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West Deanery to celebrate Feast of Corpus Christi on June 23

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, will host the West Deanery’s 23rd annual celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 23.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from the end of the noon Mass until 2 p.m., when the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed. This will be followed by an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The celebration will conclude with Benediction and a reception. Mass also will be celebrated at 5 p.m.

The West Deanery includes Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Columbus Holy Family, St. Agnes, St. Aloysius, St. Cecilia, St. Mary Magdalene and St. Stephen the Martyr; West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude; Plain City St. Joseph; and London St. Patrick churches.

All servers from those parishes are invited to participate in the event. They should bring their own albs or cassocks and surplices. All 2019 first communicants and their families also are welcome to participate. The children can wear their dresses or suits.

In 1997, pastors of the West Deanery began this special event, which emphasizes prayers for vocations and an increase in reverence for Our Eucharistic Lord. Since then, eight priests and five permanent deacons from the deanery have been ordained, and two women and two men from its parishes have made solemn professions in the religious life.

The deanery also has two seminarians, one of whom has been ordained to the transitional diaconate with the hope of ordination to the priesthood next year. Three permanent diaconate candidates are in formation and anticipate being ordained in 2020, and all of the deanery’s parishes except St. Aloysius have regularly scheduled times of Eucharistic Adoration.

Scioto parishes sponsor family conference

The four parishes in the Scioto Catholic community of Portsmouth, New Boston and Wheelersburg are sponsoring a family conference titled “No Ordinary Family” from Friday to Sunday, June 28 to 30 at Portsmouth Notre Dame High School, 2220 Sunrise Ave.

The conference will open with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by a keynote speech by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers of EWTN Radio’s Morning Glory show at 7:30 and a wine tasting and children’s activities at 8:30.

Activities on Saturday, June 29 begin at 10 a.m. and will include talks by Catholic authors and speakers Gus Lloyd and Danielle Bean and Deacon Burke-Sivers; Mass at 11:30 a.m.; lunch and dinner; Adoration; the Sacrament of Reconciliation; workshops; children’s activities; and displays from faith-based organizations and vendors, concluding with a concert by the Vigil Project at 8 p.m.

Bishop Robert Brennan will conclude the weekend by Ryzen Mass at noon Sunday, preceded by the rosary and followed by lunch.

Child care will be provided during all the main sessions, with a nursery for children three months to 2 years old and Kids Camp for those from preschool to fifth grade. Children in sixth to 12th grade can attend the conference or serve as Kids Camp helpers.

Tickets are $10 for adults and all children except those attending the nursery, with a maximum of $30 per family. For more information and tickets, go to www.sciotocatholic.org/family-conference.

Msgr. Johnson to retire

Msgr. John G. Johnson will retire as pastor of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., this summer and celebrate his last Mass at the parish at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 7, followed by an ice cream social.

Msgr. Johnson, 70, who has been a priest for 45 years, has been pastor of Our Lady of Peace since mid-2014. He also has been pastor of Columbus St. Philip, St. Peter and St. Timothy churches and associate pastor or parochial vicar at Our Lady of Peace, Columbus.

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A record-breaking crowd joined Greater Columbus Right to Life for its annual banquet on Monday, June 10 at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center in Columbus with special guest Dr. William Lile.

Dr. Lile, “the Pro-Life Doc,” is an obstetrician/gynecologist who is licensed to practice in Florida and in Alabama. In 1999, he took over a practice that was also the largest provider of abortion services in Pensacola, Florida. All abortion services and abortion referrals there were stopped on the first day. The abortionist retired and left the country. The abortion equipment is now used to demonstrate the brutality of abortions performed in all three trimesters.

Today, no one is offering abortions in the Florida panhandle, and Dr. Lile uses his experience and information about modern obstetrics to demonstrate the life and personhood of the unborn. For Dr. Lile, all unborn children are treated as patients, no matter how small.

Dr. Lile, one of more than 700 physicians across the nation who is providing the abortion pill reversal procedure, serves on the medical advisory board for Heartbeat International and the Abortion Pill Reversal Network, which to date has seen more than 750 successful reversals of the abortion pill’s effects in the United States.

“Opiate addiction is a major problem in the United States. The medical community understands that if someone misuses an opiate and experiences an overdose, we can administer a medicine like Narcan to reverse many of those overdoses and save the patient’s life,” Dr. Lile said. “Abortion pill reversal is no different. If a woman takes the first dose of the abortion pill regimen and realizes she has made a mistake, we can often administer a drug commonly used in obstetric care to reverse the abortion and save the unborn patient’s life.”

He said his Florida practice just completed its sixth successful abortion pill reversal of 2019.

The procedure works because the abortion pill is a combination of two medicines. The first blocks a pregnant woman’s body from producing progesterone, which causes the death of her unborn child. A second medicine often used causes her body to expel the now-deceased child.

Abortion pill reversal (APR) provides additional progesterone to a woman, counteracting the progesterone-blocking mechanism. It can take place as long as 72 hours after the abortion pill is taken, but is most successful in the first 24 hours. Progesterone commonly is used in obstetrical care to support healthy pregnancies, especially in women at risk of miscarriage.

“In recent years, the percentage of local women choosing non-surgical methods of abortion has skyrocketed from about three percent to more than 30 percent locally, and we’ve seen firsthand women who walked out of the abortion clinic, experienced immediate regret, and wanted to reverse the process,” said Greater Columbus Right to Life executive director Beth Vanderkooi. “Several years ago, a group of seminarians were praying outside of (the former) Founder’s (abortion clinic) and they witnessed a woman who came out and attempted to induce vomiting, crying out ‘What did I just do?’ We were just starting to hear about the APR process then, but our team was not familiar with it. Since then, we have been very invested in making sure that women, our volunteers, and the greater community know about abortion pill reversal.”

Vanderkooi noted that legislation pending in the Ohio General Assembly would require that Ohio’s abortion informed consent law be updated to include information about the availability of abortion pill reversal. Not surprisingly, the effort has been criticized by abortion advocates and the media, who have called it “junk science” or an unnecessary effort to increase abortion stigma.

“It seems surprising to me that advocates for so-called ‘choice’ would oppose expanding the options for a woman who changed her mind about her abortion,” Vanderkooi said. “They are asserting, basically, that a woman does not have the right to information that, if she chooses, would allow her to withdraw consent from an abortion procedure. The more than 750 babies who have been born following APR are the best witnesses to the efficacy of the process.”

Dr. Lile said, “We are currently seeing success rates in the hundreds, and soon the thousands and the tens of thousands, and as more and more women are electing to have a chemical (non-surgical) abortion, it is vital that we continue this work from both the perspective of saving lives and also confirming the science involved.”

Greater Columbus Right to Life provides abortion pill reversal information and referrals to the national APR hotline – located in the offices of Columbus-based Heartbeat International – to each client served by its team of volunteers. In the last year, the group has provided information to more than 1,000 women as part of its ministry.

Vanderkooi said proceeds from the banquet will support programs such as sidewalk ministry, education – including an upcoming APR informational series – and other programs, such as a project dealing with advanced medical directives.

If you were not able to attend the fundraiser, but would like to make a donation to support Greater Columbus Right to Life, visit www.gcrtl.org/ gift. To learn more about abortion pill reversal, visit www.abortionpillreversal.com.
God wants you to get drunk not with wine, but with His loving presence

By Leandro (Lany) M. Tapay
Diocesan Missions Office Director

It was the first Pentecost. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. The crowd that gathered around them mocked them, saying “they are filled with new wine” (Acts 2:13).

In response to the mockery, Peter said, “These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only nine in the morning” (Acts 2:15). I wonder what the disciples said and did to make the crowd think they were intoxicated with new wine.

What an interesting way to describe the effect of the Holy Spirit. Scripture tells us that the people were speaking in different languages. But is speaking a different language an indication that one is drunk? Were they boisterous, or tipsy, or falling over, or lightheaded, or laughing, or silly?

“Do not get drunk with wine,” Paul says. “For that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:8).

Is there perhaps a connection between being intoxicated with wine and being intoxicated with the Holy Spirit?

Could it be that both wine and the Holy Spirit are powerful controlling agents? What are some effects of wine in our body? For one, it generally lowers our inhibitions. We say and do things we do not say or do when we are sober. It makes us laugh easily. It lowers our body control. It leads us to stupid places and makes us do stupid things.

The Holy Spirit has the same effect in us – except that the Holy Spirit leads us in the opposite direction. The Holy Spirit lowers our inhibition.

As a result, we become emboldened for Jesus. Lower inhibition makes us bolder to do good things for Jesus and for each other. We worry less about what others think of us.

Have you been to a happy hour in a bar? It is a loud and noisy place. But I do not think a bar is a happy place, even during happy hours.

Joy is not something you can fake. We experience real joy only in God’s presence, where all of our worries are put into proper perspective because a joyous God is there. God’s joy wells up inside you, and you cannot help but laugh because your troubles seem silly.

God loves you like crazy. That is what it means to be drunk in the Holy Spirit. You find yourself in a different world – the world of God’s love.

We wonder why we do not blow up because God’s presence is not just a force or a feeling; it is a person. It is Jesus – with His emotions and power dwelling in our weak and frail body.

“The Son can do nothing by himself,” Jesus said. “He can do only what He sees His Father is doing” (John 5:19).

Jesus does everything that He sees His Father in heaven do. That was why Jesus spent time praying alone with the Father. His time with God dominated His life. Jesus did everything out of being connected with God. Jesus was drunk with the loving presence of God.

As a result, Jesus did things that no one else thought possible. Jesus waited two more additional days to go to Lazarus’ grave.

Jesus entered Jerusalem despite knowing that the people were going to kill Him. Jesus fed 5,000 people with a few loaves and fish, despite the disciples’ insistence to send them away. Jesus simply saw things differently and did things differently.

It was as if Jesus was operating from a different world. Yes, He was. He was in His Father’s world.

Being drunk with the Holy Spirit is like that. When the Spirit of God is in you in a powerful way, you have access to heavenly things like never before.

You will do things that no one else thought possible. You will have access to your Father’s world. You operate out of the presence of God dwelling in your heart.

It is a humorous and exciting experience when you are laughing with joy because the Spirit of God is in you in the midst of a depressing situation. To be drunk in the Spirit means to be filled with God’s presence – with all His joy, His mystery and His power. It is an encounter with the God of the universe.

Taking the light of Christ to the ends of the earth with diocese’s Missionary Cooperation Plan

By Leandro (Lany) M. Tapay
Diocesan Missions Office Director

Representatives from 38 mission organizations have spoken or will be speaking at Masses throughout the diocese between April and September. They come from as far away as Asia, Africa and India as part of the diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP).

The program gives parishioners the opportunity to hear about the Catholic Church’s mission work around the world and gives mission organizations the opportunity to ask for financial help to support their efforts to bring the light of Christ to places untouched by the Gospel.

Mission organizations are asked to send representatives who are fluent in English.

Unfortunately, fluency has many shades. If it happens that you have to struggle to understand the appeal speaker, please be patient and be mindful that in heaven, there will be no language barrier.

May our mission efforts bring the day closer when at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord.

In 2018, the Diocese of Columbus contributed $342,468.27 to the MCP program.

On behalf of Bishop Brennan, missionaries and the people they serve, I would like to thank you for your generosity.
FINDING FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE
Sarah Reinhard

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Mother of Perpetual Help holds Jesus and each of us

When I gaze at Mary as she’s depicted as Mother of Perpetual Help, I see an expression I know: It’s the face of a mother interrupted, perhaps at 3 a.m. by a crying toddler. She looks at me solemnly. Seeing that look, I can’t help but feel sad and yet safe. Her Son is leaning in her arms, seeming to duck away from danger. He has turned to His mother for comfort. One sandal dangles in a way that’s so familiar to me. His feet are curled together, just the way my kids curl their feet when they’re scared or upset.

According to the symbolism of the image, Jesus ran to His mother after receiving an intuition about His passion and death. Over His shoulder, two angels Michael on the left and Gabriel on the right – hold the instruments of His death. Jesus’ face is that of an adult, with a high brow and a knowing look, and yet He also looks concerned. “What does it mean?” I can hear Him asking His mother.

Did she know? Could she explain it to Him? Would He understand?

Those are questions for theologians, I suppose. But the image of Mary as Mother of Perpetual Help inspires many questions like these, at least for me. It makes me think about Mary as a mother to run to, as a safe shelter in my own fears.

The history of this ancient icon of Mary and Jesus is one of the most elaborate you’ll find. The painting was originally on an island in Crete, where it had been venerated for, by some accounts, as long as 300 years. It was known as the place to go for miracles, whether a cure or a special favor.

Around 1495, through unknown circumstances, a merchant who was returning to Rome took the picture and hid it among his belongings. Had he stolen it or was he protecting it from invading Turks? We don’t know, but we do know that while his ship was sailing, a life-threatening storm cropped up and everyone on board thought their end was near. The sailors didn’t know about the hidden icon, but they prayed to Mary loudly and persistently for help. The ship reached Italy safely despite the odds.

It wasn’t long after arriving home that the merchant became ill. He told his best friend, a fellow merchant, about the picture, and his dying wish was for the picture to be enshrined and reverenced in a church in Rome. After his death, the second merchant shared the details with his wife, who insisted on keeping the beautiful icon. She hung it in her home, and there’s no doubt she enjoyed it very much.

Mary, though, was not happy with this outcome. She scolded the merchant in a dream and he related this to his wife. She was not convinced, becoming angry and accusing her husband of superstition. Can’t you just hear her reminding her husband that they were good Christians, that plenty of people had a chance to see the lovely picture in their home, that there was really no reason to take it to a church?

The merchant had another vision in which Mary told him he would be punished for failing to obey her request. Not long afterward, he became sick and died. Mary appeared next to the merchant’s daughter, repeating her request for the icon to be properly venerated in a church and telling the girl to tell her mother and grandfather that “St. Mary of Perpetual Help wants this.”

The new widow was shaken by these events and confided in a close friend. Her friend mocked her and offered to take the picture, but then became very ill, nearly to death.

Mary had made her point and the promise was made. She appeared to the young daughter, indicating that she wanted the icon to be placed halfway between the basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. On March 27, 1499, St. Matthew’s, the church that then stood in the prescribed place, became the home to the Mother of Perpetual Help icon for almost 300 years.

When French troops occupied Rome in 1798, the general mandated closing and destroying many churches, including St. Matthew’s. The Augustinian Fathers took the sacred painting with them when they moved, tucking it away above a side altar at the church of St. Maria Posterula.

Brother Augustine would tell anyone who would listen about the history of the beautiful Madonna in the alcove. The altar servers probably wondered when they would ever need the information, but one young boy, Michael Marchi, kept it in the back of his mind. Later, in 1853, the priests of his order were discussing the new house they were to build in Rome halfway between St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran.

“It’s too bad that famous image was destroyed,” I imagine one of them saying, then hearing a shout from nearby.

“It is not lost!” Marchi said, interrupting his fellow priests and recounting the history of the hidden icon.

This information inspired the superior general of the Augustinian order to obtain a private audience with Pope Pius IX, who listened to the story and must have remembered praying as a young boy in front of the Perpetual Help icon while it was still at St. Matthew’s.

The image was returned to the midpoint between St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran, the new St. Alphonsus Church, on April 26, 1866. During the procession, miraculous cures were reported of a boy who had been grave-ly ill with meningitis and a girl whose paralyzed leg was restored. News of those healings spread quickly and people began flocking to the new church. It didn’t take long for the site to have a pile of canes and crutches that no longer were needed by those who were healed. Two weeks after the procession, Pope Pius IX went to visit, exclaiming, “How beautiful she is!”

Few images of Mary have received as much papal attention as this icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help. Pius IX, after visiting the shrine at St. Alphonsus, received and enshrined a copy of the image. His successor, Leo XIII, kept a copy of the picture on his desk, allowing him to see it throughout his workday. St. Pius X, the next pope, sent a copy of the Mother of Perpetual Help icon to Ethiopia’s empress and granted an indulgence of 100 days to anyone who prayed “Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.” Benedict XV, who followed as pope, placed the Perpetual Help picture directly above his chair of state in the throne room.

The special attention to this image hasn’t only been from the pope. Many famous bishops and cardinals have proclaimed her as their patroness. The Redemptorist order responsible for taking care of the image since 1866, have taken to heart the mandate given by Pius IX to “make her known!” In 1870, the Roxbury section of Boston became home to the first church dedicated to the Mother of Perpetual Help. Since the first copy of the icon was made and touched to the original, more than 2,300 copies have been sent throughout the world to Redemptorist houses.

This image of Mary and Jesus is well-known and recognized. It speaks to me as a mother and as a child. I have been the child, running with my arms held out, longing to be comforted. I have been the mother, scooping up the child, humming lullabies to calm him or her. When I see the Mother of Perpetual Help, I see what I need. Sometimes she’s the one gathering me into a hug of hope; at other times, she’s encouraging me to be compassionate and loving to one of her other children.

Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, holds Jesus and each of us. She embraces our suffering with us, serving as a refuge even as she helps us face the facts. She offers miraculous cures, though the miracle might be a changed heart, one open to accepting the graces of God, instead of a release from physical suffering.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Scioto Catholic Consortium, which includes the Catholic Churches of Holy Redeemer, St. Mary’s, St. Monica and St. Peter in Chains in southern Ohio, is looking for a Facilities/Maintenance Supervisor. The Facilities/Maintenance Supervisor will oversee, coordinate and supervise the custodial staff and perform duties related to replacement or preventive maintenance of equipment in interior and exterior structures of buildings and other duties as needed or assigned.

A background in HVAC, plumbing and electrical is desired. The position is expected to be full time (40 hours per week) and hours may vary accordingly. $16-$21 per hour based on experience. More information and an application can be obtained by calling 740-354-4551 or emailing Carolyn Paul at carolyn@sciotoscatholic.org.
Can a Democrat be pro-life? Can a Catholic be pro-abortion?

**QUESTION & ANSWER**

Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

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

**A**

Recently, *Time* magazine ran an article about Tim Ryan, a Democrat congressman from Ohio who announced his campaign for president. The article says that he “was against abortion rights until 2015.” It also says that he is a devout Catholic and names his parish. Ryan is quoted as saying, “To me, my faith is about love and compassion.”

Having lived in Minnesota at one time, I know that in the Midwest it is a cultural expectation for Catholics to belong to the Democratic Party. Is it possible to be a Democrat and pro-life? And is it possible to be a devout Catholic and pro-choice? (Mt. Angel, Oregon)

**Q**

It is not possible to be a faithful Catholic and adopt a pro-choice position on abortion. As the U.S. Catholic bishops stated in 1989 (*Resolution on Abortion*), “No Catholic can responsibly take a ‘pro-choice’ stand when the ‘choice’ in question involves the taking of innocent human life.”

As to whether it is possible to be a Democrat and still be pro-life, I believe that it is. In fact, since 1999 there has existed an organization called Democrats for Life of America, established to coordinate national efforts of pro-life Democrats.

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Columbus Immaculate Conception and Hilliard Brendan churches and Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. He also was in residence at Columbus St. Agnes, Columbus St. Thomas and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X churches.

For much of his priesthood, he has been a member of the diocesan Tribunal. He also has been campus minister at Capital University and a professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

He was born in Waukegan, Illinois, and was ordained at St. Thomas Church in Chicago on June 11, 1974, by Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Nevin Hayes, OP.

He was appointed a monsignor, with the title chaplain to His Holiness, by Pope St. John Paul II on Sept. 24, 1992.

**Quo Vadis event for young men**

The diocesan Vocations Office will host its annual Quo Vadis event for young men in ninth through 12th grades from Sunday, July 28 to Wednesday, July 31 at Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, 2734 Seminary Road S.E., Newark.

The program, led by diocesan priests and seminarians, will include talks on the priesthood, virtue and fatherhood. The event strikes an effective balance between the activity of a summer camp and the quiet of a retreat.

The cost is $40 and scholarships are available. The registration deadline is Tuesday, July 30. To register, go to www.faceforwardcolumbus.com/quo-vadis. For more information, contact Michael Haemmerle at cgbquovadis@gmail.com.

**DeSales, Bishop Hartley announce valedictorians**

Eighteen students at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and four students at Columbus Bishop Hartley High School were honored as valedictorians of their respective 2019 graduating classes.

Valedictorians at DeSales are Jacob Behrendt, Fiona Brown, Greta Cargin, Taylor Cash, Christian Grube, Kathleen Keating, Justin King, Joseph Kramer, Nicole Kurtz, Catherine Maas, Rachel Nguyen, Victoria Nguyen, Michael Pallaci, Haven Roderick, Mary Sabatino, Margaret Sarle, Zachary Stetkar and Julie Wilkes.

Hartley’s valedictorians are Ingrid Gilies, Hannah Kitsmiller, Alanna Wills and Bailee Zacovic.

**Josephinum 4-Miler Run/Walk scheduled for September**

Registration is underway at m3sports.com for the second annual Josephinum 4-Miler Run/Walk that will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at The Club at Corazon, 7155 Corazon Drive in Dublin.

Proceeds from the run/walk, sponsored by the Friends of the Josephinum, will be used for scholarships and the financial needs of seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., in Columbus.

Entry fee is $35 per person through June 20, $40 from June 21 to Aug. 4 and $45 from Aug. 5 through race day or until sold out (1,000 registrants).

Each participant receives a technical unisex event shirt, official finisher’s medal, bottle of wine (21 and over) or Trappist Monastery jam, and bread. Register three or more participants at once and receive $5 off per participant at checkout.

Wine, jam and bread will be distributed only at Fleet Feet Sports, 1270 E. Powell Road, Lewis Center, during the packet pickup from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. On race day, packet pickup begins at 7:30 a.m. at The Club at Corazon.

Questions about the event or registration should be directed to info@m3sports.com.

**Bereavement ministry meets at Columbus Newman Center**

The next six-week series of group sharing sessions sponsored by the North High Deanery’s Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry will be at the Columbus St. Thomas More New...
The corpse raiders

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS
Father Tad Pacholczyk

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD, earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, and serves as director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org.

The corpse raiders

Most people recognize the importance of obtaining consent before retrieving organs from the bodies of deceased persons. They also understand the necessity of showing respect for those bodily remains following death.

Recent news stories have chronicled the troubling story of a funeral home in Colorado clandestinely taking body parts out of corpses and selling them to medical supply companies. One family was horrified to learn that their mother’s head, arms, pelvis, and parts of her legs had been harvested without their knowledge or consent. They and others are suing the company. The funeral home had been selling body parts to places as far away as Saudi Arabia and returning containers of ashes to the families that did not contain any actual trace of their loved ones.

The public outcry following these revelations, and the subsequent FBI investigation and legal prosecution of the funeral home directors, reminds us how easy it is to transgress important moral boundaries when we fail to respect the remains of the deceased.

Indeed, legal measures can remind us of our duties towards the dead, whether through laws that criminalize grave robbing, for example, or those forbidding use of executed persons’ bodies for research. A few years ago, Chinese officials were timing the capital punishment of their prisoners in order to harvest their organs as soon as well-paying foreigners had arrived in Chinese hospitals to receive those transplanted body parts. International pressure quickly mounted to ban the practice.

While it is clear that we shouldn’t kill others for the purpose of obtaining their organs or body parts, it should be equally clear that when an intentional act of killing has taken place and a cadaver is available, valid informed consent is still required before harvesting bodily tissues. All ethically sound research involving human subjects is predicated upon informed consent, which needs to be given either by the donors themselves before they die, or by their duly appointed proxy, acting on behalf of, and in the best interests of the deceased individual.

When it comes to extracting cells or organs from the corpse of a deceased child at an abortion clinic, however, these ethical requirements for consent cannot legitimately be satisfied.

Some have been tempted to argue that aborted children “would have consented” to organ donation if they had been given the chance, since those organs no longer are needed by them after death. But if the justification for harvesting fetal organs is alleged to be the implied consent of the child, this has to be characterized as a false, even violent, presumption. The activity of harvesting tissues under these circumstances would only exacerbate the original evil act that terminated the child’s life. Taking cells or tissues without consent would be a callous extension of the original desecration of his or her bodily life.

Additionally, it is important to recognize that even if the mother of an intentionally aborted child were to sign the dotted line saying she granted her permission for the baby’s cells and organs to be donated, that consent would necessarily be null and void. Because she arranged for the taking of the child’s life, she already categorically demonstrated that she does not have the child’s best interests in mind. From the ethical vantage point, she disqualifies herself from being able to provide valid consent on behalf of her now-deceased child by the very decision to have the abortion.

While the action of taking bodily tissues without consent would be a lesser evil than the act of killing, this does not lead to the conclusion that we can permit or encourage fetal corpse raiding at abortion clinics simply because we see some good use in mind, such as pushing forward the frontiers of biological knowledge, producing a new vaccine, or even developing an important therapy for a serious disease.

Wherever cells from directly aborted fetuses are used in research or product development, alternative and ethically noncontroversial cell sources instead should be pursued, using, for example, cells obtained from routine surgeries such as removal of an appendix, or foreskin removal during newborn circumcision, or fetal remains following a spontaneous miscarriage, after valid informed consent is able to be properly obtained from the parents. Consent given after the natural loss of a pregnancy would be analogous to granting permission for an organ donation from a couple’s naturally deceased newborn.

Even though significant scientific breakthroughs may have occurred in the past using illicitly gained cells and tissues from direct abortions, this cannot ethically sanitize this approach to tissue procurement, nor justify the continuation of the practice. In fact, outlawing the use of the remains of abortion victims by scientists and researchers would be a small but highly important first step toward showing proper societal respect for the many unborn children who unjustly perish in abortion clinics today.

ODU news and events

Ohio Dominican to host one-stop admission days this summer

Students who are interested in enrolling or transferring to Ohio Dominican University for the 2019-20 academic year will have an opportunity to begin and complete the admission process in as few as 60 minutes during ODU’s one-stop admission days.

The events will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 20 and Thursday, Aug. 1 in the Bishop Griffin Student Center, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

Those attending one-stop admission day will have an opportunity to complete ODU’s free application; receive an on-the-spot admissions decision; learn how any previously earned college credits might transfer; review financial aid options; have their deposit fee waived; and register for fall classes.

To register for a one-stop day, visit ohio dominican.edu/AdmissionDay.

School receives STEM grant

Ohio Dominican University has been awarded a five-year, $1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation’s Robert Noyce teacher preparation program to recruit and train secondary school teachers who specialize in the areas of science, mathematics, technology, and computing.

Most of the money is dedicated to providing scholarship and activity dollars to students who, upon earning their teaching degree, commit to teaching STEM in schools located in underserved communities.

The grant will allow four groups of five students each to receive as much as $15,000 per year in scholarship funds during their junior and senior years. As many as two students per year who have earned a bachelor’s degree in a STEM-related field and who wish to pursue teacher certification will receive a one-year stipend of as much as $12,000. For each year that these students receive scholarship or stipend funds, they agree to commit two years of teaching in a qualifying district.

Ohio Dominican has cultivated partnerships with local high-need school districts including SouthWestern City Schools and Whitehall City Schools to ensure valuable field experiences. Another benefit of the grant is that participating students will receive funds for professional development membership fees and travel.

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Making something out of everyday life

LIGHTING THE WAY
Joseph Thomas

Joseph Thomas, a member of Gahanna St. Matthew Church, is a Third Order Franciscan and freelance writer who is active in many diocesan and church activities.

Did you ever stop to think of the many opportunities God has placed in front of us? In success and failure alike, He follows a similar and prescribed path of not making our decisions for us, but giving us choices and testing us to see which path we choose. He is not judgmental, but seeks the truth not found on our lips, but in our hearts. Our mind speaks a volume of litanies no one person can sing. Making ourselves available and open to emotion also leaves us open to discover the possibilities of coming closer to what we wish for – a home with no hindrances, a life of freedom and the love of one another.

As we exhibit charity toward our fellow human beings and pass on our wisdom to others, we add to what might be described as “a resume of service” we can show to God. But it is the size of our hearts that He is measuring, not the content through which we ultimately share it. Do not be afraid to do things you may not think are important; rather, do the things in life that give you joy.

Remember that there are no coincidences, just the ones we create for ourselves. As the writer Allen Saunders once said, “Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.”

Let that be your guide by which you practice your faith, helping others through the love that is in your heart. May God bless you and keep you. May His love for you sustain you and may His peace be with you always.

Westerville St. Paul students sew to serve

Sewing and service to others go hand in hand at Westerville St. Paul School, where a student-initiated service group known as Sew Loved is using the school’s new resources to learn sewing skills while helping others.

The group was started by eighth-grade student Ellie Reash, who approached school administrators with the idea of using the school’s new STEAM idea lab for service projects.

The group consisted of 12 to 18 students from grades five to eight who met each Friday after school.

This year’s projects included burrito-style pillowcases, aprons for the school cafeteria staff and, in partnership with the My Very Own Blanket group, no-sew blankets for foster children.

Reash funded the projects with her own money. The group also received donations of sewing tools and fabric.

In recognition of Reash’s many service roles at St. Paul School, she received from Westerville City Schools the Fouse Award, named in honor of William H. Fouse, the first black high school graduate in Westerville.

Sew Loved will continue in the 2019-20 academic year with new members and leadership as Reash moves on to Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School.

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man Center, 64 W. Lane Ave. They will take place every Sunday from June 23 to July 28 from 2 to 4 p.m., with registration starting at 1:30 p.m.

The sessions are based on Seasons of Hope, a Christ-centered bereavement program created by hospice care and bereavement specialist M. Donna MacLeod after the death of her daughter nearly 20 years ago. The faith-based program is for everyone grieving the loss of someone close. Each session is a self-contained event, so participants may attend as many or as few session as they wish.

There is no charge for the program, which receives assistance from The Catholic Foundation. Participants receive a journal that includes exercises related to each session and provides space to record their thoughts.

Each session begins with Scripture and includes a blend of reflection, prayer, group exercises, faith sharing and Catholic tradition. The facilitators are Rose Daiga, a member of Our Lady of Peace Church, who has a master’s degree in guidance and counseling; Michael Julian of Immaculate Church, who helps people settle their estates and had a young brother who died in an auto accident; and Karen Droll of the Newman Center, a former hospice nurse.

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As well as stipends and materials to conduct summer research.

Gallery to host fiber exhibit

Ohio Dominican University’s Wehrle Gallery will host an exhibition by Columbus-based textile and fashion designer Celeste Malvar-Stewart from Friday, Sept. 6 to Friday, Oct. 25. The gallery, on the ODU campus, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

The exhibit is titled “I AM: Exploring Spiritual Connectivity through Fiber,” and will feature unique, sustainable and ethical pieces. An opening reception will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 6 in the gallery. The exhibit’s title comes from God’s response in Exodus 3:13-14 when Moses encounters the burning bush and asks who God is.

The exhibition also will include a short video about Malvar-Stewart’s work.

She has been an independent sustainable fashion and textiles designer for more than 25 years, and her works have been featured in international exhibits and runway shows. Under a label bearing her name, she designs women’s clothing and accessories by using salvaged vintage fabrics, wool, alpaca and mohair from local farmers, and natural dyes.
St. Charles offering camps

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., will offer a Lego robotics camp for students heading for fifth through eighth grades; Java Programming I, providing a basic understanding of computers and computer languages for those advancing to eighth to 12th grades; and basic game programming (for boys and girls entering fifth to ninth grades with little or no programming experience. Dates for all three are Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 19.

The school also will host athletic camps devoted to soccer, football, volleyball (boys and girls) and basketball for students entering third to ninth grades. For more information, go to www.stcharlesprep.org and scroll down to the “News & Announcements” section.

Olivia Day receives Murico scholarship

Olivia Day, who will be entering Columbus Bishop Watterson High School this fall after graduating from Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School, is the first recipient of the Bishop Robert J. Brennan and Murico Family Scholarship for Catholic education.

The $3,500 scholarship for tuition to a diocesan Catholic high school is to 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.

It was established with a combined donation from Bishop Brennan and Carmen and Mary Murico. The bishop 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.

Olivia Day (Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School)

O’Neill scholarship winners announced

Nate Willis of Newark St. Francis de Sales School (left) and Carter Walsh of Newark Blessed Sacrament School have been awarded the Gretchen O’Neill Scholarship. The scholarship, in memory of the longtime educator and principal at both schools, pays the full year’s tuition for an eighth-grade student at each school who best exemplifies O’Neill’s work ethic and “be kind” motto. Kindness and work habits are the sole criteria for the annual scholarship, placing it within reach of every student.

St. Charles athletes sign

Graduating seniors from Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college. They are (from left): first row, Austin Schmitt, Ethan Marshall and Kevin Macias, all playing soccer at Ohio Wesleyan; Owen Sullivan, soccer, Ohio State; Christian Buendia, soccer, St. Louis; Peter Griffith, football, Mount Union; second row, Zachary Lowis, lacrosse, Lindenwood; David “Max” Lyski, lacrosse, Colorado College; Aidan Rice, baseball, Mount St. Vincent; Marvin Moore, football, Marietta; Andrew Edwards, water polo, Washington & Jefferson; Andrew Williams, football, Otterbein; third row, Dylan Shuster, lacrosse, Lynchburg; Karson Burkey, lacrosse, Cleveland State; Nicholas Welch, basketball, John Carroll; Nathan Lancia, volleyball, Stevens Institute of Technology; Craig Hammon, rowing, Drexel.

(Photos courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School)
May traditionally is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are many ways to honor Our Lady, and the Church reminds us of this in a particular way during springtime. Worthington St. Michael School has given students several opportunities for the students to participate in the Church’s celebration of Our Blessed Mother. These include recitation of the rosary, a May crowning, and the singing of Marian hymns at Mass and school events. Some students’ devotion went even deeper. The eighth-grade students were given the opportunity to make a consecration to Mary within the context of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, an eighth-grade club dedicated to spreading devotion to Mary in the school. One of the club’s end-of-the-year projects is to write an essay on Mary. Below are two examples of these essays.

Ryan
Mary is who people are supposed to pray to every day, who they are supposed to try to live their lives like, and who they are supposed to want their vocation to be with. Mary gave birth to the Son of God, and she is the Mother of the Church. She is the base and root of life and faith. Mary is the Mother of the Church from being the Mother of God and showing people what to be like through her feasts and titles, specifically Our Lady of Fatima.

Mary plays such an important role as the Mother of God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* talks about Mary, stating, “The Virgin Mary … is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer. … She is ‘clearly the mother of the members of Christ’ … since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head” (paragraph 963). Mary said a faithful “yes” to have Jesus as her son and took care of Him. This is why we call her Mary, Mother of God.

Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated on May 13 annually. The feast day came about because Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, three children tending sheep in the fields in Portugal, saw a woman dressed in all white, shining and beautiful. The woman was Mary, and she told the children to pray the rosary every day for the conversion of sinners. Our Lady of Fatima converted thousands to Catholicism. These thousands of people were impacted and influenced through her miracle of the dancing sun. When the miracle happened, it was pouring, and the rain suddenly stopped as it became dry outside. All the rain had completely gone away.

There are also many prayers to Our Lady of Fatima asking for her help in prayer and in life. Our Lady of Fatima is both a major feast and title for Mary. She shows how she is the Mother of God every day, and the Church remembers her in the days she is celebrated. Mary is the mother of me. How about you?

Andrea
Mary plays a huge role in my life, and to me her life is astounding. People who are not Catholic ask me “Who is Mary? You guys talk about her and have statues of her.” Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ. The book *The Life of Mary* by Inos Biffi says, “Jesus draws from Mary His humanity, owing it all to her, yet she keeps nothing for herself. She gives everything to her Son, with whom she shares her existence, her mission, her love and her hope, her sorrows and her glory.” This quote shows how Mary throughout her life dedicated herself to God and said “yes” to him even at the hardest times.

Mary is a model of virtue in many ways. She persevered and was faithful even in the most difficult moments. She holds a special place in my heart. The *Catechism* says, “The virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 148).” I’ve grown up with my dad and mom telling me that if I ever feel sad, lonely, or in danger, to pray to Mary and that she will be there always to help me.

I have a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. I have been privileged to visit the miraculous tilma in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. Every time I go, I reflect on who I am, and I strive to be more like her. Mary is like a mother to me because she cares about me and helps me. Our Lady has also helped me overcome many obstacles. Our Lady of Guadalupe is my Confirmation saint. The reason I chose her is because I can see myself in her. The way I see myself in Our Lady is because she is from Mexico and I am from Mexican heritage, we both have black hair and tan skin, and we both also speak Spanish.

Mary is the perfect model of holiness because she said “yes” to God even if it meant giving everything she had. I know that I, too, can say “yes” to God with her help and guidance. I hope that she guides me to the path of heaven throughout my whole life. I will also ask for Mary’s intercession as I transition into adulthood, because I know that it won’t be that easy without her help. Overall, Mary will definitely be taking a part in my future.
Solemn high mass in the Dominican Rite celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the first Catholic mass in Zanesville, Ohio on Sunday July 14, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North Fifth Street. Reception follows in the Activity Center. www.saintthomaszanesville.org
Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus transforms families

By Emily Jaminet

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are invited to turn to the Sacred Heart for our daily strength, no matter how challenging life can be. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is one that is rich in tradition and can be expressed in homes, churches, schools and organizations.

All are invited to welcome the heart of Christ into their life, regardless of their circumstances. This devotion is not just for the pious, but for all Catholics. The Church has dedicated a solemnity to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is observed on the Friday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost. This year, that date is June 28.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart began with several appearances of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a young French nun, from 1673 to 1675, during which He shared how much He loves mankind and desires to be loved. Jesus told St. Margaret, “Behold this heart, which has loved so much but has received nothing but coldness, indifference and ingratitude in return.” How often we encounter this coldness, ingratitude and indifference toward Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and in matters of faith and morals.

Many in our society are hostile toward our faith and seek to dethrone Jesus as Lord and savior. However, we are invited to welcome Him as king, savior and friend into our homes through the act of enthronement, in which a family or individual fulfills the request that Jesus shared with St. Margaret Mary, “I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.”

We have St. Margaret Mary to thank for much of what we know about this devotion. She is given the title Apostle of the Sacred Heart. Jesus revealed to her the tremendous love He had for mankind and how this devotion can be a lifeline of grace, hope, consolation and peace in the midst of daily life. St. Margaret Mary spent the remaining 15 years of her life after Jesus’ appearances promoting the devotion, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and the many promises given to those who practice the devotion.

The crown, cross and flames

Many might wonder “What is the Sacred Heart? Why does Jesus expose His heart outside of the body?” The symbols of the Sacred Heart of Jesus point to the Lord’s passion. The heart is first and foremost exposed outside of the body to serve as a reminder that our God is a loving God and His heart is the source of that love. The image of the Sacred Heart also has a crown of thorns surrounding the wounded heart. The crown reminds us of Jesus’ suffering for our sins, and the wounded heart reminds us of His great love for sinners.

Above the heart, there is a fiery flame with a cross in the midst of it. St. Margaret Mary shares that “The cross signifies that from the very first moment of His incarnation – that is to say, when His heart was formed, the cross was planted in it.” The Sacred Heart devotion is unique, for this heart is the perfect symbol of the person of Christ.

Sacred Heart and Catholic family

A Chilean Catholic priest, Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, in 1907 came to a clear understanding that what the world needed was holy families and individuals, starting with one home at a time. Father Mateo shared this vision with Pope St. Pius X, whose response to the great mission of enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was, “No, my son … you ask for permission and I say, ‘No. Not only do I permit you, but I command you to give your life for this work of social salvation.’”

After this meeting, Father Mateo, who died in 1960, spent his entire life preaching, giving missions around the world and telling people that forming a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful gift allowing them to grow closer to Christ.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart has provided strength, hope and consolation for many Catholic families. This devotion once was very popular in the United States, especially in the 1940s and ’50s, and is experiencing a revival as people recall how it served as a source of strength for parents and children during difficult times.

Father Mateo said one of the highlights of his life was witnessing the solemn consecration of the Archdiocese of Chicago to the Sacred Heart at Soldier Field in 1943 before a crowd of more than 125,000 people. Many Catholic families, including my own, can share stories of how grandparents and relatives first enthroned their home to the Sacred Heart many years ago. They welcomed the heart of Christ to gain the strength they needed to endure difficult moments and remain faithful.

The Sacred Heart devotion points to the reality that Christ wants to share His love with us and renew us so that we can spread that love to others. Pope Pius XII once said, “Devotion to the heart of Jesus is the most capable of assisting the present-day needs of the church and the human race.” The reality is this devotion is rich in grace and a pathway to holiness.

Enthronement today

We live in a culture in which many of our homes are beautifully decorated, but lack sacred images which remind us of our faith in God. Enthronement offers new hope to families and individuals by entrusting them to the heart of Jesus through displaying an image of the Sacred Heart. This serves as a reminder that Christ is welcome in a home. Many families share that the enthronement was the first time...
Sacred Heart enthronement spreads quickly throughout the diocese

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

A few years ago, a relative handful of places in the Diocese of Columbus — no one knows how many, but perhaps 200 or 300 — had an area where a portrait or statue of Jesus revealing His Sacred Heart was given a place of honor.

In the last eight years, devotion throughout the diocese to the Sacred Heart as a symbol of God’s love has grown substantially, in large part through the efforts of an organization known as Sacred Heart Columbus, which was founded in 2011 and 2012 to promote the activity.

Two of the group’s co-founders, Chuck and Jo Ann Wilson, said that since its formation, it has conducted ceremonies to enthrone the image of the Sacred Heart at more than 2,500 sites in all parts of the 23-county diocese and elsewhere in Ohio — mostly in homes, but also at parishes, schools, businesses and other organizations.

Sacred Heart Columbus has more than 80 volunteers called missionaries, who are available to help families, schools and parishes with the enthronement process, which generally takes place during two visits one week apart.

Schools where enthronements have taken place include Columbus Bishop Watterson, St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Hartley high schools, Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School and several elementary schools. Many parishes also have been enthroned. An enthronement ceremony will take place at Newark Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday, June 28, the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

The entire diocese was re-consecrated to the Sacred Heart in a ceremony conducted at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Frederick Campbell in 2015, renewing the original consecration performed in 1873 by Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, the diocese’s founding bishop.

“One of the most unusual places where we’ve had an enthronement was at the side of the hospital bed of a dying woman,” said Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, who is a co-founder of Sacred Heart Columbus and has been its spiritual director since its beginning.

“That was a strikingly beautiful moment.

“Another memorable enthronement was at the home of a recently married couple who invited their friends to share their joy and their pledge to consecrate their lives to Jesus through enthronement of the Sacred Heart. These young people were committing themselves to Jesus at the beginning of their holiness journey, and the woman I just mentioned was making the same commitment at the end of her journey. In both cases, they were giving their lives to follow Christ wherever He may lead them.”

The practice of enthronement of the Sacred Heart began in the 20th century, mainly through the efforts of Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, a Chil-ean priest. Father Dailey said he has heard that his grandparents enthroned the Sacred Heart in their home in the 1940s. Jo Ann Wilson said her father, Art Klett, was involved with an organization known as Men of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Cincinnati for 26 years and made plaques of the Sacred Heart that were shipped all over the world promoting the enthronement. St. Mother Teresa wrote the Wilsons a letter requesting their help in spreading the devotion to her home city of Calcutta, her native country of Albania and throughout the world.

Father Dailey became more familiar with the devotion by reading a booklet about it while studying for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Maryland. He said that after he was ordained as a priest in 2008 and became parochial vicar at Worthington St. Michael Church, he began encouraging home enthronements of the Sacred Heart to help couples in troubled marriages who were looking for spiritual assistance.

The Wilsons, parents of Father Jonathan Wilson, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, already were actively involved in several diocesan lay organizations, including St. Gabriel Radio, the Columbus Catholic men’s and women’s conferences, My House, and the Legatus organization for business executives when they started conducting enthronements.

“It began for us in 2011, when I was president of the local Legatus chapter,” Chuck Wilson said. “We were at the annual Legatus summit in Naples, Florida. Dave Karam of Columbus, who at the time was president of Wendy’s restaurants, had just given a talk and someone stood up and said, ‘The answer to today’s family and marriage crisis is the Sacred Heart.’

“That person was John LoVasco, who in 1964 founded the Men of the Sacred Hearts group in Detroit,” which includes 150 volunteers who assist with enthronements throughout the Detroit area. The Wilsons talked about enthronements with LoVasco and got in touch with Father Dailey, who already was doing enthronements. This led to the start of Sacred Heart Columbus.

Father Dailey said the organization began with about 10 enthronements or re-enthronements in one day at the homes of the Wilsons and several other families who already had been spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart and formed the core of the group.

Its first exposure to a large audience came at the 2012 diocesan men’s and women’s conferences, with Msgr. Eugene Morris, who at the time was teaching at the Pontifical College Josephinum, speaking to the men and Gloria Anson, president of the national Sacred Heart Apostolate, talking to the women about enthronement.

Those talks and a series of announcements on St. Gabriel Radio allowed word about enthronement and its benefits to begin spreading throughout the diocese.

Also in 2012, the organization began an annual one-day event known as the Sacred Heart Congress featuring a Mass and two talks on the Sacred Heart devotion and enthronement.

The congress has continued every year since then. This year, it will be on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Worthington St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St., featuring talks by Father Dailey and Bill Messerly, executive director of St. Gabriel Radio, as well as Mass, confessions, Adoration and fellowship.

Sacred Heart Columbus also is promoting a special Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart at 6 p.m. Friday, June 28 at Columbus Sacred Heart Church, 893 Hamlet St. In addition, it presents a program titled The Sacred Heart Hour, featuring the Wilsons and Father Dailey, from 8 to 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio at AM 820 in Columbus and FM 88.3 in southern Ohio.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School is one of several schools throughout the Diocese of Columbus that have been enthroned to the Sacred Heart. Others include Columbus Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley and Lancaster Fisher Catholic high schools and Lancaster St. Bernadette and Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help schools.

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the family had come together to pray, and the images were some of the first religious items to be placed in the house, giving the family an opportunity to seek out new graces and grow in holiness.

Our homes are where we experience life, where we interact with our loved ones and where memories are formed. Why not welcome Jesus and ask Him to bless, console and bring His peace and joy? The more we seek the heart of Jesus during critical moments, the more we can trust the Lord to come to our aid.

I still can remember when I was a teenage girl and my family decided to enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our home. After the enthronement, I felt as though our family was different and Jesus was welcome in our family in a special way. Our family was not “perfect” while I was growing up, but looking back, I realize the enthronement was a starting point where, as a family, we began to take strides toward growing in our faith together through ordinary moments.

I am now a wife and mother, and my family has experienced special graces after its enthronement to the Sacred Heart. I can recognize that many graces have been poured out on my marriage and on my children, and I strongly believe Jesus has protected us not only from physical harm, but from spiritual harm. As a massive wave of secularism, materialism and atheism destroys many homes, enthronement to the Sacred Heart is a way to seek new graces of hope and healing and provide a lifeline to navigate a difficult culture.

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Ohio.

The number of enthronement sites in the diocese has increased at a steady pace since the organization was founded. The Catholic Times reported in 2015 that 600 to 700enthronements had taken place to that point. That total is now about four times larger.

“I think Our Lord greatly desires His heart to be enthroned in families today because there is such a great need for it,” Jo Ann Wilson said.

“There are so many families in crisis, and they are being catechized by the world rather than by the love of Jesus. Until more families recognize Christ as the head of their home, there won’t be a turnaround in this sense of crisis. This devotion is very relevant for today.”

“People have been very responsive to the devotion because deep within each of us is a desire for more than the world can give, and the source of that desire is Jesus,” Father Dailey said.

“The Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in revealing to her the mysteries of His Sacred Heart that priests would be able to convert the most hardened of hearts. I have seen this, and I know that it has nothing to do with me, but that people are responding to Jesus through me. When you become close to the Lord, you reflect the Lord but you don’t become him.”

Chuck Wilson said “enthronement” may not be the best way of describing the process of placing the Sacred Heart in a position of honor. “A lot of people don’t understand the idea of enthronement and what it means,” he said. “A better way to explain what happens might be to say you are welcoming Jesus into your house and want to follow His example, as He requested, and have him serve as the head of the home.”

The process followed by Sacred Heart Columbus in enshrining a home or other site to the Sacred Heart is a two-part event that generally takes place on consecutive Saturdays, Sundays or weekdays. It includes the participating family or group and a team of two Sacred Heart Columbus volunteers.

Enthronement involves placing a Sacred Heart image, often accompanied by an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in a prominent, readily visible spot, surrounded by candles, flowers or other decorations.

“Where it’s placed is a reflection on the particular family.” Father Dailey said. “It could be in the entrance to the home, by a window, in the living room, kitchen or a hallway, or elsewhere. Wherever it is should be somewhere everyone passes by frequently, so it can serve as a constant reminder of Jesus’ presence.”

During the preparation ceremony, the participant family members or group are given a DVD with eight parts providing catechesis on the Church’s teachings related to the Sacred Heart. For the week before the enthronement, families are asked to view part of the DVD every day and to pray together the prayer to the Sacred Heart, the rosary, and the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

The graces Enthronement brings

As director of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Apostolate, I hear from individuals across the nation that the enthronement was an opportunity for new graces which strengthened their family. Christ’s love is transformative when it is welcomed into your heart and home. These graces are provided through an exchange of hearts, ours for His and His for ours. He wants to renew us through the greatest gift we can receive, a “heart transplant.”

One of the most critical aspects of honoring the Sacred Heart is attending Mass on the first Friday of the month. I once believed that it was not possible for me to make it to Mass on first Fridays, but now that I have made this commitment, I have been amazed at the blessings that have come from fulfilling this request from Jesus to St. Margaret Mary.

I believe this special request of going to Mass on nine first Fridays is truly an invitation to grow closer to Christ by allowing each Friday to serve as a reminder that Christ is our king, savior and friend.

We learn that “God so loved us that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). Developing a devotion to the Sacred Heart is an opportunity to seek out graces and guidance and a pathway to eternal life.

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Reflecting on divine fathering as Father’s Day approaches

As an aging person seemingly racing toward eternity, I have increased my prayerful meditation in an attempt to achieve the state of holiness necessary to my salvation.

Quietly listening for the promptings, inspirations and guidance of the Holy Spirit has increased my knowledge, understanding and appreciation for the parenting behavior of God, our divine Father in heaven.

This being the time of year we acknowledge our earthly fathers with gifts of gratitude, it is appropriate to acknowledge, praise and honor our ever-present, ever-loving, divine Father in heaven. We must especially recognize God’s constant concern regarding our need to know and meet his behavioral expectations of us, related to achieving eternal life with Him in heaven. In merciful forgiveness and understanding of our flawed nature and inclination to sin, God has showered us with his heavenly help and grace, empowering us with the knowledge necessary to learn the “way” to heaven. For example, to teach us his behavioral expectations, God has given us the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Most generously, God has sent His only son, Jesus, as teacher, role model, friend, healer and, most important, to suffer and die for us as our redeemer.

Upon contemplating God’s divine fathering behavior, may we remember that our Father in heaven made each of us a unique person whom He knows by name, and that we live in His presence every moment, and join in His constant love, protection and amazing grace. This He has done that we may use our gift of free will to obtain sanctification. In addition, may we remain constant in our love, praise and gratitude to “Abba,” our sweet daddy in heaven, praying daily for knowledge of His will for us and the strength and grace to carry it out. As God’s children, may we continue our prayerful love, gratitude and acceptance of God’s gift of amazing grace, reflective of His divine fathering, leading us toward salvation.

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of an enrollment covenant, which is lived out through daily prayers, frequent reception of the Eucharist and of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and other faith-related acts.

The success of the enthronement movement in Columbus has led to the start of a national initiative known as the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, which began in 2015 and is partnered with Men of the Sacred Hearts in Detroit. It provides self-enthronement kits, containing all the materials needed for an enthronement, to any home or business upon request. There is a suggested donation of $40 for the kits.

The Wilsons’ daughter, Emily Jaminet, a nationally known Catholic writer and speaker, is executive director of the network, which began sending the kits last September. She said about 200 kits were ordered and shipped in the first four months of this year.

“That’s a greater number than I had expected, and it’s bound to grow,” she said. “Families need the grace the Sacred Heart provides to parents and children. They are recognizing this, and the network is looking forward to spreading the enthronement movement nationwide, well beyond the areas like Columbus and Detroit where it has taken root.

“It’s made a great difference in my own family of seven children, who represent the fourth generation of the Sacred Heart devotion that began with their great-grandfather in Cincinnati. Having seen its impact on my parents and my family, I want to see its fruits spreading everywhere.”

For more information on enthronements, go to the websites for Sacred Heart Columbus at www.sacredheartcongress.org or for the enthronement network at www.enthronements.com.
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm 8:4-9
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

A temptation for all who preach on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity is to attempt an explanation of the mystery being celebrated. Such an effort will always fail.

The scriptures offered for this day are short glimpses into the heart of God’s action and presence in our world. All we can hope to do is direct attention to the mystery, to evoke some simple themes and to allow faith to do the rest.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity is a celebration of God as He IS – a trinity of persons in perfect relationship. We are created in the image and likeness of God, and so we can get a glimpse of who God IS, a taste of God’s very essence, by looking into our own reality as persons in relationship. Every human being lives in relationship. I become who I am not by turning inward on myself, but rather by reaching out toward others. I discover my own person as I relate to you and as you relate to me. And we discover together that there exists at the very same time a “between” that keeps me me and you you. I do not fall into you and you do not fall into me.

The heart of reality is exchange. We celebrate this truth, the fundamental truth of being, in the dogma of the Holy Trinity. Triune life is life. Our life has this “three-ness” about it: I and you and WE together.

Husbands and wives see this in their mutual love and in their relationship with their children. Friends experience this with each other. There is a love that captures them both and keeps them free to be more truly themselves. We understand the mystery, not with the intellect alone but through faith and the power of the Spirit writing it into our hearts.

We imitate the mystery in acknowledging the uniqueness and infinite worth of every other human being.

We can relate to God in this triune reality. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord! Look at the Father: He is source, He is the One who shares Himself with the Son and with the Spirit and who so loved the world that He found a way to draw us in. Look at the Son: He is son of the Father, only-begotten, receiving his being from the source. Returning all He has received, He loves the Father and their mutual act of love breathes forth (“spirates”) the Spirit. Look at the Spirit: You can hardly catch Him. Even in a glimpse, He pulls you, pushes you, moves you beyond where you were when you started looking. He is breath – the breath of love between the Father and the Son. He is wind – the mighty wind that hovers over the deep at the moment of creation, the gift of the Father and the Son who is breathed upon the Apostles by the Risen One, the wind and the flame that hover over them on Pentecost.

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PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

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 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 obtained 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. CEL

Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Year C)

The body and blood of Jesus

Genesis 14:18-20
Psalm 110:1-4
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is a gift to the whole Church. In a wonderful way, it serves to gather up the whole sweep of the Lent and Easter cycles and serve it up as a banquet for Ordinary Time.

“You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.” The priesthood of Jesus Christ is at work in us all, flowing out into the world. We profess faith in Jesus, especially in His gift of Himself through the Eucharist. To change the world, we need only attend to what is right in front of us. We are gathered by the Spirit as the body of Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above, and on LifeV (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 35 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 Weeks III and IV, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

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Pope Francis’ recent motu proprio on sexual abuse, Vos Estis Lux Mundi (You Are the Light of the World), was a welcome addition to Church law, as world Catholicism seeks to heal the wounds of abuse victims, promote chaste living, foster mutual accountability within the Body of Christ, and restore the credibility of the Church’s leadership. The response to the motu proprio by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, ably summed up that document’s achievement:

“Vos Estis Lux Mundi calls for the establishment of easily accessible reporting systems, clear standards for the pastoral support of victims and their families, timeliness and thoroughness of investigations, whistleblower protection for those making allegations, and active involvement of the laity. It also leaves latitude for national bishops’ conferences, such as the USCCB, to specify still more to account for local circumstances. ... Vos Estis Lux Mundi ... (is) a blessing that will empower the Church everywhere to bring predators to justice, no matter what rank they hold in the Church. It also permits the Church the time and opportunity to bring spiritual healing.”

The motu proprio is also a vindication of the Church in the United States and its bishops. Many of its provisions for handling abuse cases have been common practice in the United States since 2002 (and in some American dioceses, earlier than that). Amid the frustration that has boiled over here this past year, too many American Catholics, misled by irresponsible reporting or grandstanding by state officials, may not realize that much of what was pioneered in the United States is now universal Church law. By making abuse reporting obligatory and providing canonical protections for clerics reporting abuse, Pope Francis has improved on the American achievement of the past decade and a half.

As Cardinal DiNardo noted, Vos Estis Lux Mundi not only universalizes strong legal and procedural norms for dealing with clerical sexual abuse; it also allows, and might even be seen to call for creativity on the part of national bishops’ conferences to build on the foundation Pope Francis has laid. That “latitude for national bishops’ conferences ... to specify still more” should be utilized by the U.S. bishops to honor the pope’s invitation to devise particular solutions for particular situations, according to the Holy Father’s principle of “syndodality;” to meet the expectations of the most dedicated, committed Catholics in the United States; and to offer the world Church further models to consider. Vos Estis Lux Mundi, like the particular Church law in place in the United States since the abuse crisis of 2002, deals primarily with sexual abuse by priests. The next steps in this process of Catholic reform involve devising mechanisms for guaranteeing episcopal accountability, in terms of both a bishop’s personal conduct and his handling of abuse allegations in the diocese entrusted to his care. There seems to be a consensus, in Rome and the U.S., that these mechanisms should operate at the level of Church “provinces,” with the metropolitan archbishop of each ecclesiastical province as the responsible party (or the senior suffragan bishop in a province, if the metropolitan archbishop is being charged with an offense). To make that mechanism credible, and to provide the metropolitan archbishops the assistance they need in handling allegations against other bishops, three more provisions seem necessary:

1. Lay Catholics – presumably the archdiocesan review board of the province in question – must be informed of an allegation against a bishop, from the point at which that allegation is made to the metropolitan archbishop. Such a requirement embodies the principle of mutual accountability within the Church while protecting the metropolitan archbishop from any future suggestion that he is burying an allegation to protect a brother bishop.

2. Competent and discreet lay professionals should be involved in the investigation of any allegation against a bishop.

3. It must be guaranteed that, when the entire process has been completed in the U.S. and Rome, and a decision reached, there will be a public explanation of the decision and the rationale for it, perhaps released through the relevant archdiocesan review board.

Adopting these provisions will accelerate the healing of a wounded Church and enhance the bishops’ credibility while heeding the pope’s call for local creativity.
PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Sister Mary Edith Schimpf, OFS

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Edith Schimpf, OFS, 84, who died on Monday, May 27, was celebrated on Thursday, May 30 in the chapel of Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Burial was at the convent cemetery.

She was born Nancy Schimpf on April 16, 1935 in Zanesville to John and Edith (Ryan) Schimpf. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Holy Family College in Manitowoc and a master of teaching science degree in mathematics from the Catholic University of America.

She joined the congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in 1953 and professed her vows in 1955. She spent all of the 64 years after taking her vows serving in Wisconsin, first as an elementary school, high school and college teacher and administrator, then as a health care center employee and computer lab assistant, and finally in prayer. She also was a member of the congregation’s general council for several years. She had been a resident of the St. Rita Health Center in Manitowoc since 2018.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Jeannie H. “Dusky” Reider

A memorial service for Jeannie H. “Dusky” Reider, who died on Tuesday, May 28, will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12 in Columbus St. Andrew Church.

For more than 30 years, she presented the works of William Shakespeare to young people, directing more than 30,000 students in diocesan schools and other private and public schools in “World of Shakespeare” programs they performed for parents and friends.

She was born in Paris, Kentucky to Lowell Johnson and Emma Brittain. Her family moved to Delaware in 1945 and she graduated from Delaware Willis High School in 1947 and Ohio Wesleyan University in 1951, majoring in art and speech.

She served as president of the OWU National Monnett Club alumni group and was a member of the Theta Alpha Phi theater fraternity, Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the Columbus Museum of Art Beaux Arts group. She was selected as a 1978 Upper Arlington Rotary Northwest Woman of the Year and received the Upper Arlington schools’ Golden Apple Award in 2000.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, James. Survivors include sons, Brent (Noriko) and Carson (Tierney); brother, Johnny; sister, Anne Dugan; and five grandchildren.
HAPPENINGS

Taize Evening Prayer at Corpus Christi 4 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Evening Prayer in the style and spirit of the Taize monastic community, with song, silence and reflection. 614-512-3721.

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

Spanish Mass at Columbus St. Peter 7 p.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass in Spanish, with confessions from 6 to 7. 614-761-4054 or 614-294-7702.

17. MONDAY

Rosary 6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859.

18. TUESDAY
Seniors Celebration at Chillicothe St. Mary 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 61 S. Paint St., Chillicothe. 42nd annual Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration sponsored by diocesan Office for Social Concerns, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan, followed by luncheon. Advance registration $15. 614-241-2540.

19. WEDNESDAY
Abortion Recovery Network Group 9:30 a.m., Westerville Area Recovery Ministry, 150 Heatherdown Drive, Westerville. Abortion recovery network group meeting for anyone interested in recovering from abortion or who has been through a recovery program, and wants to stay connected. 614-721-2100.

ODU One-Stop Admission Day 4 to 7 p.m., Bishop Griffin Center, 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. One-stop admission day, allowing students enrolling at or transferring to ODU to complete the admissions process and register for fall classes in as few as 60 minutes. 614-251-4453.

Racism Listening Session at Josephinum 6:30 p.m., Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Listening session on the subject of racism, with bishops from around the nation including Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Shelton Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ ad hoc committee against racism. Sponsored by diocesan Catholic Ethnic Ministries office. 614-221-7990.

Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Pius X 6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 614-866-2859.

Young Catholic Professionals Speaker Series 7 to 9 p.m., Jubilee Museum, 57 S. Grubb St., Columbus. Young Catholic Professionals organization monthly executive speaker series. Information at www.ycpcolumbus.org.

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

Lancaster Theology on Tap 7 p.m., Bob’s Backyard BBQ, 157 W. Main St., Lancaster. Monthly meeting of Theology on Tap discussion group for those ages 18 to 39. Speaker: Stephanie Rapp, diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office director, on the Theology of the Body. Contact Cindy Goss at cynthia.goss@ outlook.com.

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.

21. FRIDAY
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.

Labyrinth Walk at Shepherd’s Corner 7 to 8:30 p.m., Shepherd’s Corner Ecology Center, 987 N. Waggoner Road, Blacklick. Labyrinth walk led by Joy Lawrence. Theme: "Longest Night. The Summer Solstice." Suggested donation $5. Minimum five participants. Registration deadline June 18. 614-866-4302.

22. SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City 9 a.m., Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 W. 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.

23. SUNDAY
Corpus Christi Church Celebrates Feast Day 10 a.m., Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Ave., Columbus. Mass celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi, followed by procession (weather permitting), Benediction and free all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. All past parishioners and Corpus Christi School alumni, faculty and staff are invited. 614-443-2828.

Father Reis’ Anniversary Mass 11:30 a.m., St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus. Mass celebrating the 50th anniversary of Father Justin Reis’ ordination to the priesthood, followed by reception in the Blue Room. 614-889-2221.

West Deanery Corpus Christi Celebration 1 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi for parishes of the West Columbus Deanery, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 2 p.m., followed by the Liturgy of the Hours, an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and a reception. All servers (bring your own albs or cassocks and surplices) and first communicants and families from the deanery are invited to join the procession. 614-309-7782.

St. Catherine of Bologna Secular Franciscans 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Church, 386 Buttles Ave., Columbus. Prayer followed by ongoing formation, general meeting and fellowship. Contact Liz Kennedy at 614-224-3200.

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry 2 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. First meeting of six-week Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry support group for those who have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High Deanery. Contact ksdroll@gmail.com or 614-582-8848.


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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.

25, TUESDAY
Padre Pio Prayer Group at St. John the Baptist 12:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 168 E. LINCOLN Ave., Columbus. Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, including rosary, devotions, and 1 p.m. Mass. 614-294-5319.

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Giant Yard, Gym and Basement Sale
RAIN or SHINE
173 S. Roys Ave., Columbus (Westgate area near Hague Avenue & Sullivant Avenue)
Sat., June 22 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Amazing stuff! Furniture, tools, toys, fitness equipment and sporting goods, baby gear, small appliances, air conditioners, dryers, houseware, electronics, collectibles & much more!
Food tent featuring authentic Mexican food, hot dogs and baked goods.
Sale continues the following Saturday, June 29, 8-noon in the gym school.
Shop early for best selection!
St. Brendan to break ground for expansion

Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church, 4475 Dublin Road, will break ground for its first major construction project in more than 20 years on Sunday, June 30.

The program will include an outdoor Mass at 12:15 p.m. at DiPietro Park behind the school, followed by the groundbreaking and a parish picnic. The Mass will be in the church if it rains. During the picnic, there will be virtual building tours and children’s construction-themed activities, including Touch-A-Truck.

The ceremony will represent the beginning of a multiphase expansion for the parish. The first phase of the project will be funded by parishioners through the parish’s ONE (Our Navigator Expansion) capital campaign.

It will provide a new Adoration chapel, additional meeting spaces, renovations to St. Brendan School, new utilities infrastructure and relocated administrative offices.

Future phases will include additional school renovation and the addition of a preschool. When completed, the project will have added more than 33,000 square feet of new and renovated space and will more tangibly connect the school and parish, as well as provide meeting, storage and office space requested by parishioners.

A “dig and pledge” challenge for the capital campaign is taking place. Those who pledge to the campaign before the groundbreaking will be honorary shovel bearers at the ceremony.

Knights scholarship winner

Elie Bogue, a Worthington St. Michael School graduate who will attend Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School this fall (pictured with her father, Mike), has been awarded the Chris Damo scholarship sponsored by St. Michael Knights of Columbus Council 11445. The $4,000 scholarship will be paid to the school in four annual $1,000 installments. It is awarded to a St. Michael School eighth-grade student who is the son or daughter of an active Knight and will attend a Catholic high school. After the first year, scholarship winners must requalify by maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrating good character. Damo, who died at age 53 in 2015, was an active member of Council 11445 and several other organizations. The scholarship honors his commitments to community service, Catholic spirituality, patriotism and fraternity.

(Photo courtesy K of C Council 11445)

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Christ, the visible presence of Christ in the world.

We receive the Word of God, hearing it, preaching it, living it, providing an example to the world that rises above the rejection, the indifference and the commitment to anything other than the one true God. We enter into the very mystery through the Sacrament of the Eucharist and we are taught to understand, imitate and conform our lives to the Lord who reveals Himself to us.

We are one in Jesus Christ and our union with God is nourished by the Eucharist we share. We are sent forth into the world to draw others into Christ and to work toward the kingdom by setting our sights on what is above.

Eucharist puts us in touch with Jesus in person. He is real. Because He is real, His word does what it says: This is my body; this is the chalice of my blood.

Through the Eucharist, we live in communion with God through Jesus, and by the power of the Spirit grow in relationship with God and the communion of saints. Eucharist is where we meet in communion. We enter into a union with God that is not possible anywhere else this side of heaven.

Jesus gives a charge to His disciples: “Give them some food yourselves.” As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us resolve to live so that others may come to believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in His church.

Receiving Eucharist into our lives, we become a means of grace that shares with the world what is received: faith, grace, union with God Himself in Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, offered to us as the means by which we may reach heaven, which we begin to taste here on our earthly journey. Eucharist is the ultimate act of sharing that forms us to be ready for sharing all we are and all we have with God and with one another.

We adore Jesus in the Eucharist and ask Him to open our hearts to receive all that He offers, that we may cooperate with Him in all the tasks He assigns to us to bring the world to God.

O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine!

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SUMMER TRAVEL: Ohio offers many Catholic pilgrimage sites

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

Catholic travelers who want to make faith a part of their vacation have more than 20 shrines and pilgrimage sites in Ohio to consider as potential stops.

One of the nation’s most outstanding Catholic travel destinations is just across the Scioto River from downtown Columbus. The Jubilee Museum at 57 S. Grubb St. in the former Holy Family School building houses the nation’s largest collection of diversified Catholic artwork – everything from paintings, statues, altars, vestments and four working organs to a room filled with dolls dressed in sisters’ habits from various congregations. It’s open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children, students and senior citizens. Its website is www.jubileemuseum.org.

Columbus St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., is the site of a shrine to Blessed Margaret of Castello, a Third Order Dominican who was born blind and lame in 1287 but used her suffering to help others until her death at age 33. There has been a special devotion to her at the parish since the 1930s. The shrine was established in the late 1950s. There is more information about her in the history section of the parish website, www.stpatrickcolumbus.org.

The Shrine of the Holy Relics in the west central Ohio community of Maria Stein, near the Ohio-Indiana border, is the home of the nation’s second-largest collection of saints’ relics. (The largest is at St. Anthony’s Chapel in Pittsburgh, a convenient travel destination from anywhere in the diocese.) The relics were collected during the 19th century by Father Francis Brunner, who brought the Missionaries of the Precious Blood to the community and to the United States in 1846. The shrine was founded in 1875.

The building housing the relics also includes a community museum, and two retreat centers are nearby – one in Maria Stein and the other in the adjacent town of Montezuma. Information about the shrine is at www.mariastein-shrine.org. The retreat centers’ website is www.spiritualcenter.net.

Two northwest Ohio shrines have been popular for many years among Columbus Catholic travelers, both as destinations and as stops on the way to or from Lake Erie.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation is located along U.S. 23 in Carey. Construction of the original parish church began in the late 1860s and was completed in 1875, when a statue of Our Lady of Consolation was brought there from Luxembourg. The day of the statue dedication was a stormy one, but no rain fell on the procession in which the statue was carried.

Parishioners interpreted this as a sign of favor from God, and many healings have been reported there through the years. Crowds at the site became so large that a basilica was built across from the original church in 1924. Both churches remain in use, and the basilica, operated by the Conventual Franciscan fathers, is open for prayer at all times.

Special Masses occur in Carey throughout the year, most notably each Aug. 14 and 15, the Vigil and the Feast of the Assumption. A highlight of that period is the candlelight procession and Mass on the evening of Aug. 14 at the shrine’s outdoor altar. The shrine area also includes a cafe and a gift shop. More information is available at www.olcshrine.com.

Just off Ohio Route 4, a popular road to Sandusky and Cedar Point, is the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, the oldest place of pilgrimage in America dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It began as a chapel built by the same Father Brunner, who brought the relics to Maria Stein in 1850. It was replaced by a larger building in 1870. When that building burned down in 1912, a third chapel rose in its place, with an outdoor chapel added in 1968. Like the Maria Stein shrine (and Columbus St. James the Less Church), it is staffed by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Its yearly activities include many Sundays dedicated to particular ethnic groups of many cultures. Its website is www.sorrowfulmothershrine.org.

The late Mother Angelica, founder of the EWTN television and radio networks, grew up in Canton, where she was healed of a stomach ailment through prayers by Rhoda Wise, a mystic and stigmatist who in 2016 was declared a Servant of God, the first step toward sainthood. Wise is buried at the Sancta Clara Monastery, where Mother Angelica was a young nun. This and several other sites related to the two women are included on a tour sponsored by the St. Raphael Center in Canton, which operates a chapel, grotto and bookstore. Remaining tour dates for this year are July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8, all Tuesdays. For information, contact Barb Gaskell at bagask@livingbreadcradio.com.

Mother Angelica was a member of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, who continue to live at the Canton monastery. Poor Clares also live at the Shrine of the Conversion of St. Paul along Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, where there is an adoration chapel open daily. See www.thepoorclares.com for more.

There are a number of other pilgrimage sites in northeast Ohio. Canton’s Basilica of St. John the Baptist (www.stjohncanton.com) was dedicated in 1872 and the parish itself dates to 1823, making it the oldest parish in northeast Ohio. In Massillon, adjacent to Canton, is the National Shrine of St. Dymphna, the patron of people with mental and nervous disorders. It was built in the 1940s at a state psychiatric hospital, was relocated to St. Mary Church in Massillon in 2012 and was rebuilt there after a fire in 2015. Its website is www.nationalshrinestydynpha.org.

Hungarians who attend worship services in the Catholic Church’s Byzantine Rite founded a shrine at Burton in Geauga County in 1956 to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, which towers 50 feet above the landscape. Circling a body of water known as the Lake of Hope, which is situated in front of the image, is a huge rosary, each bead of which is approximately the size of a beach ball, with a lifesize crucifix lying horizontally at the front of the lake. Mass was offered in the shrine’s chapel and the group traveled around the lake, praying the Joyful Mysteries.

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Lady of Mariapoch, a weeping icon that dates to 1696. The original icon in Hungary is visited by more than 600,000 pilgrims annually. The shrine is open from late May to early October, with the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma sponsoring an annual weekend pilgrimage to the site. This year’s pilgrimage dates are Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18. Details are at www.shrineofmariapoch.com.

Traveling along U.S. Route 224 in Canfield, near Youngstown, drivers encounter a small building that looks like a church, but is so small it’s easy to pass by. It is indeed a church, known as St. Anthony’s Wayside Shrine and part of the St. Paul Monastery operated by the Society of St. Paul, which also has communities in Dearborn, Michigan and Staten Island, New York. The names are similar, but this congregation is not connected with the Missionary Society of St. Paul, whose priests, familiarly known as Paulists, are stationed at the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center.

The Maronite Catholic Church has a shrine and a basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Lebanon and located in North Jackson, also near Youngstown. As with many other Marian shrines, the period around the Feast of the Assumption is an especially busy time at the shrine. It will have processions daily from Tuesday, Aug. 13 to Thursday, Aug. 15, with each day featuring a Mass or Divine Liturgy celebrated in a different Catholic worship tradition – Roman Catholic on Tuesday, Byzantine on Wednesday and Maronite on Thursday. More information is at www.ourladyoflebanonshrine.com.

Youngstown itself is the location for the Shrine of Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, which was established by Hungarian Franciscans who fled their homeland after World War II. It is a replica of a shrine that was closed by Hungary’s postwar communist government. Four members of the Franciscan Friars Minor live there and celebrate Mass every day, with Reconciliation every day except Sunday and a different form of devotion each weekday, including the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and novenas to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, St. Anthony and the Infant of Prague.

Also in Youngstown is Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica, built in 1913 and merged with St. Anthony of Padua Church in 2011. A basilica is a church of architectural and historic significance that must “stand out as a center of active and pastoral liturgy,” according to the Vatican. It does not have to be a cathedral. Ohio’s five basilicas are in Carey, Canton, Youngstown, North Jackson and Marietta.

A shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa is located in the southeast Cleveland suburb of Garfield Heights on the grounds of a hospital that’s part of the Cleveland Clinic system. Marymount Hospital is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis and has partnered with the clinic since 1995. Outdoor Masses take place there at the shrine, and it’s a pilgrimage site for northeast Ohio’s large Polish Catholic community. Hospital employees, patients and visitors often are seen praying at the shrine or enjoying the beauty of nature that surrounds it.

The Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity operate the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, just east of Cleveland. The shrine has existed since the mid-1920s, when it was donated to another order of sisters by a family that had been using it as a vineyard. Its grotto is the oldest known replica of the grotto where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France, in 1858, and includes pieces of the stone where Mary stood. Daily Mass is celebrated there all year, with additional activities on Sundays from May to October. The site has outdoor Stations, as well as a rosary of stones encircling the hill behind the grotto. Its website is www.srstrinity.com. Other Ohio Lourdes grottoes are in Mogadore and Genoa, which are near Akron and Toledo respectively, and at the Bergamo Center in Dayton.

Another of Cleveland’s eastern suburbs, Highland Heights, is the site for St. Ann’s Shrine, which includes a relic of St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin, and is the provincial headquarters of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. The shrine is open on weekdays except holidays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information is at www.st-ann-shrine.org.

The world’s largest statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not in Mexico, but at Windsor in Ashtabula County, at the Center for Peace on the farm of Ed and Pat Heinz. The statue was sculpted in the mid-1990s by Richard Hyslin of Texas. In front of the image is a lake encircled by a rosary whose “beads” are lights the size of a beach ball, with a lifesize crucifix at the bottom of the circle.

Catholic Familyland in eastern Ohio near Steubenville, operated by the Apostolate for Family Consecration since 1992, provides families a place where they can spend a week enjoying the outdoors while strengthening their relationship with Jesus. It’s located on the grounds of a former seminary near U.S. Route 22 and includes more than 800 acres providing plenty of opportunities for recreation. Each summer, it offers weeklong events known as Holy Family Fests that feature activities mixing faith with fun. Starting dates for this year’s remaining Holy Family Fests, all Saturdays, are June 29, July 13 and 27 and Aug. 10. More details are at www.afc.org.

Drivers on old U.S. Route 52 at the southern tip of Ohio often are surprised to see a statue standing above a quiet field and surrounded by kneeling figures in an area dominated by Ohio River industrial sites. The statues, depicting Our Lady of Fatima and the children to whom she appeared at Portugal in 1917, are the center of a Fatima shrine built in 1952 by Father Louis Phillips, pastor of St. Lawrence O’Toole Church in Ironton. The shrine also includes 15 mosaics representing the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Go to www.irontoncathedral.org for more information.

A 19 ½-foot statue of Our Lady of Fatima atop a concrete pedestal provides a landmark for boaters on Indian Lake in Russells Point. It was said to be the world’s largest statue of Our Lady of Fatima when it was dedicated in 1964 through the efforts of George Quatman, an Ohio business executive who founded the American Catholic Familyland.

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Society of Ephesus (ASE), dedicated to caring for Christian sites in Turkey. Quatman died shortly afterward and his son erected Stations of the Cross along the Russells Point canal. The Ephesus society also has placed a statue of Our Lady of Ephesus at Lehman High School in Sidney, Ohio. The University of Dayton is the location for an ASE statue of Mary at the wedding feast in Cana. Find out more at www.ase-gbgfoundation.org.

The university, run by the Marianist priests and brothers, also is home for the International Marian Research Institute, with the world’s largest collection of printed materials on the Blessed Virgin.

One of Ohio’s longest-standing pilgrimage traditions takes place on Good Friday at Holy Cross-Immaculata Church and St. Gregory Church in Cincinnati. It’s known as “praying the steps” because it involves going up a series of concrete steps leading to Holy Cross-Immaculata, located at the top of the city’s Mount Adams, and praying at each one. It began in 1859 when the hilltop church was built and has continued every year since, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Good Friday with a blessing. There are 150 steps altogether – 65 from Riverside Drive to Columbia Parkway and St. Gregory, and another 85 to Holy Cross-Immaculata. Most pilgrims take the latter route. More details are at www.hciparish.org.

Atop Mount Airy, another of Cincinnati’s seven hills, is the National Shrine of St. Anthony, where Franciscan friars have lived since 1889. Eleven Friars live there today on a site that once was a country estate and now provides an urban oasis in the midst of the city, with a small outdoor shrine including statues of St. Anthony, St. Francis and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and an adjacent field with an outdoor cross. Go to www.stanthony.org for more information.

Across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, in Covington, Kentucky, is St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with a sanctuary inspired by Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The north transept is said to contain the world’s largest handmade church stained-glass window. The basilica website is www.covcathedral.com.

Parish to celebrate bicentennial of Zanesville’s first Mass

A Solemn High Mass in the Dominican Rite, honoring the 200th anniversary of the first Mass in Zanesville, will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 14 in Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St.

Father Charles Shonk, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Church will be the principal celebrant, with Dominican friars from St. Patrick Priory in Columbus as concelebrants. The choirs of the two churches, directed by Dr. Christopher Urbiel of St. Thomas Aquinas and Kathleen Tully of St. Patrick, will provide liturgical music.

The first Mass in Zanesville was celebrated at the Green Tree Tavern by Dominican Father Dominic Young, OP, a nephew of Bishop Edward Fenwick, OP, who celebrated Ohio’s first Mass at Somerset in 1808. Dominicans served St. Thomas Aquinas Church continuously from then until July 2017, when they announced that their St. Joseph Province was refocusing its ministries in larger communities of friars.

The building that was the site of the first Mass was owned by John Dugan, an early benefactor of the parish who purchased a brick warehouse that was converted into the parish’s first church in 1821. Dugan also purchased the land for the parish’s second church in 1825. The current church was built on the same land in 1844.

Dugan died in Bishop Fenwick’s arms later in 1825 when the stagecoach in which both men and Father Young were riding overturned. Dugan and Father Young had gone to Baltimore to escort the bishop back to Ohio from a visit to Rome. Dugan is buried under the church.

Father Shonk said a Dominican Rite Mass is similar to the Tridentine Mass, but preserves more of the distinct features of medieval liturgy than the Tridentine Mass. For instance, there is no response to the readings or the Gospel or to the prayer that begins “Pray, my brothers and sisters.”

“To participate in the Dominican Rite Mass, we encounter something of St. Dominic’s world. We breathe the spirit of the early Dominican order,” he said.

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Fr. Charlie will celebrate a farewell Mass at St. Paul on Sunday June 30 at the 12:15 PM Mass and a public reception will be held immediately following the Mass in the Activities Center on Campus from 1:30-4:30 PM. All are welcome to the Mass and reception. We invite everyone to extend their good wishes to Fr. Charlie in his future retirement.

It is with warm wishes that Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish of Westerville announces the retirement of our Pastor, Rev. Charles F. Klinger, effective July 9, after sixteen years of service.