Editor’s reflections by Doug Bean

Honor thy father

As Americans participate in the annual celebration of Father’s Day on Sunday, June 17, the natural tendency is to think in terms of honoring dads.

Dads that are still with us in the physical sense, those who have departed this world, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, family members and loved ones who are dads.

Fathers are often the unsung heroes of the family, and it is right and good to recognize them on this special day. They need support and prayers to carry out their daily duties. It’s not always easy being a dad. Sacrifice is often required, whether it’s working through difficult family situations, helping a pregnant mother choose life or giving up worldly pleasures.

We also should take time this Sunday and every day of our lives to remember, first and foremost, God the Father, who is the creator of the world, the source of human existence.

In a politically correct culture these days, it’s controversial in some circles to pray to God as father, even though Jesus taught his disciples to pray, “Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name” (Matthew 6:9-13). The Apostles’ Creed begins with, “I believe in God the Father Almighty.” Jesus said in John 12:45, “Whoever sees Me, sees the Father.” As Catholics, we pray the Lord’s Prayer at every Mass and six times daily, in the recitation of the rosary.

Some contrarians go out of their way to remove masculine references to God, but Pope Francis has reminded us that Christ told his followers to call God Our Father, and that “the fatherhood of God” is a source of Christian hope.

That is not to say that God the Father, the first person of the Most Holy Trinity, is a man in a gender-specific sense. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, God “is neither man nor woman. God is pure spirit in which there is no place for the difference between the sexes.”

So instead of getting caught up in arguments about inclusive language, it seems more appropriate to worry less about gender references and more about conforming our lives to the image and likeness of God.

Now, back to earthly fathers.

Let’s also remember our priestly fathers and bishops who faithfully serve the Catholic Church. They are not fathers in a physical sense, but they are spiritual fathers to tens of thousands who rely on them to administer the sacraments and provide counsel at every stage of life. So please wish your parish priests a Happy Father’s Day this Sunday.

If you have been blessed with a dad, give thanks to God. So many children have never experienced the presence of a father in their lives.

Father’s Day should also serve as a reminder of the Fifth Commandment, which instructs us to “Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother.”

While remembering to pray for and honor fathers this weekend, keep in your prayers long-time Catholic Times reporter Tim Puet, who is recovering from a serious injury.

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 1, 15 & 29; August 12 & 26. We will return to weekly publication schedule in September.

Diocese offers direction on identifying valid Catholic priests

Occasionally, people of the Diocese of Columbus may encounter someone who asserts that they are validly ordained priests but who are members of alternate “Catholic” churches. With this in mind, the Diocese of Columbus wishes to offer some guidance in matters of this sort.

Church law states that only a validly ordained priest who is not canonically impeded validly and licitly celebrates a Catholic Mass. Those who present themselves as priests and who are part of these alternate churches or splinter groups are not in full communion with the Catholic Church under the authority of the Pope nor with any legitimately constituted particular church in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

There are a number of these splinter groups that claim to be Catholic but are in fact not recognized as such by the Church. These groups use a variety of names, using adjectives like “reformed,” “American,” and so forth. They may even claim to be successors of the Apostles, and in addition to attempting to offer Mass, these individuals may try to teach or preach in the name of the Catholic Church or administer other sacraments, claiming to hold papers from the Vatican validating their ordination.

Religious freedom under the U.S. Constitution allows Americans to establish their own religious sects, including alternative “Catholic sects,” but religious freedom in the United States does not grant individuals the right to claim they are functioning validly within the Catholic Church itself if such is not the case. Such claims are, in fact, fraudulent.

If anyone has any question about a Catholic cleric’s authenticity, they may contact the Chancery Office in the Diocese of Columbus for verification (614-224-2251).

Canon Law states that visiting priests who are unknown to a parish pastor should present a letter of introduction from his bishop or the superior of a religious order, issued at least within the year unless it can be judged prudent that he is not impeded from celebrating. In addition, the current practice is also to have testimonial letters sent from a bishop or religious order’s leadership to the local bishop a month or more in advance.

Catholic priests in good standing in the United States are listed in the Official National Catholic Directory.
The Diocese of Columbus has released its list of changes in clergy assignments for 2018-2019. Additional assignment changes may be released at a future date.

These appointments become effective July 10, 2019. Additional assignment changes may be released at a future date.

**Father Ronald J. Aubry**, from Priest Moderator, St. Agnes Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Peter Church, Millersburg and STs. Peter and Paul Church, Glenmont.

Confirming the appointment of the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Friars, **Father Stanley Azaro, OP** from Chaplain, Mohun Health Care Center, to service outside the diocese, effective immediately.

Confirming the nomination of the Prior Provincial of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, **Father Antonio Baus, C.P.P.S.**, from service outside the diocese, to Pastor St. James the Less Church, Columbus, effective July 1, 2018.

**Father Stanley Benecki**, from Pastor St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus, to retirement.

Announcing the decision of the President of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, **Father Joseph Ciccone, C.S.P.**, from Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, The Ohio State University, to service outside the diocese.

**Father Anthony J. Davis**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Matthias Church, Columbus.

Confirming the appointment of the President of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, **Father Charles O. Donahue, C.S.P.**, from service outside the diocese, to Associate Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, The Ohio State University, effective July 1, 2018.

**Father William J. Faustner**, from Priest Moderator, St. Agnes Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Peter Church, Millersburg and STs. Peter and Paul Church, Glenmont.

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**Deacon Daniel Hann**, appointed Catholic chaplain at Madison Correctional Institution, effective April 27, 2018, continuing in diaconal ministry at St. Patrick Church, London.

**Father Michael R. Hartge**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Church, Chillicothe; St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House; and St. Mary, Queen of the Missions Church, Waverly, to Pastor, Perry County Consortium (St. Rose of Lima Church, New Lexington; St. Bernard Church, Corning; Church of Atonement, Crooksville; and St. Patrick Church, Junction City).

**Father Thomas W.A. Herge**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Peter Church, Chillicothe; St. Colman of Cloyne Church, Washington Court House; and St. Mary, Queen of the Missions Church, Waverly.

**Father Michael J. Hinterschied**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Cathedral, to Pastor, St. Patrick Church, London.

**Father William Thomas Kessler**, from Pastor, St. Mary Church, Bremen and St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster, to retirement.

**Father Denis S. Kigozi**, from Pastor, St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester and St. Mary Church, Groveport, to Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, New Albany.

**Father Joseph Klee**, from residence at Sacred Heart Church, Columbus, to pastoral care of the Spanish-speaking faithful at St. Peter Church, Columbus, with residence at St. John the Baptist Church in Columbus, continuing in prison ministry in the diocese.

**Father Stephen L. Krile**, from Pastor St. Peter Church, Millersburg and STs. Peter and Paul Church, Glenmont, to Pastor, St. John Church, Logan.

**Deacon Gordon Kunkler**, from diocesan ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville and Madison Correctional Institute, to retirement.

**Father Raymond Larussa**, from Pastor St. Matthias Church, Columbus, to retirement.

**Father Todd J. Lehigh**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Church, Columbus.

**Father Donald M. Maroon**, from Pastor Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Wellston, to retirement.

**Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney**, to Priest Moderator, St. Mary Church, Groveport, continuing as Pastor, St. Andrew Church, Columbus and Vicar General of the Diocese of Columbus.

Confirming the appointment of the President of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, **Father Edward C. Nowak, C.S.P.**, from Associate Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, The Ohio State University, to Director, St. Thomas More Newman Center, The Ohio State University, effective July 1, 2018.

**Father Brian J. O’Connor**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell, to Pastor, St. John XXIII Church, Canal Winchester.

**Father Edward T. Shikina**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Brendan the Navigator Church, Hilliard.

**Father Stephen M. Smith**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Monica Church, New Boston; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; and Holy Trinity Church, Jackson, to Parochial Vicar, St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell.

**Father Patrick A. Toner**, Priest Moderator, St. Aloysius Church, Columbus, to Pastor, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus; St. Aloysius Church, Columbus; and St. Agnes Church, Columbus.

**Father Christopher M. Tuttle**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Monica Church, New Boston; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; Holy Trinity Church, Jackson; and Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Wellston.

**Father Nicola D. Ventura**, to Parochial Vicar, STs. Peter & Paul Church, Wellston, continuing as Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Monica Church, New Boston; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; and Holy Trinity Church, Jackson.

Announcing the decision of the Prior Provincial of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, **Father Clarence Williams, C.P.P.S.**, from pastor, St. James the Less Church, Columbus, to service outside the diocese, effective July 1, 2018.

**Father Joseph T. Yokum**, Pastor, STs. Peter and Paul Church, Wellston, continuing as Pastor of St. Mary Church, Portsmouth; Holy Redeemer Church, Portsmouth; St. Monica Church, New Boston; St. Peter in Chains Church, Wheelersburg; and Holy Trinity Church, Jackson.

**Father David J. Young**, from Pastor Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ada and Immaculate Conception Church, Kenton, to Pastor, St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg.
**Encuentro Means Encounter**

As I drove a rental van off the parking lot of Christ the King Church in Columbus on June 1, I immediately realized this was no ordinary journey. Sr. Maribel Hernández, a sister of the Missionary Servants of the Word, told the passengers in Spanish, “We will now pray the Rosary.” She asked me, “How’s your Spanish?” After I told her my understanding could be a lot better, she said, “Good. You can practice with us.” Driving through the busy afternoon rush hour traffic along I-70 and I-71 while meditating on the Rosary in Spanish was an encounter with Christ I will not soon forget.

We were heading to Detroit, four vans and 22 delegates from the Diocese of Columbus for V Encuentro Region 6. Catholics from Ohio and Michigan came together at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for a weekend to have an encounter: to pray, sing, dance, and engage in serious discussions about the status of Latino ministry in the Catholic Church.

What is V Encuentro? It is a four-year process of ecclesial reflection and action that invites all Catholics in the United States into an intense activity of evangelization, communion, and consultation. The V means it is the fifth time the U.S. Catholic Church has implemented the Encuentro process. The first Encuentro in 1972 led to the creation of the National Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The theme of V Encuentro is Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God’s Love.

Encuentro is a journey for leaders in dioceses, parishes, church movements, and other Catholic organizations to have an encounter with Latino Catholics, especially those living in the periphery and young people. The main goal of Encuentro is for the Church of the United States to discern ways to better respond to the Latino presence and to expand ways Latino Catholics can use their gifts and talents for the entire Church.

At the gathering in Detroit, there was intense prayer and worship. The faith is so alive with our Latino Catholic brothers and sisters! Each time we boarded a van or bus in transit between the hotel and seminary and between Columbus and Detroit, we prayed the Rosary and other Catholic prayers. We participated in Mass each day and prayed throughout the day. The accompanying music at every turn of the process was amazingly vibrant and reverent.

During the Encuentro, I listened to participants share their joys and concerns. This is what I heard. Latino Catholic parents deeply desire to pass on the faith to their children. They want to instill Catholic values in the family but find it difficult in today’s culture. Latino youth want leadership opportunities to serve the Church but often find barriers to their offer of gifts and talents. Latino Catholics want to learn new ways of accompaniment and acquire additional resources to evangelize. They yearn to be understood and accepted by non-Latino Catholics, parish leadership, and parishioners. Resources for leadership development and vocations were high on their list. Some Latino Catholics are worried about their families being separated by immigration enforcement measures resulting in detention or deportation of loved ones. They want avenues to promote pro-life activities and address social concerns. Drug abuse, suicide, abortion, and human trafficking are of great concern. We discussed the need for new strategies for stewardship and ministry formation.

The next step on the Encuentro journey is for organizers to compile what was discussed and forward it to USCCB for the national Encuentro in September to be held in Dallas. Five delegates will represent our diocese at the national gathering.

I hope and pray the Church intensifies its work to create a culture of encounter with our Latino brothers and sisters. Along our journey, may we all work in solidarity with joy as missionary disciples.

Jerry Freewalt is an associate director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.
Msgr. Anthony Frecker’s funeral homily for Msgr. Mario Serraglio

In 1881, in the fall, I think it was October, a baby boy was born. A small baby boy was born in the village of Sotto il Monde. A scant 52 years later, several hundred kilometers away, another baby boy was born, Mario Serraglio. And in my mind, these two men were cut from the same cloth.

Mario was a great admirer of John XXIII. Mario admired him as much as I do, if you can believe that. And I had occasion to make pilgrimage to Sotto il Monde, and Mario was with me both times. And we went to various places connected with John XXIII’s life. And we went especially to one place I truly treasure, and that is the casa di nascita, the house of his birth. And so I saw the very room that Angelo Roncalli was born in. I saw the bed that he was born in. Of course, the mattress and springs were gone. It was put it up against the head so that tourists could go through. And, you know, a few years later, I went back again and was just as impressed with those same sites.

Just a few years ago, Mario invited me to go with him to his home in Italy and to stay for a couple of weeks. And so I was able to go to the little village that Mario was born in and I was able to see the casa di nascita, the house that Mario was born in. In fact, Mario’s younger brother, Vincenzo, still lives there. These two men, John XXIII and Mario Serraglio, have in common not only being born relatively close to each other in history and being born in northern Italy, they have lots of things in common. I could go on and on and on about that, but I’m going to cut to just one example. Both men did not get lost in the peripheral and the minutiae of anything they were doing. They always went to the core, to the real, to what was actually the real stuff that was going on.

One story of John XXIII when he became Pope was he liked to walk. And when he became Pope he liked to walk through the Vatican gardens. Well, some of the Vatican officials stopped him and said, no, this is not right, you’ve got to change this. He said, what’s the matter? Well, they said Pope Pius XII always walked the same day at the same time of each day. We knew when he would start his walk and when he would finish his walk. And John said, why is this important? And they said so we can close the cupola, that is the tower, the bell tower on the outside. There’s an observation deck where you can see forever and ever and you can see down into the Vatican gardens. And so they didn’t want the tourists to watch the pope walk around the Vatican gardens. So at any rate, John XXIII said, I’ll tell you what, we’ll make a deal. I will continue to walk whenever I choose to walk and you leave the cupola open all of the time, and I promise you I will not do anything to scandalize the papacy.

Mario could also cut to the chase like that. I know when I was over at Mario’s home place and I appreciated Vincenzo’s hospitality so much. I spoke no Italian and he spoke no English, but we had a great time. It was a great joy. We understood each other more than I thought we would. At any rate, after I came home I wanted to send a gift to Vincenzo, to show my appreciation for his hospitality. And so I had in my possession an ancient Roman coin from around mid-300s AD. And the inscription and the image were of Constantine. How I came by that coin is a story best not told in public. But I had heard that the Italian government had rather strong laws about possessions of antiquity. And so I went to Mario. You know, Vincenzo had a great coin collection and I said to Mario, this would be a nice addition to Vincenzo’s coin collection. And Mario said, wonderful, wonderful. Yes, he would love it. And I said, well, what about the government? And Mario says, oh, the Italian government, they have too many rules. He went on to say, just like in church, just like in church. Mario could sweep away a mound of legalism and false piety and religious minutiae and trivia with a wave of his hand.

You know, there are many, many, many stories about Mario that I would love to share with you today. I have spent the past few days going over many of them in my mind. And it’s natural at the time of death to look back with memory over all the things we shared with the person who is gone. But there is a much more important task that we must turn out attention to today, and that is to look at what’s going on right now and the mystery of Mario’s death and resurrection. We need to look at the reality of this event because it is the next stage in Mario’s life. We also need to look to the future. We need to look to the final fulfillment of the coming of the kingdom of God. You know, Pope Francis has encouraged us, we should spend some time thinking about our final departure from this temporary home on planet earth.

Now Mario chose three stories in particular for us to reflect on today. And these are not the smallest stories of his life or our association of our lives with his life. These are stories from sacred scripture. So let us turn to the first story that Mario has asked us to proclaim at this assembly and reflect on. It is from the book of Wisdom. Now the important thing about his reading is it’s Old Testament. This was written before the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and even in those days people knew that death could not be the end. “The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seem, underling seem, they seem in the view of the foolish, underline foolish, they seem in the view of the foolish to be dead and their passing away was thought, underling thought, their passing away thought an affliction. … But none of that’s true. It goes on to say they are in peace. The souls of the just are in the hands of God and no torment shall touch them. That’s Mario’s story right now. How can you describe the fullness of glory in the kingdom of heaven that Mario shares with Jesus and with all the saints? Well, they have some images in this reading, trying to grasp a little hint of what it might be. It says, God hath tried them and found them worthy of himself, as gold in the furnace he hath proved them. Now, a very heavy metal, when it melted, it sank, and all the impurities in the gold moved to the top. And the frost then is skimmed off and there’s nothing except pure, bright, shining gold. That’s Mario. Pure, bright, shining gold.

Another image, in the time of their visitation, they shall shine and dart about, through sparks and stubborn. I have a little hard time picturing Mario darting about through sparks and stubborn. He had a rather deliberate pace. And, unfortunately, in these latter months his pace deteriorated very significantly to where he could barely make it without huffing and puffing. But now all limitations of his physical problems are gone. The fibers in his lungs are no longer there, and he’s just darting about like sparks through stubble. The faithful shall abide with Him in love. That’s the bottom line, and that’s the story of Mario’s existence right now – abiding with God in love.

Mario chose a second story to be proclaimed in our midst and for us to reflect upon and it’s from the Book of Revelation. I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away. … I also saw a holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. And so Mario lives in that new heaven and that new earth. This former heaven and earth will eventually in the fullness of the kingdom at the end of time pass away. Mario has already left his present earth and gone into heaven. I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, behold, God’s dwelling is within the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There shall be no more death, no more mourning, wailing or pain. For the old order has passed away. As Jesus died and rose and ascended to the glory of the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit amongst us. We believe, that like Mario, we too will someday dwell where there is no more mourning and no more pain. And so we praise Mario for having these experiences. We look forward to that. The reading concludes, I shall be his God and he will be my Son.

The third story that Mario has asked us to tell and reflect upon is from John’s gospel. The scene here is at the Last Supper. Jesus is trying to give last-minute instructions and trying to explain to his disciples as best he can before his death and resurrection. So Jesus said to his disciples, in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. I have told you I’m going to prepare a place for you. Jesus has indeed gone and prepared a place for Mario and he’s prepared a place for every single one of us. He said, if I go
Reading at funeral Mass; Sunday shopping

**QUESTION & ANSWER**

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE
Catholic News Service

Q. Are there restrictions as to which scriptural readings may be used at a Catholic funeral Mass? My dad has told me that he wants Matthew 25:31-40 to be read when he dies. He has always liked that reading and has lived his life accordingly. Is there any reason this passage could not be used at his funeral? (Northampton, Pennsylvania)

A. The Order of Christian Funerals is the ritual book approved for Catholic funerals in the United States. In it is offered a selection of 45 different scriptural passages for the first and second readings of the Mass and for the Gospel.

In most parishes, it is customary for the pastor or a member of the parish staff to meet with the family of the deceased to decide which of the readings will be selected for the funeral Mass. Often, the family also has input as to what musical pieces will be played and sung. Many parishes publish a booklet containing some of the more popular scriptural passages, so that the family can read and reflect before making their selections.

The passage that your father favors -- in which Jesus welcomes into heaven those who have been kind to the needy, saying, “I was hungry and you gave me food” -- is, in fact, one of the suggested readings.

Other scriptural passages that are frequently chosen include: Wisdom 3:1-9 (“The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God”); Romans 6:3-9 (“Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life”); Romans 8:31b -35, 37-39 (“If God is for us, who can be against us?”); and the Gospel of John 14:1-6 (“In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places”).

I have often found that, in planning a funeral, sensitive attention to the desires of the family can go a long way to comfort people in their time of sorrow.

Q. I am a sports professional and have various opportunities for endorsement deals. Can you tell me whether it’s all right to be sponsored by a brand whose stores are open on Sundays? (I know that Sunday shopping is a grave sin.) (Naples, Florida)

A. First, I admire the question. It shows a special sensitivity to the importance of spiritual values. The morality of Sunday shopping depends, in my mind, on what you are shopping for. I can see how you might need a carton of orange juice, a newspaper or a bottle of Advil on a Sunday; but skis or a new tennis racquet don’t seem to present the same urgency, and they could well wait until Monday.

A sporting goods store (which I presume is what you’re talking about), by staying open on Sunday, could be forcing its employees to forfeit a day of worship, family time and suitable relaxation. I would be hesitant, though, to say that Sunday shopping is necessarily a grave sin. If you were to skip Mass in order to shop, that might indeed be a grave sin -- and I would question those who spend several hours every Sunday doing the family shopping for the week when a different day could work just as well.

In your own situation, the ideal would be to talk to the company trying to recruit you that you find their policy of Sunday openings objectionable; coming from a professional athlete, that might have an impact. Alternatively, I suppose, you could take the job and work from the inside to change the company’s business practice -- but I see that as being unlikely.

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

**Evening of reflection, one-day retreat**

Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen and international retreat leader Rick Hatem will offer an evening of reflection and a daylong retreat, Journeys of Compassion: A Response to Life’s Challenges and Opportunities, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 29, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Martin de Porres Center located at St. Mary of the Springs, 2330 Airport Dr., Columbus.

Saturday’s retreat will complement Friday’s reflections, but both sessions are complete in themselves. A $90 participation fee for both sessions includes morning coffee/tea, pastries, lunch, coffee breaks, and snacks. For anyone who interested in attending individual sessions, the cost is $20 for Friday only and $85 for Saturday only.

For more information, visit the Speaking page on van Balen’s website (www.maryvanbalen.com), contact her at maryvanbalen@gmail.com, or contact Hatem at rickhatem@gmail.com.

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**Humanae Vitae Conference in Chillicothe**

Pre-registration is being accepted through Monday, June 25 for a conference next month at Chillicothe St. Peter Church celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic promulgation of Blessed Pope Paul VI’s prophetic encyclical Humanae Vitae on God’s plan for married love and the transmission of life.

A Sign of Contradiction: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae is set for Saturday, July 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at the St. Peter parish hall, 285 W. Water St. The afternoon conference is open to anyone – scientists, medical professionals, families, priests and religious – interested in learning about the document on human life’s historical development, its message, and what it means 50 years after its publication on July 25, 1968.

Speakers will include Fr. Adam Streitenberger, OSF; Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD; Dr. Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD; and Dr. Alicia Thompson, DO, MPH.

Fr. Streitenberger, a priest of the Diocese of Columbus who is in residence at St. Joseph Cathedral, will put Humanae Vitae and Pope Paul VI in historical context.

Sr. Renee’s “The Domino Theory Revisited” presentation will provide a comprehensive review of the connection between contraceptive family planning and every other kind of social evil comprising the sexual revolution. She is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and serves as director of the Center for NaProEthics, the ethics division of the Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dr. Fernandes will provide a review of sexual abstinence education in his talk, “Sexual Abstinence in Adolescents: Toward a Stronger Empirical and Theoretical Grounding.” He is a president trustee for Ohio Right to Life, associate director of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and an associate professor of pediatrics at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus.

Dr. Thompson will speak on “The Commodification of Human Life,” addressing how reproductive technologies serve as a means to an end, the ethical framework surrounding these technologies and the related consequences. She is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist practicing in Westerville and a medical consultant for the Creighton Model FertilityCare and NaPro Technology.

Pre-registration is available by calling 740-774-1407 or by emailing secretary@stpeterchillicothe.com.

Cost is $20 per person and $35 per family. Lunch will be provided by BFI Catering.

**Hope Hollow raises funds for cancer patients, families**

The second annual “Garden Party” fundraiser to support Hope Hollow, a program started in 2009 by former Columbus Bishop Watterson High School teacher and alumna Jane Jacquemin-Clark and husband Kevin Clark to provide financial assistance for cancer patients and families traveling to Ohio, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24 at Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City.

The event will include dinner, drinks and live entertainment; live auction and raffle; remarks by Dr. Don McClure, retired CEO of the Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society; and music by pianist, singer and songwriter Matt Munhall, a 2000 Bishop Watterson graduate.

Tickets are $125 per person and may be purchased online at https://hopehollow.ejoinme.org/Garden-Party. Sponsorships are available at levels ranging from $100 to $10,000 and include recognition on the Hope Hollow website, social media and at the event. Funds are used to provide financial aid to families of cancer patients for extended lodging, meals and transportation.

For questions or more information, please email event chair Mary McClure Moore at mary@hopehollow.com or call 614-459-HOPE (4673).

Columbus St. Patrick Church was one of several parishes around the diocese to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 3 with an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Dominican friars and sisters were part of the procession at St. Patrick after the noon first Mass of thanksgiving celebrated by newly ordained Father Mannes Matous, OP.
The Christ Child Society of Columbus awarded partial scholarships and grants at its annual Founder’s Day event for nine students to attend central Ohio Catholic high schools next year:

Partial scholarships were awarded to Anna Pham, a student at St. Matthias School who will attend Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School; Kelli Kays and Margaret Valentine, students at St. Anthony School who will attend St. Francis DeSales; Christian Kimerle, a student at Columbus St. Mary School who will attend Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School; and Christina Daniel, who attends Columbus Bishop Hartley High School.

Receiving scholarship grants were Kena De-mie and Kiara Reed, students at Columbus Holy Spirit School who will attend Bishop Hartley High School; and Lized Yadaicela and Ilija Austin, students at Columbus St. Mary Magdelene School who will attend Columbus Bishop Ready High School.

Pham also received the Liz O’Brien Scholarship.

Graduating high school seniors who received Christ Child scholarships the last four years were Jared Schmitz and Katie Hopkins of St. Francis DeSales, Stephany Aeling of Bishop Hartley and Aaron Moehrman of Bishop Ready.
Recently I attended the Spiritual Director’s International Conference in St. Louis. The keynote speakers are well-known in the area of spirituality, and I looked forward to the breakout sessions, especially one on storytelling. To top it off, travel was a road trip with a good friend filled with hours of great conversation.

After we checked in to the St. Louis Union Station Hotel—a breathtakingly beautiful example of late 19th century architecture, stained-glass windows, gold leaf, and all—and enjoyed dinner, we made our way to the ballroom that served as the gathering place for plenary sessions. In the first half-hour, we received three gifts.

**Silence**

First came a call for the hundreds of spiritual companions to move into prayerful silence—not the usual kickoff activity for a large conference. Quiet prayer is a common thread found at the heart of all faith traditions, and it was integral to the entire weekend, repeated not only at every whole group gathering, but also at most of the breakout sessions.

Silence to quiet our “monkey-minds,” filled with thoughts crashing around in our heads. For five or ten minutes or longer, we acknowledged and released the interior noise and sank into precious moments of true silence, being still in Holy Presence.

*In a world of noise, confusion and conflict it is necessary that there be places of silence, inner discipline and peace. In such places love can blossom.* Thomas Merton

*In Silence God ceases to be an object and becomes an experience.* Thomas Merton

**Music**

And then there was song. To be honest, I don’t remember what music opened the conference. Over the weekend we experienced many types: hymns and chants, instrumental songs that washed over us and songs that invited us to join in. I do remember the sense of joy that gently filled me as I sat that first evening, slowing down from the trip and settling in, emerging from silence and feeling music lift my spirit.

Music can be part of everyday life. We turn on the radio, stream songs from an app, or plug in our playlist. Often music is background sound. Our attention is elsewhere: Driving to work or fixing dinner. That’s good, but intentional experience of music is different, whether you’re singing, playing, listening, or moving to it.

Recently, a dear friend came to visit and brought a small book I had made for her years ago holding songs I’d written over decades, guitar chords and all. She asked me to sing them.

I slid a dusty guitar case out from under my bed, tuned the instrument and began to sing my way through the book. Surprise! Despite a few pesky chords, I remembered them all. Prayer.

Instead of enjoying a snippet of a favorite symphony while driving from here to here, once on retreat, I listened to it from beginning to end, eyes closed, focusing on nothing else. Transporting.

*All of creation is a song of praise to God.* Hildegard of Bingen

*I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music.* Johann Sebastian Bach

*I mean to sing to Yahweh all my life. I mean to play for my God as long as I live.* Psalm 104

**Beauty**

Next our attention was directed to the flowers on stage and the lovely centerpieces on each table. Early spring wildflowers, a single twig from a flowering tree or shrub, and a bit of green artfully placed in a clear mason jar. It sat on a square of interesting fabric and was surround by a few smooth stones and a small bowl holding sand and a single candle.

All had been gathered from her land and arranged simply by the woman responsible for “beauty” at the conference.

Beauty. In creation. In artifacts. In candlelight. In the people around the tables. It is good to be reminded to notice the beauty in our world, to celebrate it, to create it.

*The fullness of Joy is to behold God in everything.* Julian of Norwich

*The Word is living, being, spirit, a verdant green, all creativity.* Hildegard of Bingen

Three gifts given and received in the first half-hour but that would last all weekend and beyond. They are yours, too, wherever you are. Yours for the taking.

*A sense of the universe, a sense of the all, the nostalgia which seizes us when confronted by nature, beauty, music - these seem to be an expectation and awareness of a Great Presence.* Teilhard de Chardin

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**LaNicca Award at St. Andrew School**

John David Epler (center) received the George M. LaNicca IV Community Service Scholarship offered annually at Columbus St. Andrew School. He will use the $500 tuition award to attend Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School. The scholarship is awarded in recognition for the work that he has done for the past four years to benefit St. Andrew Church. Pictured with him are Msgr. Stephan Moloney, the parish pastor, and Principal Joel Wichtman.
CATHOLIC CHURCH CONTINUES ITS ADVOCACY OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

By Doug Bean

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Joliet Franciscan sisters celebrate significant anniversaries

Five Joliet Franciscan sisters with ties to the Diocese of Columbus will celebrate significant religious anniversaries at a Mass on Sunday, June 23 at St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet, Illinois.

Sister Mary Franz, OSF (Ursuline), will be recognized for 85 years, Sister Carol Jander, OSF, for 60 years, Sisters Marie Miller, OSF, and Roberta Naegele, OSF, for 50 years, and Sister Mary Rose Lieb, OSF, for 40 years.

Sister Mary, 102, was received as a novice on August 12, 1933 and was given the name of Sister M. Ursuline. Her grand-niece, Sister Mary Rose, is celebrating her 40th year. Sister Carol was born in Columbus and began her education at Columbus St. Mary School. In addition to teaching math at the high school and college levels, she served the congregation as the diocesan director of postulants from 1959 to 1967, and worked in pastoral ministry at Marion St. Mary Church, Columbus St. Christopher Church and Columbus St. Elizabeth Church. She resides at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet.

Sister Carol was born in Columbus and entered religious life from Corpus Christi Church. She graduated from the former Columbus St. Mary High School and went on to work in the education field, specializing in primary and junior high teaching and administration. She now serves the residents and staff at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home.

Sister Mary Rose was a member of Columbus St. Philip the Apostle Church. She attended the former Columbus Holy Rosary Grade School and Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and received a bachelor’s degree in math from Ohio Dominican University. She has taught math on the elementary and secondary level and served as an administrator in schools in Illinois, Alabama and Colorado. She also was the president of her religious congregation from 2008 to 2012 before returning to Colorado as principal at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Grade School in Denver.

Free sessions at Franciscan University summer conferences

Franciscan University of Steubenville will offer two free evening adult sessions during its summer conferences.

The Applied Biblical Studies Conference at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, will feature Dr. Larry Feingold, author and assistant professor of Theology at Ave Maria University’s Institute for Pastoral Theology, speaking on “Typology and the Divine Plan to Unite All Things in Christ.” A holy hour led by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, will follow.

At the Defending the Faith Conference at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, best-selling author and Franciscan University theologian Dr. Scott Hahn will speak on “Finishing Strong: Partakers of the Fourth Cup.” His talk will be followed by a holy hour led by Father Paul Scalia, the episcopal vicar for clergy for the Diocese of Arlington.

Registration is not required. All events take place in Finnegan Fieldhouse. For more information, call the Franciscan University Christian Outreach Office at 1-740-283-6315.

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From the staff and parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Marysville

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Jubilee of Anniversaries

Bishop Frederick Campbell honored religious sisters in the Diocese of Columbus who are celebrating significant anniversaries during a special Mass on Saturday, June 2 at Columbus Our Lady of Victory Church. Pictured are (left to right): Sr. Mary Josetta Mayer, OP (65 years); Sr. Rose Bowen, OP (70 years); Sr. Judene Lillie, OP (65 years); Sr. Noreen Malone, OP (65 years); Sr. Kathleen Andrews, OP (60 years); Sr. Doris Regan, OP (60 years); Sr. Marialein Anzenberger, OP (seated - 71 years); Sr. Barbara Rapp, OP (50 years); Bishop Campbell; Sr. Rosemary Loomis, OP (50 years); Sr. Leonard Mary, FIH (45 years); Sr. Barbara Holtzinger, OSF (seated - 76 years); Sr. Germaine Conroy, OP (60 years); Sr. Louis Mary Passeri, OP (65 years); Sr. Margaret Hoffmann, OSF (55 years); and Sr. Carol Ann Spencer, OP (60 years). Not pictured are Sr. Carmen Paris, OSF (74 years) and Sr. Barbara Goodridge, OSF (50 years).

Imaging God’s faithfulness: the real reason we celebrate wedding anniversaries

By Catherine Suprenant
Marriage and Family Life Office

One of the qualities of God’s love proclaimed throughout the Scriptures is His faithfulness. How many times have we been surprised by the solidarity of God’s loving presence in our lives? We continually rediscover that “His mercies are new every morning.” God gives this faithful covenant love to all of us as His Bride, the Church, and those of us who are married witness to this reality.

On Sunday, June 24, the Diocese of Columbus will honor hundreds of couples who have given their witness for 25+ years of marriage. The celebration will be held at Columbus St. Andrew Church, beginning at 2:30 p.m. with Mass celebrated by the Bishop Frederick Campbell, with a light reception to follow.

Why do we celebrate anniversaries? Because these marriages model to us what God’s love is like. Faithfulness is a quality of love demonstrated only through time. However, faithfulness is not merely a matter of “sticking it out”. These couples have testified that love is faithful through each small moment of commitment, to a love that “believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. It never fails.”

Faithfulness is definitely not passive! It is stretching to grow the extra inch of love needed to keep pace with the vows. There is difficulty to abiding together on the same path, because life is full of change and turbulence. Keeping a ship going in the same direction takes strength! Just as Jesus “set His face” toward His cross ahead of time, the wedding vows set our faces on the path to holiness, and keeping them set is to forge a love reminiscent of God’s.

Speaking of our crosses, the cross of marriage taken on “until death do us part” becomes rooted like a tree of life in our lives. The trunk and large branches of this tree are celebrated when we think of faithfulness to the wedding vows. This tree has grown over time almost imperceptibly. As we stand back, we recognize the beauty of the tree’s growth, but we can also reflect on the roots of faithfulness responsible for this growth. These roots were moments when faithfulness looked like remaining in joys, sorrows, hard decisions, and moments when prayer was the only recourse.

Jesus said that those who abide in Him will bear fruit. The experience of faithfully abiding in marriage helps us to abide in the Lord as well, as the experience of marriage is an education in receiving the spousal love of God! The marriage relationship, participating in the reality of God’s abiding love, also bears fruit through faithfulness. Married love bears fruit by creating children, building communities, and proclaiming God’s love! The fruit is tasted for generations, but is to be fully revealed in Heaven.

Let’s not forget the fruits within the hearts of the spouses; the fruits of the Spirit appear in response to their joint faithfulness, particularly the fruit of joy. By joy is meant what St. Thomas Aquinas describes as the expansion of the heart. Expansion of the heart is only accomplished by the gradual stretching required by faithfulness.

Surrounded by the fruits of love, the time of anniversary is a reminder to all of us that faithfulness is the key to transformation of the heart and abiding fruitfulness. This image of the tree built in marriage is also the image of each of our souls, as we abide faithfully in God’s spousal love for us to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Thank you, married couples, for making that image come alive in our lives.
**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The fruit of walking by faith**

*By Jem Sullivan, Catholic News Service*

**Ezekiel 17:22-24  Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

Faith works wonders. To walk by faith, and not by sight, is one of the greatest challenges and joys of the spiritual life. This is the invitation to all in this Sunday’s Scripture readings.

The saints show us how to grow in faith in the daily circumstances of life. Holy men and women, known and hidden, have over the centuries witnessed to the power of walking by faith. Take the life of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, whose feast day the church celebrates this coming week.

Born into an aristocratic Italian family, the young Aloysius was set to inherit his family’s wealth and pursue a life of fame and public honor. He was sent to Florence and later to Mantua for his education and began reading the “Lives of the Saints” while recovering from an illness. It was then that he heard the Lord’s call to give his life in self-giving love as a missionary.

He was drawn to the Jesuit order, but his family did all they could to prevent him from answering the call to the priesthood. His family forbade his entry to the priesthood with the threat that he would have to renounce his inheritance and social status. He continued on, walking by faith, as he gave up all rights of inheritance to enter the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Rome.

Soon after, he dedicated himself to teaching the faith to youth and to caring for those suffering from the plague and other contagious diseases. The witness of his holiness and purity of life spread among the people, like branches of a tree. He died with the name of Jesus on his lips, radiating the peace and love of God.

In the Gospels, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. This smallest of seeds when sown in the ground, grows into the largest of plants, putting forth branches that spread out as shelter and shade. This imagery continues the teaching of the prophet Ezekiel in the first reading when God promises to plant a cedar on the mountain heights.

This cedar plant will, by God’s nourishing, become a majestic cedar in which birds of every kind dwell and find shade in its branches. The Lord God promises that he will bring low the high tree, and lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree and make the withered tree bloom. God’s mighty hand will do this.

As we ponder the word of God today, we are invited to walk by faith, and not by sight. This journey of faith begins in the grace of God, who plants the seed and gives growth to the gift of faith in our lives. Our daily challenge is to let go of self-reliance and to grow in friendship with Jesus as we say in faith, “speak to me, Lord.”

**Reflection Question:**

What does it mean to walk by faith, and not by sight?

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**St. Andrew students receive awards on National Latin Examination**

Nine Columbus St. Andrew School students received gold medals and 23 were awarded silver on the 2018 National Latin Examination.

Gold medalists for seventh-grade Latin I were Colleen Wagy, Gavin Slater, Evan Schehr, Noah Garaczewski, McKenzie Jones, Stefan Wenzke, Katherine Braidech and Ava Gruver. Winning gold for eighth-grade Latin II was Andrew J. Liss.

Receiving silver were Isabella Blum, Gabriella Ervin, Cedric Stewart, James Butz, Lucas Ryan, Thomas Yankelevich, Kaitlyn Lauber, Eden Brush, Rachel Gora, Lily Eldred, Justin Das, Maggie Ratliff, and Griffin Beggs for Latin I. For Latin II, the silver medalists were Mia Hinze, Cris Kubatko, Dominick Evangelisti, Keo Corso, William Beasecker, Quentin King, Madelyn Bellissari, Isabelle Matre, Max Latshaw, and Leah Hetteberg.

**Columbus St. Andrew School gold-medal winners in the 2018 National Latin Examination are (from left) McKenzie Jones, Gavin Slater, Ava Gruver, Katherine Braidech, Andrew Liss, Colleen Wagy, Noah Garaczewski, Evan Schehr and Stefan Wenzke.**

Two-thirds of all St. Andrew’s Latin students scored above the national average and received awards. In 2018, St. Andrew School was one of only 12 grade schools competing against nearly 144,000 students from high schools and even colleges throughout the world.
Craving approval isn’t evangelization

The bizarre comment and the weird gesture have not, until recently, been associated with high-ranking churchmen. Both, alas, were on vivid display last month when Cardinals Reinhard Marx and Gianfranco Ravasi had more than a few of us scratching our heads in wonderment.

Cardinal Marx is the archbishop of Munich and Freising, a local church suffering from severe deficits in Sunday Mass attendance and vocations. The cardinal has many opinions on many subjects, and on the 200th birthday of that other Marx, Karl, Reinhard Marx opined that, without the author of the Communist Manifesto, “there would not be any Catholic social doctrine.” That curious judgment was repeated in the pages of the Vatican’s semi-official newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano – and therefore expanded to include the auxiliary claim that you can’t blame Stalin on Marx.

Well.

Surely a credentialed German theologian like Cardinal Marx knows that one of the intellectual founders of modern Catholic social thought was the 19th-century Bishop of Mainz, Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler – the man whom Pope Leo XIII, father of Catholic social doctrine in its papal form, called “my great predecessor.”

But perhaps, it will be replied, Cardinal Marx was suggesting that Karl Marx’s work impelled von Ketteler and Leo XIII to develop Catholic social doctrine. There’s perhaps a flyspeck of causality visible under the historical microscope here, in that those two great Catholic thinkers certainly knew what the Communist Manifesto taught (and both rejected it, frequently) – that state-run economies necessarily imply tyranny; more recently, Applebaum demonstrated how the GULAG slave-labor system was an integral part of Stalin’s Marxist economy.

Then there is Cardinal Ravasi. I’ve learned a lot from his biblical exegesis, drawing on it in several books. But his work at the Pontifical Council for Culture has been less edifying. The “Courtyard of the Gentiles” project he led under Pope Benedict XVI – promoted as an effort to dialogue with open-minded non-believers – frequently featured the media-savvy philosopher Julia Kristeva. A recent article, however, suggested that Ms. Kristeva was not always the champion of freedom she long claimed to be: she was quite likely an informer for the odious Bulgarian secret intelligence service during the Cold War, and she had a nasty habit of providing pseudo-intellectual cover for some of the 20th century’s worst regimes.

Then there was the recent loan of Vatican-owned copes, tiaras, pectoral crosses, papal rings, and vestments to New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art – another brainstorm of Ravasi’s Pontifical Council for Culture. Was the cardinal really surprised that the opening of an exhibit devoted to the 20th century’s worst regimes.

Beneath all this weirdness may lurk the assumption that the Church has to get with it if we’re to sow the leaven of the Gospel in the postmodern world. But how does pandering to the glitterati evangelize? Doesn’t this pathetic grasping for approval – from people whose lives manifest their disdain for the Catholic idea of the sacred and the Church’s teaching about the dignity of the human person – signal that, hey, we’re not really serious about the stuff you cultural elites find objectionable? For a decade and a half, I’ve been criticizing “Catholic Lite” for its evangelical faccidity. The shenanigans of Cardinal Marx and Cardinal Ravasi suggest that Catholic Lite has decomposed into Catholic weightlessness: with apologies to Milan Kundera, the unbearable lightness of chic. Toadying to the talking heads of postmodern intellectual confusion and to the tastemakers of decadent postmodern culture is not the way to be the Church of the New Evangelization, or the “Church permanently in mission” that Pope Francis calls us to be. It’s the way to become a laughstock, en route to the boneyard of irrelevance.

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Sister Mary Jordan Langenhennig, OP

Funeral Mass for Dominican Sister of Peace Mary Jordan Langenhennig, who died Friday, May 25 at Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, was celebrated Friday, June 1 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse Chapel. Burial was at a later date in Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

She was born in 1934 in New Orleans, Louisiana and in 1951 entered the Dominican Sisters of Peace, New Orleans, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

She taught in various schools for 17 years and during the next 17 years ministered in Community Organization in New Orleans and Thomas, Oklahoma. She was the Founder of WIN (Working Interfaith Network) and spent 18 years in that ministry. She also served on her congregation’s General Council and was Prioress of her St. Mary’s New Orleans Dominican Sisters congregation.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Birtles and Julie Seghers Langenhennig, and her sister, Jessie Scalia. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

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around the world. Areas of particular concern identified by the USCCB are Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Myanmar and the Congo. The State Department pointed to abuses in China, Cuba, Venezuela and Iran.

The USCCB has continued to urge the faithful to participate in Religious Freedom Week throughout the country. This year, the observance begins Friday, June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and concludes Sunday, June 29, the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

“Religious freedom allows the space for people of faith to serve others in God’s love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services,” said Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee for Religious Liberty, in an earlier announcement. “We encourage people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we might have the space to carry out our mission of service and mercy, and we invite everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world.”

In Ohio, no legislation related to religious liberty is likely to reach the General Assembly in the near future, the Catholic Conference of Ohio said.

“Religious freedom involves the ability to be who you are. We believe as Catholics we live out of our baptismal identity and we live out that baptismal identity whether we’re in St. Matthew’s Church or whether we’re on the statehouse lawn or whether we’re in our workplace,” Huddy said. “That’s what religious freedom is really about – to be able to live out your religious identity wherever you’re at.”

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go to prepare a place for you I will come back again and take you to my self, so that where I am you also may be. And Mario’s there now. We all will be there fairly soon, some of us sooner than others. Where I am, you know the way. Where I’m going, you know the way. And Mario knew the way because he knew Jesus. I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. My friends, it’s always a natural sadness at the time of death. We mourn Mario’s death; we mourn our loss. But, you know, if we’d be really, really truthful with ourselves, we have to admit that actually we feel sorry for ourselves because we’ll miss him. There’ll be a big hole in our heart that used to be filled. But, my friends, we can never, ever feel sorry for Mario, as he lives, and he lives life more fully now that he’s ever lived it before.
**HAPPENINGS**

**FOR SALE**
Single burial plot in Garden of Four Chaplains (Veteran’s Section) located at Kingswood Memorial Park, 8230 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, Ohio (Delaware County). Asking price is firm ($2400.00) which includes cemetery transfer fee. Payment is by Cashier’s Check and transfer would be done at the cemetery’s offices at a convenient time. Items such as vault, monument and opening/closing of the site are not included in this price. Living outside area now and have new site. Please contact me at 513-290-4552 or Eehiell@cinci.rr.com for information. Earl Butler

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**JUNE**

17. SUNDAY
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. 614-221-1890

Angelic Warfare Confraternity at Columbus St. Patrick
Following noon Mass, St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Monthly meeting of Angelic Warfare Confraternity, with talk on chastity-related issues followed by Holy Hour. 614-224-9522

Kateri Prayer Circle at St. Mark
1 p.m., Aranda Center, St. Mark Church, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Kateri Prayer Circle meeting to honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha and promote Native Catholic spirituality.

St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans
1:30 to 5 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St., Columbus. Fellowship and ongoing formation followed by adoration and prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors. 614-282-4676

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans
2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Battles Ave., Columbus. Prayer followed by general meeting, ongoing formation and fellowship.

Polish Mass at Holy Family
2 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly Mass in Polish. 614-895-7792

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi
4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence, and reflection. 614-512-3731

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-237-0401

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

19. TUESDAY
Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration
10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell followed by luncheon. 614-241-2540

24. SUNDAY
Holy Family Alumni Reunion
11 a.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Alumni Mass followed by refreshments in the church undercroft. 614-539-4815

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meeting
1:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. First 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.

Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries
2:30 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus. Mass celebrated by Bishop Frederick Campbell with an informal reception to follow. 614-241-2560

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-886-8266

25. MONDAY
JOIN Mass at Cathedral
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass for the Joint Organization for Inner-City needs for friends, benefactors and volunteers. 614-241-2530

Benedicta Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 7944 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of the church). 614-718-0277, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

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

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
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27. WEDNESDAY
Mass and Holy Hour for Religious Freedom
5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Mass will be followed by a holy hour beginning with the rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction. 614-241-2540

28. THURSDAY
Frassati Society’s Christ in the City
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Eucharistic adoration, confessions, Taize chant and Dominican Compline followed by fellowship at Claddagh Irish Pub.

29. FRIDAY
Evening of Reflection
7 p.m., Martin de Porres Center, St. Mary of the Springs, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus. Journeys of Compassion: A Response to Life’s Challenges and Opportunities presented by Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen and international retreat leader Rick Hatem.

30. SATURDAY
One-day Retreat
9 a.m., Martin de Porres Center, St. Mary of the Springs, 2330 Airport Road, Columbus. Journeys of Compassion: A Response to Life’s Challenges and Opportunities presented by Catholic Times columnist Mary van Balen and international retreat leader Rick Hatem.

**JULY**

1. SUNDAY
Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry meeting
1:30 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.

2. MONDAY
Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory
7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer, concluding with Mass.

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 catechesis study and discussion. 614-372-5249

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 deepened 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., 12:15 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. 614-221-4233

Eucharistic Vigil at Holy Cross
Holy Cross Church, 205 S. 5th St., Columbus. 7:30 p.m. Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with various prayers, ending with Benediction around 11.

All-Night Exposition at Our Lady of Victory
Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. until Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus St. Peter
9 a.m.–8 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. First Friday Eucharistic adoration in the Day Chapel

7. SATURDAY
Fatima Devotions at Columbus St. Patrick
7 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Mass, followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima, preceded by confessions at 6:30. 614-250-5910

First Saturday Devotion at St. Joan of Arc
8:30 a.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Mass, followed by rosary in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with Fatima prayers.

Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

First Saturday Mass at Holy Family
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

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed as a Classified Ad. An entry is $18.50 for the first six lines and $2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Doug Bean at 614-224-6530.

‘Happenings’ submissions
Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print as space permits. Items not received before the deadline may not be published. Listings cannot be taken by phone. Mail to: The Catholic Times Happenings, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215. Fax to: 614-241-2518. E-mail as text to tpueit@columbuscatholic.org.
Catholic Times Editor

Catholic musician Marie Miller, who sang for Pope Francis during his 2015 visit to Philadelphia, will be performing in concert at 7 p.m. Friday, June 22 at the Rumba Café, 2507 Summit Street in Columbus.

Her first appearance in central Ohio will feature songs from her two albums, including Letterbox, which was released by Curb Records last year, and she will also perform cover songs from other popular recording artists.

“The stage feels like home,” she said.

Miller is one of 10 children from a large Catholic homeschooling family that lives in the Smoky Mountains in Virginia, where her father operates a winery. She said her family and their Catholic faith have played a major role in her burgeoning music career.

She started with bluegrass music and began singing with her family and writing songs at age 12. At age 16, she signed with Curb Records and moved to Nashville to pursue her singing and songwriting interests. She then returned to Virginia to take some time off while continuing to write and practice before eventually going back to Nashville to work with producers Eric Rosse (Sara Bareilles, Tory Amos) and Chad Copelin to conceive Letterbox.

Miller’s unique songwriting style draws upon her love for classic literature. Her inspiration comes from Catholic writers such as G.K. Chesterton and from Tolstoy and other literary giants. She also was influenced by St. John Paul II’s 1999 Letter to Artists, which he wrote to all who are passionately dedicated to the search for new “epiphanies” of beauty so that through their creative work as artists they may offer these as gifts to the world.

“This is why I do music,” Miller said. “There’s really no other reason. Evangelize through art.”

In 2015, Miller was one of the featured performers for The Festival of Families during Pope Francis’ visit to Philadelphia for The World Meeting of Families. “My faith is the biggest blessing in my life,” she said.

Tickets are $10 in advance at www.columbusrubacafe.com/event/8278665/mariemiller-w-john-hollier/or at the door.

Miller also is offering a limited number of free tickets to the concert. Email booking@mariemillermusic.com to inquire.

For more information on Miller, visit her website at mariemillermusic.com.

Lancaster St. Bernadette School students participated in Living Glow Rosary in May to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each student represented a prayer of the rosary and held a glow stick necklace.

With the cafeteria darkened, each student prayed their “piece” of the rosary then cracked their glow stick and put it around their neck. As the rosary was completed, the cafeteria glowed with light. Pictured are kindergarten students and fifth graders.
Last May, through the support of partners and donors, an expanded Our Lady of Guadalupe Center began to fulfill its promise to help more people in the Columbus area.

From 1999 to 2016, the Guadalupe Center functioned primarily as a food pantry, but in May 2017, Catholic Social Services opened an expanded 3,500-square-foot facility on Columbus’ west side at 409 Industry Drive.

The facility is nearly three times its former size and, as a result, has increased its services in the community. With more space, partnerships and staffing, the center is now focused on providing and strengthening “deeper” wrap-around services to clients in addition to maintaining the food pantry. Those include partnering with local organizations to provide services such as job skills training and job-mentoring classes, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, nutrition classes, preventive health screenings, and legal and immigration consultations and referrals.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Center is the only agency in Franklin County offering holistic services and a food pantry to the growing immigrant Hispanic population. It is located in the heart of Columbus’ largest concentration of Hispanics, where, according to the Ohio Development Services Agency’s report on poverty, the overall poverty rate is 43 percent and the child poverty rate is 49 percent.

The objective is to stabilize Hispanic immigrants, to empower them to break out of poverty, and to integrate these families into the wider Columbus community, where they have so much to offer.

The food pantry brings people to the center, but it is the other services that address the root causes of poverty and empower clients to break the cycle of poverty. An additional goal is to help ensure that the same families will not return to the center a year later experiencing the same crises and poverty.

Through the gift of a generous bequest, the center has also hired a full-time bilingual case manager who started work in June.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Social Services and Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, visit colscss.org or call 614-340-7061.

Photo: Partners and donors of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center include (left to right): former Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Eric Brown, Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown, The Catholic Foundation president and CEO Loren Brown, Catholic Social Services president and CEO Rachel Lustig; Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther, foundress Catalina Santos, Msgr. Joseph Hendricks of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Center director Ramona Reyes, Our Lady of Guadalupe Center coordinator Alma Santos, emeritus board chair for Catholic Social Services Tom Winters, United Way president and CEO Lisa Courtice, and Osteopathic Heritage Foundation president and CEO Terri Donlin Huesman.

Catholic Foundation scholarships

Thirty-five students in the Diocese of Columbus will receive awards from 21 scholarship funds at The Catholic Foundation this year totaling more than $240,000.

Scholarships support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the cost of their education. The recipients were selected based on criteria established by the donor who created each scholarship.

Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded more than $600,000 in scholarships empowering over 130 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies.

Donors often establish a scholarship to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, family members or other loved ones. With continued generosity of donors who share this dedication to education, the Foundation will continue to support students as they answer God’s call.

In an effort to streamline the process, the Foundation made it easier to apply with a complete listing of available scholarships, qualifications, and applications on its website. For more information on tuition assistance, please contact the Office of Catholic Schools or your local school.

For more information on the aforementioned scholarship funds, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org.
By Leandro M. Tapay
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The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) along with other bishops’ conferences around the world, has designated one collection a year to provide Pope Francis with financial means to help those who are suffering as a result of war, natural disasters, and diseases. In the Diocese of Columbus, the collection will be taken on the weekend of June 23 and 24. Please be generous.

Pope Benedict XVI once said: “The Peter’s Pence collection is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Pope’s charitable initiative to help the universal Church” (Feb. 25, 2006, address to the members of the Saint Peter Circle).

The collection has both a symbolic and a practical value to it. It is a sign of our communion with the Holy Father, and it is also an opportunity for us to help those in need as we are mandated to do by Christ.

The concept of sending money to support the Pope’s work as the Vicar of Christ soon spread throughout all of England and then Northern Europe. The popes grew accustomed to these donations, used the funds as necessary for their day-to-day operations, and came to expect the income on a regular basis.

During the reigns of Alfred the Great (871-899), Canute the Great (1015-1045) and William the Conqueror (1066-1067), the people of England and Scandinavia started being taxed in order to make this annual contribution to Rome.

The tax was one penny for every house or family with possessions valued over 30 pennies. In some Scandinavian countries, a penny was paid as a hearth tax or fire tax – that is, every family that lived in home with a hearth paid one penny each year.

The tax of a penny per family was collected and sent to the Pope near the time of the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul – thus the name “Peter’s Pence.” The funds were sometimes used by rulers as a bargaining chip when dealing with Rome. Despite that, Peter’s Pence donations to the pope continued until the early 16th century and the beginning of the Protestant reformation.

King Henry the VIII (1509-1547) ended the donation as part of his struggle with Pope Clement VII (1523-1534) over King Henry’s petition for a divorce from Catherine of Aragon and his marriage to Anne Boleyn.

Defiantly, King Henry broke with Rome and among the subsequent acts passed by the English Parliament was the 1534 act forbidding papal dispensations and payment of Peter’s Pence.

During the reign of Blessed Pius IX (1846-1878), the Peter’s Pence Collection was revived out of necessity. The middle of the 19th century saw much political chaos in Europe, especially in Italy. The Italian government seized the Papal States. Pius IX declared himself a “prisoner of the Vatican.” Catholics everywhere were outraged over the Pope’s treatment.

To help the Pope, countries around the world organized financial support for the Holy See and revived the Peter’s Pence Collection. The Pope used the funds for his day-to-day operations. The collection kept the papacy afloat until 1929 when Pope Pius XI and the Italian government made peace.

Today, however, the proceeds of the Peter’s Pence Collection are primarily used to help victims of disasters and the Pope’s charitable programs to help the poor, the homeless, and those in need. In 2017, the Diocese of Columbus contributed $61,441.40 to Pope Francis’ charitable fund.