumni provide a national network of administrators and coaches throughout the NFL, Major League Baseball, and the NCAA who have opened doors for student internships and jobs.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education has awarded John Carroll a $54,600 grant that will help provide scholarships for incoming undergraduate students.

The Choose Ohio First (COF) program targets students pursuing STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine) degrees. The scholarship promotes success in the classroom and career exploration.

The Jesuit-affiliated university moved up in the most recent U.S. News & World Report “Best Colleges” guide, earning a ranking of sixth in the Midwest. This is the 29th consecutive year that John Carroll made the guide’s list of Top 10 regional universities, moving one spot higher for the first time in recent years. JCU also is recognized among schools offering the best value, ranking seventh in the “Great Schools, Great Prices” category.