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Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton has appointed **Father H. Christopher Foxhoven**, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Glouster, and St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Nelsonville (Butchel), as moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of Nativity of Mary Deanery, effective immediately.

News Briefs

New Catholic education chairman

WASHINGTON — Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo (**Steubenville native**) of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has appointed Bishop John M. Quinn to serve as chair of the USCCB's Committee on Catholic Education. The appointment was made following the resignation of Bishop George V. Murry, a Jesuit, of Youngstown, previous chair of the committee, after his diagnosis with a form of acute leukemia.

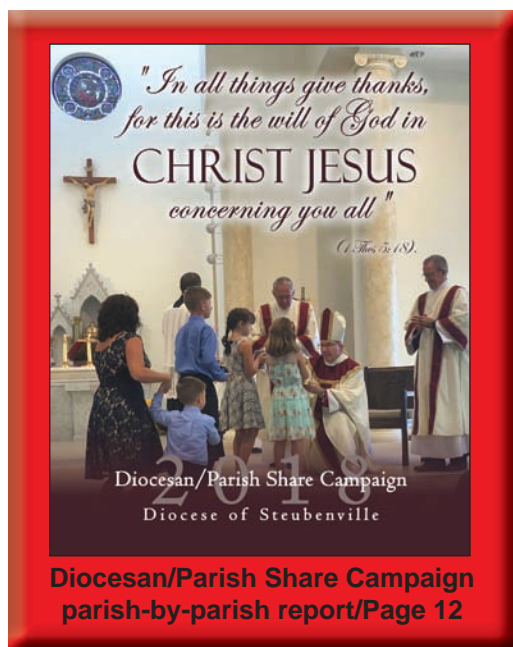
"Our most heartfelt prayers are with Bishop Murry and his loved ones," Cardinal DiNardo said. "We ask all people of faith to join us in praying for his full recovery. I am grateful to Bishop Quinn for his dedication to now lead the work of the Committee on Catholic Education."

Anniversary edition of 'Humanae Vitae'

WASHINGTON — In honor of the 50th anniversary of Blessed Paul VI's encyclical letter, "Humanae Vitae" ('of human life')—On the Regulation of Birth," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is making available a special edition that includes reflections from succeeding popes on the prophetic teaching that honors the spiritual and sensory elements found in conjugal love.

The encyclical proclaims the path of grace and true happiness for married couples under the abiding yoke of Christ. Blessed Paul VI's letter promotes the whole human person in the context of marital love that respects both the spiritual and physical dimensions of man and woman.

This edition includes the full encyclical, with excerpts from Blessed Paul VI's successors affirming the teachings of "Humanae Vitae."



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Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon is celebrating 65 years of ordination, others 60, 50, 40, 25 years

By Dino Orsatti
Editor

STEUBENVILLE — Diocese of Steubenville **Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon** is celebrating 65 years of ordination to the priesthood.

He is among those priests and a deacon who will be honored June 18, at the diocese's Annual Priests' Jubilee Celebration, at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville. The jubilee Mass, presided by Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, begins at 4:30 p.m., with dinner following in Marian Hall, according to Father Thomas A. Chillog, diocesan episcopal vicar for pastoral planning and personnel.

Other jubilarians include Msgr. James A. Boehm, celebrating 60 years of ordination; Msgr. Patrick E. Gaughan and Father Thomas J. Graven, 50 years; Father Thomas R. Nau and Permanent Deacon Gerald Hickey, 40 years; Father Timothy J. Huffman, Father Frederick C. Kihm and Father John J. "Jack" McCoy, 25 years.

Recently retired priest, Msgr. Robert J. Kawa, will also be honored at the celebration.

Bishop Sheldon was born Sept. 20, 1926, in Cleveland, one of 12 children of Ignatius P. and Stephanie J. Olszewski Sheldon.

He received his early education at St. Philip Neri Elementary, Cleveland, and Cathedral Latin High School, Cleveland, and then went on to receive degrees from John Carroll University and St. Mary Seminary, both in Cleveland, and the Ohio Consortium of Seminaries, Columbus, Ohio. In addition, Bishop Sheldon has been awarded honorary degrees from Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia, and Franciscan University of Steubenville.

A member of the U.S. Army Air Force, 1944-45, (having enlisted immediately after high school, at the age of 17) he was ordained to the priesthood Feb. 28, 1953, by Archbishop Edward F. Hoban.

During his priestly ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, Bishop Sheldon was an associate pastor, St. Rose, St. Clare and Sts. Philip and James; Diocesan Director and national board member of the Society for the Propagation of the



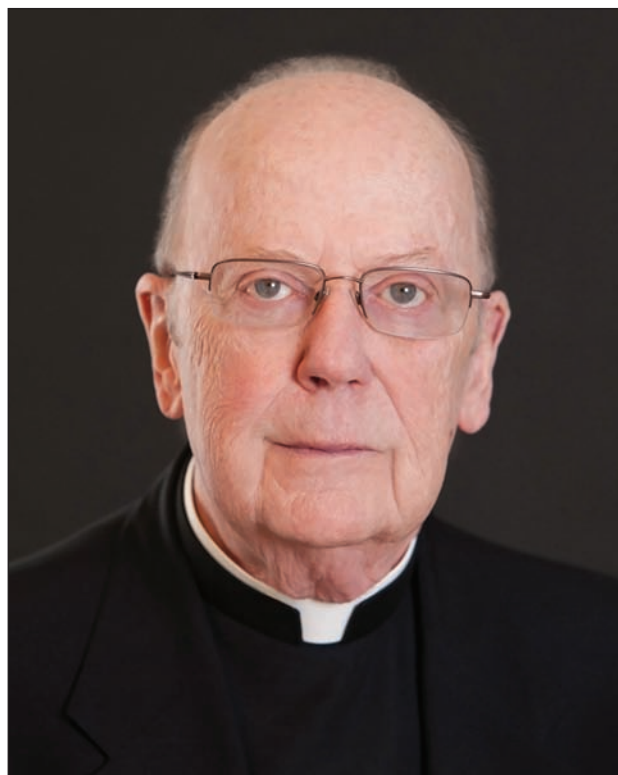
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Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

Faith, traveling to 23 countries on five continents; chaplain, Magnificat High School; pastor, Sacred Heart; episcopal vicar, Lorain County; notary, diocesan Tribunal; prosynodal judge, diocesan Tribunal; academic board, St. Mary Seminary; board of trustees, Borromeo College; instructor, St. John College; chaplain, Serra Club West; chaplain, West Park Knights of Columbus; diocesan consultor; and member of Catholic Charities Board.

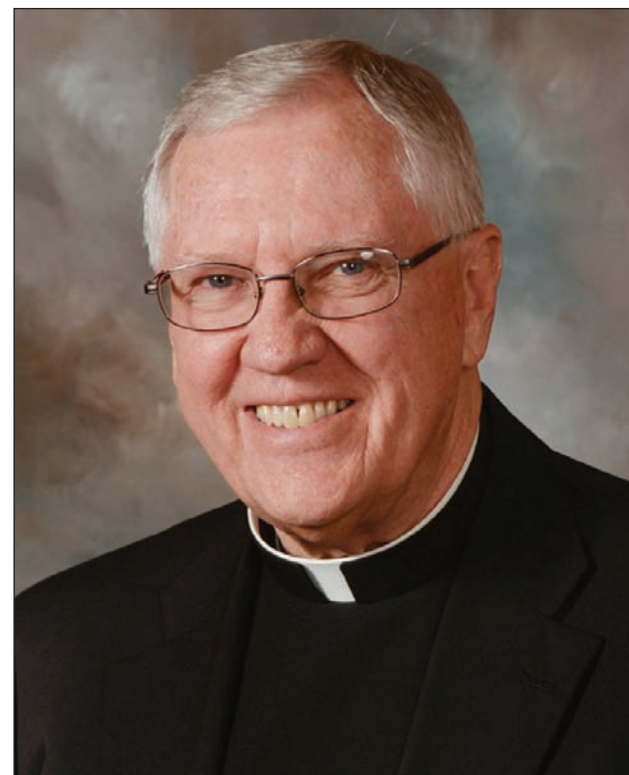
On June 11, 1976, he was ordained a bishop by Bishop, and later Cardinal, James A. Hickey. As an auxiliary bishop for the Cleveland Diocese, Bishop Sheldon was the vicar, Marriage and Family Concerns; vicar, Summit County; and vicar, Southern Region.

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(File photo)

Msgr. James A. Boehm



(File photo)

Msgr. Patrick E. Gaughan

'Ask the Bishop'

STEUBENVILLE — Students in kindergarten through 12th grade in the Diocese of Steubenville "Ask the Bishop" Jeffrey M. Monforton.

Q: How many years does it take to become a priest or bishop?

**Caden Henniger
Marietta**

A: This is a very good question for not many people are aware of the amount of time and energy that goes into preparation for a man to become a priest.

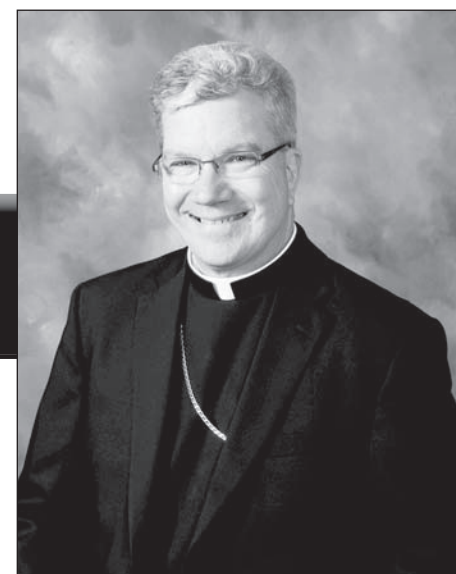
The answer for the second part of the question is bishops are chosen from among priests by the Holy Father. The first thing that must happen for a man to even begin the pilgrimage toward priestly ordination is he must be called or invited by Jesus. In short, we'd like to say that Jesus invites, we respond.

The man formally preparing for the priesthood must have at least graduated from high school or be at the high school

graduating age. Following entrance into the seminary, usually a seminarian prepares for the priesthood with a course of six to eight years depending on his collegiate academic background. The formation process itself is made at college level and includes pre-theology at theology level (which is graduate studies). The graduate studies usually take four to five years.

The four dimensions (formally known as pillars) of priestly formation are intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human. In other words, the seminarian is expected to grow in each one of these areas. In fact, he is preparing to become a priest of Jesus Christ, in which he will be the head of the household for whatever parish he is entrusted. He will share the person of Jesus Christ with others through his celebration of the sacraments, the proclamation of the word and in his service to his fellow brothers and sisters in need.

Please join me as we pray for our seminarians preparing to serve the people of God in our beloved diocese in the person of Jesus Christ.



Bishop Monforton

Q: Can a priest absolve themselves of sin?

**Kassidy Costlow
St. Clairsville**

A: No, a priest cannot absolve himself of any sin. All of us, including the pope himself must go to another priest for confession. You see, a priest is present in the person of Christ, toward another, namely the penitent or the person confessing their sins, and so a priest cannot place himself in both roles as the confessor forgiving the sins and the penitent confessing the sins.

Hopefully, our readers find this answer comforting, for we priests and bishops visit our confessors as well in the sacrament of penance. In fact, how I began to learn to be a confessor was when I began to go to confession as a penitent. Let us join each other in prayer that more and more of our fellow Catholics will place greater value on this sacrament of forgiveness.

Q: Why can't a non-Catholic receive the Eucharist?

**Owen Buxton
Kipling**

A: In question is the preservation of the integrity of the Eucharist and one's witness to believe in the truth of the Catholic faith. While we live in a society of inclusion, we can at times go to extremes to ask the question: Can we not do anything? That question can apply to who can receive the Eucharist.

Our faith is quite clear that one's adherence to the profession of faith that is the

creed we recite every Sunday is essential for one to receive the Eucharist. What, also, is understood is that the person must be "in good standing" with the church's teaching in order to receive the Eucharist. It is fundamental that a person in the communion line believes that they are going to receive the body and blood of Christ. I cannot tell you how many people over my time as a priest have chosen to become Catholic in order that they may receive Jesus Christ at holy Communion.

The Eucharist is a sign of unity in which the community comes together to receive the body and blood of Christ, all sharing common belief in the Catholic Church and having embraced its teaching in their words and actions.

Together let us pray for Christian unity as our Lord Jesus, the prince of peace, works within our lives bringing brother and sister together in his name. May you and your family have an enjoyable and relaxing Memorial Day weekend.

Questions for "Ask the Bishop" are channeled through the Diocese of Steubenville Office of Christian Formation and Schools.

To "Ask the Bishop," contact, Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, director, Diocese of Steubenville Office of Christian Formation and Schools, P.O. Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952; 422 Washington St., Steubenville; telephone (740) 282-3631; email pward@diosteub.org.

Bishop Monforton celebrates confirmation Mass



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, pictured center, celebrated a confirmation Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville April 22. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Maddox Gulan, Marco Orecchio, Natalie Cherepko and Gus Zaleski. In the second row, from left, are Kyle Shultz, Addison Runkle and Anthony Cesta. Standing in the third row, from left, are Permanent Deacon Thomas E. Graham, Permanent Deacon Mark A. Erste, Cameron Bradley, Keeley Day, Brady Longo, John Mitchell and Father Michael W. Gossett, parochial vicar to Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, Wintersville. (Photo by Orsatti)

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On April 2, 1992, he was installed as the third bishop of the Diocese of Steubenville. During that time, he served on U.S. bishops' committees for Latin America, Administration, National Advisory Council, Missions and Nominations, as well as was a member of the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus Board.

While in Cleveland, and as bishop of the Steubenville Diocese, Bishop Sheldon, also, was active in civic and community affairs, including holding membership in the Knights of Columbus, Serra Club, Order of Alhambra, Catholic War Veterans, American Legion and Rotary Club.

As he celebrated 25 years as a bishop in 2001, Bishop Sheldon attributed his vocation to faith he inherited from his parents, which was re-enforced by parish priests and high school teachers. His episcopal motto was "Fortes in Fide" (Solid in Faith).

He began to nurture the faith of those he shepherded in the Diocese of Steubenville with a series of articles, which were published in The Steubenville Register. The columns he started in 1993 continue to appear biweekly in the diocesan newspaper that he ensured was delivered to every Catholic household in the diocese, free of charge. When asked on how he is able to continually so thoroughly document his writings, Bishop Sheldon termed his Register columns as expositions, "rather than a commentary, because they combine elements, not only of commentary, but elaboration, summary and personal reflection. The only research that is involved consists mostly of checking references and quotations," he said.

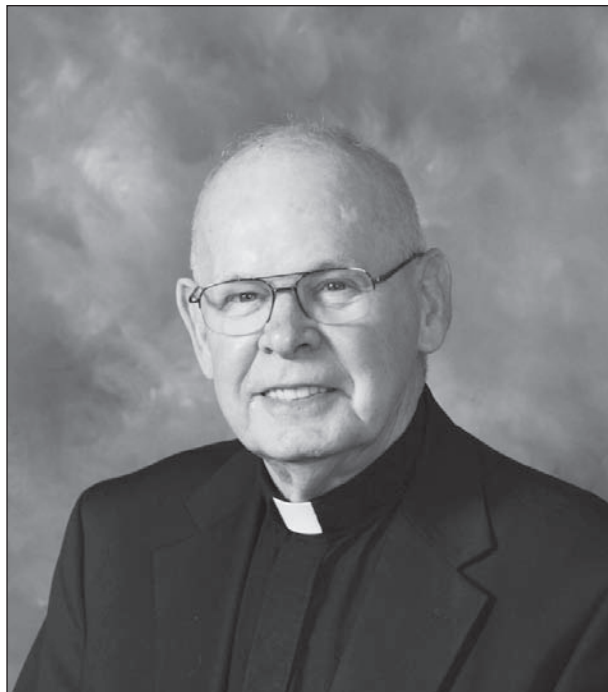
Also, while bishop of Steubenville, Bishop Sheldon visited parishes and institutions in the diocese on a continuous basis, practices he said he enjoyed. In addition, he said, he found enjoyable presiding at liturgical functions and participating in the activities of groups, such as the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Serra Club. Too, the daily office routine for him was most gratifying, he said, since the staff functioned very much like a family.

Church law dictates that a bishop must submit his resignation as a bishop to Rome on his 75th birthday. His resignation was accepted Aug. 5, 2002.

Following retirement, Bishop Sheldon continued to reside in Steubenville. "I have been engaged in a number of activities: I am now officially chaplain to the Brothers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with whom I have made my home since coming to Steubenville. (I take care of their spiritual needs, while they care for my temporal ones). ... I have also served as judge on the diocesan Tribunal, which handles marriage cases."

"For several years, I also served as an adjunct instructor in theology at Franciscan University in the area of medical ethics. Like most retired priests, I help with Mass and the sacraments when called upon."

He has been a golfer and a history buff, as well as a regular exerciser. Of his ministry, he said, "I have served in a variety of capacities in the last 65 years, any one of which has produced fond memories, as well as challenges."



Father Thomas J. Graven (File photo)

Being a newly ordained priest is a memorable experience for anyone. Later, as Diocesan Director for the Propagation of the Faith, the world itself was, in a sense, my ministry.

"Memorable, too, is the assignment to one's first pastorate. Ordination as a bishop is certainly a relatively unique experience, as is assignment as bishop of a diocese. A Tribunal judge is charged with picking up the pieces of peoples' broken personal and spiritual lives. All these activities have their emotional peaks and valleys. I would say that the one thing that I treasure most in all of it is the people with whom I have been privileged to work for and with. They were and are there with me in every assignment that I have had."

Msgr. James A. Boehm celebrates 60 years of ordination to the priesthood.

He was born Dec. 31, 1929, in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, the son of the late attorney Leonard M. and Amelia Semler Boehm. He was one of six children, Helen, William, Edward, Dorothy and George, who are all deceased.

Msgr. Boehm was educated at St. Mary, McKees Rocks elementary and secondary schools; St. Vincent College and Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania; St. Maur Seminary,

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Bishop Monforton's Schedule

May

- 19 First Mass, Father Joshua D. Erickson, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Toronto, 10 a.m.
Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, Ironton, 5:15 p.m.
- 20 Confirmation Mass, St. Henry Church, Harriettsville, 11 a.m.
Confirmation Mass, St. Paul Church, Athens, 6 p.m.
- 21 Mass, followed by lunch, Camaldolese Hermits of Monte Corona, Italy, Bloomingdale, 11 a.m.
- 22 Confirmation Mass, St. Teresa of Avila Church, Cadiz, 6 p.m.
- 23 Baccalaureate Mass for St. John Central High School, Bellaire, at St. John Church, Bellaire, 7 p.m.
- 24 Baccalaureate Mass for Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, at St. Peter Church, Steubenville, 7 p.m.
- 29 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m.
- 30 Baccalaureate Mass for St. Joseph Central High School, Ironton, at St. Joseph Church, Ironton, 7 p.m.
- 31 Mass, St. Joseph Church, Ironton, 8 a.m.

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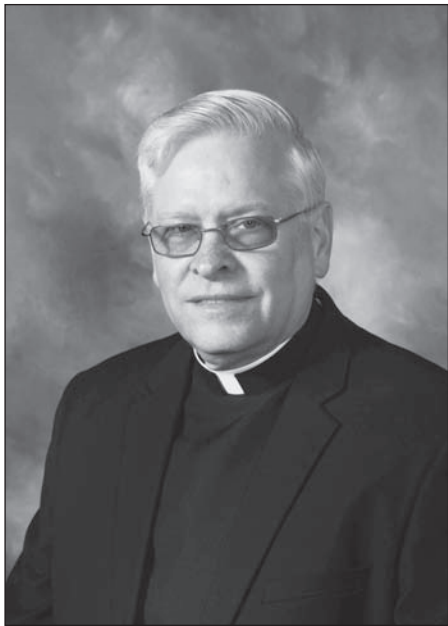
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Father Thomas R. Nau

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South Union, Kentucky; and St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, Pennsylvania; as well as attended Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia.

The late Bishop John King Mussio ordained him to the priesthood May 31, 1958.

Msgr. Boehm's priestly ministry included assignments as a teacher at Catholic Central High School, Steubenville; St. John Central High School, Bellaire; and St. Joseph Central High School, Ironton.

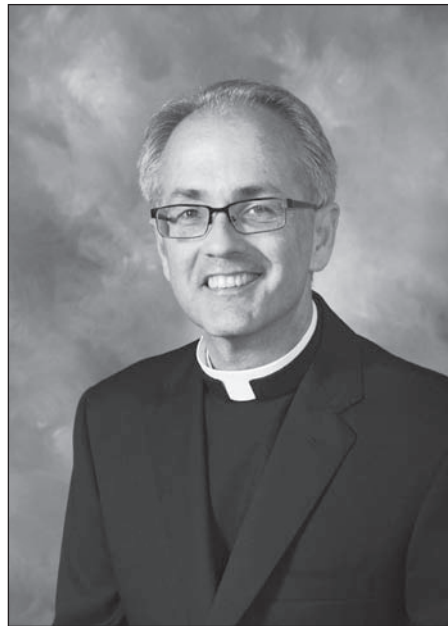
He was a columnist and editor of The Steubenville Register, from 1966-73 and from 1986-2000.

Msgr. Boehm also served as pastor of St. Paul Parish, Flushing; Our Lady of Mercy, Carrollton; and Sacred Heart, Neffs; in pastoral care at St. John Medical Center, Steubenville; parochial vicar, St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville; diocesan director, National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures; spiritual director, pre-Cana program; member of the diocesan Communications Commission; and diocesan representative, lay deanery council. For 20 years, he served on Bishops' Pastoral Staff and was named a monsignor (prelate of honor) in 1990.

During some of his priestly service to the diocese, Msgr. Boehm resided at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wintersville.

Msgr. Boehm retired in 2000 to Hendersonville, North Carolina. He currently resides in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.

Msgr. Patrick E. Gaughan has served as a diocesan priest for 50 years.



(File photo)

Father Timothy J. Huffman

Born Oct. 21, 1942, in Steubenville, he is one of two boys and three girls of the late Roger E. and Mary Margaret Graul Gaughan.

He attended St. Peter Grade School and Catholic Central High School, both in Steubenville. After high school, he enrolled at what was then The College of Steubenville. Later, he studied at St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomingdale; Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California; and Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia.

In 1968, at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, Bishop John King Mussio ordained him to the priesthood.

Msgr. Gaughan taught math and religion at St. John Central High School, Bellaire, after a summer assignment to Holy Name Cathedral. He taught at the high school for five years, while residing at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Bridgeport, where he also served as assistant pastor.

Other early assignments included serving as an assistant pastor at St. Mary Parish, Martins Ferry and later pastor of St. Mary Parish.

On a diocesan level, Msgr. Gaughan served the liturgical commission, Priests' Personnel Board and Ecumenical Commission. He was also chairman of the Priests' Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Study Diocesan Needs; moderator Presentation Deanery Council of Catholic Women; and director of vocations. He was the administrator of St. Thomas More Mission, Bloomingdale; vicar substitute at St. Casimir Parish, Adena; and parochial vicar to the pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wintersville.

In 1985, he became pastor of St. Paul Parish, Athens. Four years later, he became dean of Nativity of Mary Deanery, a position he held, often, until his retirement; and in 1990, he was named a prelate of honor with the title of monsignor. Upon the retirement of Christ the King University Parish's pastor in 2011, Msgr. Gaughan was named pastor of that parish as well.

Msgr. Gaughan retired from active parish ministry in 2012 and relocated to a condominium in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where he spends more time with his siblings and their children. He also helps out regularly in the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, at St. Pius X Parish, Reynoldsburg, and occasionally in the Diocese of Steubenville. Msgr. Gaughan has been an adjunct spiritual director at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, for three years and celebrates Mass and hears confessions at Bishop Hartley High and St. Therese Retreat House, Columbus.

Father Thomas J. Graven also celebrates 50 years of ordination to the priesthood this year.

Father Graven was born Nov. 14, 1933, in Cleveland, one of 11 children of James and Rose Graven.

He received his education at St. Gregory Seminary, Cincinnati; Borromeo Seminary, Wickliffe, Ohio, and St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomingdale.

In addition, Father Graven received a Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of Steubenville (now Franciscan University of Steubenville) and a degree in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

On May 25, 1968, at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, he was ordained to the priesthood by the Diocese of Steubenville's first bishop, John King Mussio.

Initially, Father Graven was assigned as a teacher at Seton Central High School, Lafferty; assistant pastor, St. Mary Parish,

St. Clairsville; teacher, Guernsey Catholic Central High School, Cambridge; and assistant pastor, St. Benedict Parish, Cambridge.

Also, Father Graven served as an assistant at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wintersville; Holy Name Cathedral; and Christ the King University Parish, Athens. Then, he served the latter parish as its pastor. He also served St. Elizabeth Mission, Crescent.

Father Graven, too, served as pastor of St. Ann Parish, Chesapeake; St. Stanislaus Parish, Maynard; and St. Joseph Parish, Fairpoint.

Father Graven retired from active parish ministry, Jan. 1, 2015.

In retirement, he resides in Huntington, West Virginia, and celebrates Masses at Huntington parishes, especially Our Lady of Fatima Parish and at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington.

Father Thomas R. Nau celebrates 40 years of ordination to the priesthood this year.

Father Nau, a Caldwell native, was born in 1952 and was a member of what is now St. Stephen Parish, Caldwell. He attended schools in Caldwell before his family moved to Fulda. St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church was his home parish at the time of ordination.

He continued his education at the College of Steubenville, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. His theology training was at St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomingdale.

Bishop Albert H. Ottenweller presided at his ordination May 13, 1978, at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville.

Father Nau's first assignment was to Ironton as an instructor at St. Joseph Central High School and as associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish.

In 1984, Father Nau was appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Bishop

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Watterson Council 1405, Ironton.

After serving for 10 years in the Ironton parish and schools, Father Nau was appointed as administrative assistant and part-time instructor at St. John Central High School, Bellaire, with residence at All Saints Church, Blaine.

A year later, he returned to Ironton as principal of St. Lawrence Central School and St. Joseph Central High School, residing at St. Joseph Church.

He was appointed pastor of St. Ann Parish, Chesapeake, in 1991, continuing as principal of the two Ironton schools. He served as principal until 1995.

In 1992, Father Nau was named moderator of Immaculate Conception Deanery Council of Catholic Women. He remained moderator until the realignment of deaneries in 2001.

The jubilarian was appointed pastor of St. Lawrence and St. Joseph parishes, Ironton, in 1996.

While pastor there, he also served as parochial administrator of St. Ann Parish from October 2000 until February 2001.

In 2008, Father Nau was appointed pastor of Triumph of the Cross Parish and rector of Holy Name Cathedral, both in Steubenville. He was appointed to the Priests' Personnel Board to represent middle-aged clergy in 2009 and reappointed to the Priests' Retirement Board for a five-year term Jan 2, 2018.

Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton appointed Father Nau pastoral administrator of Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, a position he has held since July 2015.

Father Timothy J. Huffman, Father Frederick C. Kihm and Father John J. "Jack" McCoy celebrate 25 years of ordination to the priesthood in 2018.

Father Huffman was born Oct. 18, 1964, in Marietta. He is the son of Donnie G. Huffman, who resides in New Matamoras, and the late Ruth Ann Griffin Huffman. He has two sisters, Sharon (Dan) Caretti of Clarington, Cindy (John) Felton of New Matamoras, and a brother, Mark (Nancy), who live in Marietta.

Father Huffman attended New Matamoras Elementary School and Frontier Local High School. He graduated from Ohio University, Athens, in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and from St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, in 1992 with a Master of Divinity degree.

He served his seminary assignments at St. Benedict Parish, Cambridge; St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Fulda; St. Michael's, Carlisle; St. Mary, Marietta; and did his deacon practicum at St. Rose Church, Latrobe.

Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon ordained Father Huffman to the priesthood, June 5, 1993, at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville.

After ordination, Father Huffman was assigned initially as full-time instructor, St. John Central High School, Bellaire, and parochial vicar, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Bridgeport.

Throughout his years of active ministry in the diocese, Father Huffman was appointed parochial vicar of St. Benedict Parish; parochial vicar and then administrator pro tem of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Malvern, and St. Gabriel, Minerva; pastor of St. Henry Parish, Harrietsville; and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Lowell; and administrator and then pastor of St. Peter Parish, Steubenville, where he has served since 2012.

Father Huffman has also served as parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Greenville, South Carolina; administrator of Our Lady of Nazareth Church, Roanoke, Virginia; and pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish, Bedford, Virginia, while at the same time providing sacramental ministry to Transfiguration Church, Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia.

Father Huffman also held positions as director of ecumenism for the diocese; a member of the Priests' Personnel Board, to represent the southern area of the diocese; as well as one of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon's representatives on Presbyteral Council, for three years.

Father Kihm was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1953. He is the son of the late Donald and Louise Ann Kihm. He has two sisters, as well as two brothers.

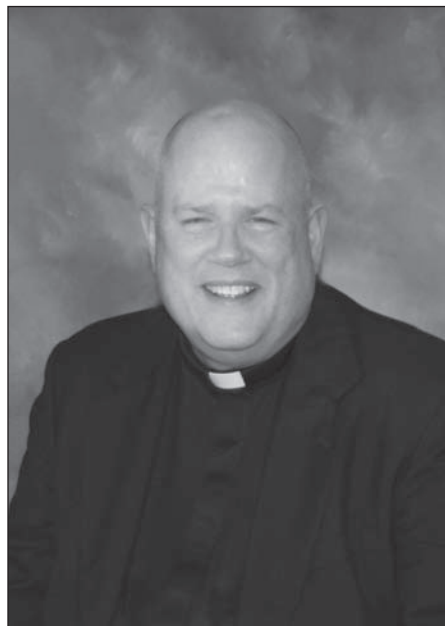
Father Kihm attended Holy Family School, Poland, Ohio, and Springfield Local High School. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music at the Hochschule fur Musik und darstellende Kunst "Mozarteum" in Salzburg, Austria, and a Master of Divinity from Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio.

Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon ordained Father Kihm at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, November 27, 1993.

After ordination, he was assigned as parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish, Martins Ferry, and chaplain at St. John Central High School, Bellaire.

Father Kihm was also appointed pastoral administrator of St. John Central School, Churchtown, and moderator of the Council of Catholic Women of Presentation Deanery.

Other appointments included parochial vicar of St. Sylvester, Woodfield; St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg; St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis; St. Joseph Parish, Burkhart; parochial vicar of Holy Name Cathedral and



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Father Fredrick C. Kihm

St. Anthony parishes, Steubenville; parochial vicar at Blessed Sacrament Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Wintersville; pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Churchtown; pastor of St. Paul Parish, Flushing and St. Mary Parish, Lafferty; pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Cadiz; Sacred Heart Parish, Hopedale; and administrator of St. Matthias Mission, Freeport.

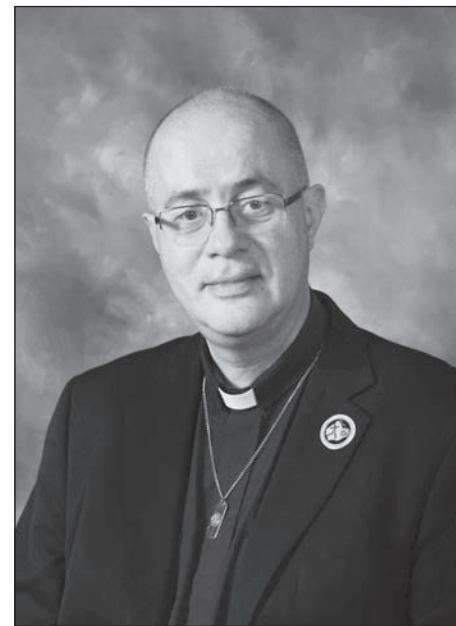
Father McCoy, born July 27, 1956, is a native of Pittsburgh, and the son of the late John J. Sr. and Mary June Goebel McCoy. He has two sisters, JoAnn Stoehr of Friendswood, Texas, Judith Corasaniti of Steubenville, and a brother Jerome, in Pittsburgh.

Father McCoy attended St. Joseph Grade School, Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania, and St. Basil High School, Carrick, Pennsylvania. Father McCoy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Point Park College, Pittsburgh, in 1978; a paralegal degree from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, in 1985; and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, in 1992. He attended Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, from 1988 to 1991.

His assignments as a seminarian were to Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Lore City; Corpus Christi Parish, Belle Valley; St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fulda; St. Michael, Carlisle; chaplain of the Boy Scouts of America, Fort Steuben Scout Reservation; St. Peter, Steubenville; and Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, as a deacon.

Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon ordained Father McCoy in 1993 at Holy Name Cathedral.

Following ordination, he was appointed full-time instructor, Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, and parochial



(File photo)

Father John J. "Jack" McCoy

vicar, St. Agnes and Annunciation parishes, Mingo Junction.

Throughout his years of active ministry, Father McCoy served as parochial vicar, St. Joseph and St. Lawrence O'Toole parishes, Ironton; parochial vicar, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville; parochial administrator and then pastor, St. John Fisher Parish, Richmond and St. Joseph Parish, Amsterdam.

Father McCoy has also held positions as chaplain of St. John Medical Center, Steubenville; representative on Presbyteral Council for six years; chaplain for the Catholic Committee on Scouting; served on the Steubenville Fertility Center Board; was chaplain for the Catholic War Veterans of America Post 1970; Knights of Columbus Council 803 faithful friar and secretary, Knights of Columbus Council 472 chaplain and secretary; and was reappointed to serve on the College of Consultors for a five-year period, which ends 2022.

His hobbies are gardening, reading, writing and collecting religious art works.

After serving the people of St. Bernard Parish, Beverly, for more than two decades and ministering in the Diocese of Steubenville for nearly five decades, **Msgr. Kawa** retired from active parish ministry, June 30, 2017.

Born May 26, 1943, in Canton, Ohio, Msgr. Kawa is one of five children of John and Anna Irene Younger Kawa. His siblings include Richard of Byesville, MaryAnn Babka of Byesville, Patricia Rusinko of Pleasant City, and Christine Babich of Mooresville, North Carolina.

Msgr. Kawa holds a Bachelor of Arts from The College of Steubenville; a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from The Catholic

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St. John Paul II The Spirit and the Interior Life

By Diocese of Steubenville
Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

St. John Paul II makes a distinction, following the lead of his namesake, St. Paul, between the natural interior, or “psychic” nature of mankind, and that supernatural life that comes as the result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Both the natural and the supernatural life can and should develop. Psychologists refer to the developed natural interior life as one that is “well-adjusted,” “balanced,” etc. We may speak, also, of a well-adjusted supernatural life. Such a life manifests the so-called *Fruits of the Spirit*: “... (T)he fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:19-22).

The pope explains: “In the believer, the Holy Spirit develops the entire dynamism of grace, which gives new life, and of virtues, which translate this vitality into fruits of goodness. From ‘within’ the believer, the Holy Spirit is also at work like a fire, according to another simile used by John the Baptist ... ‘He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire’” (Mt 3:11). Under the action of the Holy Spirit, in the believer, an original sanctity is so developed that it assumes, elevates and brings the personality of each one to perfection without destroying it. Thus, every saint has his own physiognomy. As St. Paul can say: “Star differs from star in brightness” (1 Cor 15:41). John Paul observes that “In this way, currents of spiritual life, schools of spirituality and religious institutions are born, whose variety is thus the effect of that divine intervention. It is the Holy Spirit who puts to use the capacities of all in persons and groups, in communities and institutions, among priests and laypeople.”

John Paul goes on to say that holiness itself consists in “the perfection of love.” Love varies in each individual according to the conditions that each experiences, keeping in mind that love is, in essence, *giving*. God himself is the epitome of love in that he has given, i.e., shared, with us, existence itself!

Liberty comes as one of the gifts of the Spirit. In Paul’s epistles, he speaks often of freedom from the “Law,” meaning, usually, the Mosaic Law of the Old Testament. Christ transformed that Law into that of the New Covenant. He

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spelled it out for us throughout the Gospels, specifically in the Sermon on the Mount and elsewhere. It is freedom that is based on love rather than fear. It is the same kind of law that we find in families, between children and parents, of not fear, but love. “Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, ‘Abba, Father’” (Rom 8:14-15).

St. John Paul goes on to say: “The first and most excellent form of the interior life is prayer. The teachers and masters of the spiritual life are so convinced of this that they often present the interior life as a life of prayer.” We know from the Gospels that Jesus himself often spent nights in prayer, apart from the apostles and others. This was so that he could concentrate without distraction on conversation with the Father, a practice we imitate when we go “on retreat,” to refresh our spiritual lives. Prayer is a recognition of our fundamental religious duty: to acknowledge our status as creatures, and God as our creator.

Prayer does not come easy to us in our fallen nature, but we are not alone. We have the Holy Spirit to assist us, as we learn especially from Chapter 8 of Paul’s Letter to the Romans: “The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ ...” (Rom 8:16-17). “We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains ... and we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves, as we await the redemption of our bodies. ... In the same way, the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will” (Rom 8: 21-27). With confidence, we can feel as St. Paul did when he said; “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! ... Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Col 4:3-7).

Christian prayer has a “Trinitarian dimension,” the pope



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says, and it has the Holy Spirit at its origin. It was the Spirit that inspired Peter at the first Pentecost to declare: “God raised this Jesus. Of this, we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of the Father, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth as you both see and hear” (Acts 2:32-33). Here we have what is no doubt the first profession of faith in the blessed Trinity – all by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit whom the apostles had just received!

Another dimension of Christian prayer is that expressed in song, as well as words. Song is nothing new as far as sacred Scripture is concerned. The *Wisdom Books* that were referred to earlier have the nature of prayer, and were often recited in song. Such include the *Song of Songs (Canticles)* and, especially, the *Psalms*. The Psalms are attributed to King David, although it is unlikely that he composed more than just a few of them. He is often depicted with a musical instrument (a harp or lyre) proclaiming these prayers. The liturgy of today’s church makes much of song throughout the liturgical year, and in the Divine Office, the official prayer of the church. These are the prayers that priests recite daily on behalf of the church in a book called the *breviary* and which monastic communities recite in community in chant composed for this purpose. Cartoonists often depict heaven, sometimes in jest, sometimes in ridicule, as people sitting around on clouds strumming harps. There is some truth to it. In heaven, the blessed will be occupied with the contemplation of the infinite majesty of God and moved to express their joy and admiration in the best way they know, which is undoubtedly better than anything we can do on earth!

Why the Ascension of the Lord Matters

By Bishop Robert Barron

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord, which the church celebrates at the end of the Easter season, is, I admit, hard to explain to a lot of contemporary people. Jesus passed, in bodily form, from this world to heaven? Wouldn’t his body still be in some identifiable place within the solar system or the galaxy? I’m sure that the traditional formulation of the doctrine strikes many today as hopelessly prescientific and mythological. And, even if we were to admit the possibility of such a transition happening in regard to Jesus,



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how would this in any way affect us spiritually?

The key to understanding both the meaning and significance of this feast is a recovery of the Jewish sense of heaven and earth. In regard to “heaven” and “earth,” most of us are, whether we know it or not, Greek in our thought patterns. By this I meant that we tend to setup – in the manner of the ancient Greek philosophers – a rather sharp dichotomy between the material and the spiritual, between the realm of appearance and the realm of true reality, between the fleeting earth and the permanent heaven. And, if we’re spiritually minded, we tend to think of salvation as an escape from this world – this vale of tears – to a disembodied state called “heaven.” The problem is that these convictions have far more to do with Plato than with the Bible.

Biblical cosmology is not fundamentally dualistic. It speaks indeed of “heaven” and “earth,” but it sees these two realms as interacting and interpenetrating fields of force. Heaven, the arena of God and the angels, touches upon and calls out to earth, the arena of humans, animals, plants and planets. On the biblical reading, salvation, therefore, is a matter of the meeting of heaven and earth, so that God might reign as thoroughly here below as he does on high. Jesus’ great prayer, which is constantly on the lips of Christians,

is distinctively Jewish in inspiration: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Notice please

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The Shortcomings of a Digital Immigrant

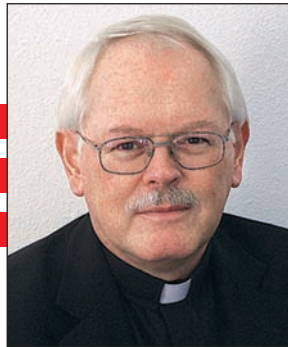
By Father Ron Rolheiser

Information technology and social media aren't my mother tongue. I'm a digital immigrant. I wasn't born into the world of information technology, but migrated into it, piecemeal. I first lived in some foreign territories.

I was nine years old before I lived with electricity. I had seen it before; but neither our home, our school, nor our neighbors had electricity. Electricity, when I first saw it, was a huge revelation. And while I grew up with radio, I was 14 before our family got its first television set. Again, this was a revelation – and manna for my adolescent hunger for connection to the larger world. Electricity and television quickly became a mother tongue, one lit our home and other brought the big world into it. But, the phone was still foreign. I was 17 when I left home and our family had never had a phone.

The phone wasn't much to master, but it would be a goodly number of years before I mastered much in the brave new world of information technology: computers, the internet, websites, mobile phones, smartphones, television and movie access through the internet, cloud storage, social media, virtual assistants, and the world of myriad apps. It's been a journey! I was 38 when I first used a VCR, 42 before I first owned a computer, 50 before I first accessed the web and used email, 58 when I owned my first mobile phone, the same age when I first set up a website, 62 before I first texted, and 65 before I joined Facebook. With email, texting, and Facebook being all I can handle, I still do not have either an Instagram or Twitter account. I'm the only person in my immediate religious community who still prays the office of the church out of a book rather than off a mobile device.

I protest that paper has soul while digital devices do not. The responses I get are not particularly sympathetic. But, it's for reasons of soul that I much prefer to have a book



Father Rolheiser

in my hand than a Kindle device. I'm not against information technology; mainly it's just that I'm not very good at it. I struggle with the language. It's hard to master a new language as an adult, and I envy the young who can speak this language well.

What's to be said about the revolution in information technology? Is it good or bad?

Obviously, it has many positives: It's making us the most informed people ever in the history of this world. Information is power, and the internet and social media have leveled the playing field in terms of access to information and this is serving well the developing nations in the world. Moreover it's creating one global village out of the whole world. We now know all of our neighbors, not just those who live nearby. We're the best-informed and best-connected people ever.

But, all of this also has a pejorative underbelly: We talk to each other less than we text each other. We have many virtual friends, but not always many real friends. We watch nature on a screen more than we ever physically touch it. We spend more time looking at devices in our hands than actually engaging others face to face. I walk through an airport, or basically any other public space,

and I see the majority of people staring at their phones. Is this a good thing? Does it foster for friendship and community, or is it their substitute? It's too early to tell. The initial generations who lived through the industrial revolution did not have any way of knowing what the effects of this would be long-range. The technological revolution, I believe, is just as radical as the industrial revolution, and we are its initial generation. At this time we have no way of knowing where this will ultimately take us, for good or bad.

But one negative that seems already evident is that the revolution within information technology we are living through is destroying the few remaining remnants we still retain in terms of keeping "Sabbath" in our lives. The 13th century mystic, Rumi, once lamented: "I have lived too long where I can be reached." That's infinitely truer of us today than it was for those living in the 13th century. Thanks to the electronic devices we carry around with us, we can be reached all the time – and, too often, let ourselves be reached all the time. The result is that now we no longer have any time apart from what we regularly do. Our family times, our recreational times, our vacation periods, and even our prayer times are constantly rendered regular time by our "being reached." My fear is that while we are going to be the most informed people ever, we may well end up the least contemplative people ever.

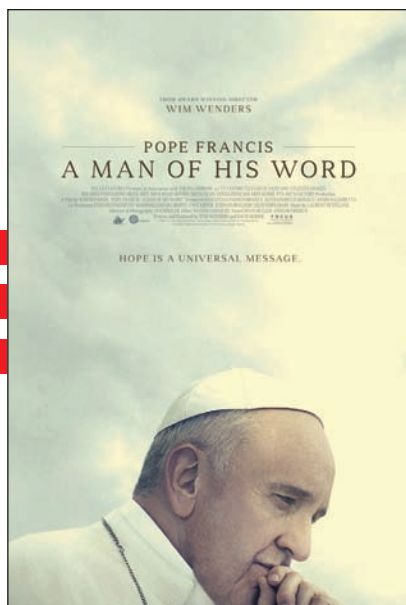
But I'm an outsider on this, a digital immigrant. I need to bow to the judgments of those who speak this language as their mother tongue.

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Pope Francis: A Man of His Word

By John Mulderig

NEW YORK (CNS) — Veteran filmmaker Wim Wenders respectfully profiles the current successor of St. Peter in the well-crafted, sometimes moving documentary "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word" (Focus). Though Wenders



This is the art for the movie "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word." (CNS/Focus)

also provides some narration, as his title suggests, he largely lets the pontiff speak for himself.

That approach pays off by allowing the audience to hear Francis' views on a wide variety of topics of interest to believers and nonbelievers alike. These include the environment, the situation of young people, relations with the Islamic world, economic inequality and the clergy sex abuse crisis. Francis also sets out, in a general way, his vision for the future of the church.

Along with original interviews with the pope conducted at the Vatican, Wenders incorporates footage of his worldwide travels, which have included trips to North and South America, Africa and, closer to home, Greece and the southern Italian city of Naples. We also see Francis answering questions from youngsters and, in a particularly touching scene, offering encouragement to the inmates of a prison.

Francis brings warmth to this grim setting and draws an emotional response from its presumably tough inhabitants by reminding his listeners that Christianity's very first saint was the good thief. Moments like that one give viewers an insight into the personality, thinking and global influence of the first pontiff in the long history of the church to hail both from the New World and from the Society of Jesus.

Wenders also dwells on the significance of another precedent-breaking choice, that of the papal name Francis. Luminous images of Assisi and an outline of the

life of its most famous son provide context for what his medieval namesake likely represents to the 21st-century pope.

While Wenders is unstinting in his appreciation of Francis, he sometimes misguidedly attempts to highlight this pope's qualities by contrasting them, at least implicitly, with what he perceives to be the shortcomings of Francis' predecessors or of some members of the hierarchy. Thus the lavishly decorated public rooms of the Apostolic Palace are rather naively set out as unspoken evidence that previous popes liked to "live large."

Overall, nonetheless, this is a work of high quality that can be recommended for a wide range of age groups. Much of the discussion would be over the heads of small children, of course. And they might, also, be disturbed by the tragic images that accompany Francis' reflections on one of the subjects closest to his heart, the plight of refugees.

For older kids, by contrast, "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word" will make educational viewing, whether seen in the company of parents or teachers. And, once released on video, the movie will provide a valuable resource for both schools and parishes.

The film contains mature themes and some potentially upsetting images. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II – adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG – parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Movie Review

Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

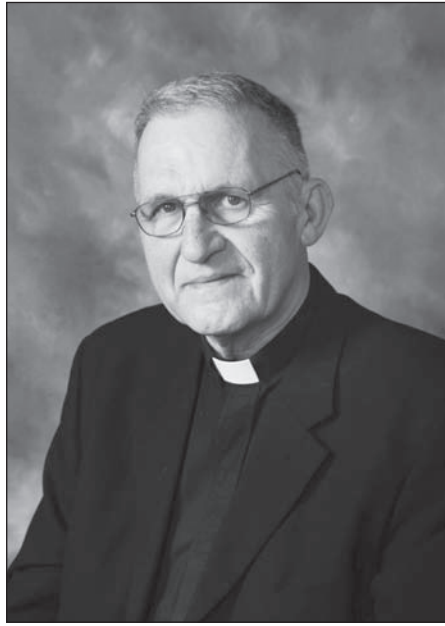
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University of America, Washington, D.C.; and a licentiate in moral theology from Academia Alfonsiana, Rome, Italy.

He was ordained May 17, 1969, to the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville by Bishop John King Mussio at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville. His first assignments after ordination were to St. Peter Parish, Steubenville, and as a teacher of Latin at Catholic Central High School, Steubenville.

Msgr. Kawa resided at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Morges. He later served that parish as its pastor. In addition, he was administrator of St. Thomas More Mission, Bloomingdale; pastor, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Carrollton; and pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wintersville. He was assigned pastor of St. Bernard Parish, in 1995. He continued in that pastorship until his retirement. He also served St. James Parish, McConnelsville, as pastor for a year, beginning in 2016. While serving Our Lady of Mercy Parish, in 1987, he was named a monsignor.

In the diocese, Msgr. Kawa was director of RENEW, which fosters spiritual renewal in parishes; director of diocesan vocations; dean of two different deaneries; elected to the Priests' Personnel Board; and a consultor and WorldWide Marriage

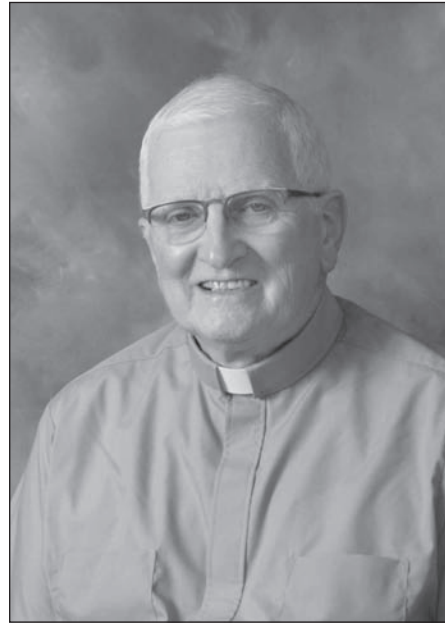


Msgr. Robert J. Kawa

Encounter presenting team priest.

Msgr. Kawa, also, has served the St. Vincent de Paul of Beverly, Churchtown, Lowell and Little Hocking; acted as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Council 4617, Churchtown; and celebrated Mass with St. John Central School, Churchtown, students.

Msgr. Kawa has served as a priest for the Steubenville Diocese under the leadership of all five bishops.



Permanent Deacon Gerald Hickey

Permanent Deacon Gerald J. "Jerry" Hickey spent more than half of his 40-year ministry in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Deacon Hickey became a member of the first class of permanent deacons ordained in the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, in 1978.

Deacon Hickey is a graduate from Niagara University, Niagara, New York, with a degree in business. He served for eight years in the active reserves of the

U.S. Army. He was employed in human resources for IBM for 30 years in his hometown, Endicott, New York. He and his wife, Virginia, were active in church ministries. When a permanent diaconate program was beginning in the Syracuse Diocese, Deacon Hickey applied at the urging of a priest friend. He was first assigned to geriatrics ministry, and ministered in a nursing home, praying with patients and bringing them the Eucharist.

Later, he was assigned to his home parish and assisted with the liturgy as well as novenas, rosaries, and Benediction.

As his seven children began graduating high school and some became Franciscan University of Steubenville students, Deacon Hickey and his wife moved to the city to be a part of the charismatic community, Servants of Christ the King. He took a position with Franciscan University, where he served for more than 20 years.

In 1995, he was incardinated into the Diocese of Steubenville. Since that time, Deacon Hickey has been involved with ministering to the poor, visiting the hospitalized and serving his parish, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville.

As a permanent deacon, he has presided at the marriages of his children and has baptized many of his 26 grandchildren.

At present, he is in hospice care, at home.

Why the Ascension of the Lord Matters

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that this is decidedly not a prayer that we might escape from the earth, but rather that earth and heaven might come together. The Lord's prayer recapitulates and raises to a new level precisely what the prophet Isaiah anticipated: "the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth, as the water covers the sea."

The first Christians saw the resurrection of Jesus from the dead as the commencement of the process by which earth and heaven were being reconciled. They appreciated the risen Christ as the heavenly ruler of the nations, the one who would bring the justice of heaven to this world. And this is precisely why people like Peter, Paul, Thomas, Andrew and John went to the ends of the earth to proclaim just this new state of affairs: "Jesus is Lord!" What began in the Lord's resurrection is now ready to burst forth and flood the world through the

work of the disciples. Accordingly, just before ascending to heaven, Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It is fascinating to note how the Ascension and Pentecost are linked: in the Ascension, something of earth moves into the heavenly sphere, and at Pentecost, something of heaven – the Holy Spirit – invades the earth. The two events constitute, in short, a foretaste of the great reconciliation for which the entire Jewish religion had for centuries yearned.

The church, guided by the Holy Spirit down through the ages, is meant to be the privileged place where this coming together happens. In good preaching, in great Christian art, in the architecture of our churches and cathedrals, in the corporal

and spiritual works of mercy, in the lives of the saints, and perhaps especially in the liturgy, earth and heaven meet. Think of the moment at Mass, just before the singing of the Sanctus, when the priest invokes the angels (the realm of heaven) and encourages us: "may our voices be one with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise." What he is suggesting is that earth might, with Christ, ascend to heaven and that heaven, in the person of the Holy Spirit, might descend to earth – and that the two dimensions might sing together in harmony.

What I hope has become clear in the course of this discussion is that the Ascension of Jesus has nothing to do with a literal journey into the stratosphere, for that would involve simply a transfer to another position within "the world." The Ascension is Jesus' journey, not to another place, but to another dimension. But, this dimension

to which he has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power and direction. And, this is why the angels (denizens of heaven) who appeared to the disciples just after Jesus' departure said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What they are hinting at, none too subtly, is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the church!

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Pope praises retired Pope Benedict's writings on faith and politics

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For more than 50 years, the writings of retired Pope Benedict XVI on the relationship between faith and politics have insisted that the measure of human freedom is the extent to which each person acknowledges being dependent on the love of God, Pope Francis wrote.

The future pope's "direct experience of Nazi totalitarianism led him from the time he was a young academic to reflect on the limits of obedience to the state in favor of the freedom of obedience to God," Pope Francis commented in the preface to a new book.

"Liberating Freedom: Faith and Politics in the Third Millennium" is a collection of essays written over the course of several

decades, including during Pope Benedict's eight years as pope.

Pope Francis said that when Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger worked alongside St. John Paul II, "he elaborated and proposed a Christian vision of human rights capable of questioning on a theoretical and practical level the totalitarian claim of the Marxist state and the atheist ideology on which it was based."

Pope Francis said the contrast Cardinal Ratzinger saw between Christianity and Marxism or communism definitely was not the focus on the poor and the need to fight inequality.

"We must learn, once again, not only at the theoretical level, but in the way we think and act, that alongside the real pres-

ence of Jesus in the church and in the sacraments, there exists that other real presence of Jesus in the little ones, in the trampled of this world, in the least, in whom he wants us to find him," Pope Francis quoted the cardinal as writing.

The key difference between Marxism and Christianity in the retired pope's writing, he said, lies in the relationship each sees between redemption and liberation.

"Does redemption occur through liberation from all dependence or is the only way to liberation the complete dependence on love, which would then, also, be true freedom?" he quotes Pope Benedict as writing.

The retired pope's insight is relevant and urgent today, Pope Francis wrote. "In fact, today more than ever there is the same

temptation to refuse any dependence on love that is not a person's love for his own ego, for 'the I and its desires,' and, consequently, the danger of the 'colonization' of consciences by an ideology that denies the basic certainty that humankind exists as male and female to whom the task of the transmission of life is assigned," Pope Francis said.

Pope Francis said reading the retired pope's essays "can help all of us not only to understand our present and find a solid orientation for the future, but they also can be a real source of inspiration for political action that, by placing the family, solidarity and equality at the center of its attention and planning, truly looks to the future with foresight."

Theologians call for regular consultation of laity in church decisions

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church needs to seek the input, commitment and talents of all of its members if it is to be truly catholic and to evangelize effectively, said a new document from the International Theological Commission.

Pope Francis has called for the church to be “synodal,” which does not just mean holding regular meetings of the world Synod of Bishops, but constantly finding ways to live and work in the world with a greater sense of the value of the prayers, experience and advice of everyone in the church — including laypeople, the document said.

“Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church” was published in early May with the approval of Archbishop Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and the authorization of Pope Francis.

The International Theological Commission is a board of theologians, appointed by the pope, who advise the doctrinal congregation.

The new document explored Pope Francis’ frequent calls for the church to be “synodal” or characterized by “walking together” as the pilgrim people of God.

The theologians said a synodal attitude and way of being church flowed naturally from the Second Vatican Council’s description of the church as a communion and its emphasis on the responsibility of all Catholics for the church’s life and mission, although each person has been given different gifts and roles by the Holy Spirit.

The document explored ways the church already exercises synodality, including through parish councils, diocesan presbyteral councils, national bishops’ conferences, regional councils of bishops, the synods of bishops of the Eastern Catholic churches, the world Synod of Bishops and ecumenical councils, like Vatican II.

While synodality is based on the baptismal gifts and responsibilities of each Catholic, the document said, it is not a call for some form of a Catholic parliament. The pope and the bishops, assisted by their priests, still retain their decision-making authority.

But “the participation of the lay faithful is essential,” the document said. “They are the vast majority of the people of God and there is much to learn from their participation in the various expressions of the life and mission of the ecclesial community, in popular piety and in pastoral work as whole, as well as from their specific competence in the various spheres of cultural and social life.”

Any process of church discernment, the theologians wrote,



Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis and Cardinal Kevin Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, pose for a photo during a pre-synod gathering of youth delegates in Rome. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

should begin with a consultation of the laity and for that to be effective, laymen and laywomen must be given more opportunities for education in the faith and more spaces in the church where they can learn to express themselves.

Greater effectiveness also requires overcoming “a clerical mentality that risks keeping them at the margins of church life,” the document said.

Calling for “conversion for a renewed synodality,” the document emphasized the need for all church members to be better educated in “the spirituality of communion and the practice of listening, dialogue and communal discernment.”

Without a conversion of hearts and minds, it said, the existing structures of synodality will be “simple masks without heart or a face.”

Because the Holy Spirit works within all the baptized, it said, “the renewal of the synodal life of the church requires activating processes of consultation with the whole people

of God,” including laymen and laywomen.

Synodality, it said, promotes the baptismal dignity and call of all Catholics, values the presence of different gifts given by the Holy Spirit and recognizes the specific ministry entrusted to pastors and bishops in communion with the pope for the preservation of the faith and the renewal of the church.

“The authority of the pastors is a specific gift of the Spirit of Christ, the head, for the edification of the entire body, not a function delegated by and representative of the people,” the theologians wrote.

The synodal nature of the church is not something activated only on special occasions, the document said. “It must be expressed in the church’s ordinary way of living and working,” which always begins with prayer and listening to God’s word, then trying to discern together where and how the Holy Spirit is calling the community to act.

Catholics get chance to celebrate, think about Mary with new feast day

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Catholic Church doesn’t often add new celebrations to its pretty full liturgical calendar, but this year’s new feast day, Mary, Mother of the Church on May 21, has Catholics gearing up to mark the day or at least think a little more about Mary.

The new feast day, which will be celebrated annually the day after Pentecost, was announced in a March 3 decree by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The decree said the pope approved the celebration because he thought it might “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.”

That line struck Father Chuck Barthel, pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in St. Louis, when he first read it and he has continued to go back to it as he considers the feast with particular significance for his parish.

Gaining a renewed and deeper understanding of Mary’s nurturing and caring side is something he said the church, especially in today’s climate, could certainly use.

His parish is one of a handful of churches in the U.S., along with a Benedictine Abbey in Richmond, Virginia, named Mary, Mother of the Church. For this year’s celebration of the new feast day, the St. Louis church is not planning anything big, but plans to celebrate on the actual day — when he said parishioners can “enjoy each other’s company” — not during Pentecost weekend when there is already a lot going on.

The pastor said he hopes to give parishioners a prayer card for the occasion and the parish will host a hospital-ity event after the morning liturgy and will have evening

prayer that night followed by dessert.

The parish was founded in 1971 and initially was staffed by Redemptorist priests. The parish, which opened so soon after the Second Vatican Council, took its name from the title given to Mary by Blessed Paul VI in 1964.

Gloria Falcao Dodd, director of academic programs for the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton, Ohio, wrote a paper about this Marian title in 2006. Her research shows that a bishop in the 1100s called Mary, Mother of the Church and Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical on the rosary said that Mary at Pentecost was “in very truth, the mother of the church, the teacher and queen of the apostles.”

And in 1981, the title “Mother of the Church” was given another boost when St. John Paul II had a mosaic commissioned for the outside wall of his papal apartment called “Mater Ecclesiae” (“Mother of the Church”) in gratitude for his recovery after being shot in St. Peter’s Square. Then, and other times, the pope spoke of Mary as a mediator, or someone who intercedes for us, said Falcao Dodd.

That idea of Mary interceding for the church, as a mother does for her children, is important for Catholics to consider, especially as this new feast falls so soon after Mother’s Day, said Falcao Dodd. She also said it is key to understand its placement right after Pentecost, noting that at the time of the original Pentecost, Mary “did what a mother would do — she prayed with and for her children in the upper room.” And at Jesus’ crucifixion, when he publicly announced to the disciple John, “behold your mother” about Mary, John, symbolizes all of us, the church, Falcao Dodd said.

Auxiliary Bishop Gerard W. Battersby of Detroit said

Mary’s presence at the foot of the cross and with the early church at Pentecost, is an example of what it means to be a disciple.

He said this image of a mother with her children “on this pilgrim journey” is important for the church today, especially as the pope is calling Catholics to a new evangelization and to unleash the Gospel message. “It’s important for us to understand the church is Marian; this is not just a pleasant sentiment added on,” he said, stressing that Mary is a guide for the church today. “I think this is a time of special grace,” the bishop told Catholic News Service, noting that Mary’s job has always been to point to Jesus.

The Detroit Archdiocese is celebrating the new feast day with a May 21 Mass at Old St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Detroit concelebrated by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Donald F. Hanchon, another Detroit auxiliary bishop, and several archdiocesan priests. After Mass, there will be a May Crowning and procession through the streets with a statue of Mary carried by Catholic school students.

In some parts of the world this feast day isn’t new. The church calendars of Poland, Argentina, St. Peter’s Basilica and some religious orders have already set aside the Monday after Pentecost as the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

When Father Barthel thinks about another day to honor Mary, he said he is reminded of the hospital ministry he did as a seminarian when a patient who was Episcopalian asked him if it was OK if she prayed to the Blessed Mother.

She said her reason for doing this, which the priest has never forgotten years later, was: “Sometimes you just need a woman to talk to.”

Adena — A community ecumenical memorial service will be held at St. Casimir Church, at 9 a.m., May 28.

Amsterdam/Richmond — The parishes of St. Joseph, Amsterdam, and St. John Fisher, Richmond, are planning a trip to St. Emma Monastery, 1001 Harvey Ave., Greensburg, Pennsylvania, June 15. The day includes an annual "Giant Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market," which is held at the monastery, to benefit the convent. Lunch can be purchased at the monastery. Father John J. "Jack" McCoy, pastor of St. Joseph and St. John Fisher parishes, will celebrate Mass at the chapel at the monastery at noon. Cost is \$22, which covers the cost for the bus. To make reservations, or for additional information, telephone Betty Mazur at (740) 543-4225 or Nancy Doerr at (740) 765-5022.

Athens — A children's summer retreat, themed "EarthKeepers," will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June 9, at the Holy Family Center, located at Christ the King University Parish. Participants are asked to bring a bagged lunch. The retreat will include Bible stories, songs, games and snacks. For additional information, telephone (740) 592-2711.

Barnesville/Temperanceville — The rosary will be prayed before and after the celebration of weekend Masses, throughout the month of May, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Barnesville, and at St. Mary Church, Temperanceville.

Bellaire/Neffs — The rosary will be prayed 25 minutes before the celebration of Masses, throughout the month of May, at St. John Church, Bellaire, and Sacred Heart Church, Neffs.

Bridgeport — St. Joseph Parish CWC will sponsor a used book sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-5:30 p.m., June 2; and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 3, in the church top parking lot, near the church garage. Softback books will be sold for 50 cents and hardback books will cost \$1 each.

Cambridge — A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., May 28, at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict Church.

Cambridge — The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, 319 N. Seventh St., have a new telephone number at the convent, and can be reached at (740) 255-5912.

Carlisle — A chicken barbecue dinner will be held at St. Michael Church from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., May 27. Cost of a meal is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children. A whole chicken costs \$9. Bingo will begin at noon and a dance will be held from 8-11 p.m. Raffles will be available.

Chesapeake — St. Ann Parish CWC will sponsor an annual rummage sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., June 1 and June 2, at the church hall. Donated items will be accepted at the church hall from 8 a.m.-noon, May 27; from 4-8 p.m., May 28, May 29 and May 30; and from 8 a.m.-noon, May 31.

Churchtown — St. John Central School will sponsor an annual athletic booster golf tournament June 3, at Lakeside Golf Course, 18218 Ohio Route 60, Beverly. A four-man scramble costs \$50 per person or \$200 for a team, which includes 18 holes of golf, with cart, dinner and a raffle. For additional information or to register, telephone Kristin Pottmeyer at (304) 989-0729 or Jeff Brooker at (740) 749-3538.

Glouster — Holy Cross Parish CWC will hold a bake sale following the 6:30 p.m. celebration of Mass, June 2, and the 9 a.m. celebration of Mass, June 3.

St. Clairsville — Vacation Bible school, themed "Time Lab - Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future," will be held from 9 a.m.-noon, June 11 through June 15, at St. Mary Church. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade can attend. For additional information or to register, telephone (740) 695-9993 or visit <https://stmarysvbs.myanswers.com/time-lab/>.

St. Mary School raises money for St. Jude's



St. Mary School, Marietta, Montessori preschool class recently participated in a St. Jude's trike-a-thon. The class rode their bikes in the school gymnasium to support St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, raising \$681 for the organization. Pictured above, from left, are Eva Greenwood, Drew Heiss, Ford Schwendeman, Julianna Williams, Josephian Ingram, Nathan Sofian, Myah Medley, Haven Lang and the class teacher, Sylvia Rajakaruna. (Photo provided)

Around and About

Athens — Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Coalition will hold a rummage sale from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May 19, at the Holy Family Center, located at Christ the King University Parish.

Carey, Ohio — A "Consolation" event will be held at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St. Father Jim Sichko, a Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, priest, will be the guest celebrant/homilist at the 5:30 p.m. celebration of Mass, May 19, and the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon celebration of Masses, May 20. Father Sichko, who travels throughout the United States giving missions, retreats and days of recollection, will share his reflections on "Consolation." He, too, was appointed by Pope Francis as a Missionaries of Mercy in the United States. For additional information, telephone (419) 396-7107 or visit olcshrine.com.

Carrollton — An annual balloon memorial will be held at St. John's Villa, 701 Crest St., June 16. Memorial balloons will be available for purchase; cost is \$5. The balloons will be released as a group, following a prayer. For additional information, telephone Susan Williamson or Dianne Holt at (330) 627-9789.

Huntington, W.Va. — St. Peter Claver Church, 828 15th St., will present "Our Lady of Kibeho," a film and presentation, at 6 p.m., May 24, in the church hall. The presentation will discuss the apparitions of Mary in Rwanda, Africa, where she appeared in Kibeho.

North Canton, Ohio — Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, will sponsor a breakfast June 16, at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 E. Maple St. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., breakfast at 9 a.m. Cost is \$18; make checks payable to Magnificat of Stark County and send to Sue Wechter, 7690 Fox Run Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720. Registration deadline is June 9. For additional information, telephone Joan Spieth at (330) 933-8778. Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m., in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, at the university.

Steubenville — A vigil Mass for the solemnity of Pentecost will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m., May 19, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory, 700 Lovers Lane. For additional information, telephone the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus at (740) 346-2625.

Weirton, W.Va. — Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, 200 Preston Ave., will host a one-day retreat for parents who have lost a child, from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., June 2. Registration includes coffee, tea, juice, sweets, lunch, dinner and snacks throughout the day. The event will conclude with the celebration of Mass. Donation is \$25 for individuals or \$40 for couples. Scholarships are available; preregistration requested. For additional information or to register telephone Maureen Kerr at (304) 723-7175, or visit www.emfgp.org.

Obituaries

John W. "Bill" Ackerman, 77, Ironton, St. Joseph, Jan. 18.

Leonard J. Bodemann Sr., 88, Colerain, St. Frances Cabrini, April 21.

Julie A. Bogetich, 93, St. John, Bellaire, April 27.

Bernard J. Hackworth, 81, Ironton, St. Joseph, March 14.

Robert L. Hoye, 93, Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, April 28.

George J. Kepreos, 84, Martins Ferry, St. Frances Cabrini, Colerain, Feb. 4.

Dorothy "Dotty" Kocher, 91, St. Peter, Steubenville, April 27.

Virginia Quattrone Kovall, 87, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, April 4.

Audrey Mulholland, 94, Christ the King University Parish, Athens, April 27.

Emma L. Spanner, 90, St. John, Bellaire, May 4.

Eleanor Straka Turick, 76, Wintersville, St. Francis of Assisi, Toronto, May 3.

Charles E. Wilson, 95, Colerain, St. Frances Cabrini, March 31.

Sign up for June 6 DCCW annual convention

STEUBENVILLE — Reservations should be made, immediately, for the 73rd annual Diocesan Council of Catholic Women annual convention.

To reserve a spot for the preconvention dinner June 5 in Steubenville or the June 6 convention at Holy Family Church, 2608 Hollywood Blvd., Steubenville, contact Joanne Kolanski, Steubenville DCCW president, at (740) 695-1617 or email, jkolanski@com-

cast.net; or contact DeDe Kidder, past president and current treasurer, at (740) 632-3018 or email, dede.kidder@gmail.com.

June Lawrence, development officer at Cross Catholic Outreach, a ministry found to help the less fortunate in the world, will be the featured speaker.

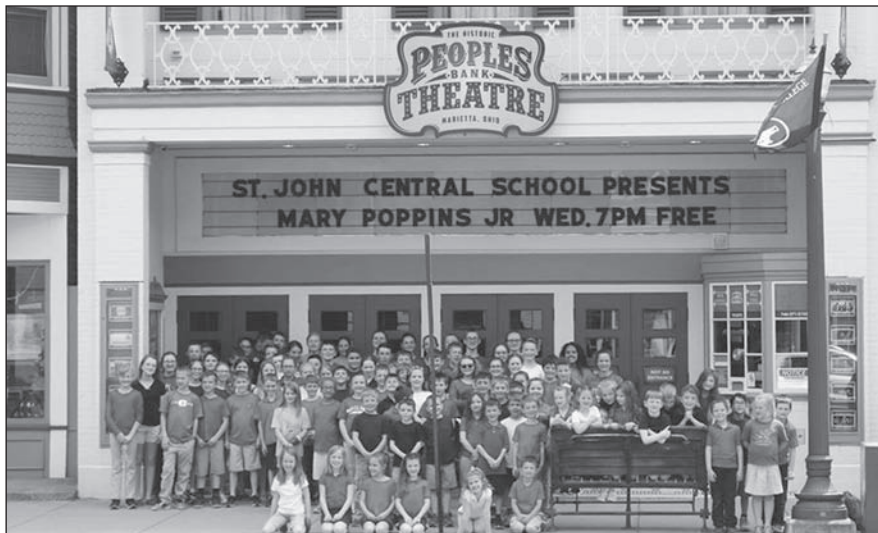
Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will celebrate Mass at the convention, prior to lunch.

Bishop Monforton attends baccalaureate Mass



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, pictured third from left, and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, fourth from left, are pictured at the Franciscan University of Steubenville baccalaureate Mass May 11. Also pictured, from left, are Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Nathan Malavolti, chief evangelization officer at Franciscan University; TOR Father Richard Davis, president of Franciscan University's board of trustees; TOR Father Sean O. Sheridan, president of Franciscan University; and TOR Father Jonathan St. Andre, board of trustee member at the university. (Photo provided)

Students perform 'Mary Poppins Jr.'



Students at St. John Central School, Churchtown, recently performed Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins Jr." The performance was held at the Historic Peoples Bank Theatre, Marietta, under the direction of Heather Schaad, music teacher. The cast featured Olivia Schott as Mary Poppins; Lillian Franchino as Bert; Luke Swisher as George Banks; Lakyn Brooker as Winifred Banks; Jase Dyar as Michael Banks; and Jaslynn Casto as Jane Banks. All 98 students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade had a role in the production. Also, 25 preschool students performed various children's songs to begin the evening. Schaad said that the spring musical has been a long-standing tradition for St. John Central School: "It is a great opportunity for students to enhance their organization skills, cooperate with a large group, discover their creativity and stretch imaginations. We are fortunate to have many generous people in our community to provide the financial resources that allow us to continue to offer these experiences for our students." (Photo provided)

'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' honoree, former DCCW president, dies at 93

AMSTERDAM — Gladys M. Evans — a recipient of the Cross "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," a papal award — died May 5. She was 93 years old.

The Amsterdam resident was honored with the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" award at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, Oct. 7, 2001, which was presented by now retired Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon. The award was granted by St. John Paul II and translates to "For the Church and the Pontiff." It is given to individuals who demonstrate outstanding service to the church.

Evans was born Aug. 2, 1924, in Taylor, Texas, a daughter of Louis and Marie Meinen Ihlenfeld. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome A. Evans, and two sisters.

A longtime member of St. Joseph Church, Amsterdam, Evans served as president of the St. Joseph Parish Catholic Woman's Club, St. Joseph Parish Council, and president of the former Coronation Deanery CWC (presently Mother of Hope Deanery). She, also, served as the fifth president of the Steubenville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women from 1969-73.

She served in agricultural groups, including the Carroll County Extension



Gladys Evans
(Photo provided)

Council; the Farmers Home Administration, as a committee member; the Carroll County Farm Bureau Advisory Council; Carroll County Regional Planning Board; as an advisor to 4-H clubs; and Farm Bureau youth groups.

She is survived by her sons Andrew, Robert and Christopher, and her daughters, Susan and Catherine. Also, she is survived by 13 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 12 at St. Joseph Church.

Dominican Sister Lucille Winstel, Steubenville native, dies at age 96

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Sister Lucille (Lucilla) Winstel, a Dominican Sister of Peace, died May 6.

Born in 1922, in Steubenville, she was a daughter of George and Florence Gilmore Winstel. In addition to her parents, Sister Lucille was preceded in death by her sister, Helen.

In 1941, she entered the congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Columbus, Ohio. She received degrees from the College of St. Mary of the Springs, now Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, and Manhattanville College, New York.

Sister Lucille taught in the Diocese of Columbus at St. Francis, Newark, Ohio; St. Mary, Lancaster, Ohio; and

Christ the King, Columbus, where she was principal from 1970-75. She worked in supportive services at St. George Hospital, Cincinnati, and was a nurse aide at Mohun Hall, Mohun Health Care Center, Columbus. She also worked at the Catholic Times, the official journal publication of the Diocese of Columbus.

For six years, Sister Lucille was the administrator of Mohun Hall and was assistant development director of Ohio Dominican College University.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Dominican Sisters of Peace motherhouse chapel May 11, followed by burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, Lockbourne, Ohio.

Opening for Director of Finance

St. John Central Grade and High School, 3625 Guernsey St., Bellaire, has an opening for a director of finance to maintain the financial records of the school, by accurately recording day-to-day financial transactions. The director will be responsible for managing accounts payable and receivable, preparing check payments and bank deposits, reconciling bank accounts, preparing budgets, and generating and reviewing financial statements and reports.

The director of finance reports immediately to the principal.

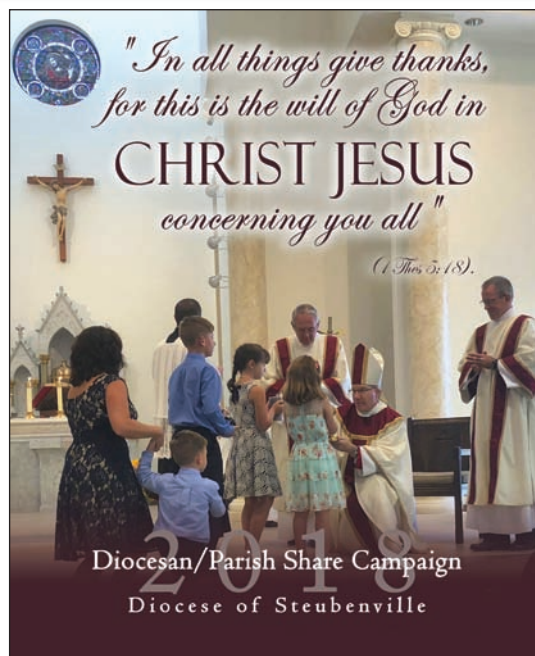
Send letter of intent, resume and list of three professional references, electronically, to **Principal Jarett Kuhns** at jarett.kuhns@omeresanet.net.

Prospective applicants will be expected to provide three letters of recommendation at the time of the interview, with one being from the applicant's pastor.

FBI and BCI background checks are required upon hiring.

Application deadline is May 28.

Pledges in first DPSC parish-by-parish report for 2018 top \$1.6 million



Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton said: "Thank you for enabling our diocese, our family of faith, to reach out and assist both young and old, including our schools, our future clergy and our fellow brothers and sisters who find themselves on the margins of society. The DPSC provides further proof you and I truly are missionary disciples."



Martin B. Thompson, Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign associate director, said: "The recent statistics look very encouraging for another successful DPSC. The amount pledged is right in line with where we were last year at this time. Already, 36 parishes have pledged that exceeded their goal; 11 parishes have received rebates for surpassing their goal."

Thompson also reminded: *make a pledge or one-time gift* to the DPSC by completing the DPSC pledge card mailed to your home or available at your parish; *return the pledge card to your parish office*; *pay the pledge or one-time gift to the DPSC by personal check* (made payable to the Diocese of Steubenville DPSC), with *cash* or a *credit card* or *automatic fund transfer* from your checking or bank account at diosteub.org/giveonline.

For *questions*, telephone Thompson at the chancery office (740) 282-3631, or email mthompson@diosteub.org.

	GOAL	AMOUNT PLEDGED	% OF GOAL
MOTHER OF HOPE DEANERY			
ST JOSEPH AMSTERDAM	16,744.00	18,320.00	109%
ST TERESA CADIZ	15,535.00	16,195.00	104%
OUR LADY OF MERCY CARROLLTON	17,158.00	28,189.00	164%
ST MATTHIAS FREEPORT	5,702.00	6,370.00	112%
SACRED HEART HOPEDALE	8,709.00	33,260.03	382%
ST FRANCIS XAVIER MALVERN	24,706.00	11,255.00	46%
ST GABRIEL MINERVA	25,153.00	11,235.00	45%
ST AGNES MINGO JUNCTION	35,854.00	21,898.00	61%
ST MARY MORGES	8,718.00	9,790.00	112%
ST JOHN FISHER RICHMOND	11,779.00	13,560.00	115%
HOLY FAMILY STEUBENVILLE	50,864.00	77,952.00	153%
TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS STEUBENVILLE	65,100.00	106,592.00	164%
ST PETER STEUBENVILLE	50,409.00	39,151.00	78%
ST FRANCIS TORONTO	23,661.00	31,055.00	131%
ST JOSEPH TORONTO	14,198.00	18,167.00	128%
BLESSED SACRAMENT WINTERSVILLE	51,996.00	125,227.00	241%
OUR LADY OF LOURDES WINTERSVILLE	10,849.00	16,275.00	150%
MOTHER OF HOPE DEANERY TOTALS	437,135.00	584,491.03	134%
NATIVITY OF MARY DEANERY			
CHRIST THE KING ATHENS	41,030.00	36,130.00	88%
ST PAUL ATHENS	35,294.00	41,310.00	117%
ST ANN CHESAPEAKE	21,711.00	NO REPORT	0%
ST LOUIS GALLIPOLIS	35,739.00	18,050.00	51%
HOLY CROSS GLOUSTER	11,390.00	3,370.00	30%
ST JOSEPH/ST LAWRENCE IRLINGTON	37,665.00	141,680.00	376%
ST MARY NELSONVILLE	7,739.00	7,275.00	94%
ST MARY PINE GROVE	3,289.00	5,575.00	170%
SACRED HEART POMEROY	19,029.00	16,412.00	86%
NATIVITY OF MARY DEANERY TOTALS	212,886.00	269,802.00	127%
PRESENTATION DEANERY			
ST CASIMIR ADENA	13,596.00	21,765.00	160%
ASSUMPTION BARNESVILLE	25,463.00	2,025.00	8%
ST JOHN BELLAIRE	26,144.00	26,345.00	101%
ST ANTHONY BRIDGEPORT	11,831.00	15,125.00	128%
ST JOSEPH BRIDGEPORT	18,002.00	22,980.00	128%
ST FRANCES CABRINI COLERAIN	19,426.00	10,025.00	52%
ST ADALBERT DILLONVALE	19,041.00	25,355.00	133%
ST MARY MARTINS FERRY	18,954.00	31,270.00	165%
SACRED HEART NEFFS	12,900.00	12,820.00	99%
ST JOHN VIANNEY POWHATAN POINT	4,098.00	5,850.00	143%
ST MARY SHADYSIDE	11,593.00	11,375.00	98%
ST MARY ST CLAIRSVILLE	89,658.00	136,886.00	153%
ST MARY TEMPERANCEVILLE	6,983.00	NO REPORT	0%
ST JOSEPH TILTONSVILLE	15,896.00	21,510.00	135%
ST LUCY YORKVILLE	4,802.00	7,235.00	151%
PRESENTATION DEANERY TOTALS	298,387.00	350,566.00	117%
VISITATION DEANERY			
CORPUS CHRISTI BELLE VALLEY	10,071.00	13,525.00	134%
ST BERNARD BEVERLY	25,522.00	32,225.00	126%
ST STEPHEN CALDWELL	33,397.00	36,652.07	110%
CHRIST OUR LIGHT CAMBRIDGE	73,468.00	46,144.00	63%
ST MICHAEL CARLISLE	10,034.00	9,820.00	98%
ST JOHN CHURCHTOWN	20,339.00	39,480.00	194%
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FULDA	21,522.00	14,375.00	67%
ST HENRY HARRIETTSVILLE	8,367.00	10,370.00	124%
ST AMBROSE LITTLE HOCKING	40,809.00	53,903.00	132%
OUR LADY OF MERCY LOWELL	19,748.00	31,535.00	160%
ST MARY MARIETTA	90,073.00	133,039.00	148%
ST JAMES MCCONNELLSVILLE	10,684.00	5,540.00	52%
ST JOHN MILTONSBURG	6,939.00	8,210.00	118%
ST JOHN BOSCO SARDIS	1,911.00	3,925.00	205%
ST SYLVESTER WOODSFIELD	18,708.00	18,305.00	98%
VISITATION DEANERY TOTALS	391,592.00	457,048.07	117%
GRAND TOTAL ALL DEANERIES	1,340,000.00	1,661,907.10	124%