JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES 2018
Editor’s reflections by Doug Bean

Peace be with you

In a culture consumed with worldly concerns, it’s important to emphasize that the Catholic Church is, first and foremost, in the business of saving souls and leading them to heaven.

It seems as though the growing cacophony from outside the Church has drowned out the real purpose of its mission. If you read or listen to mainstream media these days, you’re not seeing or hearing much about spirituality simply because it doesn’t provide a ratings or readership boost.

There are problems all around us. In the world, in cities, in families. Most of the issues are familiar to us. Many of them are age-old conundrums.

So how do we solve them? By arguing and shouting?

We should try listening to God the Father for answers and then allow Him to speak through us. He should be the source of all solutions to dilemmas that plague the human race, the one we rely on during difficult times. If everyone would let Our Lord work through them — infused with grace through the frequent reception of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion at Mass — we would find peace in our nation and in our lives.

Whenever Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrates Mass, he greets the congregation with a profound “Peace be with you,” as he did Sunday, June 24 at the diocesan Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass for married couples at Columbus St. Andrew Church (see Pages 10-12). That peace can only be found through love for Christ.

That inner peace also leads to good works. The Catholic Church is the greatest charitable organization in the world, and the driving force is the faith of the people to serve God. Charity comes from the heart.

This Sunday, July 1 is the feast of St. Junipero Serra, the great missionary who spread the Catholic faith to the natives on the West Coast of the United States during the 18th century. The feast is not celebrated this year because it falls on a Sunday, but the Franciscan missionary serves as an inspirational model of apostolic zeal for bringing souls to Christ.

Three days later, our country will observe Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4. We pray that God will bless America, which was founded on Christian principles from which justice and peace should flow.

Let’s pray that more people come to find the true peace that the world so desperately needs.

By Michael Ames
Diocesan Office of Development and Planning

This year celebrates 60 years of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

God has blessed our Diocese with faith-filled, active and caring people through the years. There is a great tradition of support for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, which enables the many ministries and programs to flourish for the benefit of so many of our sisters and brothers. The theme for this year’s Appeal, “Sharing His Love, Encouraging Hope,” serves as a reminder of what we are called to do as followers of Christ.

Today there are so many challenges that the Church faces in the care of its people, but we have the opportunity through our support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to help meet those challenges.

The goal this year for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal is $6.75 million. Currently, total pledges and gifts have reached $5.75 million and nearly half of all parishes have met their targeted goal. Of those parishes who surpass their goal, 100 percent of all dollars collected that exceed their goal will be returned to the parish. Many parishes have greatly benefited from meeting this challenge, allowing them to pay for improvements to their facilities or for special programs, such as those for their youth or senior populations.

Some of the programs and ministries that your gift will support are the education of our future priests and deacons, quality education of our children in our Catholic Schools and Parish PSR Programs, evangelization and programs for our multi-ethnic Catholic communities, family life enhancement and preparation for Christian marriage, programs for youth and young adults that tend to deepen their faith and the various programs facilitated by the Office of Social Concerns.

Please consider a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal if you have not yet had a chance to do so. As Bishop Campbell reminds us, “In His Gospel, Jesus challenges us to be good and faithful stewards of all the gifts He has entrusted to us.” We are called to share those gifts, bringing His love and hope to others.

To make a gift or receive additional information about the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, contact the Office of Development and Planning at (614) 241-2550 or toll-free (877) 241-2550, by emailing at devmailbox@columbuscatholic.org, or by logging on to www.columbuscatholic.org.

Catholic Times is on summer schedule!

Things slow down during the summer, and that includes the Catholic Times. In June, July and August, we will be publishing every other week.

Look for the Catholic Times in your mailbox just prior to: July 15 & 29; August 12 & 26. We will return to a weekly publication schedule in September.
Mass for JOIN staff and volunteers

Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrated Mass on Monday, June 25 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral for the staff and volunteers of the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. JOIN provides material assistance for low-income families in Franklin County. In the homily, Bishop Campbell said, “May God grant us the grace to live our lives through the saving love of Jesus Christ. For those who live their lives only for themselves will lose them. When we do our charity, we assure those we serve that they are always loved — just as Jesus loves us. So pray to God that we receive His blessing in our mission to serve those in need.”

Shepherds of Columbus Pilgrimage

Father Joshua Wagner of Columbus St. John-Holy Rosary Church led this spring’s Shepherds of Columbus Pilgrimage commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Columbus as a tribute to the bishops who have served since 1868 while also looking at the past, present and future. Stops included the crypt in the undercroft of Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, where Bishops Sylvester Rosecrans, the first bishop of Columbus, and Edward Herrmann are buried. The pilgrims also visited the gravesite of Bishop John Watterson at Columbus Mount Calvary Cemetery. Other destinations included Columbus St. Joseph Cemetery, where Bishops Joseph Hartley, Clarence Elwell and Michael Ready are buried; Newark St. Francis de Sales Church, which was founded in 1842 by then-Father Jean-Baptiste Lamy (later Bishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico); Granville St. Edward the Confessor Church; and the restored St. Turibius Chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, where future priests are formed.

ODU bolsters management team, announces promotions

Ohio Dominican University added a new member to its management team and promoted several staff members, university President Robert A. Gervasi announced.

Sister Diane Traffas, OP, was named vice president for mission and identity. Mark Cooper, who previously served as vice president for marketing and public relations, was appointed to an expanded role as vice president for advancement and external relations.

Gervasi also announced two staff promotions as a result of the restructuring in the marketing and advancement areas of the university. Christie Flood Weiner was named associate vice president for advancement and director of alumni relations and Tom Brockman was named associate vice president for marketing and public relations.

Sister Traffas, a member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, has served as the Director of the Center for Dominican Studies at ODU since October 2016. She holds a bachelor’s degrees in English and education from Marymount College in Salina, Kansas, and a master’s degree in educational administration from Wichita State University. She has worked served as an elementary school teacher and school principal in two states as well as at Amakohia Girls High School in Owerri, Nigeria. She also has held leadership positions with Catholic Health Initiatives.

Cooper, who joined the university in 2012, has more than 25 years of experience in higher education as senior director for marketing and communications at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, and in public relations, marketing and communications roles at Capital University in Columbus. He has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Ohio State University.

Weiner has held numerous alumni relations and advancement roles at Ohio Dominican for nearly 20 years, and most recently was director of alumni relations and advocacy. She earned her bachelor’s degree in cross disciplinary studies with minors in theology, journalism and communications from Ohio Dominican.

Brockman has served as manager of media relations and university communications at ODU since 2012. He received a bachelor’s degree in media studies from Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio, and an MBA from Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio. He also spent nearly a decade as a television news reporter in Greenville, N.C., and at WCMH-TV in Columbus.
Faith in Action
By Mark Huddy

A more perfect reunion

This past weekend, I participated in the annual family reunion in Chicago. My cousin has been hosting this gathering since 1994. At least that is a far back as the group pictures go. This event is a chance for relatives on my mother's side to see each other face to face, share food and stories, taste-test stouts and porters, and challenge each other to a friendly but competitive whiffle ball game. All of this keeps us connected, so that the emails of graduations, weddings, new births, new homes, illness or job changes deeply resonate within us drawing forth from the reservoir of our connectedness a response worthy of the name family.

I know that our family is not unique in this regard. The families of neighbors, friends, and co-workers are built with the same figurative DNA. Pope Francis in a June audience with a delegation from the Forum of Family Associations identified the family as being at the center of God’s plan. He said: “The love of Jesus for children, His filial relationship with the heavenly Father, His defense of the conjugal bond, which He declared sacred and indissoluble, fully reveal the place of the family in God’s plan: being the cradle of life and the first place of acceptance and love, it has an essential role in the vocation of man, and is like a window that opens up on the mystery of God Himself, Who is Love in the unity and trinity of Persons.”

Over the past few weeks, we have seen and heard about the forcible separation of children from their parents at the border, and about changes in asylum policies that would no longer provide a safe haven for those fleeing domestic or gang violence perpetrated by non-governmental actors. Last week, after a firestorm of public criticism, the President issued an Executive Order mandating that children and parents not be separated during their detention. At the time of the Executive Order, roughly 2,200 minors were being held in government run detention facilities. As of the end of last week, only about 520 children had been reunited with their parents.

As a people who belong to the same God who has the family at the center of His plan, the same Father “from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named” (Eph 3:15), we are rightly and deeply concerned for the welfare of these children and their families, and with the callousness of leaders in our country who would either pursue or allow such destructive policies to stand. From the reservoir of our connectedness we can respond by contacting our legislators and asking them: 1) to end, by law, the practice of family separation; 2) to protect immigrants who are fleeing life-threatening situations with due process and asylum; 3) to provide critical protections for unaccompanied minors; and 4) to provide a path to citizenship for the limited number of DACA recipients eligible for protection.

The best way to deliver this message is to call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Ask for your Congressional Representative and you will be connected. You can call again and ask for your Senator’s office. For other Church statements and Church responses, see https://www.ohiocathconf.org/

Pope Francis, in the same recent audience mentioned earlier, stated: “[F]ull recognition and adequate support for the family should represent the first interest of the civil institutions, called to encourage the establishment and growth of solid and serene families, who take responsibility for the education of their children and take care of situations of weakness.” Immigrant families, who have come here to escape debilitating poverty and destructive violence, show an amazing resilience, which strengthens our nation in proportion to the reception that we afford.

Mark Huddy is the social concerns moderator for the Diocese of Columbus.

Black Catholic Ministries Scholarships

Black Catholic Ministries Columbus (BCM) recently awarded uniform scholarships to Aliyah Evans and Christopher Brown, both students at Columbus St. Mary Elementary School in German Village. Since 2013, BCM has awarded $100 uniform scholarships to a St. Mary’s male and female student who will attend a Catholic high school. Aliyah will attend Cristo Rey and Christopher will attend St. Charles Preparatory School. The award is in memory of BCM founding member Jean Wright, whose five children and her grandchildren graduated from St. Mary. Pictured (left to right) are Jean’s granddaughter, Bailey Smith; Aliyah; Christopher; and Jean’s daughter, Pam Busby.

St. Brendan School program receives national award

Hilliard St. Brendan School was recognized this spring at the annual conference for the International Technology and Engineering Educator Association (ITEEA) as one of only 39 programs worldwide to earn the prestigious Program Excellence Award in 2018.

Sponsored by the ITEEA and Paxton/Patterson, the Program Excellence Award is one of the highest honors given to Technology and Engineering classroom programs on the elementary, middle or high school levels. It is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession and students. Schools from throughout the United States and around the world compete for this honor.

Each year, program excellence winners are recognized at the largest conference for technology and engineering educators in the world. This year, St. Brendan was recognized at the first general session of the conference, where the award plaques and pins were presented.

St. Brendan’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program will begin its third year in 2018-19. The program encompasses kindergarten through eighth grade.

K-5 focuses on STEM-related projects that extend lessons being taught in the classroom. Grades 6-8 are challenge-based lessons pushing students to work as a group to solve real-world problems such as designing a bridge within a defined budget. These classes are co-taught by Andy Limbert and Joan Roberts.

ITEEA is the international parent of the Ohio Technology & Engineering Educators Association.
**Growth in the Holy Spirit seminar at St. Elizabeth Church**

Columbus Catholic Renewal is sponsoring a four-week series “The Wild Goose Is Loose: Growth in the Holy Spirit” at Columbus St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd, beginning Friday, July 20.

The series will take place on four consecutive Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 20 through Aug. 10. The series includes videos; discussion created by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR; contemporary praise and worship music; personal testimonies and snacks. Childcare is available upon request.

“The Wild Goose” is an ancient Celtic term for “Holy Spirit.” The seminar is designed to awaken God’s love and transforming power and foster a profound life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Columbus Catholic Renewal, formerly known as Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is under the authority of Bishop Frederick Campbell through his liaison, Father Dean Mathewson.

To register for the free event, email info@ccrcolumbus.org.

For more information, contact Rebecca Bolchak at 614-314-9132 or rbolchak@gmail.com, or Cindy Bauman at 614-571-5702 or cbauaman@insight.rr.com.

For information on Columbus Catholic Renewal, contact ccrcolumbus.org or 614-500-8178.

**Three Newark students receive O’Neill scholarships**

McKenna Broyles of Newark St. Francis de Sales School and co-winners Maria Geiger and Nicholas Richards of Newark Blessed Sacrament School were recently awarded the Gretchen O’Neill Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded annually in memory of O’Neill, a longtime educator and principal at both schools. It pays the full-year tuition for a rising eighth grader at each school who best exemplifies Mrs. O’Neill’s extraordinary work ethic and her motto, “Be kind.”

Students’ kindness and work ethic are the sole criteria, placing the scholarship within reach of every student at the schools.

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**THE SMOKE OVER MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

A comprehensive 2015 scientific review found medical marijuana to be useful only for a small number of medical conditions. Writing in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, an international team of researchers found scant evidence to support broad claims for the drug’s effectiveness. Although clinical trials showed that chronic neuropathic pain and cancer-related pain could often be treated, other forms of pain, such as those related to rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, HIV and multiple sclerosis did not show statistically significant improvement. Researchers also found inconclusive data for people with insomnia, anxiety disorders, depression, Tourette syndrome, psychosis, and sleep disorders. They registered concerns about medical marijuana’s significant side effects as well.

Yale University researchers, commenting on the review, noted how the approval process for medical marijuana in U.S. states and jurisdictions has often been based on “low-quality scientific evidence, anecdotal reports, individual testimonials, legislative initiatives, and public opinion.” They raised concerns around the fact that medical marijuana seems to be receiving “special status” and is being “fast-tracked” for legalization, when it should instead be subject to the standard scientific verifications of the FDA approval process to assure its efficacy and safety. The Yale authors offered this corrective: “Imagine if other drugs were approved through a similar approach ... If the goal is to make marijuana available for medical purposes, then it is unclear why the approval process should be different from that used for other medications.”

In his influential exposé *Marijuana Debunked*, Dr. Ed Gogek emphasizes how the idea of medical marijuana “didn’t come from doctors, or patient advocacy groups, or public health organizations, or the medical community. The ballot initiatives for medical marijuana laws were sponsored and promoted by pro-legalization groups.” These groups have used the medical marijuana trump card to grease the skids for the acceptance of recreational marijuana. This pincer movement has enabled them to control and reap the windfall from an extensive system of dispensaries that supply and distribute addictive substances. Even if recreational marijuana does not ultimately become legalized in a particular jurisdiction, it is well documented that medical marijuana dispensaries often end up supplying the drug not for rare, valid medical uses, but for substance abuse, similar to the situation with opioid pain medications.

Yet the push for marijuana continues unabated. In May 2018, the New York State Comptroller, Scott Stringer, issued a report declaring that legalized marijuana in the Empire State would be a potential $3 billion market, with taxes from its sale generating a potential $436 million annually statewide, and $336 million for New York City. With such sums at play, not only are investors coming out of the woodwork, but towns and municipalities are also issuing ordinances and changing zoning laws to bring in the dispensaries. Indeed, dollar signs beckon, much as they once did for tobacco companies and plantation owners.

Besides being addictive and profitable, tobacco and marijuana have other similarities. Marijuana smoke contains harmful chemicals, with ammonia, benzene, toluene, and naphthalene levels in marijuana exceeding those found in tobacco smoke. These chemical components may contribute to emphysema, bronchial irritation and inflammation. Patients with medical conditions treatable by medical marijuana can avoid these toxic chemicals and other side effects by using more purified preparations containing only the active ingredients.

In 2003, the Institute of Medicine, a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that evaluates medical issues, acknowledged that components of marijuana may have medicinal uses, and strongly recommended the development of prescription cannabinoid medicines based on those components: “If there is any future for marijuana as a medicine, it lies in its isolated components, the cannabinoids and their synthetic derivatives.” Several different cannabinoid medications have been developed in recent years, and these medicines work as well as or better than marijuana, have fewer side effects, and are less likely to be abused. These drugs also tend to be effective in the body for longer periods.

Dr. Gogek notes the irony of the loud public outcry that would ensue if the FDA were to approve “a drug that had no advantage over safer alternatives, went mostly to substance abuse, increased teenage drug use, and killed people on the highways.” He concludes, “We should not be sidestepping the FDA approval process that was designed to protect us.”

In sum, the reality behind medical marijuana is far from the rosy view painted by advocates. Marijuana is not “just a plant.” It is an addictive drug abused in epidemic proportions, inflicting a serious individual and societal toll. Its use as a medicine needs to be carefully regulated through standard scientific oversight and the FDA approval process, not handed over to recreational enthusiasts and opportunistic businessmen. The current practice of encouraging states and municipalities to legalize medical, and then recreational, marijuana, is, in the final analysis, neither reasonable nor ethical.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbccenter.org
The pope’s security detail/Communion in Protestant churches?

QUESTION & ANSWER
by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
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Q. Who are the men protecting Pope Francis who are wearing suits and ties? Are they part of the Italian national police force, Swiss Guards or a private security firm? (They seem to protect the pope not only at the Vatican, but they travel with him on papal trips.) (Edison, New Jersey)

A. The men you see in suits and ties protecting the pope -- especially on trips outside of Rome -- come from a variety of security forces. The storied 500-year-old Swiss Guard, clad in colorful uniforms when they guard the entrances to the Vatican, also have armed plainclothes members who travel with the pontiff.

In addition, the Vatican has its own 130-member police force, the gendarme corps, who are assigned to accompany the pope. (Domenico Giani, the inspector general of this corps, is the pope’s personal bodyguard and is often seen off the front fender of the popemobile.) Also, on foreign visits, the host nation’s own security force -- as per diplomatic protocol -- is heavily involved in orchestrating the pope’s protection.

The difficulty comes in trying to balance security interests with a pope’s desire to minister in a personal way to his flock. Once, shortly after the 1981 attack on St. John Paul II’s life at an audience in St. Peter’s Square, I asked a Swiss Guard if there would be stricter security protocols in place going forward. The guard said, smiling but with a touch of frustration, “You can keep people away from the pope, but you’ll never be able to keep this pope away from the people.”

I saw this exemplified in 1995 when St. John Paul visited New York City. I had been charged with managing the movements of the “tight pool,” the handful of videographers and still photographers who were given close-up access at each of the papal sites, and so I had a U.S. Secret Service agent assigned to me.

When the pope came out of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the plan had called for him to get into the popemobile and ride the one long block to the cardinal’s residence. Instead, St. John Paul decided to wade into the crowd on the sidewalk and began shaking hands. I said to the agent, “That must terrify you when he departs from the plan.” To my surprise, the agent said, “Actually, it’s the safest thing of all. If we don’t know what he’s going to do, then nobody else can know either.”

Q. I am a cradle Catholic and a product of 16 years of Catholic education. Thirty-seven years ago, I met and married a very nice Methodist girl. (The wedding ceremony was conducted in her church, with both her Methodist minister and a Catholic military chaplain officiating.) We have been blessed with four children who were all baptized Catholic.

Now that the children are grown, my wife and I typically attend separate church services on Sundays, but occasionally (perhaps twice a year) I will go to church with her or she will come to Mass with me. When she is with me at Mass, I usually remain in the pew with her at Communion time. But at her church, the minister regularly announces that all who are present are welcome to receive communion.

Some question this: What is the Catholic Church’s teaching about receiving communion at other churches? (Fisherville, Virginia)

A. Except for very limited circumstances, a Catholic is not permitted to receive communion at a non-Catholic service. The church’s Code of Canon Law provides that the faithful “receive them (the sacraments) licitly from Catholic ministers alone” (Canon 844.1).

This is based on the Catholic belief that there is an unbroken chain of valid ordination from Jesus and the apostles down through succeeding generations of Catholic bishops, and that the same continuous line does not apply with Protestant ministers.

There is an exception made in Canon 844.2 that allows Catholics to receive the sacraments in Orthodox churches (i.e., “in whose churches these sacraments are valid”) in a circumstance where “it is physically or morally impossible to approach a Catholic minister.”

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.
Sister Bozena Tyborowska’s vocation story is one of perseverance and refusing to allow a burning passion for religious life to be extinguished by discouragement.

The Polish-born nun discovered at age 16 her desire to serve the Lord, but it was 10 years before she finally entered the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

Today, she is one of three sisters from her community who live in a convent on East Broad Street in Columbus. Sister Bozena is working to establish adjacent to their house the St. John Paul II Early Childhood Education Center and Preschool, which she hopes to open this fall.

Her journey of faith is full of interesting twists and turns that span two continents. Along the way, she has surmounted obstacles that nearly led her life in another direction.

“I know that my heart loves the Lord, and that’s where it starts,” she said.

As a teen growing up in Poland, she remembers thinking the sister in charge of religious education where she lived “was kind of a geek wearing this strange habit. But we found out something has happened to me? she said to him. “So we decided then that if that’s what I want he couldn’t stop me.”

Finally, she decided to go for a weekend visit with the order she eventually joined. She told friends and family that she was headed to a workshop for her job. When they tried to reach her and couldn’t while she was at the motherhouse, they panicked and called the police. As she returned home, her father and friends were waiting for her. “If they knew I had spent a weekend with the nuns, they would have killed me,” she said. So she made up a story.

The time had come, though, at age 26 to stop resisting her call. “It was such a relief” when she broke the news to her father, “He told her that she could stay with an aunt in New Jersey. I had my heart in some other place. I think when God has you in that place you just go with it,” she said.

She decided to go on a pilgrimage with the sisters to their motherhouse about three hours away from her family home. Knowing her parents wouldn’t approve, she told them she was staying with a friend for the weekend.

“When I went there and knelt down and we sat there for a couple of minutes in the chapel, it was just like, zoom, in my head, I knew why my father always said I was different,” she said. “There was just something different about who they are and who I was that I felt I didn’t want to leave there. I belong to the sisters.”

Her father, a farmer outside a village northeast of Warsaw, wasn’t aware of her becoming a nun. Her mother, who is now dying of cancer and refusing to allow a burning passion for religious life to be extinguished by discouragement, had a little party. They knew about that,” Sister Bozena said. “Then when I came back to the United States after three years, we had a little party. They knew I had my heart in some other place. I think when God has you in mind, the moment you’re deceived He has a plan for you.”

A majority of her 19 years as a sister have been spent at her order’s provincial house in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, working mostly in education with young children before being assigned to Columbus. Sister Bozena and her sisters also assist at Columbus Holy Family Church.

The Little Sister Servants have 1,330 sisters around the world who serve children in early childhood education and schools, and care for the sick, elderly and poor. They were founded in 1850 by Blessed Edmund Bojanowski, a layman who wanted to become a priest but could not because of health issues. Instead, he carried out heroic work to provide religious, moral and cultural values to the poor through shelters for neglected children and orphans, health services, soup kitchens and libraries.
A record three Eagle Scouts from the same troop in Knox County and the fourth member of the same family earned the Boy Scouts of America’s highest honor this spring.

Sam Wendt, Billy Davis and Josh Egan of Troop 332 at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul Church were honored in June at a ceremony in the church before a large crowd of family and friends.

Meanwhile, Matthew Ficocelli joined his three older brothers in becoming an Eagle Scout on April 15. He is a member of Troop 826 at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church.

Only two percent of those who join the Boy Scouts throughout the world achieve the elite rank of Eagle Scout. Those young men are presented Eagle Scout badges, and they give honorary pins to their parents and mentors. Eagle Scouts not only have to earn merit badges and attend conferences, but they are required to complete an Eagle Project, an act of community service, by age 18.

Wendt, Davis and Egan each participated in a project to benefit St. Vincent de Paul School.

Wendt removed old lockers and replaced them with wooden cubbies, and installed sound paneling in the school cafeteria to mitigate noise levels. Davis turned a bathroom into a storage room at the school and Egan refurbished the middle school teacher’s lounge, a bathroom and storage room by repainting walls and shelves.

Egan, who graduated from Mount Vernon High School, plans to attend Marietta College in the fall to major in education and minor in coaching and leadership. Wendt, a graduate of Newark Catholic High School, will study criminal justice at The Citadel. Davis, a Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate, is headed to High Point (N.C.) University to study entrepreneurship.

Ficocelli is the 60th Eagle Scout in Troop 826’s history. He earned 24 merit badges and held leadership positions in his troop, including Troop Quartermaster for two years and Troop Guide. His Eagle Project was redesigning and renovating the parishioner garden and arbor at St. Pius X.

A graduate of Reynoldsburg High School, Ficocelli will attend Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida, beginning in August to study music production.
Stillness

It can be challenging to achieve stillness in prayer. I chose the word ‘stillness’ because it comes to mind when I’m sitting on the dock over our backyard pond looking at the glassy top and desiring that same stillness in my spiritual life.

It can be calming to be in nature and gazing at water, whether it’s a lake, pond, creek, river and even the ocean can at times be the picture of the stillness. This is the same stillness that I seek in prayer to detach from the world for a little and refresh and renew while I talk to and listen to God.

Stillness often eludes me, even in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which is why I go to there often. As any athlete, musician and artist will tell you, practice, perseverance and patience are necessary to get better at something and achieving stillness in prayer is no exception.

We humans hunger for stillness … the kind where we don’t feel guilty for not moving, doing, or accomplishing something, but instead free to enjoy, even briefly, a time of just being … and ideally our being is in the presence of God in prayer.

When I’m able to achieve stillness in prayer, it would appear to others, that nothing much is happening. But a stillness that opens our hearts to God allows a lot to happen—even if we don’t feel it in a tactile way or have immediate and important revelations about our lives.

No, stillness with God doesn’t have a goal, and often there is no immediate response or change that we are aware of; I believe that is the beauty of stillness because it teaches us to be patient and to trust that God is working in our lives.

I chose the word ‘stillness’ over ‘quiet’ or ‘peaceful’ because stillness for me relates to our physical bodies and reminds me that it’s okay to be without movement sometimes. As a physical person, that can be a challenge.

Yet, it’s in physical rest that our muscles repair, recover and strengthen. It’s in spiritual rest that our entire being, body, mind and soul can repair, recover and strengthen with the strength that comes from a relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If I go back to the stillness of the water, I am reminded that the glassy top is really a facade—as a lot is going on beneath the surface. We have hundreds of fish in our half acre pond, so there must be a lot of activity down below.

Isn’t it the same in our spiritual lives? We might find some exterior stillness, but inside we might still be in turmoil with concerns for ourselves and the needs of others. Seeking stillness to pray can help calm the turmoil that lurks deep inside of us and reminds us that we are not alone; God is always with us, loving us and caring for all of our needs—often in mysterious ways.

Scripture about stillness refers to waiting patiently, resting calmly and expectantly, and most importantly, trusting in God.

From Mark 4:39: “He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!”* The wind ceased and there was great calm.”

May we seek (and treasure!) stillness in prayer and trust in the Lord and his ways, no matter how challenging that might be for us.

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A Franciscan journey

Has your mind been so stretched that any small amount of thinking that comes into it is lost? Are you so inundated with life’s abundance of worry that you forget to take care of the one thing that it most precious to you — you? It seems today that we are increasingly unfounded when it comes to making even the simplest of tasks become difficult. We are in a world of instant gratification and want our answers yesterday. We tend to eliminate the problem rather than learning to cope with it and, in turn, retreat from growing both mentally and spiritually.

Over the past three years, I have been studying to become a secular Franciscan. As with any order you become a part of, there is this change that takes place, a shaping of the mind to something more profound and surreal. I have never been one to adopt a mindset of vulnerability but it alters your perception of what is important and meaningful in the smallest of terms. That is how Christ wants it. He wants us to celebrate the everyday successes and measure them not in a rigidly pure sense but with a desire to grow in faith and in our dedication to the human condition. It is said that with all things, there is a calmness in knowing you are never truly alone.

I have learned to see the world through a servant’s eyes. You don’t have to be the smartest, the richest or the most scholarly of persons, you just need to have the confidence to say yes to God when He calls your name. Others will see you as a light in a dark room, with a glow that makes them feel loved. There is also this common joke amongst many Franciscans that you preach whole-heartedly to the people around you in an effort to inspire or you will just end up singing to the birds. Saint Francis had such knack for preaching to anyone or more importantly, to anything that would seemingly listen to him. He was not a critic of divine providence, just its messenger.

My advice to one who is thinking about the order is to pray that Jesus will guide you to the right answer and let reason be the principal by which you measure your path. There will be times that you question your choice. This is normal. We all would like the simple solution but usually what God gives us are more questions. Just have the faith that such an awesome experience awaits you, a mission of both servitude and peace. Jesus invokes you make his journey with a familiar friend, a patron saint who lived out their lives and had traits similar to your own. We find that we are closer than we think. Love, caring for others, establishing mercy and charity are all works we and our saints have in abundant wealth. And if so, do we ever truly graduate?

In a sense, we do. In small ceremonies across abundant lands, we make a profession and a promise to leave this world better than when we had occupied it, one person or community at a time. Allow yourself to become enrapt in a ritual that has significance, which has family at its center and where we all become something so much greater than ourselves. I am left with familiar theme that my saint, Saint Pedro de San Jose Betancur (Saint Francis of the Americas) guided his life by and in his love for our blessed mother, “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40).” Small words, maybe. But remember, it only took one roll of a stone for a world to be infinitely changed.

May God bless us and guide us in our choices in life. May we show the kindness of faith to each one we meet. May I become a true Franciscan by giving my life to Him and may His peace be with you, always.

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By Doug Bean, Catholic Times Editor

More than 150 married couples from throughout the Diocese of Columbus participated in the Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass at Columbus’ St. Andrew Church.

The annual event, sponsored by the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office, included a Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell and a re- ception afterward. The honorees are ob serving milestone anniversaries in 2018 of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years and longer.

Many of the couples were joined by family and friends in the large congre gation on a beautiful June afternoon.

Some of the more than 200 registered couples were unable to attend.

Among the attenders were Bob “Bob” and Margaret “Lyn” Cudak of Whittall, who have been married for 70 years. They are Columbus Holy Spirit Church parishioners.

Also at the Mass were Walter and Ma rtha Burkley of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church (68 years) and Wil fred and Ruth Thiel of Marion St. Mary, who have been married 65 years.

Couples with 50 and more years of marriage

Some of the more than 200 registered couples don’t last because the young people they don’t communicate.”

The Burkleys met in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and were married a year later in Hampton, Virginia, where she grew up. They settled in their home state of Ohio.

The Burkleys raised 11 children and have 23 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Their oldest chil dren are twins, who were born on their first anniversary. Walter is now 92 and Martha is 87.

Her advice for couples is “just enter into marriage and expect it to be a life time thing and make it work out that way. Most of the times are good and easy, but during the hard times we gripe and bear it and make it work better.”

The Thiel family farm together in northern Marion County on the far edge of the diocese. Wilfred and Ruth were married in 1952 at Our Lady of Consolation Basilica in Carey and have five children, 13 grandchildren, two step-grand chil dren and 17 great-grandchildren. Wilfred Jr. and Kathy were married 26 years later at Marion St. Mary, which the families now attend, and they have five grandchildren, ages 5 through 12.

“Our faith has seen us through every thing,” Kathy said. “It’ll have a secret to long marriage, it’s praying together and going to Mass together and saying the rosary together. Those are important.”

Ben and Jeanne Melca were married in 1958 at St. Andrew Church in Ohi oval, New York. Ben, now 82, served in the military and decided when he got out to go into education rather than become a barber like his brothers. He earned an undergraduate degree at Brockport State University in New York, and his master’s and doctorate at Syracuse University. All four of their children were born during his under graduate studies.

He landed a job at The Ohio State University in 1968 and they’ve been Columbus residents since then. Jeanne is 80, and their children range in age from 58 to 54.

To have a successful marriage, she said, “you just have to have a lot of patience with each other. We’re here and we’re still together and that’s good.”

In his homily, Bishop Campbell ac knowledge the couples’ dedication and devotion to the sacrament of marriage.

“I’d like to talk for you of the years of your fidelity, for your steadfast faithfulness to your vows, and for your mar riage expression of the knowledge that Jesus Christ is always with you,” he said. “What a powerful word you exhibit and what a wonderful word to speak to our culture.”

COUPLES CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

25 years

Robert  & Margaret Cudak

Joseph Anthony & Judith Marie Crnkovich

Marc & Cheryl Gerkin

Mark & Stella Morrisson

Steven & Marsha Parmiter

Martin & Celia Palma

David & Anna Maria Nixon

JN Vivek & IM Leena Rayan Miranda

Michael & Rebecca D’Alesio

Robert & Margaret Cudak

James & Norma Bukowski

Patrick & Laura Brennan

Herschell & Mary Bratt

David & Kay Beattie

Richard & Kathleen Baumann

Dean & Lisa Ashbrook

Charles & Sarah Arnold

Peter & Sue Armstrong

Michael & Cathy Agriesti

Frank & Lea Guarasci

Stacy & Anita Groene

Jim & Sherri Gray

Reynaldo & Yvonne Carranza

Fred & Joy Kerner

Bill & Bernie Kenny

Lea & Dennis Kozmics

Jill & Bill K Nacht

Stacy & Beverly Kiber

Valerie & Joseph Kiliaris

Stacy & Richard Kibler

Michael & Mary Meyers

John & Anne Medert

Bob & Kathy McFadden

Jeffrey & Peggy Lowder

Joseph & Donna Lesko

Michael & Margaret Lenaghan

Michael & Erin Logston

David & Loralie Louis

Karen & Tim Loughlin

Peter & Mary Luce

Brian & Stacy Ludeman

Brian & Michelle Ludeman

John & Kimberly Ludeman

Jesse & Kaye Lukens

Jorge & Maritza Lujan

David & Shelly Lyman

John & Dolores Igel

Michael & Mary Meyers

Fred & Joy Kerner

Bill & Bernie Kenny

Tom & Shirley Jensen

John & Sally Imes

Raymond & Kathleen Hinrichs

Michael & Linda Hendershot

Michael & Cathy Agriesti

Mike & Margaret Lenaghan

Gregg & Barbara Hinterschied

Raymond & Kathleen Hinrichs

Michael & Linda Hendershot

Michael & Mary Meyers

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The Diocese of Columbus along with the Diaconate Community Congratulates Deacons, Deacon Candidates and their wives on their Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries

65 years
- Dcn. Richard & Kay Baumann 5/9/1953
- Dcn. Ralph & Mary Parsons 10/12/1953

64 years
- Dcn. Frank & Sandi Paniccia 6/19/1954

63 years
- Dcn. Thomas & Mary Alice Johnston 6/25/1955
- Dcn. Ronald & Sue Fondriest 11/26/1955

61 years
- Dcn. Bart & Joan Supino 2/2/1957

60 years
- Dcn. John & Maxine Rankin 6/14/1958
- Dcn. Elmer & Catherine Lampe 8/9/1958

57 years
- Dcn. Charles & Josephine Knight 8/19/1961

55 years
- Dcn. Robert & Barb Ghiloni 2/2/1963
- Dcn. Harry & Melody Turner 2/9/1963
- Dcn. Gerald & Rose Butts 4/27/1963

50 years
- Dcn. Carl & Dorothy Jerzyk 8/31/1968

45 years
- Dcn. George & Kathleen Zimmermann 1/20/1973
- Dcn. Larry & Shelly Wilson 3/1/1973
- Dcn. Philip & Anna Rzewnicki 8/25/1973
- Dcn. Donald & Julie Poirier 9/1/1973

40 years
- Dcn. Timothy & Susan Birie 4/1/1978
- Dcn. James & Mary Sturgeon 7/29/1978
- Dcn. Thomas & Cynthia Rowlands 8/19/1978
- Dcn. Paul & Cathy Zemanek 1/18/1978

35 years
- Dcn. Roger Minner & Mary Kelly 3/19/1983
- Dcn. Craig & Lori Smith 7/23/1983

30 years

25 years
- Dcn. Lyn & Beth Houze 9/3/1993
- Dcn.-candidate Victor & Chika Nduaguba 11/6/1993
Holy Rosary-St. John to celebrate anniversary on July 15

Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church will once again host a Church Anniversary Celebration. The 2017 event was such a success and enjoyed by so many that requests were immediately made to do it again in 2018. So, on Sunday, July 15, the 120th anniversary of St. John the Evangelist and the 113th anniversary of Holy Rosary will be feted with Mass at 9:30 a.m. and a reception afterward in the St. John Community Center.

“Many people don’t realize that Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist – then separate churches – were two of the biggest churches in the Diocese in the 1950s and 1960s,” said Fr. Joshua Wagner, the current pastor of the combined parish.

The church membership may be smaller now than in the past, but it is still a very active parish, with a number of social services for the surrounding community. Most of those services are located in the St. John Community Center (formerly the St. John School) at 640 S. Ohio Ave.

Some of the services provided in the St. John Community Center include church ministries, such as the St. John Food Pantry and the St. John Learning Center (adult education), as well as organizations that are separate from but work closely with the church, including Community Kitchen, Inc., and the Order of Malta Center of Care.

One of the biggest changes this year is that the St. John Learning Center, which provides adult education and in the early 1990s became a separate nonprofit, is once again a ministry of the church under the same name.

Dan Miller, volunteer coordinator for St. John Learning Center, is excited about the summer class schedule. “Our computer workshop will teach beginners how to use a computer. Our Personal Finance workshop, hosted by Huntington Bank, will emphasize how to budget your finances,” he said.

Education is the focus of the yearly School Supplies Giveaway, too, and donations, especially of backpacks, are always welcome.

The Order of Malta Center of Care opened at the St. John Community Center last summer. The health clinic is open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. An onsite dental clinic is planned for later this year.

The St. John Food Pantry has long been a part of the parish and is located in the St. John Community Center. It is usually open Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and serves over 7,000 individuals every year. Numbers served are up this year because the pantry has begun to accept more walk-in registrations. That way, people can come when they have transportation. Food donations are always welcome and keep costs down.

The Holy Rosary-St. John Community Gardens are another food-related project at the parish. Sherry Hugley, the volunteer community gardens coordinator, said, “The gardens are coming along great this year. We had a big event in May and are so grateful for all the volunteers who participated.”

The Community Kitchen, Inc. grew out of the parish in the 1980s and became a separate nonprofit, but still resides in the St. John Community Center and works with the church. They provide hot meals six days a week in the St. John Community Center basement. CEO Allison Glasgow said, “In response to persistent hunger and food insecurity facing our community, Community Kitchen, Inc. (CKI) serves more than 100,000 meals each year across two dining sites.”

The St. John Community Center was a school until the early 1980s. For years, it was the St. John School, and Holy Rosary had a separate elementary school (as well as a high school at Holy Rosary). In the 1970s, Holy Rosary, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Dominic combined to form Pope John XXIII elementary school, which was open at the St. John site until 1983.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity provided the teachers for the school. “I have fond memories of Holy Rosary/St. John’s Parish,” Sister Beth Brosmer said. “My parents attended Rosary High School and were married at Holy Rosary Church. I attended first grade and one-half of second grade at St. John. As a child, I remember so well Msgr. Frederick Burkhart’s rose garden and his dog, Shep. Many years later, I taught kindergarten at Pope John XXIII School (housed at St. John’s). It felt like coming full circle.”

Vicky Baldauf, a member of St. John the Evangelist who attended St. John School in the 1960s, recalled, “My cousins were right down the street. The church bells rang at 7:20 to remind you that Mass started at 7:30 a.m., and back then, we were all required to go to Mass before school started.”

Marie Montgomery Bowers, who attended Pope John XXIII School in the 1970s, also has fond memories. “I attended Pope John XXIII until about fourth grade. I made a lot of friends there. It was the best learning experience I had. We were like a family. We all still keep in touch.”

That sense of family is still strong at the church. Many people comment on how friendly the parish is. Visitors and new members are always welcome. The church is known around the diocese for its yearly Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, a tradition since the first year the holiday was celebrated.

The parish has also never lost its spirit of evangelization and service. “So much goes on at Holy Rosary-St. John. It’s amazing how much this small parish does. We’re like the little parish that could,” Father Wagner said. “Our members are generous with their time and talent, but we also welcome donations and volunteers from around the diocese. It’s hard for us to do all that we do without outside donors as well.”

The invitation, Father Wagner said, is open. “We welcome all current and former members, school alumni, and really anyone and everyone to join us at the Church Anniversary Celebration on July 15th or anytime. It’s a very welcoming place. Mass is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday, and you will love our Gospel Choir.”

For more information on Holy Rosary-St. John, go to hrsjchurch.org/service or email hrsjevents@gmail.com or call (614) 252-5926, ext. 7.
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Cycle B**

**Faith works wonders**

**Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 2**
**Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**
**Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43**

By Jem Sullivan, Catholic News Service

When Jesus encounters the sick, their lives are changed forever. As Jesus heals their physical disease, he gives them the gift of knowing they are loved unconditionally and that they are invited to friendship with God. Divine love heals every sickness of body, mind and spirit. The healing of the body goes hand in hand with healing of mind, spirit and heart.

Pope Francis reminds us that “only the recognition of being a wounded church ... a wounded soul leads us to knock on the door of mercy in the wounds of Christ.” In the Gospels, the sick who approach Jesus must first recognize their need for healing and knock on the door of mercy. Their encounter with Jesus is life-transforming precisely because they know their sinfulness and entrust themselves to the healing love of Jesus. Once they are healed they become witnesses to his love and mercy in their homes and communities. Such was the faith of Jairus, the synagogue official, described in this Sunday’s Gospel. Faith drew the man to Jesus’ power as he begged for the healing of his daughter who was “at the point of death.” Faith in Jesus’ power to heal was the first miracle that paved the way for the miracle of his daughter who was raised to health. The faith of the father opened the way for Jesus’ word to heal the young girl and restore her to her family and community.

Faith can also have the same transformative effect on our lives today.

The apostle St. Thomas, whose feast day the church will celebrate during this week, encountered Jesus after his resurrection from the dead. But Thomas doubted. His skepticism would have eventually hardened his heart and mind against the healing love of God. But Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds of his resurrected body and to believe in the power of his resurrection to heal his doubting heart and mind.

“For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him,” we read these powerful words in this Sunday’s first reading from the book of Wisdom. We are reminded of our origin in God, our dignity as God’s children and the eternal destiny for which we were created.

But do we live as if we were made imperishable and in the image of God? Are we growing daily in faith that opens us to an outpouring of God’s abundant love and healing mercy?

Healing was the heart of Jesus’ life and ministry. God sent his only Son to reconcile us to friendship with God. To be reconciled to God and to one another heals us and restores us to friendship with Jesus so we can say, with humble confidence, in faith, “speak to me, Lord.”

**Reflection Question:**

**How does God’s word challenge me to strengthen faith so I too may experience the healing power of Jesus?**

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**Christ Child Society new members**

The Christ Child Society of Columbus welcomed the following new members at their annual Founder’s Day Luncheon. Pictured (from left) are Deacon Frank Iannarino, Louise Bishop, Kristen Crane, Bishop Frederick Campbell, Alise Ghanem, Ann Christopher and Msgr. John Cody.
After the Irish debacle

I wasn’t surprised by the result of Ireland’s May 25 referendum, which opened a path to legal abortion in the Emerald Isle by striking down a pro-life amendment to the Irish Constitution. Nor was I all that surprised by the large margin of victory racked up by those for whom an unborn child isn’t “one of us;” both the government and the virulently anti-Catholic Irish media put heavy thumbs onto the scales as the debate over the referendum unfolded. So with Ireland having joined the Gadarene rush into legalizing the dictatorship of relativism, what next?

Amend the Irish Constitution again. Ireland’s constitution begins with a preamble that now seems, at the very least, ironic: “In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, from Whom is all authority and to Whom, as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred...” Having long ago jettisoned in practice the bit about God’s judgment on “men and States,” Ireland has now made it clear, by a 66 percent super-majority, that it does not recognize the “authority” of “the Most Holy Trinity” in terms of either divine law (see Exodus 20:13) or the natural moral law God inscribed in creation, which teaches us that innocent human life is not to be willfully taken and deserves cultural and legal protection.

Ireland has been a post-Christian society for decades. The effects of de-Christianization and ecleci-siophobia were painfully evident in the aggressive tone of pro-abortion advocates during the pre-referendum debate and by the referendum’s results. So why not stop the charade and delete from the Constitution an affirmation belied by both contemporary custom and Irish law?

Protect the dissenters. Before and immediately after the referendum, the totalitarian passions of some of the pro-abortion forces were on display in TwitterWorld. Their target was the Iona Institute, a think-tank led by one of Ireland’s leading Catholic layman, David Quinn. Anticipating victory on May 25, columnist Barbara Scully tweeted the day before, “Once we’re done repealing the 8th [i.e., the pro-life amendment to the Constitution], can we repeal The Iona Institute? They serve no useful purpose. Any why do we need to listen to their views every time we need to make a social change. Why do they have such an amplified voice?” The morning after her side won, another columnist, Alison O’Connor, gnawed the same rotten bone, tweeting, “Is it too soon to ask just who are the Iona Institute? Where do they get their cash? Who appointed them guardians of our nether region morals? Did we hear far too much from one small (& we now know hugely unrepresentative) group over the last months?”

Thus speaketh the thought police. So the friends of democracy in Ireland had better think quickly about providing robust legal protection for heroes like David Quinn and other pro-life stalwarts who fought the good fight, lost, and will now try through persuasion to limit the damage that will follow the repeal of the pro-life amendment. If their voices are squelched by thuggish cultural pressures, or even by law, Irish democracy will become a pathetic joke.

Take bold steps to rebuild Irish Catholicism. Whatever polling data tells us about the percentage of the pro-abortion vote being an anti-Church vote, it’s been obvious for over a decade that, with a few exceptions, the Irish bishops are incapable of leading the re-evangelization of the country. Their credibility has been shattered by abuse cover-ups. The strategy of kowtowing to political correctness and bending to cultural pressure, which too many Irish bishops have adopted, has been a complete failure.

In December 2011, after meeting in Dublin with legislators of both major political parties, journalists, serious lay Catholics, and the country’s most accomplished theologian, I sent a memo to friends in Rome, arguing that radical measures were needed to turn things around in Irish Catholicism: retiring most of the then-sitting bishops; shrinking the number of Irish dioceses by at least half; and appointing new bishops for Ireland from throughout the Anglo-sphere – the principal criterion for selection being a man’s demonstrated capacity as an evangelist. Ireland, I wrote, was mission territory. It needed missionary bishops. And if native-born Irishmen could once become bishops in the U.S., why couldn’t American bishops known to be effective evangelists be sent to Ireland today?

My analysis, I fear, was correct. The drastic measures needed to rebuild Irish Catholicism remain to be implemented.

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Sister Janice Ernst

Funeral Mass for Sister Janice Ernst (formerly Sister Mary Victor), 83, who died Monday, June 11, was held Friday, June 15 at the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati Motherhouse Chapel. Burial was in the Sisters of Charity cemetery.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1934, to the late Victor L. Ernst and Dorothy (Heyding) Ernst in Bellefontaine, Ohio, as the middle child of six and grew up in Springfield, Ohio. She entered the Sisters of Charity in 1952 after graduating from Springfield Catholic Central High School and was a member of the order for 65 years.

She served as an educator for 35 years. Among her assignments in Michigan and Ohio were at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School from 1979 to 1988 and three subsequent years at Newark Catholic High School. She then left teaching and became certified in the chaplaincy residence program at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus before serving as a staff chaplain there. He also worked in Colorado before returning to the motherhouse in Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Victor and Donald Ernst. Survivors include sisters, Connie Simmons and Mary Ann Yurkanin; brother, Greg Ernst, and nieces and nephews.

Kevin Enke

Funeral Mass for Kevin William Enke, 70, who died May 27 in Florida, was held Tuesday, June 19 at the Resurrection Cemetery Chapel in Lewis Center, followed by the burial.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1947 to the late Arthur E. and Mary Enke. He attended Columbus Bishop Watterson High School and graduated from Columbus North High School before serving two tours of duty with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Teri; sons, Chris and Rich Enke; daughter, Kelly (Lloyd) Nabors; stepsons, Brock and Brant Beeney; brothers, Monsignor Paul Enke and Mark Enke; sister, Anna Marie (John) Rice; and two grandchildren.
HAPPENINGS

CLASSIFIED

St. Luke Church/Danville
ST. LUKE PARISH FESTIVAL
Corner of Market & Rombo St., Danville
Saturday, July 14, 5-9 pm
(after 4 pm Mass)

Pit-Barbecued Chicken Dinners served 5-7 pm
Food Stand, Fancy Goods, Bingo,
Cash Raffles, Live Auction,
Entertainment, Games & Activities for all ages

JULY

1. SUNDAY
Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meeting
130 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Second of six summer sessions offering scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing for those who have lost loved ones. Registration followed by sharing session at 2 p.m.

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory
2, MONDAY
7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Marian Movement of Priests Canterbury prayer group for Catholic family life. 614-235-7435

3. TUESDAY
Our Lady of Good Success Study Group
11 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly Eucharistic holy hour followed by remedial catechism study and discussion. 614-372-5249

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
7 p.m., Pregnancy Decision Health Center, 665 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100

4. WEDNESDAY
Marian Devotion at St. Elizabeth
7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus. Marian devotion with Scriptural rosary, followed by Mass and monthly novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, with Father Ramon Oviera, CFIC.

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart
7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Eucharistic Holy Hour with the intention of deepening holiness and an increase in the virtue of fortitude for the Holy Father, bishops and priests, concluding with Benediction, social period, and refreshments. 614-372-5249

6. FRIDAY
St. Cecilia Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus. Begins after 8:15 a.m. Mass; continues to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Monthly Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Begins after 9 a.m. Mass; continues through 6 p.m. Holy Hour.

First Friday Masses at Holy Family
9 a.m., 1215 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Friday Masses in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 614-221-4323

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross
7:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Third of six summer sessions offering scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing for those who have lost loved ones. Registration followed by sharing session at 2 p.m.

First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary.
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9 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. First Saturday Mass for world peace and in reparation for blasphemies against the Virgin Mary. 614-221-4323 extension 329

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2:30 to 5 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Burtles Ave., Columbus. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, followed by general meeting, ongoing formation, and social. Elizabeth Bowen, OFS 614-276-1953

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 meeting for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

Mary’s Little Children Prayer Group
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5223 Refugee Road, Columbus. 8:00 a.m., confessions, 9 a.m. Mass, followed by Fatima prayers and Rosary (Shepherds of Christ format); 10 a.m., meeting.

Lay Missionaries of Charity Day of Prayer
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St., Columbus. Monthly day of prayer for Columbus chapter of Lay Missionaries of Charity. 614-372-5249

Centering Prayer Group Meeting at Corpus Christi
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-372-3371

Humanae Vitae Conference
November 5 p.m., St. Peter Church Hall, 285 W. Water St., Chillicothe. A Sign of Contradiction: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae will focus on the historical develop and the message of the historic encyclical from Pope Paul VI. Speakers include Father Adam Streiterberger, OFS, Sister Renee Mires, Dr. Ashley K. Fernandez and Dr. Alicia Thompson. 740-774-1407

8. SUNDAY
Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meeting
130 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Third of six summer sessions offering scripture, prayer, reflection and sharing for those who have lost loved ones. Registration followed by sharing session at 2 p.m.

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9. MONDAY
Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-509-2650, 614-309-0157

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

10. TUESDAY
Calix Society Meeting
6 p.m., Panera restaurant, 4519 N. High St., Columbus. Monthly meeting of the Calix Society, an association of Catholic alcoholics. Preceded by 5:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church, across street from meeting site.

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Burtles Ave., Columbus. Monthly Holy Hour following 6 p.m. Mass. 614-299-5781

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 15700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church’s respect life committee.

11. WEDNESDAY
55+ Club special event at St. Brigid of Kildare
1:30 p.m., St. Brigid of Kildare Church Hendricks Hall, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin. Dr. Mechenbier, retired U.S. Air Force pilot who was shot down over Vietnam and spent six years as a prisoner of war at the “Hanoi Hilton” with John McCain, will speak on “Resilience.”

Women to Women Listening Circle in Christi
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Women to Women program for women of all ages and life circumstances. Begins with soup lunch until noon, followed by listening circle. No child care available onsite. 614-512-3371

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12. THURSDAY
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13. FRIDAY
Downtown Serra Club meeting
Noon, St. Charles Preparatory School Cavallo Center, E. Broad St., Luncheon meeting and speaker. Catholic Times editor Doug Bean.

14. SATURDAY
PDHC Walk for Life
9 a.m.-noon, Downtown Bandstand, 104 N. Broad St., Lancaster. The Pregnancy Decision Health Center’s walk will be followed by family activities and live music. 614-888-8774 ext. 6117
The May ordination in the Diocese of Columbus had special meaning for the members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Columbus Holy Family Church who dedicated their prayers for the past year to the five men who were ordained as priests.

The young sodalists began praying for the five after they became deacons a year earlier and met them for the first time on Saturday, May 26 at Westerville St. Paul Church. The new priests thanked them for their prayers and asked for continued spiritual support.

Catherine Noel, a member of the Sodality, said after attending the ordination: “The beauty and awe I encountered at the recent ordination was one that I cannot compare to any previous experience. It was breathtaking in its solemnity and had a joy and spirituality about it that brought me to tears.

To see a man that I prayed for becoming in Persona Christi was a gift of God that I could never have asked for. Being a spiritual mother, I felt in my heart the pride of a true mother at seeing her son given such an honor as being raised to the title of Priest of God.”

Sodalities began in the 15th century and continue today in Catholic parishes. The purpose of a sodality is to help its members grow in holiness and to share their love and knowledge of Our Lord with all they meet. Sodality gatherings involve learning, faith sharing, prayer and fellowship.

By participating in a sodality, young women come to realize that religion is not merely a subject to be learned but a way of life to be lived each day and shared with others. It is a link between Catholic education and Catholic action, and a means to awaken a love for the Mother of God, who, through her example and intercession, leads members to live a good and holy Christian life.

The Solidity of the Blessed Virgin Mary meets on the first Saturday of each month after the 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St. All young women in high school and college are invited to attend and become members.

For more information, contact Sr. Bozena of The Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception at sr.bozena73@gmail.com or 856-874-6096.

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State volleyball champions

The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School boys volleyball team won the 2018 Division II state championship on Sunday, June 3, at Capital University with a 25-19, 14-25, 25-16, 28-26 victory over top-ranked and four-time defending champion Kettering Archbishop Alter. The Cardinals claimed the final two points in thrilling fashion to take the title. Michael Jimenez ripped an ace with a jump floater to set up match point. A long rally for the deciding point included the ball crossing over the net 13 times and 37 total contacts. A key dig by Jimenez and a set by middle hitter Andrew Dilley kept the rally controlled on the St. Charles side of the net. Alex McLane sealed the victory with a tool off the hand of an Alter setter. To reach the championship match, St. Charles defeated Cincinnati LaSalle 25-15, 25-23, 25-22 in a semifinal on Saturday, June 2. Key contributors for the Cardinals in the state tournament run were seniors and co-captains Kevin Gallagher and Dilley; juniors Nathan Lancia, Alex McLane, Jake Franz, Jack Schumacher, Matthew Sheridan and Jimenez; and sophomore Ted Hofmeister. The team was coached by Ned Gruber, Joe Gruber, Phil Hanson and Adam Reed.

Diocesan Recreation Association honors

Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church received the Joe Sestito-Kathryn Buckerfield Outstanding Sportsmanship Award presented each year by the Diocesan Recreation Association (DRA) during a Columbus Clippers game on May 16. Sestito and Buckerfield were longtime coaches and directors in the DRA. Pictured (left to right) are Our Lady of Peace athletic director Tim O’Brien; DRA associate director Marty Raines; boys commissioner for grades 4-6 Jeff Martin; and boys commissioner Julius Palazzo. Our Lady of Peace received a $500 tuition scholarship, and one of its students threw out a ceremonial first pitch.

At the same game, Martin (bottom photo, right) was honored for his service to the youth in the diocese, serving the past seven years as the boys commissioner for grades 4-6. Martin, who is moving to Arizona, is pictured with Raines and Palazzo.
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