FATHER BOB GOODYEAR: MINISTERING TO THE CHOCTAWS IN MISSISSIPPI
Editor’s reflections by Doug Bean

What’s your mission?

Everyone has a mission in life.
As readers go through the Catholic Times this week, they will find a variety of stories in the newspaper’s annual missions issue about men and women who are called in a variety of ways to serve God and his people.

It’s inspiring to read about the work that priests, sisters and brothers perform in the United States and all over the world to bring hope, food, shelter, clothing, medicine, health care, education and the light of Christ into the lives of suffering souls.

Religious aren’t the only ones who act as missionaries. Many lay people give their time and talent in an attempt to make a difference in areas where poverty, war, persecution and other factors adversely impact the population.

For those who are called to such noble service, may God bless their work and all those they touch. Hopefully, their stories will inspire others to take up the cause of mission work.

To do mission work doesn’t mean everyone has to become a missionary and travel to Africa or Latin America or southeast Asia. Many families and individuals are in desperate need in their own communities.

First and foremost, foreign and domestic missionaries need prayers to sustain them. They obviously can use monetary and material support.

One easy way to help financially is through a donation to World Mission Sunday collection on Oct. 21 at Lancaster St. Mark Church that in less than 10 years has made a tremendous difference in Vietnam.

The group’s efforts have led to a transformation in and around the Rach Su mission. Its contributions have resulted in the construction of proper drying areas to protect the farmers’ rice; living quarters for the priest there; filters for clean drinking water to replace the parasite-laden river water; medical care; bridges across waterways to help Catholics get to Mass; food; chairs for those attending Mass; classrooms and books for children; religious education; and a dormitory for women headed to college and for the religious sisters who teach there.

None of what happened and continues to occur in that poor area of Vietnam would have been possible without one businessman taking action when he felt a call from the Lord to help.

This story and many others like it remind us that a gesture that seems insignificant can become significant, often in unforeseen and unimaginable ways. The key is to act.

What are you called to do? World Missions Sunday seems like a good time to reflect on our own mission and how to best serve God the Father with the gifts He has so generously given us. And may Our Lord bless and protect all missions and missionaries.

For inspiration, read the Bridges of St. Mark story in the paper’s mission section this week. A series of events that only God could have planned eventually led to a ministry launched at Lancaster St. Mark Church in that in less than 10 years has made a tremendous difference in Vietnam.

Local speakers to highlight Sacred Heart Congress

Sacred Heart Columbus will host its seventh annual Sacred Heart Congress on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St. Sacred Heart Columbus is an apostolic organization of priests, deacons and laity dedicated to bringing Our Lord’s Sacred Heart into every home, school, parish, organization and business.

Frank Hartge, director of this year’s congress, said, “We have a terrific lineup of speakers this year. We feel are reaching a broader audience by presenting both Emily Jaminet and David Karam, local favorites who are well known throughout the diocese. And of course, Father Stash Dailey, our spiritual director, speaks every year at the congress and never disappoints.”

Jaminet is a Catholic author, speaker, radio personality, wife, and mother of seven children. She co-authored the book Divine Mercy for Moms and recently wrote a second book The Friendship Project, published by Ave Maria Press. She serves on the leadership team of the Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference and blogs at www.catholicmom.com.

Karam is the chief executive officer of the Sbarro restaurant group. He previously was the president of Wendys International and of Cedar Enterprises, one of the largest franchisees in the Wendys’s system.

He serves on the board of directors for The Catholic Foundation, the Pontifical College Josephinum, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Logan’s Roadhouse, and Henny Penny Corp. He and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 34 years and have three sons and four grandchildren.

The congress will include Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the rosary, inspirational talks, and the
Let us proclaim God’s loving heart by extending our hands to our neighbors

By Leandro M. Tapay, 
Diocesan Missions Director

Sunday, Oct. 21 is World Mission Sunday.

This event, which is organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, gathers us around the person of Jesus, the very first and greatest missionary (Pope Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature. Otherwise, it no longer would be the Church of Christ.

In 1926, Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday. He asked for prayers, sacrifices and financial donations for the missions.

His purpose was to generate a sense of responsibility in people for supporting the Church’s mission work throughout the world. The pope asked that World Mission Sunday be celebrated in every diocese, parish and religious institution.

The funds collected on World Mission Sunday help support mission projects around the world, especially the education of seminarians, religious sisters, and brothers in formation programs. The collection helps support 1,111 mission dioceses around the world – mostly in Africa and Asia. Please be generous when the collection is taken.

In 2017, the Diocese of Columbus contributed $74,178.29. On behalf of Bishop Frederick Campbell and Father Andrew Small, OMI, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, I would like to thank you in advance for your generosity.

From the beginning, mission was the center of the Church. Mission was seen as a normal expression of the Church’s nature. The Church of Antioch sent Barnabas and Paul to preach the Gospel in Cyprus, which is now southern Turkey.

Mission work has been constant through much of the Church’s history. It never occurred to St. Francis Xavier, St. Isaac Jogues and the other great missionaries to question the validity of mission.

Today, however, as in many areas of the Church’s life, the situation has changed. Pope St. John Paul II found it necessary to issue an encyclical on the “Permanent Validity of the Church’s Missionary Mandate” (Redemptoris Missio) on Dec. 7, 1990.

“Missionary evangelization is the primary service which the Church can render to every individual and to all humanity in the modern world,” the pope said.

Jesus gave His disciples and us a mandate to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). Those who received the Gospel were sent to spread it (Matthew 8:10).

This pattern at the beginning of the life of the Church has been repeated to our own day. The Gospel has been handed on from person to person, from generation to generation. Those who have received the Gospel are challenged in their turn to go forth and share it with others.

The world confronted by the early Christians was a pagan world. It was a world grown old in sin and grievously afflicted by every kind of immorality.

It was into this dying world that the first Christians came to proclaim the message of victory over sin and death. They came to proclaim life in Jesus Christ.

With the promise of everlasting life in Christ, the Apostles and the early Christians initiated a total revolution and transformation of the societies in which they lived. They presented Christ as the light illuminating every human reality, illuminating all dimensions of human life.

Through the efforts of the early Christian missionaries, the Gospel was planted, matured and bore the fruit of a beautiful culture.

Were it not for the dedication of the Apostles and early Christian missionaries, the Gospel never would have spread beyond Galilee, and the Church never would have developed and guided the growth of Western civilization.

Our world today is not terribly different from the world the Apostles and early Christians encountered. In many ways, our world is dying.

It is worn out by capitulation to evil, by dulling and deformation of consciences, and by its covenant with sin and death. The moral ills that plagued the world of the Apostles and the early Christians also afflict our world today.

We who have received the Gospel are charged with the task of living it in a clear and visible way, and we are charged with passing the Gospel on to others.

World Mission Sunday 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, Oct. 21, we join with Catholic communities from around the world for World Mission Sunday, a Eucharistic celebration for all the missions of the world. Organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it offers each of us the opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity in support of missions and the missionaries who serve them.

The proceeds of the special collection for the day will be distributed among missions and missionaries worldwide. Our donations help fund missionary activities such as catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of religious communities, communication and transportation needs, and the construction of much-needed chapels, churches, orphanages and schools.

The needs of our missions grow every day. With the creation of new dioceses in Third World nations, vocations to the priesthood and religious life are increasing, thereby increasing the need for new seminaries and houses of formation. In some areas where the Church once was persecuted or suppressed, it now is welcomed, increasing the need for chapels and churches. The involvement and commitment of all of us is needed to foster and support this important work.

Let us unite with Catholics across the globe to pray and offer sacrifices and gifts for the missionary work of the Church. Most grateful to you for your continuing generosity and support, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD
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The Challenge of Forming Consciences in Faithful Citizenship

BY MARK HUDDY

CITIZEN CAIN

Well, it’s October again, when we see scary images on television and we are told that goblins are around every corner, threatening our very way of life as we await the harvest moon and that fateful day when we must choose between good and evil. Halloween … right? No, it’s the November elections. ’Tis the season of black-and-white photos of major candidates in their most unflattering mien, packaged in 30-second television ads sponsored by their political opponents. Debates abound; however, they are unlike those rational, issue-based contests that we knew in high school or college. At this time of year, there is a certain meanness in the air, a certain bloodthirstiness directed not against the views of another, but against the person of one who holds a differing political perspective or philosophy. It may be veiled, yet it is clearly personal. Gone are the days when attempts were made to persuade. Now the focus is to attack and overpower. I am not sure whether this is the soil or the fruit of our last federal election cycle in 2016. As we breathe the dank air of that contagion, we see that it is capable of infecting all institutions, processes and relationships, even those within the Church.

I don’t mean to suggest that politics is the source of all evil, for it is not. It is necessary for the flourishing of human persons in community. As persons who are, at their root, social in nature, created in the image of a three-personed God, right relationships are the fundamental criteria for living together in community. And right relationships are simply another name for justice. Pope Benedict, in his encyclical Deus Caritas Est, makes a very important statement: “A just society must be the achievement of politics, not of the Church. Yet the promotion of justice through efforts to bring about openness of mind and will to the demands of the common good is something which concerns the Church deeply.” Benedict also confirms that the direct duty to work for the just ordering of society is a task that belongs to the lay faithful. We do not have the luxury to sit idly by and watch the handbasket move inexorably in the wrong direction.

To be faithful to our citizenship as inhabitants of our common home and, in particular, inhabitants of these United States, there are moral choices to be made. Every four years, the bishops of the United States offer a written reflection on the moral choices that confront us and the principles that can guide us in making those moral choices. The last version came out in 2016 and was titled The Challenge of Forming Consciences in Faithful Citizenship. The document and other helpful resources can be found on the web at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm. Because we live in an imperfect world, the choices presented to us are often muddied and less than ideal. The bishops give guidance on how to use clear moral principles and make prudential judgments about how they apply to the muddied choices we face. The bishops do not make that choice for us. Voting is a moral act that requires us to do the work of taking the moral principles and applying them to the situation at hand. That act and the struggle of trying to figure it out is our offering to God, the source of all justice.

One principle that seems to be often ignored at this time of year is that the end does not justify the means. Our pursuit of justice must be done justly. Even the best goals do not justify a resort to calumny, vitriol, hatred, violence or vengeance. We would do well to remember this. For this is not the example we are being given by those who should know better. There is a story at the beginning of salvation history about two brothers who wish to offer the fruits of their labor to God, God looks with favor on one offering, but not on the other. God says to the brother whose offering did not please Him: “Why are you angry and downcast? If you do well, you can hold up your head, but if not, sin is a demon lurking at the door: his urge is toward you, yet you can still be its master.” Let us not work out our citizenship in the way of Cain.

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Litany of the Sacred Heart. There will be vendor tables, and free re-freshments will be available. There also will be an opportunity for participants to sign up to have the Sacred Heart enthroned in their homes and businesses.

More than 75 teams of laypersons known as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSH) are part of Sacred Heart Columbus. They have witnessed more than 1,500 enthronements and work tirelessly throughout the year to bring Jesus into as many homes, schools, parishes, organizations and businesses as possible through enthroning his Sacred Heart, a public acknowledgement that Jesus is king of the place where he is enthroned.

Missionaries Jo Ann and Chuck Wilson, co-hosts of the Sacred Heart Hour on St Gabriel Radio from 8 to 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, said, “We are finding that parents are in desperate need of help in raise children in today’s culture. Each time we see families invite Jesus into their home and start praying together, we see the strength start to build. With Jesus at the center, they begin to reclaim what was lost.”

Business owner Charles Mifsud recently enthroned his business to the Sacred Heart. “Over the last few years, I have entered into many new business ventures. While there are many uncertainties in the business world, I thought it would be a good idea to make sure that Jesus was at the center of all my undertakings,” he said. “It gives me peace of mind to acknowledge God as head not only of my personal life, but my professional life as well.”

Columbus Bishop Watterson was the first high school in the diocese to enthrone the Sacred Heart. Deacon Frank Iannarino helped ensure that more than 100 images of the Sacred Heart are prominently placed throughout the school.

Columbus Bishop Hartley is the most recent high school in the diocese to have an enthronement. During the first-all school Mass of the year, Deacon Frank Sullivan, along with the faculty, staff and students, made a public declaration that Jesus is the king of their school. A large image of the Sacred Heart is in the school’s lobby.

Other high schools to have enthroned the Sacred Heart are Columbus St. Francis DeSales and Lancaster Fisher Catholic. They have been joined by several diocesan grade schools. A goal of Sacred Heart Columbus is to have all schools in the diocese make this powerful statement.

If you would like more information on enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home, school or business, visit www.sacredheartcolumbus.org.
Tim Welsh, who has been involved with central Ohio pro-life organizations for two decades, is the new executive director of Bethesda Healing Ministries (BHM). The Bethesda board selected him for the position at its September meeting.

Welsh was president and chief executive officer of the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers for nearly a decade and previously was executive director of Ohio Right to Life for 10 years. He also founded Angels Nurture and Disciple (a mentoring program for new single mothers) and founded and still runs Bottoms Up, a nonprofit organization which collects and supplies diapers for single mothers in need in central Ohio.

“Over the years, I’ve had enormous respect and admiration for BHM,” Welsh said. “Judy Schlueter (BHM’s founder) and the many volunteers at Bethesda have done an amazing job bringing this organization to where it is today. They deserve our great thanks for what they dedicated their lives to here at BHM. I’m honored to be in a position to build on their achievements here.”

“It’s incredible to have Tim at the helm of this organization,” said Gary Anderson, Bethesda board chair. “I’ve known Tim for 30 years and he is exactly what this organization needs to sustain the great legacy of BHM. His unique ability to engage forward thinking while respecting history is precisely why we named him.”

Bethesda Healing Ministry will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year. It was founded in 1994 by a small group of dedicated Catholics for the purpose of providing a confidential, safe place which offers support, prayer, reconciliation and spiritual renewal for anyone wounded by the tragedy of abortion.

Welsh said there are three priorities for Bethesda: recruiting more volunteers, attracting more members (clients), and marshaling more resources. Outreach will be a large part of each one of those efforts, and the outreach starts with churches. There also will be a renewed focus on social and electronic media.

“Just as St. Paul went to Corinth to be among the people in his day, so too will BHM go to where people are.

That means being present in social media and electronic media,” he said.

In the next few months, BHM will be enhancing its website, executing a cohesive social media strategy and developing productive partnerships to attract more members and volunteers, all of which will take some funding. Welsh doesn’t think that will be a problem.

“If we are doing God’s will, he will take care of the money. He is very generous and he works through people in miraculous ways,” Welsh said.

People interested in getting involved with the ministry may call Bethesda at (614) 718-0277 or may call Welsh directly at (614) 419-6985. Those seeking hope and healing from an abortion may call Bethesda’s confidential hotline at (614) 309-0157.

St. Anthony students learn about Mother Teresa

First- and eighth-grade “buddy” students at Columbus St. Anthony School learned about St. Teresa of Calcutta. They worked together on creating a resource lapbook about Mother Teresa, which included activities that focused on comparing and contrasting skills, sequencing of events, adjectives, and picking out key details in a mini-biography. Pictured are Carlos Luna (left) and Dylan Hernandez.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School

St. Andrew parents lunch with children

Parents of Columbus St. Andrew School students were invited to have lunch with their children after the first month of school. Pictured are first-grade student Will Blatt and his parents, Eric and Jennifer.

Photos courtesy St. Andrew School

St. Andrew service group

Columbus St. Andrew Home and School Association’s new service group recently had a kickoff meeting with Brother Paul Kennedy, OP, from the Holy Family Soup Kitchen as the guest speaker. He spoke about his experiences serving the poor each day and ways to help stop the cycle of poverty. Each attendee was asked to bring snack items or bottled water to donate. At least 50 food bags were assembled and many more food items donated to the Soup Kitchen. Pictured (from left) are Maggie Ratliff, Catherine Jaminet, Trevor Ezell, parent Patricia Ciesinski and Brayden Racer.

School of prayer at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, will offer The School of Prayer with Charles Marks from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

It will include four sessions: The Why and How-to of Prayer; Frustrations in Prayer; Profound Intimacy; and The Three Ages of the Interior Life. The sessions feature talks, time for silent prayer, and discussions.

A box lunch will be provided. There is a $25 fee for the event. To register or ask questions, contact Karen Cook in the parish office at (614) 875-3322 or send an email to kcook@ourladyofperpetual-help.net.

Marks is the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area director of L’Alto Catholic Institutes and is pastoral associate at St. Thomas Church in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. He has a passion for sharing the Gospel and especially the universal call to holiness. He graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville and is pursuing a master of arts degree in theology from the Augustine Institute in Denver. Since college graduation, he has been a chastity speaker, theology teacher and campus minister.
Luke’s Gospel begins, “Several biographies of Christ have already been written.” Why, then, are there only four Gospels in the New Testament, and how were they chosen? (Charlottesville, Virginia)

First, just a comment on your quote from the opening verse of Luke. The text you offer comes from an edition called the Living Bible. I prefer instead the New American Bible (used by the Catholic Church at liturgies), which translates that same line as follows: “Many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us.”

The difficulty I have with the version you are quoting is that the four canonical Gospels are not really “biographies” in the contemporary sense of that word. They mention very little, for example, about the early life of Jesus and have varying views on the exact sequence of events during Christ’s public life.

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John can more properly be seen as statements of faith – narratives of some of the actions and sayings of Jesus to convey the writers’ conviction that Christ was indeed the Messiah.

While it is true that many accounts regarding Jesus were circulated in the early church and became the subject of discussion and debate, by about the year 180, Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon in Gaul, noted that there were four and only four authoritative Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This reflected a growing consensus among Christian scholars, and only those four versions were commonly considered as proper for liturgical use. Following the Protestant Reformation, that same Catholic canon of the Gospels was reaffirmed at the Council of Trent in 1546.

Some of the common characteristics of the four Gospels declared to be canonical were a central focus on Jesus as savior and divine Son of God (not just an enlightened teacher, as some of the apocryphal versions had it) and the inclusion of the Passion narrative.

Among its general findings, the Pennsylvania grand jury stated that canon law requires each diocese to maintain a “secret archive” to which only the bishop has the key. Is that true and, if so, what is the purpose of such an “archive”? (West Sand Lake, New York)

The canons to which you refer (Code of Canon Law, Nos. 489-90), after detailing the requirements for diocesan recordkeeping, provide that a separate “secret” file should be maintained, to which “only the bishop is to have the key.”

Commonly, records of parishioners’ complaints against priests would be kept in such a confidential file – including such matters as alcohol issues, disputes over parish finances, or sexual misconduct. (Not unlike the way businesses keep sensitive and private personnel files regarding such matters as the disciplining or firing of a particular employee.)

By categorizing this file as “secret,” the church does not stipulate that no one else but the bishop may ever see it. Other senior diocesan staff members, for example, may from time to time need to access such a file with the bishop’s permission; and, in the case of sexual abuse of minors, several states have now subpoenaed such diocesan files.

Recently, Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger requested the Albany, New York, district attorney to review all of the diocese’s records relative to how each complaint of sexual abuse has been handled. The U.S. bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, issued in 2002, provides that dioceses “are to report an allegation of sexual abuse of a person who is a minor to public authorities,” but no such requirement was in effect universally during prior years.

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

St. Joseph Cathedral to display relics for All Saints Day

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., will celebrate Masses for the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation, at 5:15 p.m. (vigil) Wednesday, Oct. 31 and 7:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.

The entire collection of the holy relics that have been entrusted to the cathedral by the Vatican will be exposed on the altar of the cathedral’s Terce chapel for veneration before and after each Mass.

The relics date to as early as 40 AD and are from the following saints: St. Gaudenius, St. Theodora, St. Clement, St. Urban, St. Dymphna, St. John of the Cross, St. Pius X, St. Lucy, St. John Vianney, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Bernard, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Timothy, St. Lawrence, St. Pancratius, St. Jean de Brebeuf, St. Agatha, St. Perpetua, St. Stephen, and St. Thomas of Canterbury.
A little respect

We lost Aretha Franklin recently, and all she wanted was a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T. I think she earned it, thanks to a wonderful career in music. God bless her, and God bless every one of us, who deserve all the respect a human being and child of God should. At the same time, we find ourselves in the midst of Respect Life Month. There are so many directions in which we could go. We need to pray more than ever today, so that we may not let more of that respect for life slip away. Once it is gone, it is nearly impossible to get it back. Changing hearts and minds is so very difficult when it is a challenge, especially dealing with life issues. For whatever our human reasoning is, it seems to be so easy to just watch it slip away through examples such as legal abortion, capital punishment, starvation, persecution, civil war, genocide, and finding ways to not let our aging and elderly live too long. Our indifference and looking the other way do not serve us well at all.

Life begins at the moment of conception, and we all know that. We were never any more or less of a human being at any point throughout our journey to where we are now. God chose us, gave us life as a true gift, and set in motion every aspect and detail of our lives. To do anything to the contrary or to alter those directions not only is morally abhorrent, but is reprehensible to us as human persons, created in the image and likeness of our God. There is nothing to debate or argue. Whenever we as sinful and imperfect humans attempt to place ourselves above those absolutes, we have serious problems. We do not get to choose life or death. God chose us. We do not get to rationalize what I am able to do with “my body.” It is God’s body, and we are one with God in our bodies. In a similar way, our zeal to control and regulate life at every level is so dangerous. Engineering the kind of baby we desire to be born is up to God, not us. Determining who has access to the best health care in the world, based solely on finances, is always wrong.

I used to think that everyone should have a good job and contribute to a good, solid, employer-based health care coverage system. No free handouts. When I went through a few serious surgeries in recent years and saw the total cost to all parties, compared with what I paid, I wondered what I would have done if I was without a good job and employer. As with hunger and malnutrition in this nation in 2018, we should be embarrassed that disparities in health care exist and that we cannot take care of the health needs of our people. Not to mention the lack of care for people on and off the streets who are challenged with mental illness. It is criminal that so many of our brothers and sisters are left without the resources to help them. Suicide, rape, child abuse, home invasion, drug addiction, opioid overdoses, violence in and out of the home, neglecting the elderly, allowing our veterans to wander the streets, the widening gap between rich and poor, and the intense hatred spewed between opposing political parties and ideologies all vividly illustrate the ridiculous lack of respect for life we now “enjoy.” And, yes, these are just as horrible as abortion itself. Yes, we can address these issues right now. It begins with individuals. As Aretha said, “All I’m asking is for a little respect.” And as my pastor said in his homily a few weeks ago, “Do the next right thing.” We must respect all life, at all levels, all the time.
**Bridges of St. Mark Continues Its Work in Vietnam**

By Debra Kaminski, 
Bridges of St. Mark

A chance meeting between a businessman and a priest nine years ago at an airport turned out to be a life-changing event, with a powerful and positive impact not just on the two men, but on thousands of residents of a very poor area of Vietnam.

The businessman was Randall Tipple, who is now retired, but at the time was working for Honda and was on his way to an engineering project at the auto manufacturer’s Alabama plant. The priest was Father Michael (Nguyen Khac Minh), who is Vietnamese, had been visiting relatives in Ohio, and was at what then was Port Columbus International Airport on the first leg of a flight to Paris, where he was going to study theology.

The two men exchanged email addresses, went on their way, and began writing each other every now and then. As time passed, Father Michael returned to Vietnam and a mission parish at a place called Rach Suc.

Tipple said he began feeling a gentle nudge from the Lord to help the people of Rach Suc. He never had been to Vietnam. He did not know anyone there and had only a phone number and a name given to him by Father Michael. Yet their airport conversation echoed in his mind and disturbed his sleep.

Randy resisted. God persisted. “God had a plan and it involved me. Guess who won that one?” Tipple chuckled as he talked about the fruits of that talk. The conversation led to the creation of the Bridges of St. Mark (BOSM) ministry, a nonprofit organization that originally was devoted to helping the Rach Suc mission and has extended its reach to two more locations in Vietnam. The organization takes its name from Lancaster St. Mark Church, which has supported the ministry since it began.

Once Tipple realized the Holy Spirit had orchestrated the airport meeting, he answered the Lord’s call. He dialed the number the priest had supplied, talked to Father Francis (Dinh Trong Tu), the priest in charge of the Rach Suc mission, then hopped on a plane to Vietnam. Initially, he did not know what to do or even where he was going. After a two-day trip, he arrived at the mission.

Father Francis showed Tipple around the humble compound, including his own sleeping area, which had no walls and resembled a chicken coop. He talked about the hundreds of children who came to the mission for education and told Tipple that residents of the area had to drink dirty river water, with many of them infected by parasites as a result.

He spoke of how the people lived too close to the Mekong River and often woke to rising water sloshing around on the floor of their makeshift huts. He explained how local farmers needed to dry out the rice they grew and picked, so it would not spoil before getting to market. Then he explained that because the rice was being dried on dirt, the rains often completely washed it away, destroying the farmers’ livelihood and leaving them poorer year after year.

Tipple listened intently as the priest spoke of the needs of the people and how he had prayed for the Lord to send help, because his diocese did not have enough money to provide the assistance needed.

When Tipple came home, his mind was churning with ideas. One church promptly declined when he asked for help for Rach Suc. But with the gracious help of its pastor, Father Peter Gideon, St. Mark’s in Lancaster took on the challenge and became the launching pad for the Bridges of St. Mark.

The Rach Suc mission and the surrounding area have undergone significant change thanks to the help provided by BOSM. The organization helped pay for construction of a simple rice paddy concrete pad, which has an edging that protects rice from washing away in strong rain. Proper sleeping quarters and an office were built for the priest.

Bio-sand filters were placed in many homes to clean the water used for drinking and cooking, and some new houses were built. Medical teams were put in place and pay regular visits to tend the sick. Actual bridges were built, enabling the people living across the river from the mission to attend Mass without risking their lives by crossing on a log.

Three-thousand chairs were purchased so all the adults and children attending Mass could have seats. Classrooms were built and books were bought for the children’s education. Food was purchased for children who live at the mission during the school holidays in the summer. As the children grew in faith and knowledge, many opted for college, so a safe dormitory was constructed for college-bound women and for the religious sisters who now come to the mission to teach.

These are impressive accomplishments for an organization that’s less than 10 years old, but the Lord is not finished. BOSM began helping a second mission in an even poorer community known as Ca Lang, then a third in nearby Tra Ech. The organization hopes to install 10 new bio-sand water filters at Tra Ech in early 2019. Father Francis retired and Father Michael is now in charge of efforts at Tra Ech. Tipple is planning a trip soon to meet the new priests in charge of Rach Suc and Ca Lang.

One hundred percent of all donations to BOSM are directly used for the missions in Vietnam. It has no administrative expenses because everything, including time and airline tickets to get to Vietnam, is donated by the organization’s staff, which has grown to four people.

As the Catholic population continues to grow in Vietnam, BOSM’s need for funds to help the people it serves is real. During World Mission Sunday and all year long, please consider a tax-deductible gift to help BOSM help these people. For more information, go to www.bridgesofsaintmark.org.

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**Diocease Has Eight People in Mission Work**

The Diocese of Columbus has eight people working in mission fields: four in foreign missions and four in home missions.

The foreign missionaries are Sister Beverly Hoffman, SCN (Belize); Brother Raymond Ronan, OFM Cap (Papua New Guinea); Father Robert Schmidt, SJ (India); and Sister Rebecca Spires, SNDdeN (Brazil).

Serving as missionaries in the United States are Father David Glockner (Charleston, West Virginia) and Brother David Henley (Cincinnati), both with the Glenmary Home Missions; Father Robert Goodyear, ST (Philadelphia, Mississippi, with the Choctaw Indians), Missionary Servants of the Holy Trinity; and Sister Maria Giovannini Paolo Orsini, SOLT (La Jara, Colorado), Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.
By Patrick and Diane Corcoran

This summer, a group of parishioners from Chillicothe St. Peter, War-velly St. Mary, Washington Court House St. Colman of Clonye, and Zaleski St. Peter churches took a two-week mission trip to an orphans’ home in Miryante, Uganda, which the group has supported for several years.

The trip was led by Patrick and Diane Corcoran, parents of Laura Corcoran of Chillicothe, who has served as a lay missionary at the home for several years.

The home is one of the poorest sections of western Uganda, an area hit hard by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the ongoing conflict in the northern and eastern Congo. Poverty, lack of education, disease, and the breakdown of traditional family support networks have resulted in many children being orphaned in those areas and coming to Miryante.

Unforeseen delays resulted in the mission team being more than three hours late arriving at the home. Daylight had long slipped away, and as the group’s heavily laden van, top-loaded with luggage, lumbered up the red dirt road, its headlights pierced the darkness to reveal a cluster of earth-toned buildings. The children living in those buildings instantly surrounded the van and showed unabashed joy as they greeted their visitors.

Weariness resulting from the five-hour journey from Kampala disappeared for the visitors as they were surrounded by the smiling faces of children, whose hands silently reached out to carry backpacks, suitcases, cameras and any other item the guests had. Other gentle hands entwined their fingers with those of the visitors, whom the children escorted on the final few strides to the guest house.

Miryante is located in the Diocese of Fort Portal in western Uganda. In 2007, the diocese donated 40 acres and $10,000 to begin construction of an orphanage for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, warfare and natural causes. When it opened, it had 250 children, 90 of whom were HIV positive as a result of parent-to-child virus transmission. Within a year, despite efforts to increase funding, the orphanage had to close and the children were dispersed into the community.

A campaign to reopen the orphanage began in early 2009, with Father Bernard Bitezerezo soliciting funds in Columbus and elsewhere in the United States to reopen the project. He worked with Laura Corcoran, who at the time was a Peace Corps volunteer. A plan for reopening was formed, with the number of orphans admitted limited to a sustainable rate, based on financial support.

Reopening of the home occurred in August 2009, with 10 children. It now serves more than 130 children and is led by Father Erineo Mushuhuhyke, director, and Doreen Tigah, communications officer. Its mission is to supply the basic needs of food, water, shelter, clothing and education, and to create an environment that allows for spiritual growth for the orphans. Its vision is to be a self-sustainable home that meets the basic needs of orphans in the Fort Portal diocese.

Improvements at the home include a technical school that opened in April 2013, providing education for orphans who were unable to complete studies in the public school system. The school provides classes for more than 75 students in bricklaying, carpentry, sewing, hair dressing, English, math, and computers.

Before the mission group arrived, funds had been sent for the purchase of water filtration systems for each of the orphanage’s housing units; equipment for a drip irrigation system; improvements to the goat barn; new fencing for the cattle pen; materials so that students of the technical school’s carpentry program could make benches for a church recently built on the campus; and religious articles for use and display in the church.

On the first Sunday morning of the trip, Father Mushuhuhyke came to celebrate Mass in the new church. He was assisted by Deacon Reed Hauser of Chillicothe St. Peter. Mission team members sat with the children on the recently made benches. On the walls were Stations of the Cross purchased through donations from America.

For the next eight days, the mission team spent time with the children at Miryante, playing games, working on crafts, hiking through the nearby hills, and visiting classes in the technical school. The team spent a day making rosaries with the children. A Mass or prayer service took place daily. Team members worked with the carpentry class to put a new roof and flooring in the goat barn and replace the cattle fence.

Many people from the parish consortium sent gifts, allowing team members to provide something special for each child. In addition, the team delivered handmade dresses for all the girls at the orphanage and for children living in child-headed households in the nearby Kyaka II refugee settlement. Recently, Miryante has been able to expand its services and reach out to provide food, school fees and school uniforms to families in the settlement, which are headed by children who, because of their refugee status, could not be served at the orphans’ home.

The mission team was able to visit the settlement, which now houses more than 55,000 people, many of whom are from areas of escalating violence in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. On the day of the visit, the team also attended Mass celebrated by Father Mushuhuhyke at his home parish in Wekomiire and visited children in the parish elementary school.

The trip also included opportunities for sightseeing. It began with a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Ugandan martyrs in Namugango. Mass was celebrated there in the water-surrounded pavilion of the shrine, where people gather each year on the June 3 feast of the Ugandan martyrs after traveling for miles across Uganda. The trip also included a safari in Queen Elizabeth National Park, giving the travelers a chance to enjoy the visual bounty of God’s African creation.

Travel to such a distant, impoverished area to live in relatively primitive conditions for two weeks may not be on many people’s bucket lists, but for members of the mission team, it was a life-changing event. We went with the intention of serving the children and left with the humble realization that it was us who had been loved, lifted up and served.

For more information about the Miryante orphans’ home or to sponsor a child, go to www.miryanteorphanage.org.
By Father Bob Goodyear, ST

When I was growing up, my family moved every nine months. I have two brothers and two sisters, and we were all born in different states. I entered the seminary when I was only 13 and was ordained a priest of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, an American missionary religious community.

I thought to myself that I was used to moving a lot, so becoming a missionary was a natural choice. Have you heard the expression “man plans and God laughs?” I have been pastor at Holy Rosary Indian Mission in Philadelphia, Mississippi, for 27 years and counting.

In 1830, the Choctaws who lived in Mississippi were coerced into signing the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek and began the trail of tears to the Indian Territory now known as Oklahoma (which is Choctaw for “red people”). Some of the tribe’s members refused to leave their ancestral land and hid in the swamps or worked quietly as sharecroppers. They had to become “invisible” if they were to survive.

In 1884, the bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, became aware of the plight of the Choctaws and sent a priest from Holland to establish a mission in Philadelphia. This missionary priest raised money by writing letters to newspapers in Europe and was able to purchase more than 2,000 acres for the mission. He reached out and invited Choctaws to come live on the mission land, where they would be safe. Each family was given 16 acres, a cabin, tools and seed. The Choctaws were always good farmers.

In 1927, the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs sent an agent to Mississippi and established a formal reservation. In 1945, the federal government recognized the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as an official tribe.

When I first came to the reservation, I was a newly ordained priest and had never dreamed of working with Indians. I didn’t even know there were Indians in Mississippi. There were 3,000 Choctaws living on the reservation in 1975. Today, there are nearly 10,000 tribal members on the reservation, and it has grown to more than 35,000 acres.

It is not one piece of land, but eight communities spread through 10 counties in Mississippi. Holy Rosary Indian Mission is actually three different mission churches, located on the reservation in three different counties. I travel to each of the missions for Sunday Mass, and it is a 90-mile drive between the churches.

Holy Rosary is the main and oldest of the three churches. St. Therese Mission is in the Pearl River community that is the headquarters of the reservation, where the tribal offices, hospital, fire department and police department are located. St. Catherine Mission is in the Conehatta community (Conehatta is Choctaw for “silver skunk”). St. Catherine’s is the farthest away from Holy Rosary, so after the Sunday Mass, I teach the children there.

Sunday is a long day, since I am the only priest. I begin at 7:30 a.m. and get home around 3:30 p.m. – and I’m starving. I’ve become very adept at finding something to eat that I can microwave as fast as possible, as there are no restaurants, fast-food or otherwise, nearby.

When I first came to the reservation, we had two priests, two religious brothers and five sisters. Today, I am a staff of one. I am the pastor, the religious education director, the bookkeeper, the sacristan, the maintenance man and the groundskeeper.

Someone came by while I was cutting grass on the mission’s tractor. He asked if I knew where the priest was. I told him, “Yes, I do. I am the priest.” The man looked at me dubiously and reworded his request – “I would like to talk to the priest. Do you know where he is?” I smiled and told him again that I am the priest. “I’ve never seen a priest cutting grass before,” he said.

The problems and challenges on the reservation can be overwhelming. As is true on other reservations, the Choctaws abuse alcohol and now drugs. The suicide rate is very high, as is the incidence of domestic violence. Not long ago, I received word that the remains of a Choctaw woman who has been missing for more than a year were found in Montana. I’ve known her since she was a teenager.

It is hard to measure, but there is a cloud of despair and helplessness that hangs over this and most other reservations. It is the result of the poverty and persecution Native Americans have endured for generations. I do a lot of counseling, often in the middle of the night. I have a master’s degree in clinical psychology, and it helps me to deal with so many problems and tragedies every day.

I have lived and worked on the reservation longer than any priest ever has. I know the Choctaws better than any priest who has worked here, and in spite of the sadness and the physical and emotional demands of the ministry, the Choctaws are “family” and I do everything I can to offer them hope and faith – in God and in themselves. Asking your prayers, my prayers are yours.

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Father Bob Goodyear, born in Long Beach, California, was in the seminary in the early 1960s when his parents, Frank and Regina Goodyear, moved to Reynoldsburg, where they remained for the rest of their lives and where Father Goodyear worked during summer breaks. They were members of Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church and later of Columbus Holy Cross Church. Regina Goodyear was director of the former Columbus Marian Center.

A brother, Father Michael Goodyear, is pastor of St. Patrick Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A sister, Kathleen, is a consecrated virgin who works at Mount Carmel East Hospital and is a member of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Another brother, Richard, attends Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. Another sister, Mary Virginia, died in 2008.)
God’s ability to call people to his service isn’t limited by geography, and so a vocation director must go wherever the Holy Spirit leads. For Brother David Henley of the Glenmary Home Missioners, it has led all around the world.

The Columbus native professed his first oath with Cincinnati-based Glenmary in 2003. Knowing that Glenmary’s mission is to bring the Catholic Church to small towns and rural counties of Appalachia and the South, he figured his days of traveling were limited. But because of an increase in the number of Hispanic immigrants in Glenmary’s missions, Brother David quickly found himself in Mexico to learn Spanish.

Since becoming Glenmary’s vocation director in 2010, he has visited 39 states, Mexico, Kenya and Uganda, all in search of people with religious vocations.

“When I joined Glenmary, I thought I would have to give up traveling, but God obviously had a different plan,” Brother David said. “I have realized my love to travel to new places and to meet new people has served Glenmary well. Guys are not lined up outside our door to sign up, so we have to go to where they are to meet them.”

“Glenmary has seen a surge in vocation prospects contacting us from different parts of the world,” he said. “It is exciting that men from places that once were served by missionaries are feeling inspired to serve as missionaries themselves.”

Glenmary has three fully professed members from Kenya, two of whom made their final oath this year. Of the 10 men in Glenmary’s formation program, one is from Ohio and the rest come from abroad. Six nations are represented in the group.

Despite the international flavor, Glenmary’s vocation department spends most of its time seeking vocations in the United States. Brother David and vocation counselor Wilmar Zabala spend their days hosting “come and see” events that take potential recruits to the missions. The two also travel to youth conferences, speak at schools and reach out in other ways, helping young men hear God’s call in their lives.

“Looking for vocation prospects has meant road trips across the U.S.A., vocation events in different states, and even traveling to other nations,” Brother David said. “By joining Glenmary, I have gotten to see the rural U.S.A., which is so different from where I grew up in Columbus.

“I think my love for the people that I met on home mission trips helped to inspire me to become a Glenmary brother,” he said. “I was responding to God’s call, but I felt confirmed in my call to Glenmary because of my love for the mountains of Appalachia. Now as vocation director, getting to meet people all over the U.S. and in other nations when I make vocation visits has been a bonus.”

Glenmary is a religious society of priests, brothers and lay co-workers dedicated to serving parts of small-town and rural America that lack a formal Catholic presence. Its founder, Father William Howard Bishop, was known for saying that people in what he termed “No Priest Land USA” were as entitled to missionaries as those in any overseas mission territory. He knew God would raise up men to answer this missionary challenge. Brother David said that’s the reason behind his travels.

“The notion that home mission communities are entitled to a Catholic presence is precisely why Glenmary remains open to vocations from wherever the Spirit calls them,” he said.
The Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Cincinnati Province, are privileged to minister in Chile, Peru, Guatemala and Colombia, in addition to the United States. They are part of a larger congregation that serves the people of God in 20 nations.

Missionaries in Latin America serve in parishes and schools and in many other ways. In Chile, they are rebuilding a church in Purranque that nearly was destroyed by an arsonist, and are using the rebuilding process to renew the spiritual life of the parish.

In Peru, they are adding on to a retreat center not far from Lima that will provide spiritual enrichment for many people. In Guatemala, missionaries are supporting a nutrition program that helps children grow and thrive. A sewing center that offers new opportunities for women in rural areas.

In Colombia, they are reaching out to generations of people who lived through years of armed conflict, to help them see beyond their memories of the strife and reach a place of healing and peace.

Missionaries also serve as pastors, preachers, teachers, chaplains and in many other ways in the United States.

Precious Blood spirituality draws its purpose and meaning from the redemption that Christ brings to all of us through his death on the cross and his resurrection. That sacrifice was meant to draw all people to Jesus (“You who once were far off have become near by the Blood of Christ,” Ephesians 2:13). Honoring their commitment to that divine sacrifice, the missionaries reach out to those who may feel lost or abandoned and yearn to find themselves in the circle of God’s merciful love.

The Institute of the Incarnate Word (abbreviated as IVE, for its Latin initials) is a Catholic religious institute founded in Argentina on March 25, 1984, on the same day that Pope St. John Paul II consecrated the world to Our Lady of Fatima.

Its members want to imitate Jesus as perfectly as possible, principally by the fulfillment of their religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. They also profess a fourth vow, in the spirit of St. Louis de Montfort, consecrating themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary and asking, through her intercession, to prolong the incarnation of Jesus in the world.

Members want to be apostles of Mary, entrusting themselves to her in by doing all things “through Mary, with Mary, in Mary and for Mary.”

They are priests, seminarians and coadjutor brothers. Their vocation is to follow Christ more closely under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. They want to dedicate themselves totally to God as their supreme love, seeking his glory in a new and special way of life, for the edification of the Church and the salvation of souls.

They choose to live chaste for the Kingdom of Heaven, poor to manifest that God is their only treasure, and obedient to Jesus’ death on the cross, to follow more closely the Incarnate Word in his chastity, poverty and obedience.

They are a religious family, they profess solemn vows, and they live a fraternal life in community. They work to acquire a true human and Christian maturity so that they may reach full maturity in Christ.

IVE missionaries visit the Diocese of Columbus each year and take part in the Missionary Cooperation Plan. Money collected during those visits is used to care for the disabled, the elderly and the sick, provide homes for the poor and for abandoned children, manage schools and educational institutions in rural areas in developing nations, and promote pastoral formation of their missionaries in the areas of human, intellectual and spiritual development.

Present in 40 nations, their most challenging missions are in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, the Gaza Strip, Guyana, Iraq, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Solomon Islands, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania and Ukraine.

Collected funds are used for day-to-day support of missionaries, to supply material goods, to finish projects, and to meet basic needs in rural areas where the missionaries work. These needs include food and medicine, pastoral works, and vehicles that are driven where there are no roads. The money also helps build seminaries and churches to provide hope in areas where Catholics are a small minority or the Church does not exist.
A lay apostolate of Catholics from the Chillicothe area that has dedicated itself to bringing love and support to children and single mothers in Mexico will be making its sixth mission trip to that nation this summer. It is raising money for the trip, which will last from July 1 to 8 and will focus on two inner-city Catholic orphanages in Tijuana – Hogar Maria Imaculada (House of Immaculate Mary) and Morada de Niño Jesús ( Dwelling of the Child Jesus). The orphanages house a combined total of 75 children on average. The children have the opportunity to attend Mass and receive the sacraments at least once a week and on holy days of obligation and are enrolled in Catholic schools.

Much of the money the Chillicothe group raised this past year went to the Chronicled orphanage. All three of these orphanages are dedicated to the education and ordination of young men to the priesthood and to spreading the Gospel, administering the sacraments, and improving the life of poor and marginalized Catholics.

The ethnic makeup of the society’s members closely mirrors that of Guatemala – approximately 80 percent of its candidates in formation for the priesthood are young men of indigenous Mayan background. Most come from very poor families who cannot afford to pay anything for their formation. The annual cost of formation is $3,000 per seminarian. While this is a modest expense in comparison with the cost of formation in more developed nations, it is a big challenge in Guatemala.

Support from Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) collections at parishes in the Diocese of Columbus that are visited by priests from the Missionary Fraternity of Mary is critical to priestly formation programs for students at the missionary society’s seminary in Guatemala City.

The amount collected through the MCP represents 50 percent of the seminary’s expenses for the year. Sixty-five percent of that amount goes toward education of seminarians, 18 percent toward feeding them, and 17 percent for housing and other pastoral activities.

The society was established in 1985, in the midst of armed conflict and persecution of Catholics in Guatemala, by Bishop Angelico Melotto, who was bishop of the Diocese of Solola for 27 years and bishop emeritus for 13 more years until his death in 1999. Faithful to the traditions and doctrines of the Church, the society is dedicated to the education and ordination of young men to the priesthood and serve the people of God. Currently, there are 96 seminarians in the society’s formation program.
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Where did that question come from?

By Kevin Perrotta
Catholic News Service

Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

My 20-something granddaughter went into a convent last week. Mary Kathleen quit her job, gave away her cellphone to her mother (families have hand-me-ups as well as hand-me-downs) and began a year of discernment.

I don’t think the material relinquishments bothered her very much—unlike the young man in today’s Gospel (Mark 10:17-22). The hard part for Mary Kathleen was letting go of her family. But despite the differences between them, the two young people, separated by 20 centuries, encountered the same reality.

After Jesus and the young man talked for a while, “Jesus, looking at him, loved him” and invited him to give all his stuff away and become one of his followers. At some point in the past couple of years, the same thing happened to Mary Kathleen.

So this “call” thing is real!

But what can it mean for those of us who are, say, 40-something or 60-something, or whatever? Married or single life, religious life or priesthood; this line of work or that; moving far from family or staying close to home—so many forks in the road are behind us. The more major decisions we’ve made, the fewer the possibilities for vocation, right?

Well, yes and no. We do make basic decisions early in life. But we continue to have opportunities. And, unexpectedly, what the young man and my granddaughter experienced may occur to us.

A physician friend in his 50s heard Jesus calling him to establish a free clinic for people without adequate medical coverage. A retired journalist I know has felt inspired to get training in spiritual direction and is building a small retreat center on a lake. At 88, after a great deal of prayer and consultation, my mother-in-law discerned a call to move from Maine to Michigan.

Who knows what Jesus may be calling any of us to?

If the question strikes you as serious, it is.

Reflection Question: What may Jesus be calling you to?

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40 Hours devotion coming to Holy Redeemer

The Scioto County chapter of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (EADM) is sponsoring the traditional 40 Hours devotion before the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18 at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St.

The devotion will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, other prayers, and sacred music.

It will begin at midnight Saturday and conclude with Benediction and solemn vespers at 4 p.m. Sunday.

A meal in the parish activity center will follow.

The EADM promotes dedicating sacred time to God and community in order to nourish spiritual values.
The Catholic crisis in perspective

Perspective is at least as important when reading the signs of the times as it is in landscape painting. And so, in this autumn of our Catholic discontent, I was particularly grateful to hear it is in landscape painting. And so, in when reading the signs of the times as backgrounds. And Nina’s background on men and women from a variety of backgrounds. And Nina’s background counted it briefly in Catholic studies program.

City as part of the late, great Don Briel’s of St. Thomas, who were in the Eternal rection with women from the University of St. Patrick’s Seminary and Univer-

sity in Menlo Park, California, and it was from there that she recently wrote me:

“Against the black foil of so many negative headlines, haunting us for more than three months now, I am delighted to share the good news that for me – a German – moving to (the) San Francisco (archdiocese) feels like having fumbled through my mom’s fur coats only to find myself in Catholic Narnia! I lack the words to describe my joy at serving a truly Catholic bishop with such a clear vision for the renewal of the Church. Honestly, I had not a clue what I was signing up for. I always knew that the American Church was in much better shape than any Church in Europe, but I did not have the slightest idea that it was so much more alive. Now, granted, I might have unwittingly stumbled upon a particularly Catholic pocket of the country, but that is rather unlikely for I am in the heart of Silicon Valley, which is not … famous for its devotion to Catholic doctrine.

“… Never before – and I have lived with no serious sin and therefore no state of grace (and) no encounter with Christ.” Then, after a powerful experience of the eucharistic Christ at World Youth Day 1997 in Paris, and after pondering John Paul II’s own vocational discernment after seeing him in Rome in 1998, Nina Heereman became a committed missionary disciple, taking vows as a consecrated laywoman in radical dedication to the New Evangelization.

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sity of the United States.

Her story was so striking that I re-

counted it briefly in The End and the Beginning (the second volume of my John Paul II biography), to illustrate the late pope’s transformative impact on men and women from a variety of backgrounds. And Nina’s background was certainly intriguing.

A German baroness by birth, she had grown up in what she described as a “Catholicism hollowed out … a shell with no serious sin and therefore no state of grace (and) no encounter with Christ.”

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PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Sister Mary Sarita McEneany, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Sarita McEneany, OP, 88, who died Friday, Sept. 28, was celebrated Friday, Oct. 5 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born Cecilia McEneany on July 3, 1930 to James and Lucy (Reeb) McEneany and was a graduate of Columbus Rosary High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in 1959 from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (now Ohio Dominican University) and a master of arts degree in elementary education in 1971 from the University of Dayton.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1948 and made her profession of vows on July 9, 1950.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Lancaster St. Mary (1954-56), Coshocton Sacred Heart Hospital (1960-63), Columbus St. James the Less (1968-75 and 1987-88) and Columbus Holy Spirit (1976-77) schools, principal at Newark Blessed Sacrament School (1965-68) and a tutor at Lancaster St. Mary School (1982-87). She also was in community service at St. Mary of the Springs (1977-79) and ministered at Sister Joan McGough’s podiatry office (1988-90), the North Broadway Children’s Center (1990-93) and the Mohun Health Care Center (1995-2010). She was in a ministry of prayer and presence at the Motherhouse from 2010-17 and at the Mohun center until her death.

In addition, she taught at schools in the Diocese of Steubenville and in Illinois, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania and ministered at St. George’s Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory and School in Cincinnati.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Sister M. Patrick McEneany, OSF; Sister Barbara Ann McEneany, CSC; Jane, and Patricia Riley; and a brother, James. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Michael D. Bromberg

A funeral service for Michael D. Bromberg, 65, who died on Saturday, Sept. 29, was held on Friday, Oct. 5 at the Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home in Springfield, Illinois. Burial was at Chatham (Illinois) Memorial Cemetery.

He was president for university resources from 1988-2002 and executive director of adult education from 2003-07 at Ohio Dominican University, where he was instrumental in establishing the university’s LEAD (Learning Enhanced Adult Degree) program, which has enabled thousands of working adults to earn a college degree. He moved to Springfield in 2007 after being appointed dean of academic affairs at Benedictine University, becoming that institution’s president in 2013.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1952 in Boston to Newman and Kay (Isgur) Bromberg. He graduated from Canton (Massachusetts) High School and received the bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration from American University in Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Linda. Survivors include sons, Michael (Tiffany) Slusher and Joshua (Heather) Bromberg; daughter, Angelia (David) Foster; brother, Stewart; sister, Ann (John) Ewalt; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Sister William Elsener, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister William Elsener, OSF, 93, who died Saturday, Sept. 29, was celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was in the sisters’ cemetery.

She was born Catherine Elsener on Jan. 10, 1925, in Charleston, West Virginia to Joseph and Rosa (Miller) Elsener.

She was a 1943 graduate of Charleston Catholic High School, attended Niagara University and was certified as an X-ray technologist after training at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton in 1950.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan order on Dec. 31, 1943 and professed her first vows on Aug. 18, 1945 and final vows on the same date three years later.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she served as a teacher at Columbus St. Leo School (1945-47) and in various positions at Ohio State University Hospital East (the former St. Anthony Hospital) in Columbus (1979-2001).

She was among the first group of sisters to minister at the newly opened Mount St. Mary Hospital (later Doctors Hospital) at Nelsonville in the Diocese of Steubenville when it opened in 1950, and was there until 1979. After her retirement to Stella Niagara, she was a volunteer receptionist and hostess before moving to the Stella Niagara Health Center in 2013.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and six sisters. She is survived by three nieces.

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THROUGH NOV. 4, SUNDAY 40 Days for Life 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 3255 E. Main St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at central Ohio’s only surgical abortion facility. Individuals, groups may sign up for shifts. 614-448-8508

13, 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. Columbus Marian Conference 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Eighth annual Columbus Marian Conference and Day of Recollection, featuring a sung Latin High Mass, talks, lunch, and a chance to tour the museum. Theme: “Our Lady of Fatima and the Church’s Ultimate Trial.” Speaker: Father Ladis Cizik, former national director of Our Lady’s Blue Army. Rosary Rally in Downtown Lancaster Noon, Gazebo at Main and Broad streets, Lancaster. Public recitation of the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

14, SUNDAY St. Christopher Adult Religious Education 10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Beginning of six-part study of the Old Testament, continuing into 2019, with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge. Newman Center ‘Come and See’ Sunday After 10 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. Masses, St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. “Come and See” Sunday, with tours of the center at The Ohio State University for high school juniors and seniors who may be attending OSU. 614-291-4674 Lay Fratremites of St. Dominic Meeting 1:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Meeting of St. Catherine of Siena chapter, Lay Fratremites of St. Dominic. Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry 2 to 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Fifth of six consecutive weekly meetings of Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry, a support group sponsored by the churches of the North High Deanery for all who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Contact Michael Julian at mjulian@columbus.rr.com. Family Rosary Day at Cathedral 3 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Annual diocesan Family Rosary Day, with Bishop Frederick Campbell as homilist. Concerts in a Country Church 3 p.m., St. Colman of Clonye Church, 219 S. North St., Washington Court House. Parish’s “Concerts in a Country Church” series opens with Beethoven’s Mass in C with chorus, soloists and orchestra. Seating limited. 937-675-7055 Concert With Father Hritsko at Buckeye Lake 3 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Concert with Father Bill Hritsko, pastor, who plays a variety of instruments, and guest musicians, followed by reception. 740-928-3266 Rosary Coast to Coast 4 p.m., Recital of the rosary, praying for the Church and the United States, at churches throughout the nation. Diocesan parishes participating include Chillicothe St. Peter, Columbus Our Lady of Victory, Columbus St. Patrick, Delaware St. Mary, Dresden St. Ann, Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Logan St. John, London St. Patrick, Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Reynoldsburg St. Pius X, Waverly St. Mary and Zaneski St. Sylvester. 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. 614-896-8291 Concert at St. Francis of Assisi 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Bottles Ave., Columbus. Concert featuring Giovanni and Friends, with contemporary Christian musician John Lalacano. Collection will be taken for Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Haiti. Wine and cheese reception to follow. 614-299-5781 Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 8899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054 Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church’s respect life committee. Abortion Recovery Network Group 9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 150 Heatherview Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group “Our Church, Our Community - A Call to Serve.” Speaker: Father Thomas Petry, pastor; Pamela Harris, director, diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries; Father Barryike of the dioecesan Tribunal; and Kathleen Boyce, director, diocesan Council of Catholic Women. 614-313-9702
Scores of dedicated volunteers have offered their time and talent through the years to coach young athletes in Diocesan Recreation Association programs. Their backgrounds vary, but they all have at least two things in common: a passion to help kids and love for their sport.

Some of the football coaches have played at the highest level. And yet they willingly and patiently work with students in their formative years, sharing their vast knowledge and enthusiasm for the game with fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Jerry Rudzinski, Greg Bellisari and Matt Stewart are on the coaching staff for Columbus St. Andrew, Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Peace teams. Bob Hoying has been a coach at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare.

Those names might sound familiar. Rudzinski and Bellisari were defensive standouts at Ohio State in the 1990s. Bellisari had a brief NFL career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Rudzinski, who also maintains his connection to Ohio State football as a pregame radio analyst, is in his fifth season as a coach. He assists Ed Niper with the unbeaten seventh- and eighth-grade team. Rudzinski’s son, Ryan, plays quarterback and safety.

Coaching youth football was a “lifetime goal” for Rudzinski.

“I never had aspirations to coach in college or pro football,” he said. “When kids get into their pre-teen years, there’s a fork in the road. Am I going to grow up to be a man or will I remain a boy? I think that’s an important part of life.”

Rudzinski considers his former Ohio State and NFL teammates uniquely qualified to assess the safety of football.

“Teaching football at the grassroots level, it’s like going back and relearning it yourself,” Bellisari said. “You really draw on those experiences that are an amalgamation of things from every coach I’ve had. I absolutely love it. There’s nothing more satisfying than seeing what you’ve taught being executed on the field.”

As a former player who’s now a coach and physician, Bellisari is uniquely qualified to assess the safety of the game at all levels. He answers lots of questions from concerned parents who may be reticent about allowing a child to play football because of the increased focus on head injuries.

“Every parent has a different opinion,” he said. “But I must say that the way we’re teaching contact and the way we’re playing the game now is the safest it’s ever been.”

“I like prayer being part of our practices and going to Mass before a big game.”

Bellisari considered a career in coaching after playing at Ohio State and was a graduate assistant there before deciding to go to medical school and become an orthopedist in Columbus.

He got back into coaching to help with his son Drew’s fourth and fifth grade team at St. Andrew. Bellisari’s father also was a coach, and so the sport always has been a big part of the family’s life.

“I like prayer being part of our practices and going to Mass before a big game.”
FOOTBALL, continued from 18 

inski’s perspectives about the value of 
football beyond the playing field.

“My 10,000-foot view of my role 
is to teach them the game of football, 
have some fun and teach them how 
football can make them a better per-
son,” Bellisari said.

“Winning is kind of low on that to-
tem pole. You hope you impart some 
really good life skills to these kids.”

Hoying, who lives in Dublin with 
his family, volunteered at St. Brigid 
of Kildare when his oldest son, Jacob, 
played football there starting in the 
fourth grade.

He’s now an assistant coach at 
Columbus Bishop Watterson High 
School, where his son is the starting 
quarterback this season for the Eagles 
as a sophomore.

“Not every time you take the field 
the only ‘it’s going to go exactly as you want it’,” Hoying said. “That’s why I love 
football so much.”

“I think it prepares you for the rest of 
your life. It’s such a great game for af-
fecting my life in such a positive way.”

Hoying, a successful real estate de-
veloper, loves having the opportunity 
to coach. He’s also 
the chairman of a 
fundraising commit-
tee for a project at 
Bishop Watterson 
that will replace the 
grass fields behind 
the school with ar-
tificial surfaces to 
be used by multiple 
sport teams for prac-
tice and competition.

“One thing for me 
is I was blessed to 
have great coaches 
through the years and played for one of the best in the NFL in Jon Gruden,” 
Hoying said. “I feel like I learned a ton 
about football.

“I still have a ton of that up in my 
brain. Not that I’m the best football 
coach in the world, but I feel like a part 
of me is drawn to coaching because I 
can help not only my son but the other 
kids that play.

“You want to share that because I 
was so lucky to have those coaches in 
my life.

“People have their charities and 
causes – and we give to a lot with our 
company – but personally, I look at 
coaching youth sports as part of my 
giveback. It’s a lot of time and effort 
that goes into it, but I enjoy it.”

Because it has been 20 years since 
these coaches were in their heydays as 
players at Ohio State or in the NFL, 
any celebrity status they might have 
today is mostly lost on the kids.

“There’s maybe a higher level of 
respect because I played for Ohio 
State,” Rudzinski said. “But that wore 
off after two or three weeks. I had to 
earn their respect.”

For Bellisari and all coaches, it’s 
not “about what I’ve done. It’s what 
will I do” to make a difference in 
young lives.

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- Other Gifts: $52,838
  **Total SPOF:** $268,459

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  **Total Appeals:** $22,813

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- Latin American Collection: $49,478
- Home Missions: $75,390
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