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A note to women everywhere during May: We are all mothers

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP

During the month of May, we thank God for our mothers and all we have received from them. It’s also good to remember the other women who have played an important role in our lives, from grandmothers and aunts to teachers, coaches and mentors of all kinds.

But it’s also wonderful to rejoice that as women, we all have a lifelong vocation to motherhood, whether physical or spiritual.

In his Letter to Women, Saint John Paul II praised women in their multiple roles: “Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. ... Thank you, women who are wives! ... Thank you, women who are daughters and women who are sisters! Into the heart of the family, and then of all society, you bring the richness of your sensitivity, your intuitiveness, your generosity and fidelity.”

John Paul II’s words inspired many women and encouraged greater awareness of their feminine genius.

“I’d like to encourage women of all ages — but especially those of us who are not so young anymore — to embrace the mission of being spiritual mothers to the younger generations.

“Evoking the image of a tree that lacks deep roots and falls in a storm, Pope Francis recently wrote that “it is impossible for us to grow, unless we have strong roots to support us and keep us firmly grounded.”

“We achieve groundedness, the pope said, by remaining close to our elders and discovering the living richness of the past, by treasuring its memory and making use of it for our choices and opportunities.

“Helping young people to do this, the pope said, “is a genuine act of love.” He calls on elders to draw close to the young and journey with them, for the elders have much to teach them.

“The pope’s recent post-synodal exhortation to young people, Christus Vivit, should inspire those of us who are not so young to be more aware of all that we have to share.

“Realize that there is beauty in the laborer who returns home grimy and unkempt, but with the joy of having earned food for his family. There is extraordinary beauty in the fellowship of a family at table, generously sharing what food it has. There is beauty in the wife, slightly disheveled and no longer young, who continues to care for her sick husband despite her own failing health.

“Long after the springtime of their courtship has passed, there is beauty in the fidelity of those couples who still love one another in the autumn of life, those elderly people who still hold hands as they walk. There is also a beauty, unrelated to appearances or fashionable dress, in all those men and women who pursue their personal vocation with love, in selfless service of community or nation, in the work of building a happy family, in the selfless and demanding effort to advance social harmony. To find, to disclose and to highlight this beauty, which is like that of Christ on the cross, is to lay the foundations of genuine social solidarity and the culture of encounter,” the pope said.

“Fostering relationships — this culture of encounter, as Pope Francis calls it — is an integral part of the feminine genius.

“Perhaps your children are grown and you feel that you have completed the job of mothering. Or perhaps, like me, your personal vocation did not include physical motherhood. By virtue of being women, we are called to nurture others, and this vocation of spiritual maternity never ends.

“So this Mother’s Day, look around and find the young people you encounter who are in special need of a mentor, an adopted grandmother or a wise friend. Reach out and share life’s journey with them, for together, we can learn from one another, warm hearts and inspire minds with the light of the Gospel!”

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

Beware of fake e-mails, text messages, contact requests

Before you respond to that e-mail or text message from someone you think you know, beware.

A number of priests, deacons, principals, school teachers and others have found that their names have been hijacked and attached to phony Gmail addresses soliciting for money, gift cards and other items. Fake text messages are being sent out, as well.

“Sadly, it’s a reflection of the world we live in,” said Father Michael Lumpe, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral rector and diocesan vicar for priests. “People are hijacking the good names and reputations of people in the Church and using them — via electronic means — for nefarious purposes.”

Before you respond to an e-mail or text message from someone you think you know through the Catholic Church, Father Lumpe suggests that you first use a published phone number to contact the person’s parish, school, diocesan office or other Catholic entity to verify the authenticity of any communication requesting “a meeting,” “a favor” or solicitation for funds or items of any monetary value.

“Especially be aware of anyone who asks to personally meet with you outside the normal realm of your relationship, or at a location that is not normative, or at a day of the week or a time of the day that is irregular or seems suspicious — especially after regular business hours,” Father Lumpe warned. “Do the old-fashioned but reliable thing first — call the person at their office or other location on a land line, or speak to someone at that location, like a secretary or associate. Verify first that what is taking place is, in fact, legitimate.”

In the Diocese of Cleveland, email hackers managed to abscond $1.75 million from St. Ambrose Church in suburban Brunswick.

Father Bob Stec, the parish’s pastor, said in an April 27 letter to parishioners that the theft was uncovered on April 17 after a construction company performing renovations contacted the parish to inquire about two missed payments. St. Ambrose Church is raising $4 million from a capital campaign for repairs and restoration.

Working with police, banks and the diocese, the parish determined that two staff members’ e-mail addresses were hacked and “our payments were sent to a fraudulent bank account and the money was then swept out by the perpetrators before anyone knew what had happened,” according to the letter.

Father Stec apologized to the parish and said steps would have been taken immediately to address the theft had the parish known what was happening.

The diocese is continuing its investigation and the parish is reviewing its internet security systems.

Information from Catholic News Service was used in this report.
By Pam Harris
Director, Diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries

The V Encuentro continues to inspire the faithful to respond to the pastoral needs of Hispanic/Latino Catholics. It is a four-year process that unifies us through outreach, accompaniment and prayer. The V Encuentro seeks to strengthen youth ministry, offer leadership development training, ongoing faith formation and family ministry, to foster vocations and to sustain strong relationships within the Church. Through this process, we create anew a ministry of empowerment, encouragement and evangelization.

As we work together to create a vision of V Encuentro in our diocese and parishes, let us look back at the previous Encuentros and how they have equipped and continue to equip the faithful to live the Gospel. I Encuentro (1972) provided an opportunity for the faithful to express their needs and contribute to the common good of the Church. II Encuentro (1977) celebrated the unity and diversity of Hispanic Catholics’ faith, culture and history, inviting the faithful to discern ways in which to be fully engaged in the life of the Church and be in communion with those most in need. III Encuentro (1985) voiced the direction of the Church and her response to the growing, vibrant Hispanic presence in the United States. IV Encuentro (2000) was an experience of solidarity to celebrate and recognize the universality of the Church, which serves all cultures and races. The Primer Encuentro Nacional Hispano de Pastoral Juvenil (2006) listened to the voices of Hispanic/Latino youth to effectively address their needs, concerns and aspirations, as well as recognize their role in the Church.

V Encuentro is a response to Pope Francis’ call to the faithful to be missionary disciples and go out to the peripheries sharing the Gospel. In his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis reminds us that “an evangelizing community is filled with joy” (paragraph 24). With joy in our hearts and guided by the Holy Spirit, we can be, for others, a living witness to the Gospel and can meet them where they are. “Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 24).

Jesus reached out to the disciples on their way to Emmaus as they were discussing the events that had just taken place (Luke 24: 13-35). Jesus took the first step. He went to where they were, to accompany, to listen and to encourage them. Christ enlightened them on the prophetic words of Scripture that referred to Him. He reminded them of events that were foretold. The V Encuentro process asks the same of us – to go out to the peripheries and encounter the marginalized, to listen to them, to accompany and encourage them on their road to Emmaus. It is here that we and others will experience the same excitement as the disciples at the realization of the presence of Christ. “Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32). Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Christ is present everywhere: in Scripture, in the Mass, in the Sacraments and in prayer. He calls us to be intentional in our outreach and ministry so that we can all experience an encounter with the living God.

The Hispanic/Latino community is empowered to fulfill its role as leaders, in the life of the Church, through appropriate formation in leadership and ministry. We are encouraged by the commitment and support of the clergy, religious and laypersons of the diocese who accompany the community throughout this process. Our continued evangelization efforts will develop the talents and knowledge of the Hispanic/Latino community to effectively minister to all people.

The Latino ministry of the diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries Office will host a V Encuentro Diocesan Day for anyone interested or who participated in the V Encuentro process at any level. It will be on Saturday, June 29 at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N. The purpose of this day is to re-familiarize ourselves with the V Encuentro process and to embrace our role as missionary disciples within the Church. The day begins at 8 a.m. with registration, followed by Mass with Bishop Robert Brennan at 9 a.m., and will conclude at 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and registration is required. For additional information, contact Pam Harris, director of the Catholic Ethnic Ministries Office, at pharris@columbuscatholic.org or call (614) 221-7990.

To register online, visit columbuscatholic.org/CEM or email ethnicministries@columbuscatholic.org.

V Encuentro: Un Enfoque Unificado de la Evangelización en la Comunidad Hispana/Latina

El V Encuentro continúa inspirando a los fieles a responder a las necesidades pastorales de los católicos hispanos/latinos. Es un proceso de cuatro años que nos unifica a través del alcance a otros, el acompañamiento y la oración. El V Encuentro busca fortalecer la pastoral juvenil, ofrecer capacitación de desarrollo de liderazgo, formación de fe en marcha y pastoral familiar, fomentar vocaciones y mantener relaciones sólidas dentro de la Iglesia. A través de este proceso creamos nuevamente un ministerio de empoderamiento, aliento y evangelización.

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The budget is a moral document

We are a people of faith. Our tradition of advocating on behalf of the poor and vulnerable goes back to Biblical times. The Old Testament is full of examples of prophets who expressed God’s care and concern for the well-being of the oppressed and people living on the margins of society. Here is one of my favorite examples: “Woe to those who enact unjust statutes and who write oppressive decrees, depriving the needy of judgment and robbing my people’s poor of their rights” (Isaiah 10:1-2).

The prophets like Isaiah delivered important messages to the faith community and the political leaders of their day about the morality of decisions and choices, whether it be on the personal level or in the realm of public policy. For the prophets, faith in action required right relationships based on justice and care for the common good, especially the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Jesus Christ definitively delivered this message as he recounted his care for the poor in parables, showed God’s compassion in acts of healing and mercy, and taught us how we are to respond to the “the least of these” (Matthew 25).

Keeping with this tradition, the Catholic Church serves in the role of prophet and advocate. As faithful citizens, it is our duty to participate in civic life by voting for public officials, then holding them accountable by presenting a moral framework to advance the common good.

One area of concern at both the state and federal level is the budget process. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has consistently stated that the budget is a moral document. Why is it a moral document? The budget is more than just numbers, dollars and cents. A human dimension is involved. It is an expression of our community’s values and priorities. The budget involves ethical decisions in consideration of needs and desires from a multitude of interests.

The U.S. Catholic bishops have established three fundamental criteria for discerning the morality of budget decisions:

• Every budget decision should be assessed by whether it protects or threatens human life and dignity.
• A central moral measure of any budget proposal is how it affects the lives and dignity of “the least of these” (Matthew 25). The needs of those who are hungry and homeless, without work or in poverty, should come first.
• Government and other institutions have a shared responsibility to promote the common good of all, especially ordinary workers and families who struggle to live in dignity in difficult economic times.

At the state level, the Catholic Conference of Ohio represents the Catholic Church at the Ohio Statehouse. The conference represents the Ohio bishops and the many parishes, schools, health care institutions and Catholic charities in the state. Here is the conference’s message for the state of Ohio’s operating budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021:

• Prioritize the needs of people who are vulnerable and those living in poverty
• Defend and protect human life
• Promote care for creation
• Support families who choose Catholic schools

Please take a moment to visit the Catholic Conference of Ohio’s website at www.ohiocathconf.org and read its state budget policy backgrounders. Then do something about it. Put your faith into action. Write a brief letter, make a phone call or visit your state representative or senator. Express your care and concern. Although you may not be as eloquent as the prophet Isaiah, you will be carrying on the prophetic tradition to care for the poor and vulnerable and advance the common good.

Jerry Freewalt is director of the diocesan Office for Social Concerns.

Local news and events

Downtown Serra Club to sponsor 57th annual Altar Server Awards

The Downtown Serra Club will sponsor its 57th annual Altar Server Award ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12 in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral with Bishop Robert Brennan presiding.

More than 130 eighth-grade altar servers chosen by their pastor from throughout the Diocese of Columbus will receive awards presented by the bishop for their dedicated service to their parishes. Many other servers will be recognized by their parishes later.

The Serra Club is a voluntary organization of Catholic men and women fostering vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life. Pope St. John Paul II said, “Serrans, you are the lay vocation arm of the Catholic Church.” Serrans promote spiritual growth through a ministry of prayer, awareness, affirmation and support, including encouraging their members to fulfill their own Christian vocation.

The Downtown Serra Club of Columbus was chartered in 1954. It is a division of Serra International, which was founded in 1937 and named for Father Juniper Serra, a Franciscan friar who founded missions throughout California in the 18th century. Father Serra was beatified on September 25, 1988 by Pope John Paul II. He was canonized on Sept. 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington by Pope Francis.

There are 732 Serra clubs in 35 nations. They have a membership of more than 22,400 laypersons, including more than 10,000 in the United States. Serra International is the world’s largest Catholic vocations-related organization.

If you are interested in learning more about the Downtown Serra Club, send an email to carl@faehnle.com.

Msgr. Noon to speak to record society

Msgr. Robert Noon will speak on his recollections of four 20th-century bishops of the Diocese of Columbus at the Catholic Record Society’s annual lecture and luncheon at noon Sunday, May 19 at St. Therese’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Main St., Columbus.

The recent installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan as the 12th bishop of Columbus makes this an appropriate time for Msgr. Noon to talk about the diocese’s sixth through ninth bishops. They are Bishops Clarence Issenmann, who served the diocese as its spiritual shepherd from 1958 to 1965; John Carberry (1965-68); Clarence Elwell (1968-73) and Edward Herrmann (1973-82).

Msgr. Noon, 95, is the diocese’s senior priest and will celebrate the 68th anniversary of his ordination one week after the meeting date. He resides in the assisted living section of the Villas at St. Therese.

Those who intend to eat at the luncheon are asked to send a check for $20, payable to the Diocese of Columbus, to Catholic Record Society, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus OH 43215 by Friday, May 10. Father Noon’s talk will follow the meal, and the talk will be followed by a short business meeting.

For more information, contact Mike Finn at (614) 268-4166 or FCoolavin@aol.com.

Cathedral Healing Mass and service to take place May 20

A Mass of healing and healing service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 20 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.

The healing service will follow the Mass and include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of relics of the True Cross of Christ, and an opportunity for everyone present to speak individually with a priest and have him say prayers of healing for what they seek. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick also will be available. The service will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All persons who seek Christ’s healing are invited, especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities, in addition to those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members and members of the medical community also are invited.

Secured parking is available off East Gay Street. There is a handicapped-accessible elevator in the courtyard (west side of the cathedral) on East Broad
Living servant leadership at Ohio Dominican

By Robert A. Gervasi, PhD
President, Ohio Dominican University

Most Catholics are familiar with St. Dominic, the dynamic founder of the Order of Preachers, commonly known as the Dominican Order. At the same time, relatively few Catholics beyond the Dominicans themselves are aware of Blessed Jordan of Saxony, St. Dominic’s immediate successor as leader of the Order. Reflecting on the two men reveals important similarities and a notable difference between them. In turn, the lives of Dominic and Jordan can teach us much about leadership. That’s an especially appropriate lesson in this spring season of graduation at Ohio Dominican University, when we launch our students into careers of leadership and confirm their lives of purpose.

Dominic and Jordan both were passionately committed to their own shared purpose – preaching the Good News, especially among those who misunderstood it. According to tradition, both men were eloquent and persuasive speakers, delivering powerful messages with personal enthusiasm and respect for their listeners. Respect for all persons is a fundamental value at Ohio Dominican, inspired by Catholic teaching and Dominican experience.

Dominic and Jordan both displayed not only powerful preaching, but also organizational effectiveness. Of course, Dominic’s organizational leadership is well-known, since he founded the Dominican Order and, in a few short years, established it as a major force for renewal in the Church.

At the same time, Jordan, like Dominic, demonstrated astonishing organizational skill, which was quickly recognized by his peers. Jordan had been a member of the teaching faculty at the University of Paris and joined the Dominicans in 1220. In the following year, he was chosen as head of the Order’s most important province, based in the university city of Bologna. Again, one year later, in 1222, following the unexpected death of Dominic, Jordan was elected to be Dominic’s successor as head of the Order of Preachers. While perhaps best-known for having written a history of the early Dominican Order, including the life of Dominic, Jordan is said to have traveled tirelessly to expand the Order’s service, founding more than 200 Dominican priories.

Dominic and Jordan both were passionate leaders who successfully focused on their purpose. Yet Dominic came to acquire an almost larger-than-life reputation throughout the centuries, while Jordan remains relatively obscure. Why the difference? And what can graduates – and all of us – learn from that contrast about leadership today?

Dominic and Jordan both were humble men who did not want attention for themselves. Such attention was perhaps unavoidable for Dominic as the Order’s founder, and less likely for Jordan as his successor. The key point is that both were focused on service to their mission, rather than self-promotion – an important lesson and admonition for our contemporary culture of celebrity. Service is the intersection of passion and purpose in pursuit of the common good.

That commitment to service, rooted in prayer, study and community, is the overarching “north star” that animates Ohio Dominican University. Every year, the ODU community spends more than 7,000 hours participating in and supporting service-related events, activities and initiatives.

One example of student outreach off campus is the ODU physician assistant studies program. Master’s degree students spend many hours volunteering their time and talent to provide much-needed health care throughout the region. During the year, a group of students volunteer to provide basic medical care, such as taking blood sugar and blood pressure readings at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, operated by Catholic Social Services on Columbus’ west side.

Students also are committed to service while on campus. During the winter break, a group of student workers at ODU’s computer helpdesk learned how to knit, with the intention of creating unique, comfortable hats and scarves to be donated to homeless men, women and children in and around Columbus. They eventually knitted and donated 500 items.

ODU’s admissions office recently hosted a public discussion on the opioid epidemic facing central Ohio and the nation. This important event was scheduled after a group of students from Cristo Rey and Bishop Ready high schools presented the idea during ODU’s Catholic High School Visit Day in 2018.

The campus community also is committed to keeping ODU and its surrounding neighborhoods looking beautiful. Every semester, a group of ODU students, faculty and staff participate in Make a Difference Day. On a Saturday morning, the group visits the Teakwood neighborhood directly north of campus and helps our neighbors with tasks around their homes, such as raking leaves, cutting grass and other projects.

In March, a group of students and staff participated in ODU’s annual Appalachia service trip. During this weeklong visit to Rutledge, Tennessee, participants completed many projects to help those who live and work in this poverty-stricken region. The work included painting rooms, splitting and delivering wood to area residents, visiting residents at a nursing home, cleaning up yard waste, and completing improvement projects inside a children’s home.

Although they may not make headlines, all of these efforts make a real difference in people’s lives. They exemplify the culture and conviction that motivates Ohio Dominican’s students, faculty and staff.

This year’s ODU graduates undoubtedly will do well in their chosen careers, as their predecessors have done before them, regardless of how much or how little attention they attract. Equally important, they will have combined “passion with purpose,” embracing the four Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service as a solid foundation, not only to make a living, but – even more important – to make life worth living. Dominic and Jordan would be proud.

ODU news roundup

Ohio Dominican University to offer summer courses

Ohio Dominican University will offer more than 40 undergraduate courses this summer at nearly half the usual cost.

Courses for traditional undergraduate students will be available for $385 per credit hour (including technology fee), which is significantly less than the current price of $735 per credit hour.

The courses will cover a wide range of fields of study, including art, science, business, education, English, history and theology. They will be available in a variety of flexible formats, including online, on campus or a combination of both formats. ODU’s summer sessions range from two to eight weeks in length, with available start dates in May, June and July.

To learn more about the university’s summer course offerings, visit ohiodominican.edu/Summer. If you have questions, contact ODU’s admissions office at (614) 251-4500 or admissions@ohiodominican.edu.

Students who participate in summer courses at ODU and/or an internship in central Ohio are eligible to live on campus. Convenient on-campus housing is available to non-ODU students for $100 per week (minimum four-week stay) and to current ODU students for $350 per month. Affordable meal options are also available to residents.

ODU partners with Grove City

Current and future college-bound students from Grove City now have access to additional scholarships from Ohio Dominican University. ODU has joined the Grove City Higher Education Investment Program, which is designed to encourage students to remain in Grove City after completing their college degree.

As part of the program, eligible full-time undergraduate and graduate students (those who take at least 12 credit hours per semester) will receive a $1,000 tuition payment to Ohio Dominican each semester. In addition, part-time students (with course loads of six to 11 credits) will receive a $500 tuition payment. Qualifying students can reapply each semester and receive a maximum scholarship of $12,000.

To qualify, students must prove resi-
Apostolic succession; divorced and extraordi

Q My understanding is that the church teaches that bishops and priests are the successors of the apostles. Can this line really be traced back to one of the original apostles? (Lancaster, Ohio)

A The Twelve Apostles were the privileged eyewitnesses sent to proclaim the teachings of Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew (28:19-20) reflects the fact that Christ, following the resurrection, commissioned the apostles and guaranteed his help: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

It is the further belief of the church, in what is known as the doctrine of apostolic succession, that bishops and priests today are linked in an unbroken line to those same original apostles.

St. Ignatius of Antioch – who died in the year 108 and is believed to have been a disciple of the apostle John – wrote in a letter to the Ephesians: “For we ought to receive every one whom the Master of the house sends to be over his household, as we would do him that sent him. It is manifest, therefore, that we should look upon the bishop even as we would upon the Lord himself.”

The visible sign of ordination, from the New Testament onward, has been the imposition of hands. Thus, the transmission of the apostolic ministry is achieved by that rite, together with the prayer of the celebrant that the ordinand be granted the gift of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the ministry for which he has been chosen.

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Street. Healing Masses take place at the cathedral on the third Monday of every other month. Other Healing Masses at the cathedral this year will be on July 15, Sept. 16 and Nov. 18.

For more information, call the cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

New scholarship created at St. Brigid

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church has established the Bishop Robert J. Brennan and Murico Family Scholarship for Catholic education.

The $3,500 scholarship for tuition to a diocesan Catholic high school will be awarded annually to an eighth-grade student who is a St. Brigid parishioner and is registered to attend a diocesan high school for the coming school year.

This scholarship was established with a combined donation from Bishop Robert Brennan and Carmen and Mary Murico. Bishop Brennan has chosen to forgo the normal stipend he receives for Confirmation at diocesan parishes. Instead, he has left use of the stipend to the pastor of each parish.

Msgr. Joseph Hendricks, pastor at St. Brigid, chose to use the stipend to establish a scholarship. In addition, the Muricos committed to partnering in the scholarship with an annual donation, bringing the total scholarship amount to $3,500.

“We wanted to give back to St. Brigid because both the parish and school have had such a positive and significant impact on our family,” Carmen Murico said. “A Catholic education has given our children thorough academics which prepared them well for their higher education. More importantly, our daughters gained a spiritual foundation from a dedicated staff during their elementary and high school days. This faith community has stayed with them to this day.”

The scholarship recipient will be a parishioner enrolled in either the parish religious education program or St. Brigid of Kildare School. Msgr. Hendricks will select the student and announce his or her identity on Thursday, May 30.

Guadalupe Center offers Conversation Club

Do you want to practice your Spanish skills or learn how to speak the language? If Spanish is your first language, do you want to learn more English?

Come to the free Spanish/English Conversation Club that meets Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Catholic Social Services Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, 409 Industry Drive, Columbus.

Participants will be joined by a facilitator who leads the conversation with a general topic. Both Spanish and English are spoken so those who take part can feel comfortable and learn from each other. Come once or as often as you can. The club is open to adults of all backgrounds and no registration is required.

For more information, contact Ramona Reyes at (614) 340-7061.

Grove City parish to host Father Gaitley

Members of the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy will visit Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, for a “Mercy and Mary” retreat this summer.

The retreat on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30 and 31 will feature Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, an acclaimed speaker and best-selling author of 33 Days to Morning Glory.

The retreat will include talks by Father Gaitley on saints and mercy, Mass, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There also will be a book signing with Father Gaitley and lunch with the Marian Missionaries.

The Friday session will take place from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Saturday’s program will last from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Limited seating is available and registration is required. Visit events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-columbus-oh for reservations.

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THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

By Rick Jeric

Millions, billions and a trillion

Numbers simply blow my mind. Amazingly today, I can do a lot of numbers in my head. But I do not comprehend really big numbers very well. And even as a first or second grader, it took me months just to understand the difference between the “greater than” and “less than” symbols. The light bulb went off and it dawned on me one day that the open end should go next to the larger number and the other end points to the smaller number. Go figure. I will say that I had a pretty good understanding of the “equal to” versus the “not equal to” symbols. But when we start trying to talk about numbers in the millions, billions and trillions, I am lost right away. Whether it is income, profit, budgets, births or deaths, the numbers are staggering.

While not a direct correlation to Mother’s Day, deaths around the world often impact a mother, and almost always impact a family. I cannot help but think of the image of the Pieta and Good Friday so recently past. Everyone goes through the cycle of life, but far too many deaths can and should be prevented. Whether it is opioid abuse, other drug overdoses, war, murder, heart attack or abortion, we definitely can do more and do better. The top 10 causes of death in the world, according to the World Health Organization, are heart disease, stroke, obstructive pulmonary disease, lower respiratory infection, Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, lung cancer, diabetes, road injury, diarrhea, and tuberculosis. The numbers range annually from nine million heart disease deaths to approximately two million each for the last five causes. An interesting note is that the list was nearly the same in the year 2000, except that Alzheimer’s disease and dementia was not on the list, but HIV/AIDS was. More facts to consider: in looking at the lowest-income countries of the world, two other causes of death appear – birth complications and trauma, and cirrhosis of the liver. By far the most sad and among the most preventable cause of death in the world is starvation, from which more than 36 million people will die this year. Of all deaths of children worldwide, 45 percent are from starvation. This is not acceptable and should cause each of us to pause and consider. Kroger tells us that 40 percent of food in the world goes to waste. And in the United States, so much goes to waists. Millions of preventable deaths. Depending on whose statistics you accept, there have been between 50 million and 60 million legal abortions in the United States since 1973. Our national state of our world and its inhabitants.

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dency within Grove City, attend ODU, and agree to perform 10 hours of qualified community service or to remain a Grove City resident for three years after their last scholarship award.

They also must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade-point average per semester.

“Central Ohio is one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States, and Grove City’s Higher Education Investment Program is a model for other communities to support and retain exceptional homegrown talent to respond to our rapidly expanding workforce needs,” said Dr. Robert Gervasi, Ohio Dominican president.

To take advantage of this scholarship opportunity for the fall 2019 semester, students must submit an application and required documentation by Monday, July 1.

If students are not currently attending Ohio Dominican, they must apply to ODU separately.

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Share the Table benefits SVDP, JOIN

The diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society ministries and the Joint Enrollment for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) are co-sponsoring a food-tasting fundraiser titled “Share the Table” at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road.

Food samples from several area restaurants and bakeries will be available at the event, as well as wine, beer and a signature cocktail. There also will be a raffle and silent auction. Tickets are $60 apiece and the reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 15. Reservations may be made by email to Lisa Keita at lkeita@columbuscatholic.org, or by check, made payable to the Diocese of Columbus and sent to Share the Table, 578 E. Main St., Columbus OH 43215.

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A medida que trabajamos juntos para crear una visión del V Encuentro en nuestra diócesis y en nuestras parroquias respectivas, recordamos el Estatuto de las Comunidades Catedralinas y se cuenta al universidad de la Iglesia con todas las culturas y razas. El Primer Encuentro Nacional Hispano de Pastoral Juvenil (2006) escuchó las voces de los jóvenes hispanos y latinos para dedicarles eficazmente a sus necesidades, preocupaciones y aspiraciones, así como reconocer su rol en la Iglesia.

V Encuentro es una respuesta al llamado del Papa Francisco a los fieles de ser discípulos misioneros y salir a las periferias compartiendo el Evangelio. En su Exhortación Apostólica Evangelii Gaudium, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que “una comunidad evangelizadora está llena de alegría” (n. 24). Con alegría en nuestros corazones y guiados por el Espíritu Santo podemos ser, para otros, testigos vivos del Evangelio y salir a encontrarlos donde estén. “Evangelización consiste principalmente de paciencia y despreocupación por las limitaciones del

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That is the address for both the St. Vincent de Paul clothing center and JOIN. The center distributes more than 200,000 items of clothing a year; provides steel-toed boots, skid-resistant shoes and uniforms to people needing them for employment; delivers groceries to more than 2,000 people in need annually; and distributes Christmas gifts to more than 200 children. St. Lawrence Haven at the former Columbus Holy Cross School, another St. Vincent de Paul project, provides hot food every weekday, serving 5,000 hot meals per month at an average cost of 50 cents per meal.

JOIN serves anywhere from 40 to 100 households daily with short-term emergency assistance. It offers bus passes, household and hygiene items, utility bill assistance, diapers, emergency food, food pantry referrals, birth certificates, eye examinations, glasses and many other items to those who must have them to fill an immediate need.
St. Anthony fourth-grade science

Columbus St. Anthony School fourth-grade science students mixed cornstarch (a solid) with water (a liquid) to get a new substance. Students had to figure out if the new substance was considered a solid or a liquid. (Photo courtesy St. Anthony School)

11 Watterson athletes sign

Eleven Columbus Bishop Watterson High School athletes recently signed letters of intent to play college sports. They are (from left): first row, Renee Padavick (soccer, Mount St. Joseph); Alyssa O’Sullivan (swimming, Ohio Wesleyan); Isabella Pardi (field hockey, Ohio Wesleyan); Jessica Joseph (field hockey, Denison); and Corinne O’Reilly (field hockey, Ohio Wesleyan); second row, Gracie Bressoud (softball, John Carroll); Eve Quinn (golf, Niagara); Max Hansell (soccer, Notre Dame of Ohio); Grant Horvath (football, Cincinnati); Zach Sawyer (basketball, Otterbein); and Elizabeth Rabold (basketball, Ohio Wesleyan). (Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson High School)

Bottoms Up Diaper Drive

The pro-life committee at Lancaster St. Bernadette Church Pro-life collected nearly 3,000 diapers for the Bottoms Up diaper drive during Lent. Bottoms Up is a nonprofit organization that supplies more than 5,000 diapers a month to needy single mothers in central Ohio. Pictured (from left) are Kent Kerns, Teresa Scarpitti, Sam Tencza, Angie Kerns, Tara Craaybeek, Kara Tencza, Father Ty Tomson, Harry Haag, Marilyn Haag and Carol Biningher. For more information on Bottoms Up, visit https://bottomsup.life.

Youth choirs share stage with Ethan Bortnick

Members of the Columbus St. Christopher Church and Columbus Immaculate Conception Church youth choirs appeared with 17-year-old pianist Ethan Bortnick in concert on Sunday, April 28 at Columbus’ historic Lincoln Theater. (Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School)

Students look at Stations in different way

Columbus St. Cecilia School celebrated Lent by having students experience the Stations of the Cross in a different way. Teachers prepared a room with soft, reflective lighting and tables with sensory items representing each station, giving students a new way of looking at the path of Jesus on Good Friday. Students pictured are (from left) Owen Walters, Leah Kaufman, Kaylee Wheaton, Anthony Churner, John Sommer, Abigail Granville and Britthany Cisneros. (Photo courtesy St. Cecilia School)
Columbus group attends Lay Missionaries retreat

Members of the Columbus chapter of the Lay Missionaries of Charity attended the movement’s national retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. The group serves as a Third Order for the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta, and has chapters in Europe and the Americas. The Columbus chapter follows St. Teresa’s example of working with the “poorest of the poor,” providing basic food supplies for the homeless.

St. Bernadette students reverse roles

Giovanni Bruno and Kendal Robers served, respectively, as principal and secretary for a day at Lancaster St. Bernadette School. The privilege was purchased by their families at the school’s Mardi Gras auction. The students helped with attendance, two emergency drills and other administrative duties, went out for lunch with the regular principal, Pam Eltringham, and secretary Barb Huber, and had an administrative meeting with Father Ty Tomson, St. Bernadette Church pastor. At the end of the day, Bruno declared a no-home-work night for every class.

12 Hartley athletes sign letters

Twelve Columbus Bishop Hartley High School seniors signed letters of intent committing themselves to participation in sports at the collegiate level in the 2019-20 academic year. They are (from left): first row, Jordan Akpofure, field hockey, Ohio Wesleyan; Izzy Strickland, basketball, Clarion; Tara Bush, bowling, Shawnee State; Lauren Barclay, softball, Muskingum; Cara Luallen, swimming, St. Vincent; Kayla Malone, volleyball, U.S. Naval Academy; and Griffin Rathburn, wrestling, Baldwin Wallace; back row, Owen Kennedy, swimming, Ohio Wesleyan; Trent Tipton, golf, West Virginia; Adam McVicker, baseball, Heidelberg; Morgan Safford, basketball, Wofford; and Chase Albaneese, basketball, Heidelberg.

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tiempo.” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 24)

Jesús sale al encuentro de los discípulos en su camino a Emaús mientras ellos discutían los eventos que habían sucedido (Lc.24: 13-35). Jesús da el primer paso. Él primero a los discípulos saliendo a su encuentro, para acompañarlos, para escucharlos y animarlos. Cristo les explicó todos los pasajes proféticos de las Escrituras que se referían a Él. Les recordó de los eventos que fueron predichos. El proceso del V Encuentro nos pide lo mismo - salir a las periferias y prim- erear a los marginados, escucharlos, acompañarlos y animarlos en su camino a Emaús. És aquí donde nosotros y otros experimentaremos la misma emoción que los discípulos cuando se dieron cuenta de la presencia de Cristo. “¡Con razón nuestro corazón ardía, mientras nos hablaba por el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras!” (Lc.24: 32). Jesús dijo: “porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos” (Mt. 18:20). Cristo está presente en todas partes; en las Sagradas Escrituras, en la Misa, en los Sacramentos y en la oración. Él nos llama a ser intencio- nales en nuestro primereyo ministerio para que todos podamos experimentar un encuentro con el Dios vivo.

La comunidad hispana/latina está facultada para cumplir su rol como líderes, en la vida de la Iglesia, a través de formación apropiada en liderazgo y ministerio. Somos alen- tados por el compromiso y el apoyo del clero, los religiosos y religiosas y los laicos de la diócesis que acompañan a la comunidad hispana/latina a través de este proceso. Los esfuerzos continuados de evangelización desarrollarán los talentos y el conocimiento de la comunidad hispana/latina para ministerio efectivamente a todas las personas.

El Ministerio Latino de la Oficina de Ministerios Étnicos Católicos organizará un Día Diocesano del V Encuentro para cualquier persona interesada o que haya participado en el proceso del V Encuentro a cualquier nivel. Será el sábado, 29 de junio del 2019, en la Pickerington Parroquia de St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 600 Hill Road N. El propósito de este día es para re-familiarizarnos con el proceso del V Encuentro y para aceptar nuestro rol como discípulos misioneros dentro de la Iglesia. El día comienza a las 8 AM con el registro, seguido por la Misa con el Obispo Robert Brennan a las 9 AM, y concluirá a las 3 PM. Se proporcionará el almuerzo, y se requiere el registro. Para obtener más información, favor de comunicarse con Pam Harris, Directora, Oficina de Ministerios Étnicos Católicos, en pharris@columbuscatholic.org o llamar al (614) 221-7990. Para registrarse en línea, visiten a columbuscatholic.org/CEM o envíen un correo electrónico a ethnicministries@columbuscatholic.org.

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Bishop Brennan ordains five seminarians as deacons

By Tim Puet

Catholic Times Reporter

Five Pontifical College Josephinum seminarians – four from the Diocese of Columbus and one from the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana – took a significant step toward the priesthood when Bishop Robert Brennan ordained them as deacons on Friday, May 3 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Deacons Frank Brown, Michael Fulton, Seth Keller, Gordon Mott and Augustine Ampofo will return to the Josephinum this fall for their final year of theological studies. Once those studies are complete, provided that the men continue to discern God is calling them to the priesthood, they will be ordained as priests at this time next year.

The date of Friday’s ordination ceremony was the feast day of the apostles St. Philip and St. James the Less. Bishop Brennan noted this in the homily in which he addressed the diocesan vocations director; and Deacon Seth Keller following the diaconal ordination Mass on Friday, May 3 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

(CT photos by Ken Snow)

You are ambassadors for Christ Jesus.”

“The bishop noted that at the Last Supper, “Jesus set his cloak aside and washed their (the apostles’) feet. In the same way, he set aside the garments of glory to come and live among us, and he tells us, his friends, ‘I have seen the Father.’

“You are called to live in a powerful way now in the imitation of Jesus’ humble, loving service, and in that way, you reveal the Lord himself,” Bishop Brennan told the deacon candidates. “Yes, you are to receive the garments of the deacon – the stole and the dalmatic – but in return, you are asked to set aside the garments of pride, selfishness, power and greed that so pervade this world.

“No task is too humble, not for Jesus and not for you. This charism that we celebrate tonight is with you now. Always, brothers – always hold before you this image of Jesus, who is among us. …

“I’ve already seen your compassion, your service. I know your love for the poor, your desire to lift up and encourage people who make mistakes, your care for the sick and suffering, your outreach to the stranger, the exile, the immigrant, your desire that all hear the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and experience the joy of the Gospel. …

“I receive with joy and gratitude your desire to present yourselves, on your own free choice, for the order of the diaconate, to exercise the ministry of the church,” Bishop Brennan said.

“You will exercise your ministry committed to a celibate state. Know that celibacy is a sign of pastoral charity and an inspiration to us, as well as a source of spiritual fruitfulness. Compelled by the sincere love of Christ the Lord and living in this state of total dedication, you will cling to Christ more easily, with an undivided heart. You will free yourselves completely for the service of God and man, and minister more effectively in the work of spiritual rebirth.

“Firmly rooted and grounded in faith, you are to show yourselves chaste beyond reproach before God and men. This is proper for the ministries of Christ. Never allow yourselves to be turned away from the hope offered to you by the Gospels. Now you are not only hearers of the Gospel, but also its ministers.

“Called to the ministry of faith with a clear conscience, express by your actions the word of God which your lips proclaim so that Christian people, brought to life by the Spirit, may be a pure offering accepted by God.

“Then on the last day, when you go out to meet the Lord, you will be able to hear him say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of eternal life,’” the bishop said.

Just before the conclusion of the one-hour, 50-minute ceremony, Bishop Brennan expressed appreciation to his predecessor, retired Bishop Frederick Campbell, who was in attendance and who served as the diocese’s spiritual shepherd for 14 years until March 29, when Bishop Brennan was installed as his successor.

“It was under your care that these men experienced the call to serve, and under your watchful eye that they have been formed to be such wonderful, generous ministers,” he said.

Bishop Campbell and his own predecessor, retired Bishop James Griffin, were joined at the ordination ceremony by priests and deacons of the diocese, Josephinum seminarians and a congregation that filled all the pews and extra chairs in the cathedral and stood along the sides and in back of the sanctuary.

Deacon Brown, 34, was born in Humble, Texas, and has lived in central Ohio for almost 25 years. He grew up in Westerville and attended St. Paul the Apostle Church there, and also has lived in the Clintonville and Franklin areas of Columbus, attending Columbus Holy Family and Worthington St. Michael churches. He is a graduate of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and received a bachelor’s degree from Ohio University, majoring in finance and minoring in psychology.

He was employed by Beckner Concrete of New Albany, working on commercial buildings, during summer vacations. After graduating from OU, he became a project manager for the Continental Group in Powell for six years, helping develop and manufacture mixed-material products involving glass. In addition, he was a volunteer wrestling coach at Olentangy Liberty High School.

While in the seminary, he has served in assignments at Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul, Danville St. Luke, Powell St. Joan of Arc and Gahanna St. Matthew churches and the cathedral.

Deacon Fulton, 25, is from Sunbury St. John Neumann Church. He is a Denver native and has been a central Ohio resident since his parents moved to the area in 2005. He graduated from Lewis Center Olentangy High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the Josephinum.

He has served with the youth group at Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church and in the home school program at Columbus Holy Family Church and has worked with St. Paul’s Outreach, an organization that evangelizes young people on college campuses and has a household in Columbus. He also had assignments at Columbus Immaculate Conception, Marion St. Mary and Cardington Sacred Hearts churches and most recently was an RCIA teacher at Columbus St. James the Less Church.

Deacon Keller, 26, from Columbus St. Patrick Church, is a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the Josephinum. He served for a year as a missionary with NET Ministries, a Minnesota-based group of young people who travel the nation to share their Catholic faith with others, was with the Columbus St. Paul’s Outreach household for a year, was associate youth ministry director at Newark St. Francis de Sales Church and worked in various positions at three area Kroger stores before entering the seminary.

Since then, he has been assigned to Columbus St. Andrew, Columbus Immaculate Conception, New Philadelphia Sacred Heart, Dennison Immaculate Conception, Zoor Holy Trinity and Columbus Christ the King churches.

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and spent a summer of Spanish-language immersion in Costa Rica.
He also has served at the Run the Race Club, Bishop Hartley High School and the Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University in Columbus. During the current academic year, he was involved in adult catechesis at St. James the Less Church for Spanish-speaking parishioners.

Deacon Mott, 37, is a member of Columbus St. Agnes Church. He graduated from Columbus Franklin Heights High School and studied at Columbus State Community College before entering the Josephinum, from which he has obtained a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy.
He was the web systems developer for a small educational administration software company in Grove City, then was e-commerce developer and security administrator for a local industrial distribution company before founding a small consulting firm that did custom software development related to industrial automation, embedded systems, enterprise management and public housing management.

Deacon Ampofo, 28, came to the Josephinum in 2018 to study theology after graduating from Catholic elementary and secondary schools in Ghana and from St. Gregory the Great Major Seminary in Kumasi. He has served at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School during the current academic year.

The rite of ordination for the five new deacons began after the Gospel reading and before the homily, with Bishop Brennan calling them forward. Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocation director, declared their readiness for service, and the bishop accepted his declaration.

After the bishop’s homily, the deacon candidates professed their commitment to perpetual celibacy, followed by their promise of respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors. Because they are unmarried, their promise to remain celibate is a permanent one. Married men also may serve as deacons, and most deacons of the diocese are married. Those men must be celibate should their wives precede them in death. They need permission from the church to remarry.

The promises the deacon candidates made to the bishop were followed by what to many people is the most visually dramatic part of the ceremony, as the candidates lay face down in front of the bishop while a cantor and the congregation chanted the Litany of the Saints. They were formally consecrated as deacons through the bishop’s laying of hands on each of their heads, followed by his reading of a prayer of consecration asking God to dedicate them to the service of the altar and the Word.

The bishop’s laying-on of hands is a gesture based in Scripture and signifies the special conferral of the Holy Spirit, which ordains men to service in Holy Orders.

The deacons’ ordination means they have entered from the lay state of the church into the clerical state through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The diaconate is the first of the Catholic Church’s three clerical orders, the others being the orders of priest and bishop.

Many people say the new deacons made vows to the bishop, but promises is the more accurate theological term because promises are made to a person – in this case, the bishop – while vows are made directly to God. Unlike members of religious orders, members of the diocesan clergy, including deacons, do not make a vow or a promise of poverty. However, they are expected to live a simple lifestyle, without an excess of material goods.

After the prayer of consecration came the new deacons’ investiture with the stole and dalmatic, which are symbolic of their ministry. They next were presented with the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing their commitment to proclaiming God’s Word.

The ordination rite concluded with a fraternal kiss of peace from the bishop, who extended his greeting to the new deacons as a sign that they are co-workers in the church’s ministry. The other deacons in attendance also gave the sign of peace to the newly ordained. The Mass then proceeded with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Their ordination means the new deacons can baptize, assist a priest at
‘Pro-Life Doc’ to speak at Greater Columbus Right to Life banquet

Dr. William Lile, known as “The Pro-Life Doc,” will give the keynote address at the annual Greater Columbus Right to Life banquet on Monday, June 10 at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the program and meal starting at 6:30.

There is no cost to attend. An invitation to support GCRTL will be extended after the program.

In 1999, Lile and his partner bought out one of the busiest Florida abortion clinics.

He immediately put its purpose into reverse, taking equipment once used to extinguish life to protect it.

A minimum of 2-4 years of experience in a similar position is required including attention to detail, excellent interpersonal communication skills and the ability to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines. Proficient with Microsoft products including Word, Outlook, Excel and knowledge of Access. Experience with Adobe Acrobat and InDesign preferred. Must be able to support the mission of the Josephinum.

Please respond with a resume, letter of interest including salary history by May 17, 2019 to The Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235, ATTN: Treasurer. Alternatively, you may email your response to jerwin@pcj.edu. All replies kept in strict confidence. The Pontifical College Josephinum is an EEO Employer.

Sister Mary Berendt, OSF, to celebrate 60th anniversary

Sister Mary Berendt, OSF, a Columbus native, will be celebrating her 60th anniversary as a member of the Joliet, Illinois-based Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 15 at St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet.

As she has done for the past six decades, she is trying to live like St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi within her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

“My vows have very special meaning today, more than when I made them 60 years ago,” she said. For me, poverty means acceptance of my physical condition and all it involves. Chastity means much more to me now. Obedience is living daily with the challenges God is giving me.”

Sister Mary, daughter of the late Anthony and Marguerite (Marioth) Berendt, was introduced to the Joliet Franciscan Sisters when they taught her classes at St. Mary elementary and high schools in Columbus’ German Village neighborhood. She was one of five children. Her two brothers, Joseph Berendt and Father James Berendt, and two sisters, Catherine Oestreicher and Rita Miller, are all deceased.

After joining the Joliet congregation, she received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Francis (now the University of St. Francis) in Joliet and a master of science degree in education from Northern Illinois University.

She began her ministry in education as a fifth-grade teacher at at Joliet St. Paul School. Over several years, she also taught third, sixth, seventh and eighth grades there.

She returned to her hometown of Columbus in 1974 and remained there until becoming a resident of the Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet in 2015. She taught at Columbus Corpus Christi School from 1974-93 and at Columbus St. Philip School from 1993-2004. She was a tutor at Columbus Holy Spirit and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help schools from 2005 until her return to Illinois.

She said she enjoyed teaching sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders the most, especially through special activities. She had fun times and challenges and said her principal questions for students were “What can we do for others? What can we share?” She said it was as important to teach her students the values that would help them be assets to the Catholic Church and society in the years ahead as it was to have them do well in class work.

She has enjoyed making people happy since returning to Joliet. Through her instigation, there have been cookouts (in which she flipped the hamburgers) and football parties (with a chance for a few side bets on the outcome of Ohio State Buckeyes games) at the Our Lady of Angels home. Being the good sport that she is, she even cheered for the Chicago Cubs when they were playing the Cleveland Indians in the World Series.

“I love life,” she said. “Early in my convent days, I loved playing softball, roller skating and dancing. Currently, my hobbies are working Sudoku and word search puzzles, correspondence by writing and phone calls, and visiting the Our Lady of Angels residents at OLA. I am an avid Ohio State fan. Come see my ‘Buckeye museum.’ I love to tease and be teased.”
Westerville St. Paul School is one of 14 schools from throughout the state selected in April to join the Ohio STEM Learning Network.

Thirty applications were considered this year and 14 were approved by the Ohio STEM Committee, a panel of policymakers, agency directors and business leaders.

Designation as a network member recognizes a school’s design as an effective place for STEM learning and invites the school into the Ohio STEM Learning Network, a public-private partnership managed by Battelle.

STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education provides students with a deep understanding of STEM subjects while incorporating inquiry-based learning and design thinking in all subjects.

Each year, the STEM Learning Network provides technical assistance to schools seeking STEM challenges and advises the Ohio STEM Committee on which applicants merit designation. The committee is supported by the Ohio Department of Education.

The Ohio STEM Learning Network was created in 2008 with five schools. With the latest additions, it grows to 69 total STEM schools, which are supported by seven regional hubs.

In 2017, St. Paul School added 27,000 square feet of 21st-century learning space to provide the resources and support needed to facilitate teaching and learning within the context of STEAM, which adds arts to the STEM program.

The school, known to have a strong arts program, has its art and music teachers work with the STEAM core team and grade-level teachers to develop crosscurricular activities and projects throughout the school year.

Students are exposed to STEAM careers through problem- and project-based learning, the engineering design process and community partnerships. Examples include fourth graders starting a small business and third graders creating instruments to demonstrate examples of sound by vibrations of strings, air, or a surface.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students design a real-world project of their choosing, research topics from all branches of science, experiment and think critically to draw conclusions. A professor from an area college speaks with each student about his or her experimental design.

A STEAM program faculty team from Otterbein University provides assistance to students and ongoing input to St. Paul School for improvements in program design and execution.

Student interaction with each other and with STEAM knowledge and activities occurs at several levels – classroom inquiry-based problem solving, teaching and learning; planned STEAM activities in the IDEA lab; personalized learning opportunities during the school day in the IDEA lab and classrooms; and after-school STEAM activities.

Teachers across the curriculum integrate inquiry-based design into their weekly lesson plans. This provides a platform for personalized learning, team collaboration, multiple strategies for learning and multiple ways to demonstrate mastery of standards.

Students also have the opportunity to work in the IDEA lab with the lead STEAM teacher during their study hall period on projects they personally choose. Students may choose to work with Ozobots, electric circuits, design using a 3D printer or 3D pens, or projects using the Emblaser desktop laser cutter and engraver. Sewing machines, LEGO's or robotics also are available.

Students are permitted to work in the IDEA lab after school on a project of their own choosing. Activity groups include Code Club, Robotics Club, LEGO Mindstorm, Astronomy Club, Video Production, Crochet Club, Sewing Service Project, Aviation Club, Power of the Pen, Chess Club or the St. Vincent DePaul community.

Students interested in video production recently worked with community partners to complete a marketing video that will be used for the school’s open house and website. Robotics Club members were mentored by students from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School in the building and programming of robots.

One eighth-grade student used sewing machines for a “sew loved” project, making pillowcases for the homeless, turbans for cancer patients and knapsacks for the homeless. The student received the Martin Luther King 2018 Fouse Award for her efforts.
Good Shepherd Sunday: Called to serve

The readings of the Easter season offer us a global vision of the Church. From the first proclamation in Jewish synagogues to the welcoming of Gentiles into the Christian fold, all the way to Revelation’s gathering of “a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue,” the growth of the Church is highlighted. Jesus speaks to us in the Gospel as the Good Shepherd who addresses us all. We hear His voice. We all belong to Him. He claims us all as His own. This makes all the difference.

Our relationship with the Shepherd who speaks to our hearts puts us in touch with God, the creator of the universe, the Lord of glory, who brings us into being and who calls us to a new and abundant life. Through the Easter proclamation, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, forms us as a community of believers who are one in mind and heart. We taste the breath of the Spirit, and tongue, “the growth of the great multitude, which no one could number.” (Acts 2:14). The Easter proclamation is a way to Revelation’s gathering of “a great multitude.” (Rev 1:5–5:14)

A call from God is never an individuality. It always involves a people. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, each of us is invited to reflect on our own sense of call, our vocation to be in a particular role in the life of the Church and in the world. The Lord is calling us to deepen our commitment to Him and to the Church. We hear the Good Shepherd’s voice asking us to stay true to the faith, even though the world rejects us and ridicules us. We see that God still is asking us to take the light of faith to the Gentiles and that He leads us to springs of life-giving water.

Can you hear the voice of the Shepherd? He knows us. He calls us. We are invited to follow Him together.

Good Shepherd Sunday is always a day to highlight those who are called to serve the Lord in His Church in the roles of priest, deacon, and religious sister or brother, and to remind everyone that we share the responsibility for helping those called to these ways of living the Gospel to discover that call. Look around your parish and in the circles of faith where you respond to the voice of the Shepherd. Are there young people who need to hear your affirmation to them that the Shepherd may be calling them to serve as a shepherd after His own heart? Take time to pray about this, and don’t be afraid to speak from your heart. You may be cultivating a future leader in your own community.

“Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.”

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY
Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3,43:3-4
John 10:1-10

TUESDAY
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalms 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

WEDNESDAY
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalms 67:2-3,5-6,8
John 12:44-50

THURSDAY
Acts 13:13-25
Psalms 89:2-3,21-25,27
John 13:16-20

FRIDAY
Acts 13:26-33
Psalms 2:6-11b
John 14:1-6

SATURDAY
Acts 13:44-52
Psalms 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE: MAY 12, 2019

SUNDAY MASS
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHS-TV (the CW). Channel 53, Columbus, and at 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Spectrum Channel 365, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight).

Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WLWB Radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshocton counties.

DAILY MASS
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville);

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

We pray Week IV, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

Living ‘I Do’ – Weekly Marriage Tips

Are you frustrated because your spouse doesn’t seem to want to communicate? Is your spouse letting you down? Remember Jesus’ words, “If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.” Jesus calls us to love as part of a higher call. Your marriage is your choice to love heroically.

Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN
(Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days, after three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor has been granted. CW

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In Herman Wouk’s novel War and Remembrance, Warren Henry shocks his Bible-reading father, the novel’s hero, by claiming that human beings are “microbes on a grain of dust ... and when it’s over, we’re just dead meat.” The Washington state legislature has now topped the cynical young Warren Henry by declaring that we’re useful meat, as in potential compost, such that one can legally choose to be composted after death, then used for fertilizer.

The case for composting thee and me is put in reassuring ecological terms.

“There are significant environmental problems with burying ... bodies,” according to state Sen. Jamie Peders- en, author of the human composting bill. Katrina Spade, the founder of Recompose (the company promoting human composting), described the process by which her firm does its grubby business as “the same process happening on the forest floor as leaf litter, chipmunks and tree branches decompose and turn into topsoil.”

The process by which her firm does its compost – “a cubic yard of soil,” as Ms. Spade told the Post – “a cubic yard of soil,” as Ms. Spade told the Post – why should we possess a unique dignity? Why should we bear any special responsibility to treat the Earth and other living creatures well? If we’re just compost waiting to happen, why should we feel better?

Anyone paying attention to the churnings of American politics knows the case for “sustainability.” There, now: doesn’t that make you feel better?

Recycling is the popular form of environmentalism in the form of human composting leads to an ecological nihilism antithetical to the moral case for “sustainability.”

Turning each other into compost also vitiates the ancient human instinct to create special places for the dead, where loved ones may be visited and their memory honored. To gut that instinct by composting relatives and friends for use in Lynn Carpenter-Boggs’ yard suggests that the bonds of love, friendship and community that exist in life really aren’t so real nowadays: if we’re just fertilizer, why should we be valued in life and cherished in death?

It’s long been obvious that certain forms of radical environmentalism are an ersatz religion, with an ersatz sacred text (Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring), ersatz sacraments (those multiple recycling bins), an ersatz Satan (Big Oil), an ersatz theology of the Kingdom (the aforementioned “sustainability”) and an ersatz moral theology (using plastic straws being the latest example of an eco-mortal sin). It was only a matter of time before this ersatz religion’s false anthropology and cosmology – its denial of the unique status of human beings as a God-given dignity that implies a responsibility to care for God’s creation, the Earth. Exercising that responsibility is good thing here and now; it’s also an act of generosity toward future generations, who should inherit the Earth as a garden to cultivate, not a garbage dump to manage.

If human beings have no special dignity within creation, then we have no special responsibility for creation. By declaring us proto-fertilizer, the human composters implicitly deny our innate and distinctive spiritual qualities – our ability to reason and to choose, to love, to sacrifice, to act altruistically and to rise above self-indulgence and violence. Logically, then, don’t the human composters undercut their own case for the care of the Earth and its creatures? Radical environmentalism in the form of human composting leads to an ecological nihilism antithetical to the moral case for “sustainability.”

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Sister Helen Wilmox, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Helen Wilmox, OP, 92, who died on Friday, May 3, will be celebrated on Monday, May 6 at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1926 to William and Marcella (Vivier) Wilmox and was a graduate of Columbus Immaculate Conception School and Columbus St. Joseph Academy.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics in 1948 from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University) and a master of arts degree in mathematics in 1959 from the University of Notre Dame.

She entered the congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) in 1948, taking the name Sister Basil, and professed her vows on July 9, 1950.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she served as a teacher at Newark St. Francis de Sales High School (1950-51), Lancaster St. Mary High School (1954-55), Columbus Bishop Watterson High School (1955-58), Columbus St. Mary of the Springs Academy (1959-61) and Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School (1961-62), She also taught at schools in New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

She served as development director at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut, from 1977 to 1984, then was in parish ministry for four years at two parishes in Dade City, Florida, and served as director of Daystar, a social services ministry in Dade City, from 1988 to 2004. She was a volunteer at the Motherhouse from 2004 to 2009 and was at the Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus from 2009 until her death.

Walter J. Reid

Walter J. Reid, 94, a former athletic director and coach at Newark St. Francis de Sales and Newark Catholic high schools, died on Monday, April 15 in Bardstown, Kentucky.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1925 in Norwich, Connecticut to Orlo and Mary (Keans) Reid.

He was a Newark St. Francis graduate and was the school’s first All-Ohio basketball player and first student to earn a full athletic scholarship. After serving in World War II with the Coast Guard, he played four years of college basketball at Eastern Kentucky, then served in the Army for three years, with much of that time in Korea, leaving the service as a first lieutenant in 1953.

He was hired as a history teacher and coach at St. Francis in 1954 and remained there for 13 years, coaching basketball, football, baseball and golf at various times. He was the school’s first athletic director when it became Newark Catholic in 1958. His basketball teams won five Central Catholic League and four Central District Class A titles. The 1958 St. Francis team was the school’s first to win a regional tournament game, an achievement not matched at Newark Catholic until 2009. He coached six-man football at St. Francis until the new school opened, when it began an 11-man football program that has won nine state championships.

He is a member of the Newark Catholic Athletic Hall of Fame, and the school’s gym is named for him.

He left Newark in 1967 to take a position with Rockwell International in Winchester, Kentucky; moved in 1974 to Las Vegas to work with the Howard Hughes Corp.; and later returned to Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Bonnie (Ditter); second wife, Lois (Keith); son, Ryan; daughter, Rhonda Marshall; two brothers, Robert and Lawrence; and two sisters, Verna Skinner and Marie Reese. Survivors include sons, Steven (Kathy) and Thomas (LoreLei); a daughter, Rise’ (Tommy) Ballard; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Joann Kamer

Ohio University and Ohio Dominican University.

She grew up attending St. Mary Magdalene School and returned there to teach for 38 years. She was also a member of the Columbus Mennonite Club and the Shamrock Club.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; and a sister, Judy Willis.

They were wonderful!

We hear kind words consistently. We’re proud that people feel comfortable enough with us to openly tell us how much they appreciate what we did for them. In fact, it’s this appreciation that drives us to offer the very best in comfort, compassion and service.

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10, FRIDAY
Fiesta de Mayo at Our Lady of Victory
6 to 10 p.m., Parish life center, Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Castle System, Inc. vice president, and Darla King, president and owner of King Business Interiors, Inc. 1-866-298-8083
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 St. John the Baptist
7 p.m., St. John the Baptist, 720 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. 614-294-7702
Holy Hour at Holy Family
7 to 8 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by meeting of parish Holy Name and Junior Holy Name societies, with refreshments. 614-221-4323
17, FRIDAY
Evangelization Ambassador Award Dinner
6 to 9 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Fourth annual Evangelization Ambassador award dinner honoring a priest of the Diocese of Columbus. Proceeds benefit proposed St. John’s Hermitage for priests in Scioto County. Keynote speaker: Father Thomas Blau, OP. Tickets $125. 614-332-7410
Father Franks’ Anniversary Mass
6 p.m., St. Mary Church, 6280 St. Mary Road, off Creasy Road, Nashport (Mattingly Settlement). Mass celebrating the 40th anniversary of Father Donald Franks’ ordination to the priesthood, followed by lunch and bonfire. 740-754-2221
Catholic Singles on Fire for Christ
6 p.m., Chapel, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Monthly meeting of Catholic Singles on Fire for Christ, for anyone older than 35 who is single in the eyes of the Catholic Church and seeks to grow in faith, bring hope to others and share the love of Christ. Begins with prayer and Adoration, followed by dinner at a restaurant. 614-855-1400
17-18, FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Grief Workshop at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway. “Grieving With Great Hope” workshop with John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy, founders of Good Mourning Ministry. $20 fee. 614-875-3322
17-19, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee
St. Joseph Church, 5757 State Route 383 N.E., Somerset. Annual camporee sponsored by diocesan Committee on Scouting for all young people and adults who work with them. Theme: “Living Your Faith.” Weekend program for those in grades six to 12; Saturday program for first- through fifth-graders. Fulfills Scout Ad Altare Dei award requirements. 614-241-2565
18, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.
Centering Prayer Group Meeting
10:30 a.m. to noon, Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Centering prayer group meeting, beginning with silent prayer, followed by Contemplative Outreach DVD and discussion. 614-512-3731
Frassati Society Visits Escape Room
6:15 p.m., Trapped Columbus, 4310 N. High St., Columbus. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults visits escape room. Cost $14.50; limited to 10 participants. 614-224-9522
Share the Table at Church of the Resurrection
7 p.m., Social Hall, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany. Share the Table tasting event, featuring food from several central Ohio restaurants and bakeries, wine, beer and a signature cocktail, plus entertainment, raffle and silent auction, benefiting diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society ministries and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs. Tickets $50. Register at keita@catholicscatholic.org.
19, SUNDAY
Friends, Family Day at St. Augustine & Gabriel
10 a.m., St. Augustine & Gabriel Church, 1550 E. Hudson St., Columbus. Friends and Family Day, beginning with Mass, followed by food, fellowship and raffles. Bring a dish to share. 614-268-3123
Blessing of St. Gerard Majella at Holy Family
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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter
7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6889 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions from 6 to 7. 706-761-4504 or 614-294-7702

Candlelight Rosary Procession in Columbus
7 to 9 p.m., Holy Family Church, 584 W. Broad St., Columbus. Start of two-mile candlelight rosary procession which will end at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, with a music and prayer service including Benediction, followed by a reception. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the rosary prayed at St. Patrick from 7 p.m. until arrival of the procession. Shuttle buses will be available at both sites. 614-679-6761

Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0227, 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’s readings.

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

Holy Hour at Columbus St. Francis of Assisi
7 p.m., Holy Name Church, 386 Bottles Ave., Columbus. Monthly Holy Hour following 6 p.m. Mass. 614-298-5781

Rosary for the St. Joan of Arc Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church’s respect life committee.

Encourage Ministry Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m., Encourage, an approved diocesan ministry for families and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Encourage respects the dignity of every person, promotes the truth of God’s plan for each of us, and focuses on sharing our love. Confidentiality is maintained. Call for site: 614-296-7404

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

Frassati Society Trivia Night
6:30 p.m., Barbetareg, 4560 N. High St., Columbus. Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for young adults sponsors trivia night.

Young Catholic Professionals Frassati Society Visits
6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.

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Human life must be respected

By Julian Howell

My friend brought up the pro-abortion statement that it is the woman’s choice rather to keep or abort a baby. I however believe in the church’s pro-life attitude. I responded with, “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception” (Catechism of the Catholic Church). He did not believe that life started from conception, which I refuted with, “The human fetal heart begins beating about 22-23 days after conception” (www.answers.com). I also stated that science was still learning when it starts, and it is slowly getting to the day after conception as the answer.

My friend continued to try to convince me that it was the woman’s choice, but I explained that even if it is, it can still have negative repercussions on the women. Moreover 357 women have died from ‘safe and legal’ abortions (“Why Should We Care about Abortion?”). Not only are there physical torments, but there are also mental issues too. For example, there is Post-Abortion Syndrome, a negative mental disorder that affects many women after abortions. PASS makes a woman experience guilt, anxiety, numbness/depression, flashbacks, and suicidal thoughts.

The last argument my friend used was that the baby feels no pain during an abortion. You cannot for definite know if the fetus feels pain. But, studies have shown that the parts of the brain that receives the signals for pain are developed by the third trimester of a woman’s pregnancy. Studies have also shown that the fetus can detect when they are in danger, and will try to avoid it, showing that it can feel abortions to an extent. Some states have put up laws that require the fetus to be sedated during the procedure, due to the feeling of pain. Also, not only do the babies feel pain, but the pain is also intensified, making it worse on them than on the adult.

Julian Howell is an eighth-grader at St. Mary School in German Village.

Everyone’s life is sacred

By Olivia Stein

So, one day I was in a coffee shop with my friend. She brought up the topic of abortion and told me she is pro-choice. I asked her what made her pro-choice and she thinks it is the woman’s body so she should be able to choose. I told her it’s her choice or right to get a tattoo or do something to her own body, but I don’t think it should be anyone’s right to kill another human being. 2270 from the Catechism of the Catholic Church says human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.

I explained to my friend that I don’t believe there are just women’s rights, I believe there are human rights. I agree with Pope Francis’ comment, “There is no human life that is more sacred than another, as there is no human life that is qualitatively more significant than another.” He is telling us one person isn’t better than another person. A woman can’t abort a baby just because they don’t want to have it.

I told her I know some women think it’s okay to have an abortion if they are raped or just don’t want to have a baby. I understand rape can be a very hard thing to deal with, but they need to be strong and support the baby and we can be strong and help support the mom. There are so many options for them and so many people who want to have a baby and can’t.

I am going to continue to talk to my friend and anyone else who will listen about my thoughts. Too many people are dying and people are allowing it. I feel like we are living in the 1800s, killing people and acting like it is okay. People will talk about racism, or complain about not liking the President, but they don’t want to talk about the babies that are being murdered.

I think abortion should be illegal and when I get older, I want to talk to at rallies about why I think abortion is wrong. My dad has told me how abortions happen and I am disgusted by it. I am really upset about the Virginia law and I think it proves how wrong it is because a baby can be born and they can still kill it. I hope and pray that someone will stand up and doing the right thing and protect all human rights.

We can pray the law changes and we can support women who are thinking of abortions to look at other options and support those that have had an abortion and are sad about it. Hopefully they spread the word that abortions hurt babies and mothers. Sometimes the moms don’t even survive. This is really sad especially since some states allow underage kids to get abortions without their parents’ permission.

Olivia Stein is a sixth-grader at St. Mary School in German Village.

Students present Stations in various ways

During Lent, Lancaster St. Bernadette School students presented the Stations of the Cross, with each classroom choosing a different style of the Stations for its presentation week. The kindergarten class led the school through outdoor Stations. The devotion also was presented from Mary’s point of view, as “shadow Stations,” and in the traditional way.

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Mass, proclaim the Gospel and give homilies, witness at marriages, preside at funeral vigils and graveside committal services and give certain blessings. They cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions or anoint the sick until they are ordained as priests. Four diocesan seminarians were ordained as deacons last May by Bishop Campbell.

Those four – Deacons Brian Beal, PJ Brandimarti, Kyle Tennant and Christopher Yakkel – anticipate being ordained as priests by Bishop Brennan at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25 at the cathedral.
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Fr. Vince Nguyen

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