ADORATION HONORS THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST
Editor’s reflections by Doug Bean, Editor

Make Eucharistic adoration a preferred destination

They come unceremoniously from everywhere at all hours of the day and night through all kinds of weather. Families, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, widowers, young people, seniors, handicapped, homeless, cancer patients, rich and poor, priests and religious, seminarians, Catholics, and even non-Catholics.

Some drive great distances. Some are close to their destination. The trip may be perilous on occasion, especially in the middle of a dark winter night.

Some people come every day, some once a week or once a month at a scheduled time. Others drop by unannounced for a quick visit.

There is no material reward or monetary gain. There’s no earthly recognition. No one may even know they are there.

No one except Our Lord and all the angels and saints who watch over this special place with great reverence.

Who are these people? And where are they going? What’s so special about this place? How do they get there?

They are average citizens like you and me who come to chapels or churches in the Diocese of Columbus to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. There are also numerous orders of cloistered sisters and monks throughout the world who devote their lives to praying before the Lord each and every day.

This week’s Catholic Times features some of the perpetual adoration chapels in our diocese and lists times for Eucharistic adoration at more than 70 parishes.

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Walking Stations to take place downtown on Good Friday

Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at 8 a.m., Friday, March 30, with an opening prayer led by Bishop Frederick Campbell at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Hundreds of participants from across the diocese will walk to 14 locations throughout downtown Columbus to recognize Jesus Christ’s suffering and crucifixion and reflect on current areas of social concern.

The walk is open to everyone and is sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. For more information, call (614) 241-2540.

**The stations and prayer reflections along the walk route are:**

1. **Behind St. Joseph Cathedral** – Jesus is arrested and condemned to death – the plight of the homeless;
2. **Topiary Garden in Old Deaf School Park** – Jesus is made to carry his cross – environmental stewardship;
3. **Grant Hospital** – Jesus falls for the first time – gun violence, mental health, and public health;
4. **Former abortion clinic** – Jesus meets his mother – the injustice of abortion;
5. **Nazareth Towers** – Simon carries the cross – issues of the elderly;
6. **Holy Cross Church** – Veronica wipes the face of Jesus – discrimination in society and a focus on multiculturalism;
7. **St. Lawrence Haven** – Jesus falls for the second time – hunger and poverty;
8. **Park across from Greyhound bus station** – Women of Jerusalem weep – runaways, refugees, and human trafficking;
9. **Location of Columbus Commons in view of bank buildings** – Jesus falls for the third time – economic responsibility and joblessness;
10. **Ohio Supreme Court** – Jesus is stripped of his garments – justice;
11. **Downtown WBNS-TV studio and The Columbus Dispatch** – Jesus is nailed to the cross – using media and social media responsibly;
12. **Ohio Statehouse** – Jesus is raised on the cross and dies – abolition of the death penalty;
13. **Statehouse Veterans Memorial** – Jesus is taken from the cross – peace;
14. **St. Joseph Cathedral** – Jesus is laid in the tomb – the Church and the need for Christ’s presence in the world.

Diocese to commemorate 150th anniversary

On March 3, 1868, Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Columbus and appointed Auxiliary Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans of Cincinnati as its first bishop. Shortly thereafter, work began on the construction of St. Joseph Cathedral, which was dedicated 10 years later.

March 3, 2018, marked the sesquicentennial of the Diocese of Columbus, kicking off a yearlong celebration of its 150th anniversary. It is a tremendous blessing to commemorate this important milestone in the history of the diocese. It is always a joy to express our gratitude to those in the past and present who have contributed to our community of faith.

The official commemoration of the diocese’s 150th anniversary will take place at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Sunday, April 22 at 5:15 p.m. in St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

All parishes of the diocese are being encouraged to consider planting at least one tree on their grounds in recognition of this historic milestone. Parishes also may consider planting additional trees, such as three to celebrate the Holy Trinity, six to celebrate the days of creation, or 12 to celebrate the Apostles.

The tree planting ceremony may take place at any time that is best for the types of trees being planted. The diocese has published a list of recommended trees and the diocesan Office of Divine Worship has provided a blessing of a tree. Both may be downloaded from the 150th anniversary link on the diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org.

Another highlight of the anniversary will be The Shepherd’s Tour, conducted by Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of Columbus St. Dominic and Holy Rosary-St. John churches, who has led several tours of historic churches in the diocese and elsewhere in Ohio in the past few years.

The Shepherd’s Tour has been given this name because it will venerate the past by visiting the burial sites of six past bishops of the diocese – Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral (pictured), where Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, who was the diocese’s first
Four members of Girl Scout Troop 1187 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church have received the Girl Scout Silver Award. Pictured with Deacon Christopher Reis and Bishop Frederick Campbell at the annual Scout Day with the Bishop earlier this year are (from left) Victoria Loberg, Agnes Bryan, Melanie Magin, and Pailyn Groene. The Silver Award requires Scouts to identify and provide leadership for a sustainable “take action” project that improves their community. The Scouts invest at least 50 hours each in the project. Groene and Loberg, both of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, worked with the Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department and engaged their cross country team at St Pius X School in clearing and restoring a running path in Pine Quarry Park in Reynoldsburg. Magin, a member of St Pius X Church, volunteers with the Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center in Blacklick and developed a pamphlet for distribution at local food banks that teaches people how to grow a vegetable container garden. Bryan, of St. Pius X, earned the Silver Award in 2016 for her project of installing bookshelves at the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Orthopedic Center and the Pediatric Associates office in Pickerington. The four Scouts also received the diocesan Catholic Committee’s Red Sash of Merit at Scout Day with the Bishop.

Prayer for the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Columbus

Good and gracious God,
We praise and we thank you for the many graces you have showered upon us over the past 150 years in this Diocese of Columbus.
You have brought together faithful men and women from many cultures, races, and ethnic groups, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit have molded them into one Catholic Church.
With gratitude, we remember those who have gone before us for their commitment, prayer, and work. We honor their inheritance with our own devotion to the Faith and with a desire to pass it on to another generation. We give thanks as well for all those devoted clergy, religious brothers and sisters, and lay leaders who have served the diocese so well.
Through the continued gift of your love and wisdom, stir up in us a lively faith, a devotion to the worship of your great name, and a desire to serve others as we await in hope the great day of the coming again of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. For 150 years, you, O God, have been our guide and inspiration. We beseech you to remain with us on this journey of life and faith. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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Ohio Dominican University will host an information session for its adult education program from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 in Room 274 of the Bishop Griffin Student Center, located on ODU’s campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.
To register for the session, visit ohiodominican.edu/InfoSession.
Those in attendance will have an opportunity to learn about Ohio Dominican’s wide range of high-demand degrees and certificates that are available online and on campus during the evening. ODU offers programs in various fields, including business, insurance, and risk management, as well as supply chain management. Attendees also can take advantage of ODU’s on-the-spot admission review, where they can learn how many previously earned credits will transfer, and can receive an unofficial admission decision.
For more information, contact adult@ohiodominican.edu or (614) 251-7400.
Explore all of ODU’s degree and certificate offerings at ohiodominican.edu/adult.
Legatus 10th anniversary celebration

The Columbus chapter of Legatus celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Scioto Country Club with Catholic evangelist Ralph Martin, president of Renewal Ministries, as the main speaker. Some of the founding members of the local group were in attendance, including (from left): back row, Jack Ruscilli, Joe Finneran, Chuck Wilson, John Hunt, Deacon Joe Knapke, and Mike D’Andrea; front row, Peggy Hartshorn, Ann Ruscilli, Rosemary Finneran, Joann Wilson, Marian Schuda, Amy Knapke (2018 president), and Faith D’Andrea. An investiture ceremony was held with: (from left) Loren Brown (2017 president), Louise Hummel, John Hummel, Father Thomas Blau, OP (chaplain), Brealie Caridi, and Jamie Caridi. Photo courtesy Legatus

Dominican Sisters of Peace name justice promoter

The Dominican Sisters of Peace have chosen Sister Barbara Kane, OP, to be the congregation’s justice promoter.

In her new position, Sister Barbara will promote justice, peace, and the integrity of creation through education, advocacy, and social action. One of her first major projects will be working with sisters and Dominican Associates to organize a congregational presence at the March for Our Lives, a student-led demonstration to urge sensible gun control, on Saturday, March 24.

“One of the central commitments of the Dominican Sisters of Peace is to ‘Promote justice through solidarity with those who are marginalized and work with others to identify and transform oppressive systems,’” Sister Barbara said. “As justice promoter, I look forward to working with partners within and outside of our congregation to be a voice of peace for those seeking justice in our world.”

Sister Barbara has served the congregation as director of the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus and principal of Dominican Academy, an all-girls high school in New York City. She also has been a teacher, business owner, telecommunications manager, and consultant.

Morning of reflection in Plain City

A women’s morning of reflection in preparation for Holy Week will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24 in the parish activity center at Plain City St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main St.

It will begin with a presentation by Kathy Maggied titled “Speak, Lord, Your Servant Is Listening: Coming to Know the Voice of God in Our Lives,” followed by Catholic Times columnist Lori Crock guiding the participants through SoulCore, a prayer experience that pairs core strengthening, stretching, and movement with the prayers of the rosary, encouraging deeper meditation on the mysteries.

Participants are encouraged to come dressed comfortably for stretching and movement and to bring a mat if they have one, though it is not necessary. Light snacks will be provided.

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Communion from the cup; Age for fast and abstinence

**Q.** My friend told me that in her parish, which is a large one, only one section of the church is offered the blood of Christ. Her pastor believes that adding more Eucharistic ministers would create a traffic jam. If they are going to distribute holy Communion from the chalice, shouldn’t all be given the opportunity? (Henderson, Nevada)

**A.** We moved recently to Texas from Georgia and found a Catholic parish near our new home. We noticed, though, that holy Communion is not received from the cup. When we asked about it, we were told that it is a “training issue” and unlikely to change.

As a retired military family, we have traveled throughout the U.S. and have never encountered a Mass where Communion is not received from the cup. When we encountered a Mass where the Eucharist was given only under a species, we were asked about it, we were told that it is a “training issue” and unlikely to change.

My own experience leads me to believe that most parishes in the U.S. make both species available at most liturgies.

As to the specific concerns expressed in the two letters above, I would think that the “training issue” is far from insurmountable and that the necessary spiritual and practical preparation can often be handled in a single two-hour workshop, and that the opportunity to receive under both species, when offered, should in fact be made available to the entire congregation.

**Q.** My wife and I are seniors, over 70 years of age, and we abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. But some of our fellow parishioners who are our contemporaries say that the rules for fast and abstinence don’t apply at our age. I checked the Code of Canon Law and it seems to leave it up to national conferences of bishops. So what are the rules for the United States? (Albany, New York)

**A.** You and your wife have to abstain from meat, but you don’t have to fast. The norms concerning abstinence on the Fridays of Lent are binding on Latin-rite Catholics from age 14 onward.

But the laws concerning fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday -- one full meatless meal; some food at other regular meal times but, when combined, equal to less than a full meal -- govern only those from age 18 until age 59.

The U.S. bishops do note in their Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices that “in all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.”

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

**Catholic News Agency**

The Vatican has announced a decision by Pope Francis that the Catholic Church celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as “Mother of the Church” every year on the Monday after Pentecost as a way to foster Marian piety and the maternal sense of the Church.

The decree establishing the memorial was published on Saturday, March 3 in a letter from Cardinal Robert Sarah, head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

“This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed,” Cardinal Sarah wrote.

He noted that the “joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman, the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.”

Memorial of Mary

The memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, has been added to the General Roman Calendar, the Roman Missal, and the Liturgy of the Hours. The Latin text has been published and the translations will be prepared by national bishops’ conferences and approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship.

A celebration of a memorial generally means that prayers and readings specific to the day’s memorial are used in the Mass.

The title of “Mother of the Church” was given to the Blessed Mother by Blessed Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. It was added to the Roman Missal after the Holy Year of Reconciliation in 1975.

Subsequently, some nations, dioceses, and religious families were granted permission by the Holy See to add this celebration to their calendars.

With its addition to the General Roman Calendar, it will be celebrated by the whole Roman Catholic Church.

In 2018, the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, will be celebrated on Monday, May 21.

**St. Anthony School Makerspace**

Columbus St Anthony School sixth-grade students Audrey Riddle (left) and Mary Tano create string art in the school library’s Makerspace. The space was created for students who have reached their accelerated reading goal for the quarter and are looking for an alternative to educational computer games. Makerspaces are used as a method for engaging students in creative problem-solving through hands-on design, construction, and iteration. Other options available in the space are Play-Doh, Makey Makey, Legos, Stikbots, sewing, and origami.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony School
ODU to host high school visit days

Ohio Dominican University invites students from Columbus diocesan high schools to attend its Catholic visit days on Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, May 3.

The free events will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on ODU’s campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Those interested in attending may register at ohiodominican.edu/VisitDay.

Visiting high school students will have an opportunity during those days to participate in activities including classroom experiences, campus tours, discussions on various topics, a free lunch in ODU’s dining hall, Mass in Christ the King Chapel, a student panel, and an admissions presentation.

The event also will feature a group service project competition in which students will work together to identify a project that benefits a particular organization or individuals in need in the community.

After presenting their ideas, a panel of judges from ODU will award funding to the top project to help turn the proposal into reality.

Students unable to attend either Catholic visit day may schedule a private visit to campus at ohiodominican.edu/Visit or by calling ODU’s undergraduate admissions office at (614) 251-4500.

Answering God's Call

‘JUST BE WITH THE PEOPLE. THAT’S ALL IT TAKES’

Asked to describe her work as a pastoral associate in Columbus for the past 46 years, Sister Marie Shields, SNDdeN, says it’s easy: “Just be with the people. That’s all it takes. It’s simple, but it means everything.”

“There’s so much going on in a parish, and you can’t be at every event for the full time it’s going on,” said Sister Marie, pastoral associate at Columbus St. Matthias Church since 1991. “People realize this and say that just my presence for a while at things like fish fries and athletic contests is so important to them. And it’s just as important to me. These are the people I’ve come to know and love. Receiving their love, support, and acceptance and giving it back to them brings all of us closer together as a parish.

“It’s hard to imagine how many volunteers we have and all the hidden things they do to keep this a parish that’s alive, prayerful, and a place of worship for so many different groups of Catholics,” she said. St. Matthias hosts Masses in the Portuguese, creole French, and Nigerian languages on either a weekly or a monthly basis. The Masses in multiple languages began several years ago during the pastorate of Father James Smith and continue with the support of the current pastor, Father Raymond Larussa.

“Being a pastoral associate, you really become a part of so many people’s lives,” Sister Marie said. “I help with wake services, funerals, baptisms, confirmations, first Penance, first Communions, graduations, weddings – all these big, important events, and the little ones, too, like basketball and volleyball games. So many times, people tell me I’m a part of their extended family. I understand what that means, because I feel the same way toward them.”

Sister Marie has spent most of her life in Columbus, but grew up in Chicago, “on the northwest side, 20 minutes from Wrigley Field, so it was a happy day when the Cubs finally won the World Series in 2016,” she said.

She was given the birth name Mary Louise by her parents, Joseph and Bernice (Laramie) Shields. “I’m three-fourths Irish and one-fourth French Canadian,” she said. “My father worked 50 years for the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., and my mother, like most mothers of the time, stayed home to care for me and my two older brothers,” both of whom are deceased.

One brother, Martin, became a lay brother and a member of the Redemptorist order, serving in Michigan and the order’s health center in Ligouri, Missouri. Sister Marie also had an uncle who was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

She attended Notre Dame High School for Girls in Chicago, which was operated by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the order of which she has been a member for more than 62 years. “The sisters didn’t talk much about their lives to us,” she said. “They mostly led by example.

“What started me thinking about the religious life was a retreat in my junior year. Our retreat master was a Glenmary missionary priest whose message was about God’s merciful, limitless, unconditional love and God’s presence with each of us all the time. ‘No one could ever love you like God loves you,’ he said. ‘That had a great impact on my life, which continues to this day.’”

That priest was Father Benedict Wolf, whose brother, Msgr. John Wolf, was a priest of the Diocese of Columbus for 67 years and was its senior priest when he died in 2012.

Besides Father Wolf, Sister Marie said another significant person in her life was Sister Anne McCarrick, SNDdeN, who died on Feb. 8. Sister Marie was religious education director at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral and a teacher at Columbus St. Christopher School from 1968-72. Sister Anne was Montessori director at Columbus St. Joseph Academy at the same time.

Sister Marie entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur on Sept. 8, 1955, and made her first profession of vows on March 12, 1958, and her final profession on Aug. 13, 1963. She received a bachelor’s degree in education from Our Lady of Cincinnati College and a master’s in religious studies from Mundelein College in Chicago.

Her first teaching assignment was with first-graders at St. Paul School in Cincinnati. “The children didn’t keep quiet for me, but when the principal clapped her hands, they all lined up and stopped talking,” she said. “I had to get help from the more experienced sisters to learn how to deal with those kids.” She said Sister Pat Kinser, SNDdeN, then known as Sister Helen Patricia, was of particular assistance.

She taught third grade at Columbus St. Agnes School in 1959-60 and was a teacher in Hamilton and the Cincinnati suburb of Wyoming from 1960-68 before returning to Columbus in 1968 for a dual assignment at St. Christopher and the cathedral. She has been in Columbus ever since.

In 1972, Sister Marie began an association with Father Smith and Jesuit Father Richard Huelsman, SJ, that extended through three parishes, 27 years with Father Huelsman, and 41 years with Father Smith, who came to St. Christopher Church in 1971 as administrator and became its pastor the following year. He, Sister Marie, and Father Huelsman were at St. Christopher until 1983, Columbus Immaculate Conception Church from 1983-91, and St. Matthias from 1991 until Father Huelsman’s retirement in 1999. He died in 2003. Father Smith remained at St. Matthias until his death in 2013. Sister Marie lived at St. Joseph Academy until 1991, then moved to an apartment near St. Matthias, where she continues to live today.

“Father Smith believed in having a pastoral team, with a woman as a part of it,” Sister Marie said. “He knew there were certain things that he couldn’t do and I could, and there were things I couldn’t do and he could, and that the balance would work well for the parish. That’s how it turned out. It was a great blessing for the three of us all those years, and I hope it was a blessing for the parishes we served.

“Ever since St. Julie Billiart founded our congregation of sisters, our mission has been to serve the poorest of the poor, and Father Smith lived our charism,” she said. “He was known for his nationally published homilies and his work with Bread for the World, but he was always a humble man. He’d buy his clothes from the Salvation Army, kept the heat turned low and the lights off when not in use, recycled, and gave his salary to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, living off stipends. He gave so much away of what he had, and provided great inspiration to all of us,” she said.

Asked to define a sister’s role, Sister Marie said, “A sister is a sign that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, that God is our creator. We are called sisters as a reminder that we are all part of God’s family.

“If you are a young woman wondering what God’s will is for you and whether it might involve the religious life, talk with sisters from different orders to see whether God is speaking to you, and listen in your heart to hear what he is calling you to do, whatever that may be.

“Become a woman who lives each day for God, which is what St. Julie would want for all of us. As she said in words which are on the cross that is the symbol of our order and the sisters wear every day. ‘Ah! How good is the good God!’”
**HOLY SATURDAY CARRY THE CROSS HIKE**

The annual Carry the Cross hike sponsored by Wilderness Outreach will take place on Holy Saturday, March 31, at Clear Creek Metro Park, just off U.S. 33 near the border of Fairfield and Hocking counties.

Carry the Cross is a 12-mile Stations of the Cross hike for men and their sons of all ages. A cross constructed of three-by-six-inch timber, approximately 10 feet long with a seven-foot cross beam, will be carried on the journey.

Those taking part in the hike should bring a day pack with two to three liters of water, snacks and rain gear if appropriate. During the hike, silent meditation on Jesus’ Passion is encouraged. Spoken prayers such as the Rosary, the prayer to St. Michael, and the Angelus also are encouraged. Participants do not have to walk the entire 12 miles.

Last year, 138 laymen participated, with 106 finishing the hike. Both totals set records. They ranged in age from two-and-a-half to 84.

A replica cross was presented to Columbus St. Patrick Church for having the most men on the hike. Each year, this honor is bestowed on the parish with the most participants, and an engraved brass plate is added to the cross. Past honorees have included Lancaster St. Mary and Gahanna St. Matthew churches.

The hike provides a way for fathers and sons and parish men’s groups to engage and bond with one another in a masculine, spiritual, and physical challenge.

The starting location will be in the parking lot and shelter house at the Barneby Hambleton area at the western end of the park. Men are encouraged to arrive by 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer will start at 7:45, with the hike beginning at 8 and concluding with prayer at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761 or via email at john@wildernessoutreach.net.

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**TRINITY STUDENTS VISIT ECOLOGICAL CENTER**

Columbus Trinity Elementary School fourth- and fifth-grade students spent the day at the Stratford Ecological Center as part of the Messages of the Earth program. Their experience consists of two days in the fall, one day in the winter, and two days in the spring learning about and applying life science standards.

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**DCCW sponsors silent retreat**

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a silent retreat for women from 5 p.m. April 13 to April 15 at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus.

The retreat will be presented by Father Sean Dooley, parochial vicar at Chillicothe St. Peter, Washington Court House St. Coleman of Cloyne, Waverly St. Mary, and Za leski St. Sylvester churches on the theme “Being Present in the Here and Now.”

The cost is $130, and there is an optional $15 charge for the purchase of the book Here & Now, by Father Henri Nouwen, on which the retreat will be based.

For more information, visit the diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org, call the DCCW office at (614) 228-8601, or email kboesch@columbuscatholic.org.

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St. Clare of Assisi once said, “We become what we love, and who we love shapes what we become.” This particular kind of communion is as boundless as its appetite for such a connection. It is inspired by our love for each other, in what we all believe to be a most humbling human and spiritual experience. It doesn’t matter what our situation is, nor does the character or appearance of the individual whom we love make a difference, Love brings us together in such a fashion that we do not know we are even in the midst of its tender power. As much as we try to control it, it takes on a life of its own and becomes as real as a waking dream.

Have you ever wondered what might result if we could spend as much time on a certain activity as we do in thinking about it? Are we afraid that if we stop long enough before an emotion overtakes us, we might make an honest assumption of why we are doing something in the first place? A scary thought, isn’t it? We seem to make more time for trivial pursuits than we do in making a difficult and satisfying journey.

Sometimes, what we have done can only be seen in a mysterious light. If we take more time to become active in the conversation, we can begin to see things as they were meant to be seen, with our gift and God’s grace. But be careful. This focus can be lost as we become closer to the truth of a situation or to the awareness of the presence of a person’s heart and intentions.

We can be guilty of loving in a way that is more than our capacity for these moments of clarity allow. Parents, in particular, have an uncanny sense about them. They seem to be able to feel the emotions of their children and react in a manner that is in their child’s best interest, whether the child wants them in or not.

Responsibility is an awesome thing. It changes us in a way we cannot imagine. It happened to me the day I became godfather to two young boys. You begin to realize that you need to be there for them and not just for yourself. They are your charge and, in so being, represent your strength of faith, courage, and knowledge. You want to be there for them as they grow older.

‘I sold them life’: learning from the Angel of The Gap

Little did he know what a noble purpose awaited him when Don Ritchie settled into a house on Old South Head Road back in 1964. The former Navy seaman and retired salesman was eager to soak in the stunning view with his wife: an ocean cliff at Watsons Bay in eastern Sydney known as The Gap.

But just as the vista attracts tourists from across the globe, it also lures in desperate souls looking to end their lives with a jump, claiming an average of 50 suicides a year.

The first time Don spotted someone on the ledge – a mere 50 yards away, visible through his living-room window – there was no question whether he would step in.

He would do so again and again for half a century: quietly approach the cliff, palms facing up, and gently ask, “Is there something I could do to help you?”

Some had laid their shoes and wallets on the rocks, poised to leap. Others had left farewell letters.

He offered them tea and a personal invitation for breakfast in his home across the street. He physically removed some people from the cliff, once lying on his stomach to reach out. But it was his smile and his listening ear that coaxed them.

Most of the time, it worked. Officials say he spared 150 lives. His family believes the number could be 500.

One morning, Don looked out his bedroom window and saw a woman sitting on the cliff’s edge. “I quickly got dressed and went over,” he told The Associated Press. “She had already put her handbag and shoes outside the fence, which is pretty common. I said to her, ‘Why don’t you come over and have a cup of tea?’” She obliged. A few months later, she returned with a bottle of French champagne.


Indeed, Don came to be known as the Angel of The Gap, but he shrugged off the praise. Patrolling The Gap was his duty, a matter of fact, and he considered himself the beneficiary. “I’m 85 and even at my age, it has broadened my horizons with all the wonderful people I have met,” he once told a reporter. “It’s important for troubled people to know that there are complete strangers out there like myself who are willing and able to help them get through that dark time and come out on the other side.”

From his time in the Navy during World War II to his years selling scales and bacon cutters, he had “learned to talk to all different people about all sorts of things,” his youngest daughter said after his 2012 death at age 86.

Don also had recognized his training for the cliff-side ministry, saying, “I was a salesman for most of my life, and I sold them life.”

He could draw them in and calm them down. He listened without judgment, his eyes that matched the sea piercing through bifocals.

Don lives on today, reminding us of our Christian call to prop up neighbors in need. We never know who is struggling, slogging through a long winter, desperate for Easter. A text or an Instagram “like” might lend cheer, but sometimes our physical presence is the only way. We must walk up to the gap, palms up, and ask “Is there something I could do to help you?”

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Eucharistic Adoration Brings People closer to God
The following is an updated list of parishes in the Diocese of Columbus where Eucharistic adoration or exposition takes place on a regular basis. It includes seasonal information for Lent. Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at Catholic Times.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: First Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon.
Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition: Sundays of Lent, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Cardington Sacred Hearts – Exposition: First Saturdays, after 8:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 3:15 p.m.
Chillicothe St. Peter – Adoration: Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel inside convent (Also 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through code access).
Columbus Christ the King – Exposition: Fridays (except March 30), 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Columbus Holy Cross – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Mass; First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 11:30 p.m. Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, confession, litanies, Rosaries, hymns and quiet time between prayers, concluding with Benediction at 11.
Columbus Holy Family – Exposition: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Thursdays (except March 29 and 30), 10 a.m. continuous to 11:45 a.m. Friday, ending with Benediction. Contact church for details concerning entry.
Columbus Holy Name – Exposition: Thursdays (except March 29), 6 p.m., featuring prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests; Fridays (except March 30), 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by Mass. Adoration: Saturdays (except March 31) following 8:30 a.m. Mass.
Columbus Immaculate Conception – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in the children’s center (former convent). Press rear entrance buzzer.
Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – Exposition: First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass through Holy Hour at 6 p.m.
Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Exposition, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Exposition: First Monday, 7 to 8 a.m.; First Friday, from 8 p.m. Friday to start of 8 a.m. Saturday Mass.
Columbus St. Agnes – Exposition: First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Columbus St. Andrew – Exposition: Daily (except March 30 and 31), 7 to 8:15 a.m. in chapel; Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in church, concluding with Compline and Benediction.
Columbus St. Anthony – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to noon.
Columbus St. Catharine – Exposition: 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, with confession at 6:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction; First Friday, after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.
Columbus St. Cecilia – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday.
Columbus St. Elizabeth – Adoration: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.
Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Eucharistic Holy Hour: second Tuesday of the month, following 6 p.m. Mass.
Columbus St. James the Less – Exposition: First Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m., ministry center.
Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Holy Hour with Adoration and confession: Wednesdays, following 5:15 p.m. Mass; Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.
Columbus St. Ladislas – Adoration: First Fridays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in church, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays (except March 30) in former convent, and from 7:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, March 29, in the church. Call Sister Wilma Ross, SCN, at (614) 444-2598 for instructions on how to enter the convent.
Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Exposition: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. year-round, with sung Vespers at 6:30 on March 15.
Columbus St. Mary – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., in St. Francis of Assisi Chapel of Burkley Building next to church. The church is closed for repairs resulting from a lightning strike in August 2016.
Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – Exposition: Second Monday of the month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass in church; fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon in Bishop Campbell Hall.
Columbus St. Matthias – Exposition: First Fridays, end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to noon.
Columbus St. Patrick – Adoration: Third and fourth Fridays of the month, 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information). Exposition: 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Fridays, except March 30 (church open).
Columbus St. Peter – Exposition: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and 9 to 10 a.m. all other Fridays, except March 30.
Columbus St. Stephen – Exposition: Wednesdays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. (Spanish), first Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bilingual), other Fridays (except March 30), 6 to 9 p.m. (Spanish), first Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday (Spanish).
Columbus St. Thomas – Adoration: Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.
Columbus St. Timothy – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Coshocton Sacred Heart – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 12:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction; Exposition with Evening Prayer, concluding with Benediction, Sunday, March 18, 4 to 5 p.m.
Danville St. Luke – Exposition: Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, except when Danville schools are closed for inclement weather.
Delaware St. Mary – Exposition: Fridays (except March 30), after 8:15 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.
Dover St. Joseph – Exposition: Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. year-round. Adoration: 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available, followed by Mass at 6.
Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – Exposition: First Fridays from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Gahanna St. Matthew – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in basement adoration chapel. Open to the general public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. If you are interested in a weekly Holy Hour, contact Paul Koors at DivineMercyPEA@gmail.com or (614) 209-7055.
Granville St. Edward – Exposition: 9:30 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Tuesday.
Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Exposition: First Fridays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.
Groveport St. Mary – Exposition: First Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, ending with Benediction.
Heath St. Leonard – Adoration: First Fridays, from after 9 a.m. Mass to 2:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction.
Hilliard St. Brendan – Adoration: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 to 8 a.m. (except national holidays or solemnities); Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. Holy Hour with confessions and Benediction.
Jackson Holy Trinity – Exposition: First Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon.
Kenton Immaculate Conception – Exposition: First Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing with Benediction.
Lancaster St. Bernadette – Exposition: Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lancaster St. Mark – Exposition: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Lancaster St. Mary – Adoration: Thursday, March 22, following end of 9 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 1:45 p.m.
Logan St. John – Exposition: First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday, in adoration chapel.
London St. Patrick – Exposition: First Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to Benediction at noon.
Marion St. Mary – Adoration: Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Exposition: First Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.
Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Exposition: Second Friday of the month, from after 5:15 p.m. Mass Friday to Benediction at 10 a.m. Saturday.
Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – Exposition: 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday (except March 29 and 30), followed by Mass and Benediction.
New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Call parish office at (614) 855-1400 for times or go to parish.
New Boston St. Monica – Adoration: Fridays (except March 30), 5 to 6 p.m.
New Lexington St. Rose – Exposition: First Fridays, from after 8 or 9 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m.
New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Exposition: 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday. Confession and Adoration, 5 p.m. Mondays during Lent, followed by Evening Prayer service at 6:30.
Newark Blessed Sacrament – Exposition: Noon to 8 p.m. Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, and 10 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in church.

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“The solemn exposition of the holy Eucharist offers the opportunity to the people of God for prayerful reflection on their call to a deeper devotion to the Eucharist and a more faithful living of the Christian life. It provides them with an opportunity to become more aware of Christ’s presence with his people and invites them to a spiritual communion with him” (Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist #3).

Our devotions before the Blessed Sacrament always should bring out the meaning of the Eucharist, both in its correlation with our Eucharistic liturgies and as the source and culmination of our Christian life. Christ’s true presence calls us to prayer and to Christian action.

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Each month, Benson brought a statue of Our Lady of Fatima which had been in the original Columbus St. Peter Church to the devotion, and that tradition continues. Benson placed the statue in his home after that church was razed in 1970 and replaced by the current St. Peter Church in north Columbus.

“What makes our Eucharistic vigil unique in the diocese is the first-Friday evening Mass and the Eucharistic procession that are part of the vigil,” said JP Pacis, the EVA’s director. Father Ramon Otera of Columbus St. Elizabeth Church is its spiritual director.

“I do not know of any parish in the diocese that does this,” Pacis said. “Processing around the church with the Blessed Sacrament brings joy to my heart. The prayers in the prayer booklets we use each month – to the Holy Trinity, the Blessed Sacrament, the Virgin Mary, and the Sacred Heart, and the prayers taught by the angel to the children at Fatima – also mean a lot. They are like the prayer beads of the rosary to me.

“We have many longtime adorers. I believe they would like to remain anonymous, but they know who they are. Without their witness and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, this vigil would not have lasted this long.”

More information about the vigil may be found by sending an email message to firstfridaycolumbus@gmail.com. A list of parishes in the diocese with Eucharistic adoration may be found on Pages 12 and 13 of this week’s Catholic Times. For a nationwide listing of parishes with Eucharistic adoration, go to www.therealpresence.org.

Rules for Eucharistic devotions

ADORATION

Adoration refers to any time spent in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It may take place any time the church is open to the community. Several churches have their tabernacle located in a Eucharistic chapel, with specific hours available for individuals to pray before the sacrament.

Some churches have organized their members and have given access to their Eucharistic chapel for extended periods, or even around the clock, every day of the week, with individuals committed to specific hours.

EXPOSITION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in contrast to adoration, refers to the public display of the Blessed Sacrament in either a monstrance or a ciborium. This becomes a special devotion for the community and is not a private devotion for individuals.

As a communal devotion, it is a liturgical celebration and is subject to the rituals that govern the way it is conducted, as are all liturgical rituals. The Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist contains the instructions and the ritual. It has a beginning and a conclusion to the exposition.

Since there is a beginning and a conclusion, exposition cannot be perpetual without special permission of the bishop, usually given only to religious orders which have as one of their charisms the continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Throughout the celebration of this ritual, some members of the faithful always should be present.

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Newark St. Francis de Sales – Exposition: 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday (except March 30), and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (except March 31) in day chapel behind sanctuary.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – Adoration: 24 hours, seven days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church’s Eucharistic Chapel.

Plain City St. Joseph – Exposition: 6 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 to 8 a.m. Friday (except March 30), and 6 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday (except March 30).

Portsmouth St. Mary – Adoration: Fridays (except March 30), from end of noon Mass to Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – Exposition: 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday (except March 29, when Adoration ends before the 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper).

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Adoration: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days, except for weekend Mass times and the Sacred Triduum. Chapel is locked from 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and noon to midnight Friday. Saturday hours vary. If you wish to visit during those hours, contact Amy Davis at (614) 579-9874 or amymdavis@hotmail.com.

Washington Court House St. Columb of Cloyne – Exposition: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays during the school year.

Waverly St. Mary – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon and Jude – Adoration: Holy Thursday, March 29, from conclusion of Mass of the Lord’s Supper until 10 p.m.

Westerville St. Paul – Holy Hour: Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Exposition: 24 hours, seven days a week, except during daily and weekend Masses and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church’s Adoration Chapel.

Zaleski St. Sylvester – Exposition: First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – Exposition: First Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Exposition: Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass to 7 p.m.
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

The heart and soul of the Old Testament

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**Father Lawrence L. Hummer**

Sisters sponsor discernment day

The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity are sponsoring a discernment day for young adult women from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24 in their convent, 319 N. 7th St., Cambridge. There will be an optional morning Mass at 8:35, and lunch will be provided.

Participants will hear about the sisters’ experiences and there will be time for communal and individual prayer. The day will close with Evening Prayer, and there will be an optional opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for a 5 p.m. Sunday-vigil Mass.

In the Diocese of Columbus, members of the congregation serve as a mission director, chaplain, and volunteer for the Zanesville-based Genesis Healthcare System, providing care in a six-county region of southeast Ohio. Genesis was created in 1997 as an affiliation between Good Samaritan Medical Care Center and the Bethesda Care System.

In the Diocese of Steubenville, the sisters are teachers and parish ministers at Christ Our Light Parish, which has churches in Cambridge, Lore City, and New Salisbury.

For more information, call or text Sister Julie Ann, OSF, at (920) 323-9632 or call Sister Jan, OSF, at (740) 432-5853.

**Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33**

Jeremiah’s reading could be considered the heart and soul of the Old Testament. Christians see in this passage an anticipation of the Christ event in which Law written on stone is replaced by law written upon the heart. Given the nature of our belief in the incarnation of Jesus as God’s Son with a human heart, we find the fuller sense of Jeremiah’s words in the heart of Jesus for this “new covenant.”

Yet Jeremiah prophesied 600 years before Jesus, which means his words also had direct meaning for his own people. Jewish believers understand Jeremiah to be speaking of a time when the Babylonian Exile ends and the temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt. Jeremiah says, “I will place my Torah (or teaching) within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people.” This is a concise summary of the entire Old Testament: “I will be their God and they will be my people.”

That original covenant was concluded at Sinai between Moses’ people and the Lord: “I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant (literally, when Moses broke the tablets) and I had to show myself their master.” What is new about this covenant is that each one will know directly what the Lord wants, without anyone having to teach a neighbor what is required. The least to the greatest will know. Thus the content of the covenant is not changed, but how it is taught changes.

The Gospel comes as Jesus arrives for his third and final celebration of Passover in Jerusalem. Some

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Learning from the White Rose

Seventy-five years ago last month, Sophie and Hans Scholl and their friend Christian Probst were executed by guillotine at Munich’s Stadelheim Prison for high treason. Their crime? They were the leaders of an anti-Nazi student organization, the White Rose, and had been caught distributing leaflets at their university in the Bavarian capital. The leaflets condemned the Third Reich, its genocide of the Jews, and its futile war.

How did young people once active in the Hitler Youth come to recognize the evil of the Nazi regime and risk their lives to oppose it?

The 2005 Oscar-nominated film Sophie Scholl: The Final Days offers a part of the answer. The garish brutality of the Nazis, not least at their Nuremberg party rallies, was a first hint to serious young people that something was wrong here. The White Rose youngsters were also thinkers and studied Socrates, Plato, and Pascal under the tutelage of Kurt Huber, a philosophy professor who despised the Hitler regime. The leaflets that were their primary resistance tool included references to Goethe, Aristotle, Schiller, and Lao Tzu — further signs of deep thought and broad reading.

What you won’t learn from the film, however, is that the triggering inspiration for their activism was the “Lion of Muenster,” Archbishop Clemens von Galen, whose anti-Nazi preaching convinced the members of the White Rose that thought and discussion must give way to action. So, between June 1942 and February 1943, the White Rose produced four pamphlets that thought and discussion must give way to action. The fourth pamphlet made a promise: “We will not be silent. We are your bad consciences. The White Rose will not leave you in peace.” And therein lies a clue to another inspiration for the Scholls and their friends: John Henry Newman and his writings on conscience.

In Britain’s Catholic Herald, Paul Shrimpton notes that the young members of the White Rose were deeply influenced by St. Augustine’s Confessions and George Bernanos’s Diary of a Country Priest. But it was Newman’s sermons, recommended to the White Rose students by a philosopher who had converted to Catholicism after reading Newman’s Grammar of Assent, which prompted that fourth pamphlet, with its call to heed the demanding voice of conscience.

Shrimpton reports that when Sophie Scholl’s boyfriend, Fritz Hartnagel, was assigned to the Russian front in 1942, Sophie gave him two volumes of Newman’s sermons. He later wrote her that “we know by whom we are created, and that we stand in a relationship of moral obligation to our creator. Conscience gives us the capacity to distinguished between good and evil” — words, Shrimpton notes, that “were taken almost verbatim from a famous sermon of Newman’s called The Testimony of Conscience.”

Eight Hartley seniors to continue athletic careers

Eight Columbus Bishop Hartley High School seniors recently signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. They are (from left): Ethan Amaya, football, Ohio Dominican; Nick Cone, football, Ashland; Lindsay Dunlap, soccer, Ohio Wesleyan; Peyton Eads, soccer, Muskingum; Rachel Hernon, lacrosse, Wheeling Jesuit; and Patrick Gil-liland, football, Ohio University.

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German cardinal, theologian dies at 81

Cardinal Karl Lehmann, longtime president of the German bishops’ conference and a theologian who participated in the Second Vatican Council, died on Sunday, March 11.

The 81-year-old cardinal died at his home in Mainz after declining health and a stroke in September.

Cardinal Lehmann led the German bishops’ conference for 21 years, resigning in 2008 because of health issues. However, he continued to lead the Diocese of Mainz — where he was appointed in 1983 — until 2016, when he turned 80.

The cardinal was one of three German bishops who in 1994 allowed Communion to be given to Catholics who were divorced and remarried without their first marriages being annulled, until the Vatican stopped the practice. After months of dialogue with the three bishops, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a letter to the world’s bishops re-stating that Catholics in that situation could not receive Communion.

Cardinal Lehmann was born on May 16, 1936, in Sigmaringen, Germany, and became a priest in Rome in 1963. Before being made bishop of Mainz in 1983, he was professor of theology at the city’s university.

He was a supporter of dialogue with the main Lutheran church organization in Germany and joined with its leaders in making public statements on social issues.

His death leaves the College of Cardinals with 215 members, including 117 cardinals who are under age 80 and eligible to vote in a concclave to elect a new pope.
MARCH

15, THURSDAY-FRIDAY
- Lent By Candlelight Program at Delaware St. Mary 6 to 9 p.m., Beitel Commons, St. Mary Church, 82 E William St., Delaware. “Lent By Candlelight” program for women with talk by Sister John Paul, OP, on “Ways of Happiness.”

16, FRIDAY
- Living Stations at Marion St. Mary 7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St., Marion. Living Stations of the Cross with St. Mary Church and Parish School of Religion group presents the musical “Peter Pan Jr.”
- Columbus St. Patrick Vigil Celebration 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Parish celebration for the vigil of the Solemnity of St. Patrick. Mass, followed by torchlight procession (weather permitting), Irish tea party, and music.
- Living Stations at Delaware St. Mary 7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E William St., Delaware. Living Stations of the Cross with St. Mary School eighth-grade students.
- Candlelight Stations at Colms. Immaculate Conception 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Stations of the Cross by candlelight in the style of the Taize monastic community. Liturgy of the Preseparated Gifts at St. John Chrysostom 7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Liturgy of the Preseparated Gifts, a Vespers service with Holy Eucharist.

16-18, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
- Columbus Catholic Renewal Retreat at St. Therese’s 7 to 9 p.m., St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Newark. Columbus Catholic Renewal men’s and women’s retreat, led by Walter Matthews, former member of the Pontifical Council on the Laity. Theme: “Reflections on Our Journey in Faith.”

17, SATURDAY
- Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 104 West Ave, Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.
- Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi 10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion.

18, SUNDAY
- Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5240 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday during Lent.
- Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family After 11 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Blessing of St. Gerard Majella, patron of expectant mothers, for all women who are pregnant or wish to become pregnant.
- Mass Ad Orientem at Columbus St. Patrick Noon, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Celebration of Mass Ad Orientem (with priest facing the altar).

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20, TUESDAY
- Adoration and Reconciliation at New Philadelphia 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 139 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Reconciliation available, and Evening Prayer at 6:30.
- Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann 6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Evening Prayer led by Deacon Carl Carcala.
- Mass of Healing and Healing Service at Cathedral 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass of Healing, followed by healing service including Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of relics of the True Cross. Prawns will be on hand for discussion and prayer and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available.

21, WEDNESDAY
- Christ Child Society Day of Reflection 8:30 a.m., Nugent Hall, St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Christ Child Society day of reflection, with talk by Pam Heil on “Living a Life of Authentic Love,” group discussions, and lunch, ending with Mass. Cost $35.
- Abortion Recovery Network Group 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Westerville Area Resource Ministry, 1350 Heatherton Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected.
- Center for Dominican Studies Lecture Series Noon to 12:30 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Room, Erskine Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Center for Dominican Studies lecture with Sister Carol Ann Spencer, OP, speaking on “Lent: A Time to Focus Discipleship.” Last of four parts. 614-251-4722

Way of the Cross for the Grieving at St. Brendan 7 p.m., St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. Way of the Cross for the Grieving, pondering the perspectives of Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica and others.
- Parish Mission at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smokey Row Road, Columbus. Parish mission with Father Thomas Blau, OP. Theme: “Understanding God’s Mercy,” followed nightly by questions and refreshments. Confessions each evening from 6 to 6:50.
- Parish Mission at Columbus St. Patrick 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. School performing arts program presents the musical “Peter Pan Jr.”

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration at St. Patrick Church 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. Talk on Catholic Social teaching with Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, parish’s pastor.
- Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Holy Hour at Holy Family 6 to 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments.
- Abortion Recovery Network Group 7 to 8 p.m., Gateway Center, 2670 N. Columbus St., Lancaster. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected.

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepened holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops, and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments.
- Talk on Catholic Social Teaching at St. Brigid 7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare School, 7175 Avery Road, Dublin. Talk on Catholic social teaching with Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, parish’s pastor.

Japanese Community Service Day 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the “Fund-Raising Guide.” An entry into the Guide will be $18.50 for the first six lines, and $2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Douglas Bean at 614-224-6530.

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ST. JOSEPH GEMS

offers pearls of spiritual wisdom

By Doug Bean, Catholic Times Editor


There are many prayer books devoted to St. Joseph, but Father Donald Calloway’s St. Joseph Gems follows a slightly different tack.

Through extensive research and translations from several different languages, Father Calloway compiled hundreds of quotes about the foster father of Jesus from popes, saints, and blessed -- some not widely known -- to provide “Daily Wisdom on Our Spiritual Father.” The book is not only prayerful, but informative, inspiring, and easily digestible.

St. Joseph Gems is the third in a series of books from Father Calloway, the vicar provincial and vocations director for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province, based in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The first two, Marian Gems and Rosary Gems, follow the same format.

“There’s a lot of great books out there on St. Joseph, but I wondered if I could do a little digging and come up with some things that maybe people were unaware of,” Father Calloway said in an interview with the Catholic Times. “I was able to gather all of these quotes from saints, popes, and blessed, and some of them have never appeared in English before. It’s really neat to see them in English for the first time.”

No author could go wrong by beginning a book with a long meditation from Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, the beloved archbishop who was a spiritual and intellectual powerhouse. He wrote that depicting St. Joseph as an old man is misleading because “to make Joseph appear pure only because his flesh had aged is like glorifying a mountain stream that has dried.

“I didn’t want to chop it up because it was so brilliant,” Father Calloway said. “I prefer a young St. Joseph myself. He’s full of strength and vitality.”

The book’s introduction offers a short primer on St. Joseph and includes a timeline of significant events in the last 150 years, including Blessed Pope Pius XI in 1870 declaring St. Joseph as the “universal patron of the Church.” Other historical moments are the establishment in 1955 by Venerable Pope Pius XII of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, St. Pope John Paul II’s 1989 encyclical Redemptoris Custos on St. Joseph, and Pope Francis in 2013 inserting his name of St. Joseph into all Eucharistic prayers and consecrating Vatican City State to him.

From Jan. 1 to December 31, the day’s short quote often coincides with the saint or blessed listed on the liturgical calendar. Each enlightening entry is quick and easy to read and concludes with a petition to a saint or blessed to pray for us.

The first and last meditation in the book comes from St. John Paul II, who inspired the Church with so much great wisdom and faith during his long pontificate. Other names are also very recognizable, including St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis de Sales, St. Augustine, and St. Maximilian Kolbe. They are more well known that some of the authors of the quotes in other daily entries. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Blessed Gabriele Allegra, Blessed Januarius Maria Sarnelli, St. Joseph Marello, St. Madalene Sophie Barat, and St. Stanislaus Papczynski aren’t exactly household names for many Catholics.

The holy men and women listed for intercessory prayer at the end of each day’s meditation are similarly fascinating. Blessed Karl Leisner, Blessed Isidore Bakanja, St. Ephrem the Syrian, St. Anthony Mary Gianelli, St. Jacques Berthieu, and Blessed Caspar Sadamatsu are just a few.

“I love those obscure saints,” Father Calloway said. “They appeal to me. They’re little hidden gems.”

The book concludes with the Litany of St. Joseph and a list of references for each quote.

Father Calloway suggests reading the day’s quote and praying the litany.

“Just include St. Joseph in your prayers and ask him

for help,” Father Calloway recommended. “He’s more than willing to help us. It’s almost like he’s in heaven and is like, hey, I’m here to help. And he will.”

Father Calloway’s order, more commonly known as the Marian Helpers in the United States, is a popular pilgrimage destination on Divine Mercy Sunday. He also noted that St. Joseph is one of the patron saints of his religious community, which receives all the proceeds from his books.

Father Calloway’s journey to the priesthood is an interesting story. A high school dropout, the priest writes in his biography that he was institutionalized twice and put in jail multiple times before undergoing a radical conversion and eventually becoming a priest. He earned an undergraduate degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville and advanced degrees from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington and the International Marian Research Institute in Dayton.

“In seminary, I turned to him (St. Joseph) a lot,” said Father Calloway, who is based in Steubenville. “He’s always helped me out tremendously. He tends to be somewhat neglected. It’s a good time to remind us of his importance in the life of the Church. I’d love to have more people have a devotion to him.”

St. Joseph Gems was released earlier this year in order to be widely available in time for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, which is this coming Monday, March 19. St. Joseph also is recognized as the patron of the universal church and of a happy death.

The book is available through Catholic bookstores, Amazon, or at fathercalloway.com.
Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, invites the greater community to complete the Lenten journey and kick off Holy Week with the presentation of *After the Passion* at 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 25. Doors open at 6.

Unlike any other Passion program, this is an interpretation of the moments following the Crucifixion, through the Resurrection, as seen through the eyes of the Apostles. It focuses less on the historical account and more on the possible emotional reaction of those who witnessed the world-changing event.

“We are so excited to look at the Passion of our Lord from completely new perspective and place in time,” director Joanne Farrell said. “The entire show has been a collaborative effort – even our actors created their own scripts based on prayerful interpretation of Scripture.”

The event has called upon the talents of the entire parish community. Members have contributed in ways including lighting, sound, scenery, costumes and makeup, publicity, photography, ushers, and hospitality.

Admission is free. Goodwill offerings will be gratefully accepted following the program.

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St. Francis DeSales presents “GODSPELL”

The drama department of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, will present *Godspell* at 7 p.m. Friday, March 23 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25 in the school’s little theater.

The musical, based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, deals with the last days of Jesus’ life and includes dramatized versions of several of his parables. Featured will be Isaac Steiger as Jesus and Skyla Blumenscheid as John the Baptist and Judas.

Tickets are $10 and go on sale on Monday, March 19 during all lunch periods (10:20 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.) outside the cafeteria. Contact the show’s director, Lori Arnett, at arnett@de-sales.co with questions or to purchase tickets before or after school.

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Way of the Cross for the Grieving

Hilliard St. Brendan Church, 4475 Dublin Road, will present the Way of the Cross for the Grieving at 7 p.m. Monday, March 19.

This is a prayerful opportunity to connect your grief experience to that of the people who made the journey to Calvary with Jesus. Each Station of the Cross will be prayed using reflections that ponder the perspectives of Jesus, Mary, Simon, Veronica, and others.

For more information, contact Jennifer Rice at (614) 876-1272, extension 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net.

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