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Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will reconsecrate the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a noon June 24 Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta. A Marian procession will precede the Mass, beginning at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary School, 320 Marion St., Marietta, and proceeding down Fourth Street to the basilica.



(Photo by DeFrancis)

News Briefs

Pope calls for prayer month for renewal

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis called for an “extraordinary month of prayer and reflection” to reinvigorate and renew the missionary spirit and action of the Catholic Church.

Welcoming a proposal from the pontifical mission societies and the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, the pope said the special concentration on mission during the month of October 2019 would help “renew the love and passion” of proclaiming the Gospel to everyone.

The announcement came in the text of a speech the pope wrote, but did not read, June 3 when he met Cardinal Fernando Filoni, congregation prefect, and people taking part in the pontifical mission societies’ annual meeting in Rome.

Coordinated under the jurisdiction of the congregation, the four agencies – the Holy Childhood Association, Missionary Union of Priests and Religious, Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Society of St. Peter the Apostle – promote missionary awareness and raise funds for the work of the church in mission territories around the globe.

Safeguarding creation religious obligation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians and Muslims, believers in one God, have an obligation to safeguard the world God created, said the Vatican’s annual message to Muslims for the end of Ramadan – a month of fasting – June 24.

“Our vocation to be guardians of God’s handiwork is not optional, nor is it tangential to our religious commitment as Christians and Muslims: It is an essential part of it,” said Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran and Bishop Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, respectively president and secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

After decades of ministry, Msgr. Kawa retires

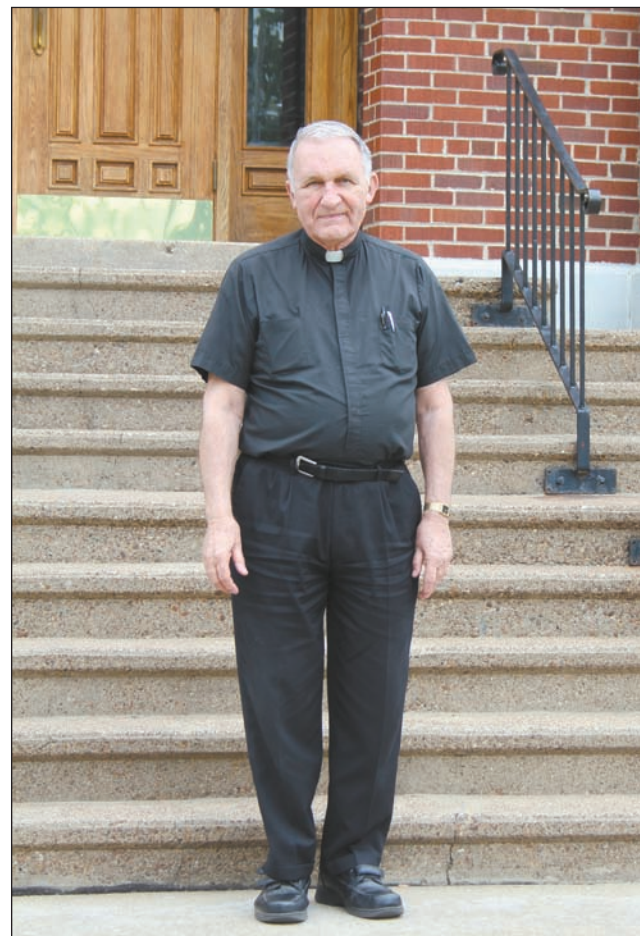
BEVERLY — After serving the people of St. Bernard Parish for more than two decades and ministering in the Diocese of Steubenville for nearly five decades, Msgr. Robert J. Kawa will retire from active parish ministry, June 30.

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.

As his father went to war, his mother took him to Byesville to reside with family, Msgr. Kawa said during a recent morning and afternoon conversation with The Steubenville Register. His father joined his wife and son in the Guernsey County village, as he returned from World War II.

When it was time for him to start school, Msgr. Kawa was enrolled in first grade at St. Benedict School, Cambridge, since there was no Catholic school in Byesville at the time. By second grade, he was able to attend Byesville’s Holy Trinity Central School. He credited the Felician Sisters of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, labeled as founders of the school in coordination with the Holy Trinity Parish community, with fostering his vocation to the priesthood. The sisters’ strict discipline and excellent teaching challenged students to grow academically and spiritually, he said. Their constant encouragement for boys to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, along with the influence of his parents and pastor, the late Msgr. Stephen A. Laca, made him decide to enter the seminary after eighth grade. He spent 12 years at St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomingdale, as a student. There were 120 students in the Steubenville Diocese seminary then, 19 in his freshman high school class, he remembered. Three

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Msgr. Robert J. Kawa stands outside St. Bernard Church, Beverly, where he has ministered for more than 20 years. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Diocese of Steubenville priests, deacon celebrate jubilees/Pages 4/5/8

Bishop Monforton ordains seminarian a deacon



Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton imposes hands on Joshua D. Erickson and invokes the Holy Spirit at a June 3 Mass. (Photo by DeFrancis)

MARIETTA — During a June 3 Mass, Joshua D. Erickson – a seminarian for the Diocese of Steubenville – was ordained to the diaconate.

Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton presided at the ordination at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, where Msgr. John Michael Campbell is rector.

Transitional Deacon Erickson expects to be ordained to the priesthood for the diocese next year.

The 27-year-old is the son of Chris and Jody Erickson. The Erickson children who range in age from 28 to 9 – Bobby, Joshua, Terez, Regina, Gabriel, Raphael (deceased), Victoria, Damien, Naomi and Danielle – are home-schooled. Formerly from Hopedale, where they were members of Sacred Heart Parish, the Ericksons are Toronto residents. They are members of St. Joseph Parish, Toronto.

Deacon Erickson is a 2012 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville; attended St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Denver, and since 2015 has studied for the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit.

In recent months, when not in seminary, Deacon Erickson has been assigned by Bishop Monforton to St. Ambrose Parish, Little Hocking, where Father Robert A. Gallagher is pastor.

During a recent conversation with The Steubenville Register, Deacon Erickson said he has spent time assisting Father Gallagher at Mass and training others to assist in Mass at St. Ambrose Church. Presently, he said, he is learning the details

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'Ask the Bishop'

STEUBENVILLE — Kindergartners through 12th-graders in the Diocese of Steubenville "Ask the Bishop," Jeffrey M. Monforton.

Q: Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross during Mass?

**Luke Deptula
Steubenville**

A: When we "make the sign of the cross" in church we are providing an outward sign of our profession of faith in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

While we make the sign of the cross at the beginning and at the end of Mass, many of us, also, make the sign of the cross entering the church building and while exiting. The use of holy water accompanies those sacred gestures.

We celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity last Sunday (June 11).

Every time we make the sign of the cross we are at prayer honoring the blessed Trinity.

When we begin our day we should first make the sign of the cross dedicating the day to the glory of God.

Our faith teaches us the sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties.

Q: What religious orders take a vow of poverty?

**Carson Hendershot
St. Clairsville**

A: Poverty is one of the three evangeli-

cal counsels, the other two being chastity and obedience.

The vow of poverty is a constitutive element of consecrated life, signifying a detachment from worldly things and providing voluntary humility.

The one who takes the vow of poverty directs the gaze of all people on the endless treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

The vow of poverty frees a person from the distractions of this world and gives that person the ability to deepen his or her encounter with Jesus Christ, who was poor for our sake.

Let us not forget how Jesus, in his concern for the poor, called them blessed in the "Beatitudes."

The detachment from worldly goods reminds us where our priorities lie as fellow Christians.

Q: Why did God create animals?

**Haley Cherepko
Bloomington**

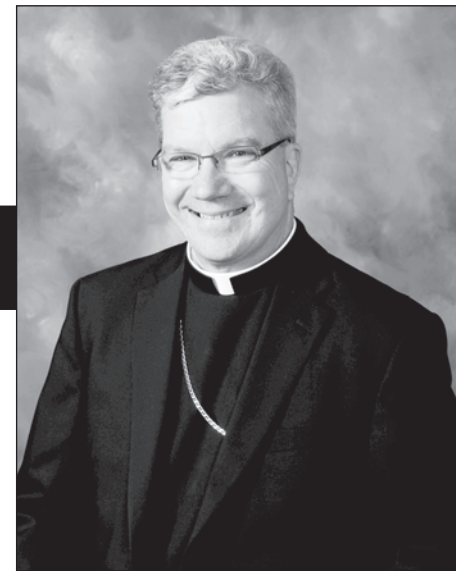
A: In the Book of Genesis, we read that God created animals, and he called his creations good.

We also read that God entrusted the animals with us, and as we care for creation this includes respecting the interests of God's creatures.

The animals are here for us, and we are their caretakers.

In his 2015 encyclical letter "Laudato Si'", Pope Francis instructs us that the care for our common home is both a moral and a spiritual challenge.

In other words, the horizontal relationship between us and neighbor, and creation, affects the vertical relationship between God and us: a call to inner conversion and



(Photo by George)

Bishop Monforton

personal transformation.

St. Francis of Assisi is a perfect example how we care for the animals entrusted us. Sometimes we may wonder why we have mosquitoes, but then we should marvel at the mystery of creation and of all species, of which we continue to discover new ones.

As we prepare to embark into summer may you and your family delve deeper into your faith and recognize God's loving presence each and every day.

Questions for "Ask the Bishop" are channeled through the Diocese of Steubenville, Office of Christian Formation and Schools, Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, director. So, to "Ask the Bishop," contact Carolyn A. Crabtree, catechetical consultant, P.O. Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952; 422 Washington St., Steubenville; telephone (740) 282-3631; email ccrabtree@diosteub.org.

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Reconsecration Mass will be live streamed from basilica

STEUBENVILLE — The June 24 Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta that ends the Year of Reconsecration of the Diocese of Steubenville to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be live streamed.

Joseph A. Schmidt, pastoral associate at the basilica, said that people unable to attend the noon Mass should log on <http://www.stmarysmarietta.org/Webcasts.php>.

Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton has received permission from the Congregation of Divine

Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments for the Mass to celebrate the diocese's patronal feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Other parishes in the diocese will celebrate the solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist that day.

In addition, a plenary indulgence with the usual conditions of confession, Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father can be received on the occasion, Bishop Monforton said.

Msgr. John Michael Campbell is rector of the basilica.

Bishop Monforton ordains seminarian

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of parish record keeping and bill paying.

One of his favorite things to do, now, however, is preaching. Deacon Erickson said he has been able to deliver the homilies at Monday and Wednesday Masses and at Masses on alternating weekends.

Bishop Monforton acknowledged in his homily at the ordination Mass — attended by the ordinand's family and friends — that Deacon Erickson was ordained to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ. "Jesus Christ made it quite clear that in serving him, we honor the Father who sent him," Bishop Monforton said, as he pointed out that holy orders looks beyond this world, while its members serve in this world. At the reception of holy orders, the recipient receives the life-giving spirit of God, Bishop Monforton continued. Holy orders is not an individual rite, but a divine gift — the first sharing of the apostles in that upper room, the bishop said.

The transitional deacon's commitment to the celibate state, Bishop Monforton said, is a sign of charity and inspiration. It's a self-gift that reveals a dedication to Jesus with an undivided heart, he added.

As the bishop urged the newly ordained to pray for the church daily, he encouraged him to do so joyfully. There is only discipleship, Bishop Monforton said, faith filled and joy filled.

"Love the people you serve. ..."

At the rite of ordination, the candidate was presented by Father Michael W. Gossett, director of vocations for the Steubenville Diocese.

The elect stood before the bishop and affirmed his intention to serve the church. Then, he knelt before Bishop Monforton and promised obedience to him and his successors. Afterwards, he prostrated himself before the altar and the saints were called to intercede in his behalf.

As the candidate knelt before the bishop, he imposed his

hands on him and involved the Holy Spirit. This ancient sign, in conjunction with the prayer of ordination, constitutes the essential rite of ordination to the diaconate, the worship aid reads.

The newly ordained was vested with the deacon's stole and dalmatic by his parish pastor, Father Thomas A. Vennitti, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph parishes, Toronto.

Bishop Monforton placed the Book of the Gospels in the deacon's hands.

After the bishop shared the sign of peace with the newly ordained, other deacons welcomed him into the diaconate.

At the Mass conclusion, the deacon stood before the bishop who blessed him.

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon attended the Mass. Other priests and deacons were on the altar, also. Gabriel Erickson served as reader; Danielle, Naomi and Victoria Erickson were gift bearers. Father Bradley W. Greer was master of ceremonies. John Ontko served as organist, and the basilica choir sang.

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Bishop Monforton's Schedule

June 17	Seminarian challenge breakfast, Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, 620 Roswell Road, NW, Carrollton, 10 a.m.
18	Youth conference Mass, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 10 a.m.
19	Annual Priests' Jubilee Celebration Mass and dinner, St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, 4:30 p.m.
22	Mass, profession of vows, consecrated women, Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, 8 a.m.
24	Procession of Immaculate Heart of Mary statue, Marietta, 10:30 a.m. Closing Mass, Year of Reconsecration of the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, noon
25	Mass, Holy Family Church, Steubenville, 11 a.m. Mass and perpetual vows, Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, Toronto, 2 p.m.
26	Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.
27	Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m.
28	Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.
29	Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.
June 30 - July 3	U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Convocation on Evangelization, Orlando, Florida

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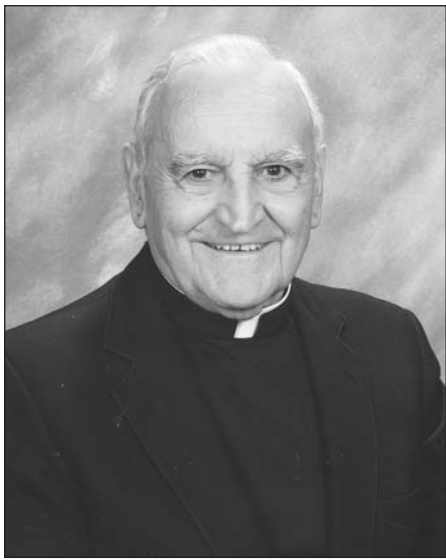
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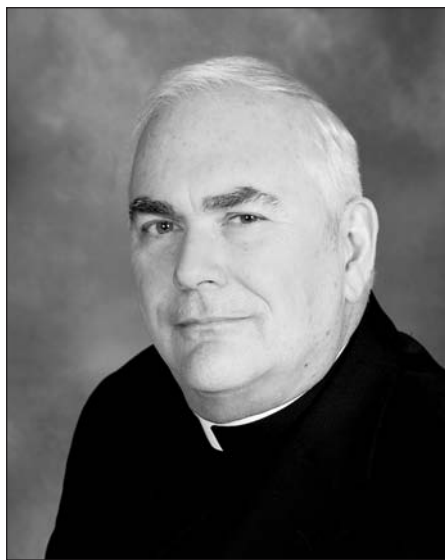
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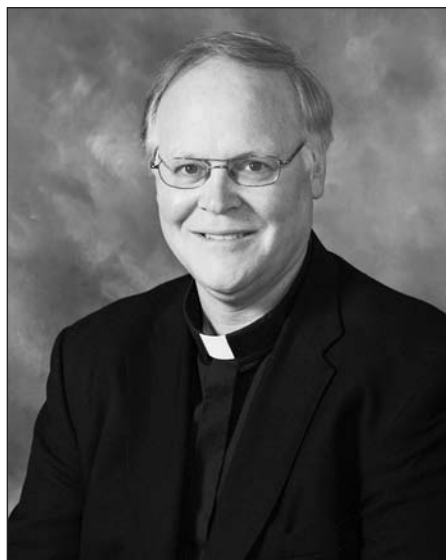
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Msgr. Pasquinelli



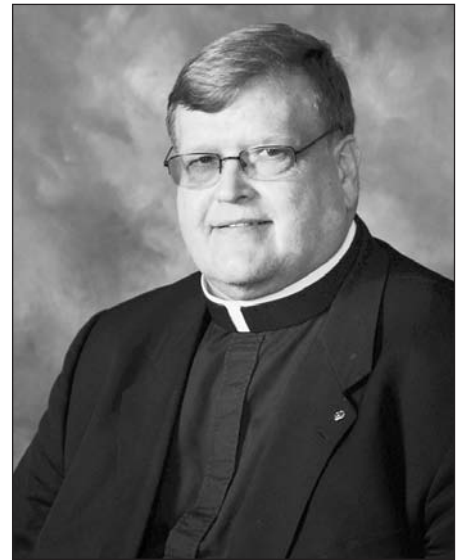
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Father Gallagher



(Photo by George)

Father Cornett



(Photo by George)

Father Gaydosik

Steubenville Diocese priests celebrate 65, 40, 30, 25 years of ordination

STEUBENVILLE — Priests who have been ordained to the priesthood for 65, 40, 30 and 25 years will be honored at the Annual Priests' Jubilee Celebration June 19 at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, said Father Thomas A. Chillog, Diocese of Steubenville episcopal vicar for pastoral planning and personnel.

Among those who will be singled out at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, celebrated by Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, is **Msgr. Frederick A. Pasquinelli**, who has served as a diocesan priest for 65 years.

Born May 31, 1923, in Pittsburgh, the 11th of 12 children of Americo and Sira Maffei Pasquinelli, Msgr. Pasquinelli received his early education at St. Mary of the Mount, grade and high school, Pittsburgh. He continued his studies at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, Pennsylvania.

At the time of his June 7, 1952, ordination to the priesthood in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Steubenville, celebrated by Steubenville's first bishop, John King Mussio, the diocese was in need of priests and his native Pittsburgh Diocese had quite a lot, Msgr. Pasquinelli said during a recent conversation with The Steubenville Register. It was an opportunity to apply to be a priest in a new diocese, he added.

His first appointment after ordination was as administrator of St. Mary Parish, Pine Grove, and an instructor at nearby St. Joseph Central High School, Ironton.

Throughout his years of active ministry in the diocese, Msgr. Pasquinelli said he had a variety of assignments that kept him

interested and involved. They included serving St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Ironton; St. Ann, Chesapeake; Our Lady of Lourdes, Wintersville; St. Mary, Martins Ferry; St. John Fisher, Richmond; and Blessed Sacrament, Wintersville.

He, too, was an instructor, administrator and procurator at St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomingdale, and treasurer of St. Edward High School, Carrollton, Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, and St. John Central High School, Bellaire.

In addition, he served as a chaplain for the Boy Scouts of America, while ministering in the southern part of the diocese, Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Steubenville area, Knights of Columbus Council 472, Steubenville, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Martins Ferry Court 453, and Knights of Columbus Council 1421, Martins Ferry.

Also, Msgr. Pasquinelli was a youth director on the deanery level; an assistant chancellor and treasurer for the diocese and served on committees to research federal aid and that dealt with The Steubenville Register and the Catholic Conference of Ohio.

At the diocesan level, too, he was a member of the Priests' Personnel Board, College of Consultors, Board of Temporal Administration, Priests' Retirement Plan, Presbyteral Council and board of education.

He is credited with introducing uniform bookkeeping practices in parishes and parochial schools in the diocese, being involved in health screening, the War on Poverty, the Ministry to Priests, a lay employee pension plan, diocesan pastoral staff and examining the feasibility of a home for

retired priests, a self-insurance program and clustering and closing parishes.

Msgr. Pasquinelli served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He retired from active parish ministry in 1991, but continued to serve on the diocesan finance council and Presbyteral Council for a number of years. Until he was 89, he said he continued to assist, when asked, at diocesan parishes.

The vocation to the priesthood is not one he has ever regretted, he said, and one that he would recommend, certainly, to other men. Msgr. Pasquinelli said he liked being a pastor and enjoyed serving at the seminary, working with the students.

Initially, in retirement, he resided in Steubenville. For approximately five months, now, he has lived in Pittsburgh. He celebrates Mass on Sundays for residents of the senior living facility where he resides.

Father Robert A. Gallagher celebrates 40 years of ordination to the priesthood, this year.

Born May 26, 1951, in Cambridge, he is one of two sons of Robert D. and Ruth P. Holub Gallagher. Father Gallagher's brother Jeffrey is a resident of Escondido, California.

Initially, Father Gallagher was educated at Holy Trinity Central School, Byesville, and Guernsey Catholic Central high school, Cambridge. Then, he attended The College of Steubenville, St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomingdale, and The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Later, Father Gallagher was enrolled at Air University, Montgomery, Alabama.

Ordained May 14, 1977, at Holy Trinity Church, Byesville, by Steubenville Bishop John King Mussio, Father Gallagher was assigned, initially, as a teacher at Catholic

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Steubenville Diocese priests

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Central High School, Steubenville, and an associate pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Steubenville.

He, too, served as principal of St. John Central High School, Bellaire; pastor pro tem, All Saints Parish, Blaine; and parochial vicar, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Bridgeport.

Beginning in August 1988, Father Gallagher served in the U. S. Air Force. He was a chaplain for 20 years, during which time he received a master of military operational arts degree and served in the United States, Germany and Japan, as well as had nine deployments, six to the Middle East.

When he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel, Father Gallagher was named pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Little Hocking, which he continues to serve.

He will deliver the homily at the jubilee celebration.

Father David J. Cornett and **Father David L. Gaydosik** celebrate 30 years of ordination to the priesthood in 2017.

Father Cornett was born July 17, 1958, in Gallipolis, a son of Norman J. and Anne R. Mueller Cornett. His siblings include Bonnie Poe of Neffs, Cathy Fagin of Knoxville, Tennessee, Greg and Nick of St. Clairsville and Suzanne Abel of Warsaw, Indiana.

St. Mary Central School, St. Clairsville, was where Father Cornett received his early education. Then, he attended St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary, Vienna, West Virginia;

St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomington; Divine Word College, Epworth, Iowa; Catholic Theological Union, Chicago; Universite de Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; and Beno and Kimbau in Bandundu Province, Zaire, Africa. He has degrees in English and sociology with a minor in philosophy, and cross-cultural studies, along with a Master of Divinity with a mission specialization.

On Sept. 8, 1986, he made his final vows as a Divine Word Missionaries priest, having made his first vows to the religious order in 1981. His ordination to the priesthood occurred March 21, 1987.

As a Divine Word Missionaries priest, Father Cornett was assigned to parishes in Zaire and Congo; Madonna University, Livonia, Michigan; and St. Anne Parish, Webster Springs, West Virginia. While on leave from the Divine Word Missionaries, he worked as a sign language interpreter at St. Clairsville High School and assisted in parishes in the Steubenville Diocese.

After his incardination into the Diocese of Steubenville, Father Cornett served as parochial vicar at Holy Rosary Parish, Steubenville; ministered in the Monroe County Catholic community and was administrator and pastor, Holy Cross, Glouster, and St. Mary of the Hills, Buchtel. In 2014, he was assigned as pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Barnesville, and St. Mary Parish, Temperanceville, where he continues to minister.

Also, Father Cornett has served as a member of the diocesan Presbyteral Council, which aids the bishop in governance of the diocese.

Born Sept. 7, 1957, **Father Gaydosik** is the son of Robert and Patricia A. Dimmerling Gaydosik. He has a brother Robert of Summerfield and sister Tacy Rich of Sarahsville.

He received his initial education at Summerfield Elementary School, Summerfield, and Shenandoah High School, Sarahsville. After high school, Father Gaydosik attended the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, from where he obtained a bachelor's degree, and St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he was awarded a Master of Divinity.

On June 20, 1987, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, by the diocese's second bishop, Albert H. Ottenweller.

After ordination, Father Gaydosik was assigned as a parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville. Then, he became pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Carrollton; St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Morges; St. Joseph, Amsterdam; St. Sylvester, Woodsfield, St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg, St. Joseph, Burkhardt, and administrator, St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis.

Father Gaydosik continues to serve as pastor of St. Sylvester and St. John the Baptist parishes and as administrator of St. John Bosco Mission. He, too, is pastoral administrator of St. Sylvester Central School, Woodsfield.

During his priesthood, he, too, has served as a volunteer chaplain with the Carroll County sheriff's department

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After decades of ministry

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other members of his Class of 1969 continue to minister in Ohio in various ways. They include Msgr. Mark J. Froehlich, Msgr. William R. Myers and Father Virgil L. Reischman.

"I always enjoyed the seminary," Msgr. Kawa said. He was one of the first to live in what used to be a horse barn turned dormitory on the acreage, he mused. During summer vacations, instead of returning to Byesville – like some seminarians who returned to their hometowns for employment – Msgr. Kawa remained at the seminary and worked. He was a member of the farm crew.

Msgr. Kawa holds a Bachelor of Arts from The College of Steubenville; a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; and a licentiate in moral theology from Academia Alfonsiana, Rome, Italy.

Ordained May 17, 1969, to the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville by Bishop John King Mussio at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, Msgr. Kawa recalled his first assignments after ordination were to St. Peter Parish, Steubenville, and as a teacher of Latin to four or five classes at nearby Catholic Central High School. The second year after being ordained, he taught Latin and religion classes at the parochial high school.

Since there was a need for someone to teach moral theology at the seminary, Msgr. Kawa said he was sent to Rome by Bishop Mussio to study. "It was a privilege, an honor." He studied in the Italian city for two years, but said, "Just being there is a study in itself." It was a fun experience to take people around Rome when they came to visit, he added. And, while there, too, he celebrated weekend Masses on a U.S. Navy ship, docked close-by.

When he returned stateside, Msgr. Kawa was back at the seminary, teaching, almost until it closed in the late 1970s. During a portion of this time at the seminary, 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, Bloomington; pastor, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Carrollton; and pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wintersville. He was assigned pastor of St. Bernard Parish in 1995. He continues in that pastorship until his retirement. Too, he served St. James Parish, McConnelsville, as pastor for a year, beginning in 2016. While serving Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 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; a consultant and WorldWide Marriage Encounter presenting team priest. "I did the original guidelines for marriage preparation for the diocese," Msgr. Kawa said. And, he added, serving Marriage Encounter for an approximate 30 years provided him with a better understanding of marriage.

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.

Being with the people – baptizing their children, seeing and helping families, supporting them in deaths, visiting the sick – has made the priesthood a good vocation for Msgr. Kawa. In parishes, he has found cooperation by parishioners, active organizations, strong families – people helping their priest and working together.

"Be a good listener, listen to the needs and try to serve. Don't think you have all the answers," Msgr. Kawa said, when asked, what he would advise a priest, newly ordained.

Msgr. Kawa has served as a priest for the Steubenville Diocese under the leadership of all five of its bishops – Mussio, Albert H. Ottenweller, Gilbert I. Sheldon, R. Daniel Conlon and, now, Jeffrey M. Monforton. In retirement, he expects to reside in Pomeroy and assist with the sacraments at Sacred Heart Parish there. Father Mark A. Moore is pastor of the parish, as well as pastor in the Athens Catholic community, where he resides.

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St. John Paul II The Spirit and Christ

By Diocese of Steubenville
Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

Having examined the Old Testament for hints or allusions to the Holy Spirit, Pope St. John Paul now turns to the New Testament to show the clear revelation of the Holy Spirit as a Divine Person, distinct from the Father and the Son. At the very beginning of the Gospels we find the Spirit in action throughout the infancy narratives. "Personhood" implies self-directed, purposeful action. We find it in the accounts of: Joseph, the husband of Mary (see, Matthew, Chapter 1, Verses 18-21); Zechariah, father of John the Baptist (see, Luke, Chapter 1, Verses 11-17); Mary, Mother of Jesus (see, Luke, Chapter 1, Verses 26-38); and Simeon, worshiper in the temple (see, Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 25-35). John Paul comments: "The fact remains significant that the apostles and evangelists used the term 'Holy Spirit' to speak of God's intervention both at that incarnation of the Word and in the birth of the church on Pentecost day," (i.e., at the beginning and the end of the Gospel story). Moreover, it is only through the Holy Spirit's assistance that we can probe the mystery of the Incarnation itself. God becoming man is itself the premier action of the Holy Spirit and his greatest wonder. The creed highlights the Spirit's action in the Incarnation with the words, "... and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." We make a reverence at those words to acknowledge our own need for the assistance of the Spirit in making the "leap of faith" that its acknowledgment requires. "Therefore," the pope points out, "arriving at a deeper awareness of Christ demands also a deeper awareness of the Holy Spirit. ... (T)he Christian's relationship with Christ is integrally joined to his or her relationship with the Spirit."

John Paul goes on to point out the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. The first such event is the virginal conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary: "... And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." This fact is stated explicitly in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospels. Matthew writes: "When his mother, Mary, was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child

through the Holy Spirit" (Mt 1:18). Obviously, Joseph had to be informed of this, so: "Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home because it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her'" (Mt 1:20). In Luke, we read of Mary's question when informed by the angel of God's plan, concerning her lack of relations with a man: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore he who is to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Lk 1:35). It is upon these revelations that the Gospels themselves are based, to say nothing of the creeds and definitions of the church that would follow. It is Mary, herself, who was the primary recipient of these revelations, which she must certainly have shared with the apostles and/or evangelists. It is, therefore, to her that we can trace the basics of our faith! Another reason to hold her in our highest esteem, as indeed, the whole Christian world did for the next 1,500 years!

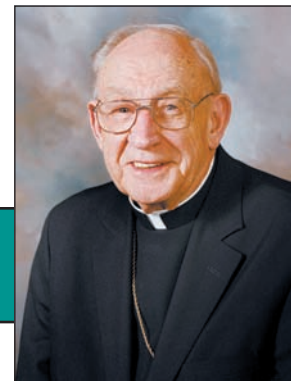
John's Gospel, written much later, and taking into account all that was held and believed through the rest of the first century, states, simply, the theological meaning of it all: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word

became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:1,12).

We have here the account of a real, historical event attested to not only by Mary, herself, but by the early Christian community that was alive and functioning as a church before the Gospels were written. It is the beginning of what the famous English convert G.K. Chesterton called the Gospels: "a credible account of incredible things." The role of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in all this is a sharp reversal of the accord that women were given in ancient times and reflected even in the Old Testament literature. The pope observes: "It will have to be investigated further ... also in its repercussions upon the status and mission of all women."

There are other miraculous births recorded in the Bible: those of the prophet, Samuel (see, 1 Samuel, Chapter 1, Verses 4-20), of Samson (Judges, Chapter 13, Verses

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2-24), and, of course, John the Baptist (see, Luke, Chapter 1, Verses 5-20). In each case, however, the births were the result of the normal process of human reproduction involving the contribution of both sexes. The virgin birth of Jesus is of an entirely different order, miraculous in its essence, not only in the circumstances, as was the case with the others. It implies a special manifestation of divine power as well as the endowment of outstanding holiness on the part of Mary. Holiness, we recall, signifies the gauge of a person's relationship to God. It was indicated in the greeting of the angel: "Hail, favored one, the Lord is with you." We translate "favored one" as "full of grace." John Paul points out that it indicates a "transformation by grace, an establishment in grace," preparing her completely for the role she is to play in the plan of God. Her continuing virginity required not only divine power, but also implies a Spirit-guided intention on her part. The intention to remain a virgin would be totally at odds with the tradition in which she was raised as a pious Israelite: a tradition that called for her to welcome continued fertility as a blessing from God. Such tradition grew primarily out of the expectation of a Messiah to be born of the Israelite race. Pope John Paul points out that the Lord's ways are different: "The Holy Spirit led Mary precisely in the direction of virginity, in which she stands at the origin of a new ideal of complete consecration – soul and body, emotions and will, mind and heart – in the heart of God's people of the new covenant. ..." He refers to the ideal expressed later by Jesus: "For the sake of the kingdom of God" (Mt 19: 12), and adds: "Even our day, which seems to be heading in the opposite direction, cannot cloud over the light of virginity/celibacy for the sake of God's kingdom, which is inscribed in such a clear way within the mystery of the incarnation of the Word." He adds: "The virginal motherhood of Mary is a living symbol of women's dignity: the synthesis of two humanly irreconcilable greatnesses – motherhood and virginity."

Letter to the Editor

We are all getting older.

Even with the increase in wisdom and years, some of our faculties are not as sharp as they once were.

When we worship, if we do not hear well any longer, we may miss parts of the Mass: the good news, the homily, the music, the greeting of a parishioner, the sounds of children, the announcements – all the things that connect us to our eucharistic community.

Do we feel as if we have worshiped – have fully taken part in Eucharist – if we do not hear well?

My husband, Joe, has lived with hearing loss all his life. He now has a cochlear implant after many years with hearing aids. Although the implant has helped him tremendously, sometimes at Saturday evening Mass, he may still not hear everything.

And then St. James Church, McConnelsville, got a telecoil system by Oval Window Audio Systems.

Not widely known or used in the U.S., the system is widely used in Europe.

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Going On, Ahead

By Father Ron Rolheiser

“*I go on ahead to prepare a place for you!*” Jesus speaks those words to his disciples on the eve of his death, as he sits at table with them and senses their sadness, as they grapple with his dying, his going away. His words are meant to console them and give them the assurance that they aren’t being abandoned. It’s just that he is going on ahead to prepare a place for them to come and join him later.

That story speaks to me very personally because of how one of my sisters died. She was young, the mother of a large family, and, seemingly, too young to leave her young children behind. She was dying of a cancer that, while relentlessly doing its deadly work, mercifully left her relatively pain free and clear in mind and heart to the very end. The cancer eventually took her to a point where she could no longer eat, but could still be nourished for a time by intravenous transfusions. But these, too, eventually no longer worked and, once unhooked from the intravenous needles, she was told that she had roughly a week still to live. She chose to spend those last days in a hospital, rather than at home, with her family having easy, 24-hour, access to her hospice bed.

The days leading up to her death were a sacred time. I took her Communion several days before she died and, with her head still very clear, she told me what I should say at her funeral liturgy. She had chosen that exact text where Jesus, on the night before he dies, tells his heavy-hearted disciples that he is going ahead, *to prepare a place for them*. She shared how, before every one of her children was born, before she went to the hospital to give birth, she had carefully prepared everything at home for the

new arrival, the crib, the diapers, the clothing, the room. She brought each of her children home to a place she had carefully prepared. And now she was going on ahead of them again, to prepare another place for them.

I preached those words at her funeral, and despite our grief, and despite the fact that in moments like these there is nothing really that can be said that takes away the pain, her raw testimony of faith left us with an image that placed us all, not least her husband and children, inside a bigger story, a faith narrative, that highlighted two things.

First, the image of her going on ahead of her children awakened our grieving faith to the truth that a mother can go on ahead to prepare a place for her children in much deeper ways than simply bringing a newborn home from a hospital. Second, her “going ahead” was also showing her children, and the rest of us, how to die, how to do that act that we all someday must do. After you watch a good person die, you become less afraid to die yourself because you see how it can be done in an ordinary way, by an ordinary person, in a way that you can also do. In her dying, she prepared a place for us.

But this isn’t a lesson only about dying. This image, *I go on ahead to prepare a place for you*, is a metaphor which defines the essential task of our adult, mature years. Our task as “elders,” whether that be as a mother or father, an older brother or older sister, an uncle or an aunt, a teacher, a clergyman, a nurse, a worker, a colleague or a friend, is to live in such a way, so as to create a place where the young can follow. Our task as adults is to show the young how to live at a place where they’ve never been as yet.

And it is both a noble and humble task. Most of us cannot live up to the lofty ideals we see lived out in the lives of the great saints, though their lives have created an ideal place



Father Rolheiser

for us. However, while not everyone can live as Mother Teresa did, perhaps they can live like you do, and your life can be their exemplar for meaning, wholeness, anonymous sanctity, and dying without unnecessary fear.

I’ve been graced to be at the deathbed of a goodly number of ordinary people who died very ordinary-looking deaths, with no choirs of angels silently chanting in the background, no alleluias on their lips, with pain and thirst dominating their concerns, with their hands being tightly grasped by loved ones, and their hearts still very much focused on the pain of leaving this world. And that’s not a bad way to die. In how they managed their deaths, they prepared a place for me. Looking at how they died, I am far less fearful and can more readily say: *I can do this!*

What a grace to have someone go on ahead to prepare a place for you!

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Silence and the Meaning of the Mass

By Bishop Robert Barron

Cardinal Robert Sarah’s recent book “The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise” explores a number of themes, both theological and spiritual, all centering around the unhappy role that noise has come to play in our culture and more specifically in the church. His observations are most trenchant in regard to the liturgy, which should come as no great surprise, given his role as head of the Vatican congregation devoted to liturgy and sacraments. As I read the sections of his book dealing with the importance of silence during Mass, I often found myself nodding vigorously.

I came of age in the period immediately following the Second Vatican Council, when an enormous stress was placed, quite legitimately, on the conciliar call for “full, conscious and active participation” in the Mass. That famous phrase, derived from the groundbreaking work of the theologians of the liturgical movement of the early and mid-20th century, was a clarion call to the laity to assume their rightful role as real actors in the liturgy and not mere spectators. But, in its practical application, this came too often to imply that the laity must be continually stimulated into action during the Mass: processing, standing, singing, responding, clapping, etc. It was as though the directors and leaders of the liturgy felt they must be constantly grabbing

the congregation by the shoulders and shaking them into conscious participation.

Silence, accordingly, tended to be construed as the enemy, for it would lull the people into inattention and boredom. Hardly anyone in the post-conciliar liturgical establishment appreciated that silence could be a sign of heightened, even enraptured, attention on the part of the congregation, a deeply contemplative entry into the mystery of the Mass. And what several decades of this, in turn, has produced, especially among the young today, is the impression that the Mass is a sort of religiously themed jamboree, during which our fellowship is celebrated and at which lots and lots of sound is indispensable. I will confess that during many years as a priest, and now as a bishop, I have often wondered whether our hyper-stimulated congregations know exactly what they are participating in. They know that they are active, but active precisely in what?

The Mass is the act by which the Son of God, in union with his mystical body, turns toward the Father in worship. Through our full, conscious and active participation in this right praise, we become more rightly ordered, more completely configured to Christ and more thoroughly directed toward the Father. We do indeed experience heightened fellowship with one another during the Mass, but this is because we are realizing, not so much our mutual affection, but our common love of a transcendent third, to use Aristotle’s language.

In this regard, one of the most illuminating rubrics under which to read the Mass is that of call and response: Christ the head, through the priest who is acting in Christ’s person, calls out to the members of his mystical body, and they respond, somewhat in the manner of the lovers in the Song of Songs. At the very commencement of the liturgy, the priest (again, operating not in his own name but “in persona Christi”) says, “The Lord be with you,” and the people respond, “and with your spirit.” The spirit in question here is the power of Christ dwelling in the priest through the sacrament of holy orders. This exchange continues throughout the Mass, head and members conversing

with one another and solidifying their communion. Jesus speaks his word in the Old Testament readings and in the Pauline epistles, and the members of his body sing back to him in the responsorial psalm; Jesus announces himself in the Gospel, and the people chant back, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”; Jesus breaks open the word through the preaching of the priest, and the people respond with the creed, a signal of their faith.

Having prepared the gifts (presented by the people), the priest says, “Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.” This line is of great significance, for it signals the moment when Christ and the members of his body are turning toward the Father in order to perform an act of sacrifice and thanksgiving. How beautifully the preface to the eucharistic prayer expresses this dynamic: “Lift up your hearts!” says Christ to his people; they respond, “We lift them up to the Lord,” and then Jesus, through his priest, says, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.” What follows is the magnificent eucharistic prayer, directed toward the Father and prayed by head and members together, the latter’s many sacrifices – small and large – subsumed into the former’s definitive sacrifice on the cross. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Christ sends his mystical body, now more perfectly ordered to the Father, back into the world to effect its transformation.

Cardinal Sarah imitates his master Joseph Ratzinger in insisting that silence rightly asserts itself throughout this entire process. The silence of gathering, recollecting, listening, praying, offering, etc. There is plenty of sound in the Mass, but unless silence is cultivated, therein, as well, we can easily lose sight of what we are doing in this most sublime of prayers.

Bishop Barron is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, headquartered in Des Plaines, Illinois. A nonprofit global media apostolate, more information is available on it at www.wordonfire.org.



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and Carroll County Fire Association and is a member of the diocesan Presbyteral Council and Priests' Personnel Board; as well he served the diocesan permanent diaconate advisory board and as the diocese's National Catholic Rural Life director.

From the Class of 1992, **Father Chester J. Pabin** will be honored at the annual celebration for 25 years of ordination to the priesthood.

Born March 15, 1951, in Wheeling, West Virginia, he is the son of Chester and Mary Kurelac Pabin. His siblings include Mary, Thomas and Anna of Lafferty; Peter, Argentine, Michigan; Michael, Vilonia, Arkansas; and Philip, Morristown.

St. Mary and Seton Central, Lafferty, schools in the vicinity of where he grew up,

were the site of his early education. Later, he attended St. John Vianney Seminary, Bloomingdale; St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary, Vienna, West Virginia; St. Meinrad College, St. Meinrad, Indiana; St. Mary University, Baltimore, Maryland; and St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Also, he participated in the Diocese of Steubenville Total Ministry program.

On May 23, 1992, he was ordained to the priesthood at Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, by Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon.

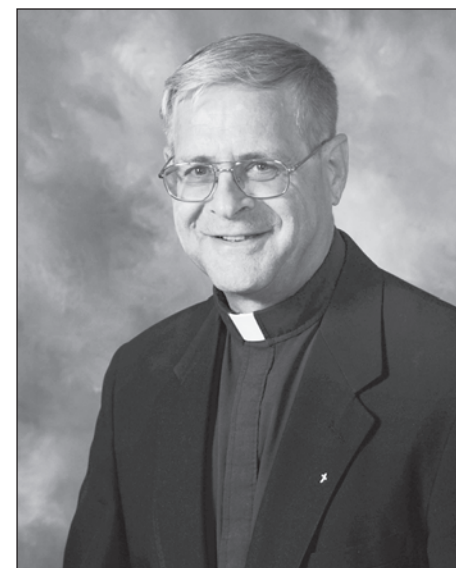
His first assignment was as a parochial vicar to Msgr. George J. Adams, who was pastor of St. Sylvester Parish, Woodsfield, St. John, Miltonsburg, and St. Joseph, Burkhardt. Then, Father Pabin served as a parochial vicar to Msgr. Edward J. Kakasick, St. Mary Parish, Marietta.

He was assigned as pastor of St. Mary Parish, Lafferty, and administrator of St. Paul Parish, Flushing.

Later, he became parochial vicar to Father Robert D. Borer, pastor, St. Benedict Parish, Cambridge, Sts. Peter and Paul, Lore City, and Holy Trinity, Byesville.

Currently, he serves as parochial vicar to Father Wayne E. Morris, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Belle Valley, St. Stephen, Caldwell, St. Michael, Carlisle, and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fulda.

Father Pabin, too, has served on the diocesan Presbyteral Council and volunteered at the Belmont Correctional Institution, St. Clairsville, for which he received an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction award for quality service.



Father Pabin (Photo by George)

Permanent deacon for 40 years among those singled out at annual celebration

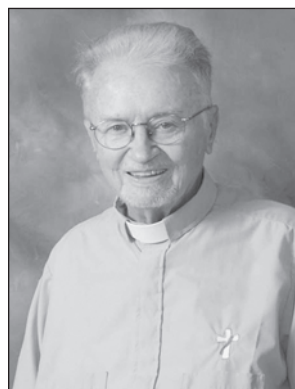
STEUBENVILLE — When Diocese of Steubenville priests and deacons hold their annual jubilee celebration June 19, Permanent Deacon Lawrence R. Meagher will be among those singled out.

Deacon Meagher celebrates his 40th year of ordination to the diaconate, said Father Thomas A. Chillog, episcopal vicar for pastoral planning and personnel for the Steubenville Diocese and pastor of St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville.

The annual celebration will begin with 4:30 p.m. Mass — celebrated by Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton — at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, and continue with dinner in the church's Marian Hall.

Priests celebrating anniversaries are Msgr. Frederick A. Pasquinelli, retired from active parish ministry, 65 years; Father Robert A. Gallagher, pastor of St.

Ambrose Parish, Little Hocking, 40 years; Father David J. Cornett, pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish,



(Photo by George)
Deacon Meagher

Barnesville, and St. Mary Parish, Temperanceville, 30 years; Father David L. Gaydosik, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Miltonsburg, and St. Sylvester Parish, Woodsfield, and administrator, St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis, 30 years; and Father Chester J. Pabin, parochial vicar to Father Wayne E. Morris, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Belle

Vally, St. Stephen, Caldwell, St. Michael, Carlisle, and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fulda, 25 years.

Born Nov. 20, 1928, in New York, Deacon Meagher is the son of Lawrence

Patrick and Teresa Veronica Meagher.

Deacon Meagher and his late wife, Marie, are the parents of eight children, one deceased. The children are Raymond, Francis, Mary Therese, Joan, Father Joseph, Terese and Thomas. He, too, has grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A resident of Steubenville since the late 1980s, Deacon Meagher said he and his wife relocated to become part of the Covenant Community of Christ the King, now the Community of God's Love, and to find a better environment for their son, Thomas, who now resides at St. John's Villa Inc., Carrollton.

Ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, in 1977, while employed by an insurance company, he was incardinated in the Diocese of Steubenville in 1991. When discussing the diaconate with The Steubenville Register in 2009, at the time the Steubenville Diocese was launching a deacon formation program, Deacon Meagher said, "Serving as a

deacon has been a joy, as I have had the privilege of witnessing the marriages of our children, baptizing most of our grandchildren and being deacon at our son's first Mass the year before Marie died (1993)."

After ordination, Deacon Meagher ministered to the sick, especially through the distribution of Communion, to Catholics in a New York hospital located where he had spent his youth. His wife joined him in the ministry, and he trained other men and women to minister in the hospital, also.

In addition, the Meaghers held weekly prayer meetings and developed a baptismal preparation program, oriented primarily to the unchurched.

After incardination in the Steubenville Diocese, Deacon Meagher began prison ministry, at the request of the diocese's second bishop, Albert H. Ottenweller, and continued ministering, especially in Belmont County facilities, until 2008.

Deacon Meagher is a member of Triumph of the Cross Parish, Steubenville.

Diocesan seminarian receives degree

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Pontifical College Josephinum held its 118th commencement exercises last month and 44 seminarians from 17 dioceses — including the Diocese of Steubenville — in the United States and abroad were awarded degrees.

Frederick "Wil" Crow IV, a Diocese of Steubenville seminarian from Athens, received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree.

At the graduation, Msgr. Christopher J. Schreck, Josephinum rector/president, celebrated the baccalaureate Mass.

The baccalaureate Mass and commencement exercises were held in the newly restored and renovated Josephinum St. Turibius Chapel, rededicated April 24.

Crow is expected to reside at St. Agnes, Mingo Junction, beginning in the fall, and serve the parish, said Father Michael W. Gossett, diocesan vocations director.

Some diocesan seminarians will be serving in diocesan parishes during summer months, too, Father Gossett said. They include Transitional Deacon Joshua D. Erickson, St. Ambrose, Little Hocking; Nicholas V. Ginnetti, St. Mary, St. Clairsville; and Nicholas Ward, Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell, and St. Henry, Harriettsville.

As well, Jeremiah Hahn, seminarian, will serve Christ Our Light Parish, Cambridge.



"Wil" Crow

(Photo provided)

WYD registration open in diocese

STEUBENVILLE — Registration for World Youth Day 2019 is open.

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton and Alyson M. Radford, catechetical consultant, diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools — Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, director — announced that young people 17 to 30 and chaperones can register for World Youth Day in Panama.

The Diocese of Steubenville will send a delegation of youth and young adults, Radford said.

The bishop is expected to be joined by at least one diocesan priest and two religious sisters who minister in the diocese, for the trip.

World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter for youth and young adults across the globe, Radford said. Palm Sunday 1984, nearly 300,000 young people attended the International Jubilee of Youth in St. Peter's Square. Inspired by them, Pope St. John Paul II called for an international celebration of youth and young adults to take place every two or three years. The first World Youth Day was held in 1986 in Rome with the theme

"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you" (1 Pt 3:15).

The 2019 World Youth Day will take place Jan. 22-27 in Panama City. Its theme is "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Thousands of bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful from

all over the world are expected to come together to sing, pray, worship and learn about their Catholic faith, Radford said.

Typically, side trips are arranged to coincide with World Youth Day and are included in the cost of the trip. Details of the pilgrimage are available in the WYDappPack on the diocesan website, www.diosteub.org/wyd. The diocese has partnered with Dube Travel for the pilgrimage.

Application deadline for the limited number of spaces for the trip is Oct. 2. On acceptance, the registrant will be sent details on the travel and meeting dates and fundraising ideas, Radford said.

The pilgrimage will be life changing, she added.



Annual audit of church abuse allegations shows steps to help in healing

By Carol Zimmermann

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The 14th annual report on diocesan compliance with the U.S. Catholic Church's "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" shows that church leaders have taken steps to help many find healing as victims of clergy sexual abuse, but there is still work to be done.

Introductory remarks in the 2017 report urge church leaders not to assume that "sexual abuse of minors by the clergy is a thing of the past and a distant memory. Any allegation involving a current minor should remind the bishops that they must rededicate themselves each day to maintaining a level of vigilance," wrote Francesco Cesareo, chairman of the National Review Board, which oversees the audits.

The newly released report — based on audits conducted between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016 — shows that 1,232 survivors of child sexual abuse by clergy came forward with 1,318 clerical abuse allegations in 132 Catholic dioceses and eparchies. The allegations represent reports of abuse that occurred from the 1940s to the present.

The report also shows an increase of 730 allegations from the previous year's report and stresses that most of the increase in allegations this year comes from the six dioceses in Minnesota, because the state in 2013 opened its civil statute of limitations for such claims until May 2016, giving victims over age 24 a three-year window to sue for past abuse. These six dioceses reported 351 more allegations than they

did in the 2015 audit year.

Deacon Bernie Nojadera, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection, said the audits show that even with all of the work being done to fulfill the requirements of the bishops' charter, developed in 2002, allegations involving current minors have still occurred.

In an introductory letter, he said he was grateful that allegations are being reported and "alleged victims are being treated with sensitivity and care" and that alleged offenders are offered treatment and supervision. "But much work is still needed," he said.

Sixty-five dioceses and eparchies participated in on-site audits and 129 dioceses took part in data collection audits. Two eparchies that did not participate in either type of audit are not considered compliant with the charter. Of the 65 dioceses/eparchies that received on-site audits during 2016, two dioceses and one eparchy were found noncompliant. All of the dioceses and eparchies participating in the data collection audits were found compliant with the audit requirements.

Last year, six dioceses or eparchies did not participate in the audit and only two did not participate this year: the Eparchy of Our Lady of Deliverance of Newark for Syrians in New Jersey and the Eparchy of St. Peter the Apostle based in El Cajon, California, but both have indicated their intention to participate in the 2017 audit process.

The report highlights that those abused by clergy at any point in their lives "should be heard with compassion and understanding and receive immediate pastoral care." It notes that

Since 2004, the Diocese of Steubenville has been in full compliance with the charter, said Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, diocesan vicar general.

Leaders strive for better dialogue

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Swiss Cardinal Kurt Koch addressed a Washington gathering of Catholic and Lutheran leaders striving for unity.

Cardinal Koch's speech took place May 30 at "The 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Posting of the Ninety-Five Theses Conference: Luther and the Shaping of the Catholic Tradition," held at The Catholic University of America.

In his address, Cardinal Koch called for a new understanding of Martin Luther that takes into account his historical and religious context.

The cardinal, who leads the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, outlined how Luther was grounded in the monastic and mystical traditions of late medieval Catholicism, like Christ-centered theology, and pointed out that the reforms Luther called for were not extraordinary in their time.

The cardinal said Luther never intended for his reforms to divide the church and claimed that the Catholic Church of the Middle Ages was partly to blame for the division.

He pointed out that it wasn't until later in his life that Luther began to call into question the role and structure of the church. Because of this, he said, it isn't fair to see

the posting of Luther's theses as the moment the church split into Lutheranism and Catholicism.

The cardinal also called for a consensus between Catholics and Lutherans on Luther's doctrine of justification — the idea that a person is saved through faith rather than actions.

"After 500 years of division," he said, "we must strive for a binding communion and put it into effect already today."

Retired Lutheran Bishop Eero Huovinen of the Diocese of Helsinki responded to Cardinal Koch's address, agreeing with everything the cardinal had said.

Bishop Huovinen focused his response instead on the 2015 Catholic-Lutheran joint "Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and the Eucharist," which attempts to reach common theological ground between the two groups.

He also called for a closer look at the Roman Missal's language about the Eucharist as a sacrifice, which might be at odds with Lutheran theology.

Both speakers praised the progress already made to reconcile Catholics and Lutherans. They called for the 500th anniversary of the theses to be a point for a more nuanced effort toward reconciliation going forward.

all dioceses and eparchies audited have individuals available to listen to those who have been harmed by clergy or diocesan staff or personnel.

Cesareo said progress was made this year toward participation by all dioceses and eparchies in the audit process, but he similarly stressed that concerns raised by the report on the audits point to work that still needs to be done.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, likewise noted in an introduction that the church cannot be complacent, stressing that after 15 years the church must "again recommit ourselves more than ever before to not only keeping but enhancing our promise to protect and pledge to heal."

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, based at Georgetown University in Washington, gathers data for the report, and StoneBridge Business Partners, based in Rochester, New York, conducts the annual audits.

The annual report has two parts. The first is the compliance report of StoneBridge, which carried out on-site audits of dioceses and eparchies and reviewed diocesan documentation. Under canon law, dioceses and eparchies cannot be required to participate in the audit, but it is strongly recommended that they do.

The second part of the report is the "2016 Survey of Allegations and Costs," conducted by CARA.

The charter emphasizes that the first obligation of the church toward victims of sexual abuse is to offer outreach and provide a path toward healing and reconciliation. During the audit year, about 250 newly identified abuse victims and members of their families were offered support and similar care was provided to 1,510 abuse survivors and their families who reported abuse in previous years.

The other focus of the charter is to deal with allegations of abuse no matter when

it occurred. All dioceses and eparchies that received an allegation of sexual abuse during the 2016 audit year reported them to the appropriate civil authorities. Included in that number are 25 new allegations from minors. As of June 30, 2016, two were substantiated, eight were still under investigation, and 11 were unsubstantiated or unable to be proved. Of the remaining four, two were referred to a religious order, one was referred to another diocese and one investigation was postponed because of an order of confidentiality from the bankruptcy court.

The report also points out that more than 2.4 million background checks on priests, church employees and volunteers is part of what all Catholic parishes and schools do. It also said more than 2.3 million adults and 4.2 million children have been trained on how to identify the warning signs of abuse and how to report those signs.

According to the 2017 report, dioceses and eparchies in 2016 spent \$126,914,338 for costs related to abuse allegations including payments for allegations reported in previous years. Forty-five dioceses and eparchies did not have any payments related to abuse allegations.

"Despite all the policies, procedures, codes of conduct, reports and training, unacceptable events still occurred," the report said, noting the 25 allegations made by minors that were reported to local civil authorities.

"Such allegations serve to remind us that we cannot become complacent. We must be ever vigilant in our parishes and schools. One act of abuse is one too many," it said.

It also said previous reports warned church leaders not to be complacent but that the 2017 report shows "complacency still remains an issue in some dioceses."

It said the vast majority of dioceses have continued to improve their child protection methods, but others have only sought to meet the minimum standards required by the charter or the audit.

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Athens — A third annual ice cream social, sponsored by the Catholic Ladies of Columbia, will be held from 3-7 p.m., July 1, at Holy Family Center, which is located at Christ the King University Parish, 75 Stewart St. The event will include food, ice cream, a live auction and a raffle. Proceeds from the event provide funding for Ohio University students, vacation Bible school, families in need, holiday programs and other parish needs. For additional information, telephone Kerry Sheridan-Boyd at (614) 260-4532.

Registration is open for “Camp Out – Gettin’ S’more of Jesus” vacation Bible retreat, for ages prekindergarten through sixth grade, which will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., July 15, at Holy Family Center, located at Christ the King University Parish. For additional information, telephone the parish office at (740) 592-2711 or register online, <http://athenscatholic.org>.

Beverly — Msgr. Robert J. Kawa, a Diocese of Steubenville priest and pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Beverly, and St. James Parish, McConnelsville, will retire from active parish ministry June 30. A reception will be held for him from 1-4 p.m., June 25, at St. Bernard Church social hall.

Diapers, blankets, onesies and sleepers, up to 18 months, are being collected throughout the month of June, by St. Bernard parishioners, as part of a “Right to Life” baby shower. Items can be taken to the church vestibule.

A chicken or ham dinner and social will be held from 4-7 p.m., June 28, at St. Bernard Church hall. Adults eat for \$10, children, ages 5-12, eat for \$5. The meal will include mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, noodles, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, dessert and beverage. Takeouts will be available. A social, beginning at 4 p.m., will include a raffle, children’s games, bingo, a country store and more.

Cambridge — “Cowboy Roundup Rodeo Bible School” will be held July 16 through July 21, from 6-8 p.m., at St. Benedict Church social hall. For additional information or to register, telephone (740) 432-7609.

Chesapeake — St. Ann Parish is collecting sizes 4 and 5 diapers and gently used, or new, boys’ summer clothing, in sizes 18-24 months, for Two Hearts Pregnancy Center.

Colerain — St. Frances Cabrini Parish will sponsor a steak fry from 6-10 p.m., June 24, in Cabrini Hall. Cost for a 12-ounce ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, dessert and beverage is \$20. Door prizes, theme baskets and a 50/50 raffle will be part of the event. Music, provided by DJ Tom, will begin at 7 p.m. For additional information or to purchase tickets, telephone (740) 635-3881 or (740) 635-0661.

Lore City — A coffee and pastry welcome hour will be held from 11 a.m.-noon, June 18, at Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory social hall, for Diocese of Steubenville seminarian Jeremiah Hahn, who will be at Christ Our Light Parish, Cambridge, for a pastoral year assignment, and for Diocese of Steubenville seminarian Nicholas Ginnetti, who will return from Rome, for his summer assignment at St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville.

Malvern/Minerva — Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Malvern, or St. Gabriel, Minerva, can telephone Linda Shaw, at the church office, (330) 868-4498.

Vacation Bible school, titled “Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose,” will be held July 17 through July 21, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, at St. Gabriel Church hall, Minerva. For additional information, telephone Denise Laubacher at (330) 868-3808.

Martins Ferry — St. Mary’s Infant of Prague Society will hold a 26th annual novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague with Benediction beginning at 7 p.m., July 3, at St. Mary Church, 20 N. Fourth



The more than 400 cans of food collected at St. Benedict School, Cambridge, are calculated by Student Council – from the left, Tatiana Rochus, Livia Wright, Malaysia Simpson, Gracie McQuain, Xander Daniels, Mary Hall, Carol Anne Kranz, Isabelle Bates and Bryce Murdock. The Student Council partnered with Knights of Columbus Council 1641, Cambridge – Jacob Padden, deputy grand Knight, back left – to collect the items for the local food pantry. Holly Marsh, center, and Kaycee Barnett are Student Council co-advisers. (Photo provided)

St., and continuing for nine consecutive Mondays through Aug. 28. For additional information, telephone Shirley Moczek at (304) 810-4688.

Steubenville — A reading and math summer camp will be held Wednesdays, through July 26, from 10-11 a.m., in the library at Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary School, 110 Etta Ave. Children in grades one through six can attend for \$5 per week. For additional information, telephone Lori Raymond at (740) 381-7793.

Steubenville — “Fun Fest 2017” will be held at the Catholic Central High School pavilion, 320 West View Ave., June 30 and July 1, from 4-11 p.m. A new feature of the event will be a cornhole championship; play begins June 30. Individuals or teams can register at www.leaguelineup.com/funfest. Preregistration prices, before June 23, are \$5, individual or \$8, team. After June 23, cost will be \$7, individual or \$10, team. Food, beverages and games for children and adults will be part of the event. The “Crusader Marching Band” will open the Friday event; the Tri-State Community Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m.; fireworks will take place at 10 p.m. Saturday will feature DJ Ferris. A 50/50 raffle will be held; tickets are \$10 each and will be available for purchase at the event.

Steubenville — “Tracking Mary: Mysteries and Messages” will be the theme of vacation Bible school, which will begin June 26, from 9 a.m. until noon, at Holy Family Church Malara Hall. Children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade can attend; children under kindergarten grade level must

be accompanied by an adult. For additional information, telephone Triumph of the Cross Parish office, (740) 264-6177.

Tiltonsville — The St. Joseph Holy Name Society will sponsor a steak fry from 5-9 p.m., June 24, at Warren Township Park, west shelters, 400 Williams St. The menu will include a 12-ounce ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, dessert and beverages, for \$25 each; bring your own place setting. Raffles and entertainment will be part of the evening. For additional information, telephone (740) 298-0097 or (740) 859-4018.

Toronto — Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes, can telephone St. Francis of Assisi or St. Joseph Church rectory at (740) 537-4433.

Woodsfield — The St. Sylvester Central Home and School Committee will sponsor a designer purse bingo, beginning at 3 p.m., June 25, at the Brown Community Center, 100 Creamery St. Bingo will feature 15 games plus five specialty games. There will be a country store, 50/50 raffle, instant tickets and a concession stand at the event. Presale tickets are available for \$20 per packet; they will cost \$25 at the door the day of the event. For additional information or to purchase a ticket, telephone (740) 472-4000. Proceeds from the bingo will be used to update five classrooms with energy-efficient air-conditioning units at St. Sylvester Central School and for other improvements to the school building.

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Barnesville — There will be an ecumenical summer lunch program held at the Main Street United Methodist Church, 230 W. Main St., Mondays through Fridays, through July 4, from 9:30-11 a.m. For additional information, telephone (740) 679-2786 or (740) 517-2556.

Carrollton — A balloon memorial 5K will take place July 29 on the grounds of St. John Villa, 701

Crest St. The day will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m., followed by a “Kids Fun Run” at 8:30 a.m. The 5K run will begin at 9 a.m. Memorial balloons will be available for \$5 each. They will be released following an awards ceremony. For additional information or to purchase balloons, telephone Susan DeChiara or Danielle Snider at (330) 627-9789.

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DiCenzo joins Register staff

STEUBENVILLE — Matthew A. DiCenzo has been named a staff writer for The Steubenville Register and social media coordinator for the Diocese of Steubenville.

Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, publisher of The Steubenville Register, announced the appointment.

DiCenzo will be responsible for writing articles, taking photographs and helping lay out pages for The Steubenville Register, the official newspaper for the diocese.

Also, he will be involved with developing and continuing diocesan social media activities.

A graduate of Buckeye Local High School, DiCenzo is currently working toward his bachelor's degree in communications from Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia. He expects to graduate from WJU in December.

DiCenzo resides in Yorkville, and is the son of Danny and Barbara DiCenzo. He has two brothers, Michael and Christopher.

A parishioner of St. Lucy Parish, Yorkville, DiCenzo is an altar server, sacristan and an extraordinary minister of holy Communion. He is the coordinator for St. Lucy's annual



(Photo by DeFrancis)

Matthew DiCenzo

chicken dinner fundraiser and created the website for St. Lucy Church and St. Joseph Church, Tiltonsville, which he continues to manage. In addition, DiCenzo is a substitute parish school of religion teacher and helps assist with altar server training.

Father William D. Cross is pastor of St. Lucy and St. Joseph parishes, as well as judicial vicar for the diocese.

DiCenzo can be reached at the chancery, 422 Washington St., Steubenville; telephone (740) 282-3631 or email mdicenzo@diosteub.org.

St. John Central principal named

STEUBENVILLE — An alumnus has been named principal of St. John Central Elementary School and High School, Bellaire.

Jarett T. Kuhns was selected for the administrative position for the 2017-18 school year, said Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton and Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, director, diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools.

A graduate of St. John Central Grade and High schools, Kuhns is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville and Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona. He obtained a bachelor's degree from Franciscan with a concentration on math, science and reading. In May, Kuhns obtained his master's in educational administration from Grand Canyon University.

Kuhns was a science teacher and department head at Bishop Donahue High School. He began teaching at the school in McMechen, West Virginia, in 2014.

In addition, Kuhns is the owner and head instructor for Success Tutoring in Wheeling, West Virginia, and has been a science fair director, homebound instructor and keynote presenter at an education event at Franciscan University of Steubenville.



(Photo by DeFrancis)

Jarett Kuhns

He has a wife, Christine, and 1-year-old daughter, Claire.

The family is members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, Wheeling, and St. John Parish, Bellaire.

They are residents of Wheeling.

Ward expressed his pleasure at Kuhns stepping forward to take over the leadership role at the parochial elementary and high schools in Bellaire. "He will be an asset to the school community," Ward said.

Kuhns said he is excited to become a part of the staff at the Catholic schools and looks forward to helping them to grow and flourish. "It is an honor to have the opportunity to lead my alma mater," Kuhns said.

He will begin work immediately at the 3625 Guernsey St. school, as he transitions into the role held by Kim Leonard, who has resigned to become superintendent of Buckeye Local School District.

Officially, Kuhns becomes principal of St. John Central Elementary School and

High School July 1.

Father Daniel Heusel, pastor of St. John Parish, Bellaire, and Sacred Heart Parish, Neffs, is pastoral administrator of St. John Central Elementary School.

Father Timothy P. McGuire, pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Colerain, is pastoral administrator of St. John Central High School.

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Churchtown — Life Line Screening testing will be held June 22 at St. John Central School, 17654 Ohio Route 676. The screening will provide information on the risk of cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions. For additional information, telephone (888) 653-6434 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Cost is \$149, to start.

Martins Ferry — Knights of Columbus Mother of God Council 1421 will hold a fish fry June 16, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., at the council home, 25 N. Fourth

St.; takeouts will be available. To place an order, telephone (740) 633-0528.

Russell's Point, Ohio — The American Society of Ephesus Inc. will pray the rosary at 6 p.m., July 13, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 261 Chase Ave., to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal.

Wheeling, W. Va. — A Polish Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Grace Grotto, 45th and Eoff streets, June 25, at noon, as part of "Polish Heritage Day." If weather is inclement, Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church, 211 Market St.

Caritas awardee dies June 6 at 91

STEUBENVILLE — Michelina F. "Mickie" Sellaroli — a recipient of the Diocese of Steubenville Caritas medal — died June 6.

Born Nov. 12, 1925, in Steubenville, a daughter of Nick Perrone and Maria Tevere Perrone Manfrasca, the 91-year-old resident of Steubenville was a 1943 graduate of Steubenville High School.

She received the Caritas in 1977 from Steubenville Bishop John King Mussio, who established the award to honor laymen and laywomen for outstanding service to the church and the diocese. At the time, she was a member of Holy Rosary Parish, Steubenville.

Later, a member of Triumph of the Cross Parish, Steubenville, Sellaroli had served on her parish's council and its Catholic Woman's Club, as well as the woman's clubs of St. Anthony of Padua

Parish, Steubenville, and Holy Rosary Parish. In addition, she served the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the guild for Villa Maria, a rest home in Steubenville; the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Steubenville court, and deaneries.

Sellaroli was a 31-year employee of the Jefferson County Probate Court. She served as a deputy clerk in the court office in the county courthouse in Steubenville.

Preceded in death by her husband John, Sellaroli is survived by sons John, Michael and Lou, brothers and sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 10 at Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville. Burial followed in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Steubenville.



(Photo provided)

'Mickie' Sellaroli

Obituaries

James Piazza — the father of James G. Piazza, executive assistant to Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton — died June 9.

Born Dec. 20, 1926, the elder Piazza was the son of Francesco and Rosalie Pendica Piazza.

A retiree of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., the deceased was in the U.S. Army, during World War II, and was a member of St. Joseph Parish, Tiltonsville, and its Knights of Columbus council.

Preceded in death by his wife Mary, the 90-year-old Piazza is survived, also, by five daughters, another son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 13 at St. Joseph Church, Tiltonsville. Burial followed in Holly Memorial Gardens, Colerain.

Joseph F. Bottegal, 83, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, May 23.

William Boyd, 55, Minerva, St. Gabriel, May 25.

Frances P. DeLuca Fante, 84, Steubenville, Holy Family, May 22.

Edward L. Fingers, 81, Toronto, St. Francis of Assisi, May 29.

Harry J. Fitzgerald, 87, the Basilica of

St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, May 24.

Charlotte L. Fletcher, 87, Steubenville, St. Peter, May 29.

Gloria J. Sperlazza Henderson, 68, Richmond, St. Joseph, Toronto, June 1.

John F. Hudson, 81, St. Francis Xavier, Malvern, May 30.

Walter F. Kavesky, 71, Bridgeport, St. Joseph, May 26.

Helen E. "Betty" Kinney, 96, St. Clairsville, St. Frances Cabrini, Colerain, May 28.

Vincenzo A. Rinaldi, 89, Steubenville, Holy Family, May 15.

Dr. Anton Ros, 67, Blessed Sacrament, Wintersville, May 23.

Joyce Ann Merrill Slaughter, 62, Toronto, St. Francis of Assisi, June 6.

Clareann Slomski, 86, Steubenville, Holy Family, June 9.

Clara Szydlowski, 92, St. Peter, Steubenville, May 25.

Patricia A. Zapolnik, 80, St. Peter, Steubenville, May 28.

Carolyn M. Herrick Zimmerman, 74, Toronto, Holy Family, Steubenville, June 2.

Theodore A. Zrinyi, 90, Florida, Blessed Sacrament, Wintersville, March 30.

Bishop Monforton ordains seminarian

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Peter Stetson, Diocese of Steubenville seminarian, leads the procession at the June 3 Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta.



Joshua D. Erickson, Diocese of Steubenville seminarian, is presented at the June 3 Mass at the basilica in Marietta, as a candidate to be ordained to the order of the diaconate.



Seminarian Joshua D. Erickson prostrates himself before the altar. Among the priests at the ordination are, at left, Father Edward A. Maxfield Jr., assistant master of ceremonies; and, in front, from left, Father Michael W. Gossett, Diocese of Steubenville vocations director; Msgr. John Michael Campbell, basilica rector; Father Robert A. Gallagher, pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Little Hocking, where Transitional Deacon Erickson has been assigned; and Father Thomas A. Vennitti, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph parishes, Toronto.



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon shares the sign of peace with the newly ordained deacon at the June 3 Mass at the basilica. After Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton and Bishop Sheldon shared the fraternal sign of peace with Deacon Joshua D. Erickson, other deacons shared the sign, welcoming him into the fraternity of the diaconate.



Father Thomas A. Vennitti, pastor in the Toronto Catholic community where Joshua D. Erickson was a member of St. Joseph Parish, invests the newly ordained deacon with the stole and dalmatic, during the June 3 Mass at the basilica.



Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of the newly ordained deacon, since it is the duty of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel by word and deed. Father Bradley W. Greer, master of ceremonies, stands by the bishop, while Permanent Deacon Daniel P. Murray is seated next to Bishop Monforton and Nicholas Ward, diocesan seminarian, kneels beside Deacon Joshua D. Erickson.



The newly ordained stands before the bishop for a solemn blessing at the end of the Mass. (Photos by DeFrancis)