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Editor’s reflections by Doug Bean

A month honoring the rosary

One of the most beautiful months of the year will soon be here – October. There’s the transformation of physical beauty of God’s creation – brilliant foliage, pleasant weather, fall harvest. That’s obvious to anyone who ventures outside or into the countryside.

But October is special for another reason. It’s a month devoted to the Virgin Mary and the most holy rosary.

On the Church calendar, Oct. 7 is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. This year, that date falls on a Sunday. The day is also the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, which is associated with a 16th-century naval triumph that protected Europe from a Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V credited the Blessed Virgin with protecting the continent after Europeans joined together in a concerted effort to pray the rosary and ask for victory on the sea.

Interestingly, 300 years later, another pope, Leo XIII, wrote 11 encyclicals on Our Lady of the Rosary during his long pontificate.

Many parishes will commemorate the feast day with a recitation of the rosary, processions and other devotions to the Mother of God.

In the Diocese of Columbus, the annual Family Rosary Day will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 at St. Joseph Cathedral. Families and individuals are encouraged to attend.

“When two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

If families are unable to attend for whatever reason, consider praying the rosary at home, in the car, on a walk or wherever you might be.

Better yet, make it a point to pray the rosary every day during October. Millions of families and individuals already make the rosary a part of their daily prayer life, but if you don’t, give it a try. Your family life and spiritual life will be enriched when you take 15 minutes to honor the Blessed Mother.

Also consider saying a rosary before or after Mass or at a church and adoration chapel. No one needs an invitation or a reservation. Christ, who is truly present in all of the tabernacles throughout the world, loves to have visitors come to see him at any time of the day or night.

There’s another important Marian day in October.

On Oct. 13, 1917, the Mother of God appeared for the final time to three shepherd children in a small village in Portugal. She communicated to Sts. Jacinta and Francisco and their older sister Lucia in visits over five months the importance of praying the rosary and of making sacrifices in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

During some of the apparitions, she gave the children the “Fatima Prayer” that is now included as part of the rosary at the end of each decade: “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy.”

Our Lady left the children with another prayer: “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.”

Last year, the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions was observed worldwide. During these difficult times in our Church, let us call on the Blessed Mother’s intercession for purification.

Father Lawrence Nolan passed away on Sept. 21, 2018

Funeral Mass for Father Lawrence H. Nolan, OCSO, 87, who died Friday, Sept. 21 at while in palliative care at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, was celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel of St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on Oct. 2, 1930 to Lawrence and Anne Nolan. He grew up in Oak Harbor, entered the Trappist order at age 18, and was ordained as a Trappist monk on May 1, 1958, at the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, Iowa, by Archbishop Leo Binz of Dubuque, Iowa. Before and after his ordination, he spent 20 years in contemplative life at the abbey.

On leaving the abbey, he moved to Dayton, where he taught for a period of time, also working on and receiving a master of education in counseling degree from the University of Cincinnati and serving as chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati.

He moved to the Diocese of Columbus in 1976 and had assignments in Columbus at the former St. Raphael’s and St. Rita’s homes for the aged, Mount Carmel East Hospital, St. Anthony Hospital, Mercy Hospital, and Mother Angeline McCrory Manor. He was in residence at Columbus Holy Spirit Church and St. Mary, Mother of God Church, spent many years in ministry and residence at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, and retired a few years ago to the Mohun Health Care Center.

He also was chaplain for the Sisters of St. Joseph, spent a number of years with the Engaged Encounter and Beginning Experience ministries, and spent 18 years as official photographer for the Quilt Surface Design Symposium of International Quilt Artists, in addition to being a glass blower, sculptor, and quilter himself.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Anne Hartford. Survivors include a brother, Paul (Dorothy); and sisters, Dorothy Geisland, Joan Carrick, Cecilia (Jerry) Rigot and Paula (Sam) Lehmann.

CORRECTIONS

Organizers added a second date for a free contemporary Christian concert at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttes Ave., that was listed in last week’s Catholic Times. The concerts, presented by “Giovanni and Friends” to benefit the construction of a parish church in Haiti, are scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, and the previously announced 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18.

Eucharistic Adoration at Columbus Holy Family Church takes place on the first Friday of each month in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 8 p.m. Friday until 9 a.m. Saturday. A story incorrectly listed adoration ending at 9 p.m. Saturday.
Families, What Is Your Mission?

By Catherine Suprenant

I have a vivid memory of a first experience in prayer. My parents had herded us in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and lit a candle for a decade of the rosary. I often entertained myself by tying knots in the rosary or flipping through pictures of Jesus and Mary, but this time, something changed.

Remembering how I picked flowers for my mom in anticipation of her joy in receiving them, I saw myself in a field of roses, picking them to form a crown for Mary. My relationship with God, through Mary, became real and I desired to serve. This desire was a fruit of my parents’ investment in the mission of our family.

When a family mission is lived, it forms generosity in children, deepens family identity and energizes parents both personally and in their marriage. So what is this family mission? Since in families, the primary field of mission is the family circle, the mission can be woven into the fabric of daily life. This is a challenge for every family’s discernment, starting with questions like “What gifts does our family have to share? What are the needs around us? Where is our family being asked to give to our community?” The family mission consists of these questions and the answers to them.

Mission has a way of calling out our best because we are made to give ourselves. The essence of being baptized into Christ means to be on mission, to be a light with all that we are. Families, like individuals, discover who they are by noticing needs around them and recognizing the gifts they can give. To recognize and embrace their identity in Christ is the path to a joyful family life, because it brings members together on a deeper level. This is not “adding on” to the already hectic family schedule, but rather unearthing the potential of the talents and experiences at the heart of your family life.

The first step to embracing your call as a family is to involve everyone in the process of opening up to hear God’s voice. This is best done through family prayer.

While it is hard to set aside the time for everyone to sit together quietly, this effort is repaid by the Holy Spirit, who comes where two or three are gathered—even if those two or three are climbing the walls!

The diocesan offices of Social Concerns and Marriage and Family Life are promoting the Family Mission Rosary, a free kit to assist families in living their family missions.

Kits are available at https://columbuscatholic.org/family-ministry-enrichment or by contacting the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (614) 241-2560. The Family Mission Rosary provides an opportunity for the family to come together to pray and serve each other, the Church, and the community.

As Pope St. John Paul II so aptly said, “Families, become what you are!” The gifts of your family life are a needed light in the Church and in the world.

Catherine Suprenant is marriage preparation coordinator for the Diocese of Columbus.

Through the Heart of Mary

By Fr. Ed Dougherty, MM
The Christophers’ Board of Directors

An ancient history of the Carmelite Order recounts a statement made by St. Dominic in 1208 in which he declared, “One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, she (Mary) will save the world.” What a profound statement about the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother that St. Dominic made years before the introduction of the Brown Scapular into popular devotion.

The Brown Scapular of the Carmelite Order first appeared in a Marian vision to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251. In that apparition, Mary said, “Take this scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.”

The Brown Scapular has been associated with special graces ever since. The small version that many people wear under their clothing dates back as early as 1276, the year Pope Gregory X died. We know this because 554 years after his death, an opening of Pope Gregory’s tomb revealed that the little Brown Scapular he wore during his lifetime was still intact.

Mary’s final apparition at Lourdes occurred on July 16, 1858, the anniversary of her presentation of the Brown Scapular to St. Simon Stock. She appeared on that day as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Mary also appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel in her final apparition at Fatima, on Oct. 13, 1917, holding a rosary in one hand and a Brown Scapular in the other.

While miracles abound relating to the Brown Scapular, our devotion to this sacramental and to Our Lady of Mount Carmel should not be reduced to superstition or an expectation of favors simply for wearing the scapular. Like all sacramentals, these devotions are intended to draw us closer to an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. For instance, wearing the Brown Scapular entails investiture by a priest, wherein prayers are recited and a pledge is made to live a holy life.

Thereafter, the scapular serves as a reminder of that pledge and of the powerful intercession of Mary, who constantly beckons us to follow Christ.

The Christophers’ Board of Directors invites everyone to embrace this joyous family life, with Mary’s powerful intercession, as we offer the Brown Scapular as our gift to God. It is our way of saying “Families, become what you are!” The gifts of your family life are a needed light in the Church and in the world.

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For free copies of the Christopher News Note “Building a Relationship With Jesus,” write: The Christophers, 5 Hanover Square, New York NY 10004 or send an email to mail@christophers.org.
By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

As we endure these difficult days in the life of our Church, I’ve been thinking about the potential for committed Catholic women to bind wounds and buoy up the spirits of the faithful. Pope St. John Paul II once commended women for helping to make “political and economic structures ever more worthy of humanity,” and at the close of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI called on women “impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel” to aid humanity and “save the peace of the world.”

In celebrating the 150th anniversary of our congregation’s arrival in the United States, I’ve been deeply moved by the extraordinary women who made the expansion of our religious family in America possible. First, of course, is our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, who put out into the ocean until they boarded a ship bound for the United States, I’ve been deeply impressed by the fervent Catholics she encountered during visits abroad. She embraced Catholicism and turned her attention to bringing religious communities from Europe to Cincinnati.

In 1857 her first request for a foundation of Little Sisters in the Queen City was declined by the sisters’ Mother General, who felt that the congregation was still too young for such an undertaking. She would have to wait 11 years, but in October 1868, Mrs. Peter was on hand to welcome the Little Sisters to Cincinnati and lend her wholehearted support to their mission. Another notable woman who showed herself an early benefactor of our congregation was Emma Drexel, the second wife of prominent banker Francis Anthony Drexel. Mrs. Drexel and her three daughters opened the family home to the poor of Philadelphia twice a week to distribute food, clothing and rent assistance to the poor. In 1869, her middle child – Katharine, the future saint – led her sisters in selling all their Christmas gifts and giving the proceeds to the Little Sisters.

The women mentioned so far were from wealthy, prominent families, but the poor also made their contribution. Margaret Haughery of New Orleans, including our own.

Our history is dotted with stories of women who assisted the Little Sisters in extending our mission to the elderly poor across America. Many remain nameless – from the schoolgirls who donated a loaf of bread and a few dishes, to the maids in Boston who gave the shawls off their backs and the countless women religious who offered our Little Sisters hospitality and invaluable assistance upon their arrival in each new city.

Whether known or unknown, all of these women gave the best of themselves for the building up of the Kingdom of God in America. At this moment when our hearts have been broken and our faith tested, may they bolster your hope and inspire you to do all you can to contribute to the uplifting of the Church.

Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Are you ready to give your best?

Ohio Dominican University in Columbus is launching three additional online master’s degree programs this fall. Students now have the opportunity to pursue and complete a master of science in health care administration, master of science in sport management, or master of arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) degree 100 percent online.

All three programs previously were available strictly in an on-campus, evening format. ODU also offers online graduate studies in business administration, education, and English, as well as bachelor’s and certificate programs.

“We recognize that there is a tremendous demand in central Ohio and across the country for advanced degrees that can be completed anytime, anywhere, and the addition of these online degrees gives busy professionals that very option at Ohio Dominican,” said Jim Strode, dean of graduate studies. “These programs will help serve a significant need, particularly in a region that is home to four major health systems, a vibrant sports market and an increasingly diverse population of outstanding students from around the world.”

To learn more about ODU’s online offerings, visit ohiodominican.edu/online. For more information on pursuing a master’s degree at ODU, send an email to grad@ohiodominican.edu or call (614) 251-4615.
Gomez to Encuentro: Jesus sent disciples, Guadalupe sent Juan Diego, God sends you

**Catholic News Agency**

DALLAS — At the final Mass of the National V Encuentro gathering, Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles encouraged Hispanic and Latino Catholics to go out into the world and be missionary disciples for the Church, like the many holy laypersons before them.

“Our reading of today’s Gospel begins with these words: ‘Jesus and his disciples They left from there and started a journey,’” he said, referencing Mark 9:30-37.

“This is our story, yours and mine. This is the history of the Church. We are his disciples.”

Archbishop Gomez gave the homily on the final day of the Encuentro, a meeting of Hispanic and Latino Catholics from throughout the United States (including delegates from the Diocese of Columbus) that was the culmination of a years-long process of consultation at the parish, diocesan and regional levels.

The theme of this National Encuentro, held from Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas, was “Discípulos Misióneros: Testigos del Amor de Dios” or “Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of the Love of God.”

Missionaries are made because they have first encountered Jesus, who then sends them on a journey, Archbishop Gomez said.

“Young journey is now joined to Jesus. Your story is now part of the story of salvation, the journey of God’s people through history,” he added, comparing Encuentro participants to the disciples who spread the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome, Asia and Africa.

“The journey of the Church continued towards the American continent with the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, in 1531,” Archbishop Gomez said.

“We all know that story. We learned it when we were children, and we transmitted it to our little ones. It is a beautiful narration of the tender love of God, manifested in history.”

As Jesus sent the disciples, so God, through the Virgin of Guadalupe, entrusted a mission to St. Juan Diego – to go tell the bishop to build a church.

“Think about that, my dear brothers and sisters: Jesus entrusted the mission of his Church in the New World to a layman,” the archbishop said. “Not to a priest or a bishop. Not a member of a religious order.”

“You are the sons and daughters of the Virgin of Guadalupe in our time; you are the spiritual heirs of Juan Diego. The mission entrusted to him is now entrusted to you.”

Just like he called Juan Diego, God is calling the Hispanic and Latino Catholics of the United States to be saints, missionary disciples and leaders of the Church, Archbishop Gomez said.

“He is calling the lay faithful to work together with the bishops to renew and rebuild his Church. Not only in this country, but throughout the continents of the Americas,” he said.

Hispanic and Latino Catholics are being called to lead, not for power or ambition, he added, but “to lead by your holiness. True unity in the Church will only come about if every one of us – clergy and laity – is striving to be holy as God is holy.”

“Let’s always move forward with confidence. Let’s be men and women of the encounter! What each one of us does leads many people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ,” Archbishop Gomez said.

“And may Our Lady of Guadalupe always go with us on the journey we make as disciples of Jesus. May she help us to be saints, to be heroes, instruments of unity and healing. These times demand it. And this is what we were made for.”

When the Church finds itself in times of trouble, imitate Mary, bishop says

**Catholic News Agency**

DALLAS — Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of the Archdiocese of San Antonio said that the Catholic Church is currently in a “very dark moment” in its history, and that Catholics should look to the example of Mary in reacting to the abuse crisis.

Speaking in a closed session to reporters at the National V Encuentro conference in Grapevine, Texas on Sept. 22, he was asked how lay people can work to engage fallen-away Catholics who are upset by the recent sexual misconduct scandals.

Rather than turn away from the crisis, he said that “we need to face how people are dealing with it,” and not just have emotional reactions to the stories of sexual assault and harassment. He acknowledged that the problem of sexual abuse has existed in the Church for a long time, “and painfully.”

Archbishop Garcia-Siller suggested that people “have to evangelize” during this time despite everything that is happening in the Church. He said he’s seen suffering in his own archdiocese, and he has worked to let the survivors of abuse know he will be there for them. He compared the current abuse crisis to the crucifixion of Jesus.

“People are suffering for many reasons. It is the way of the cross,” he said. “And Jesus was very bold about it. It is the way of the cross,” he repeated.

The archbishop was critical of the idea of having to “re-evangelize” people who have fallen away from the Church during the crisis, saying that “somebody has to evangelize, (they don’t) need re-evangelization.” He emphasized ensuring proper formation for those who have already been exposed to the Church.

He cautioned against the mentality that people do not need to continually experience Christ. People “cannot grasp who he is and his work of love once” and cannot be satisfied with one singular Church experience, he said.

“We forget,” he said, “that the Holy Spirit will remind us who Jesus is and what is the work of the Kingdom.”

Archbishop Garcia-Siller drew an example from Cardinal Sean O’Malley’s homily earlier that day, when the cardinal spoke of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the first “missionary disciple” of Jesus Christ.

In his homily, Cardinal O’Malley said that Mary was courageous in her “Yes” to the Lord, even when Jesus was on the cross.

“Mary was standing, a pillar of strength, courage and faith. Even with her broken heart, she said ‘Yes, Lord, your will and not mine,’” Cardinal O’Malley said.

Catholics, including the victims of abuse and “in mysterious ways, the perpetrators and the bishops” should strive to imitate Mary during “this time of pain and suffering,” Archbishop Garcia-Siller said.

“All of us, to cope with this, we’ll be needed everywhere,” he said.

“We need everyone, everyone,” he said, because the Church, as “the Body of Christ – when one hurts, everybody hurts. When one is joyful everyone should be joyful.”

“May we, by the mercy of God, carry on what He started,” he said.
Divorced and Communion; Missing Mass and mortal sin

QUESTION & ANSWER
Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

Q I am in my 50s and have now been divorced for three years. I was married in the Catholic Church and have always attended Sunday Mass regularly and received Communion. But I have begun to wonder whether I should still take Communion.

A Yes, in your present situation you may continue to receive the Eucharist. Many people are under the misimpression that a divorce by itself separates a person from membership in the Catholic Church and disqualifies that person from receiving holy Communion. That is not so; sometimes the end of a marriage can occur with little or no fault on the part of at least one of the spouses.

And since you have been to the Sacrament of Penance, I am going to assume that you’ve already confessed whatever may have been your own responsibility for the breakup. However, it’s your last sentence that troubles me.

Your divorce does not prohibit you from friendships with women or female companionship. But if you were to become involved sexually with someone to whom you were not married in the church, you would not, of course, be eligible to receive the Eucharist because, in the church’s eyes, you would be living in the state of serious sin.

Q My sister was upset with her adult daughter and her husband (who is a convert to Catholicism) when they took holy Communion recently after having missed Mass. She told her daughter that they had committed a mortal sin by missing Mass, and then again by receiving Communion without first going to confession. (She had brought up the matter before with her daughter.)

A Your sister is right on her theology but, perhaps, wrong on her strategy. Clearly, the church teaches that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is a serious one. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants). … Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin” (No. 2181).

Gravity of matter, of course, is just one of three conditions necessary for mortal sin – the others being complete consent of the will and full knowledge of the sinful character of the act or omission. Assuming that your niece and her husband fulfilled these conditions, they must have their sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving the Eucharist.

But the “strategy question” is how best to encourage that family to fidelity to their faith. Your sister has already brought it to their attention; to continue to berate them about it, I would think, would be counterproductive – and, from what you say, that seems to be the case. Better at this point, it seems to me, for your sister to spend her time not in offering “helpful guidance” to her daughter’s family, but praying for them instead.

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St. Mary’s Oktoberfest

Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God Church will host its second annual Oktoberfest from 5 to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 in front of St. Mary School, 684 S. 3rd St. in German Village. The event is sponsored by Pope John XXIII Council 5429 of the Knights of Columbus.

The event will feature German entertainment, German food and beer and wine from the Knights, and desserts and snacks prepared by students of the school. The proceeds will benefit the ongoing restoration of St. Mary Church, which has been closed because of damage caused by a 2016 lightning strike. For more information, call (614) 445-9668.

Charismatic women’s retreat scheduled

The diocesan Catholic Charismatic Women’s Retreat will take place from Friday, Oct. 19 to Sunday, Oct. 21 at St Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. It will be led by Jane Barz, who has been a liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for 17 years and has been a member of its national service committee for the Charismatic Renewal.

Registration will start at 6 p.m. Friday, and the retreat will end at noon Sunday. To register and for more information, contact Columbus Catholic Renewal at (614) 500-5178, go to www.cccolumbus.org or send an email to info@ccrcolumbus.org.
THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By Rick Jeric

The Impossible Wafer

Earlier this month, our friends at White Castle completed a test marketing of their newest burger, the Impossible Slider. We all crave their usual slider, but this one is meatless. It is made with “impossible” burger material, which is all plant-based. It mimics a regular burger in looks and taste. At least that is what they say, and their testing was positive enough to land the Impossible Slider at all their restaurants from now on. I am anxious to try one soon. They are twice the price of a regular slider, but if they are really that good and that much healthier, then it could be worth the cost. A burger and slider that looks, smells and tastes like a regular burger? Impossible. A personal test will have to be made. And I have faith in White Castle, as they produce some very good products. And of course, we have to eat and nourish our bodies. As I get older, the healthier side of eating becomes more necessary, but does not always satisfy. Hopefully, this “impossible” creation will.

We all spend a good portion of our day preparing meals and enjoying good food. Meals are a great way to socialize, do business, make new friends, celebrate occasions and holidays, and especially bring the family together regularly. Just think about all the great food we are blessed with and how much we enjoy it. We also have many great memories in our lives from meals, banquets and so forth. Think about all the time we spend with food each day, either purchasing or eating it, and how important it is for us. And of course, we could not survive without food. Moreover, it is difficult to imagine that right down the street near any of us, there are people, including children, who do not get enough to eat. That should be impossible in 2018 in this country. Let us not forget them, especially as the holidays approach.

In August, we heard what is known as the Bread of Life discourse from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. John. Jesus teaches His disciples and the crowds about the gift of His Body and Blood as food for eternal life. It was very difficult to understand, and remains so for us today. That is why our faith is so important. A strong faith helps to get us beyond what we do not comprehend. Just imagine what it must have been like for the apostles, the disciples, and the crowds. They asked for signs, which is understandable. But they had weak faith, and that doomed some to eventually walking away. When Jesus taught them that He is the bread from God and Heaven, they asked Him to give them this bread always. Then Jesus was very direct and told them He is the bread of life. They murmured and could not understand. They did not believe. Many left, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Again, this is understandable. But what an incredible and lasting testimonial of faith by those who stayed and believed. Those who chose to leave said, “This saying is hard. Who can accept it?” I would like to think that some eventually came back. And as Jesus asked the apostles if they also wanted to leave, Peter made a striking profession of faith: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God.”

We just might think of this as the Impossible Bread. Today, we may think of it as the Impossible Wafer. How can it look, taste and feel like a wafer, yet be the real Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ? Impossible? With God, all things are possible. We crave healthy sliders and call them impossible. How very much more should we crave eternal life and nourishment for our souls! That is the Impossible Wafer that makes all things possible. Crave the time spent with our Lord in the Eucharist. Let us give Him more of our time, even if it remains a fraction of the time we spend on food for our bodies. It is always possible.

Retreat for young adults Oct. 27-28

Are you a young adult who considers himself or herself a spiritual or religious person? Are you searching for answers about your faith, your life or your relationships? Are you seeking a down-to-earth approach to your spirituality?

The Diocese of Columbus is offering a chance for people ages 18 to 39 to connect with others with similar questions about their lives by attending a seekers’ retreat on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 27 and 28, at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Semi- nary Road S.E., Newark.

The retreat will be conducted by Charis, which offers retreat experienc- es in the Jesuit tradition. By attending, you will get a chance to encounter the ways in which you and God have been experiencing each other in your own life’s story through the example and words of St. Ignatius Loyola.

You will have a chance to grow in discovering the ways in which God is present in all things and to learn how, through prayer and discernment, you can begin to answer these questions weighing on your heart.

If you are interested in attending, call the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (614) 241-2565 or the retreat center at (740) 928-4246.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

POSITION AVAILABLE

HOURS: Flexible days and times (may include weekends and evenings, maximum 25 hours/week / WAGES: $19.00/hour

PLACE: Position allows for significant telecommuting

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocesan Council of Columbus is now engaged in three systemic change programs – the Microloan Program, the Getting Ahead Program and the Vincentian Ohio Action Network (VOAN)/Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope (ARCH).

SVdP Microloan Program: low-interest loans are provided to qualified borrowers to people served by St. Vincent de Paul. Financial mentors are provided to each qualified borrower.

Getting Ahead in a Just Getting-By World is a program developed by the Aha Process. Facilitators, often people in generational or situational poverty work with investiga- tors (also people who are experiencing poverty) to study the causes of poverty, hidden rules of poverty and resources. The program encourages self-assessment, building resources, and future planning to improve lives and strengthen communities.

Vincentian Ohio Action Network is involved with two distinct programs: the development of Think Tanks on Poverty in several communities across central Ohio and ARCH (Accompanying Returning Citizens Home). Think Tanks are formed with people living in poverty who work to identify the barriers that are keeping them in poverty, examine those barriers and learn how to advocate for solutions. ARCH works to provide support to persons being released from incarceration as they re-integrate into society.

To help grow these programs and allow the current coordinators to spend more time with leadership and growing program capacity, there is a need for a part-time administrative person to assist with the following duties:

a. event planning including securing facilities, calling speakers, ordering food/refreshments, and making sure that all materials needed for the program are purchased and available for the day of event;
b. assisting with set-up and/or clean-up of various events;
c. assisting with website maintenance, promotional materials design and revisions using non-profit online platforms;
d. returning phone calls and answering email;
e. monitoring and assisting with social media event and program promotions;
f. Assisting with systemic change program capacity-building activities;
g. typing, filing and other duties as assigned;

Candidate for this position must be comfortable with technology and learning new online platforms and programs. Candidate must also be able to travel to events. This is a grant-funded position with funds required to be spent by July 31, 2018.

Candidates should submit, by no later than October 19, 2018, a letter of interest and a resume to wwright@columbuscatholic.org.
Constitution Day celebrated

Newark St. Francis de Sales School kindergarten students celebrated Constitution Day in several ways. They started with a video explaining the Constitution, then completed a writing activity about the freedoms mentioned in the document. Students also had fun with a color-by-number worksheet and made Constitution headbands. Constitution Day celebrates the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787 by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

Trinity students make rosary display

Members of mixed-grade “family groups” at Columbus Trinity Elementary School made a representation of the rosary, which is displayed on the wall behind members of the St. Lucy family. The groups are named for saints and meet once a month.

St. Bernadette students make sandwiches

Lancaster St. Bernadette School kindergarten students began the school year by making 149 sandwiches to donate to Lancaster’s nightly Foundation Dinners for those in need. Each of the school’s classes, along with the staff and after-care program, will have a chance to make sandwiches during the monthly activity. Parish donors provide the bread, lunch meat and cheese.

Holy Spirit School raises money for wells

Columbus Holy Spirit School’s Student Council has launched a fundraiser to help build wells in poorer nations. Its goal is to raise $500 for the Ryan’s Well Foundation (www.ryanswell.ca), which provides access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education in the poorest regions of developing nations. Pictured (clockwise from upper left) are Hope Schafhausen, treasurer; Betale Getahun, president; Karla Mendez, vice president; and Valeria Marquez, secretary.
I’ve been emailing my friend Becky, a newspaper editor in South Dakota, about our growing desire to unplug. We used to compare notes on Dancing with the Stars, but lately we’re both watching less TV.

“My eyes have started to reject going from screen to screen,” she emailed me. Instead, she said, she has been reading, cooking and walking her dog, which led to the discovery of downtown trails and encounters with bison, deer and bighorn sheep.

“I notice a difference,” she wrote. “It has gotten to the point where my phone is strictly for texting and calling people on Sundays. I can’t keep up with it all, and I’m not sure it’s worth trying.”

I told her about my weeklong hiatus from social media, which retrained my thumb from tapping on Instagram feeds. I used that free time online to enjoy personality profiles and read substantive articles on mental illness, gender identity and child development. I found myself looking up the definition of words like ersatz, which means artificial or synthetic, an inferior substitute used to replace something natural or genuine.

Just as soon as I had landed on this snazzy new word – a word that says so much in six letters and has that novel “z” ending – I uncovered an application for it, one that got to the root of my iPhone addiction. Our screen time provides stimulation that is ersatz to real human connection.

Social-media apps purport to connect us with others, but actually impair and isolate us, turning us into the kind of people who don’t answer a phone call, but text the caller shortly thereafter, only to enter into a rapid-fire exchange that feels urgent, but not fulfilling.

It was time to turn to Catherine Price’s 2018 best-seller How to Break Up With Your Phone: The 30-Day Plan to Take Back Your Life. Reading this book was like eating broccoli: I knew I was doing something good for myself. It offers an eye-opening assessment of the mental, social and physical effects of extended phone use – the way it fractures our attention spans, hinders our ability to form new memories and undercuts our sleep.

The biggest takeaway for me was the fact that we do not think critically about the impact of our phones. How do certain apps make us feel? Why is it hard to put down our phones? What are they doing to our brains? Who benefits from our addiction? I was disappointed in myself for being lulled, like an unblinking toddler, into all the scrolling and swiping.

Heeding Price’s advice and cutting back on phone time has made me feel more in control, more engaged with my life. It empowers me to tackle other off-balance areas as I head into fall, which will be a season of change. I’m setting better sleep habits and healthier snacking, replacing Dove milk chocolates with peanuts and pecans. One positive change begets another.

I recently read about a priest who hits the gym several times a week and lifts 350 pounds. “It gets you used to doing hard things,” he said. “And when you’re doing hard things in this controlled environment, it’s way easier to do hard things elsewhere in your life.”

When praying is hard, I focus on the simple prayers that ground me, beginning and ending my day. But I’m also realizing that being disciplined can turn the day into one continuous prayer: an act of appreciation for life, for God’s gifts, a love for something greater than self. And that’s a good reason to set aside the phone.

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By Tim Puet, Catholic Times Reporter

Suicide has become a subject of increasing public health concern in Ohio and the United States in recent years.

A report released in June by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that suicide rates throughout the United States increased by more than 25 percent from 1999 to 2016. In Ohio, the increase was even more dramatic, with the number of suicides rising by 36 percent. As significant as that figure is, it ranked only 19th among the 50 states during that period.

Several agencies of the Diocese of Columbus are concerned about this trend. This past Wednesday, Sept. 26, they sponsored a suicide prevention and intervention summit at the Jessing Center of the Pontifical College Josephinum to address the subjects of suicide awareness, prevention, response, and post-intervention programs. A report on the event will be included in next week’s Catholic Times.

The event was sponsored by the diocesan religious education, youth and young adult ministry, social concerns, Catholic schools, marriage and family life, development, and diaconate offices and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. This is the second straight year several diocesan offices have combined to sponsor a program on a public health issue. Last year, they co-hosted a drug awareness summit to look at the opioid crisis.

About 175 people from parishes and schools throughout the diocese attended that event. Most of those at that conference and at this year’s suicide prevention summit came in groups representing parishes and schools. At both events, the speaking program was followed by an opportunity for the groups to create action plans for their particular situations.

“Last year’s drug awareness program was so successful that we wanted to follow up on it. A program on suicide prevention seemed a logical next step, because the two subjects are closely linked and we are well aware of the increasing suicide rate,” said Kitty Quinn of the schools office.

“The diocese has not been immune to these problems and their effects, particularly among young people. In both instances, we wanted to raise awareness of and sensitivity to the issue, to encourage people to talk about it, and to bring the Catholic Church’s perspective of faith and hope in the future to the subject.

“The program on drugs was most- relevant because so many young people have been directly affected by suicide among their friends,” she said.

The CDC reports that in the United States, suicide is the 10th-leading cause of death overall, but the second-leading cause of death among people from ages 10 to 24. The Ohio Department of Health reports that an average of 187 Ohioans in that age group – about one every other day – died by suicide in each year from 2012 to 2014.

However, in terms of overall numbers, the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, quoting state health statistics, notes that more than three-fourths of Ohio suicide deaths are among adult men.

There were 1,605 suicide deaths among Ohio residents in 2015, the most recent year for which figures are available. The age-adjusted suicide rate for males was four times the rate for females, and the rate for whites was more than twice the rate for African Americans. The rate for Hispanics was lower than for whites and African Americans.

Speakers at the suicide prevention summit included director Dr. Darcy Granello of The Ohio State University’s suicide prevention program; the program’s assistant director, Laura Lewis, and her husband, Michael, both of whom are licensed professional clinical counselors; Jolene DeFore-Hyrmer of the Ohio Department of Health; Rachelle Martin of the Franklin County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; Father Leo Connolly, pastor of Columbus St. Cecilia Church; Deacon Phil Paulucci of Columbus St. Peter Church; suicide prevention counselor Russ Crabtree; and Sean Robinson of the diocesan youth and young adult ministry office.

The Catholic Times talked to several of the speakers in advance of the suicide prevention summit. “Suicide is preventable, and it’s the mission of the suicide prevention program at OSU to help students realize this and to see that suicide prevention is everybody’s business,” Laura Lewis said.

“The program wants to create a culture of caring among students. It’s dedicated to speaking out against the stigma that keeps people from asking for assistance when they are thinking of suicide, and to giving them the help they need and the tools that will enable others to respond when someone is in distress.

“This is not formal suicide prevention training, but is designed to increase people’s awareness of when someone might be thinking of suicide and to help people reach out to others in times of crisis.”

Lewis said that while other universities have suicide prevention programs as part of their mental health departments, Ohio State is the nation’s only educational institution with an office dedicated solely to suicide prevention. Granello used a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration to cre-
ate the office in 2006, and Lewis has been part of it since 2010.

The office uses the acronym REACH to help members of the OSU community prevent suicide. Its letters stand for recognizing warning signs; engaging with empathy; asking directly about suicide; communicating hope; and helping suicidal individuals to access care and treatment.

“Suicide doesn’t come out of nowhere,” said Granello’s husband, Dr. Paul Granello, a professor of counselor education at OSU. He did not speak at the summit, but will be giving a presentation on preventing suicide among teenagers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 in the Blue Room of Columbus St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road.

“Usually, there are underlying mental health issues related to suicide that can be treated successfully, provided treatment is sought,” he said. “It’s a shame that many people don’t seek treatment sooner, because these are the type of issues that are highly treatable with counseling and proper medication.”

The CDC said common risk factors for suicide include a family history of suicide or of child maltreatment; previous suicide attempts; a personal history of depression or other mental disorders; alcohol and substance abuse; feelings of hopelessness, isolation, or loss; impulsive or aggressive tendencies; beliefs such as the idea that suicide is a noble resolution of a personal problem; local outbreaks of suicide; barriers to accessing mental health treatment; physical illness; easy access to lethal methods; and the stigma attached to mental health issues.

Suicide warning signs listed by the federal agency include feeling like a burden; being isolated; increased anxiety; feeling trapped or in unbearable pain; increased substance use; looking for a way to access lethal means; increased anger or rage; extreme mood swings; expressing hopelessness; sleeping too little or too much; talking or posting about wanting to die; and making plans for suicide.

“As the numbers indicate, the increase in suicides has been pretty dramatic in Ohio since 2000, especially among middle-aged men and adolescent girls,” Paul Granello said. In the case of adolescent girls, it has doubled in the last eight years. “Reasons for this in cases involving middle-aged men mainly have to do with the economic situation. For adolescent girls, much of the increase relates to the pressures caused by social media.”

“Suicide affects all races, genders and socioeconomic levels. The rate in rural areas is about as high as in urban ones,” he said. “Women attempt suicide more often, but far more men actually commit suicide, with the difference relating to the means that are used. Men generally use more lethal methods, such as firearms or hanging. Women are most likely to attempt suicide by overdosing on drugs, and the effects of an overdose can be reversed if someone is found in time.”

Martin, who for many years was director of the diocesan Black Catholic Ministries organization, has been a mental health professional for more than 30 years and has been executive director of NAMI in Franklin County for 11 years.

NAMI is a nationwide organization, founded in 1979, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education and advocacy.

It offers separate programs for students, families and school staff members, under the umbrella title of Ending the Silence, to help raise awareness and change negative perceptions related to mental health conditions. The 50-minute programs present facts and statistics, discuss warning signs related to mental health issues, and give examples of how to approach and work with people so they can receive help for their concerns.

“NAMI works with many families on a one-to-one basis. We find that so often, families suffer from isolation, guilt and shame and don’t know what to do, all because of the stigma that still exists around mental health issues,” Martin said. “NAMI provides them with support.”

“We have helped several Catholic families who have children with bipolar disorder or schizophrenia. They come to our support groups regularly to update us and to receive the assistance and attention they need. It’s
a privilege to work with them, and I hope my talk at the suicide prevention summit will encourage more people to take advantage of what NAMI has to offer.”

The Catholic Church always has condemned suicide, seeing it as a rejection of God’s power over life and death.

“Suicide, when viewed objectively, is a gravely immoral act,” Pope St. John Paul II said in his encyclical Evangelium Vitae. “Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder.”

Yet the Church also recognizes that suicide often is the result of psychological impairments that may affect a person’s ability to choose between good and evil.

“You can never judge the sinfulness of an action by the act itself, but by the disposition of the actor,” Father Connolly said.

“When you look at a particular act, what makes it a sin is that it’s intrinsically wrong and the person performing the act knows it’s wrong, then does it anyway. In a lot of suicides, I think it’s fair to say that the person’s freedom of choice has been inhibited by depression or addiction. Or sometimes a person doesn’t intend to kill himself, but overdoses and dies.”

The Church for many centuries prohibited funerals and burials in consecrated ground for anyone who had committed suicide, but the 1983 Code of Canon Law ended the ban by not listing suicide as a reason for denying a person an ecclesiastical funeral.

“Knowledge continues to grow concerning the tremendously complex psychological and neurobiological factors involved in the workings of the brain, and of how those factors literally can change one’s thought processes and lead to suicide,” said Deacon Paulucci, a licensed professional clinical counselor with 40 years of experience in the mental health field. He is a founder of and partner in Central Ohio Behavioral Medicine and a clinical instructor in OSU’s psychiatry department.

“As our knowledge expanded, the Church came to realize that it couldn’t say in a suicide case that ‘You’re a bad person and you’re going to hell,’” he said.

“I really don’t think that there are many people who just walk out one day and say ‘I want to commit suicide.’ We’ve evolved in our thinking and now recognize that the decision often results from a sickness that takes away a person’s ability to make clear choices.”

Ultimately, we place a person who commits suicide into the care of God,” Father Connolly said. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance.”

“Suicidal desperation can begin for anyone, given an accumulation of losses, combined with a reduction in resources to deal with those losses,” said Crabtree. “A significant percentage of persons within a faith community are being impacted by suicidal desperation at any particular moment.”

Crabtree has been involved with suicide prevention since 1999, when he was pastor of a church in Grandview Heights which had three of its young members die by suicide in seven months.

This led him to develop a program, titled Soul Shop, that helps people minister to those affected by suicidal desperation. He has trained thousands of persons in suicide awareness during the past two decades.

Crabtree said that faith communities have a responsibility to address the questions surrounding suicidal desperation and that the persons in the best position to deal with the situation are those most likely to identify the problem in the first place, rather than therapists or counselors.

“Faith communities offer important resources that can address the two primary reasons people become desperate—a loss of hope and a loss of social connection,” he said.

They can do this mainly by providing a supportive environment rather than through lectures or presentations. Doing so usually means that members of a community must fundamentally alter the way members deal with one another, Crabtree said.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention gives these suggestions if someone you know is exhibiting warning signs of suicide: do not leave the person alone; remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs or sharp objects that could be used in a suicide attempt; call a suicide prevention hotline; and take the person to an emergency room or seek help from a medical or mental health professional.

For more information about suicide or for help, call the Franklin County Suicide Prevention Hotline at (614) 221-5445; the Teen Suicide Prevention Hotline at (614) 294-3300; or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (1-800) 273-8255/TALK, or (1-888) 628-9454 for Spanish speakers. To reach someone at Ohio’s 24/7 Crisis Text Line, send the message 4HOPE to 741741.

Suicide Facts & Figures: Ohio 2018*

On average, one person dies by suicide every five hours in the state.

More than twice as many people die by suicide in Ohio annually than by homicide.

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 33,573 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.

Suicide cost Ohio a total of $1,736,643,000 of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of $1,206,840 per suicide death.

Suicide Death Rates

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Ready’s Brady Taylor deals with setback at Ohio State by keeping the faith

By Doug Bean, Catholic Times Editor

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Taylor said Monday that he has "I thought I was doing fine. But that night, I went home and it kind of hit me that I really needed to make a change. I started going to Church every Sunday and even during the week. I was praying the rosary a lot. The rosary is something I do a lot.”

He grew spiritually, academically and athletically in his final two years at Ready. Taylor was named first-team all-state in 2013 and helped the Silver Knights finish with a 12-2 record after a deep run in the playoffs. He even sponsored three young adults who entered the Church.

“It changed my whole life around, and ever since then, faith has been a huge part of my life,” he said. “I don’t think I’d be where I am now without that moment that happened.”

Joel Cutler left Ready for the head coaching job at Upper Arlington after Taylor landed his scholarship at Ohio State.

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what the next step is,” he said. “My faith has helped me a lot to make decisions like that. It will be something that I rely on.”

Many athletes would be devastated to receive such a punch in the gut. Understandably, Taylor was disappointed about what happened, but he’s not distraught.

The reason he’s able to bear such bad news is his strong Catholic faith.

“I think for me, my faith is something I always turn to, especially when things are rough,” he said. “You’re supposed to be praying in good times and in bad. Sometimes, things are not going very good and it’s kind of something that relaxes me and gives me peace of mind and reassures me that everything that’s happening is for a reason – that it might not make sense at the time, but there’s definitely a reason that I’m at Ohio State and I came back for a fifth year.”

The 6-foot-5, 295-pound Taylor is one of eight fifth-year seniors on the roster. He has played in 29 games during his college career, including 13 of 14 last year, without starting one.

But Taylor’s talents are not restricted to football. The two-time OSU scholar-athlete is pursuing a double major in hospitality management and family finance. He will graduate in December with one undergraduate degree and in the spring with a second.

“We have those big games down the road” against Michigan State and Michigan in late November “and I’m definitely working to get back for those,” Taylor said. “I’ll come back and I can pretty much play any position on the line. If anything happens, I’ll be there to go in and take care of my job.”

Unless Taylor decides to petition for a medical hardship waiver to return for a sixth year, his college football career will end whenever fourth-ranked Ohio State plays its last game this season, which certainly will be in a bowl and possibly in the national championship game.

“I’m praying about it and seeing
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Imitate Jesus in times of pain and confusion

By Kevin Perrotta
Catholic News Service

Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14
James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

There it is, right in the middle of today’s Gospel – the statement we might consider God’s particular word to the church in our time: “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea” (Mark 9:42).

It is not easy to encounter this word in the Mass.

We come to Mass to draw close to the Lord. We listen to the Scripture readings for their message to us, our selves, not for what they might say to anyone else. Jesus’ warning should spur me to review how I myself have given bad example to the children in my life.

But what now rivets my attention when this text is read is what others with clerical collars did to children, and how others with clerical collars concealed those acts.

We come to Mass to find God’s peace, yet this text makes me seethe.

How outrageous that some who had the special privilege of standing in the pulpit and proclaiming these very words went off and did terrible things to children, while others went to their offices and covered up these enormities with bureaucratic dexterity and an attitude of institutional and personal self-preservation!

I am afraid the Gospel text leaves me derailed. Will I go on through the rest of Mass thinking about the evils of clericalism and feeling my powerlessness to change this situation, rather than listening to the homily and paying attention to the prayers? Probably.

So I am preparing for this Mass with a special litany.

“For myself, that I would accept the grace to think about my own sins: Lord, have mercy.”

“For those who have been abused, and their families, that they would find healing in you, Lord: Lord, have mercy.”

“For the ordained celebrants of this liturgy everywhere (including my son Jonathan), who have to face congregations of people like me today: Lord, have mercy.”

“For priests who violated children: Lord, have mercy.”

“For bishops who failed us: Lord, have mercy.”

“For those who caused these children to be harmed: Lord, have mercy.”

For those who have covered these up: Lord, have mercy.”

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An Orthodox fracture with serious consequences

While Catholicism has been embroiled in a crisis of sexual abuse and episcopal malfeasance reaching to the highest levels of the Church, Eastern Orthodoxy may be on the verge of an epic crackup with major ecumenical and geopolitical consequences.

There are three competing Orthodox jurisdictions in Ukraine today. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate is in full communion with, and subordinate to, the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow. Then there are two breakaways from Moscow: the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Kyivan Patriarchate and the Ukrainian Autoccephalous Orthodox Church. This tripartite fracture is a scandal, an obstacle to re-evangelizing a broken culture, and an impediment to ecumenism.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople has indicated that it is considering a proposal to recognize the autocephaly, or independence from Moscow, of Ukrainian Orthodoxy, should the contending Orthodox jurisdictions in Ukraine restore unity. The Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church has responded with fury, dropping references to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople from its liturgy. And its international mouthpiece, Metropolitan Hilarion of the Russian Orthodox Church, is first among equals in Or-}

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Hilarion also reports, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow’s claim to be the “third Rome” would be gravely imperiled. Russian Orthodoxy would shrink drastically by the loss of the large Orthodox population in Ukraine, and the Moscow Patriarchate’s claim to a kind of de facto hegemony in the Orthodox world would be badly damaged.

Second, Russian Orthodoxy, continuing a long, unhappy tradition of playing chaplain to the czar (whatever form he takes), has provided putatively religious buttressing for Vladimir Putin’s claim that there is a single Russkiy mir (“Russian world” or “Russian space”), which includes Ukraine and Belarus. And in that “space,” Ukrainians and Belarussians are little brothers of the Russians, the true inheritors of the baptism of the eastern Slavs in 988.

That is a falsification of history. Yet it has underwritten Russian imperial claims for centuries, and it continues to do so today.

A reunited and independent Ukrainian Orthodoxy centered on Kyiv (site in 988 of the baptism of Prince Vladimir and the tribes that eventually became Ukrainians, Russians and Belarussians) would empirically falsify what serious historians have long known is a dishonest narrative. Moscow and Russia are not the sole inheritors of the baptism of the eastern Slavs, and Russian imperial claims (like those that have underwritten the invasion and annexation of Crimea and the Russian-sponsored war in eastern Ukraine) rest on a false story. Thus both Russian Orthodoxy and President Putin would be major losers should Ukrainian Orthodoxy reunite and be recognized as independent by Constantinople. That is why Metropolitan Hilarion is taking a harsh line with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. That is also why Putin is likely encouraging his new friend, President Erdogan of Turkey, to turn the screws on Bartholomew, whose presence in Istanbul (the former Constantinople) depends on Turkish governmental goodwill. For Putin knows that his attempt to recreate something like the old Soviet Union, which has battered on the “Russian world” ideology, could implode.

Russian Orthodox clergy have charged that efforts to reunite Ukrainian Orthodoxy and grant it autocephaly are a Roman plot. That should concentrate some minds at the Vatican. The 2016 Havana Declaration of Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill was supposed to inaugurate a new era of ecumenical cooperation between Rome and Moscow. Yet as soon as Moscow feels pressured, the Vatican bogeyman is trotted out and vilified. Those of us who judged the Moscow Declaration ill-advised two years ago ought not take any satisfaction from having been right; but those who wouldn’t listen then should think again about making deals with agents of Russian state power.

Nothing is certain in this Ukrainian drama, given Ukrainian Orthodox fractiousness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew’s relatively weak position, and the unhelpful involvement of Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko. The stakes, however, are high indeed.
Pope recognizes Chinese bishops

Catholic News Agency

VATICAN CITY — After the signing of a provisional Vatican-China deal on the nomination of bishops, the Vatican announced Pope Francis’ recognition of seven illicitly ordained Chinese bishops.

The decision was made “with a view to sustaining the proclamation of the Gospel in China,” according to a Sept. 22 Vatican press brief.

Bishops admitted to full communion with the Church are Joseph Guo Jincai of Rehe; Joseph Huang Bingzhang of Shantou; Paul Lei Shiyin of Jiading; Joseph Liu Xinhong of Wuhu; Metropolitan Archbishop Joseph Ma Yinglin of Kunming; Joseph Yue Fusheng, apostolic administrator of Harbin; and Vincent Zhan Silu of Funing.

The pope also recognized Bishop Anthony Tu Shihua, who died Jan. 4, 2017, but, according to the press release, “had expressed the desire to be reconciled with the Apostolic See” before his death.

The statement expressed Francis’ hope that the decision to recognize the bishops, who were ordained by the Chinese government without permission from Rome, would begin a new process “that will allow the wounds of the past to be overcome, leading to the full communion of all Chinese Catholics.”

The Catholic Community in China “is called to live a more fraternal collaboration, in order to promote with renewed commitment, the proclamation of the Gospel,” he continued. “In fact, the Church exists to give witness to Jesus Christ and to the forgiving and salvific love of the Father.”

It was also announced Sept. 22 that Pope Francis has established a new diocese in China, “the Diocese of Chengde,” as a suffragan diocese of the See of Beijing, for “the pastoral care of the Lord’s flock and to attend with greater efficacy to is spiritual good.”

Its cathedral will be the Church of Jesus the Good Shepherd, which is situated in the administrative division of Shuangluan, “Chengde City.”

According to the statement, the diocese’s territory will be defined by the civil boundaries of “Chengde City” and will require the modification of the dioceses of Jehol/Jinzhou and Chifeng, as a portion of each will become part of the new diocese.

The new diocese will be composed of roughly 15,000 square miles with a population of around 3.7 million. There are estimated to be around 25,000 Catholics in 12 parishes served by seven priests.

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Tickets $60 per person.
All proceeds benefit projects in central Ohio.
www.christchildsociety.org

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

BOESHART, Anthony T., 88, Sept. 18
St. Luke Church, Danville

BOPELEY, Thomas, 85, Sept. 16
St. Patrick Church, London

BOULWARE, Kathleen (Sullivan), 77, Sept. 19
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

BRAMMER, Carolyn J. (Hall), 63, Sept. 2
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CANINI, Elena (Vitella), 72, Sept. 19
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

CRAY, Mary A., 61, Sept. 15
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

CUA, Joseph C., 94, Sept. 21
St. Paul Church, Westerville

DITTOE, Robert L., 96, Sept. 12
St. Mary Church, Lancaster

EAL, Allen W., 78, Sept. 20
Sacred Heart Church, Columbus

FERENSEN, Daniel T., 58, Sept. 15
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

HEDGEs, Deanna J. (Tobey), 79, Sept. 15
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown

HESELDEN, Joan (Heighton), 88, Sept. 13
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

MERRINGER, David M., 52, Sept. 20
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

MILLER, Madeline J. (Twigg), 69, Sept. 20
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

MOTIL, Rose M., 64, Sept. 15
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MYERS, Patricia L. (O’Neil), 81, Sept. 15
Resurrection Cemetery Chapel, Lewis Center

SHOOK, Theresa M. 66, Sept. 3
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

VOITUS, Dale J., 65, formerly of Columbus, Sept. 21
St. Jude Church, Columbiana

WEISS, Martina D., 90, Sept. 17
St. Paul Church, Westerville

WILHELM, Jo Ann (Herbert), 87, Sept. 22
St. Pius X Church, Reynoldsburg

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Patricia Ryan

Funeral Mass for Patricia Ryan, 77, who died Sunday, Sept. 2, was celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Columbus Holy Spirit Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, to Terrill Lehman and Helen (Charles) Halterman.

She was a retired employee of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church and was a member of the Groveport and Canal Winchester senior centers and Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William; and sister, Susan Wolfe.

Survivors include a son, Richard (Sharon); daughters, Rebecc (Steve) Dunlap and Debra; sister, Janice Turrell; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
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St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk
10 a.m., St. Francis DeSales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Annual one-mile Friends of the Poor Walk benefiting diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Register at https://www.topwalk.org/

North Columbus Serra Club Lunch for Sisters
11 a.m., Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus hosts lunch for all religious ladies of the dioce
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Frasassi Society Nursing Home Visit
2 p.m., Worthington Christian Village, 185 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus. St. Patrick Church Frasassi Society for young adults visiting nursing home residents. 614-224-9522

30, SUNDAY
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
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Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242

Catholic Record Society Meeting
2 p.m., St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus. Catholic Record Society quarterly meeting, with Father Thomas Kessler speaking on “When Speeches On Our Faith Were Heard By Its Cultured Despisers: How it Went in Rural Central Ohio 150 Years Ago,” telling the stories of Catholic converts Sylvester Rosecans, Columbus’ first bishop, and James Kent Stone, former Kenyon College president who became a missionary priest. Preceded by 1 p.m. lunch (cost $10, reservations required) and followed by business meeting. 614-861-1242

Open House at Columbus Sisters of St. Dominic
2 to 4 p.m., Columbus Sisters of St. Dominic, 414 E. Fourth St., Columbus. Open House for anyone to meet the Sisters and tour the center. 614-224-9138

Catholic Record Society Meeting
2 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Society, 1457 E. Fifth St., Columbus. Catholic Record Society meeting, with Father Michael Baldea speaking on St. John Neumann followed by a social hour with refreshments. 614-473-2090

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THROUGH NOV. 4, SUNDAY
40 Days for Life
7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 3255 E. Main St., Columbus. 40 Days for Life campaign of daily vigils at central Ohio’s only surgical abortion facility. Individuals, groups may sign up for hourly shifts. 614-445-8500

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Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry
2 to 4 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Third of six consecutive weekly meetings of Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry, a support group sponsored by the churches of the North High Deanery for all who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Contact Michael Julian at mujilanj@columbus.rr.com

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). Open prayer group meeting for praise, worship, ministry and teaching. 614-886-8266

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6889 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish. 706-761-4054

OCTOBER
1, MONDAY
Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory
7 to 8 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1559 Rosbury Road, Columbus. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning Prayer, concluding with Mass.

Aquinas Alumni Luncheon
11 a.m., Bistro Rio, 1210 S. James Road, Columbus. Monthly Columbus Aquinas High School alumni luncheon.

Care for God’s Creation’ Program
9:30 to 11 a.m., St. Paul the Apostle School, 614-368-2800.

St. Theresa’s First Friday Meeting
10 a.m. to 12 p.m., St. Theresa’s Catholic School, 3632 W. Broad St., Columbus. Monthly St. Theresa’s First Friday Meeting, with Father Michael Baldea speaking on St. John Neumann followed by a social hour with refreshments. 614-473-2090

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Ohio Dominican University’s Wehrle Gallery will feature a new exhibit titled “Delhi to Jaipur: Recent Work by Nicholas Hill,” from Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 to Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019. A free opening reception will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 11. This is one of several exhibitions during the 2018-19 academic year that celebrate the gallery’s theme of “The Year of the Print.”

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free. It is located on ODU’s campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The work of Hill, an internationally recognized printmaker and curator and 2017 Guggenheim Fellow, involves the exploration of history and other cultures and the creative processes of artists in those cultures.

“Travel informs my studio work,” Hill said. “Recent experiences in India provide the point of departure for this series of hand-colored prints. Gathering sketches, photos, vintage Indian woodblocks and bits of ephemera from my travels, I have invented images that address the complex nature of Indian culture.”

Hill’s curatorial work has led to multiple exhibitions in the United States by artists from India, Germany and Chile. He has been awarded residencies in the United States at the MacDowell Colony, the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, the Ragdale Foundation and the Art Students League residency at Vytlacil. Internationally, he has been awarded residencies in Germany at Grafikwerkstatt and at the Hochshule fur Bildende Kunste in Dresden.

Hill has been artist-in-residence at the Taller 99 printmaking studio in Santiago, Chile and at the Casaplan Cultural Center in Valparaiso, Chile. He co-curated an exhibition of contemporary Indian and American printmaking at Lalit Kala Akademi Galleries in New Delhi. His work also has included community-based art projects with underserved communities in Ohio and New York.

Delhi Temple III by Nicholas Hill.

New book provides blueprint for ‘Making Missionary Disciples’

By Doug Bean, Catholic Times Editor

Saying that Curtis Martin wrote the book on how to cultivate and form missionaries for the Catholic faith should not be considered a flip remark.

Not with the arrival of a new book at the end of September from the founder and chief executive officer of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

Making Missionary Disciples: How to Live the Method Modeled by the Master is filled with practical guidance that could be used as a playbook for parishes, apostolates and families to evangelize in their ministries and homes.

The book, published by FOCUS and available through its website at www.focus.org for $14.95, is gleaned in part from 20 years of evangelizing to college students throughout the United States and motivated by Pope Francis’ “I dream of a ‘missionary option’ ... a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything ...” taken from his encyclical, Evangelii Gaudium.

The 60-page book is a quick read that concisely and coherently breaks down missionary discipleship into three habits: divine intimacy, authentic friendship, and clarity and conviction about spiritual multiplication.

Martin calls divine intimacy “the habit on which everything else rests.” Without knowing Christ and developing a relationship with Him, it is impossible to serve Him and bring others to know Him. The author lays out four steps for growing in divine intimacy.

Authentic friendship means loving the people who are being served. FOCUS has found that students often attribute their entrance into the Catholic Church to a leader from a Bible study or another group who got to know them personally.

The third habit – clarity and conviction about spiritual multiplication – flows from the idea that missionaries go out and inspire others to become disciples of Christ.

The second half of the book breaks down the “Method Modeled by the Master” into three phases: Win: Leading Souls to Encounter Christ; Build: Accompanying Disciples; and Send: Launching Spirit-Filled Evangelists and Multipliers.

Martin explains that the principles used to bring thousands of young people on college campuses into the Church can be copied by parishes and individuals who desire to share their love for Christ and His Church.

In addition to Martin’s work with FOCUS, he serves as a consultor to the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization and is a popular speaker.

FOCUS, founded in 1998, has expanded to 153 college campuses in 141 states and five international locations. FOCUS is present in Ohio at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Bowling Green University, Ohio University, the University of Toledo, Wright State University and the University of Cincinnati.

With nearly 700 missionaries in the field, FOCUS also assists in U.S. parishes and pastors in their evangelization efforts.

For those who want to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:18-19), Making Missionary Disciples: How to Live the Method Modeled by the Master will provide the framework and inspiration to lead more souls to Christ and His Church.
State, but the two remain close. Taylor babysits Cutler’s children when he has time outside of football season.

“He’s the biggest, toughest babysitter you could ask for,” Cutler said.

Cutler was struck by Taylor’s “willingness to work and the will to win,” “his positive attitude with peers,” and his willingness to “put the Lord first and know that everything is for a reason.” That work ethic turned Taylor into a major college recruit.

Taylor was set to commit to Virginia Tech as a high school senior, but Ohio State came in with an offer he couldn’t turn down his dream school.

Fast forward five years and football may not have gone quite the way he expected at Ohio State, but he has tried to use the platform of a college athlete to help in the community. He speaks to youth football players, at schools and at parishes when he’s invited.

“I feel like I can make a difference,” he said. “I grew up on the west side of Columbus and a lot of kids get stuck. I think I can give the kids in that area a vision of what they can do ... just showing them that anything’s possible.

“A lot of times kids think you’re kind of a superhero. I try to tell them I go through the same things that they do. I get tired, practice gets overwhelming, sometimes I feel like I get away from my faith.”

Taylor attributes his Catholic education for instilling the discipline and values necessary to succeed in college and in life.

The perks of playing for a big-time college football program can lead to temptations that threaten to derail the careers of some talented athletes.

“I’m grounded in my faith and it keeps those distractions out,” he said. “Make sure they know the morals and values you stand for. And when you mess up, confess it and be forgiven for it.”

Throughout the injury ordeal, Taylor said coach Urban Meyer has been very supportive.

“He knows what I’ve been through,” Taylor said.

Meyer went through a difficult time which came as no surprise to Taylor.

“We went to work every day, and when we came on the field, it showed,” Taylor said. “We were down a man, but we pushed through it. Our brotherhood carried us through.”

Football is a game that doesn’t last forever and Taylor has prepared for a career outside the lines.

This past spring, he balanced practice with a full class schedule and a 24-hour-a-week week internship at a hotel in downtown Columbus. He also has rolled up his sleeves as a student-athlete during his summers and worked at area restaurants to gain valuable career experience for whatever career path he decides to pursue.

There are times that he can’t help but wonder whether his football career might have gone differently with more playing time at another school, but he doesn’t dwell on the what ifs.

“I turned back to my faith and realized I’m here for a reason,” Taylor said. “It may not be the reason I thought it was. It may not be to go play in the NFL or whatever I thought the plan was going to be.

“Being here in my hometown, playing for the team I love, national championship and Big Ten championship rings, making some of my best friends, it’s kind of irreplaceable stuff,” he said.

“Running into the Shoe every Saturday is the stuff you dream about as a kid. You’ve got to look at the positives and realize this is an amazing place.”

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