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News Briefs

Most US, Canadian priests have 'faculty'

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Pope Francis' Sept. 1 announcement that priests worldwide will be able to absolve women for the sin of abortion will have little effect on pastoral practices in the United States and Canada, where most priests already have such authority in the sacrament of reconciliation.

"It is my understanding that the faculty for the priest to lift the 'latae sententiae' excommunication for abortion is almost universally granted in North America," said Don Clemmer, interim director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Latae sententiae" is a Latin term in canon law that means excommunication for certain crimes, including involvement in abortion, is automatic.

Clemmer said it is "the fiat of the local bishop" whether to allow the priests in his diocese to absolve those sins and most bishops (*including ones in the Diocese of Steubenville*) granted such permission when giving priests faculties to minister in their local church.

Doctrine, pastoral realities not at odds

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The church is called to embrace its past, present and future and to avoid the temptations to condemn or to legitimize everything just because it is new and different, Pope Francis told a group of theologians.

Theology and reflection should not be at odds with pastoral ministry and the lives of real people, he said. In fact, theologians can help by taking both the ecclesiastical tradition and current reality very seriously, placing them in dialogue with one another.

The pope's words were part of a video message he delivered in Spanish to theologians and others taking part in an international congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sept. 1-3. The Vatican released a transcript of his message Sept. 4.

The event marked the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the faculty of theology at the Catholic University of Argentina and the 50th anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council.

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Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton has appointed **Theresa Young** as interim principal of St. John Central (Grade) School, Bellaire, effective immediately.

Young is a 16-year teacher at St. John Central (Grade) School.

She replaces Victoria Nurczyk, veteran educator in the Diocese of Steubenville, who is leaving the position.

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(Col 3: 17).

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Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, is celebrating its heritage this year. The student council and senior class officers for the 125th graduating class of CCHS include Anthony Barber, Maria Kelly, Haley Hartzell, Jacob Rigaud, Anne Fischer, Jordan Wood, Sophia Bodo and Noah Flores. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Steubenville Diocese parochial school students already learning in classrooms in six counties

STEUBENVILLE — Classes are in session at parochial elementary, junior high and high schools in the Diocese of Steubenville for the 2015-16 school year.

In the schools in Bellaire, changes have occurred in the principals' offices at **St. John Central (Grade) School** and **St. John Central High School**.

Victoria Nurczyk, a longtime Catholic educator who has been principal of **St. John Central (Grade) School** since 2012, has stepped aside. A Steubenville resident, Nurczyk spent most of her career teaching and serving as an administrator in parochial schools in Steubenville. The mother and grandmother who is a member of Triumph of the Cross Parish, Steubenville, is replaced by interim principal Theresa Young. Presently, Young is a fifth-grade teacher at the 37th and Guernsey streets St. John Central that educates preschoolers through eighth-graders.

Nurczyk expects to leave St. John Central in coming weeks, but in the meantime is assisting her replacement into moving into the principal's position, she said. Young has spent 16 years in St. John Central (Grade) School's classrooms. She and her husband Daniel are Bellaire residents and members of Sacred Heart Parish, Neffs.

Meanwhile, at **St. John Central High School**, new principal Thomas E. Graham has been in his office at 3625 Guernsey St. for several weeks. Graham — who holds bachelor's, masters' and doctorate degrees — was appointed to the principalship July 1 by Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton. A Wintersville resident, where Graham

is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, he is a clinical sociologist and 27-year employee of Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Graham has grappled with finances since becoming principal of the high school, but has pledged to continue to keep the school that educates ninth- through 12th-graders academically strong. The school is fully accredited by the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association.

In addition, at the high school in Bellaire, the leaking roof will be replaced. Specifications are being drawn to allow bids to be sought for the project, Graham said.

Also, new to St. John Central High School is the chaplain, Father Edward A. Maxfield Jr. He also serves as parochial vicar to Father Thomas A. Chillog, pastor of St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville. Ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville, Father Maxfield has returned stateside from study in Rome.

Two other parochial elementary schools are located in Belmont County — **St. Mary Central, Martins Ferry**, and **St. Mary Central, St. Clairsville**.

At the 24 N. Fourth St., **Martins Ferry**, parochial school, Mary Carolyn Nichelson, principal, was forced to delay the anticipated start of school because of floor work. The floor in the second-grade, ground level classroom is being replaced. The 12 second graders are learning, now, in another room in the school until work on updating their classroom is complete, Nichelson said. Concrete that was poured had to cure before

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tile can be laid, she added.

Already, Nicholson said, new flooring has been installed in the St. Mary Central School office. The remodeling was forced, because of water damage from a malfunctioning air conditioner, the principal explained.

Throughout the school year, to remain on its promised path of increased Catholic identity that was started in 2014 when the school received full reaccreditation through the state association, St. Mary Central School students will continue to focus on the three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity, Nicholson said.

In St. Clairsville, Aug. 24 was the first day of school for St. Mary Central School students, Principal Nannette Kennedy said.

Thirty new iPads and a docking station have been purchased for the kindergartners through eighth-graders, Kennedy said.

In addition, the seventh- and eighth-graders will learn computer programming through "Tynker," Kennedy said. The youth will be able to create apps and games.

Another new at the 226 W. Main St. school is an art program. A \$2,000 grant from Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft, which the school received, was matched by Oglebay

Institute of Wheeling, West Virginia, for fourth - through eighth-grade art, Kennedy said.

At St. Benedict School, Cambridge, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, continue to serve, said Jane Rush, principal. The most recent Franciscan Sister to join the faculty

in their seats, beginning Aug. 17, they saw a computer system that is being updated. Twenty-five new laptops have been donated, Rush said.

This year's theme for the St. Benedict youth is from 1 John, Chapter 3, Verse 1 - "What love the Father has lavished on us that we are called children of God."

Students will focus on God's love and being members of God's family. Rush said the theme is in line with the World Meeting of Families, later this month in Philadelphia, where Pope Francis will celebrate Mass.

Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary School students were at their desks, starting Aug. 26. Their preschool counterparts - 3- and 4-year-olds - were in their classrooms Sept. 1. This is according to Theresa Danaher, **Bishop John King Mus-**

sio Central Elementary and Junior High School, Steubenville, principal. She assumed the principalship of the elementary school, in addition to being the junior high principal, with the start of the 2015-16 school year.

Danaher has been principal at the junior high since it opened in a wing of Catholic Central High School in 2008-09. The Steubenville resident has degrees from Franciscan University of Steubenville and has taught, as well as been an administrator in parochial schools in the diocese. She and her husband William are parents and grandparents and members of Holy Family Parish, Steubenville.

Physical updates continue to be made in preschool classrooms and at the elementary school, Danaher said. In addition, technology continues to be upgraded at the Jefferson County elementary and junior high parochial schools.

Junior high schoolers will partner with lower-grade students, Danaher said.

New this year to the junior high will be an art fair, coordinated by teacher Paula Dulaney

Meanwhile, the popular minicourses, taught by members of the Steubenville community, continue at the junior high, Danaher said. Mike Zinno is in his eighth year teaching "My Money and Me." He is the school's longest-serving volunteer in the program established for enriched educational experiences, Danaher added.

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Some members of the 4-year-old class - Peter Schmiesing, Ben Fink, Evan Dillon, Teagan Grudier, Erin Joyce and Mia Doyle - at Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary School select a book for perusing. Nearly 40 preschoolers spend a portion of their day at the Steubenville early childhood center and more than two dozen spend the entire day, said Ladonna Nese, the prekindergarten teacher. (Photo by DeFrancis)

is Sister Carol Juckem, who will teach music and band. Five Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity of Manitowoc minister in the Guernsey County school and church (Christ Our Light Parish) community.

Also new to the teaching staff at St. Benedict - 220 N. Seventh St. - are Joe Pachuta, first grade, and Monica Bowman, seventh grade.

When St. Benedict School students sat

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The Steubenville hilltop **Catholic Central High School** opened its doors to faculty Aug. 24, Principal Rich Wilinski said. Then, Father Thomas R. Nau, the school's new pastoral administrator, celebrated Mass, Wilinski explained. The school's new chaplain, Father Michael W. Gossett, concelebrated. They were joined by Msgr. William R. Cornelius, a Diocese of Steubenville priest retired from active parish ministry who previously served, also, as a superintendent of diocesan schools.

In-service that day focused on technology, Wilinski said.

A day later, seniors and freshmen were in the Catholic Central hallways. The seniors were learning how to fill out applications for colleges and getting tips on writing essays to accompany the paperwork, Wilinski pointed out. Freshmen, he added, were handling a modified day's schedule.

At Catholic Central, Aug. 26 was the official first day of school, and was what Wilinski described as a good one.

Throughout the 2015-16 year, Wilinski said there will be activities at CCHS that will focus on its history and culminate with the graduation of its 125th graduating class.

The two parochial schools in **Lawrence County** – **St. Lawrence Central School** and **St. Joseph Central High School** – have been fully accredited. Father David L. Huffman, pastoral administrator of the schools and pastor in the Lawrence County Catholic community, said the full accreditation comes from the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association, after a process that spanned the last few years.

Faculty and staff, assisted by other Catholic educators in southern Ohio, have developed a school improvement plan that will be implemented, Father Huffman said, and covers the next six years. "This is a milestone for our schools and something for our Ironton Catholic community to be proud of," Father Huffman wrote in the parishes' – St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Joseph, Ironton, and St. Mary Mission, Pine Grove – bulletin, recently.

School started Aug. 19, said Chris Monte, assistant principal of the Ironton parochial schools.

Committees will be formed to aid the schools with two improvement areas – putting Catholic virtues in practice and improving language arts skills, he said.

New to the Ironton schools this year are Kriste Edmonds, preschool, and Nancy Webb and Sherry Arrington, science, and Christi Bare, guidance counselor.

As is often customary, Ironton high schoolers will travel abroad. A trip is being planned for the spring of 2016 that will take in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, Monte said.

In **Monroe County**, **St. Sylvester Central School** students converged on the 119 E. Wayne St., Woodsfield, school Aug. 31, said Robyn C. Guiler, principal. Those youth are seeing updates in technology – new Smart Boards and accessibility to Wi-Fi (wireless networking standards).

Guiler announced faculty and new staff at St. Sylvester Central include Ruthie Valkovic, secretary; Tammy Ewers, preschool; Mandi Blaney, kindergarten; Jenny Thornton, first grade; Laura Winland, second grade; and Diane Burkhart, language arts. Continuing as teachers, Guiler said, are Brandee Schnegg, Ken Stewart, Lacey Burkhart, Tiffany Zeakes, Kay Brooks and Desiree Peters and aides – Amy Lewis, Niki Burkhart and LouAnn Morris.

Pupils and teachers are in a routine, already, at **St. John Central School, Churchtown**, said Lawrence A. "Larry" Moegling, principal.

One of the school's parents, Stacey Pottmeyer, has developed a website – www.stjohncentralschool.com – for the school, situated along Ohio 676 in Washington County.

Later this fall, Moegling said, teachers will be able to post grades online for parents to view. The "infinite campus" concept will be a communication tool for teachers, students and parents, he added.



Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Carolee Vanness greets new St. Benedict School student Jenacen Bradley. (Photo provided)

The St. John Central School Foundation has enabled the expenditure for increased computer technology at the school, Moegling explained. New computers and printers have been bought; Wi-Fi has been added to the school; iPads and Chromebooks for students and staff will be the final phase for bringing St. John Central School into the 21st century, he added. The improvements grew from the base created by Randy Schilling, Moegling stressed.

Also in Washington County, is **St. Mary School, Marietta**. The 2015-16 school year started Aug. 19 at that school and for Susan T. Rauch, it is her first year as St. Mary principal. A more than 25-year educator, Rauch has bachelor's and master's. A Marietta native, Rauch and her husband John are Little Hocking residents. They are members of St. Ambrose Parish, Little Hocking.

"Getting to know the (students) is a lot of fun," Rauch said. She walked with the first- through eighth-graders Sept. 2 from the 320 Marion St.

school to the nearby Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption for Mass, celebrated by Msgr. John Michael Campbell, rector of the basilica and pastoral administrator of the school. The eighth-grade students were the readers, cantors and altar servers at the Mass. Rauch added that she, too, is getting to know the school's routine and for the first time ever, had playground duty. "It was fun to watch students play kickball and nonstop run."

For the second school year in a row, Bishop Monforton will celebrate Catholic Schools Week in April. Typically, the week occurs, nationally, when weather is inclement in the Steubenville Diocese. Therefore, Paul D. Ward, director, diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools, explained, oftentimes school cancellations caused the bishop to postpone visits to all the parochial schools in the diocese, which he wants to do during the celebration.

Bishop Monforton's Schedule

September

- 12 Mass and morning office with the Secular Discalced Carmelite Community of Divine Mercy and St. Therese of the Holy Face, Holy Family Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.
- 13 Blue Mass, St. Peter Church, Steubenville, 10 a.m.
- 14 Blessing and dedication of WDWC radio tower and transmission equipment (Light of Life Radio Ministries), St. Clairsville, 5:30 p.m. Diocesan "Decree on Child Protection" workshop, St. Mary Church, Marian Hall, St. Clairsville, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Spanish Mass and visit with mother general and Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory, Steubenville, 11 a.m. Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 16 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m. Radio segment WDEO 990 AM, 12:20 p.m. Diocesan "Decree on Child Protection" workshop, Catholic Central High School, Berkman Theater, Lanman Hall, Steubenville, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 WAOB radio segment, 7:40 a.m., 8:40 a.m. and 6:40 p.m. Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m. Presbyteral Council meeting, St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, noon. Dinner and visit with Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 18 Mass for opening symposium series on "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," an apostolic constitution issued by St. John Paul II regarding Catholic colleges and universities, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 4:45 p.m. Symposium series on "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," Franciscan University of Steubenville, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Symposium series on "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," Franciscan University of Steubenville, 8:30 a.m. Mass for symposium series on "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," Franciscan University of Steubenville, 10 a.m. Symposium series on "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," Franciscan University of Steubenville, 11 a.m. Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, football game, 7 p.m.
- 20 White Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, 11 a.m.
- 21-26 Pope Francis, Washington D.C., and eighth World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia

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Elementary Schools

St. John Central School 350 37th St. Bellaire, OH 43906

Parishes: St. John, Bellaire; Sacred Heart, Neffs; St. Mary, Shadyside; and St. John Vianney, Powhatan Point

Founded: 1858

Size: preschool through grade eight, 135 students and 12 lay faculty

Special Programs: Internet accessible computer lab and classroom computers, Smart Board interactive learning, iPads for use by students, accelerated math for grades six and seven, upper-level math at St. John Central High School, Bellaire, student council, science fair, science lab, spelling bee, Tournament of Truth, speech services, psychological services and federal hot lunch program
Athletics: Junior Irish football, track, volleyball, wrestling, boys' and girls' basketball, cheerleading, Irish Youth fifth-sixth grade intramural girls' and boys' basketball, Irish Youth fifth-sixth grade football and Irish Youth cheerleading

Principal: Victoria Nurczyk (Theresa Young, interim)

Local Education Advisory Council: Father Daniel Heusel, pastoral administrator; Father Samuel R. Saprano, Amy Adams, Emily D'Aquila, Julie Richardson, Carol Sadlowski, Erica Tomlinson and Kristine Tsoras

Finance Council: Father Heusel, Father Saprano, Lisa Blue, Young and Donna White

Tuition: parishioners – \$2,050 for one child; \$2,900 for two children; and \$3,250 for three children; nonparishioners – \$2,650 for one child; \$3,700 for two children; \$4,200 for three children; no tuition increase for four or more children

Financial Aid: Kremer Foundation, Immaculate Heart Fund and parish assistance

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St. Benedict School 220 N. Seventh St. Cambridge, OH 43725

Parish: Christ Our Light, Cambridge

Founded: 1911

Size: kindergarten-eight, 109 students, 10 lay faculty and four religious

Special Programs: Title I, computer classes, physical education, speech and hearing services, physical and occupational therapy, music, band, summer library reading program, awards assemblies, field trips, spelling bee, student council, accelerated math and reading programs and Spanish

Athletics: girls' volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball

Honors: full accreditation by Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association

Principal: Jane Rush

Local Education Advisory Council: Father Paul E. Hrezo, pastoral administrator; Rush, principal; Susanna Mascolino, Casey McVicker, Julie Merva, John Rome, Andrew Stanberry and Susan Wright

Tuition: parishioners – \$1,750; nonparishioners – \$3,120

Financial Aid: Available to parishioners through tuition assistance, Kremer Foundation, Immaculate Heart Fund, Leps scholarships and participation in the scrip program

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St. John Central School Churchtown 17654 Ohio Route 676, Marietta, OH 45750

Parishes: St. Bernard, Beverly; St. John the Baptist, Churchtown; St. Ambrose, Little Hocking; and Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell

Founded: 1956

Size: preschool, 33 students; kindergarten-eighth grade, 106 students, seven full-time and three part-time teachers, four priests, two part-time secretaries, one part-time custodian and one part-time nurse

Special Programs: academic and science fairs; Accelerated Reader, computer technology class, service projects, Christmas and spring programs, spelling bee, Jump Rope for Heart, Relay for Life, math-a-thon, Young Engineers and Scientists Days and junior high trip to Washington, D.C., or Philadelphia/Gettysburg (alternating years)

Athletics: grades three-eight girls' and boys' basketball; cheerleading; track, golf, volleyball, cross country and interscholastic sports with sufficient interest

Principal: Lawrence "Larry" A. Moegling

Local Education Advisory Council: Paul D. Ward, supervising administrator; Father Virgil L. Reischman, chaplain; Msgr. Robert J. Kawa, Father Robert A. Gallagher and Father Timothy J. Shannon

Tuition: parishioners – kindergarten-eight, one child, \$2,162; two, \$3,475; three, \$4,788; preschool, \$1,096; early learning, \$865; and nonparishioners – one child, \$3,447; two, \$6,821; three, \$10,293; preschool, \$1,096; early learning, \$865

Financial Aid: tuition assistance program available through scrip program

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St. Mary Central School 24 N. Fourth St. Martins Ferry, OH 43935

Parishes: St. Mary, Martins Ferry; St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Joseph, Bridgeport; St. Frances Cabrini, Colerain; St. Adalbert, Dillonvale; St. Joseph, Tiltonsville; and St. Lucy, Yorkville

Founded: 1889

Size: prekindergarten-eight, 140 students, 10 lay faculty, two teacher aides and five priests

Special Programs: 3- and 4-year-olds preschool, Computer Club, student newspaper, Student Leadership Committee, life skills, Belmont County and Ohio state science fairs, Nature's Classroom, Scripps National Spelling Bee, NASA Space Program, Spanish, eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., and after-school care (2:15-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday)

Athletics: grades five-eight girls' cheering, basketball and volleyball; boys' football and basketball; grades seven-eight Junior Irish girls' cheerleading, volleyball, softball, basketball, cross country and track; Junior Irish boys' football, wrestling, basketball, track and cross country; and Irish Youth sports for grades five-six

Principal: Mary Carolyn Nichelson

Local Education Advisory Council: Father Thomas Marut, pastoral administrator, and two representatives from the seven parishes supporting the school

Tuition: kindergarten-eight, \$1,850, one child; \$2,325, two children; \$2,800, three or more children; preschool: 3-year-olds, \$750; 4-year-olds, \$900

Financial Aid: Adopt-a-Child, Kremer grant, Immaculate Heart Fund, Jon Peterson and EdChoice scholarships

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St. Mary School 320 Marion St. Marietta, OH 45750

Parish: The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta

Founded: 1896

Size: Montessori preschool, prekindergarten-eight, 183 students, 12 full-time lay faculty, eight part time, one teacher aide, two priests, one part-time librarian, six part-time auxiliary and Title I staff

Special Programs: student council, DARE, band, Accelerated Reader, Power of the Pen, spelling bee, Tournament of Truth, Math Counts, science fair, social studies fair, Northwestern University Midwest Talent Search for advanced academic students, talented and gifted program, Presidential Physical Fitness Award, altar servers, schola and lector programs

Honors: Archie Griffin Award

Athletics: basketball, track, golf, cross country, volleyball and cheerleading

Principal: Susan T. Rauch

Local Education Advisory Council: Msgr. John Michael Campbell, pastoral administrator; Father Thomas A. Nelson, parochial vicar to Msgr. Campbell; Rauch, principal; David Baker, Tom Betz, Tammi Bradley, Sue Cisar, Jim Hartlage, Tony Huffman, Lori Lutz, Ben Schenkel, Vince Stollar and Carol Wharff

Tuition: parishioners – Montessori preschool, half day, \$2,500; prekindergarten through eighth grade, \$2,680, one child; \$4,935, two children; \$7,215, three children; \$9,370, four children and \$11,500, five children; and nonparishioners – \$2,820 per child, Montessori preschool, half day, and \$4,800 per student, prekindergarten through eighth grade

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Parishes: St. Ann, Chesapeake; St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Joseph, Ironton; and St. Mary Mission, Pine Grove

Founded: 1909

Size: prekindergarten-six, 130 students and 13 lay faculty

Special Programs: book fair, math-a-thon, spelling bee, academic fair, geography bee, Right-to-Read Week, field day and field trips

Athletics: intramural boys' and girls' basketball and intramural soccer

Principal: Paul Mollett

Assistant Principal: Chris Monte

Local Education Advisory Council: Father David L. Huffman, pastoral administrator; Christi Bartram, Charles Heim, Chris Kline, Ralph Kline, Monica Mahlmeister and Andy Whaley

Tuition: \$2,450

Financial Aid: available

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Elementary Schools

St. Mary Central School
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St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Parishes: St. Mary, St. Clairsville and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Barnesville

Founded: 1955

Size: kindergarten-eight, 141 students; preschool/prekindergarten, 36; 13 lay faculty, speech therapist, school psychologist, Title I tutoring, health aide and physical education and music classes

Special Programs: school Masses, faith celebrations, cantors and choir, student council, Accelerated Reading Program, service and community projects and Washington, D.C., trip every other year for seventh- and eighth-graders
Athletics: Irish Youth and Junior Irish sports – football, cross country, basketball, cheerleading, track, volleyball and wrestling

Principal: Nannette Kennedy

Local Education Advisory Council: Father Thomas A. Chillog, pastoral administrator; Doug Butts, Cynthia Fregiato, Tom Gallagher, Angel Glitch and Pam Shields

Tuition: parishioners – \$2,525, one child; \$3,718, two children; \$4,600, three or more children; and nonparishioners – \$3,075, one child; \$4,318, two children; \$5,250, three or more children

Financial Aid: EdChoice Scholarship and by request to pastors and principal

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Parishes: Triumph of the Cross, Holy Family and St. Peter, Steubenville; St. Agnes, Mingo Junction; St. John Fisher, Richmond; St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph, Toronto; and Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes, Wintersville

Founded: July 1, 2008

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Special Programs: 3- and 4-year-old preschool with half- and full-day options; band, music, computer, art, library and physical education classes, spelling bee, science fair, Tournament of Truth, Accelerated/Star Reading Program, Math Facts in a Flash, Title I – math and reading remediation, First in Math online program, after-school care, weekly celebration of Mass, daily prayer, psychological and health services, service learning projects, students JB Green Team, after-school resource program, art club and special needs students on Jon Peterson Scholarship Program

Athletics: grades five and six flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball and track and field and instructional basketball for grades three and four

Principal: Theresa Danaher

Local Education Advisory Council: Father James M. Dunfee, pastoral administrator; Danaher, principal, and a representative from each of the supporting parishes

Tuition: parishioners – \$2,100 for first child; \$1,638 for second child; \$1,281 for third child; fourth child, free if all children are in the elementary school; and nonparishioners – \$2,385 for one child; \$1,860 for second child; \$1,455 for third child; fourth, free if all children are in the elementary school; one-time family fee, \$100; new family registration fee, \$40; tuition family discounts available for families with children also attending Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High School and/or Catholic Central High School

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Founded: 1870

Size: preschool, 54 students; kindergarten-eight, 85 students, 10 lay faculty and four aides

Special Programs: spelling bee, yearbook, newspaper and all-day preschool

Athletics: boys' and girls' basketball and girls' volleyball

Principal: Robyn C. Guiler

Pastoral Administrator: Father David L. Gaydosik

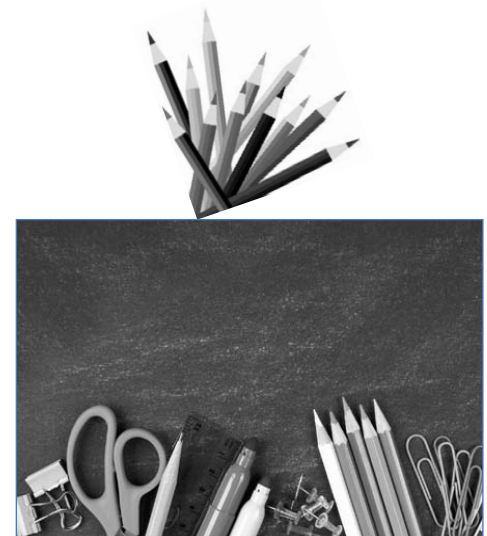
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Founded: 2008

Size: seventh through eighth grade, 111 students

Special Programs: band, choir, general music, Spanish instruction, weekly liturgy, Reach Out evangelization program, computer and art classes, First in Math online computer program, school newspaper, student council, weekly service to the local soup kitchen, community service projects, miniclasses taught by local community

members, science fair, art fair, spelling bee, geography bee, Tournament of Truth, annual school musical and algebra class at Catholic Central High School, Steubenville

Athletics: Junior Crusader volleyball, football, cheerleading, basketball, track, wrestling and softball

Principal: Theresa Danaher

Local Education Advisory Board: Father James M. Dunfee, pastoral administrator; David Schmiesing, chairman/policy; Jamie Connor, athletics; Lou DiGregory, finance; Lisa Ledyard, spiritual life; Monica Potenzini, communications; and Mike Reed, buildings/grounds

Home and School Campus Representative: Tara Brown and Nellie Kuebler

Tuition: parishioners, \$2,500; \$100 family fee

Financial Aid: through the Diocese of Steubenville-established Immaculate Heart Fund and through scholarships from the Kremer Foundation, Msgr. Richter, eighth-grade class, Knights of Columbus, Humienny Scholarship and a transfer student scholarship

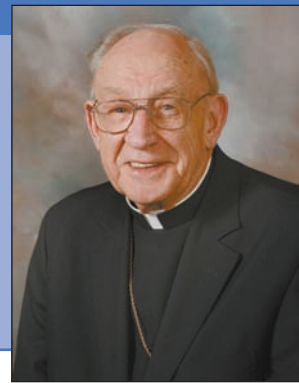
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St. John Paul II The Mission of Jesus



Bishop Sheldon

By Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

St. John Paul II has reflected to this point on the *identity* of Jesus, who and what he is. That identity is summarized in the creed that we recite at Sunday Mass: true God and true man, one in being with the Father (and the Holy Spirit) and one with mankind in his humanity; he is Son of God and Son of Mary. “This is the central dogma (defined doctrine) of the Christian faith in which the mystery of Christ is expressed.”

The pope turns now to the *mission* of Jesus: “In our reflections” he tells us, “we shall seek to develop the content of these words, meditating in turn on the various aspects of Jesus Christ’s mission. That mission was first of all, *prophetic*, meaning speaking for God to mankind. As pointed out before, prophecy is not so much “foretelling,” as “telling for,” i.e., on behalf of God. What he has to tell us is the “good news,” the “Gospel,” which teaches us how we are to live our lives on this earth in order to achieve the Creator’s goal for us: eternal life and happiness.

Jesus preached that message primarily to his fellow Jews who lived in the Roman province of Judea with a scattering in Galilee to the north. Between these two provinces was Samaria, which was populated by people of other blood (the original “DPs”) who were brought in to replace the Jews who, themselves, were exiled to other lands, particularly Babylonia and Persia (the modern Iraq and Iran). He did, however, make some incursions, as we read in the Gospels, into Samaria and elsewhere. There was the incident of his meeting a Samaritan woman at a well with whom he held a somewhat extended conversation (Jn 4: 1-26). Mark tells of crowds that came to him from “... Idumea, Transjordan and the neighborhood of Tyre and Sidon,” all north and east of Galilee (see Mk 3: 7-8). When beseeched by a woman from that region, he seemed to put her off somewhat rudely, saying: “It was not right to take the food of the children (i.e., of the Israelites)

and throw it to the dogs.” The woman humbly replied that even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table. Jesus rewarded her by curing her daughter (see Mk 7: 24-30). Nevertheless, God’s revelation was given first to the Israelites, the Chosen People, who, if they had accepted Jesus, would have been privileged to be the evangelizers of Christianity to the world (it is interesting to speculate on what the course of world history might have been if that had happened). God, of course, foresaw that such would not be the case.

Jesus initiated his preaching with the announcement: “The kingdom of God is at hand” (Mk 1: 15). The “kingdom of God” refers to both its beginnings in the lives of men and women on earth, as well as its culmination in eternity. In the pope’s words, “It is not the announcement of an ‘earthly paradise.’ Christ’s ‘good news’ makes essential

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moral demands on the hearer; it calls for self-denial and sacrifice. Ultimately, it is linked to the redemptive mystery of the cross.” This is evident when we consider one of Jesus’ first and most familiar teachings: the Sermon on the Mount. It begins with the “Beatitudes,” the “blessings” on those who reverse mankind’s normal cravings and instincts: for food and drink, for material possessions and security, for pleasure, and for adulation (otherwise known as the “concupiscence of the eyes, of the flesh, and pride of life”). There is an “eschatological” dimension to the sermon. Later, our Lord would call that servant “blessed,” whom the master finds vigilant and on the job on his return (see Lk 12: 37). The word “eschatological” suggests acting with patience in the present time in expectation of great rewards in the time to come. Unfortunately, with the present “now generation(s),” patience is not a popular virtue. We want what we want when we want it, and that usually means right now!

The first of the Beatitudes speaks of the “poor in spirit” in Matthew’s version (Mt 5: 5) and, simply, “the poor” in Luke’s (Lk 6: 20). John Paul explains that in both cases “poor” means not only those who are materially poor, but

those who are “... interiorly detached from material things and are willing to use and share them with others according to the demands of justice and charity.” Jesus explicitly called as his closest followers some men who were not especially poor in a material sense. We think of the two publicans, Matthew and Zaccheus, and of the fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James and John. Peter would later ask Jesus what will be their reward “who have put everything aside to follow him” (Mt 19: 27). Their poverty consisted in accepting a scale of values that put those of Christ ahead of all else.

Another characteristic of Jesus’ preaching is that he sought to convey the Gospel message in a way suited to the mentality and culture of his hearers, i.e., the tradition of the Old Testament. This is evident in his *parables*, a common teaching technique of the rabbis of his time. Both in his parables and otherwise, Jesus used images taken from the everyday life of his audience. The mysteries of the kingdom of God were a bit beyond his often unlettered listeners. In fact, it would be only with the help of the Holy Spirit that his own Apostles would fully understand much of what Jesus told them.

Jesus’ method differed from that of John the Baptist in that John the Baptist had his audience come to him – out in the desert. Jesus, instead, went to them. He traveled the dusty roads of the Holy Land to bring his message to the people where they were. He reached out to them! In so doing, he set the pattern for the future missionaries of the church who would travel to the ends of the earth to fulfill their mission to “preach the Gospel to all nations.”

It can be said, too, that Jesus not only proclaimed the good news, he was, himself, the Good News! He not only preached the word, but he exemplified it in his own life. “This identification of the word and life, of the preacher and what he preaches, is perfectly realized only in Jesus.” Peter understood this. Many erstwhile disciples walked out on Jesus following his “Discourse on the Bread of Life.” When he asked the Apostles, if they, too, would leave him, Peter answered: “To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life” (Jn 6: 67-68).

Dorothy Day – A Saint for Our Time

By Father Ron Rolheiser

Sometime soon we will witness the canonization of Dorothy Day. For many of us today, especially those who are not Roman Catholic, a canonization draws little more than a yawn. How does a canonization impact our world? Moreover, isn’t canonization simply the recognition of a certain piety to which most people cannot relate? So why should there be much interest around the canonization of Dorothy Day – who in fact protested that she didn’t want people to consider her a saint and asserted that making someone a saint often helps neutralize his or her influence?

Well, Dorothy Day wasn’t the kind of saint who fits the normal conceptions of piety. Many of us, no doubt,

are familiar with a basic sketch of her life. She was born in New York in 1897 and died there in 1980. She was a journalist, a peace activist, a convert to Christianity, who, together with Peter Maurin, established the Catholic Worker Movement to combine direct aid to the poor and homeless with nonviolent action on behalf of peace and justice. The movement remains vibrant today. She served, too, on the newspaper she founded, *Catholic Worker*, from 1933 until her death.

Her person and the movement she started have powerfully inspired Christians of every denomination to try to more effectively take the Gospels to the streets, to try to bring together Jesus and justice in a more effectual way. She is invoked today as the primary role model for virtually everyone, Christian and non-Christian alike, working in the area of social justice.

The honor is well-deserved. She, perhaps better than anyone else in her generation, was able to wed together the Gospel and justice, Jesus and the poor, and take the fruits of that marriage to the streets in an effective way. That’s a rare and very difficult feat.

Ernst Kasemann once commented that the problem in

both the world and the church is that *the liberals aren’t pious and the pious aren’t liberal*. He’s right. Politics and religion are both generally impoverished because the

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Bishop Celebrates Third Anniversary as Steubenville Bishop

By Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton

“God’s love was revealed in our midst in this way: He sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him” (1 Jn 4: 9).

School has begun.

As we begin the 2015-16 school year, please join me in prayer for all of our faculty, staff and students as they endeavor into a deeper appreciation of this world God has created to be good. May our students grow in a fuller understanding of Jesus’ love for them in their academic journey.

We are blessed with a strong Catholic school system in the Diocese of Steubenville from Ironton all the way up to Steubenville.

World Meeting of Families

We are quickly approaching Pope Francis’ visit to the United States, as our Holy Father will pre-

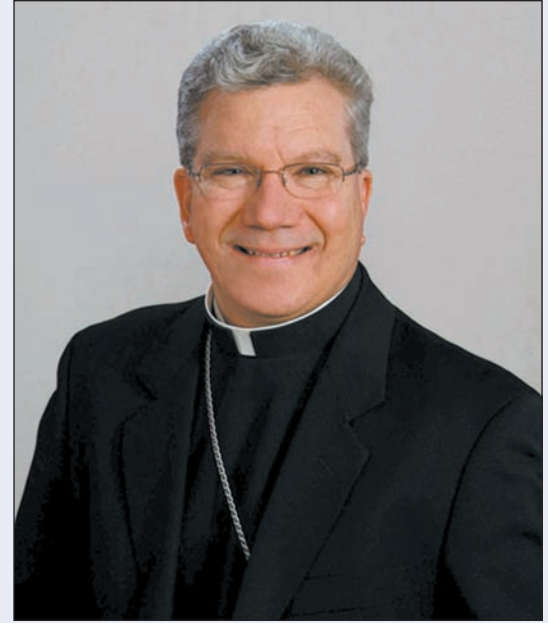
side over the World Meeting of Families. May this sacred week in Philadelphia further nurture families in the U.S. recognizing that the family is the domestic church, namely the nursery where Christian vocations flourish.

We live in an era where “family time” almost has no meaning in some households. May this congress in Philadelphia remind us that family time always has priority over any extracurricular activity or after-school event.

In Gratitude

On Sept. 10, I celebrated my third anniversary as your bishop. Each day I give thanks to God for the privilege and honor to be your shepherd. As I bring Jesus Christ to all here in the Diocese of Steubenville, I ask for your prayers that God’s graces will continue to sustain me as well as strengthen me as your shepherd. The Good Shepherd is, of course, my model as your bishop, which means I will always be a “work in progress,” allowing myself to be molded by the very hands of Jesus.

May God bless you and your family.



Bishop Monforton

Who Is the Greatest? 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Father Paul J. Walker

It is a consistent theme in the Gospels that the Twelve Apostles are somewhat slow in putting together the pieces that reveal the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. This is particularly true of Mark’s Gospel. In the 25th Sunday’s (Sept. 20) Gospel (see, Mk 9: 30-37), Jesus offers another prediction of his passion and death. They are on their way to Jerusalem, where these events will unfold, and their response to Jesus’ question regarding their arguing about something or other reveals they are still quite clueless about the mystery that now enfolds them. But to better understand this consistent thematic in Mark’s narrative, it may be helpful to step back from the scene presented here and examine a more basic picture that the Gospels are striving to paint for us. This picture involves the nature and the attributes (perhaps “attitudes” is a better word) of the God of Israel.

When one considers the image or vision of God that the Hebrew Scriptures paint, what is striking as that picture unfolds is that Israel’s God is nothing like the gods of the pagan nations that surround her. This goes well beyond the move from polytheism to monotheism, for it goes to the heart of God’s very being – his personality, if you will.

The gods of Israel’s pagan neighbors were awesome potentates – removed from the world and the affairs of mere mortals. They are pictured as engaged in their own concerns among one another – rivals, factions, competition; often they use humanity for their sport and amusement. A classic image of these gods pictures them reclining on their divans in the high heavens, apparently sleeping a lot, and certainly unconcerned with the earthly affairs of mortals. From time to time, humans would attempt to catch the attention of these gods through some ritual agenda, such as offering burnt sacrifices (animal, grain and produce, sometimes other people); the smoke from these offerings would ascend to the gods’ domain demanding their attention (not always a good idea). Once alerted to human concerns and depending on their mood or disposition, the gods would then attend to the requests of mortals. The God of Israel



Father Walker

is nothing like this – with Israel’s God, we are merely not on the same page, we are not even in the same library!

The psalmist sings about this God: “... the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.” Israel’s God, theologian Father John Shea once noted in a lecture, is an insomniac – he restlessly paces the night skies, seeking out folks, for he has a plan. He comes to people in dreams and visions – often in the nitty-gritty of their daily lives because he has a plan: “Abraham, I’ve got a plan; ... Moses, I’ve got a plan; ... Joseph, got a plan; ... Mary, got a plan. ...” But as biblical revelation moves into the Christian Scriptures, it is becoming clearer that this plan does not settle very well into Israel’s messianic expectations. Simply put, the plan is Jesus of Nazareth. It is within the shape of this particular life (Jesus’) that God now calls out to people with his plan – to restore all things in Christ. So: he calls, through Jesus, low-income fishermen and a tax collector to preach truth and freedom to the world; he will ask 12-year-old Agnes and 86-year-old Polycarp to shed their blood; he will ask Anthony to quit the city and Augustine to humanize it. He will call people like Martin Luther King Jr. and Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero to pour the judgment of the Gospel into the seats of earthly power and oppression.

This brings us to this 25th Sunday’s Gospel. On their way to Jerusalem, it is becoming clearer that Jesus and the Twelve are not exactly in sync with one another. Upon inquiry into what was apparently a lively conversation, Jesus discovers their discussions have been focused on themselves – on who of their group is the greatest. Silence reigns. Embarrassment. Once again, their misconception of God’s kingdom is out there for them to consider: They continue to see a kingdom of power and grandeur, a kingdom where it matters who is at the right or left of the king; a kingdom of influence and power where your political savvy can make you influential and powerful. Jesus breaks their myopic bubble by placing in their midst a child – the least and most vulnerable in a community. So, quite contrary to their blueprint, the true disciple “receives” the child, i.e., accepts responsibility of service to the least and most

vulnerable. The old paradox surfaces once more: It is in serving the least that one is the greatest in the reign of God. The seats of importance in such a reign are not at the right or left of the rich and powerful, but at the feet of the poor and powerless – the place of service! This switch of perspective moves the focus away from one of priority or pre-eminence to one of service and availability – no superior status in the reign of God! What they are hearing from Jesus is that whenever they follow him in his mysterious ways of winning by losing and finding life by letting go of it, they are not going to end up at the top of the heap, but in the very depth and dregs of the human condition.

This insomniac, night-striding God with his mysterious purposes and plans has wrapped himself in the fabric of our humanity and our history. No remote, unconnected, disinterested God he; closer to us than we to ourselves, Augustine reminds us. “Where can I go to escape his presence,” the psalmist asks (Ps 139: 7), for he cannot neglect or forget us, engraved as we are on the palms of his hands (see Is 49: 16).

The church in every age can, like the Twelve, misread (or not read at all) the blueprint. I misread it because often my concerns are me-centered: Will I get credit? Will I be perceived as important? Will folks “that matter” take notice of me? Will I go higher up the ladder, etc.?

Yes, this Jesus is forever walking onto the stage of my life story; he carries an agenda (the Gospel); and he is not alone, for he carries with him all the poor and lowly of the Earth – the marginal people, out there at the edge, in the shadows, people of no importance. He also carries the rich, the important, the powerful – although they don’t know it. My importance begins to shrink, is of less consequence, as I try to welcome Jesus and his agenda. Opening myself in welcome, I discover my agenda is of little or no importance. John the Baptist spoke it most simply, yet eloquently: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (Jn 3: 30).

Father Walker is a Diocese of Steubenville priest, retired from active parish ministry. A former director of the diocesan Office of Worship, he celebrates Mass on a regular basis at St. James Church, McConnelsville. Native to that community, he continues to reside not far from St. James Church in retirement.

High Schools

St. John Central High School

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Diocesan seminarians back in the classroom

STEUBENVILLE — Eight men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville are back in classrooms in the United States, while a ninth man is in Europe learning Italian for his classes at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, said Father Michael W. Gossett, diocesan director of vocations.

Transitional Deacon Matthew Gossett is studying for the priesthood at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Deacon Gossett of Steubenville is in fourth theology and expects to be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville in 2016.

Transitional Deacon Ryan Gray of Fairview, Pennsylvania, is continuing his education at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. Deacon Gray, also in fourth theology, too, expects to be ordained to the priesthood for the diocese next year.

Deacons Gossett and Gray were ordained to the diacon-

mate in March 2015.

Also studying for the priesthood for the diocese at the Josephinum are Andres Chivel of Argentina, undergraduate, pre-theology, and Nicholas Ward of Steubenville, fourth college.

New to the diocese this year in their study for the priesthood at the Josephinum are Brandon Foster of Malvern, second college, and Joel Wright, Vermont, first pre-theology.

Jeremiah Hahn of Steubenville continues to study for the priesthood for the diocese at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit. He is in second, pre-theology. He is joined at the Sacred Heart Seminary by Josh Erickson of Toronto, second theology.

Nicholas Ginnetti of Kimbolton is learning Italian to begin classes at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City. Ginnetti concluded study in 2015 at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

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Pope simplifies annulment process; Bishop Monforton responds pastorally

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While a juridical process is necessary for making accurate judgments, the Catholic Church's marriage annulment process must be quicker, cheaper and much more of a pastoral ministry, Pope Francis said.

Rewriting a section of the Latin-rite Code of Canon Law and of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, Pope Francis said he was not promoting the nullity of marriages, but the quickness of the processes, as well as a correct simplicity of the procedures so that Catholic couples are not oppressed by the shadow of doubt for prolonged periods.

The Vatican released Sept. 8 the texts of two papal documents, "Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus" ("The Lord Jesus, the Gentle Judge") for the Latin-rite church and "Mitis et misericors Iesus" ("The Meek and Merciful Jesus") for the Eastern Catholic churches.

The changes, including the option of a brief process without the obligatory automatic appeal, go into effect Dec. 8, the opening day of the Year of Mercy.

The rules for the Latin and Eastern churches are substantially the same since the differences in texts refer mainly to the different structures of the hierarchy with Latin churches having bishops and Eastern

churches having eparchs and patriarchs.

Pope Francis said the changes in the annulment process were motivated by concern for the salvation of souls, and particularly charity and mercy toward those who feel alienated from the church because of their marriage situations and the perceived complexity of the church's annulment process.

The new rules replace canons 1671-1691 of the Code of Canon Law and canons 1357-1377 of the Eastern code. Pope Francis also provided a set of procedural regulations outlining how his reforms are to take place, encouraging bishops in small dioceses to train personnel who can handle marriage cases and spelling out specific conditions when a bishop can issue a declaration of nullity after an abbreviated process.

Those conditions include: when it is clear one or both parties lacked the faith to give full consent to a Catholic marriage; when the woman had an abortion to prevent procreation; remaining in an extramarital relationship at the time of the wedding or immediately afterward; one partner hiding knowledge of infertility, a serious contagious disease, children from a previous union or a history of incarceration; and when physical violence was used to extort

consent for the marriage.

The reformed processes were drafted by a special committee Pope Francis established a year earlier. Among the criteria he said guided their work, the first he listed was the possibility of there being only one executive sentence in favor of nullity when the local bishop or judge delegated by him had the moral certainty that the marriage was not valid. Previously an appeal was automatic and a declaration of nullity had to come from two tribunals.

Msgr. Pio Vito Pinto, dean of the Roman Rota, a Vatican court, and president of the commission that drafted the new rules, told reporters that Pope Francis asked for updates throughout the year, sought a review by four great canonists not involved in the drafting and in the end adopted the changes with great seriousness, but also great serenity.

The changes made by Pope Francis, particularly the responsibility and trust placed in local bishops, are the most substantial changes in the church's marriage law since the pontificate of Pope Benedict XIV in the mid-1700s, Msgr. Pinto said. Even with the 1917 and 1983 new Codes of Canon Law, the process for recognizing the nullity of a marriage remained substantially unchanged, he said.

Putting the poor at the center is what distinguishes the reform of Pope Francis from those made by Pope Pius X and Pope Benedict XIV, Msgr. Pinto said.

In fact, Pope Francis ordered that the gratuity of the procedure be assured so that, in a matter so closely tied to the salvation of souls, the church – by demonstrating to the faithful that she is a generous mother – may demonstrate the gratuitous love of Christ, which saves us all.

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton said, in response to Pope Francis' decisions concerning the sacrament of marriage: "The Holy Father is reaching out in a pastoral way to assist members of the faithful who may find themselves in difficult situations.

"Pope Francis hopes that these modifications will provide a swifter process in addressing the issue of nullity (recognizing that a marriage never existed as a valid sacrament). As a former pastor of two parishes, I am acutely aware of the pastoral challenges before us."

Bishop Monforton said that at the same time that Pope Francis emphasized the pastoral component of church law, he has reminded my brother bishops and me of the necessity for us to exercise our office's authority as the Good Shepherd.

Immaculate Heart Fund collection Sept. 26-27

STEUBENVILLE — Parishes in the Diocese of Steubenville will take up a special collection for the Immaculate Heart Fund Sept. 26-27.

The fund was established in 2007 to provide tuition assistance to students in parish parochial schools in the diocese who have exhausted all other means of aid.

For the 2015-16 school year, 144 awards were made from the Immaculate Heart Fund, totaling \$28,250, said David A. Franklin, diocesan comptroller. Requests for funds came for students in the diocese's 13 schools.

Since the fund's beginning, 1,044 awards totaling \$243,891 have been given.

Shroud will be presented Oct. 2 at Marietta basilica

MARIETTA — "The Holy Shroud of Turin Tour – Discovering Jesus in His Holy Shroud" will be presented by Donald H. Nohs, director, General Confraternity of the Passion, Oct. 2 at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the pre-

sentation will begin at 7 p.m., said Msgr. John Michael Campbell, basilica rector.

A relic of the shroud will be available for veneration.

Musical selections will be performed.

For more information, telephone (740) 373-3643.

Dorothy Day

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pious won't be liberal and the liberals won't be pious. You normally don't see the same person leading the rosary and the peace march. You normally don't see the same person championing both the pro-life movement and women's choice. And you don't normally see the same person scrupulously defending the most intimate matters within private morality and having the same moral passion for the global issues of social justice. But that was Dorothy Day. She was equally comfortable leading a peace march and leading the rosary. Someone once quipped: If you drew out what's deepest and best within both the conservatives and liberals and put them through a blender, what would come out is Dorothy Day.

A second feature which characterized Dorothy Day and her spirituality was her ability to simply act, and to act effectively. She not only had faith, she *acted upon* that faith. She was a do-er, not just a listener;

and she was able to institutionalize her faith and embed it into an institution, the Catholic Worker, which not only was able to minister directly to the poor, but was able to form itself into something larger and more permanent than the faith, vision and power of a single person. Dorothy was able to act in a way that was bigger and more effective than her own person. There's an axiom that says: *Whatever we dream alone remains a dream, but what we dream with others can become a reality.* Dorothy dreamed with others and made that dream a reality. Today, most of us struggle both to act on our faith and, even more so, to embed our faith concretely into effective, sustained community action.

Finally, Dorothy Day can be an inspiration to us because she did the right thing for the right reason. Dorothy's commitment to the poor arose not out of guilt, or neurosis, or anger, or bitterness toward society. It arose out of gratitude. Her route to faith, Jesus, and the poor was rather unorthodox. In the years prior to

her conversion she was an atheist, a communist, a woman ideologically opposed to the institution of marriage, and a woman who had had an abortion. Her turning to God and to the poor happened when she gave birth to her daughter, Tamar Theresa, and experienced in the joy of giving birth a gratitude that seared her soul. In her autobiography "The Long Loneliness," she describes how, at seeing her baby daughter for the first time, she was so overcome with gratitude that a faith and love were born in her that never again left her. Her passion for God and the poor were fueled by that.

She was also an earthy saint. She will, no doubt, be the first canonized saint whose photographs show a woman with a cigarette in her mouth. She's a saint for our time. She showed us how we can serve God and the poor in a very complex world, and how to do it with love and color.

Father Rolheiser is a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, who is president of the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, as well as a lecturer, writer and retreat master. Father Rolheiser has a website, which is www.ronrolheiser.com.

Preschool/prekindergarten teacher needed

St. Mary Central School, St. Clairsville, Ohio, is hiring a full-time preschool/prekindergarten teacher. Start date is immediate, upon approval. Successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic able to provide a letter of support from the parish pastor; must hold a valid Ohio Department of Education Early Childhood Education licensure; and provide three professional references.

Contact Nannette Kennedy, principal, at (740) 695-3189, for additional information.

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Athens — A workshop on the updated “Decree on Child Protection” will be held from 9:30-11 a.m., Sept. 12, and from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 15, at Holy Family Center, located at Christ the King University Parish.

The Athens Catholic community will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 3, at the Holy Family Center, which is located at Christ the King University Parish. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code is ChristKingAthens. To volunteer assistance at the event, telephone Barbara Krajnak at (740) 593-5729.

Barnesville — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish will participate in the annual pumpkin festival, which is held on the downtown streets of Barnesville. Shredded chicken, chicken salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetable soup, chili, soup beans, homemade noodles, salads, pie and beverages will be sold Sept. 25 and Sept. 26, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Chicken or roast beef with mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, corn and green beans, coleslaw, pie or cake and beverages will be sold Sept. 27, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will also be a raffle at the event.

Bellaire — An Irish Youth sports quarter auction will be held by St. John Central (Grade) School Sept. 12, at St. John Central High School gymnasium, 3625 Guernsey St. Doors will open at 11 a.m., and the auction will begin at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5; refreshments will be sold. Benefits from the auction will support the Irish Youth sports program. For additional information, telephone Beverly Patrone at (740) 310-6059 or email bpatrone@wodagroup.com.

Buchtel/Glouster — A workshop on the updated “Decree on Child Protection” will be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 21, at Holy Cross Church, Glouster, and on Sept. 22, following the celebration of the 6:30 p.m. Mass, at St. Mary of the Hills Church, Buchtel.

Caldwell — A Holy Hour, to pray for our nation, will be prayed following the celebration of the 8 a.m. Mass, Sept. 15, at St. Stephen Church.

St. Stephen Parish will sponsor a parish social and bingo from 5-8 p.m., Oct. 11, at the church hall. Proceeds will benefit Parish School of Religion and vacation Bible school programs.

Cambridge — A Mass of anointing will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m., Sept. 27, at St. Benedict Church social hall. The Mass is for those in need of physical, mental, spiritual, psychological or emotional healing, or for those weakened by age, facing surgery, or with a life-threatening illness. If transportation is needed, telephone (740) 432-7609, prior to Sept. 27. A reception will follow.

Cambridge — St. Benedict School will sponsor a fundraiser magazine and memories sale through Sept 18. Magazines can be purchased at www.gaschool-store.com; enter school ID 2652964. If you do not need a magazine, there are memory products available, or you can purchase a magazine subscription for someone in the military. For additional information, telephone the school at (740) 432-6751. Proceeds will assist in providing classroom resources.

Ironton — A fall rummage sale will be sponsored by St. Joseph CWC from 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 3, at St. Joseph Church undercroft.

Little Hocking — A Sept. 16 DVD presentation by Father Ron Rolheiser titled “Dark Nights and Doubts in Our Lives” will be part of a 6:30 p.m. adult discussion session at St. Ambrose Church. Father Rolheiser is a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, lecturer, writer and retreat master.

Bible study, with School Sister of Notre Dame Joan Marie VanBeek, will be held Sept. 20, at St. Ambrose Church, from 9:15-10:45 a.m.

A blood drive will be held from 1-6 p.m., Sept. 21, at St. Ambrose Church hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes, for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton presides at Mass at Gables Care Center, Hopedale. The bishop regularly celebrates Mass with residents of extended care facilities who are unable to attend parish-scheduled Masses. Father Frederick C. Kihm, right, pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Cadiz, and Sacred Heart Parish, Hopedale, and administrator of St. Matthias Mission, Freeport, and Father Francis Dankoski, a diocesan priest affiliated with the Order of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Hopedale, join the bishop at the altar. After the Mass, Bishop Monforton blessed religious articles that had been donated by St. Jude parishioners, Rochester, New York, via Deborah Rivers, a Sacred Heart parishioner and volunteer at Gables Care Center. Residents were able to take the blessed items with them for placement in their rooms at the facility. (Photo by DeFrancis)

faith, will begin Sept. 29, at St. Ambrose Church. For additional information, telephone Cheryl Hayes, (740) 525-3549.

Marietta — If you have a rosary that is broken, Divine Mercy Gift Shop volunteer Jennifer Kerns makes and repairs rosaries for the gift shop, which is located at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. The rosary can be placed in a zip-locked bag, along with your name and phone number, and dropped off at the gift shop. You will receive a phone call when it is ready. For additional information, telephone the basilica office at (740) 373-3643.

Morges — St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish will sponsor a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 19, in the church hall.

St. Clairsville — Wednesday evening Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles will begin Sept. 23, at St. Mary Church. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the parish offices. For additional information, telephone (740) 695-9993.

Friday morning Bible study will begin Sept. 11, at St. Mary Church. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in St. Mary Parish offices. The upcoming topic of discussion will be “The Exodus Continued: Detachment and Transfiguration.” For additional information, telephone Uli Heiby at (740) 695-5501.

“Welcome Home,” a program for nonpracticing Catholics thinking about returning to the Catholic Church, will begin Oct. 7. The six-week course will start at 7 p.m., in St. Mary Church Parish offices. For additional information, telephone (740) 296-5123 or (740) 695-9993.

The St. Mary Parish Saturday Book Club will gather at 11 a.m., Sept. 26, in the parish offices. “Surprised by Joy,” by C.S. Lewis, will be discussed.

The Women of St. Mary’s will hold an annual raffle Sept. 20. To purchase tickets, call Marie Berber, (740) 695-1315 or Connie Komar, (740) 695-9297.

Steubenville — A fifth annual Pam Shoemaker foundation fundraiser golf classic will be held Sept. 12, at Steubenville Country Club, 413 Lovers Lane. Shoemaker was a former parishioner of Triumph of the Cross Parish. Cost for the four-man scramble

is \$300 per team; shotgun begins at 10 a.m. There will be prizes, dinner and a chance to win a 2015 Ford Fusion at the event. For additional information, telephone Sandy Gotschall, (740) 317-9241; John Andriano, (740) 632-9471; or Teresa Stoll, (740) 317-9243.

Adult faith formation classes titled “The Great Adventure: Journey Through the Bible” will be held at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 15, and continue every other Tuesday, at Holy Rosary Church Marian Room. Classes will also be offered at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 17, and every other Thursday. For additional information, telephone June Baker at (740) 457-9828.

Pre-Cana classes will be held in Holy Rosary Church Marian Room Oct. 23-24. Registration deadline is Oct. 14. Cost to attend is \$50. For additional information, call Triumph of the Cross Parish office, (740) 264-6177. The class fulfills the diocesan requirements for marriage preparation.

An annual fall card party, sponsored by Triumph of the Cross CWC, will be held Sept. 20, at Holy Rosary Church auditorium. Doors will open at 1 p.m.; the card party begins at 2 p.m.

Steubenville — “Healing Through Consecration” will be the topic of discussion at the 7 p.m., Sept. 15, “Be Not Afraid Family Hour,” which is held at Holy Rosary Church. The family hour is combined with devotion and catechism. For additional information, telephone (740) 266-7255, (740) 284-1539 or (502) 599-4482.

Steubenville — Catholic Central High School will have a homecoming weekend beginning with a steak fry bash Sept. 25, at the school pavilion, 320 West View Ave. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. Food will be served from 6-8 p.m.; activities will continue until 11 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m., Sept. 26, in the CCHS Berkman Theater, Lanman Hall; tailgating will follow in Scaffidi’s parking lot at 5 p.m.; a homecoming parade to Harding Stadium will leave at 6 p.m. Following the 7 p.m. game, a fish fry will be held at the school cafeteria and pavilion.

Woodfield — A Holy Hour for “World Day of Prayer and Peace” will be prayed from 7-8 p.m., Sept. 11, at St. Sylvester Church.

Around and About

Adena — As part of an Urban Mission Project sponsored by the Adena Lions Club, gently used coats, clothes, shoes, etc., for adults and children, will be accepted through Oct. 7 at the Peoples National Bank, 9 E. Main St., and the Adena United Methodist Church, 15 Lyons St. If donations need to be picked up, call Martins McKim at (740) 546-3536.

Athens — A representative from the Catholic Committee on Appalachia will have a presentation on Pope Francis' environmental encyclical "Laudato Si'" from 7-9 p.m., Sept. 16, at the Schoonover Center, on the Ohio University campus, Room 450.

Athens — The Pregnancy Resource Center of Athens County will hold an annual fundraising banquet Sept. 24. For more information, telephone Rachel Esselburn, executive director, at (740) 591-5951.

Carey, Ohio — The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St., will celebrate an annual "Latino Heritage Day" Sept. 20. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at noon and confessions will be heard, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

"Family Day" will be celebrated at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Carey St., Sept. 27. For additional information, call the shrine at (419) 396-7107 or visit www.olcshrine.com.

Clarion, Ohio — A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be held Oct. 16-18, at the Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway. For more information or to make a reservation, call (330) 305-9963, email LGrieshammer@gmail.com, or visit the website WWME.org.

Marietta — A Marietta community blood drive will be held from 1-6 p.m., Sept. 25, in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 501 Fourth St. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Marietta, to schedule an appointment.

Rayland — Health professionals from Schiffler Cancer Center, 1 Medical Park, Wheeling, West Virginia, will provide information on symptoms, care and resources concerning skin cancer, breast cancer and melanoma from 10 a.m.-noon, Sept. 19, at Brightway Center, 2511 County Road 15. Refreshments will be served at the free event.

Brightway Center, 2511 County Road 15, will present a free overnight spiritual awareness event "The Challenge - How Can I Live a Righteous Life in a Sinful World" beginning at 9 a.m., Sept. 26, until 12:30 p.m., Sept. 27, for youth in grades six through 12. Registration deadline is Sept.

18; call Cathy Takach, (740) 733-7480, for more information or to register.

Steubenville — The work of Daniel Mitsui, an artist whose work renews the illustration techniques and visual images of medieval manuscript illumination, will be featured at Franciscan University of Steubenville's Fine Arts Department new exhibition "Invention and Exaltation: Contemporary Religious Art." It opens at 7 p.m., Sept. 14, in the Tony and Nina Gentile Gallery. Hours vary, but tours are available by prior arrangement. To schedule a viewing, call (740) 283-6964 or email lmeldrum@franciscan.edu.

Tiltonsville — An ice cream social will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 15, at the Tiltonsville United Methodist Church, 106 Grandview Ave. A donation of \$5 includes a make-your-own ice cream sundae, pie or cake and a drink. Children under the age of 10 eat for free, with a paying adult.

Toronto — The Family of Jacopa Association, a public association of the Christian faithful in the Diocese of Steubenville, will hold an investiture, habit clothing ceremony, at 6:15 p.m., Sept. 14, following the 5:15 p.m. Mass and novena of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal, at Holy Rosary Church, 204 Rosemont Ave., Steubenville.

Weirton, W.Va. — The St. Paul Christian Mothers' autumn glory card party will be held at 2 p.m., Sept. 27, at St. Paul Church, 140 Walnut St. For tickets, which cost \$9, call (304) 723-5755. There will be a lunch, table and door prizes, a Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle that day. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Wheeling, W.Va. — A novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague themed "Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord" will begin at 7 p.m., Sept. 21, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 1300 Eoff St. The novena will be prayed for nine consecutive Monday evenings and conclude Nov. 16. Each week will consist of Benediction, a homily presented by a guest speaker and music.

Wheeling, W.Va. — A planning committee is being formed for an upcoming Wheeling Jesuit University June 24-26, 2016, 40-year reunion. To join the committee, contact the WJU Alumni Office at alumni@wju.edu or telephone (800) 888-ALUM, extension 2586.

Woodfield — Boys in grades one through five can attend a sign-up meeting for St. Sylvester's Cub Scout Pack 17 at 6 p.m., Sept. 14. For more information, call (740) 472-0187.

followed in Mansfield Catholic Cemetery.

Anthony Saprano also is survived by a sister and her family.

Theodore M. Call, 73, 109 Cove Drive, Powhatan Point, St. John Vianney, Aug. 22.

Marian Kusic, 88, St. Clairsville, St. Mary, Aug. 23.

Joseph E. Lucki, 87, Wheeling, West Virginia, St. Joseph, Bridgeport, Sept. 1.

Loretta Nail, 101, St. Clairsville, St. Mary, Aug. 28.

Antoinette M. "Toni" Peltz, 67, St. Clairsville, St. Mary, July 28.

James J. Stropkai, 71, Colerain, St. Frances Cabrini, Aug. 16.

'Mary's House' to be safe haven for pregnant women, 18 and older

STOCKPORT, Ohio — A group of residents — many from Morgan County, but others from Athens and Washington counties — have set their sights on establishing "Mary's House at Silver Heels Inc." to serve pregnant women, 18 and older.

The approximate 480 acres where Mary's House is situated is owned by Joe and Paul Schaad, who have other acreage nearby and operate a dairy farm.

On a recent day, Janice Schaad, Joe's wife, explained how Mary's House was born. She was at the house — 2272 E. Ohio Route 266, Stockport — along with Annette Schaad, a St. James, McConnellsville, parishioner, and Catherine Sheppard, coordinator of Mary's House, to discuss with the Register how the idea for the project came about and where the men and women involved with it hope to take it.

Janice Schaad explained that the acreage was bought in 2010, to grow corn, soybeans and hay and as pastureland for cattle. The Schaad's dairy is located in nearby Waterford. There 400 cows produce milk that is sold to Broughton Dairy, Marietta. Though other land the dairy farmers own has housing on it, also, Janice Schaad said she and her husband did not want to rent out the Silver Heels (supposedly named for a Native American) house. Instead, she said, they wanted to use it for something else. As her husband was doing chores one day, he decided that the house should be dedicated to Mary and should be utilized to save her children, Janice Schaad said.

Sheppard, who has a counseling and mental health background, agreed to relocate to Waterford to assist in getting Mary's House started.

The undertaking has come out of prayer, with not a lot of research, Annette Schaad stated, and pointed to the ecumenical support of the project, rooted in the Catholic faith and in unity with all other faiths. Msgr. Robert J. Kawa, pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Beverly, is spiritual adviser for the Mary's House board, formed in June. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month

in different churches.

The board has applied for nonprofit status and hired an architect, Brian Ad-



Annette Schaad, Catherine Sheppard and Janice Schaad stand on the porch of "Mary's House." (Photo by DeFrancis)

dis, to rehab the house in accordance with state and county mandates.

Built around 1900, the house was a private residence. At one time, some of the acreage was mined for gravel. In the wooded area behind the house, an eagle nests, Janice Schaad pointed out.

In some of the grass surrounding Mary's House, a fundraiser will be held Sept. 26. The "Dinner in the Field" begins with a 5-6 p.m. social and continues with dinner of pork, chicken, rolls, homemade noodles, green beans, parsley potatoes, applesauce and dessert. During the evening, there will be a tour of the house, live music, a pie auction, chicken bingo, raffle of a quilt made by Rosemary Heiss, a silent auction and 50/50 drawing. For tickets, which cost \$20 each, telephone Sheppard at (727) 434-2900 or Janice Schaad, (740) 984-4764.

In the future, other efforts will be made to solicit support for the house for women who can come there when they are pregnant and stay after the birth of their baby for six months or longer, Janice Schaad said. While the women are at Mary's House, they will be given pre- and postnatal care, taught life and parental skills and provided spiritual direction.

"If only we can save one child from abortion," the women said, at what they envision as a house of healing, a safe haven for those who stay, nurtured in mind, body and spirit.

Obituaries

Anthony Joseph Saprano, 73, of Gahanna, Ohio — brother of Diocese of Steubenville priest Father Samuel R. Saprano, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Shadyside — died Aug. 15.

Born Oct. 28, 1941, a son of Tindara Miragliotta Saprano and Joseph Robert Saprano, Anthony Saprano graduated from the University of Dayton (Ohio), attended Naval Officer's Cadet School where he became an ensign lieutenant junior grade, saw active duty in Vietnam and spent most of his adult life in the Columbus, Ohio, area, as a realtor.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 19 at St. Peter Church, Mansfield, Ohio; burial

Pledges in 2015 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign surpass \$2 million

DPSC theme –



“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks”
(Col 3: 17).

In the 2015 DPSC –

- 55 of the diocese’s 57 parishes are over goal
- 33.65 percent of families have pledged
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 - cash

Questions on the DPSC, contact Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, diocesan vicar general and DPSC director, or Martin B. Thompson, DPSC associate director, chancery, P.O. Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952; telephone (740) 282-3631; email kkemo@diosteub.org or mthompson@diosteub.org.

Parishes

	GOAL	AMOUNT PLEDGED	PAID AMOUNT	PERCENT PAID	REBATES
MOTHER OF HOPE DEANERY					
HOLY FAMILY STEUBENVILLE	44,144.00	74,560.00	60,463.19	81%	16,319.19
ST PETER STEUBENVILLE	48,856.00	63,358.89	50,934.66	80%	2,078.66
TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS STEUBENVILLE	66,464.00	139,364.00	118,156.31	85%	51,692.31
ST JOSEPH AMSTERDAM	12,648.00	21,090.00	17,728.32	84%	5,080.32
ST TERESA CADIZ	16,740.00	37,150.00	34,314.65	92%	17,574.65
OUR LADY OF MERCY CARROLLTON	17,236.00	26,560.00	24,449.00	92%	7,213.00
SACRED HEART HOPEDALE	8,556.00	16,090.00	14,278.50	89%	5,722.50
ST FRANCIS XAVIER MALVERN	21,204.00	22,995.00	20,601.67	90%	
ST GABRIEL MINERVA	23,064.00	33,451.00	29,505.57	88%	6,441.57
ST AGNES MINGO JUNCTION	35,092.00	47,680.00	42,800.50	90%	7,708.50
ST MARY MORGES	8,308.00	9,390.00	8,456.66	90%	148.66
ST JOHN FISHER RICHMOND	14,632.00	20,965.00	17,668.31	84%	3,036.31
ST FRANCIS TORONTO	19,716.00	38,967.00	35,708.63	92%	15,992.63
ST JOSEPH TORONTO	15,872.00	30,438.00	27,595.99	91%	11,723.99
BLESSED SACRAMENT WINTERSVILLE	47,492.00	101,740.00	79,254.62	78%	31,762.62
OUR LADY OF LOURDES WINTERSVILLE	12,400.00	18,260.00	17,393.86	95%	4,993.86
ST MATTHIAS FREEPORT	4,588.00	9,870.00	8,712.25	88%	4,124.25
MOTHER OF HOPE DEANERY TOTALS	417,012.00	711,928.89	608,022.69	85%	191,613.02
NATIVITY OF MARY DEANERY					
CHRIST THE KING ATHENS	38,068.00	47,317.00	43,015.16	91%	4,947.16
ST PAUL ATHENS	37,448.00	56,442.00	51,272.00	91%	13,824.00
ST ANN CHESAPEAKE	16,492.00	13,900.00	13,900.00	100%	
ST LOUIS GALLIPOLIS	27,404.00	27,455.00	24,342.31	89%	
HOLY CROSS GLOUSTER	9,300.00	16,000.00	13,663.31	85%	4,363.31
ST JOSEPH/ST LAWRENCE IRONTON	46,996.00	227,836.00	183,185.86	80%	136,189.86
ST MARY PINE GROVE	3,596.00	8,530.00	7,260.00	85%	3,664.00
SACRED HEART POMEROY	18,476.00	20,744.00	16,104.00	78%	
ST MARY NELSONVILLE	9,672.00	9,772.00	8,162.00	84%	
NATIVITY OF MARY DEANERY TOTALS	207,452.00	427,996.00	360,904.64	84%	162,988.33
PRESENTATION DEANERY					
ST CASIMIR ADENA	12,896.00	25,975.00	22,328.32	86%	9,432.32
ASSUMPTION BARNESVILLE	24,304.00	28,017.00	26,933.66	96%	2,629.66
ST JOHN BELLAIRE	22,940.00	26,402.62	23,213.28	88%	273.28
ST ANTHONY BRIDGEPORT	10,788.00	16,050.00	12,013.00	75%	1,225.00
ST JOSEPH BRIDGEPORT	17,360.00	33,855.00	30,845.00	91%	13,485.00
ST FRANCES CABRINI COLERAIN	19,468.00	44,025.00	37,867.41	86%	18,399.41
ST ADALBERT DILLONVALE	15,376.00	24,827.00	20,788.64	84%	5,412.64
ST MARY MARTINS FERRY	22,196.00	37,120.97	36,343.52	98%	14,147.52
SACRED HEART NEFFS	9,796.00	14,710.00	13,151.32	89%	3,355.32
ST JOHN VIANNEY POWHATAN POINT	3,596.00	4,860.00	4,610.00	95%	1,014.00
ST MARY SHADYSIDE	11,160.00	23,260.00	20,963.21	90%	9,803.21
ST MARY ST CLAIRSVILLE	65,720.00	164,336.92	139,478.30	85%	73,758.30
ST MARY TEMPERANCEVILLE	5,704.00	5,636.00	5,406.33	96%	
ST JOSEPH TILTONSVILLE	11,780.00	20,039.00	18,311.81	91%	6,531.81
ST LUCY YORKVILLE	5,456.00	6,710.00	6,009.98	90%	553.98
PRESENTATION DEANERY TOTALS	258,540.00	475,824.51	418,263.78	88%	160,021.45
VISITATION DEANERY					
CORPUS CHRISTI BELLE VALLEY	7,812.00	14,040.00	13,300.00	95%	5,488.00
ST AMBROSE LITTLE HOCKING	35,712.00	69,140.00	59,747.29	86%	24,035.29
ST BERNARD BEVERLY	22,444.00	41,030.00	34,683.60	85%	12,239.60
ST STEPHEN CALDWELL	32,240.00	40,856.00	38,558.30	94%	6,318.30
ST MICHAEL CARLISLE	6,696.00	8,965.00	8,665.00	97%	1,969.00
ST JOHN CHURCHTOWN	23,932.00	27,900.00	27,775.00	99%	3,843.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FULDA	16,492.00	21,990.00	20,313.98	92%	3,821.98
ST HENRY HARRIETTSVILLE	7,812.00	13,605.00	12,315.00	91%	4,503.00
OUR LADY OF MERCY LOWELL	19,344.00	24,795.00	23,090.13	93%	3,746.13
ST MARY MARIETTA	85,560.00	137,999.00	120,326.85	87%	34,766.85
ST JAMES MCCONNELSVILLE	9,920.00	18,262.00	15,541.28	85%	5,621.28
ST JOHN MILTONSBURG	5,332.00	7,955.00	7,655.00	96%	2,323.00
ST SYLVESTER WOODSFIELD	14,880.00	19,340.00	17,348.00	90%	2,468.00
ST JOHN BOSCO SARDIS	1,860.00	3,700.00	3,625.00	98%	1,765.00
CHRIST OUR LIGHT CAMBRIDGE	66,960.00	68,553.00	61,288.12	89%	
VISITATION DEANERY TOTALS	356,996.00	518,130.00	464,232.55	90%	112,908.43
GRAND TOTAL ALL DEANERIES	1,240,000.00	2,133,879.40	1,851,423.66	87%	627,531.23

(Of the \$627,531.23 rebates, \$535,281.88 has been returned already to parishes, by Aug. 17.)