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## News Briefs

### Bishops will vote for USCCB officers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. bishops are scheduled to elect the next president and vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at their upcoming fall general assembly taking place Nov. 14-16 in Baltimore.

Each office is elected from a slate of 10 candidates who have been nominated by their fellow bishops. Released by the USCCB, the slate of candidates for president and vice president are as follows: Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami and Archbishop John C. Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The president and vice president are elected to three-year terms, which begin at the conclusion of the general assembly.

The current president, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, and the current vice president, Cardinal DiNardo, will complete their terms.

### Papal summer residence open to public

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Francis is throwing open the doors to the papal apartment — including the bedroom where popes have slept — in the Apostolic Palace at Castel Gandolfo.

The palace was for centuries the summer residence of the Roman pontiffs, but Pope Francis has decided not to use it. Instead in 2014, he opened the palace gardens to the public and last year opened a portion of the Apostolic Palace as a portrait gallery.

Pope Francis “wanted this place — so rich in history and so significant — to be a gift for the people,” Antonio Paolucci, director of the Vatican Museums, said.



The Immaculate Heart of Mary statue in parishes in the Diocese of Steubenville during the Year of Reconsecration of the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the initiation of diocesan Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will stand in St. Joseph Church, Amsterdam, until Nov. 11, when it will be moved to Christ the King University Parish, Athens, where it will remain until Nov. 18. (Photo by DeFrancis)



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton is greeted by Diana R. Vargo, third from left, president of Mother of Hope Deanery Council of Catholic Women; Bea Antol, deanery vice president; and Father Victor P. Cinson, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Malvern, and St. Gabriel Parish, Minerva, and deanery moderator, at Holy Family Church, Steubenville, Oct. 25. The bishop was there for the annual “Day With the Bishop,” sponsored by the Mother of Hope Deanery CCW. (Photo by DeFrancis)

## Bishop tells women their suggestions, counsel critical

STEUBENVILLE — During a “Day With the Bishop,” Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton told those gathered under the sponsorship of the Council of Catholic Women of Mother of Hope Deanery that their suggestions

and counsel are critical to the renewal of the church in the 13 counties — Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Jefferson, Harrison, Gallia, Guernsey, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble  
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Ronald W. DuBois Jr. directs the Canticle Singers Catholic Youth Choir, during a performance at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville. (Photo by DeFrancis)

## Young sing out under lifelong music lover’s direction

STEUBENVILLE — Ronald W. DuBois Jr. comes from a musical family.

He has transferred his love for music to his children, has imparted his knowledge on how to play instruments to num-

bers of students and, now, is leading the Canticle Singers Catholic Youth Choir in the Diocese of Steubenville.

“I have been on a musical journey for the last 50 years,”  
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## New study tool at Catholic Central High School advances learning

STEUBENVILLE — Last spring Catholic Central High School's principal discovered a piece of equipment that he thought would be beneficial to the ninth- through 12th-graders.

Rich Wilinski received information on the Anatomage Table Alpha, which now has a place of respect in a first-floor Catholic Central classroom.

"A lot of our students (study in) the medical field," Wilinski said. After graduation from Central, they routinely become pharmacists, veterinarians, nurses and physical therapists. The newly acquired piece of equipment will be a good tool for them to use, he added.

Cindy Carney, anatomy teacher, and Jamie Ross, biology teacher, agree.

A description of the table calls it the most technologically advanced anatomy visualization system on the market. "It is both a virtual library of human and animal cadavers, as well as a clinical diagnostic tool by visualization of any medical scan.

"The operating table form factor combined with Anatomage's renowned radiology software and clinical content separates the Anatomage table from any other imaging system on the market," a promo for the product reads.

With the acquisition, Catholic Central is the first school in the Steubenville area, and most probably in the state of Ohio, to have such a piece of equipment, Wilinski said.

"It is designed to expose high school advanced biology and anatomy students to a college-level experience," the two teachers said, as they joined Wilinski to demonstrate how the table works.

For example, they said, the pig that used to be dissected in a lab, using smelly chemicals, can be explored on the 40-inch by 24-inch screen first, now.

Further, Carney and Ross said the screen's images of the human or animal bodies can be displayed on the SmartBoard in the front of the classroom. Therefore, the



Shayna Mirabella and Cassidy Arai perform tasks defined by teachers Cindy Carney, right, and Jamie Ross, second from right, on a new piece of equipment at Catholic Central High School, Steubenville. (Photo by DeFrancis)

table can be operated by one student, but its displays can be seen by the entire class. The table has a touch screen with 3D and 4D visualization, Wilinski demonstrated. Thus, the teachers said, what used to be viewed one- or two-dimensionally in a textbook now can be enlarged multi-layered on the screen.

"They can remove structures layer by layer. They can locate and identify bones, muscles and organs. They can view veins and arteries," the teachers said of the students using the table.

Tailored to the 21st-century classroom, the table will help students connect what they have learned with what they will experience in college-level classes, Carney and Ross predicted.

Two Catholic Central seniors, Shayna Mirabella and Cassidy Arai, agreed. Mirabella expects to become a nurse after high school. Arai wants to become an athletic trainer. The visual experience of the table

will give her a step up when she goes to college and has to dissect, Mirabella speculated. In addition, she added, that the body parts are more real on the table than in the textbook.

"It's a lot different than a textbook," Arai said. "You can zoom in and out; focus in and out, for more detail than in the text."

"It's fantastic," Carney agreed.

"Students will be more prepared. We are bringing a medical college-level lab into

the high school," Ross added.

Carney predicted that she will use the table every day as she teaches anatomy, biology, environmental science and geology. The nine-year Catholic Central teacher, whose background is as a geologist and whose degree is from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, said, "There is something about visualization."

Ross, in her sixth year as a Catholic Central teacher of biology and physical science, after having graduated from the high school and Walsh University, North Canton, Ohio, agreed as she pointed to the visual of the baby that students can see develop from 13 weeks to 27 weeks, on screen. They will be able to point to any bone, any organ, any muscle, she said.

The table, too, can be wheeled around for use, Carney said.

Carney said an operator came to the high school to teach her how to use the table. The students seem to be intuitively able to operate it, since they see it as a big smartphone, she quipped.

The students agreed they are really excited about the new tool. They appreciate the 3D and 4D images of the human cadavers and animals — a pig, mouse, horse, alligator, dog and cat. The table, they said, combines so much education with fun. "It is so much better than a textbook."

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## Deacon-to-be urges others to consider vocation

STEUBENVILLE — In 2012, in what was a first, six men were ordained to the diaconate for the Diocese of Steubenville.

Those six men – Permanent Deacons Richard G. Adams, Mark A. Erste, Thomas F. Maedke, Stephen F. Miletic, Daniel P. Murray and Lee V. Weisend – expect to be joined at year's end by five others.

Edward G. Kovach, a Steubenville resident, is a candidate for the diaconate in 2016. Others are Scott Carson, Thomas E. Graham, Charles J. "Chuck" Schneider and Paul D. Ward.

Born in nearby Youngstown, Ohio, and raised in one of its suburbs, Poland, Kovach became a Catholic in 1979, while a resident of Appleton, Wisconsin, he said.

An associate professor of computer science at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Kovach has a bachelor's in mathematics and Latin from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, did graduate work in mathematics at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and earned a master's in general linguistics and a doctorate in computational linguistics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Married to Martha Uschold in 1985, Kovach and his family spent two school years in Budapest, Hungary. He taught math and computer science at the Peter Pazmany Catholic University. During his second year in Budapest, Kovach was a Fulbright grantee.

Kovach and his wife have four adult daughters – Rose of Beijing, China; Teresa, McLean, Virginia; Miriam, Monterey, California; Helen, a senior at St. Mary College, South Bend, Indiana; and a teenage son, John.

Edward and Martha Kovach are members of Holy Family Parish, Steubenville, (Msgr. Gerald E. Calovini is pastor) and the Community of God's Love, a Catholic charismatic covenant community.

Kovach, too, is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Throughout his life, he said, he has thought about professional ministry in the church. "It has only been in the last four years that the circumstances of my life allowed me

to pursue it."

Deacon candidates study at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, participate in retreats and serve in their parishes during formation. They have been under the leadership of Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton and Father Wayne E. Morris, pastor of the Noble County parishes of Corpus Christi, Belle Valley, St. Stephen, Caldwell, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fulda, and St. Michael, Carlisle.

"Before I started diaconal formation, I was told that it would stretch me," Kovach wrote. He said he did not believe that, but he has discovered that he has been stretched in ways he did not think possible.

"The most memorable part of the formation has been the comradeship with the other diaconal candidates," Kovach said.

Throughout the formation, Kovach said his family, which includes a sister Sheron and his mother Clara, 94, has responded very positively to his pursuing the diaconate. He added that his wife has supported and encouraged him.

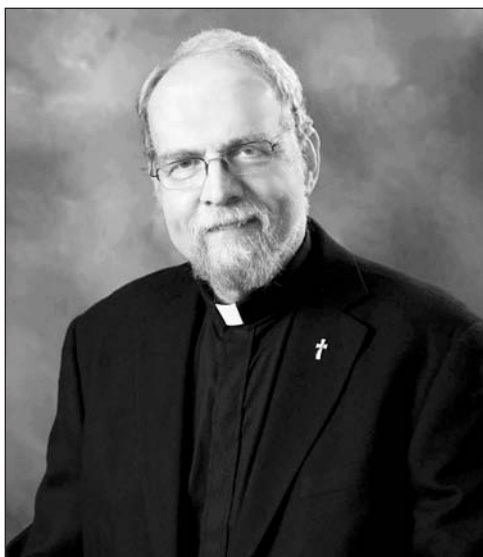
Bishop Monforton has issued a call to the permanent diaconate. He has said that any man who feels that he may be called to the diaconate and wishes to apply for admission at this time should, after consultation with his pastor, contact Deacon Erste – (740) 512-4135 or merste@diosteub.org. The official year of inquiry begins Jan. 1, 2017.

Deacon-to-be Kovach said, "I would encourage any man considering the diaconate to explore it. It is better for a man to explore the diaconate and discover that he does not have a vocation than to miss a vocation."

Deacon Erste will serve as director of diaconal ministries; Deacon Adams will serve as director of diaconal formation.

The two deacons will report to Father Thomas A. Chillog, episcopal vicar for pastoral planning and personnel for the diocese.

Beginning in 2017, the entire formation program for deacons will take place within the Steubenville Diocese.



Edward G. Kovach

(Photo by George)

## Bishop Monforton's Schedule

### November

- 4-6 Parish mission, Holy Name of Mary Parish, Harbor Beach, Michigan
- 7 "Misa con Hermanas," Mass with Spanish sisters, Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.  
Mission Advancement Planning Advisory Task Force meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Mass, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 12:05 p.m.  
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 9 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.  
Luncheon meeting with deans, St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, 1 p.m.
- 11 "Faith in the Future" prayer breakfast, Froehlich's Classic Corner, Steubenville, 8 a.m.  
Symposium luncheon, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 12:45 p.m.  
Symposium plenary talk, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 5 p.m.
- 12-19 U.S. Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting, Baltimore
- 19 Closing of Year of Mercy Mass, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 10 a.m.  
Mass, wedding anniversaries, St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Ironton, 5:15 p.m.

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## National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 6-12

WASHINGTON — The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 6-12.

Pope Francis, in his homily at the final Mass of the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, encouraged the youth of the world to open their hearts to Jesus. "Don't be afraid to say 'yes' to him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow him!" said Pope Francis. "Don't let your soul grow numb, but aim for the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice."

National Vocations Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is designed to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?"

"Prayer for vocations is the responsibility of the entire church. Often times we think that vocations will come from somewhere else, and yet God invites us to consider that he is raising up vocations to priesthood, consecrated life and the permanent diaconate from within our own communities, even our own families" said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, bishop designate of Arlington, Virginia, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "Our willingness to invite those within our own communities and families to consider that God may be calling them to priesthood or consecrated life will bear abundant fruit in the church and bring great joy and happiness to those called. We want what is best for our children; even more so does God desire their happiness."

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in the effort.

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## Bishop

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and Washington.

Diana R. Vargo, a Harrison County parishioner, is president of Mother of Hope Deanery; Father Victor P. Cinson, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Malvern, and St. Gabriel Parish, Minerva, is moderator.

The deanery, which includes four parishes (Our Lady of Mercy, Carrollton; St. Francis Xavier; St. Gabriel; and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Morges) in Carroll County, 10 (St. Joseph, Amsterdam; St. Agnes, Mingo Junction; St. John Fisher, Richmond; Holy Family, St. Peter and Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville; St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph, Toronto; and Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes, Wintersville) in Jefferson County, and two parishes (St. Teresa of Avila, Cadiz, and Sacred Heart, Hopedale, and one mission, St. Matthias, Freeport) in Harrison County, began a "Day With the Bishop" in 2011. During the event, not only do the women have a chance to listen to the bishop, but also they are able to deliver, personally, proceeds from money raised by individual Catholic Woman's clubs in the parishes in the deanery. As explained by Vargo, the money is donated to the bishop for his charity.

Bishop Monforton uses the dollars for seminarians. The cost to educate the eight seminarians studying for the diocese is more than a quarter of a million dollars a year, the bishop said. As well, seminarians incur other expenses, such as for travel to the Holy Land or a trip to Mexico to learn Spanish, he added.

The "Day With the Bishop" began with Mass. It was celebrated in Holy Family Church (Msgr. Gerald E. Calovini is Holy Family Parish pastor).

After lunch – made and served by Holy Family parishioners – in the church hall, Bishop Monforton took to the floor and explained to the women why he had written a letter that was read during Oct. 22-23 Masses in churches in the diocese.

The letter says, in part: "It's easy for us to look around at a rapidly changing culture and to lose hope. In our diocese, we have experienced changes in our industries, our population and our parishes. Yet, the Lord is continually at work, filling us with hope, even in the midst of change.

"Perhaps you've heard me say that the Lord takes the initiative, and we respond to his call in our lives. I have found this statement to be so true throughout my life, but especially since becoming your shepherd. You have shared with me how the Lord has worked in the life of our diocese and in our parishes. I have seen you respond to both local and international needs. I have witnessed your dedication to your parishes and to the church. All of these have filled me with hope for our future.

"Continually, over the past few months, I've found myself reflecting on the possibilities that lie ahead for our diocese. And now, I ask for your input.

"In the coming weeks, you will be given the opportunity to share with me your hopes for the future of our parishes and of our diocese. This will be accomplished by a survey distributed throughout the diocese.

Every person in the diocese will have the opportunity to make (his or her) voice heard, because each and every one of you has something to share. As your shepherd, I want to hear your voices.

"Soon, your pastors will share with you the ways that you can participate in this survey (expected to be electronically or via a paper ballot). Until then, I ask for you to pray in these weeks for guidance by the Holy Spirit to lead us through this common pilgrimage and to fill us with immense hope."

During the first 11 months of his episcopacy, Bishop Monforton traveled around the diocese.

As he continues to visit diocesan parishes, he told the women that he likes much of what he sees, but some he does not.

And, he said that it has become clear to him that the renovation of Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, (begun in 2013) is only one chapter of the renewal of the diocese (the bishop predicted the cathedral could be rededicated, even if only partly renovated, during the diocese's 75th anniversary celebration in 2019).

In June, the Year of Reconsecration of the diocese began. A statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, patroness of the diocese, is being taken to parishes. Young people who attended the annual recent diocesan Youth Conference processed with the statue in Marietta.

With a number of things coming together – the cathedral renovation, reconsecration of the diocese to Mary and a large number of youth at a conference – the letter was

read, Bishop Monforton said. "You need a voice," he told the several dozen women Oct. 25.

Thus, he said that he has established a task force that will meet for a third time early this month. After it identifies where the needs are, it will disband, probably in early 2017. Members, who include lay and clergy (Paul Carapellotti of Steubenville; Greg Agresta of Steubenville; Eileen Marchese, Chesapeake; Jean-Philippe Rigaud, Steubenville; Joseph A. Schmidt, Marietta; Emilia Alonso-Sameno, Athens; Mark Bradley, Marietta; Dr. Art Roa, Ironton; Colleen Oess, Cambridge; Jim Nicholson, Martins Ferry; Permanent Deacon Richard G. Adams, Steubenville; Father Thomas R. Nau, Steubenville; Father Mark A. Moore, Athens; Father David J. Cornett, Barnesville; Father Paul E. Hrezo, Cambridge; Father David L. Huffman, Ironton; and Father Timothy P. McGuire, Colerain), will look at parishes, Catholic Charities, education and the Priests' Pension Fund, he exemplified.

But, Bishop Monforton said, the undertaking will be done with immense hope, not unrealistic hope, and with consultation.

A consulting firm, Greater Mission Development Services, Elkridge, Maryland, is providing counsel to the diocese to determine what should be embraced, Bishop Monforton said.

A Catholic Community Foundation of Southeastern Ohio is to be established and a comprehensive development plan drawn.

Priorities would be presented across the diocese in 2017.

## Young

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the choirmaster said, during a recent sit down in The Steubenville Register offices.

At the age of 8, DuBois began learning to play the piano. His teacher was his father, Ronald W. DuBois Sr. His mother is Elizabeth Rose "Betty" Rowan DuBois.

Next, the young DuBois began playing the guitar. Growing up in the mid-60s, he said his influence was the popular music of the time, such as that played by the Beatles, the Monkees. By eighth grade, DuBois was strumming his guitar at folk Masses in Charleston, West Virginia, where he grew up.

Then, he began training on the classical guitar. DuBois has bachelor's and master's degrees in music from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, and Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and a Doctor of Sacred Music degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Involved in music instruction at Franciscan University of Steubenville and a teacher of private classical guitar and piano lessons at his home studio in Steubenville, DuBois said he started intensely studying Gregorian chant in 2007 and joined the Church Music Association of America.

His organizing the choir is what he called a dream come true. "I love liturgical music, plus children," he said.

He spends 30 hours to 40 hours per week dealing with the choir, either on its business end or in practice sessions.

Originally, his idea, he said, was to

establish the choir for singers 8 through 18. Eight, he said, because by that age, children are able to read. Eighteen, to enable participation by a range of voices.

However, as it is now, members are as young as 8 and as old as 24 (a couple approached him after a first performance at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville).

Choir members practice weekly, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, a church that the parish pastor, Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, offered, gratis to the singers, DuBois said.

Once singers were ready to perform, the plan was for the choir to sing the third Sunday of each month at a church. A second concert was sung at St. Peter Church, Steubenville.

The choir will perform at the 10 a.m., Nov. 20, Mass at St. Agnes Parish, Mingo Junction.

The Canticle Singers will be on stage at the Nutcracker Village and Advent Market at Historic Fort Steuben in downtown Steubenville from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 9.

An Advent-Christmas concert, open to the public, will be held at 6 p.m., Dec. 11, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1443 Belleview Blvd., Steubenville. The concert there is in gratitude to the church, whose members donated Covenant Presbyterian youth choir robes to the Catholic Youth

Choir, DuBois said.

Though performing regularly, there are openings for singers in the choir, DuBois explained. He wants to keep the membership for third-graders to seniors in high school, if possible; but, he said, the choir is in need of tenors and basses. The soprano section is filled; the altos are almost at full complement.

Primarily, the choir will perform Gregorian chant, but it will sing three-part harmony and traditional hymns, also. DuBois longs for a four-part harmony choir and anticipates that the children, who start singing in it at a young age, can grow in their musical prowess and voice range throughout the years.

"My desire is for the choir to continue on for decades," he said. Therefore, DuBois is setting up a business plan. The Canticle Singers is a 501(c)(3).

Each choir member pays a \$90 membership fee for September through May. There will be a break in practice during the summer.

Current members are Beth Beigel, Nicolette Constable, Jonathan DuBois, Jacob Forrester, Michael Grace, Thomas Kanzelberger, Carolyn Kuebler, Michael Manocchia, Emmy Martin, Grace McKeegan, Margo McKenna, Madalen McManamon, Celia Mergen, Hannah Mergen, Maria Orsay, Tara Orsay, Therese Poirier, Gemma Rigaud, Faith Sirilla, Hope Sirilla, Jessica Rose Tysz,

Emily Ward, Maggie Ward, Agnes Wear, Cecelia Wurzler and Cabrini Zaleski.

The Canticle Singers Catholic Youth Choir leadership team, in addition to the choirmaster, includes Valerie Stewart, accompanist; Susanne Manocchia and Erin Grace, vocal coaches; Marianne DuBois, executive assistant; Family of Jacopa Mother Rose Catherine Marshall, marketing assistant; and Martha Kovach, administrative assistant.

Already, Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Council 11828 has raised \$950 for the choir's coffers. Other fundraisers will be held, DuBois said, and financial support sought from a number of others, such as through donations and grants.

"I am trying to develop a high-level performance choir," DuBois said.

A wish he has – to take the Canticle Singers to Rome and Assisi in March 2018 for a one-week choral pilgrimage. To prepare for the trip, next year, the choir would make a DVD of one of its concerts and mail it to the Vatican, the choirmaster said, with the anticipation that the 40 members could perform in churches in Italy.

DuBois has a DVD and CDs of his own. They are available at the Franciscan University Bookstore on the Steubenville campus. One of the CDs, DuBois shared – "Amazing Grace." It is billed as an instrumental guitar for mother and child by DuBois and one of his sons, Francis. The older DuBois said that indeed the CD is to be played to help put babies to sleep – a compilation of soothing instrumentation.





## Continuing education hours can be tallied from conference attendance

STEUBENVILLE — Counselors, social workers, nurses, psychologists and guardians are among those attendees at the 26th annual conference on promoting healthy attachments who can obtain continuing education hours.

Michele A. Santin, director, Diocese of Steubenville, Office of Family and Social Concerns (Catholic Charities), who coordinates the conference in conjunction with Project Attach (a committee comprised of professionals from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia who plan and evaluate the program) announced that the conference will be held Nov. 21-22 at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Resort and Convention Center, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Up to 15 continuing education hours can be earned by counselors and social workers from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia; nurses from Ohio and West Virginia; psychologists from West Virginia; and guardians from Belmont and Jefferson counties in Ohio.

Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, founder and director of the Trauma Stewardship Institute, Seattle, Washington, and author of "Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others," will open the conference at 8:15 a.m., Nov. 21. Said by Santin to be recognized as a pioneer in the field of trauma exposure,

Lipsky will present "Transforming Trauma – How to Do This Work and Not Completely Lose Our Minds." During her morning and afternoon presentations, Lipsky's objectives are to raise awareness and respond to the toll on those exposed to suffering, hardship, crises or trauma; to help others develop a deeper understanding of trauma exposure and the tools for reconciling it; and to teach people how to create a sustainable individual and collective culture.

The evening presenter Nov. 21 is Ken Huey, who has a doctorate. He deals with troubled youth. Huey has worked as a therapist, clinical director and business development director in residential treatment. He presents at conferences around the country on issues of trauma, parenting, couples' communication and residential care. Huey's Nov. 21 presentation will focus on an adoptee's personal and professional recipe for healing adoption trauma, while the following day he will discuss trauma and its impact on sexual behavior, identity and sexual addiction recovery.

A third conference presenter is Joseph W. Shannon,

who has a Ph.D., also, and is identified as a psychologist, clinician, researcher and lecturer in the areas of personality disorders, chemical dependency, character pathology, anxiety and depression. During a six-hour program, Shannon will discuss "Reasoning With Unreasonable People: Focus on Disorders of Emotional Regulation."

Registration deadline for the conference is Nov. 11. Send payment and registration to DeDe Kidder, conference secretary, Diocese of Steubenville, P.O. Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952. Make checks payable to Jefferson County Department of Job and Family Services. Kidder can be contacted via email at dede.kidder@gmail.com.

Also, more information on the conference is available at [www.diosteubfl.catholicweb.com](http://www.diosteubfl.catholicweb.com) or from Santin at [msantin@diosteub.org](mailto:msantin@diosteub.org); telephone (740) 282-3631, extension 122, or fax (740) 282-3327.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at Wilson Lodge at a discounted rate for conference participants, Santin said. To reserve a room for overnight and receive the discount, telephone (304) 243-4090 or (800) 624-6988 and identify yourself as being with the conference on promoting healthy attachments, or logon [www.oglebay-resort.com](http://www.oglebay-resort.com).



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## At St. Ambrose, Little Hocking, women in retreat 'Renew (Their) Spirit'



School Sister of Notre Dame Joan Marie VanBeek, left, Connie Clay Mazurkiewicz, center, and Carolyn Plummer ready to present at the "Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat Day" at St. Ambrose Church, Little Hocking.

LITTLE HOCKING — Dozens of women from various parts of the Diocese of Steubenville spent a morning and afternoon to "Renew Your Spirit."

School Sister of Notre Dame Joan Marie VanBeek – who directs activities at Sacred Heart Retreat House, a ministry of St. Ambrose Parish – opened the "Ladies Retreat Day" last month at St. Ambrose Church, Little Hocking, with prayer, interspersed with song, based on the mystery of the person next to each another. If you knew her story, you probably would bow down in awe, or at least forgive any stupid thing she is doing to annoy you, Sister Joan predicted.

Later in the retreat, Sister Joan compared life to dance steps, such as ballet, ballroom, barn and belly. "We can use the image of dance to help us image or remember our life story," she said.

First guest speaker to the lectern was Connie Clay Mazurkiewicz, who said her goal was to involve the women to enable them to make a change to walk closer to Jesus, since, as her topic read, "A life without Jesus is like an unsharpened pencil; it has no point." Raised in Detroit, by parents

she called amazing folks, Mazurkiewicz is a mother of three. To her, she said, her faith is first, her family second and her career third. A Baptist growing up, Mazurkiewicz converted to Catholicism. She called it the best decision she ever made. "What a gift," Mazurkiewicz said.

She concluded: "May God bless the woman deep within me, the woman I'm trying to be. May he mend where my heart is broken and fill every empty space. May God erase the fears of my past, to create in me a brighter future. May he make me slow to anger and quick to forgive."

Her challenge to the retreatants was to note how God worked in them following "Renew Your Spirit."



Planners for the "Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat Day" gather at the table of homemade salads, from the left, June Logue, Mary Segrest, Cathy Mace, Gini Jacobs, Becky Hennen, Rita Rodgers, Lyn Pierce and Kathy Wilsbacher. Planners also included Sue Beaty, Pat Chambers and Miriam Allen, not pictured. (Photos by DeFrancis)

One of 13 children, Carolyn Plummer talked about "People of the Passion." Again a resident of Beverly, she is the daughter of Earl and the late Dorothy Schaad. Her Catholic parents, prayer and attending Mass are "the deepest part of whom I am," Plummer said.

At one time a Florida resident, Plummer said she has returned to her roots. She owns the Cornerstone Inn Restaurant in her hometown. There, activities center on prayer, she said, and pointed to a prayer box that is in the downstairs of the restaurant that is used by patrons. She told of people who have had their placed prayers answered.

The St. Ambrose Parish Women's Prayer/Share Group, under the guidance of Father Robert A. Gallagher, St. Ambrose pastor, coordinates the annual "Renew Your Spirit." They work with the St. Ambrose Catholic Woman's Club and a second parish prayer group to plan and execute the retreat day.

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## St. John Paul II Mary and the Coming of the Spirit

By Diocese of Steubenville  
Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

The Acts of the Apostles takes up the story of salvation history where the Gospels leave off. At the end of Luke's Gospel, Our Lord said to the apostles: "Behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Lk 24:49). Immediately after this, Luke ends his Gospel describing the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Then, from the same hand of Luke, we begin the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, where we are told that Jesus "... (E)njoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, about which you heard me speak, for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5).

The apostles met in the upper room, presumably the same room as that of the Last Supper, where Jesus promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). We cannot help but notice the part that prayer plays in the story of the early church. The group imitated Jesus himself in anticipation of his own reception of the Holy Spirit at his baptism (see, John, Chapter 1, Verse 32). It was as man, of course, that Jesus received the Holy Spirit. As God, he was one with that same Spirit. We note, too, that Mary and some of the women disciples were also present in the upper room. This is an indication that the gift of the Spirit is not confined to the apostles or those only who hold apostolic office. It is meant for all members of the church, for all disciples of Christ, but, as we shall see, in varying ways and degrees. Today, in imitation of the earliest practice of the church, before almost every church function, liturgical or otherwise, we begin with prayer.

The mention of Mary at the coming of the Holy Spirit is the characteristic signature of St. Luke, to whom we owe so much of our information about the mother of Jesus. St. John Paul, commenting on this fact, says: "We know,

however, that Luke in his Gospel wrote at length about Mary's divine and virginal motherhood on the basis of the information obtained by him in the Christian communities for a precise methodological motive (he refers to Luke's allusion to his own research before writing his contributions to the story of Christ and the early church (see, Luke, Chapter 1, Verses 1-4, and Acts, Chapter 1, Verses 1-2). This information was traced back at least indirectly to the earliest source of all data about Mary, namely, the mother of Jesus herself" (something scholars have traditionally suspected).

Pope John Paul II (now saint) explains the significance of Mary's presence at the Pentecost event: "Consequently, in Luke's twofold narrative, just as the coming into the world

of God's Son is set in close relationship with the person of Mary, so now the birth of the church is

likewise linked with her. The simple statement that she was present in the upper room at Pentecost is sufficient to indicate to us the great importance attributed by Luke to this detail."

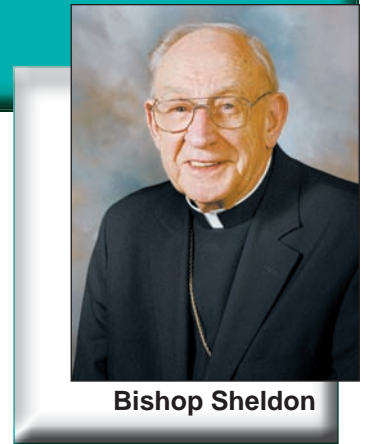
John Paul continues: "On the basis of Luke's Gospel and of other New Testament texts a Christian tradition on Mary's presence in the church was formed, which the Second Vatican Council summed up by hailing her as a pre-eminent and wholly unique member of the church inasmuch as she is the mother of the church, the mangod, and therefore the mother of God" (see, "Dogmatic Constitution On the Church," Paragraph 53). The council was pointing out that, as Mary was present at the beginning of the church along with Christ's chosen apostles, she likewise was present in the middle of the 20th century, as the successors of the apostles come together at Vatican II! They wished "to devote themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary the mother of Jesus" (Acts 2:14).

Mary, of course, had encountered the Holy Spirit before Pentecost: at the Annunciation. The angel said to her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the

Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be called Son of God" (Lk 1:35). We can say that, since the Son of God, the second person of the blessed Trinity, existed before creation, the complete reality of Christ was

already decreed in the mind of the Father. That decree included, even then, the one whom God had selected to be the mother of his Son. John Paul comments: "From the very beginning Mary was united to the church as a disciple of her Son and the most outstanding image of the church in her faith and charity." In a sense, we can say that Mary was instrumental in the work of the Holy Spirit. Such was the case at her Visitation to her cousin, Elizabeth: We read that when Mary and Elizabeth met, "Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" (Lk 1:45). We can conclude that her presence at Pentecost was likewise instrumental in that event, too. The pope explains: "The apostolic community needed her presence and that devotedness to prayer together with her, the mother of the Lord. It may be said that in that prayer with Mary, one perceives her special mediation deriving from the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Referring again to that quotation from the "Constitution On the Church," John Paul points out the "richness of content," of that brief mention of Mary's presence at the first Pentecost, "According to this important conciliar text, she who, in the midst of the disciples in the upper room, devoted herself to prayer is the mother of the Son predestined by God to be firstborn among many brethren. Those 'brethren,' of course, are all who then, and ever since, have been identified with him as Christians. When we speak of Mary as 'our Mother' or Mother of the Church," we are not being carried away out of enthusiasm. We are stating a fact of divine revelation! "The church's looking to Mary began in the upper room."



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*... the gift of the Spirit is not confined to the apostles or those only who hold apostolic office.*

## The Trouble With the 'You Go Girl' Culture

Bishop Robert Barron

Two recent films, "Deepwater Horizon," with Mark Wahlberg, and "Sully," starring Tom Hanks, represent something of a breath of fresh air, for both movies feature men who are intelligent, virtuous and quietly heroic. If this strikes you as a banal observation, that just means you haven't been following much of the popular culture for the past 20 years.

One of the distinctive marks of films and television programs the last couple of decades has been the Homer Simpsonization of men. Don't get me wrong: I'm a big fan of the "The Simpsons" and laugh at Homer's antics as much as the next guy. But the father of the Simpson family is stupid, boorish, drunk most of the time, irresponsible, comically incompetent and childish. In the cartoon world, he is echoed, of course, by "Family Guy's" Peter Griffin, who is similarly buffoonish. In both cases, the wives — Marge in "The Simpsons" and Lois in "Family Guy" — have the brains, the competence and the moral responsibility. And in "The Simpsons," Homer is imitated by his son Bart, who is sneaky, stupid and unmotivated, and Marge by daughter Lisa, who is hyper-smart, uber-competent and morally alert. In one memorable episode, Lisa is worried that she has inherited her father's terrible qualities but is relieved to discover, by the show's end, that the "stupid gene" is communicated only to the males in the Simpson

line. In another of my favorite "Simpsons" scenes, Homer is told, at a moment of moral crisis, to consult that "little voice that tells you right from wrong," and he responds, "You mean Lisa?"

If you think this male-bashing is restricted to cartoons, think again. Ray Romano's character in "Everyone Loves Raymond," Ed O'Neill's hopeless father in "Married With Children," and Ty Burrell's hapless goofball in "Modern Family" — all are variations on the Homer Simpson theme. Add to all this the presentation of fathers as not just inept, but horrific in "Game of Thrones," and the absent, indifferent fathers of "Stranger Things."

And I wonder whether you've noticed a character that can be found in practically every movie made today? I call her the "all conquering female." Almost without exception, she is underestimated by men and then proves herself more intelligent, cleverer, more courageous and more skilled than any man. Whether we're talking about a romantic comedy, an office-drama or an adventure movie, the all conquering female will almost inevitably show up. And she *has* to show her worth in a domineering way, that is to say, over and against the men. For her to appear strong, they have to appear weak. For a particularly good case in point, watch the most recent "Star Wars" film.

Now, I perfectly understand the legitimacy of feminist concerns regarding the portrayal of women in the media as consistently demure, retiring and subservient to men. I

grant that, in most of the action/adventure movies that I saw growing up, women would typically twist an ankle or get captured and then require rescuing by the swashbuckling male hero — and I realize how galling this must have been to generations of women. And, therefore, a certain correction was undoubtedly in order. But what is problematic now is the Nietzschean quality of the reaction, by which I mean, the insistence that female power has to be asserted over

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## A Prayer for Our Country

By Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton

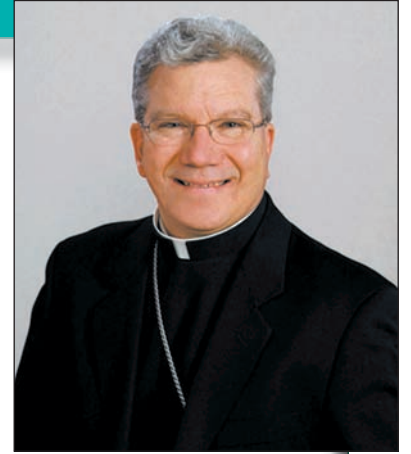
*“First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity” (1 Tm 1:1-2).*

### Our Responsibility in the Political Arena

In a recent “Ask the Bishop,” published in The Steubenville Register, Aug. 26, I was asked why the bishops do not endorse a particular candidate for president. My answer underscored the necessity to first properly form the consciences of our fellow brothers and sisters to the issues relative to the moral law. We have more than a right but an obligation to vote. Nevertheless, we cannot but recognize the importance to identify the factors surrounding the election, most importantly the impact it will have on our nation’s willingness to respect or to disrespect all human life (see my answer outlining the issues governing our vote).

While much is and is not in our hands, we do also have the obligation to pray for our country these days. The following is a prayer prepared by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for this very occasion:

*Lord God, as the election approaches,  
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country,  
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.  
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness  
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,  
one and equal in dignity,  
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.  
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,  
men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.  
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.  
We pray for discernment  
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,  
live your love,  
and keep in the ways of your truth  
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles  
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*



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## The End of the World As We Know It 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Father Paul J. Walker

I don’t know if there is such a word as disastermania, but the condition to which it refers is all too real. News headlines tend to place disaster, destruction, death and calamity right out there in people’s faces. If this were not enough of a reminder, we always have in our midst those disastermaniacs preaching and pointing toward a soon-to-come end about which Jesus warns we not be deceived. Many will come preaching and predicting a terrifying end – wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines, plagues, disasters, awesome sights and mighty signs everywhere, death and destruction from the earth and sky. Regarding such prophets of doom and disaster, Jesus warns that we not be deceived, “Do not follow them,” he says. No one, not even the Son, knows the timetable on which these events will unfold – only the Father in heaven. It is useless to speculate about when such things will announce the eminent “end of days.” Such signs have always accompanied humankind’s passage through history, and they will continue to do so right up to creation’s final breath when all things will be “made new.” There will be efforts at foretelling the last things and the “end of days,” who will be “left behind” (if anyone) and who will be “raptured” – a word found in neither the Hebrew or Christian Scriptures. What these Scriptures offer us is a promise, not a threat.

The temptation to treat biblical texts as mysterious predictions has been afoot in every age. Every “present generation” will live to see the passing of everything except the divine fidelity, the divine word. We should note there are two predictions in this Sunday’s (Nov. 13) Gospel:

that of the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, and the end of the world. The fate of Jerusalem was an actual disaster (A.D. 70). The Romans completely destroyed both Temple and city (burned and leveled it, killing more than a million men, women and children). We need to realize, as



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we hear this account, that Luke did not write his Gospel until well after this destruction (latter part of the first century). So, the second prediction is a prophecy still to be fulfilled. For Luke, the end of Jerusalem is a springboard for an end still more astonishing. Cosmic signs will attend it – signs in the sun, moon and stars; the quaking of the earth, the raging of the sea. All of these descriptions here in Luke’s account (and others as well) are primitive cosmology set within the confines of a “three-decker universe” – heaven, earth and the lower world. So, Luke’s Jesus is not telling us what will actually happen to the sun that heats and lights our earth, or to the moon, on which humanity’s footprints are fixed forever. Nor are we offered the literal description of what will happen to the seas and oceans that cover more than 70 percent of earth’s surface; nor to the tens of billions of stars that reveal only a small percentage of their total in our night skies. Luke’s discourse on “the end” is not a literal lesson in astronomy or earth science.

What he does tell us (proclaims) is that this little earth afloat in a huge sea of stars and multiple intergalactic phenomena; this strange and wonderful planet nurtures both love and hate, despair and hope, skepticism and faith. This creation of divine love, where people die for one another

and also kill one another – this kind of world we now experience will not last forever. The message carried in this sometimes scary and unsettling literary form (apocalyptic) is, in fact, a message of hope, and offers not a threat, but a promise: This world which was pronounced “very good” from the beginning (see, Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 31) has been and will always be held in God’s embrace of love (“not a hair on your head will be destroyed ...” (Lk 21:18). This world is not headed for destruction and then replacement by a better one. No! This world is destined for fulfillment – for the original blessing in which it was created.

The Gospel writers assure us that Jesus himself insisted that it was useless to speculate about when these things would happen or how the world would end. Jesus did not know; his knowledge had the same human limitations as our own. So, what does it matter if the end comes tomorrow or a hundred thousand years from now? It is God’s world; all its inhabitants, past, present and to come are God’s very own, destined for resurrection and new life!

Perhaps Luke’s message for us in these passages is – live as if the Lord were coming tomorrow. Better still, live as though he were already here – because he is. Someday he will appear in great power and glory to place all creation into his Father’s keeping. But, for today, his coming is quiet, subtle, hidden in the world’s light and shadow; hidden in the church’s sacramental signs and in the call to holiness of her members.

Jesus never promised to preserve his followers, then and now, from trials or even from disasters. He did promise to be with us *amid* these disasters. Jesus himself remained silent and powerless in the midst of destruction and death. Only then could he be raised by God’s power to a new and

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## Ohio bishops sign statement to encourage study, prayer and service

STEUBENVILLE — Bishops in the state of Ohio, including Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, have signed a “Joint Statement to Encourage Study, Prayer and Service in Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.”

The statement reads: “Oct. 31 begins a 500th anniversary year, commemorating the beginning of the Lutheran movement

and the Protestant Reformation. Remarkably, this commemoration has become an ecumenical observance, focusing on the continued pursuit of unity in Jesus Christ for which he himself prayed.

“Therefore, Pope Francis and global Lutheran leaders together will inaugurate the anniversary with a Common Prayer service in Lund, Sweden (**Register/Pages 9/12**). This liturgy takes its shape from the work

of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation in the document, ‘From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017.’ It will involve moments of thanksgiving, repentance and commitment, placing at the center the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“This observance emerges from years of productive dialogue between our two churches. Through these discussions, we have come to appreciate that more unites us than divides us. Among the substantial results achieved, we acknowledge that we share a common faith in the Triune God and the revelation in Jesus Christ, as well as recognition of the basic truths of the doctrine of justification. In the U.S., the joint statement of our bishops, a ‘Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist,’ identifies substantial agreements on these crucial issues and seeks to open further dialogue on remaining differences.

“Furthermore, we give thanks for the occasions when our communities have prayed together for Christian communion. Among them, we celebrate the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and, this January, the theme will be ‘Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us.’ This reference to 2 Corinthians, Chapter 5,

Verse 14, inspired by Pope Francis’s apostolic exhortation, ‘The Joy of the Gospel’ and chosen by ecumenical consultation in the land of Martin Luther, highlights the special opportunity for further reconciliation between our communities offered by this commemorative year.

“As bishops of Lutheran and Catholic communities in Ohio, we share the longing to move forward ‘on the way’ to the unity to which Christ calls us. Here also we want to respond to this anniversary with efforts that allow us to deepen our own local relationships through shared study, prayer and service to the world. Thus, we invite our people at all levels to sustained, imaginative and prayerful engagement with one another.

“In the coming weeks, the faithful in both Lutheran and Catholic congregations will be given resources designed to foster meaningful discussion about the faith that we share and what areas for further dialogue remain. We will promote opportunities for shared prayer for our unity in Christ. And, we will encourage joint engagement in Catholic and Lutheran ministries of charity and justice, as a common witness to the Gospel that brings good news to a world in need.

“These three things, study, prayer and service, are important ways that the love of Christ can be shared among us and through us.

“We invite Lutherans and Catholics in our region to join in this year of commemoration, so that we may more effectively share the truth of the Gospel with all.”

The statement, also, was signed by Archbishop of Cincinnati Dennis M. Schnurr and the Rev. Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, bishop, Southern Ohio Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



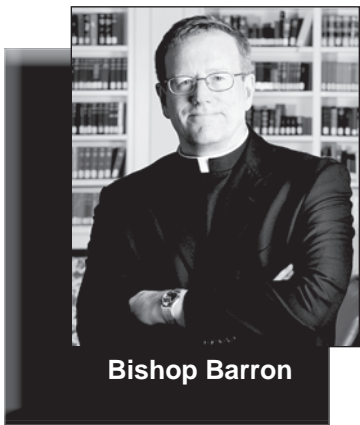
**Women religious in the Diocese of Steubenville were feted during an annual celebration. Msgr. John Michael Campbell, delegate of religious, hosted the October event at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, of which he is rector. Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton celebrated Mass, during which he thanked the sisters for their years of service. Singled out for service were Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (Carrollton) Sisters Roberta Gargan and Agnes O’Mahony, both 60 years, and Sisters Cruz Celia Gomez and Francisca Aguillon, both 25 years; and Mother Mary Ann Kessler, a Franciscan Sister Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, Toronto. (Photo provided)**

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and against males, that there is an either/or, zero-sum conflict between men and women. It is not enough, in a word, to show women as intelligent, savvy and good; you have to portray men as stupid, witless and irresponsible. That this savage contrast is having an effect especially on younger men is becoming increasingly apparent.

In the midst of a “you-go-girl” feminist culture, many boys and young men feel adrift, afraid that any expression of their own good qualities will be construed as aggressive or insensitive. If you want concrete proof of this, take a look at the statistics contrasting



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female and male success at the university level. And you can see the phenomenon in films such as “Fight Club” and “The Intern.” In the former, the Brad Pitt character turns to his friend and laments, “we’re 30-year-old boys”; and in the latter, Robert De Niro’s classic male type tries to whip into shape a number of 20-something male colleagues who are ruffled, unsure of themselves, without ambition – and of course under the dominance of an all conquering female.

It might be the case that, in regard to money, power and honor, a zero-sum

dynamic obtains, but it decidedly does not obtain in regard to real virtue. The truly courageous person is not threatened by another person’s courage; the truly temperate man is not intimidated by the temperance of someone else; the truly just person is not put off by the justice of a countryman; and authentic love positively rejoices in the love shown by another. And, therefore, it should be altogether possible to hold up the virtue of a woman without denying virtue to a man. In point of fact, if we consult the “all conquering female” characters in films and TV, we see that they often exemplify the very worst of the traditional male qualities: aggression, suspicion,

hyper-sensitivity, cruelty, etc. This is what happens when a Nietzschean framework has replaced a classical one.

My point is that it is altogether possible – and eminently desirable – to say “you go boy” with as much vigor as “you go girl.” And both the boys and the girls will be better for it.

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higher life, beyond suffering, disaster and death.

We don’t need to wait for signs in the heavens to show us that the reign of God is in our midst. We proclaim it, daily, as Christ’s church throughout the world:

*We proclaim your death, O Lord  
And profess your resurrection  
Until you come again.*

The church’s posture throughout these days, years, centuries, etc., is waiting and watching, looking and longing. Described best perhaps by Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman:

*This then is to watch:  
to be detached  
from what is present,  
and to live in what is unseen;  
to live in the thought of Christ  
as he came once,  
and as he will come again:  
to desire his second coming,  
from our affectionate  
and grateful remembrance  
of his first.*

(“Parochial and Plain Sermons, Volume 4,” Page 941, Ignatius Press)

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## Annual collection aids disadvantaged

WASHINGTON — The annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be held in most parishes, including those in the Diocese of Steubenville, the weekend of Nov. 19-20, on the solemnity of Christ the King and the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

“The Year of Mercy, a time of extraordinary grace, is also a fitting time for the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. The mercy of Jesus is abiding and always urgent. The Catholic Campaign sustains the Holy Father’s initiative to bring the joy of the Gospel to our brothers and sisters living on the margins of American life,” said Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, chairman of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Subcommittee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

An estimated 43 million people live in poverty in the United States.

This national collection is the primary source of funding for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development’s anti-poverty grants and education programs aimed at fostering a culture of life and hope in communities across the nation.

Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in each diocese to support local projects.



# Final resting place: Vatican releases instruction on burial, cremation

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Professing belief in the resurrection of the dead and affirming that the human body is an essential part of a person's identity, the Catholic Church insists that the bodies of the deceased be treated with respect and laid to rest in a consecrated place.

While the Catholic Church continues to prefer burial in the ground, it accepts cremation as an option, but forbids the scattering of ashes and the growing practice of keeping cremated remains at home, said Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.



(CNS photo/Paul Haring)  
Cardinal Gerhard Muller

“Caring for the bodies of the deceased, the church confirms its faith in the resurrection and separates itself from attitudes and rites that see in death the definitive obliteration of the person, a stage in the process of reincarnation or the fusion of one's soul with the universe,” the cardinal told reporters Oct. 25.

In 1963, the congregation issued an instruction permitting cremation as long as it was not done as a sign of denial of the basic Christian belief in the resurrection of the dead. The permission was incorporated into the Code of Canon Law in 1983 and the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches in 1990.

However, Cardinal Muller said, church law had not specified exactly what should be done with “cremains,” and several bishops' conferences asked the congregation to provide guidance.

The result, approved by Pope Francis after consultation with other Vatican offices and with bishops' conferences and the Eastern churches' synods of bishops, is “Ad resurgendum cum Christo” (“To Rise with Christ”), an instruction “regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation.”

Presenting the instruction, Cardinal Muller said, “shortly, in many countries, cremation will be considered the ordinary way” to deal with the dead, including for Catholics.

Cremation, in and of itself, does not constitute a denial of belief in the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body, the instruction says. Nor does it “prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life.”

However, the Catholic Church wholeheartedly recommends continuing the “pious practice of burying the dead,” Cardinal Muller said. It is considered one of the corporal works of mercy and, mirroring the burial of Christ, it more clearly expresses hope in the resurrection when the person's body and soul will be reunited.

In addition, he said, when a person is buried in the ground — and, at least to some extent — when the urn of the person's ashes is placed in a columbarium or tomb, the final resting place is marked with the person's name, the same name with which the person was baptized and by which the person is called by God.

“Belief in the resurrection of the flesh is fundamental,” he said. “A human cadaver is not trash” and an anonymous burial or scattering of ashes “is not compatible with the Christian faith. The name, the person, the concrete identity of the person” is important because God created each individual and calls each individual to himself.

In fact, when asked if there was any way to rectify the situation when a person's ashes already had been scattered, Cardinal Muller suggested making a memorial in a church or other appropriate place and including the name of the deceased.

What is more, he said, labeling an urn or tomb in a public place is an expression of belief in the “communion of saints,” the unending unity in Christ of all the baptized, living and dead.

“Other believers have a right to pray at the tomb” and to remember deceased members of the Catholic Church on the feast of All Saints and All Souls.

Keeping ashes at home on the mantel, he said, is a sign not only of love and grief, but also of not understanding how the loved one belonged to the entire community of faith and not just to his or her closest relatives.

“Only in grave and exceptional cases,” the instruction says, local bishops may give permission for ashes to be kept in a private home. Cardinal Muller said it was not up to him, but to local and national bishops' conferences to determine what those “grave and exceptional” circumstances might be.

Placing the ashes in a sacred place also “prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten or their remains from being shown a lack of respect,” which is more likely to happen as time goes on and the people closest to the deceased also pass away, the instruction said.

Asked specifically about the growing trend in his native Germany of “forest burials,” where people pay to have their ashes in urns interred at the base of a tree in a designated forest burial ground, Cardinal Muller said the German bishops were not thrilled with the idea, but accepted it with the proviso that the tree be marked with the name of the person buried at its base.

In the United States and other countries, a growing number of Catholic cemeteries set aside sections for “green burials” for bodies that have not been embalmed and are placed in simple wooden caskets that eventually will biodegrade along with the body.

“We believe in the resurrection of the body and this must be the principle of our understanding and practice,” Cardinal Muller told Catholic News Service, noting that there is a difference between allowing for the natural decay of the body while protecting the environment and seeing the body of the deceased primarily as fertilizer for plants and trees.

## Ecumenical papal trip also will show pain of division, Lutheran says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The extension of Pope Francis' trip to Sweden by one day to accommodate a papal Mass (**Register/Page/12**) for the nations' Catholics does not detract from the ecumenical power of the trip, but actually highlights the need for Christian unity, said the general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation.

Initially, Pope Francis had planned to make a day trip to Sweden Oct. 31 to take part in two ecumenical events launching a year of commemorations of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. But at the urging of local Catholics, the pope decided to spend the night and celebrate Mass Nov. 1 before returning to Rome.

The Rev. Martin Junge, general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, told reporters at the Vatican Oct. 26 that the Lutherans fully understand the desire of Catholics in Sweden to have Mass with the pope and the pastoral responsibility of the pope to fulfill that request.

“Of course,” he said, “it is also going to reveal that we are not yet united; it is going to reveal a wound that remains there” since the divisions between Catholics and Lutherans mean that in general Eucharist sharing still is not possible.

While Rev. Junge and other Lutheran leaders have accepted an invitation to attend the Mass, the fact that they will not receive Communion “is going to be a strong encouragement to continue working toward unity,” he said.

Both Rev. Junge and Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, said the biggest breakthrough in Lutheran-Catholic relations was the signing in 1999 of a joint declaration on justification, or how people are made righteous in the eyes of God and saved. But before eucharistic sharing and full unity are possible, they said, further agreement must be found on Catholic and Lutheran understandings about the church, the Eucharist and ministry.

Cardinal Koch said marriages between a Protestant and a Catholic are a pastoral concern for both churches, particularly in finding ways to encourage continued church participation and in dealing with the question of going to Communion together.

As a pastor in Switzerland, where about half the population is Catholic and half is Protestant, Cardinal Koch said he began studying ecumenical theology specifically to understand how to best minister to such couples. “It's a most pastoral concern and, I think, very close to the heart of Pope Francis.”

A year ago, during a visit to a Lutheran church in Rome, a Lutheran woman married to a Catholic man asked Pope Francis what she and her husband could do to receive Communion together; the pope said he could not issue a general rule on shared Communion, but the couple should

pray, study and then act according to their consciences.

“We sense that our ability to come with relevant responses and answers to the very complex questions around sharing the Eucharist table has an urgency in the life of the people,” Rev. Junge told reporters at the Vatican. “I really hope the joint commemoration (of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation) gives us a strong encouragement to be faster, to be bolder, to be more creative” in addressing remaining differences, “with a very strong focus on where people feel the lack of unity the heaviest: around the table.”



Annually, Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton celebrates Masses for professions. Here, after a White Mass, he gathers at Christ the King University Parish with health care professionals in the Athens Catholic community. The October Mass followed a similar one in Jefferson County, as well as a Blue Mass for first responders and a Red Mass for members of the legal profession. Father Mark A. Moore is pastor of Christ the King University Parish and St. Paul Parish, Athens, and Sacred Heart Parish, Pomeroy. (Photo provided)



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**Athens** — The Athens Catholic community Peace and Justice Committee will hold a benefit dinner, to raise funds for the Archdiocese of Cusco, Peru, from 6-8:30 p.m., Nov. 11, in Holy Family Center, located at Christ the King University Parish. For additional information, telephone the parish office at (740) 592-2711 or (740) 593-7822.

The Athens Catholic community CWC will hold a Christmas bazaar Dec. 3. Vendors can email requests for application to Kathy Abfall at kjabfall@yahoo.com. Applications will be taken until Nov. 20 or until all spaces have been reserved.

**Bridgeport** — A community rosary for all children, sponsored by the small faith sharing groups of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Joseph parishes, will be prayed at 2 p.m., Nov. 13, at St. Anthony Church.

**Cambridge/Lore City** — Christ Our Light Parish CWC will bake nut rolls Nov. 10 and Nov. 18. Rolls will be ready for pickup at Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory social hall, Lore City, between 2-4:30 p.m. both days. To place an order, telephone (740) 498-4585.

A vocation and potluck dinner and Holy Hour will be held at 6 p.m., Nov. 17, at St. Benedict Church social hall, Cambridge. Guest speaker will be Father Augustus Nweze, Ebonyi State, Nigeria, who will speak on "The Universal Call to Holiness."

**Carrollton** — A square dance will be held from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Nov. 5, in Our Lady of Mercy Church hall. Caller will be Dan Kirk. Cost to attend is \$10 per family, \$9 for couples and \$5 per person.

**Chesapeake** — St. Ann CWC will cook pancakes from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 6, in the church hall. Cost for adults to eat is \$5; children eat for \$3.50.

**Colerain** — A community Thanksgiving dinner will be hosted by St. Frances Cabrini Parish Nov. 13, from 3-6 p.m.

**Ironton** — The Ironton Catholic community CWC fall/Christmas sale has been rescheduled for Nov. 5, beginning at 9 a.m., in St. Joseph Church undercroft.

**McConnelsville** — A 50/50 drawing will be held by St. James Parish CWC Dec. 13. Tickets are available by telephoning the church office at (740) 962-2856.

**Marietta** — Christmas glass ornaments, in flame red, featuring the Nativity scene from the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption manger, can be ordered by telephoning (740) 373-3643. Cost is \$15 per ornament.

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption St. Vincent de Paul Society will sponsor a seminar Nov. 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the St. Mary School Parish Center, 320 Marion St. The seminar is open to all who are interested in the workings of the society. Lunch will be provided. For reservations or more information, telephone Nancy or Bill Hathaway at (740) 373-4738.

A Nov. 15-16 bus trip, sponsored by the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, will visit Frankenmuth, Michigan, and Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo, Ohio. For additional information, telephone the basilica office at (740) 373-3643.

**Marietta** — A flag demonstration assembly/Veterans Day recognition will be held Nov. 7, at 10 a.m., in St. Mary School new gymnasium, 320 Marion St. The Sgt. Bob O'Malley Detachment 1436 Marine Corps League will present a flag folding ceremony



**St. Stephen Parish Catholic Woman's Club fall bazaar from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Nov. 12, in the church hall, 1036 Belford St., Caldwell, features cookies, crafts and raffles. (Photo provided)**



**Father Victor P. Cinson, pastor of St. Gabriel Parish, Minerva, and St. Francis Xavier Parish, Malvern, visits the kitchen at St. Gabriel Church, where members of the Catholic Woman's Club are making candy and cabbage rolls for the annual boutique, which continues until 7 p.m., Nov. 4, and from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., Nov. 5, in the 400 W. High St., Minerva, church. Candymakers include Rosemary Swinger, Pat Moeglin, Gloria Willen, Ardell Bolanz, Karen Dinarda and Carilyn Michel. Women preparing cabbage rolls include Ardell Bolanz, Karen DiNarda, Gloria Willen, Rosemary Swinger, Bonnie Parrish, Ida Carver, Pat Moeglin and Carilyn Michel. Lunches and dinners will include fish, sandwiches and homemade soups, as well. Carryout is available. Crafters and vendors will have merchandise on sale; the CWC will sponsor a bake sale table and homemade candy can be bought. Raffles will be featured, too. For more information, telephone (330) 868-5627. (Photos provided)**

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**Pomeroy** — Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 6:30 a.m., Nov. 13, at Sacred Heart Church. A meal will follow in the church undercroft.

**St. Clairsville** — St. Mary Central School will hold a "Shades of Autumn Student Art Show" and smoked chicken and pulled pork luncheon from 12:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 6, in St. Mary Church Marian Hall. The luncheon will include a smoked chicken quarter, a serving of pulled pork, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, butter, dessert and beverage. Presale tickets cost \$10. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$12. A 50/50 raffle will be held at the event. Telephone the school office at (740) 695-3189, for additional information or to purchase a ticket.

**St. Clairsville** — A spaghetti dinner will be held from noon-6:30 p.m., Nov. 12, in St. Mary Church Marian Hall, for the benefit of People First of Belmont County, a self-advocacy group for people with developmental disabilities. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 years of age and under. The meal includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. There will be door prizes and a bake/craft sale. Takeouts will also be available. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased by telephoning Karen Call, (740) 310-3048 or Mary Lou Kent, (304) 242-1019.

**Steubenville** — The Catholic Central High School band will sell "Enjoy Coupon Books," as a fundraiser. To order, telephone the school office at (740) 264-5538 or (740) 283-1291.

**Steubenville** — "Youth Day" will be held from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Nov. 5, at Holy Family Church Malara Hall. Kindergarten through sixth-grade students can attend. For additional information, telephone (740) 264-2825.

**Steubenville** — Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High School students will present "Godspell Jr." Nov. 17, Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., in Berkman Theater, Lanman Hall, located at Catholic Central High School, 320 West View Ave. Tickets go on sale Nov. 7, at the junior high school office, 320 West View Ave. All seats are reserved. Tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$7; students, \$5. For additional information, telephone the junior high school office, (740) 346-0028.

**Wintersville** — Blessed Sacrament CWC will hold a raffle Nov. 6, following the celebration of the 11 a.m. Mass. To purchase a ticket, telephone the church office at (740) 264-0868.

Nut and pumpkin rolls will be sold by Our Lady of Lourdes CWC Nov. 13, following the celebration of the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Nut rolls cost \$10, pumpkin rolls, \$9.

## Around and About

**Athens** — The eighth annual Athens Running Club Turkey Trot will be held Nov. 24 at West State Street ball fields. Registration begins at 7 a.m., the 5K fun run/walk at 8 a.m. A \$30 charitable donation and/or donation of canned foods will be accepted; make checks payable to Athens Running Club. Pro-

ceeds will benefit the Athens Catholic community food pantry. For additional information, telephone (740) 592-2711.

**Caldwell** — The "Coats for Kids" campaign, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Father Kleuber  
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## Around and About

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Council 2565, is underway. Anyone wishing to donate a new or gently used coat, or make a monetary donation, can telephone Jim Schoeppner, (740) 509-0055 or Dustin Robinson, (740) 624-1236. Coats or donations are also being accepted at Noble Eye Center, 602 West St.

Knights of Columbus Father Kleuber Council 2565 will sponsor a bus to Washington, D.C., for the Jan. 26-27 Right to

Life March. Groups from Washington, Athens and Meigs counties will also participate. Registration, with payment by Nov. 30, is \$75 per person; payment by Dec. 31 is \$100 per person. Cost will cover bus transportation, snacks, prayer materials, one boxed lunch and hotel accommodations. For additional information, telephone Jim Schoeppner at (740) 509-0055.

**Carrollton** — St. John's Villa will sponsor a craft show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov.

19, at 701 Crest St. Vendors can reserve a table for \$20. Telephone Danielle Snider or Susan DeChiara at (330) 627-9789.

**Ironton** — Church Women United will participate in world community day, hosted by the First Baptist Church, Fifth and Vernon streets, at 1 p.m., Nov. 4. Nonperishable donations will benefit the Ironton Food Pantry. Monetary and paper product donations will be given to the Lawrence County Domestic Violence Shelter.

**Minerva** — Knights of Columbus Council 11380 will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 13, at St. Gabriel Church hall. Cost of \$5 for adults; \$2, for children 6-12 years of age; and free for children 5 years of age and under, includes pancakes, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs and beverage.

**North Canton, Ohio** — Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, will sponsor a breakfast Dec. 3 at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 E. Maple St. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.; breakfast will be served at 9 a.m.; cost is \$18. Make checks payable to Magnificat of Stark County and mail to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Seating is limited. No reservations will be accepted after Nov. 26. For additional information, telephone Shirley DeOrio at (614) 620-3169. Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, Walsh University.

**St. Clairsville** — "Enjoy Coupon Books" are being sold by Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Peace Council 4243. The cost is \$40, and the book offers discounts to various restaurants, entertainment and sporting establishments. For additional information telephone John Swan at (740) 695-0366 or (740) 312-2865.

**Steubenville** — Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Council 11828 will host a fundraising pancake breakfast Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in St. Peter Church hall. Proceeds will benefit "Friends of Retired Priests," which is a local group dedicated to the prayerful support of retired priests in the Diocese of Steubenville.

**Steubenville** — Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" will be presented Nov. 4, Nov. 5, Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., and Nov. 6 and Nov. 13, at 2 p.m., at Franciscan University of Steubenville Anathan Theater.

The formal dedication of the Veterans memorial flagpole at Franciscan University of Steubenville will take place at 11 a.m., Nov. 11. The memorial is located across from Sts. Louis and Elizabeth Hall, on the lawn of the Tony and Nina Gentile Gallery, J.C. Williams Center.

**Toronto** — A charismatic Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m., Nov. 10, in the Father of Mercy Chapel at the motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, 369 Little Church Road. Franciscan Third Order Regular Father Dave Pivonka, internationally known speaker and author, will be the celebrant. Prayer for healing or other needs will be offered following Mass; refreshments will follow.

**Wheeling, W.Va.** — A free educational workshop, for senior citizens, with the goal of assisting them in getting their "Ducks in a Row" for the future, will be presented from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 8, at Elmhurst, The House of Friendship, 1228 National Road. Workshop topics will include advanced directives, estate planning, home and personal safety and end-of-life health care. Lunch will be provided. For additional information, telephone Ashley Kepner at (304) 232-5110.



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton discusses the 12th annual "Faith in the Future" prayer breakfast with planners Peter Zanetich, left, Phyllis Riccadonna and Tracy McManamon, right. Bishop Monforton will be the keynote speaker at the 8 a.m. until 9 a.m., Nov. 11, breakfast at Froehlich's Classic Corner, Fifth and Washington streets, Steubenville. The breakfast, initiated by former Diocese of Steubenville Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, now bishop of the Joliet, Illinois, diocese, brings people together to pray for the well-being of the community. Reservations for the \$8 breakfast should be made by Nov. 9 with McManamon — telephone (740) 282-1132; text (919) 349-2038 or email [tmcmanamon@OneSourceBenefits.com](mailto:tmcmanamon@OneSourceBenefits.com). (Photo by DeFrancis)

## Obituaries

**Robert F. Baldwin**, 87, Mingo Junction, St. Agnes, Oct. 20.

**Mary Ann Bruzzese**, 91, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Oct. 8.

**Capt. Brock R. Budash**, 34, McDonald, Pennsylvania, St. Agnes, Mingo Junction, Oct. 22.

**Constance J. Delande**, 69, 290 W. 41st St., Shadyside, St. Mary, Oct. 14.

**William C. "Chester" Heddleson**, 88, Woodsfield, St. Sylvester, Oct. 19.

**Sheldon R. Hess**, 93, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Oct. 17.

**Joseph G. Ighnat Sr.**, 71, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Oct. 24.

**Adam C. Kornetti**, 80, St. Adalbert, Dillonvale, Oct. 13.

**Paul A. Mazelon**, 98, Bridgeport, St. Joseph, Sept. 23.

**Virginia A. Morelli**, 94, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Oct. 21.

**Peggy A. Johnson Newell**, 79, Bridgeport, St. Joseph, Oct. 18.

**Margaret Checca Puzzuole**, 98, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Oct. 4.

**James F. Spence**, 76, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Oct. 11.

**Genevieve Zaslocki**, 93, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Oct. 16.



The Harrison County Catholic Woman's Club 15th annual used Christmas decoration sale continues until 6 p.m. Nov. 4; from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Nov. 5; from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Nov. 11 and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Nov. 12 in the lower level of Sacred Heart Church, 209 Cross St., Hopedale. Promoting the sale are Lynden Myers, front, and, in back, from left, Pauline Wells, Toni Heavilin, Connie Gardner, Donna Ball and Karen Jochims. The women from the parishes of St. Teresa of Avila, Cadiz, and Sacred Heart and the St. Matthias Mission, Freeport, will have lunch items on sale and baked goods to buy, also, at the sale. For more information, telephone (740) 937-2941 or (740) 937-2062. (Photo provided)



## In Sweden, Pope Francis offers new beatitudes for saints of a new age

By Cindy Wooden

MALMO, Sweden (CNS) — The saints are blessed because they were faithful and meek and cared for others, Pope Francis said.

At the end of an ecumenical trip to Sweden, Pope Francis celebrated the feast of All Saints Nov. 1 with a Catholic Mass in a Malmo stadium. He highlighted the lives of the Swedish saints, Elizabeth Hesselblad and Bridget of Vadstena, who “prayed and worked to create bonds of unity and fellowship between Christians.”

The best description of the saints — in fact, their “identity card” — the pope said, is found in the beatitudes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which begins, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

And, he said, as Christian saints have done throughout the ages, Christ’s followers today are called “to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus.”

New situations require new energy and



Pope Francis autographs a book before celebrating Mass at the Swedbank Stadium in Malmo, Sweden, Nov. 1. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

a new commitment, he said, and then he offered a new list of beatitudes for modern Christians:

- “Blessed are those who remain faithful

while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart;

- “Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized

and show them their closeness;

- “Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him;

- “Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home;

- “Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others;

- “Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.”

“All these are messengers of God’s mercy and tenderness,” Pope Francis said. “Surely they will receive from him their merited reward.”

Registered Catholics in Sweden number about 115,000 — just over 1 percent of the population. But with recent waves of immigration, especially from Chaldean Catholic communities in Iraq, local church officials believe the number of Catholics is double the reported figure. Reflecting the multicultural make-up of the Catholic Church

in Sweden and the rest of Scandinavia, the prayer intentions at Mass were read in Spanish, Arabic, English, German and Polish, as well as in Swedish.

## Catholic Church never likely to ordain women, Pope Francis says

By Cindy Wooden

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM SWEDEN (CNS) — The Catholic Church insistence that it cannot ordain women to the priesthood and episcopacy is a teaching likely to last forever, Pope Francis said.

After being hosted by the Lutheran Church of Sweden, which is led by Archbishop Antje Jackelen of Uppsala, the nation’s first woman primate, Pope Francis was asked Nov. 1 if the Catholic Church might one day have women priests and bishops.

As he has done in the past, the pope responded that the question was settled in 1994 by St. John Paul II, who taught that because Jesus chose only men as his apostles, the or-

dination of women in the Catholic Church is not possible.

He was asked, “Really? Never?” And he responded, “If one carefully reads the declaration of St. John Paul, it goes in that direction, yes.”



Archbishop Antje Jackelen (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

In one of his briefest airborne news conferences, Pope Francis spent just over 40 minutes with reporters and answered six questions ranging from Sweden’s newly restrictive immigration policy to the role of women in the church. He also was asked about his experience with charismatics and Pentecostals, the roots of his concern about human trafficking, secularization in Europe and his meeting in late October with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.

Christians must never close their hearts to refugees and migrants, but governments have a duty to regulate the flux of newcomers as they allocate resources to ensure their integration into society, he said.

“It’s not human to close one’s heart,” the pope told reporters flying with him from Sweden back to Rome.

As he has in the past, Pope Francis insisted nations live up to international agreements offering special welcome and protection to refugees fleeing war and persecution. While Catholic social teaching holds that every person has a right to migrate in search of a better life, accepting newcomers is a serious obligation when the person’s life is at risk.

Europeans should not be frightened by the latest wave of newcomers, he said. “Europe was made with a continual integration of cultures, many cultures.”

The key, he said, is to ensure a proper integration of newcomers with language lessons, a home, schools and jobs. “The danger is that when a refugee or migrant is not integrated, he or she is ‘ghetto-ized.’”

Responding to the question about Maduro, Pope Francis said he met with him at the president’s request. “I listened to him for half an hour,” he said. “I asked a few questions. I heard his opinions. It’s always good to listen to both sides.”

Like in any conflict, he said, “either you dialogue or you scream.” The political and social tensions in Venezuela — tensions that have unleashed a major economic crisis and huge suffering for many — must be resolved with dialogue, he said.

The Vatican, he added, is supporting dialogue in Venezuela and, at the invitation of both the government and the opposition, has sent Archbishop Emil Paul Tscherri, the nuncio to Argentina, as an observer.

The secularization of Europe, or of any society, the pope said, is usually the result of one of two factors: “a weak evangelization” caused by “lukewarm Christians” or a cultural process in which a growing number of people start thinking they are the lords of history.

A “healthy” form of separation of church and state is not the culprit, he said.

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