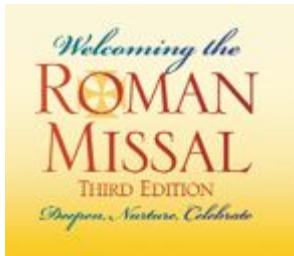


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## Pascal mystery a way to understand 9/11

**Msgr. William Cleves**

*Pastor, Holy Spirit Church, Newport*

The Duveneck Triptych in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of our Cathedral is profound in its revelation of the paschal mystery, the mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. The middle panel comprises two sections, the bottom one approximately two-thirds of the scene. The viewer sees a woman here, suffering greatly. She kneels in supplication, helpless to save the one whom she loves. She is surrounded by signs of death: skulls and bones. There are few signs of life; a darkened city is in the background, and the few plants are small and scraggly. A cloud blocks her vision of the top one-third of the scene. She sees only her beloved, the crucified. What she does not see is God the Father, dressed in majestic colors and surrounded by angels in glory, lifting up the cross. She does not see the Holy Spirit, from whom beams of light flow, illuminating the meaning of the paschal mystery.

The angels connect all three panels, their presence calling to mind God's providence, that the paschal mystery forms part of God's plan for our salvation, a plan conceived before time and governing all times and ages. The theme of this magnificent work of art is expressed well in the words that begin the alternate Opening Prayer for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Almighty and ever-present Father, your watchful care reaches from end to end and orders all things

in such power that even the tensions and tragedies of sin cannot frustrate your loving plans."

The right panel of the triptych depicts Aaron the priest. His vestments correspond exactly to the description of the priestly vestments in Exodus 28 and elsewhere. At his left hand is a cup of wine, and on his right side a plate bearing incense and the bread of offering.

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**All invited to Vespers to remember September 11**  
 in the Cathedral on Sept. 11 at 3 p.m.,  
 Bishop Foys presiding.

## Census volunteers anticipate home visits

**Tim Fitzgerald**

*Editor*

Last weekend St. Pius X Church in Edgewood was the site of one of three scheduled education sessions for volunteers who next month will go door-to-door gathering data for the diocesan census in Campbell and Kenton counties.

These volunteers and hundreds of others will walk the routes and visit homes within their parish's boundaries beginning the week of Oct. 16. The 250 attended the Aug. 26 session learned more details about their task and what they might experience.

The census of the entire diocese, an outgrowth of the 2006 diocesan Synod, began in Boone County last October. Phase two — Campbell and Kenton counties — will commence next month. The 30 parishes in the two counties have formed local census leadership teams to plan and conduct the census. Additional Census Sundays, in February, March and June of 2012, might also be used, as needed.

The next education sessions for door-to-door volunteers are at St. Mary Church in Alexandria, on Sept. 9, from 1-3

p.m. and Sept. 10, from 9-11 a.m. The meetings are open to census takers from Campbell and Kenton counties.

Margaret Schack, diocesan chancellor, and Father Ryan Maher, director of the diocesan Office of Worship and Liturgy and pastor of St. Benedict Church, Covington, described in detail how to conduct a home visit, collect data and complete the various census forms. Bishop Roger Foys appointed them last year to coordinate the project.

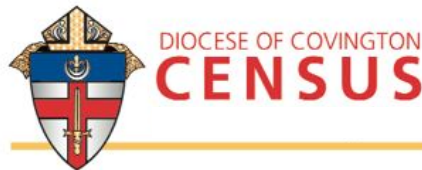
Bishop Foys began the program with thanks to those who volunteered to assist their parish and diocese by going door-to-door.

"The fact that you are here is a sign of your faith and your dedication to your parish and your diocese," Bishop Foys told the volunteers assembled in St. Pius X Church, Edgewood.

The census project, Bishop Foys said, is "not about proselytizing [trying to convert others to the Catholic faith] but about demonstrating that the Catholic Church is active, alive and present. ... The census is primarily about being the 'face of Christ' to others, as we are called to be by the Gospels, and we will meet the 'face of Christ' in those we visit. Evangelization, bringing the Gospel to people, (takes place) through our very presence."

Another reason for doing a census, Bishop Foys said, is

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## Father Barth appointed judicial vicar

### Asks for prayers that he faithfully serve the Church

Tim Fitzgerald  
Editor

Bishop Roger Foys has appointed Father Michael Barth as judicial vicar for the Diocese of Covington. On those cases entrusted to him, a judicial vicar has ordinary power to judge and constitutes with the Bishop one tribunal, Father Barth said. As such, the judicial vicar directs the Diocesan Tribunal.

Father Barth succeeds Msgr. Donald Enzweiler in the post. Father Barth has served as adjutant judicial vicar for the past two years.

The position of judicial vicar is required by canon (Church) law. Some other such diocesan positions are vicar general and finance director.

Father Barth continues his responsibilities as pastor of the parish of St. Matthew Church, Kenton, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morning View.

"I am grateful to Father Barth for having accepted the Office of Judicial Vicar," Bishop Foys said. "He is always ready to serve where needed and has once again shown his dedication to the priesthood."

"Having served in the Diocesan Tribunal myself for nine years, six as Judicial Vicar, I am acutely aware of the importance of this office and of the healing ministry involved therein. I have every confidence that Father Barth will give his all to this assignment as he has done in every assignment he has held in the diocese."

In an interview, Father Barth briefly described the purpose of the tribunal.

"One power a bishop has is called judicial power. The judicial vicar exercises that power, within certain perimeters. ... I exercise his judicial authority," Father Barth said. There are many different judicial matters that involve the diocese, Father Barth said, and the bishop relies upon his judicial vicar and other canon lawyers for their legal opinions.

Father Barth said the tribunal's primary day-to-day responsibility, and the one most often associated with the tribunal, is making judgments in marriage validity cases. Typically, a Catholic whose marriage ended in civil divorce petitions for an annulment so that he or she can re-establish their freedom to marry and thus re-marry in the Church. Seeking an annulment is a detailed legal process resulting in a deci-



Father Michael Barth

sion regarding the status of the parties — are they married or not? The personnel in the tribunal office assist in this judicial process and offer assistance to the petitioners to state their cases and bring forth the necessary evidence to prove their cause.

Father Barth noted that, once a diocesan tribunal renders a decision in a marriage case, in what is referred to as the "first instance," the case must be heard by an appeal tribunal, the "second instance." This process is required by the law because the decision deals with a person's status in life. The judgments of the Diocese of Covington tribunal are reviewed in "second instance" by the tribunal in the Diocese of Owensboro. The Diocese of Covington tribunal acts as the "second instance" court for two thirds of the cases of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Just as civil lawyers and judges must have an advanced legal degree, the judicial vicar and other officials of the tribunal must have a canon law degree, at least at the licentiate level or by being granted special permission from the Vatican to hold the particular office within the tribunal. The title, in Latin, is "Juris Canonici Licentia" or J.C.L. Anyone can study for a J.C.L., but only a priest who is not less than 30 years of age with a J.C.L. can serve as judicial vicar for a diocese.

Others in the diocese with such an advanced degree are, besides Father Barth and Msgr. Enzweiler, Msgr. Donald Hellmann, P.A.; Msgr. William Neuhaus, who is also a civil lawyer; Father James Ryan; Msgr. John Schulte; and Benedictine Sister Mary Catherine Wenstrup. Thomas More College President Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P., also has a J.C.L. degree. All, except for President Stallmeyer, serve in the tribunal giving pastoral care to the people of the diocese as judges or defenders of the bond. Father Barth noted the other responsibilities they have; four, including himself, are pastors; Msgr. Hellmann serves as priest personnel director and Sister Mary Catherine is the prioress of the Benedictine sisters of St. Walburg.

Some might believe that the tribunal is only about "legalism" for its own sake; however, Father Barth stated:

"The law of the Church is the practical side of what we believe. So if we believe that a bishop is the Vicar of Christ for his diocese, what does that look like in day-to-day living and application? The law expresses that: where does he (the bishop) have authority? How is that authority exercised?"

"In particular with marriage cases, it is Jesus who said, 'What God has joined no one may divide.' What does that mean? How do you deal with the reality when divorce occurs? The (canon) law gives expression to that belief — the law is belief in practice."

The tribunal office is a "pastoral reality" serving the people of the diocese, Father Barth said. "We are not here to make life difficult ... we are here to facilitate people to live the Gospel."

"For me personally I would ask for prayers that I am able to serve faithfully the bishop and fulfill the Church's mind."

## Marriage Enrichment and Leadership Training Conference

Bishop Roger Foys invites all married couples "to know the love of God" by attending the Marriage Enrichment and Leadership Training Conference on Oct. 1, 2011, sponsored by the Office of Catechesis and Formation of the Diocese of Covington.

The main conference presenters at the day-long affair will be Dr. Scott Hahn and his wife Kimberly of Steubenville, Ohio. Bishop Foys will officiate at the renewal of marriage vows for couples in attendance.

Cost is \$40 per person registering by Sept. 9. After that date the cost will be \$100 per couple. Students of Northern Kentucky University can attend free of charge. The Catholic Newman Center at NKU is a sponsor of the conference along with Couple-to-Couple League, RCL Benziger Publishers, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Neltner, Mrs. Mary M. Hemmer, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Zalla, and Regnum Christi Tristate Horizons.

For more information and to register call (859) 392-1527 or (859) 392-1533.



See pages 6 and 7 for a report on the Aug. 25 event where DPAA participants were honored and a listing of this year's service grants.

# Preparing for the Roman Missal third edition

*This article continues a repeat of the series that originally ran from Feb. 18 to July 1. The essays have been provided by the diocesan Office of Worship and Liturgy and written by Father Daniel Schomaker, S.T.L., assistant director. They offer insight to the theology of the Mass and to the new translation of the Roman Missal. The new translation will be used for the first time beginning Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent. (Note: Words in bold indicate the new translation.)*

Nicene Creed — “I believe ...”

*Priest & People:*

**I believe** in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all **things visible and invisible.**

**I believe** in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only **Begotten** Son of God, **born** of the Father **before all ages.**

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, **consubstantial** with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *[At the words that follow up to and including ‘and became man,’ all bow.]* **and by** the Holy Spirit **was incarnate** of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, **he suffered death** and was buried, **and rose again on the third day** in **accordance with** the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, **who** with the Father and the Son **is adored** and glorified, **who** has spoken through the prophets.

**I believe** in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. **I confess** one baptism for the forgiveness of sins **and I look forward to** the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Nicene Creed — “I believe ...”**

The Church always says what She means and means what She says. This is particularly true within the context of the Liturgy because the way in which the Church prays effects that which She believes. Words are important.



Following the homily on Sundays and Solemnities the people gathered in the great prayer of the Church stand together and express the faith. Using the statement of belief that has been handed on to us from the Council of Nicaea (325) and the First Council of Constantinople (381) the people gathered in prayer in a particular place are united with believers across space and time.

In the English translation of the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal, which will be implemented on the November 27, 2011, the Nicene Creed varies from its current translation in the very first word. The initial statement of “We believe ...” has been changed to “I believe ...”

Many may ask why we are changing from the first-person plural, to the first-person singular, particularly when as Catholics we are keenly aware that our faith is not individualistic, but social. To understand why the Church is asking us a community to say “I believe ...” we must first understand who we are as human persons.

As human beings, we have been made in the image and likeness of God Himself — God who is One and yet Three simultaneously. God, the Most Holy Trinity, is the communion of three distinct persons — Father,

Son and Holy Spirit. Each of these Persons is a uniqueness — we say that the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, but that the Father is not the Son nor is the Son the Father and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son and yet together the three uniquenesses are in fact One.

By analogy then we look at the human person, each of whom is a uniqueness — there is, nor will there ever be, another you! You are unique; we all are. But our uniqueness belongs to a nature (one that is shared amongst us all — our human nature). Within that nature, we are all individuals, but at the same time we are social — we require others. Even those individuals who isolate themselves are dependent on others because we are social by nature. Remember, we are made in God’s image and likeness. He is a communion or community of persons — so too are we.

There are four distinguishing characteristics or marks of the Church — She is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. The first mark is that She is one, and yet within Her are a multitude of unique individuals. When we state in the creed “I believe ...” we speak in the corporate singular. True, it is my belief as an individual, but it is also our belief as a community — a united community.

To say “We believe ...” is not wrong, but it does not express the invisible and nuanced truth about us and the Church as does saying, “I believe ...” The use of “we” expresses the belief of a collection of individuals. But to say “I” communicates our belief while also expressing outwardly the uniqueness of the Church who is one — the One Body of Christ — and of us who are individuals sharing in a common human nature and too a common Christian identity.

By stating “I believe ...” versus “We believe ...” we express a truth that is very subtle, but very important. Remember, are talking about the things of God — we attempt therefore to be as accurate as possible. Words are very important!



## Bishop's Schedule

- Sept. 4**  
Mass, Cathedral Basilica, Covington, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 6**  
Opening school Mass, Covington Latin School, Cathedral Basilica, 8 a.m.
- Sept. 6-7**  
Seminary visit, Pontifical College Josephinum
- Sept. 8**  
Episcopal Council meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- Deans' meeting, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 9**  
Curia Synod planning meeting, 10 a.m.–noon
- Diocesan Census Planning meeting, St. Mary Church, Alexandria, 1-3 p.m.

- Sept. 10**  
Diocesan Census Planning meeting, St. Mary Church, Alexandria, 9-11 a.m.
- Pro-Life Office Day of Reflection, Immaculate Heart of Mary School library, Burlington, 9-11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 11**  
Mass, Cathedral Basilica, Covington, 10 a.m.
- Vespers, Commemoration of 9/11 terrorist attacks, Cathedral Basilica, Covington, 3 p.m.



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## Pastor installed

**Bishop Roger Foys installed Father Gregory Osburg as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Wilder, Aug. 27. Father Osburg is the parish's 17th pastor and first resident pastor in 29 years. Bishop Foys told the congregation that the appointment of Father Osburg as pastor shows his trust in the parishioners of St. John Parish.**

## Correction

In the Aug. 19 Messenger Sister of Charity Juana Mendez was identified as the “pastoral administrator” of Cristo Rey Parish, Erlanger. She is in fact the pastoral associate. The Messenger apologizes for the confusion.

# A canopy under which to pray

Do we ever really understand or master prayer? Yes and no. When we try to pray, sometimes we walk on water and sometimes we sink like a stone. Sometimes we have a deep sense of God's reality and sometimes we can't even imagine that God exists. Sometimes we have deep feelings about God's goodness and love and sometimes we feel only boredom and distraction. Sometimes our eyes fill with tears and sometimes they wander furtively to our wristwatches to see how much time we still need to spend in prayer. Sometimes we would like to stay in our prayer-place forever and sometimes we wonder why we even showed up. Prayer has a huge ebb and flow.

I remember an incident, years back, where a man came to me for spiritual direction. He had been involved for several years in a charismatic prayer group and there had experienced powerful religious emotions. But now, to his surprise, those emotions had disappeared. When he tried to pray, he experienced mostly dryness and boredom. He felt that there was something wrong because his fiery emotions had disappeared. Here's how he expressed it: "Father, you've seen my Bible, seen how most every line is highlighted with a bright color because the text spoke so deeply to me. Well, right now, I feel like pitching my Bible through a window because none of that means anything to me anymore! What's wrong with me?"

The quick answer could have been: "God is wrong with you!" I pointed him towards the experience of Teresa of Avila who, after a season of deep fervor in prayer, experienced 18 years of boredom and dry-

ness. Today, I would have him read the journals of Mother Teresa who, like Teresa of Avila, after some initial fervor in prayer, experienced 60 years of dryness.

We nurse a naïve fantasy both about what constitutes prayer and how we might sustain ourselves in it. And what often lies at the center of this misguided notion is the belief that prayer is always meant to be full of fervor, interesting, warm, carrying spiritual insight, and carrying the sense that we are actually praying. Coupled with this notion is the equally misguided notion that the way to sustain feeling and fervor in prayer is through constant novelty and variety or through dogged concentration. Classical writers in spirituality assure us that, while this is often true during the early stages of our prayer lives, when we are neophytes at prayer and in the honeymoon stage of our spiritual lives, it becomes less and less true the deeper we advance in prayer and spirituality.

Much to the relief and consolation of anyone who has tried to sustain a prayer life over a long period of time, the great mystics tell us that once we are beyond the early, honeymoon, stage of prayer, the single greatest obstacle to sustaining a life of prayer is simple boredom and the sense that nothing meaningful is happening. But that doesn't mean that we are regressing in prayer. It often means the opposite.

Here's a canopy under which to pray even as we struggle with boredom and the sense that nothing meaningful is happening: Imagine you have an aged mother who is confined to a retirement home. You're

the dutiful daughter or son and, every night after work, for one hour, you stop and spend time with her, helping her with her evening meal, sharing the events of the day, and simply being with her as her daughter or son. I doubt that, save for a rare occasion, you will have many deeply emotive or even interesting conversations with her. On the surface your visits will seem mostly routine, dry and dutiful. Most days you will be talking about trivial, everyday, things and you will be sneaking the occasional glance at the clock to see when your hour with her will be over. However, if you persevere in these regular visits with her, month after month, year after year, among everyone in the whole world you will grow to know your mother the most deeply and she will grow to know you most deeply because, as the mystics affirm, at a certain deep level of relationship the real connection between us takes place below the surface of our conversations. We begin to know each other through simple presence.

You can recognize this in its opposite: Notice how your mother relates to your siblings who visit her only very occasionally. During those rare, occasional visits there will be emotions, tears and conversations beyond the weather and the trivia of everyday life. But that's because your mother sees these others so rarely.

Prayer is the same. If we pray only occasionally, we might well experience some pretty deep emotions in our prayer. However, if we pray faithfully every day, year in and year out, we can expect little excitement, lots of boredom, regular temptations to look at the clock during prayer ... but, a very deep, growing bond with our God.

*Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas.*



Father Ron Rolheiser

## Running for the love of Christ

I have run a total of four marathons in my life and I am currently training for my fifth. I plan on running in the Dayton Air Force Marathon on Sept. 17, and I am currently in the final month of training. (For anyone that doesn't know, a marathon is 26.2 miles and in my opinion it is a pretty difficult physical feat just to finish). During the past two years I have run two marathons and I have offered up the marathon training as a prayer for Christian unity. The prayer that I pray as I do my training runs and then during the marathon basically centers around Christ's words to his followers at the Last Supper that "they may all be one" as Jesus and the Father are one. For whatever reason, this prayer is almost always on my heart, and so I use my time and my efforts connected with marathon training so that I can put more of myself into this prayer.

This year, I would like to invite others to join me in prayer during my training period. I actually have three different ways that people can join me. One way would be to actually join me! I would love to see some decide that they wanted to run a marathon, 10K, 5K, cycle an event (fill in the blank with whatever you are inspired to do, etc.) in solidarity with me as a prayer in action. The second way that people could join me would be financially. I am inviting you to make a donation to Catholic Charities of Covington (my employer) to demonstrate your soli-

arity with my training and run. Obviously, Catholic Charities attempts to put the love of Christ into action every day.

The third way that you could join me would be in prayer. As I run each of my training runs, I offer up very specific prayers and I generally say the rosary as I pray. I ask people to commit to praying with me and for me, and I make the same commitment to you. I will offer decades of the rosary for the prayers of all those who are praying for me and for all of your intentions.

I have big hopes! I would love to some day have a whole team of hundreds or thousands of people lifting up prayers through physical fitness activities. I would love to raise a whole lot of money for Catholic Charities so that we can help more and more people to experience the love and peace of Christ. I would love to use my training and marathon running as a focal point to collect and inspire thousands upon thousands of prayers and acts of good will.

I appreciate your time and support. Donations to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Covington can be made online at [www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org). Please join me as I seek to enter more fully into communion with our heavenly Father through Christ our Lord and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Brian Kinne is a counselor for Catholic Charities-Diocese of Covington.*



Brian Kinne



### Letters to the Editor

Editor,

On behalf of the board of directors, staff and most importantly our clients, we thank Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D. D. and the Diocese of Covington for the DPAA service grant. The funding received will support our inner-city and rural outreach program. This program provides life-saving medication to those who reside in the inner city and our rural counties. Four times a month the pharmacy travels to seven different outreach locations to help those who may have transportation hardships. Last year we served 415 clients in these locations providing them with 16,337 prescription medications with an average wholesale price of \$1,441,903. We appreciate the generosity of the Diocese of Covington for their continued support!

Please continue to pray for the pharmacy, our clients and mission (to provide necessary medications and pharmaceutical care free of charge to those unable to pay, without regard to race, creed or national origin). In the words of Mother Teresa, "Good works are the links that form a chain of love." Thank you for helping us build our chain of love!

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# Real love can be a 'tough' decision

**The readings for the twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time — Cycle "A" are: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; and Matthew 18:15-20.**

Some time ago I had the opportunity to visit the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. I like animals and wanted to see the giant pandas.

Things did not go as I had imagined. Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing were not providing much entertainment. Instead, they mostly just lay there with their backs to us. Once Hsing-Hsing started to lethargically wander about his cage a little, but he looked more like he was preparing to attack us rather than provide pleasant amusement.

I suddenly remembered that in the spring of the same year these bears had experienced the birth and, within a

few days, the death of their only offspring. Their relationship to their young was such that they were still suffering.

Of course, this experience reminded me and all of us of the period of mourning we all undergo when a loved one has died. A part of us dies with the deceased. As the great poet John Donne once reminded us: "No man is an island." Therefore, when someone dies, we "ask not for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

That is precisely the point being made in today's liturgy. Whenever we gather for Sunday Eucharist we come together to form Christ's body so that in union with him we may offer fitting praise and thanksgiving to the Father. We never come to the Sunday assembly to offer our individual prayer or to assist the priest in offering prayer on our behalf.

By baptism into Christ we are joined to, we become part of, his body. Our union with him and with one another through him is just as intense as the bond between any couple, between any parent and child. Because of that union with one another in and through Christ, because no one of us is an island, but rather a part of the whole body, God reminds us today that we have a responsibility toward one another.

Specifically, God's Word today reminds us that we have a responsibility to warn other members of the body about their sinfulness: "If I tell the wicked man that he shall surely die, and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked man from his way, he [the wicked man] shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." (First Reading) In other words, our union in the body of Christ is so strong that if we stand by and do nothing to persuade other members from their sin, we become part of it.

That is why Jesus, in today's Gospel, tells his disciples that they should "point out" to others their faults: "If your brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out his fault." Scripture scholars have told us that the words "against you" are a later addition that were not originally part of Jesus' teaching. If that be true, our responsibility is even greater.

Correcting one another does not come easy to us. Sooner or later, though, we have to face up to our Christian heritage which reminds us that it's also "our business" and that we all will suffer the consequences.

Today's selection from Romans reminds us that the only debt we owe one another is to love one another. I can't help but think of how popular the concept of "tough love" has become in our time. Perhaps that is the love we must occasionally display.

*Father Daniel Vogelpohl is pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Ft. Mitchell.*

# Just ask and evangelize your world

I was recently reading and reflecting on Pope Benedict XVI's "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." I was struck by this particular line, drawn from the document: "We cannot keep to ourselves the words of eternal life given to us in our encounter with Jesus Christ: they are meant for everyone, for every man and woman ... It is our responsibility to pass on what, by God's grace, we ourselves have received."

It struck me because Catholics have the reputation of being "reluctant evangelizers," in the description of one writer. For some reason, or perhaps many reasons, Catholics are reticent about inviting someone, even their non-Catholic or non-Christian spouses as well as their closest friends and colleagues, to come to know Jesus Christ in his Church. This reticence and reluctance to invite others to know Jesus Christ — which is the most basic form of evangelization — is a serious pastoral and spiritual challenge. Pope Paul VI so simply and eloquently stated in his reflections on evangelization in *Evangelization in the Modern World*, "Evangelization is the essential mission of the Church; it is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize."

In short, it is of the essence of a friend and disciple of Jesus Christ to evangelize; to invite others to follow him in his One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church to the Kingdom of Heaven. As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the man who would become Pope Benedict XVI, said, "To evangelize means: to show this path — to teach the art of living. At the beginning of his public life Jesus says: I have come to evangelize the poor (Luke 4:18); this means: I have the response to your fundamental question; I will show you the path of life, the path toward happiness — rather: I am that path."

Both popes have beautifully reminded us that we,

as friends and followers of Jesus Christ in his Church, must share with others the fruit of our encounter with Jesus, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist, where he personally shares with each of us the fruits of his Redemption. Nor can we shrink from the duty of sharing the joy, healing and peace we feel in the gift of his Divine Mercy given to us personally in the confession of our sins. And how can we fail to announce and to invite others — even with our weak humanity always before us — to know the goodness of the community of charity that is our parishes, a family called together by the Heavenly Father through the gift of baptism and the Real Presence of the Lord himself in the Most Holy Eucharist?

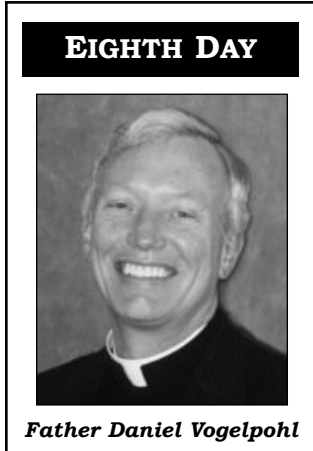
So let me get down to the bottom line. I want to consciously and courageously invite others to consider encountering, knowing, loving and serving Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. I would like you to deliberately ask people

you know to consider joining the Catholic Church. Even if you have friends or family members that are just curious and would like to gain more information I want you to personally invite them to join the Rite of Christian Initiation journey — to "come and see" — where copious information about the Catholic faith and way of life is shared and discussed.

I was reminded of the power of a personal invitation by a non-Catholic family friend who recently joined the Catholic Church after attending Mass weekly, and sometimes daily, with his wife for 50 years! I asked him why he finally joined. His wry reply to me was simple and shocking, "Somebody finally got around to asking me!"

Let us waste no time in "making the ask" to those around us.

*Father Philip DeVous is pastor of St. Joseph Church, Crescent Springs.*



**EIGHTH DAY**  
*Father Daniel Vogelpohl*



**VIEWPOINT**  
*Father Philip DeVous*

# Change is inevitable, growth is optional

Change is inevitable but growth is optional. Those words were spoken by a priest, in our diocese, at Mass on a recent Sunday, and they made an impression on a college student who was there. Those words are so very true. Change is going to happen in our life whether we want it or not. Growth is a little different. It is up to us to allow ourselves to grow.

Young people are challenged over and over as they grow. They follow the course of going from grade school to middle school, onto high school and, for some, college. It could be moving from one job to another, or moving from your home to across town or across the country. Change is going to happen and there's nothing we can do to avoid change in our lives. Whether or not we grow through these experiences is up to us.

Seminarians who are preparing to be priests experience change, first of all, by moving from home to a new place. The structure of the seminary, although similar to college life, is much different from their normal life. Part of the change is through their prayer life. The seminary is structured so as to make prayer an integral part of their daily life. Morning prayer, Mass, evening prayer, adoration and night prayer are built into their schedule to prepare them to live a life of prayer as a priest. A seminarian could go to prayer, go through the motion of praying, and it would change his daily habit of prayer. But it is not until he throws himself into his prayer, lifting his heart in praise of God, that growth will happen.

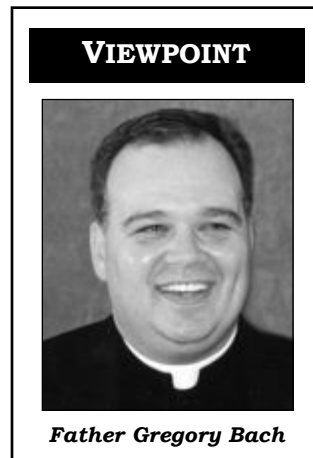
I've witnessed those whose lives have changed,

especially through suffering or illness. They turn to God, turn to their family and friends, turn to the Church, to help them through prayer, to get them through the difficult time. Change occurs when a person realizes that they are in need of help — the help of God. Change occurs. Sometimes growth never happens. When a person is healed, when they are returned to health some people's lives are changed and they grow to become witnesses of God's mercy and love in the world. But for others their life is changed through prayer, but it only lasts for a short time. As soon as the person is healed, they abandon their life of prayer and retreat into their old way of life. No growth has taken place.

Our lives will change. There is nothing we can do to avoid change. But it is up to us to allow growth to occur. Those moments where change occurs can be a wake up call — a call for us to look at our lives and see how we can grow into the person God wants us to be. As Christians we come into this world with original sin, we are baptized and become a new creation in Christ. That is only the beginning. We are changed.

Change is a perfect opportunity for us to draw near to Jesus Christ and allow ourselves to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. There's a whole new life waiting for us in Jesus Christ and it's up to us to allow growth to occur so that we might become the holy people of God.

*Father Gregory Bach is vocations promoter for the Diocese of Covington, Ky.*



**VIEWPOINT**  
*Father Gregory Bach*

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## Success of 2011 DPAA celebrated

**Tim Fitzgerald**  
Editor

Dan Groneck, the general chair of this year's Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal, summarized the success of the DPAA at the concluding celebration Aug. 25, organized by the diocese Stewardship and Missions Office and hosted by Mary, Queen of Heaven Church, Erlanger. The event honored the parishes over goal, the schools which sponsored various fundraising activities, and the many parish volunteers who make the DPAA succeed locally. (See a listing of parishes over goal in an ad in next week's *Messenger*.)

Another highlight was Bishop Roger Foys' announcing 46 service grant awards, funded by the DPAA, to parishes, schools and agencies. (See accompanying article.)

Mr. Groneck reported the pledge amount, as of Aug. 24, is \$2,840,801. The 2011 goal was \$2,245,000. He said 10,745 individual donors helped 44 parishes reach or exceed their parish goals. Most of the parishes are able to participate in the parish rebate program to fund parish ministries and projects.

Mr. Groneck thanked the pastors, pastoral administrators and volunteers, saying, "You are the ambas-

sadors, the messengers of this appeal ... you are the reason the appeal has been so successful."

Marna Meier Zalla, who has been appointed by Bishop Roger Foys as general chair of the 2012 DPAA, was this year's leadership gifts chair. In her remarks she thanked all donors and volunteers and said the diocese is "most fortunate" to have the leadership of Bishop Foys, especially, "his passion to help those less fortunate."

Bishop Foys has appointed Andrew VonLehman of VonLehman Certified Public Accountants and Advisors, as leadership gifts chair for 2012.

In his remarks, Bishop Foys said he is "touched by the needs we have and by the generous response of the donors. ... I am blessed to be the bishop of such a generous diocese. The gifts people give reflect their commitment to their faith, their parish, their diocese."

"Thanks for all you do ... you make my ministry a joy."

The 200 in attendance were entertained by a choral group comprised of students from Covington Catholic High School and St. Henry District High School.



### 2011 DPAA Service grant Allocations

announced Aug. 25, 2011

Alliance for Catholic Urban Education: \$27,000; Tuition assistance for six inner-city schools

Be Concerned: \$2,000; Year-round food program to help low-income families

Campbell Lodge Boys' Home: \$1,000; Support for the Equine Assisted Counseling program

Care Net Pregnancy: \$500; General operating expenses

Catholic Charities: \$18,900; Program enhancement—services for inner-city families

Diocesan Catholic Children's Home: \$1,250; Furniture for new classrooms

ECHO: \$2,000; New oven for soup kitchen

Faith Community Pharmacy: \$6,000; Support for inner-city and rural outreach programs

Holy Cross District High School: \$6,000; Tuition aid

Holy Cross Elementary School: \$1,800; Art teacher salary

Holy Family School: \$17,500; General operating expenses

Holy Spirit Outreach Ministries: \$3,000; General operating expenses

Holy Spirit Outreach Ministries: \$500; Computerization of client records

Holy Trinity Child Development Center: \$2,000; New cribs meeting federal standards

Holy Trinity School: \$2,000; General operating expenses

Mary, Queen of Heaven School: \$2,000; Tuition assistance for Latino families

Newport Central Catholic High School: \$4,000; Tuition assistance

Northern Kentucky Harvest: \$250; Support for the "Backpacks and Breakfast Program"

Notre Dame Urban Education Center: \$4,000; Expansion of extended learning opportunities

Our Savior Parish: \$12,000; General operating expenses

Parish Kitchen: \$4,000; Support for the Milk Fund

St. Ann Parish: \$1,800; Support of the Treasures on Earth food pantry

St. Ann Parish: \$500; Parking lot maintenance

St. Anthony School: \$1,300; Music teacher salary

St. Augustine School, Augusta: \$5,000; Tuition assistance

St. Augustine Parish, Covington: \$15,000; Parish operating expenses

St. Augustine Parish Center-City Heights: \$4,000; Assistance for low-income residents

St. Augustine School, Covington: \$500; "Enhancing Our Library" program

St. Benedict Parish: \$7,500; General operating expenses

St. Bernard Parish Pantry: \$5,000; Support for low-income utility, maintenance and food bills

St. Edward School: \$4,000; General operating expenses

St. Francis Xavier Parish: \$2,600; Parking lot repair

St. Henry Elementary School: \$6,000; Tuition assistance

St. John Parish, Carrollton: \$5,000; General operating expenses for Hispanic community services

St. John Parish, Covington: \$4,000; Support of outreach to low-income families

St. John Parish, Covington: \$1,600; Office window replacement

St. John Parish, Covington: \$500; Parking lot repair

St. Joseph Academy: \$500; Support for anti-bullying programs

St. Patrick Parish and School: \$15,000; Tuition assistance for Latino families

St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$5,000; Erlanger food pantry expansion

St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. William Conference): \$2,000; Support of emergency assistance

Sts. Boniface and James Parish: \$4,000; General operating expenses

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and School: \$5,000; Guidance counselor salary

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and School: \$5,000; Tuition assistance

Welcome House: \$2,500; Support of "Housing and Hope Program"

Women's Crisis Center: \$3,000; General operating expenses

**Total: \$224,000**

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**Bishop Roger Foys presents Divine Providence Sister Janet Bucher, parish life collaborator for Our Savior Church, Covington, with a DPAA service grant. Forty-six grants totaling \$224,000 were distributed to parishes, schools and agencies funded by the 2011 DPAA. Michael Murray, director of stewardship, announces the awards.**

## DPAA grant recipients are the head, heart and hands of Jesus

**Tim Fitzgerald**  
*Editor*

Each year, 10 percent of the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal goal is distributed as service grants to parishes, schools and agencies. For 2011, the 10 percent amount was \$224,000.

Forty-six grants for 2011 were announced Aug. 25 by Michael Murray, director of the diocesan Stewardship and Missions Office. Bishop Roger Foys presented the checks to parish, school and agency representatives. (See list at left.)

One recipient was Catholic Charities-Diocese of Covington, which will use its \$18,900 grant to support its services to inner-city families. Young, vulnerable families will achieve stability and self-sufficiency through a combination of services, Catholic Charities said in its grant application.

“At Catholic Charities we are always grateful to Bishop Foys and the people of the diocese for their tremendous support to people who are in need,” said William Jones, executive director. “The DPAA mission grant of \$18,900 will allow us to continue our counseling, parenting, job preparation and financial literacy services to families in the inner city with multiple needs.”

Another recipient was Diocesan Catholic Children’s Home, expecting to occupy its new Welcome Center in mid-October. The Welcome Center includes four classrooms to serve the 34 residents at the home, ages 6-14, in addition to a gymnasium and administrative office. The \$1250 grant will partially cover the purchase of new furniture for the classrooms (four kidney-shaped adjustable activity tables, 30 chairs and four marker boards).

Notre Dame Sister Jean Marie Hoffman, director, said the new classrooms will replace crowded spaces in the current building, more than 40

years old, and will feature a cultural enrichment room for music and art instruction.

“We are very appreciative to Bishop Foys for the support he gives us here at the home,” Sister Jean Marie said.

At Mary, Queen of Heaven School in Erlanger, the pastor and parish officials applied for funds to support the tuition cost of Latino students and were awarded a \$2000 grant. The school collaborates with nearby Cristo Rey Parish and its pastoral associate, Sister of Charity Juana Mendez, in identifying potential students.

“The Latino students are lovely children, they work really hard and the parents are very appreciative that they are in a Catholic school,” said Lynn Mowery, principal. “The parents have expressed their gratitude and appreciation that (their children) are being exposed to the Catholic identity.”

“The school and parish truly appreciate the DPAA grant to help bring these students into our school family.”

St. Augustine School in Augusta is one of 12 education programs to receive tuition assistance or operating fund grants. St. Augustine is the only Catholic school in Bracken County and serves two parishes, St. Augustine Church and St. James Church in Brooksville.

The \$5000 grant will help about 10 families and “without the grant we would not have those children,” said Janet Cropper, the school’s new principal. There are 89 students enrolled pre-school through eighth grade.

“Many of the parents attended school here, and they want a Catholic education for their children,” Mrs. Cropper said.

*For information about the Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal service grant program, contact Mr. Murray at (859) 392-1540 or e-mail mmurray@covingtondiocese.org.*

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## PEOPLE AND EVENTS

## Newsworthy

Happy birthday to **Father James McHugh**, retired, Sept. 10; and **Father John Kroger**, retired, Sept. 14.

**Terry Foster, RN**, clinical nurse specialist for St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood, has been inducted into the Academy of Emergency Nursing (AEN) by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). The AEN fellowship is a prestigious honor recognizing emergency nurses for their contributions to patient care in and out of the emergency department.

**TV Mass.** The cathedral's 5:30 p.m. Mass Sept. 4 will be shown live on ICN 6 on analog channel 99; digital channel 422.

A budget counseling **volunteer is needed** at Catholic Charities. A finance or accounting background is preferred. Also needed a Wednesday night receptionist, every other Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. Other opportunities available. Call Lauren Young at 581-8974, ext. 136.

The Diocesan Catholic Children's Home is **seeking a volunteer** who has the energy, time and willingness to chair its annual flea market fundraiser. This is yearlong commitment (limited weekly hours) that makes an enormous impact on the children served at DCCH. Call 331-2040, ext. 255 or e-mail [mfeldman@dcchome.org](mailto:mfeldman@dcchome.org).

The **Serra Club for Vocations** of Northern Kentucky is actively seeking new members. Men or women, couples or singles, interested in supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life may call 426-2149.

Sacred Heart Church/Divine Mercy Parish is holding a **raffle** for a two-night stay for four (two rooms) at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill Harvest Fest, Sept. 23-25, 2011. Prize includes a village tour, boat ride and \$100 dinner gift certificate. \$50 per chance; only 100 chances will be sold. Call 261-6172.

Father DeJaco Knights of Columbus, Alexandria, **fish fry** Sept 2, 4-8 p.m. \$6.50 or \$7 for carry out. Call 635-9863 and visit [www.kofcdejaco.org](http://www.kofcdejaco.org).

**Join Ed Colina**, former principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Burlington, at Receptions, Erlanger, Sept. 2 for an informal gathering/fundraiser celebrating the four-year progress made by his Kenyan mission. Cost \$10 per person. This casual evening begins at 7 p.m. and is for adults only. For reservations e-mail [kcesco@ihm-ky.org](mailto:kcesco@ihm-ky.org) or [knienaber@ihm-ky.org](mailto:knienaber@ihm-ky.org).

A **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be held Sept. 3, 10 a.m. at St. Benedict Church, Covington, in celebration of the purchase of the property that houses the Rose Garden Home Mission. Reception follows at the Rose Garden Mission. RSVP at [fdmvoc1@gmail.com](mailto:fdmvoc1@gmail.com).

Newport Central Catholic High School invites you to bring your family to its 18th annual **NCC Family Fireworks Fest** Sept. 4 to watch the WEBN/Cincinnati Bell Labor Day riverfront fireworks. Activities begin at 4 p.m. Food and drinks will be available. (No cans, bottles or coolers permitted.) Admission \$3; 5 and under free. Limited parking passes available for \$10 at the school office. Call 292-0001.

Covington Latin School will have its annual **Latin Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, Sept. 6, 8 a.m. for all alumni, parents, students and faculty. A reception will immediately follow at the school.

St. Henry Church is once again offering **Mother's Day Out** on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The day gives mothers time to run errands while the kids enjoy a day of play and fun. Registration is Sept. 6 from 9-11 a.m. (in the gym building). Children must be 2 by Oct 1. Call 342-5971.

Our Lady of Guadalupe **Catholic homeschool group** will be having opening Mass Sept. 8, 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington.

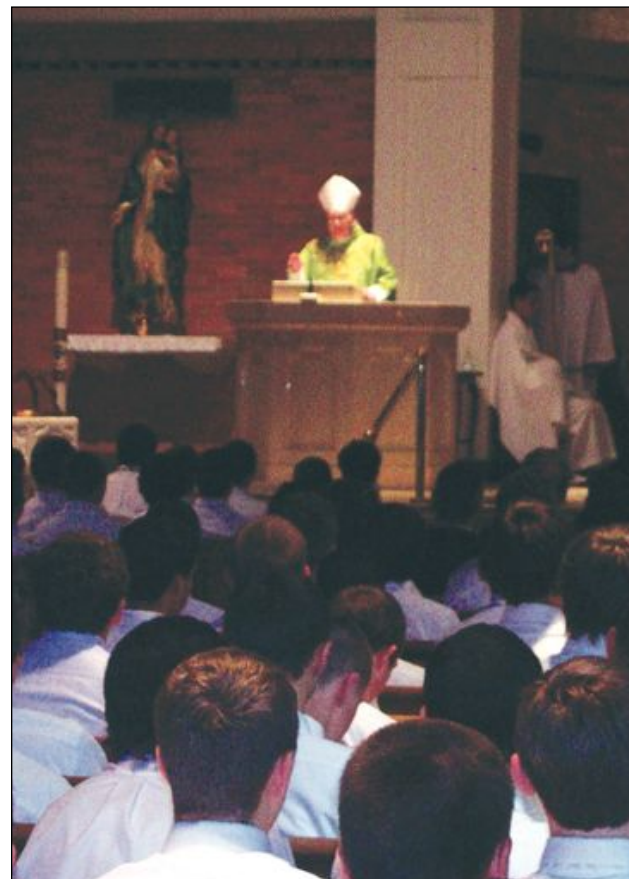
St. Charles Care Center, Ft. Wright, presents a free seminar **"A Sixty-minute Estate Planning and Financial Check Up"** Sept. 8, 7 p.m. in the Care Center, first floor. Call 331-3224, ext. 141.

A new session of **New Beginnings**, a support group for divorced and separated persons, sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and hosted by the Department of Catechesis and Formation, will begin Sept. 8. Meetings will be on Thursday evenings 7-8:30 p.m. through Oct. 27. Registration required. Call 392-1527.

The annual Bishop Brossart High School **men's alumni softball tournament** will be held Sept. 10 at Pendery Park and St. Philip's ball fields. BBHS alumni and spouses are invited to play. A meeting for team captains will be held Sept. 6, 7 p.m. at BBHS. Call 635-3231.

Care Net Pregnancy Services will host its second annual **5K Walk/Run for Life** Sept. 10, at Champion Window Field, Florence. This is a family event. Call 431-9178.

The second annual **Kentucky Dragon Boat Festival** Sept. 10 at A.J. Jolly Park in Campbell County. Join the Kentucky Thorough-Breasts,



## Opening Mass

**Bishop Roger Foys celebrated the opening school year Mass for Covington Catholic High School Aug. 26 at St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright.**

Kentucky's first breast cancer survivor dragon boat racing team, and presenting sponsor St. Elizabeth Healthcare in the fight against breast cancer. Visit [www.stelizabeth.com/dragonboat](http://www.stelizabeth.com/dragonboat), or call 391-7020.

Bishop Roger Foys will celebrate **Solemn Vespers**, Sept. 11, 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. All are invited to gather in prayer for peace and healing.

Wayne Weible, popular author and speaker on the alleged **apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in Medjugorje, will speak at: Sept. 11 at St. Patrick Church, Taylor Mill, 1 p.m., and at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ft. Thomas, 7 p.m.; and Sept. 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Burlington, 7 p.m.

**Swing'n Seniors** is sponsoring a trip to Greenbo Lake State Park, Sept. 11, two nights' lodging, six meals and gratuities. Cost \$210 double; \$240 single. Call 441-8567.

The annual St. Elizabeth Healthcare **Golf ParTee** Sept. 13 at Twin Oaks Golf and Plantation Club and Highland Country Club. Call 301-3920.

**Bible study** - "The Gospel of John: Prologue and The Book of Signs" (Chapters 1-12). Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 14 at St. Agnes Church, Fort Wright, 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 15 at Holy Cross Church, Latonia, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eight weeks, approximately 90 minutes each. \$10 contribution covers supplies. Call 431-1802 or e-mail [bgerth@saintagnes.com](mailto:bgerth@saintagnes.com) to register.

Be Concerned's 15th annual **golf outing** Sept. 16 at Twin Oaks Golf Course. Cost \$100 per golfer. Call 291-6789.

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## CaSSba

**Bishop Roger Foys and Bill Jones, executive director for Catholic Charities, welcomed CaSSba an annual fundraising, Aug. 28 at the Drees Pavilion, Covington.**

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

High school students preparing for their college search can learn more about the admissions process at **Thomas More College's Preview Day** Sept. 17. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. with check-in and a departmental browsing fair. Following Preview Day, the Saints (three-peat conference champions) will host a football game against Geneva at 1:30 p.m. RSVP at [thomasmore.edu/preview](http://thomasmore.edu/preview) or call 344-3332.

**"The New Day: A Journey From Grief to Healing,"** a nine-week program designed to help deal with a loss of a loved one through death, recently or years ago, led by Miriam Burkart, begins Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m. at St. Timothy Parish Center, Union. Call 746-1443 or e-mail [miriamb@insightbb.com](mailto:miriamb@insightbb.com).

**Upcoming Marydale retreats:** Women's Parish Retreat, Sept. 23-25, Father Gregory Bach, retreat master; theme: "Christ be Our Light." Men's Parish Retreat, Nov. 4-6, Father Giles Pater, retreat master; theme: "Sing a New Song to the Lord." Cost \$125. Call 371-4224 to register.

St. Henry Grade School Boosters **golf outing**, Sept. 24 at A.J. Jolly Golf Course. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Cost \$65 per golfer; \$50 hole sponsors. E-mail [ryan.bihl@53.com](mailto:ryan.bihl@53.com) or call 760-3325.

The Northern Kentucky Justice and Peace Committee is sponsoring a **workshop on immigration**, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m.-noon at Madison Avenue Christian Church, Covington. The program is free and open to the public. To register e-mail [alice@ijpc-cincinnati.org](mailto:alice@ijpc-cincinnati.org).

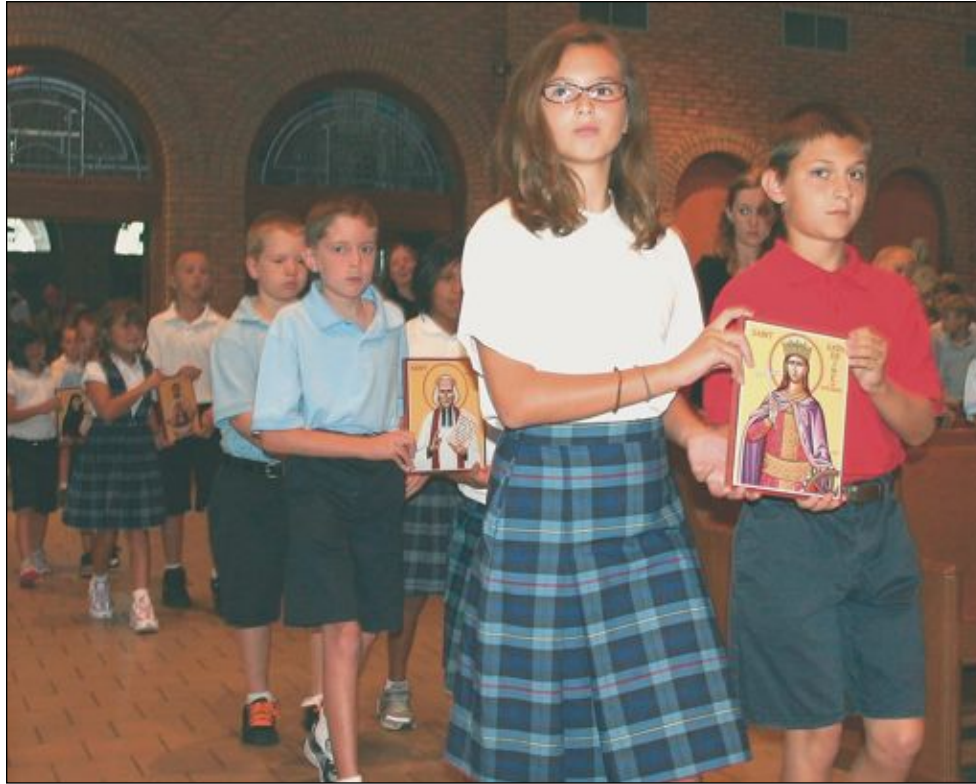
30+ Catholic Singles **end-of-summer dance** Sept. 24, 8 p.m.-midnight at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Anderson Township, Ohio. Cost \$15. Call (513) 846-8189 or e-mail [thirtypluses@ catholicweb.com](mailto:thirtypluses@ catholicweb.com).

Calling all Golden Girls of Notre Dame Academy! The annual **Golden Girls' Mass and brunch** is Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m. in NDA's Alumnae Hall. Special recognition will be given to the classes of 1961, 1956, 1951, 1946, 1941 and 1936. For reservations call 292-1852 or e-mail [hebbelert@endapandas.org](mailto:hebbelert@endapandas.org) by Sept. 16.

"In the Beginning..." **marriage enrichment and leadership conference** will be held Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington. Featured speakers are Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn and Msgr. William Cleves. Topics include: the biblical foundation for marriage;

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St. Bernard Church, Dayton, Sept. 2 and 3  
Holy Cross High School, Sept. 9 and 10, 6 p.m.-midnight



**Opening Mass**  
Father Mario Tizziani celebrated the opening school Mass at St. Cecilia Church, Independence, Aug. 26. During the procession representatives from each classroom carried an icon of their class patron saint. The students, faculty, staff and administration received a special blessing for a successful school year.

marriage as a sacrament and living marriage as sacrament in the world today. Bishop Roger Foys will offer opening and closing remarks and renewal of marriage vows. Cost \$80 couple/\$40 per person before Sept. 9. Call 392-1533 or e-mail [mwest@covingtondiocese.org](mailto:mwest@covingtondiocese.org).

**Listen Retreat for single women** Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at St. Walburg Monastery, Villa Hills. For information contact Benedictine Sister Cathy Bauer, [bauerosb@yahoo.com](mailto:bauerosb@yahoo.com) or 331-6324.

**Cursillo Encounter** (Region IV) weekend will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 2, at St. Anne Convent, Melbourne. Visit [www.covingtoncursillo.org](http://www.covingtoncursillo.org) for details and registration.

St. Henry District High School **volleyball team** is inviting former players to the SHDHS v. Newport Central Catholic match Oct. 1. Game times are 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow & prizes awarded to SHDHS volleyball alumni. E-mail [mkaiser@shdhs.org](mailto:mkaiser@shdhs.org).

The St. Henry Parish Primetime Seniors are planning a trip to **Carter Caves State Resort Park** Oct. 3-6. The cost of \$290 per person includes all expenses. Call 727-8959 or e-mail [hahnpp@insightbb.com](mailto:hahnpp@insightbb.com).

"Come, Remember, Respond: **The Faces of Hunger and Homelessness**," a memorial service presented

by the Hungry and Homeless Committee, including Catholic Charities, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. at Madison Avenue Christian Church, Covington. Donations and volunteers needed. Call Vicky Bauerle at 581-8974 or e-mail [vbauerle@covingtoncharities.org](mailto:vbauerle@covingtoncharities.org).

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**Youth 2000** will be held Oct. 28-30 at Notre Dame Academy. This Eucharist-centered retreat given by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal is open to youth and young adults ages 13 and up. Visit [www.nkyouth.com](http://www.nkyouth.com).

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## Census

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that the data collected will enable him, pastors and diocesan officials to plan for the spiritual, pastoral and educational needs of the people who live within the diocese's 14 counties. The last diocesan-wide census was nearly 75 years ago, Bishop Foys said.

The census is also an opportunity to provide a "very important presence to Catholics who have fallen away from their faith," Bishop Foys said. The census also provides a service to the other religious congregations; data provided by members of other denominations will be forwarded to their respective houses of worship.

To begin the two-hour session Aug. 26, Father Maher outlined the process leading to the census. Ms. Schack detailed the procedures for the home visit, including directions for completing the forms. Home visitors will ask adults their church or religious affiliation. If the respondents are Catholic, their parish registration details will be updated; if the person or family attends another church, the visitors will complete a brief form which will be sent to the appropriate non-Catholic church or assembly. If the person indicates no religious or church affiliation, that information will be noted and an invitation will be extended.

Ms. Schack also offered suggestions for dealing with various scenarios. (Examples: A married couple live in the home; one is Catholic, the other is not — which forms to use? A senior citizen, a Catholic, living alone, is not attending church services because of a lack of transportation — how to inform the pastor?)

A theme in Ms. Schack's remarks was the advice — "Do what's right and reasonable."

Also making brief presentations were Alice Saner, the diocesan information technology coordinator who described the data entry process, and Tim Fitzgerald, the editor of the diocesan newspaper and director of the communications office, who spoke about the efforts under way to publicize the census in local media.



Fitzgerald photo

**Bishop Roger Foys, greeting the census volunteers attending an education session to prepare for their going door-to-door during the week of Oct. 16 to homes in Campbell and Kenton counties. Bishop Foys described both the evangelical and practical reasons to conduct a census, the first diocesan-wide tally in nearly 75 years. St. Pius X Church, Edgewood, hosted the gathering Aug. 26 attended by 250. Two more sessions are scheduled at St. Mary Church, Alexandria, Sept. 9 and 10.**

## Pascal mystery

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The leftmost panel of the triptych shows a bishop raising a monstrance for the faithful to adore. The viewer who looks closely at the architecture of the church in the background of this panel realizes that it is the Cathedral itself, and that the Annunciation scene in the church is the stained glass window in the nave of the Cathedral. This panel reminds us that the Eucharist is the commemoration of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, and that those who celebrate the Eucharist not only carry the death of Christ in their bodies (see 2 Corinthians 4:10), but must always ally themselves with the poor and suffering. This great mystery is celebrated not just in our Cathedral, but in all the churches and chapels of the diocese.

This magnificent work of art is to be read from right to left, just as are manuscripts written in biblical Hebrew. It tells us that the sacrifice of Calvary (middle panel), prefigured in the Old Testament (right panel), is celebrated and lived in the Cathedral today (left panel). Duveneck's work also tells us that the view from below is not the same as the view from above. Where human eyes see suffering and pain, divine eyes see quite differently. Where human eyes see suffering and death, divine eyes see the hope of new life and glory.

The Duveneck Triptych provides us with a way to hold in our hearts the tragedy of September 11, 2011. We do not easily erase the images from our minds and hearts, nor should we. Almost 3,000 people from 115 countries died. Many of us saw the scenes live; those who did not, saw the taped footage. How does one respond to such hatred and sinfulness? How are we to interpret the events of those days?

Like the woman in Duveneck's work, we kneel in supplication, helpless to save the ones we love. Like her, we are sometimes surrounded by images of death. In these moments we need to call to mind that the paschal mystery means that suffering and death are never the last word. St. Paul tells us (see 1 Corinthians 11:54-55), "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" We need to remind ourselves that in our darkest moments God always offers the possibility of hope, life and joy. Our response must be that of God's, to offer forgiveness and the possibility of reconciliation. Thus, we make the ending of the alternate Opening Prayer for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ours: "Help us to embrace your will, give us the strength to follow your call, so that your truth may live in our hearts and reflect peace to those who believe in your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen."

## Volunteers offer testimonials

The census of the Diocese of Covington — phase two — begins the week of Oct. 16 in Campbell and Kenton counties. Volunteer teams will fan out within their parish's boundaries to visit each home.



Volunteers are needed. Call your parish office in Campbell or Kenton county for details about how you can help.

Phase one took place in Boone County beginning last October. This spring, a few census volunteers from Boone County were videotaped and spoke about their experiences. Over the next few weeks the *Messenger* will publish the transcripts (edited for print) of their remarks. The second is below.

**Adam Howard** — "I was the logistics coordinator for the census that took place at St. Timothy's in 2010. I just wanted to share with you that it was an

exceptional way to develop relationships inside the parish as well as to reach out to those in our community. We found several people who had moved into our community that didn't know where to go to church. They grew up Catholic and they were transferred to our community and weren't sure what parish boundary they were in. They just needed someone to come along and invite them. We experienced, actually, a significant increase in the number of families at St. Tim's because of the census. It was very rewarding work — it was work, but we enjoyed it. I think anything that is worth it is usually hard work. I encourage you to embrace the census as a way to learn more about your fellow parishioners and to be able to both be the face of Christ to your community as well as meet the face of Christ whenever you are knocking on people's doors."



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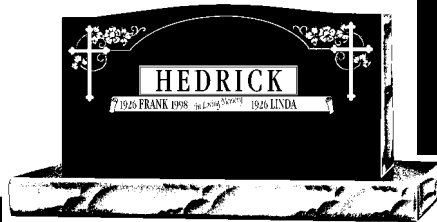
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# ACT scores at diocesan schools consistently high

**Laura Keener**  
Assistant Editor

Recent reports from the American College Testing (ACT) Corporation show that scores of 2011 graduates from the Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Covington are consistent with the all-time highs of the last five years. In addition, the percentage of graduates ready for college-level work is also at a five-year high, the report showed.

“As superintendent and a parent, it’s outstanding to see the continual high achievement of our seniors,” said Michael Clines, superintendent for Catholic schools. “These scores are a direct result of the high expectations and commitment of our teachers and the students’ parents.”

Few things are more important in the academic career of a high school student planning to attend college than scoring well on the ACT. The ACT test is designed to determine college preparedness. Obtaining a good ACT score is a first step in the admissions process at many colleges. It can play a major role in a student’s being accepted into his or her desired college or university, as well as determining the level of classes a student should begin taking. A great score can help secure scholarships. The perfect score is “36.”

The ACT scores achieved by Catholic high school students are no accident. All nine high schools in the diocese have counselors and teachers who are focusing attention and resources on ACT preparedness. And this year the Department of Catholic Schools has arranged for the ACT, and its precursor EXPLORE, to be administered in all schools, during the school day, for all high school juniors and eighth graders, respectively.

This introduces students to standardized testing, and in particular the ACT, early on in their school

experience. At all of the Catholic high schools in the diocese, sophomores take the PLAN test, a shorter version of the ACT, which helps teachers determine whether or not a student is on track for college.

Preparing for the ACT is not simply a one-time course. Teachers have attended presentations and workshops to learn more about the ACT test and how they can prepare students throughout their regular

course work.

“Having all Catholic school eighth graders take the EXPLORE, all tenth graders take the PLAN, and all eleventh graders take the ACT provides vertical growth for our schools regarding college and career readiness standards. Additionally, it provides results to use so our students can be as prepared as possible for college and careers,” Mr. Clines said.

## Bishop meets KCC director



Bishop Roger Foys welcomes the executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, Dr. Marian Taylor, who has served in the position since 2009. Father Ronald Ketteler (left), diocesan director of ecumenism and theology professor at Thomas More College, introduced Dr. Taylor. The three met in Bishop Foys’ office in the Curia Aug. 24 and discussed a variety of topics. The KCC is devoted to helping the Christian churches of Kentucky strengthen their ecumenical witness to God’s love through increased unity of voice, service, and fellowship.



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## At Angelus, pope greets new US seminarians, including three from diocese

**Catholic News Service**  
CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — Just four days after arriving in Rome, the new seminarians at the Pontifical North American College had their first glimpse of Pope Benedict XVI.

The 76 new men from 52 different dioceses — four Australian dioceses, one Canadian and 47 U.S. dioceses — joined 2,000 other pilgrims in the courtyard of the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo for the recitation of the Angelus Aug. 28.

The North American College is sponsored by the U.S. bishops. Students live at the college and receive spiritual and pastoral training there while attending one of the pontifical universities in Rome.

The Diocese of Covington is represented by three seminarians, William Appel, Eric Belscher and Ryan Stenger.

After reciting the Marian prayer, the pope singled out the students for a special greeting.

“Dear seminarians, do not be afraid to take up the challenge in today’s Gospel to give your lives completely to Christ. Indeed, may all of us be generous in our commitment to him, carrying our cross with faith and courage,” he said.

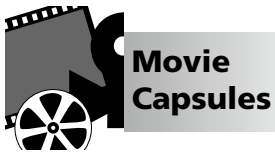
The pope spoke about the Gospel story of Peter insisting that Jesus should not have to suffer and die, and Jesus rebuking him, “Get behind me, Satan.”

Jesus told Peter, “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do,” and he told him that being a disciple means taking up the cross and following him.

“The Christian follows the Lord when he accepts his cross with love, which appears to the world to be a defeat,” the pope said. Christians know that they do not carry the cross alone, “but with Jesus.”

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**"Conan the Barbarian"** (Lionsgate) This blood-saturated 3-D action-adventure — based on the 1930s pulp fiction of Robert E. Howard — stars Jason Momoa as the eponymous warrior out to avenge his father's murder by a warlord (Stephen Lang). The latter, together with his half-witch daughter, also kid-



nap a martial arts maiden in his quest to dominate the mythical land of Hyboria. Bringing 21st-century moviemaking techniques to the sword-and-sorcery subgenre, director Marcus Nispel offers up a visually dynamic yet exceedingly violent piece of hokum, bereft of positive values. "No mercy" could be its mantra, applying equally to those on screen and off. Pervasive graphic violence — including decapitations, severed limbs and torture — explicit nonmarital sexual activity, considerable upper female and brief rear male nudity, some sexual innuendo, one instance of crude language. CNS: O; MPAA: R.

**"Don't Be Afraid of the Dark"** (FilmDistrict) This staid and stale remake of the 1973 made-for-TV horror movie indulges in little bloodletting, but offers no genuine chills, at least after the initial appearance of the evil goblins who live in the basement of a

spooky old house in Providence, R.I. — and pursue the young daughter (Bailee Madison) of its new owner (Guy Pearce). Director Troy Nixey attempts an elegant homage but ends up with a fright-free misfire. Intense action scenes with a bit of gore, cohabitation, fleeting profane and crude language. CNS: A-III; MPAA: R.

**"Fright Night"** (Disney) A Las Vegas-area teen (Anton Yelchin) suspects his new neighbor (Colin Farrell) is a vampire responsible for the sudden disappearance of his boyhood best friend. So he seeks the aid of an occult-obsessed illusionist (David Tennant) as he tries to protect his mom and girlfriend from the toothy predator. Initially restrained blood-letting gives way to gore galore in director Craig Gillespie's nocturnal remake of a 1985 horror-comedy mix while Marti Noxon's script is peppered with obscenities throughout. Excessive graphic violence, a benign view of teen sexual activity, brief rear nudity, several uses of profanity, pervasive rough and crude language. CNS: O; MPAA: R.

**"One Day"** (Focus) Turgid screen version of the best-selling romance novel scripted by the book's author, David Nicholls, and directed in a plodding style by Lone Scherfig. Ill-assorted Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess — she a prim children's writer, he a whiny, boorish TV host — are shown in a series of 20 annual episodes, beginning with their college graduation in 1988, as they progress from awkward friends to something more. Though their relationship is mature and broadly, if not always straightforwardly, moral, viewers' interest is likely to be fatally depleted by the excessively wordy dialogue of Nicholls' verbose script well before the five-hanky ending. A shadowy glimpse of female frontal nudity, brief rear nudity, implied cohabitation, a single instance of rough language. CNS: A-III; MPAA: PG-13.

**"Our Idiot Brother"** (Weinstein) Occasionally effective, but sexually errant, satire about a ridiculously naive produce farmer (Paul Rudd) who emerges from a stint in prison after selling marijuana to a uniformed police officer only to find that his selfish live-in girlfriend has taken up with someone new. Homeless and broke, he seeks shelter with his mother (Shirley Knight) before lodging, in succession, with each of his three tightly wound sisters. But his

habit of guileless truth-telling complicates the driven lives of all three. Though director Jesse Peretz's underplayed comedy scores a few hits on modern mores, its use of nudity and sexual situations to elicit laughs, as well as its mainstreaming of one sibling's lesbian relationship, make it inappropriate for all. Strong sexual content, including graphic aberrant sexual activity, adultery, partial frontal, upper female and rear nudity, implicit acceptance of homosexual behavior, a narcotics theme, about a dozen uses of profanity, much rough and crude language. CNS: O; MPAA: R.

**"Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D"** (Dimension) Writer-director (and series creator) Robert Rodriguez's third sequel to 2001's "Spy Kids" offers the novelty of "Aroma-Scope," giving viewers the chance, via a scratch-and-sniff card, to "smell" the action as they watch (in 3-D) our young heroes — and their parents — fight to save the world. Now retired to be a housewife, the former top agent (Jessica Alba) for the OSS (Organization of Super Spies) is called back into service when a villain (Jeremy Piven) threatens to unleash a super weapon that will take away all time. Her stepchildren also join the struggle as Spy Kids, members of the "elite juvenile division" of the OSS. As the family — which also includes dad Joel McHale — learns to work together to rescue humanity, they discover that time is a precious commodity that must be used wisely. Light comic-book action, mildly rude humor. CNS: A-II; MPAA: PG.

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**Cradle Catholics haven't done enough to evangelize**

**Carol Glatz**  
*Catholic News Service*

VATICAN CITY— Cradle Catholics haven't done enough to show people that God exists and can bring true fulfillment to everyone, Pope Benedict XVI told a group of his former students.

"We, who have been able to know (Christ) since our youth, may we ask forgiveness because we bring so little of the light of his face to people; so little certainty comes from us that he exists, he's present and he is the greatness that everyone is waiting for," the pope said.

The pope presided at a Mass Aug. 28 in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, during his annual meeting with students who did their doctorates with him when he was a professor in Germany.

Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna, a regular participant in the Ratzinger Schulerkreis (Ratzinger student circle), gave the homily at the Mass, but the pope made remarks at the beginning of the liturgy.

The Vatican released the text of the pope's remarks Aug. 29.

Pope Benedict highlighted the day's reading in Psalm 63 in which the soul thirsts for God "in a land parched, lifeless and without water.

He asked God to show himself to today's world, which is marked by God's absence and where "the land of souls is arid and dry, and people still don't know where the living water comes from."

May God let people who are searching for water elsewhere know that the only thing that will quench their thirst is God himself and that he would never let "people's lives, their thirst for that which is great, for fulfillment, drown and suffocate in the ephemeral," the pope told his former students.

However, it also is up to Christians to make God known to the world, the pope said, and older generations may not have done their best.

"We want to ask (God) to forgive us, that he renew us with the living water of his spirit and that he helps us to celebrate properly the sacred mysteries," he said.

The formal discussions of the "schulerkreis" this year focused on the new evangelization.

The closed-door seminar was held Aug. 25-28 in the papal residence of Castel Gandolfo and was attended by 40 people, reported *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper.

The pope chose two speakers to give lectures: Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz, a female German theologian and professor, and Otto Neubauer, director of the Emmanuel Community's academy for evangelization in Vienna.

The lectures were followed by discussion among the participants, including the pope.

Summarizing the discussions for *L'Osservatore Romano* Aug. 27, Cardinal Schonborn said participants felt that recent World Youth Day events in Madrid represented a fresh "boost of renewed hope" for the Church.

He said older generations have suffered by first living their faith at a time when Church life was thriving, and today they are watching parishes lose so many parishioners.

But, today's young Catholics seem to realize they are a minority in a secular, relativistic world and have shown their "undaunted willingness to give witness to their peers in such an environment," he said.

# Church has evolving answer on reality of Adam and Eve

**James Breig**

*Catholic News Service*

ALBANY, N.Y. — Adam and Eve recently made an appearance on National Public Radio — not as guests, but as the topic of a discussion about their existence.

“Morning Edition,” a regular NPR series, examined the current debate among evangelical Christians over whether the first couple actually lived or are characters in a Bible story that makes a point about God and his creatures.

In simplified form, the fundamentalist view is that Adam was a real person and the first human created by God, while science argues that human beings evolved as a group. Some Christians hold that they must follow scientific findings and adapt their faith’s teachings to that information.

Similar debates between science and religion have gone on for a long time, and the Catholic Church has worked through those disputes for centuries, according to Franciscan Father Michael D. Guinan, professor of Old Testament, Semitic languages and biblical spirituality at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif.

“Since the 1600s,” he said, “the traditional views of Genesis have suffered three challenges: Galileo on the movement of the earth around the sun and vice versa; the growth of geology in the 18-19th cen-

turies and discoveries about the age of the earth”; and Darwin’s theory of evolution.

“The Church has negotiated these challenges, but not without struggles. Today, no reasonable person in or out of the Church doubts any of these three,” Father Guinan said in an interview with Catholic News Service.

The controversy — the one over Adam and Eve — involves the competing theories of polygenism and monogenism, that is, the question of whether humans descended from many progenitors, as science argues, or from one couple, as Genesis seems to posit.

“In the past, the Church’s statements regarding original sin have presumed that Adam and Eve were historical people,” the priest explained. “The question of monogenism and polygenism never occurred to” those writing the documents.

He said that the most recent statement to mention this debate is Pius XII’s “Humani Generis,” a 1950 encyclical. It states: “The faithful cannot embrace that opinion which maintains that ... Adam represents a certain number of first parents. Now it is in no way apparent how such an opinion can be reconciled with that which ... the documents of the teaching authority of the Church propose with regard to original sin, which proceeds from a sin actually committed by an individual Adam.”

In the six decades since that document, Father Guinan continued, “the Catholic Church has accepted the use of historical-critical tools to understand the Scriptures, which are, among other things, historical documents.

“The 1993 instruction of the Pontifical Biblical Commission on ‘The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church’ calls the historical-critical method ‘essential’ and rejects explicitly a fundamentalist reading of Scripture.”

When such an approach is applied to the Bible, he said, “Catholic scholars, along with mainstream Protestant scholars, see in the primal stories of Genesis not literal history but symbolic, metaphoric stories which express basic truths about the human condition and humans.”

He added that “the question of biological origins is a scientific one; and, if science shows that there is no evidence of monogenism and there is lots of evidence for polygenism, then a Catholic need have no problem accepting that.”

When such an approach is followed, he said, Adam and Eve are not seen as historical people, but as important figures in stories that contain key lessons about the relationships of humans and their Creator.

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**St. Elizabeth Healthcare announces new mobile app**

EDGEWOOD — St. Elizabeth Healthcare has launched a new app for the iPhone and iPad to provide another way to bring healthcare answers right to consumers' fingertips. The app (short for "application") features an "emergency care" finder, a "find a doctor" module and personal health information, such as a "HealthTrak," "My Food Diary" and "BMI (body mass index) Calculator." "As an award-winning healthcare organization, we continually strive to remain on the forefront of technology," said Sandra Sims, director of public relations and marketing communications for St. Elizabeth. "By becoming Greater Cincinnati's first hospital mobile app, we have simply made it more convenient for patients to access the information they need to make the best choices possible." The St. E. Healthcare app is available now in the iPhone App Store. An Android-compatible version will be launched soon.

National/World

**FDA-approved birth control runs from condoms to sterilization**

WASHINGTON — If the Department of Health and Human Services proceeds with its plan to include contraceptives and sterilization among the mandated preventive services for women under the new health reform law, what exactly will that entail? The Aug. 1 announcement by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said all health plans, except those subject to a narrow religious exemption, would have to cover without co-payment or deductible "all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity." A 20-page "birth control guide" published by the FDA Office of Women's Health lists six categories of FDA-approved medicines and devices for birth control — barrier methods, hormonal methods, emergency contraception, implanted devices, permanent sterilization methods for women and permanent sterilization surgery for men. The guide opens with a simple sentence: "If you do not want to get pregnant, do not have sex." It also notes that "the best way to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections is to practice total abstinence (do not have any sexual contact)." The Catholic Church is opposed to all artificial forms of birth control and supports natural family planning as the only method of birth regulation that does not interfere with the unitive and procreative aspects of marriage. Among the barrier methods explained in the FDA guide are several available without a prescription — male and female condoms, the sponge with spermicide and spermicide alone. It is not yet clear whether over-the-counter items such as these will have to be made available for free to those enrolled in health plans under the HHS proposal.

**Cardinal says bishops were encouraged by youths at WYD**

VATICAN CITY — The gathering of more than 1.5 million young Catholics at World Youth Day in Madrid was an event that left the 800 bishops present feeling encouraged, said Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops. "In a world shaken by wars, economic crises and social discouragement, the youths who gathered with the pope had only one message to spread: Christ lives," the cardinal told *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper. "That is extraordinary because it encouraged the bishops, as well, in their mission as teachers of the faith," he said in the interview published Aug. 26. Hundreds of bishops led the formal catechesis sessions at World Youth Day Aug. 16-21. Their presence in the Spanish capital, the cardinal said, was a witness of the bishops' concern for the Church's younger members and of "solidarity with their difficulties." He said many young Catholics, including the Spaniards, live in countries where unemployment among the young has skyrocketed. The Church's task, he said, is "to propose profound values in the midst of a reality that seems to give importance only to personal success, superficiality, consumerism and hedonism, as the pope said." Cardinal Ouellet said he went to Spain because "an event that sees the presence of a fifth of the world's bishops is a natural place for the prefect of the Congregation for Bishops to be."

**Pope asks Nigerian terrorists to end violence, embrace life**

VATICAN CITY — In the wake of a deadly suicide bomb attack on U.N. offices in Nigeria, Pope Benedict XVI made an urgent appeal for terrorists to renounce violence, choose dialogue and have respect for human life. In two identically worded telegrams — one to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, and one to Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan — the pope appealed "to those who choose death and violence to embrace, instead, life and respectful dialogue." The telegrams, written by the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, on behalf of the pope, were released to journalists by the Vatican Aug. 27, the day after the attack. The pope "was distressed to learn of the terrorist attack upon the United Nations offices in Abuja and of the terrible loss of life among both local citizens and United Nations' personnel," the telegrams said. An attacker drove a car laden with explosives through security gates and into the U.N. complex, leaving at least 23 people dead and 81 others wounded. The pope said his prayers were with all those who were killed in the attack and asked that mourners and the injured be blessed with "courage and strength."

**Baltimore archbishop named to head Knights of Holy Sepulcher**

BALTIMORE — Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore as pro-grand master of the Equestrian Order (Knights) of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, based in Rome. The appointment was announced simultaneously in Rome and in Washington Aug. 29. The order is a chivalric organization dedicated to promoting and defending Christianity in the Holy Land, supporting the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and responding to the needs of Catholics in the region. Its origins date back to the First Crusade, when its leader, Godfrey de Bouillon, liberated Jerusalem. He succeeds U.S. Cardinal John P. Foley, who resigned and retired in February as head of the international order for health reasons. Cardinal Foley returned to Philadelphia to live permanently earlier this year after having served in Vatican posts since 1984. It is not known when Archbishop O'Brien will take up his new post in Rome. Though he ceases to be archbishop of Baltimore effective with the appointment, the pope named him as apostolic administrator of the archdiocese until his successor is named. "It has been a singular privilege to serve as archbishop of Baltimore," Archbishop O'Brien said. "It is with a heavy heart that I will be departing. ... I pray that I will carry out the will of God and that of (the pope) in preserving the faith in the Holy Land." In a statement released Aug. 29, Cardinal Foley said, "I could not be happier that he is my successor," citing Archbishop O'Brien's "experience and splendid dedication as priest and archbishop."

**Court affirms abortion limits; seven clinics to stop them**

PHOENIX — Just two years ago, those attending the annual luncheon of parish respect life coordinators in the Phoenix Diocese were rather discouraged as they faced a new, pro-abortion administration in Washington and the specter of the Freedom of Choice Act that threatened to guarantee abortion rights and negate federal, state and municipal restrictions on abortion. But this year's gathering Aug. 19 came a day after the Arizona Court of Appeals ruled that restrictions on abortion passed by the state Legislature were both reasonable and constitutional. "We didn't give up, did we? We kept moving and we're certainly not there, but since that time we've been abundantly blessed, especially in Arizona," said Ron Johnson, executive director of the Arizona Catholic Conference. "We really need to give thanks for these great laws." Following the Court of Appeals decision, Planned Parenthood announced that effective Aug. 22, it would no longer perform abortions at seven of its Arizona clinics. That leaves Glendale, Tempe and Tucson as the only sites where Planned Parenthood will provide surgical abortions. Johnson noted that one of the key provisions of the law that was upheld by the Court of Appeals is that only a physician may perform an abortion. With so few doctors willing to perform the procedure, that left nurse practitioners to do so. Not anymore, at least not in Arizona. Planned Parenthood almost certainly will appeal the court's decision, Johnson said, and has until mid-September to do so. The Arizona Supreme Court was expected to decide by the end of the year whether to consider the appeal. Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix said he was pleased with Planned Parenthood's announcement that it would no longer perform abortions at seven of its Arizona clinics.

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# World Youth Day + Madrid, Spain + August 16-21

Seventeen pilgrims from the Diocese of Covington traveled to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day, Aug. 16-21. In Madrid they joined 1.5 million other Catholic pilgrims from around the world in a celebration of faith. At the final Mass Pope Benedict XVI challenged the youth to grow in their faith and share it with the world. A few pilgrims shared some thoughts about their experience with the *Messenger*.

+ **Katherine Hahnel**, senior at *Simon Kenton High School* and parishioner at *St. Barbara Church, Erlanger*:

In Spain, I was mixed with people from all around the world and we all had the same objective — to explore and share our Catholic faith. No matter what language a person spoke, there was always something going on that you could attend and enjoy. I had the privilege to attend Mass celebrated by our Holy Father and actually see him close and in person. Crowds would chant, “Benidicto!” over and over again, and I was there shouting along. The love, passion and spirit that radiated from people was amazing and truly lit up the world. World Youth Day was a miraculous experience and it opened my eyes ... I am not alone on this journey and never will be.

+ **Patty Kues**, adult chaperone, *St. Thomas Church, Ft. Thomas*:

As a parent World Youth Day brought me much hope in the future of the Catholic Church. To see over 1.5 million youth continue to pray, and chant “Benidicto!” with patience and perseverance, never giving into the heat, violent thunder storms, long waits to get even a glimpse of the pope, and the language barriers. The atmosphere was definitely filled with the Holy Spirit, renewing the faith of the Church through our young people.

+ **Isaak A. Isaak**, diocesan director for the *Office of Catechesis and Formation*:

Seeing our Holy Father with his brother bishops in the streets of

Madrid was like seeing Jesus Christ walking on earth teaching and preaching throughout the streets of Spain. During the papal welcome we had to stand on our feet for eight-plus straight hours eagerly waiting for the Holy Father without food and drink. Who can do that except people of faith? Faith was truly tangible and real in the streets of Madrid during this event. I hope we have blessed the people of Spain with our prayers and adoration as they have blessed us with their hospitality.



Seventeen pilgrims from the Diocese of Covington attended World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, Aug. 16–21. They are Father Jeffrey VonLehmen, Isaak A. Isaak, Kasey Carlson, Karen Gutzeit, Nathan Gutzeit, Katherine Hahnel, Zachary Hinger; Abbey, Jessica and Robert Kirkwood; Maria Kues, Patricia Kues, Stephanie Manhart, Mark Moreno, Mary and Dennis Soard, and Margaret Zerhusen. Before venturing to the main events in Madrid, the pilgrims spent the first five days at the Collegi de Pinar operated by the Sisters of Terrassa near Barcelona. World Youth Day ended with Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI.

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