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Members of the latest class of Helias Catholic High School speak of their hopes and accomplishments at the end of two most unusual school years.
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New Fr. Tolton image for Columbia school's 10th anniversary



Lonnie Carlos Tapia, who teaches art, photography and design at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia, draws attention to symbols he incorporated into the new painting of Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton commissioned for the school's 10th anniversary, during a May 14 unveiling and dedication ceremony. The school's Class of 2021 donated the plaque beside the painting, which hangs in a busy area next to the chapel of the school building.
— Photo by Jay Nies

By Jay Nies

A boy in shabby work clothes looks up at the priest he dares to hope to become.

The cleric, lofty of stature and vested for Mass, holds up the Word of God and a tattered remnant of his childhood.

They are the same person, separated by time: Venerable Father Augustus Tolton.

"They're in two different worlds," said Lonnie Carlos Tapia, an art teacher at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia, who painted the image to help commemorate the school's 10th anniversary.

Father Paul Clark, a chaplain at Tolton Catholic, blessed and dedicated the large painting at a ceremony with students, administrators and friends on May 14.

Assisting him were Father Michael Coleman, who is also a chaplain at the school, and Deacon William Seibert of Jefferson City.

The image honors the school's namesake, who was born into a family of slaves in northeastern Missouri, escaped with his mother and siblings to Illinois during the Civil War, and overcame tremendous obstacles toward answering his call to Priesthood.

Ordained in Rome and missioned back to the United States in 1886, Fr. Tolton (1854-97) became the first recognizably Black priest of the Roman Catholic Church in this country.

"It has really been a privilege for me to be a part of doing this for 'Fr. Gus,' who has become my mentor, my guide, my moral compass," Mr. Tapia told the assembly. "And I hope that in the future, he becomes more of that for you."

Mr. Tapia titled the image, "The

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New president, principal, assistant principal appointed for Helias Catholic High School

John Knight, with 32 years' experience in Catholic education, to become president

Spencer Allen, principal of Cathedral school, tapped as principal of Helias

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Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Dr. Erin Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, have announced the appointments of John Knight as president and Spencer Allen as principal of Helias Catholic High School, effective July 1.

The two men will take the helm of the largest secondary school in the diocese's system.

"Their experience, gifts and expertise will ensure that Helias Catholic has the right leadership to build on its tremen-

dous legacy and fulfill its mission to build a community of saints and scholars for Christ," Bishop McKnight said.

More than 700 students benefit from Helias Catholic's disciplined educational environment where Christ and His graces in each person are recognized, respected and fostered.

• John Knight, who was in formation with the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) at one time and with more than three decades of experience in Catholic education, has successfully served as president since 2007 in four religious and diocesan high schools in California, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin.

He holds a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Toledo (Ohio), a master's in religious education from Loyola University in Chicago and a post graduate

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June 6 — **Msgr. Bernard S. Groner**, St. Anthony, Rosati (1971)

June 9 — **Fr. Patrick Mel Newman**, Queen of Peace, Ewing (1969); **Fr. Charles D. Pardee**, St. Peter, Jefferson City (2019)

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Mid-Missouri Homeschool Group members attend annual pilgrimage

By Don Kruse

To end the school year with a pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows has been an annual event for more than 15 years for homeschooled children, their teachers and parents from the Diocese of Jefferson City.

They came to the historical shrine in Starkenburg again on May 20 to pray and celebrate at a place of devotion that has been home for May and September pilgrimages since 1852.

Kimberly Henze, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, has helped organize this event for many years.

She said no one seems to remember when the pilgrimages started for homeschooled students and their families, but all were quite sure it has been more than 15 years.

Families with children from all over Mid-Missouri have been attending.

“When we started doing this many years ago, we’d pray the Rosary and would just walk around these beautiful grounds,” said Mrs. Henze. “Then somebody said, ‘Why don’t we ask a priest from a parish in our diocese to come join us?’ — and that’s when we added a Mass and Stations of the Cross. That happened about 10 years ago.”

This year’s pilgrimage started with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Rosary at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass at 11 in the Shrine Chapel, and Stations of the Cross that ended before noon.

Then Mrs. Henze opened

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TOP: Homeschooled students, their teachers and parents pray the Rosary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg May 20 as part of the annual homeschooled pilgrimage at the historic place of devotion. Families came from the Diocese of Jefferson City parishes all across Mid-Missouri. **BOTTOM:** Fr. Anthony Viviano, pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Westphalia, who also serves as pastor at St. Anthony of Padua, Folk, prays before a Station of the Cross during the May 20 pilgrimage. **LEFT:** A student hands out Stations of the Cross prayer booklets to pilgrims as they leave the Shrine Chapel during their pilgrimage to Starkenburg. — Photos by Don Kruse

the doors to the small old log chapel, and all eyes focused on a statue of the Blessed Mother. Students took their turns walking up the three steps and ceremonially placing fresh-cut flowers at her feet.

As in years past, the pilgrimage of this Mid-Missouri Catholic Homeschool group ended with a picnic lunch that was enjoyed while sitting on the wood benches outside the Shrine Chapel, where hostas and other spring flowers looked healthy, nourished by recent spring rains.

Father Anthony Viviano, pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk, was the spiritual leader this year. He shared a story during his homily of attending the pilgrimages in Starkenburg with his parents as a young boy growing up in North St. Louis County.

“I had not been back here

until a few years ago after I was ordained a priest in 2012,” he said. “I wanted to visit the shrine again. It’s a place you don’t forget. I remember the old cafeteria building where they served the dinners, and has been replaced with the impressive Valentine Hall.”

Mrs. Henze said 50 people attended this year’s pilgrimage, but as many as 100 have come in the past.

“It’s that time of year when people have busy schedules, with graduations and other things going on,” she said. “We have everyone in a homeschool email group, and that’s how we get the word out.”

Those who came this year enjoyed perfect spring weather as they drove up to the shrine at Starkenburg.

It wasn’t hot, it wasn’t cold and it wasn’t raining.

“It was perfect weather; an awesome day,” said Mrs. Henze.

Fostering unity and diversity through music at Mass

This is the second of two articles by the chairman of the diocesan Liturgical Commission about a recent document from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on evaluating hymn lyrics. The first article was published in the May 14 issue of The Catholic Missourian and at cathmo.com.

By Father Daniel Merz

In the summer of 2019, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight asked me to form a committee to explore the creation of a diocesan hymnal for use in parishes throughout the diocese.

The purpose was to assist him in his ministry of oversight to ensure that what is sung at Holy Mass is both fitting musically and correct doctrinally.

We were also charged with fostering some common musical repertoire across all parishes. With this in mind, a committee was formed and

principles were articulated to guide our work. Those principles included the following:

1) Our parishes are strong in singing hymns/songs, but unfamiliar with singing antiphons. Without replacing hymns/songs, we want to increase literacy and competency of singing antiphons within Mass (think here of responsorial Psalm-type music sung at Entrance, Offertory or Communion).

2) We want a balance of musical styles.

3) Material such as the following could be included:

- Lectionary readings for the 3 year Sunday cycle
- Roman Missal antiphons for Entrance and Communion (perhaps also an English translation of the Offertory antiphons from the *Graduale Romanum*).
- The Order of Mass
- Responsorial Psalms with musical setting for

Sundays

- Hymns/Songs
- Music and prayers for Exposition and Benediction
- Ritual Music (litany of the saints; antiphons with music for Baptisms; ritual music for Confirmation; ritual music for Penance; and ritual music for weddings)
- A number of Mass settings
- Some devotional prayers.

Unfortunately, copyright and other concerns with music publishers has made it impossible to publish a complete hymnal. Therefore, the scope of the committee has narrowed to three objectives:

1.) establish three Mass settings that all parishioners should know for the sake of attendance at diocesan Masses (this does not intend to exclude parishes from using other Mass settings);

2.) establish one classical and one contemporary set of antiphons to be commended to all parishes for the purpose of raising parishioners' musical literacy with antiphonal singing; and

3.) establish a list of approximately 100 hymns that all parishioners should know for the sake of a common repertoire, but also to address the concerns of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine that hymns relevant to a particular doctrine should not express

only one dimension of that doctrine, but strive for its fullness as much as possible.

To date, the committee has completed the first two objec-

tionment editions of each of these collections was recently purchased by the diocese and given for free to every parish.

The committee's work is not meant to prevent parishes from using other Mass settings, other collections of antiphons, or other hymns not on the list of 100 (which is still in progress), but rather to be a service in fostering communion throughout our diocesan



Church. tives and is working diligently on the third.

The Mass settings for all parishes to be familiar with are the Chant Mass, the revised Mass of Creation by Haugen, and the Mass of St. Frances Cabrini by Keil.

The two collections of antiphons are English Proper Chants by Ainslie, and Let Us All Rejoice by Angrisano, Stephan and Hart.

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pany

If our work succeeds in being a fruit of the Holy Spirit, then it will foster unity in diversity. Whereas the devil fosters division, the Holy Spirit effects communion without losing our differences.

And that is a work of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

Fr. Merz is pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia.

Masses in Baring

Beginning May 30 and throughout the summer, Sunday Mass will be offered in St. Aloysius Church in Baring at 11 a.m.

Masses in Laurie shrine

The Summer Mass schedule at the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church in Laurie is:

- 8 p.m. on Saturdays
- 8:30 a.m. on Sundays

The last Saturday night Mass will be on Sept. 4.

The Sunday Morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. will continue through Sept. 26.



Bishop McKnight's Calendar

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic.

MAY

May 28 Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Graduation, 6 pm, Columbia

May 30 Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Parish, 2 pm, Rolla

May 31 Memorial Day Mass, Resurrection Cemetery, 9 am, Jefferson City

JUNE

Jun 2 Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board Meeting, Catholic Center, noon, Jefferson City; Confirmation Ceremony, Annunciation Parish, 6:30 pm, California

Jun 5 Priesthood Ordination, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10 am, Jefferson City

Jun 6 50th Anniversary Mass for Reverend Michael F. Quinn, Holy Family Parish, 3 pm, Hannibal

Jun 7 Priests' Sports Day

Jun 8 Very Reverend Dean's Meeting, 11 am; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Catholic Center

Jun 10 Chair Catholic Home Missions Subcommittee Meeting, 11 am, Virtual

Jun 13 Confirmation Mass, St. Mary Parish, Milan and Mission of St. Mary, Unionville, 2 pm, St. Mary Church, Milan

Jun 14 Chair Board Meeting of The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, 1 pm, Virtual

Jun 15 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops National Collections Meeting, noon, Virtual

Jun 16-18 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Plenary Meetings, Virtual

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Bishop McKnight's June prayer intention for our Local Church

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Intención del mes de junio del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

En este año de San José, esposo de María y padre adoptivo de Jesús, que fortalezcamos nuestra apreciación por la importancia de la vocación de la paternidad para el beneficio de la sociedad y la Iglesia.



Please be so kind as to make this a part of your group and private prayer.

Helias Catholic H.S. sends 147 forth, urges them to be saints

By Jay Nies

"I love being here with my friends and teachers, and that they taught me grace and that they love me very much."

Elaina Verslues and 146 of her classmates were graduating from Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

"I'm gonna' miss this place," she said.

Sunshine rained down on the graduates and their families and guests as the Commencement festivities got under way the afternoon of Sunday, May 23.

Flags of the United States, Missouri and the Holy See adorned the platform on the 50-yard line in the Crusader Athletic Complex.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Dr. Erin Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, handed out the diplomas.

Graduating senior Katelyn Farr, one of two recipients of this year's Fr. Helias Award, led the opening prayer.

She asked God to help the graduating seniors remember that they were created in His image and likeness and called to be saints who serve Him and their neighbor.

"May the paths we take lead to You and to the eternal joy that is ours through Your Son," she prayed.

Fr. Helias Award recipient Troy Ludwig proclaimed a Scripture passage chosen by the graduating class, from Jeremiah 29. In it, God proclaims His intentions for a future of hope for His people.

Senior members of the school choir sang the class song, "The Plans I Have for You" by Jonathan Adams, which is based on the same passage.

Maureen Quinn, who taught religion and served in campus ministry at Helias Catholic for six years, gave the commencement address.

"I have watched you over the past four years become amazing people through the love of God, your families, friends and your teachers here at Helias," said Mrs. Quinn, herself a graduate of the school.

She acknowledged that the



LEFT: Katelyn Farr leads the opening prayer at Helias Catholic High School's 2021 Commencement. **RIGHT:** Bishop W. Shawn McKnight blesses the graduating seniors.



— Photos by Jay Nies

road to graduation had been difficult, with "some gigantic boulders and some bottomless potholes."

She urged the graduating seniors to remember that their choices have consequences.

"Live your life for God and the eternal reward of heaven," she advised. "See God in each person you encounter and continue to care for others in the ways you already know."

None of them may be required to give up their own lives to save someone else, "but you might need to jump in head-first and give something of yourself to make the world a better place," she said.

Mrs. Quinn called to their attention some advice from Pope Francis: "Life is good when you are happy but much better when others are happy because of you. Let us remember that pain is a sign that we are alive, problems are a sign that we are stronger, and prayer is a sign that we are not alone."

More photos from this event have been posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, cathmo.com. Select "Photo Galleries" from the "Multimedia" tab on the menu bar.

Helias Catholic President and Principal Kenya Fuemmel reminded the graduating seniors that they will always be members of the Helias Crusader family.

"I hope that by your

thoughts, words and actions, others will know that you are a member of the Church and a graduate of Helias Catholic," she said.

She predicted that each of them will soon encounter failure at something they've never failed at before.

"Make sure you persevere!" she said. "Don't give up!"

Echoing a directive she had received from one of her college professors, Ms. Fuemmel urged them to be light-bearers, making the world brighter with their presence.

"May you remember to Whom you belong," she said. "You belong to the Lord! And He designed you to be the very best version of yourself."

Scholars and saints

This year's Helias Catholic High School Class of 2021 includes five students committed to service to this country; 10 students with 4.0 GPAs; three students who each completed more than 500 hours of community service; 13 Bright Flight scholars and one student who is a Top 100 Missouri Scholar.

The graduates were offered more than \$4 million combined in scholarships, including \$275,000 in A+ scholarships.

The seven valedictorians, maintaining the class's highest grade point average while being enrolled in four AP courses, were: Aleck Barchenski, Cole Brunnert, Joseph Cremer, Dominic Crisostomo, Grace Jenkins, Troy Ludwig and Emily Wilson.

Troy Ludwig and Katie Farr were chosen to receive this year's Fr. Helias Award as a result of their outstanding contribution to Helias during their 4 years of attendance.

The faculty selected Justin Francka and Brooke Godbee to receive the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award, based on citizenship, scholarship and good attendance record.

The faculty selected Dominic Crisostomo and Audrey Ickes to receive the American Legion Citation, based on leadership, scholarship and service.

The class has performed a combined total of 10,000 hours of service over their four years, along with many other accomplishments.

Ninety-two percent of the graduating class is pursuing post-secondary education, and seven graduates are going directly into the workforce.

"Just the beginning"

The previous Monday, the graduating seniors gathered with parents and other family members in the school's fieldhouse for their Baccalaureate Mass.

Father Stephen Jones, the school's chaplain, acknowledged that they ready to move on.

"You're ready to be done. And we're ready for you to leave, as well!" he said.

When the laughter died down, he continued: "Because it's time for you to go out into the world, into new things. It's time for you to move on and experience bigger things, dif-

ferent things, to help you continue to learn and grow."

He urged them to stay close to God through the sacraments of His Church.

"The sacraments are those times when we know God 'shows up' concretely, so that we can live our lives more fully," said Fr. Jones.

He implored them always to remember who they are, where they came from and what they were created and called to be.

"Each and every one of us: we were created to be saints!" he said. "That's your calling. It's my calling. And that calling doesn't end when you leave this place."

"In fact, in many ways, it's just beginning," he said. "It's something that will stay with you for the entirety of your lives."

He sprinkled the seniors with holy water as a sign of God's love and care for them and "as a sacramental moment of grace to strengthen you on your journey to become the saints that you were made to be."

Fr. Jones then asked God to "help them always remember their identity in You — made in Your image and likeness, loved and redeemed by You, and called to serve You in the world that Jesus has already conquered."

Looking ahead

Nikolai Careaga said he will miss his friends at Helias Catholic and will especially treasure something they taught him.

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St. Joseph indulgence prayers include for relief of persecuted Church

Below is a summary of how you can receive the special indulgences granted by the Holy See for the Year of St. Joseph.

All of the necessary prayers can be found online at yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the “Our Father”;
- Participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph;

•Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy (visit USCCB.org and search “Corporal Works of Mercy” and “Spiritual Works of Mercy”);

•Recite the Holy Rosary in families and between the husband and wife;

•Entrust their work daily to the protection of St. Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth;

•Pray the litany of St. Joseph in its entirety or at least part of it, or some other prayer to St. Joseph, typical of the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians;

•Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example “To you O blessed Joseph,” especially on:

- The 19th day of every month;
- Every Wednesday (a day dedicated to the memory of St. Joseph according to the Latin tradition); or
- Dec. 26, the Feast of the Holy Family.

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Additionally, all those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home — who, with the Holy Spirit — detached from any sin and with the in-

tention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or wherever the impediment holds them, pray an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, consolation of the sick and

patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains

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Columbia author steps out of 'Catholic bubble' in new novel

By Jay Nies

In much of what now passes for Christian storytelling, the saints are all heroic, the sinners all repugnant and the answers all easily discernable.

There's little room for exploring those shadowy, untidy spaces where people most often discover their need for redemption.

Catholic author Kate Basi plows her lead character's radiator into that unsettlingly ambiguous realm in her latest novel, *A Song for the Road*.

"This is a book that invites us to question our rigid assumptions about how the world works," said Mrs. Basi, a music minister and member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia. "It is NOT Catholic fiction, but it IS from a Catholic worldview.

"It's populated by characters who have messed up and continue to mess up," she stated, "who despite their faith have some pretty wrong-headed ideas about how the world works."

It includes some rough language and a subplot involving an unresolvable question about

a deceased character's sexual identity.

There are no easy answers.

"But the lessons my character learns about love and life are very much formed by my Catholic faith," said Mrs. Basi.

As such, she believes it's a story that needed to be written and shared among people of all traditions and experiences of faith.

"I think that too often, we as Catholics want to whitewash the world in our entertainment, which encourages a black and white view of the world," the author asserted.

"The reality is, we never get the answers to most of the most important questions."

"Messed up"

Mrs. Basi, a wife and a mother of four children, has written several books, hymns and numerous articles and blog posts.

None of these have chased or haunted her like *A Song for the Road*.

It begins with the phrase, "On her thirty-eighth birthday, Miriam Tedesco received flowers from a ghost."

The lead character is a Catholic parish music minister who's still deeply in mourning a year after the tragic death of her family.

On the brink of a personal and professional breakdown, she discovers a computer app containing a cross-country road trip her late teenaged daughter had plotted for a family vacation.

"She decides to take this road trip to honor her family," said Mrs. Basi. "As she goes, she has to confront all these things she did not want to confront — about herself as a mother, about herself as a wife, about her own struggles to find God in the past year of her life."

The woman uses language that religious people aren't supposed to use. She makes mistakes that "cradle Catholics" aren't supposed to make.

"She's messed up," said Mrs. Basi. "And that's relatable, because even though we don't want to admit it, we're all pretty messed up."

One for the road

Mrs. Basi pointed out that although she and her lead character in *A Song for the Road* have some things in common, the book is not an autobiography.

Neither is it a whitewashed version of Christian life.

"I'm looking at the world through my Catholic faith but not shying away from the fact that people don't always make the right choices," she said.

Like a pilgrimage, the book is more about the route than the destination, more about the questions than the answers.

"For me, a pilgrimage is a journey that changes you," she said. "It's not about where you go, it's about how you get there, what happens to you on the way."

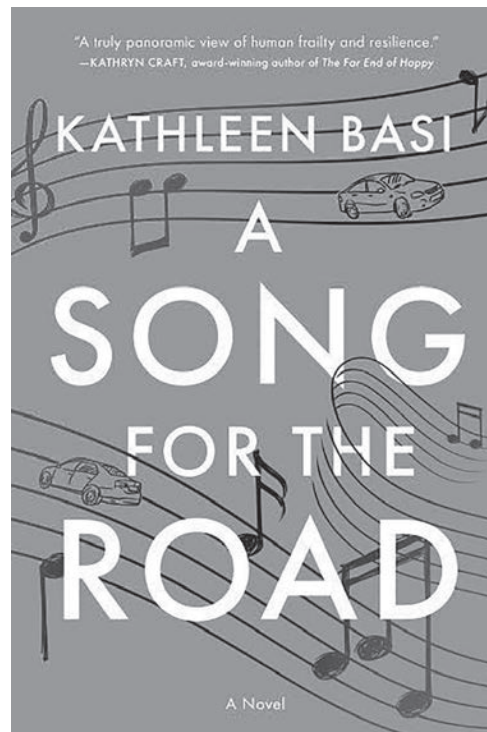
"The real destination is to become closer to God," she added. "It's what happens inside your heart that matters."

She believes her character's exploits will resonate with people whose experiences of family togetherness during the pandemic were less than ideal.

In fact, anyone who has struggled with life can find

something to relate to in *A Song for the Road*.

"I've already been in contact with readers who say, 'I don't really do religion,'" she said. "They may have had some bad experiences with the Church and have left or never came at all."



sons to play it safe and could not find any, I took that as a sign," she said.

She is at peace with what she has written.

"I do still worry about my relationships with other people," she said. "But I keep reminding myself that the only relationship in the final tally is the relationship with God, and my conscience is clear there."

"Make me open"

Baptized and catechized her whole life, Mrs. Basi believes that she's more Catholic now than she's ever been.

"It's become clear to me in the past year, the past several years, how easy it is to choose a sliver of the Catholic faith and cling to it. I think the tendency to be a 'cafeteria Catholic' is a pretty common failing across all of the things that divide us," she said.

She's convinced that part of the problem is that most Catholics largely exist in "a Catholic bubble."

"That is to our detriment and to the detriment of the Church," she stated, "because we need to see that the ugly things in the world often happen for a reason, and that the solutions they call for may not look like the black-and-white solutions we look for in our Catholic bubble."

For her, the bubble burst 14 years ago when she gave birth to a daughter who has special needs.

Helping her achieve her full potential is challenging, exciting and occasionally exhausting.

"Since that day, I have been wrestling with my Catholic faith in the world," said Mrs. Basi.

She has become increasingly aware of the difficulty and complexity of embracing the fullness of Church teaching while wrestling in an authentic way with things that are difficult.

"It starts with being truly honest with ourselves," she said. "We have to pray to God, 'Make me open to hear what I don't want to hear, and to be able to see through other people's eyes.'"

"And the fact that they're embracing this book tells me that you can hook people on any topic if you give them something they can relate to," she said.

She pointed to Flannery O'Connor, Graham Greene and other Catholics of literary acclaim who managed to make an impression among Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Each wrote about deeply flawed characters subsisting far outside the Catholic ideal.

"Yet, there are themes of redemption," Mrs. Basi noted. "Sometimes, you want to point out what's not perfect in the world and show a better way."

Narrow way


Mrs. Basi agonized over what to include and what to leave out of *A Song for the Road*.

"I prayed over this book like crazy," she said. "There are things that frighten me very much to put out there as a Catholic. I fear being judged for it."

She asked God to guide her, especially in areas where she felt driven to give thorough treatment but was tempted to hold back.

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Fr. Coleman: Seeing Jesus in cancer treatments

By Father Mike Coleman

A few months ago, I was going through a rough time with my cancer treatments — seven weeks of chemotherapy (three hours every Monday afternoon) and 30 consecutive treatments of radiation.

About two weeks into the radiation treatments, I had an unforgettable spiritual experience.

I found the few minutes of radiation were either slightly uncomfortable or downright painful. I had to stretch out my arms above my head.

For many years I have had degenerative arthritic discs from my neck to my lower back. On this particular day I was really hurting.

Then my wonderful radiation nurse said very gen-

tly, “It’s over, relax your arms now.”

I was taken aback when my eyes filled with tears. My radiation nurse (whom I knew well as she is the mother of one of our Tolton Catholic graduates where I have been chaplain for 10 years) asked me if I was okay.

I told her that when she told to relax my arms it was over I began to think of Jesus on the Cross. I responded that the angels and the Father probably whispered the same thing to Him on the Cross.

It made me strongly feel the loving presence of Jesus at a very vulnerable moment in my life. As I explained this, her eyes brimmed with tears as well.

The other radiation nurses came into the room and gently asked if we were okay. As I explained it to

them, their eyes misted up as well.

I would never be arrogant enough to think my suffering was anything close to Jesus’. But this experience reminded me of how Jesus enters our suffering with us. That’s the power of the Cross.

Centuries ago, the cross was a symbol of absolute horror. Jesus turned it into the greatest symbol of hope.

The cross reminds me of my favorite Scripture verse: “Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the world,” (Matthew 28:20).

Praise You, Lord Jesus, for the great gift of the Cross!

Fr. Coleman is pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Centralia and chaplain at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia.

New Helias Catholic president John Knight considers it a privilege to lead and serve

By Jay Nies

The words of St. Ignatius of Loyola’s prayer of surrender pass from John Knight’s heart to his mind to his lips.

“Take, Lord, receive, all that I possess. ... You have given me all that I have or hold. I offer it back to You now, to be governed entirely by Your divine will.”

“In many ways, my service is my stewardship, my taking the gifts and talents God has given me and making a return to God in thanksgiving for them,” said Mr. Knight, whom Bishop W. Shawn McKnight appointed president of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, effective July 1.

Dr. Erin Vader, superintendent of schools, also appointed Spencer Allen, current principal of St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City, to be principal of Helias Catholic.

They did so upon the advice of separate search committees.

They will succeed Kenya Fuemmeler, who will conclude her service as president and principal on June 30 in order to become principal of Boonville High School.

Mr. Knight and his wife, Susan, have two grown daughters who are in college.

Mr. Knight grew up in Ohio, attended Catholic schools and spent six years discerning a possible call to Priesthood in the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) before devoting his life to Catholic education as a layman.

“My life’s calling is to serve the Church as a teacher and an administrator of a Catholic school,” he said.

Helias Catholic’s mission statement — “we challenge our

students spiritually, academically and physically as we help to form them to be active, lifelong, enthusiastic participants in the Church” — speaks to his soul.

“There is no greater calling than to accompany young people on their faith journey,” he stated.

Mr. Knight has a passion for collaboration.

“I am a team leader and a team player,” he said. “I seek to build consensus around a given issue and always hope to move forward unified and supportive of each member of the community.”

He is proud of his Jesuit heritage.

“I always say, along with my mom and dad, the people most responsible for who I am today are the Jesuits,” he said. “Their love for me, their spirituality that they introduced to me at a young age, and my time in the seminary were transformative experiences for me, brought me ever closer to God and filled me with the desire to be a companion of Jesus.”

Mr. Knight holds a bachelor’s degree in education, a master’s degree in religious education and a graduate degree as an education specialist.

He has served as a teacher, coach, campus ministry director, assistant athletic director, school counselor, associate head of a school, co-founding principal of a Catholic middle school for boys, and president of four Catholic high schools.

All of this has given him a clear understanding of what makes a school Catholic.

“A Catholic school is a school that embraces the Gospel of

Jesus Christ, that sees Jesus as our Lord and Savior, that challenges our young people to develop their God-given talents, to strengthen their faith, to go out and serve those who are in need, and always to be ambassadors for God’s love in the world,” he said. “It’s mission is the formation of young people’s hearts, minds and bodies to that end.”

He said this work is challenging and occasionally difficult but always rewarding.

He left his previous post as president of a Catholic high school due to a disagreement with parents and school trustees over his handling of a disciplinary situation.

He has no regrets about the stand he took.

“For Catholics and all who follow Christ, there are moments in our lives when we have to put what we say, what we believe, into action,” he said. “I was blessed that God gave me the strength and the perseverance to stand by my Catholic faith and act in a manner that protected the vulnerable young people.”

He is pleased that he will now help lead a school named in honor of a Jesuit missionary.

“The Fr. Helias connection is very nice for me,” he stated. “But what has impressed me so much more are the people I’ve met, the legacy, the strong faith tradition of the school and the strong leadership of Bishop McKnight and his emphasis on stewardship.”

Mr. Knight recalled hearing what Pope Francis told a Jesuit colleague about the mission of Catholic schools.

“He said to be at the margins of society, to be sensitive

to the least of our brothers and sisters and to continue to serve them in ways that are innovative and unique,” said Mr. Knight. “Those are things that are really important.”

“That mentality is part of my background,” Mr. Knight stated. “It’s formed who I am, and I feel a real comfort coming to Helias, knowing that it shares that mindset.”

He said two significant challenges facing Catholic schools today are accessibility and affordability.

Nonetheless, “it is incumbent upon all of us to ensure that a solid Catholic education is available to all who so desire

it,” he said.

Mr. Knight asks for prayers for several things as he prepares to become president of Helias Catholic:

- for the students of Helias Catholic to have a safe and enjoyable summer and for God to continue to make Himself known to them throughout these days of relaxation and rest;

- for the Helias Catholic faculty, staff and administration throughout this time of transition; and

- for Bishop McKnight and Dr. Vader “as they lead us forward in our desire to continue to form saints and scholars for the kingdom of God.”



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QUESTION CORNER

Donating bodily remains / Prayer when entering church

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. At my death, I would like to donate my body to the local medical school for their continued research and training of students. Is this allowed in the Catholic Church? (Kailua, Hawaii)

A. Yes, it is allowed — but with certain cautions. The Catholic Church teaches that it is permissible and even laudable to donate one's body to scientific research after death. The intent is to enable others to live longer if any viable organs can be used — or to provide the material for research that might prevent disease in the future.

In October 2014, Pope Francis met with the Transplantation Committee for the Council of Europe and called the act of organ donation “a testimony of love for our neighbor.” That same perspective is reflected in the U.S. Catholic bishops' Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services:

“Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (No. 63).

Medical students can learn from research on cadavers to become healers of other human bodies. One caution was expressed by St. John Paul II in a 1991 address to participants in a conference on organ transplants.

He said: “The body cannot be treated as a mere physical or biological entity, nor can its organs and tissues ever be used as items for sale or exchange.”

Another caution is that, at the conclusion of their use for research, bodily remains should be treated with respect and properly entombed or buried.

Q. What prayers does one say in silence when you first enter your seat in church? And what about after Holy Communion? I have developed my own but am wondering if I have been missing something for all these years. (Youngstown, Ohio)

A. There is no “official” prayer a Catholic says when first entering a church, so I think it is just right that you have “developed your own.”

Speaking personally, what I do is to ask God to quiet my heart and make me more aware of His presence, His power and His peace. Then I thank Him for the blessings of the day and speak to him about those for whom I have promised to pray.

I have always believed that we should converse with God as we would with any friend and that our own words serve us best.

As for praying after Holy Communion, I try to spend some minutes in church after Mass to thank God for the gift of the Eucharist. In those moments of quiet, I often use the Prayer Before a Crucifix, which begins, “Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus.”

Others use the “*Anima Christi*” prayer, which dates back to the early 14th century and starts, “Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.”

Lately I have become aware of a simple prayer from the 20th-century saint, Padre Pio. It seems perfect for those precious moments when the eucharistic presence is nestled in our hearts and reads: “My past, O Lord, I entrust to Your mercy. My present, to Your love. My future, to Your providence.”

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.

Papal Audience May 26, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider those times when our prayers appear to go unanswered. We think, for example, of the heartfelt prayers we offer for our sick children, or for our friends who experience great pain. In our disappointment, we may feel that God is deaf to our pleas; we may even be tempted to stop praying. Jesus, our great teacher of prayer, taught us in



the Our Father to ask for many things, but above all that God's will be done. A mature faith trusts in the Lord's providence, His greater plan for our lives and our world, yet we naturally feel deep disappointment when our petitions seem to go unheard. Jesus shows us by His own example that God understands our sufferings, yet does not always immediately grant our wishes. In Gethsemane, Jesus offered a prayer that seemed to go unanswered; yet His complete trust in the Father's will led to our salvation and the glory of the resurrection. Evil never has the last word. If there are times when we walk in the dark, guided only by the light of faith, may we never abandon our trust in the Father's will to make all things work together for our ultimate good.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. United in this month of May with Our Blessed Lady, may we grow in the certainty that our heavenly Father always hears our prayers. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of the Lord. May God bless you!




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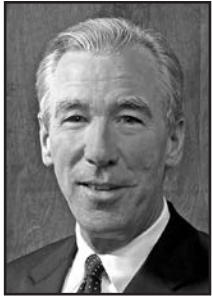
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Parenting a whole different ballgame

By John Garvey
Catholic News Service



The highlight of my Little League career was a two-hitter I threw against the Knights of Columbus, the class of our league in Sharon, Pennsylvania. My team was sponsored by the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE AFL-CIO Local 617).

I was a pitcher and sometime right fielder, but the coach tended to bench me when I was not pitching because I was an indifferent hitter and a little afraid of

balls I wasn't throwing. I tried out for the league at ages 9 and 10 and was cut twice.

I can still remember being the last person let go at age 10 (from the Knights of Columbus, as it happened). The coach took me into the outfield and encouraged me to try again next year. I felt sorry for him at the time; it would have been a difficult conversation to have with a young kid.

I finally made it when I was 11. If you are a parent with children in Little League today, you will understand how differently the whole thing works now. My parents never came to games. There were too many of us (eight children) to allow that kind of attention, and they figured that extracurricular stuff like that was our

lookout anyway.

Mind you, I did not feel slighted. I don't think they were neglectful. Parenting back then was a different ballgame. People have since developed greater expectations — they had done so even before so-called “helicopter parenting” became a national phenomenon.

For the time they lived in, my parents kept a pretty close eye on what we were doing. And although they were fairly strict by today's standards, what surprises me as I look back is how much they intentionally let slide — including some forms of misbehavior.

I think they knew that if they made an issue of everything, they would have been punishing us constantly. They didn't want

to be coming down on us all the time. They disciplined us often enough that we knew what the rules were, but then left us some room to get used to following the rules on our own.

Of course, Mother and Dad might just have decided that it wasn't worth going to our games because we weren't very good. That was true enough in my case, but I think they might have shortchanged themselves.

My wife and I found that it was fun to play with our kids and watch them acting in their own affairs. I coached one daughter's basketball team for a couple of years. I learned some useful things about

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Celebrating the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP



I'm almost afraid to say it, but it appears that things are slowly beginning to return to normal in our homes for the elderly around the country.

We recently celebrated Mother's Day with a loosening of COVID-related restrictions, allowing families to hug their loved ones, hold extended conversations without a window of separation, enjoy a snack together and even take their elderly loved one home for a few hours — all things that used to be taken for granted, but which have been prohibited since the onset of COVID.

Our female residents received Mother's Day gifts of flowers, sweets and other items from our regular benefactors and people they have never even met. Children sent them handmade cards, and a local musician brought cheer by offering an open-air concert.

Each of these gestures was proof that people have not forgotten the elderly, even though they have been hidden away for so long.

Pope Francis frequently speaks about the throwaway culture and our society's tendency to marginalize the elderly. While these trends are undeniable, we Little Sisters can testify that countless people from all walks of life continue to show concern for the elderly, even as the pandemic stretches on and on.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, our Holy Father wrote that no one is saved alone. He reminded us that “young people, adults and our society cannot save themselves without the elderly.”

In order to come out of the COVID crisis better and not worse, the pope said, every society needs to accept its roots and re-envision its values, starting from dialogue with the elderly.

Wishing to show his support for the role of older persons in the family, Pope Francis recently announced the creation of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year's celebration will be held on July 25.

The voice of the elderly is precious, the pope tells us, “because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.” The elderly “remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generations, to pass on to the young the experience of life.”

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly fits into the Church's larger vision for the family. In March, Pope Francis launched a year-long celebration of the family to mark the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the beauty and joy of love in the family.

Among the suggestions on how to “walk with families” during this special year, Vatican organizers recommend pastoral care for seniors aimed at overcoming “the throw-away culture and societal indifference” and the building of “bridges across the different stages of life.”

They also suggest enabling older persons to serve as active agents in the pastoral care of the wider community of faith.

Organizers of the *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year are also encouraging the development of efforts to accompany “wounded families.” This suggestion seems especially timely in light of the multi-dimensional impact of the pandemic.

Millions of individuals and families have been “wounded” by the clinical effects of COVID-19, the emotional toll of prolonged isolation and grief and the pandemic's devastating economic impact.

Surely no member of the human family has been able to completely escape the suffering caused by this scourge.

Witnessing the wisdom and resilience of our residents during these long months

of fear and isolation, I am convinced that seniors are uniquely qualified to support and accompany the wounded through these difficult times.

Even those seniors experiencing the

infirmities associated with old age can do much good simply by lending a listening ear, offering words of encouragement or

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REFLECTION

One in a million

By Mark Saucier

Our granddaughter looked up from her artwork and asked, “Grandpa, what is your favorite color?”

“Blue,” I answered, as I always had since a kid.

She registered the information and went back to her masterpiece. I didn't give it another thought, until I did.

Working in the yard, I noticed the striking colors. There was a tide of deep crimson flowing from the dianthus and the poppies offered a bushel of orange.

There were pinks, yellows, greens and whites.

I remembered my granddaughter's question and was suddenly ashamed of my lack of imagination. Maybe, like most people, my favorite color is blue, but what kind of blue? Was it steel, teal or turquoise?

The average human eye has three cones, each detecting 100 colors. Together, they can see 1 million tints, shades and hues.

One million unique expressions of light, and all I could say was “Blue.”

The universe is colorful to its core. Even the six flavors of quarks that make up the protons and neutrons in the atom dress in a quantum outfit of red, green and blue.

Nature's colors are there for many reasons. The red of the mandrill monkey is not just a distinguishing mark but a color of consequence in mating.

In certain tree frogs, that red is anything but an invitation. It is a warning to predators that its bright skin is toxic to a degree far beyond its diminutive size.

The shell of the polymorphic Cuban painted snail is a slow-moving display of colors and swirls, all dependent on its diet.

The sky has countless shades of blue. But when the sun sets and the elongated atmosphere filters out the blue, then the reds, golds and oranges burst into flame like the fireworks of Pentecost.

The seven colors of the rainbow have not lost their magic. And when the solar winds send charged particles of the sun to collide with atmospheric gas, the discharged protons engage in a divine chromatic dance we call the *Aurora borealis*.

We should be thankful our world is not black and white and remember, that contrary to a certain title, there are over 250 shades of gray.

Our world is awash in color which, according to the Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky, “is a means of directly influencing the soul.”

We should let it.

We ask if someone dreams in color. Maybe the question should be, do we pray in color? It's a language the Master of the Palette clearly understands.

HELIAS CATHOLIC

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degree as an education specialist from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

"I am blessed to be called to serve the Helias Catholic community as its next president," Mr. Knight said. "Helias Catholic's mission statement speaks to my soul: There is no greater calling than to accompany young people on their faith journey. I am very grateful to Bishop McKnight, Superintendent Vader, and all involved in the selection process for their prayers and support as I join the diocesan family."

•Spencer Allen has been principal of St. Joseph Cathedral School since 2007. He has served in various leadership positions in the diocese during that time, including as chair of the Diocesan School Advisory Council, as a member of self-study visitation teams, and as coordinator of numerous professional development sessions.

He holds a bachelor's in education and advanced degrees, including an education specialist in educational administration and leadership from

Lincoln University.

"It is a blessing and honor to enter this journey of partnership with our Helias Catholic parents," Mr. Allen said. "Together with the amazing staff, we have some exciting years ahead of us, cultivating God's gift of Catholic education and returning it to Him by sending saints and scholars out to transform the world. As hard as it is to bring this chapter at St. Joseph Cathedral to a close, the momentum of positive energy remains strong among this dedicated team of educators and parents. With that peace of mind, I can look forward to pouring myself into the remarkable program at Helias Catholic."

Dr. Vader said their combined experience will be invaluable.

"We will benefit from the proven records of both Mr. Knight and Mr. Allen as Helias continues to strengthen its standards of excellence and Catholic identity," she said. "I look forward to working with both of them."

Partners in Mission, a



John Knight



Spencer Allen

search firm which specializes in placement for Catholic organizations, worked with two committees in the selection process.

The President Search Committee included members of the Helias board of directors — board chair Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, board vice-chair Mary Winter, Father Donald Antweiler, Father Michael Penn, Craig Husting and Dr. Erin Vader, superintendent — and Jeremy Winegar, Helias Advisory Council representative; Cheryl Hertfelder, diocesan human resources director; Ron Vossen, Helias faculty representative; and Dr. Daniel Everett, presi-

dent of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School.

The Principal Search Committee members included Kim Radmacher and Mike Winter, Helias Advisory Council members; Mary Winter, Helias board of directors representative; Kathy Jarman, Helias faculty representative; Father Jeremy Secrist; Dr. Erin Vader, superintendent; Cheryl Hertfelder, diocesan human resources director; Gayle Trachsel, principal of St. Peter Interparish School; and Heather Schrimpf, principal of Immaculate Conception School.

•Helias Catholic on May 4 announced the appointment of Emma Williams to serve

as assistant principal of curriculum and instruction for the 2021-22 school year, effective July 1.

She comes to Helias Catholic from Osage County R-2 in Linn.

She began her career in Boonville School District in 1994, moved to Osage County R-2 in 1998, where she was a classroom teacher through 2016, and then progressed into her current role as special education director.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in exceptional child education, a master of teaching degree and an educational specialist degree in educational leadership.



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Students from Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline join parishioners from St. Bonaventure in Marceline and Immaculate Conception in Brookfield for a Rosary Prayer Walk on the parish grounds on May 13, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The walk began in St. Bonaventure Church and proceeded to various Marian statues including the grotto behind the school. The Rosary was prayed especially for several young people with serious health issues and for peace in families, the community, the nation and the world.



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Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk

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The Equality Act & Gender Ideology

A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

The Equality Act is a piece of legislation making its way through Congress that would add “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to U.S. federal nondiscrimination laws. It has been proposed in each of the terms of Congress from 2015 to 2021. The Act has passed the U.S. House of Representatives the last two Congressional terms (most recently on February 25, 2021), but has yet to pass the U.S. Senate. The Equality Act poses serious concerns for religious institutions and for people of faith who hold a traditional view of marriage and who believe that human beings are created male and female. In a letter to Congress dated February 23, 2021, five United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) committee chairmen wrote Congress to express their concerns about passage of this bill.

“The Equality Act,” they wrote, “purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from discrimination. But instead, the bill represents the imposition by Congress of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding ‘gender’ on individuals and organizations. This includes dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting ‘gender’ as only a social construct. As Pope Francis has reflected, however, ‘biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated. ... It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality.’ Tragically, this Act can also be construed to include an abortion mandate, a violation of precious rights to life and conscience.”

In this edition of *Messenger*, the MCC looks at the Equality Act from a Catholic perspective, identifying the problems it presents to religious ministries and organizations.

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A new episode of

MCC from the Capitol!



Q&A **The Equality Act**



The USCCB has provided helpful information about the Equality Act in many forms on its website, including a Q&A, which we have printed excerpts from below. To view the entire Q&A and other resources regarding The Equality Act on the USCCB website, scan this QR code.

To scan a QR code, open the camera app on your phone, and focus the camera on the QR code. A link will appear directing you to the available content.



What is the Equality Act?

The Equality Act is a comprehensive bill in Congress that would add “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to a range of federal nondiscrimination laws.

What does the Equality Act do?

The Equality Act would add the categories of “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to the definition of “sex” (§ 9), and add “sex” where it is not already present, in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (§§ 3-8); government employment statutes (§ 7); the Fair Housing Act (§ 10); the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (§ 11); and jury selection rules (§ 12).

The Civil Rights Act requires nondiscrimination on the basis of select classes of persons in public accommodations (Title II), employment (VII), federal funding and recipients’ use thereof (VI), public facilities (III), and public education (IV). In addition to effectively adding new classes to these titles, the Equality Act expands the definition of “public accommodations” from restaurants, hotels, and theaters to nearly every consumer service or place of commerce, gathering, or charity, notably including health care (§ 3). It also expressly makes available restrooms, locker rooms, and dressing rooms to persons according to their “gender identity” rather than natural sex (§ 9).

The Equality Act explicitly exempts itself from the requirements and protections of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (§ 9). This would be unprecedented, as no federal law has ever done so before, and it demonstrates the Equality Act’s radical denial of tolerance to people of faith who do not agree to the government’s view of sexuality as established by the Act.

Who are the people that the Equality Act is designed to help?

Supporters assert that the Equality Act is needed to protect people who identify as “LGBT” from discrimination in a range of public and professional settings, including employment and the provision of consumer, government, or charitable services. They claim that this is necessary to prevent economic, legal, and emotionally-experienced “dignitary” harms.

Catholics oppose unjust discrimination or harassment that baselessly deprive any person of basic needs, goods, or dignity. Each and every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, as such, bears inviolable dignity. The Church teaches that persons with same-sex attractions in particular must be “accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity...” and that society is to avoid “unjust discrimination in their regard.” Similar principles can also apply to those experiencing gender dysphoria or feelings of gender incongruence. This means that Catholics support appropriate nondiscrimination policies, for example, those that support the right of every individual to decent employment regardless of their sexual inclinations.



Whom would the Equality Act hurt? Are there examples?

The Equality Act would legally and socially injure many Americans. These effects have been demonstrated in states and localities where similar laws already exist.

First and foremost, the Equality Act hurts women and girls. The Equality Act would fortify regressive, sexist stereotypes by enshrining the notion that subjective feelings and preferences (such as hobbies, attire, emotional patterns, or style of interaction) are what define a woman or a man.

By redefining “sex” without physical meaning, the Equality Act would also remove legal recognition of women and girls, such as in Title IX, and risk eviscerating their hard-won consideration in areas including student scholarships and athletics. College sports positions, and the scholarship opportunities attached to them, could be taken by men who self-identify as women under the Equality Act’s terms. Many sex-specific environments that have cultivated support, growth, and success among women in other arenas, such as in business and entrepreneurship, could be ended.

The legislation also diminishes safety in intimate spaces with its restroom and locker room mandate to provide access based on “gender identity.” While most people who identify as “transgender” do not seek to harm others (in fact, many seek to avoid harm themselves), these laws open the doors of very personal facilities to others who would do harm.

Even without direct, malicious harm, however, sharing of intimate facilities between the sexes offends privacy and betrays modesty.

People have a responsibility, and therefore a right, to practice modesty, to refuse “to unveil what should remain hidden.” This not only involves the right to not be seen by the opposite sex when in a state of undress or tending to bodily functions, but to not be forced to see others of the opposite sex when they are in such a state.

“Transgender”-identifying people themselves may be hurt by the Equality Act. Its nondiscrimination mandate for health care as a “public accommodation” effectively promotes “gender affirmative” hormone therapy and surgical procedures, with irreparable consequences. To be sure, health care providers should welcome with compassion, and provide healing care to, every individual in need. The Equality Act, however, would depart from ensuring service to people and would federally prescribe specific procedures or treatments. “Gender reassignment surgery” has not been substantially associated with improved long-term health outcomes, which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under the Obama Administration effectively described in 2016 in its declining to issue a nationwide coverage requirement. Tragically, “sex reassignment” surgeries appear to do little to ameliorate the already-high long-term rate of suicide among those identifying as “transgender.”

Health care providers, both individual professionals and institutions as well as insurers, would lose the ability to exercise their best medical judgment under the “public accommodation” nondiscrimination mandate and be forced to perform or cover “gender affirming” procedures, even if they find them to be detrimental to patients’ health, and even in the case of minors. Catholic health care providers compassionately serve everyone who comes to them, regardless of characteristics or background. Nondiscrimination thus centered on who is served, and oriented toward every patient as an individual, is a positive goal, but when it mandates what procedures are performed for what conditions, that is another matter. The medical community, rather than being subjected to legislative mandates with uncertain long-term outcomes, should be free to develop ways of treating gender dysphoria that consider the health and integrity of the whole person.

Parents could be at risk of losing custody of their children for declining “gender affirming” medical procedures that have irreparable consequences. The Equality Act’s health care nondiscrimination provision takes for granted that puberty-blocking, hormonal treatment, and surgical procedures are both necessary and standard, even though this has not been proven and in many cases is still an off-label use of medication. Under the Equality Act, refusing this type of treatment could be used by states to take children away from their parents, as has already occurred in certain places such as Cincinnati in 2018. In addition, the Equality Act’s provision mandating nondiscrimination in programs and services receiving federal funding may affect parental rights decisions by states’ judges and child protection agencies if they receive federal funds.

PERSON & IDENTITY

a project of the Catholic Women’s Forum at EPPC

The mission of the Person and Identity Project (PIP) is to assist the Catholic Church in promoting the Catholic vision of the human person and responding to the challenges of gender ideology. Gender ideology has permeated the culture with stunning speed, influencing medicine, business, media, entertainment, government and education. Because it is sowing confusion and undermining the Church’s mission of evangelization, the rise of gender ideology has created an urgent need for clarity, education, and compassionate guidance for Catholic families and young people. The Person and Identity Project is committed to assisting the Church in meeting these needs. Learn more at personandidentity.com.

Mary Hasson, JD

Mary joins us on MCC from the Capitol this month as our latest guest to discuss the Equality Act and gender ideology.

She is the Kate O’Beirne Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where she also directs the Catholic Women’s Forum, a network of Catholic professional women and scholars seeking to amplify the voice of women in support of Catholic teachings. An attorney and policy expert, Mary advises legislators and faith-based organizations, including the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, for whom she consults. Mary is the co-author of two books on education and editor of *Promise and Challenge: Catholic Women Reflect on Feminism, Complementarity, and the Church*. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School, Mary and her husband are the parents of seven adult children.



In the latest episode of MCC from the Capitol, MCC Executive Director Tyler McClay talks with Mary Hasson (see bio above) about the Equality Act and gender ideology. During this episode, Tyler and Mary discuss these very difficult issues from a Catholic perspective, providing an understanding and a way forward for the faithful who may know someone struggling with gender confusion. Mary also weighs in on the Equality Act, and the impact it would have on religious organizations and individuals if it were to pass. Listen to this and the other episodes of MCC from the Capitol on our website, Spotify, or Apple and Google Podcasts today. Scan the QR code to listen now!

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The Equality Act & Its Impact on Government Funding of Abortion

The Equality Act could have an adverse impact on existing provisions that prohibit the use of federal funds for abortion. Below we review relevant provisions of the bill. We then consider the potential consequences for current restrictions on federal funding of abortion.

I. Text of the Equality Act

The following bill provisions are relevant:

1. Public accommodations. The Equality Act (H.R. 5) forbids discrimination based on “sex,” including “sexual orientation and gender identity,” in places of “public accommodation.” H.R. 5, § 3(a)(1). The bill defines “public accommodation” to include “any establishment that provides . . . health care . . . services.” Id. § 3(a)(4). The term “establishment” is not limited to physical facilities and places. Id. § 3(c). The term “sex” includes “pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.” Id. § 9(2).

The bill also states that “pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition shall not receive less favorable treatment than other physical conditions.” Id.

2. Federally-funded programs and activities. The bill also forbids discrimination based on “sex,” including “sexual orientation and gender identity,” in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Id. § 6. The term “sex” is again defined to include “pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition,” and the listed items “shall not receive less favorable treatment than other physical conditions.” Id. § 9(2).

II. Consequences for Federal Funding of Abortion

These changes in federal law could undercut existing prohibitions on the use of government funds for abortion.

For years it has been an accepted predicate in federal bill drafting that laws forbidding discrimination based on “sex” must have abortion-neutral language to blunt any inference that non-discrimination requires the provision or coverage of abortion. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, are illustrative. Both titles forbid discrimination based on sex, and both titles have abortion neutral amendments to mitigate or foreclose the claim that this prohibition requires a covered entity to provide or cover abortion. The fact that abortion-neutral language appears in Title VII and Title IX shows that Congress knows how to exclude abortion when it wants to. The failure to include an abortion-neutral amendment in the Equality Act therefore suggests a legislative intent to require the provision of abortion; otherwise, the Act, like Titles VII and IX, would have included such language. This conclusion is reinforced by (a) the bill’s definition of sex to include “pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition,” (b) agency and judicial interpretations construing this language, and (c) the added qualification that pregnancy and “related medical condition[s] shall not receive less favorable treatment than any other physical conditions.”

The same reasoning—and the same conclusion—applies to the bill’s non-discrimination provisions as applicable to federally-funded programs and activities. Indeed, abortion advocates themselves are currently reading the federal funding provisions of the bill to permit women to successfully challenge the denial of abortion.

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FR. TOLTON

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Light that Guides the Faithful.”

That light is depicted as sunlight through the distinctive circular window of the school’s chapel, which is adorned with a large crucifix.

It points to a phrase from a prayer by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago, co-postulator of Fr. Tolton’s sainthood cause: “Father Tolton’s suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son’s passion and death.”

Shades of blue and gold, the school’s colors, accent the painting.

The boy dressed as a slave of men stands on a hay-strewn floor of a barn like the one he and his family likely hid in while making their escape.

The priest, dressed as a slave of Christ, is wearing a fiddle-back vestment over a faded, somewhat oversized cassock.

Even his Bible is simple and common — a black-bound book with no embellishment.

“Nothing about him was going to be ornate,” the artist insisted. “He took pride in not having the opulence.”

Mr. Tapia set out to highlight the eternal beauty of Fr. Tolton’s priestly vocation and the worldly imperfection that made carrying it out a constant challenge for him.

“I wanted him to be beautiful,” the artist stated at the dedication ceremony. “My whole goal was for people to think of Fr. Tolton, the man, whenever they hear his name.”

“Hopefully when you speak of Fr. Tolton, with that warm tone with which you speak of our school, you will think of this image of that man who represents us,” he said.

“Think about him and the day he was born,” Mr. Tapia continued. “Think about his life, his trials and tribulations.

And I do hope that he will become that moral compass for all of us.”

“Light of Christ”

Mr. Tapia is eager for the painting to be widely reproduced and distributed across numerous platforms throughout the world.

“And our school, our chapel and our colors are part of it,” he said. “You, us, our school, all of you, will be a part of this. Hopefully you’ll take pride in that and love him as much as I love Fr. Tolton, the man, Fr. Gus.”

He pointed out how the floor on which the priest is standing approximates the planks of the old St. Peter Church in Brush Creek, where Fr. Tolton was baptized and began to learn about God.

The boy on the barn side is holding the cloth sack in which he would carry apples and biscuits out to work in the fields each day.

The priest is holding a piece of that same sack in his same hand as the Bible. Fr. Tolton

is symbolic.

Besides the Rev. Father Tolton, the colored priest of Quincy, Fathers Walsh, Ryan and Coil of St. Louis, Father Benedict of Quincy, and Father O’Shea of Adair, Mo., were present to engage in the celebration of St. Joseph’s Day—Tuesday last. Mass was said in the morning by the Rev. Tolton, followed by a most excellent sermon by Father Walsh. The music on the occasion, with Prof. Winkel at the organ, was grand—enjoyed by all present. After vespers in the afternoon Rev. Tolton delivered a short but instructive lecture. The church morning and afternoon was crowded to its utmost capacity.

EDINA, Mo., March 19, 1889.

A parishioner found this notice in the March 21, 1889, issue of the Knox County Democrat newspaper, documenting Venerable Fr. Tolton’s visit to St. Joseph Church in Edina.

never forgot where he came from.

A blue dove represents the Holy Spirit inspiring Fr.



Father Michael Coleman, Father Paul Clark and Deacon William Seibert take part in the blessing and dedication of the new image of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, titled “The Light that Guides the Faithful,” on May 14 at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia. — Photos by Jay Nies

Tolton, giving him power to minister in the name of Christ and in His place at the altar.

“The power of Christ, the grace of Christ, the light of Christ, they are all represented here,” said Mr. Tapia.

Even the frame, which the artist also created, is symbolic.

“The walnut comes from Northern Missouri, very close to Brush Creek, where Fr. Tolton had his childhood,” said Mr. Tapia. “I capped it with zebra wood, which comes from East Africa. It represents black and white and the converging of it.”

True to the rest of the image, the frame lacks ornamentation.

Tolton Catholic’s graduating Class of 2021 donated the money for the bronze plaque that hangs beside the painting in the Commons, a large and heavily traveled section of the school, next to the chapel.

“You’ll get to see this every day,” said Dr. Daniel Everett, president of Tolton Catholic.

“Footsteps of the Lord”

Fr. Clark gently blessed the painting with holy water.

“When we bless something in the Church, it’s to conse-

us and are joined to us in a marvelous communion.”

Fr. Clark praised God the Father for sending His Son, Jesus, the author and perfecter of all holiness, into this imperfect world.

God sent the Holy Spirit to sustain His newborn Church, to give knowledge, wisdom, strength and ardor.

“Today, we praise You for the gifts of the Spirit bestowed upon Fr. Tolton, in whose honor we dedicate this image,” Fr. Clark prayed. “May we follow in the footsteps of the Lord, keeping before us the example of Fr. Tolton and grow to a maturity measured not by nature but by the fullness of Christ.”

Fr. Coleman then took the holy water and sprinkled some on everyone present as a reminder of their baptism.

Deacon Seibert, who is African American, proclaimed a Scripture reading from Matthew 5, known as the Beatitudes, including: “Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Deacon Seibert recently preached the homily during a Mass in Columbia for the Fr. Tolton Legacy Society.

“When institutions bear his name, you must honor him, knowing he was a man of charity, a follower of Jesus, a lover of God,” the deacon said in that homily.

Thirty-four years ago, Fr. Coleman baptized Fr. Clark as an infant while serving as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Edina.

He did so in St. Joseph Church, the place in which Venerable Fr. Tolton gave a parish mission on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, in 1889.

Now, Fr. Coleman and Fr. Clark minister at a school named for Fr. Tolton.

“Everything comes full circle,” said Fr. Clark.

The Light That Guides the Faithful

By: Lonnie Carlos Tapia

Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897) was originally born into slavery and eventually went on to become the first African American priest in the United States. This painting was commissioned and dedicated in the spring of 2021 in honor of the school’s 10th Anniversary to serve as a daily reminder to our Trailblazer community of Fr. Tolton’s charisma and inspiration. We are proud to honor this brave man as our namesake as we strive to follow his example by living our faith in Spirit, Heart, Mind and Body.

-This tribute plaque was a gift from the Class of 2021 -

The Tolton Catholic graduating Class of 2021 donated the plaque that hangs next to the new painting of Venerable Fr. Tolton in the school’s Commons area.

crate it, to set it apart for a particular purpose,” he said.

He pointed out that when the Church blesses a picture of statue for public veneration by the faithful, it does so for several reasons:

“That when we look at the representation of those who have followed Christ faithfully, we will be motivated to seek the city that is to come,” he said.

“That we will learn the way that will enable us most surely to attain complete union with Christ,” he continued, “that as we struggle along with our earthly cares, we will be mindful of the saints, those friends and coheirs of Christ, who are also our own brothers and sisters and our own special benefactors, that we will remember how they love us, intercede ceaselessly for us and are near



By Father Don Antweiler
ACROSS

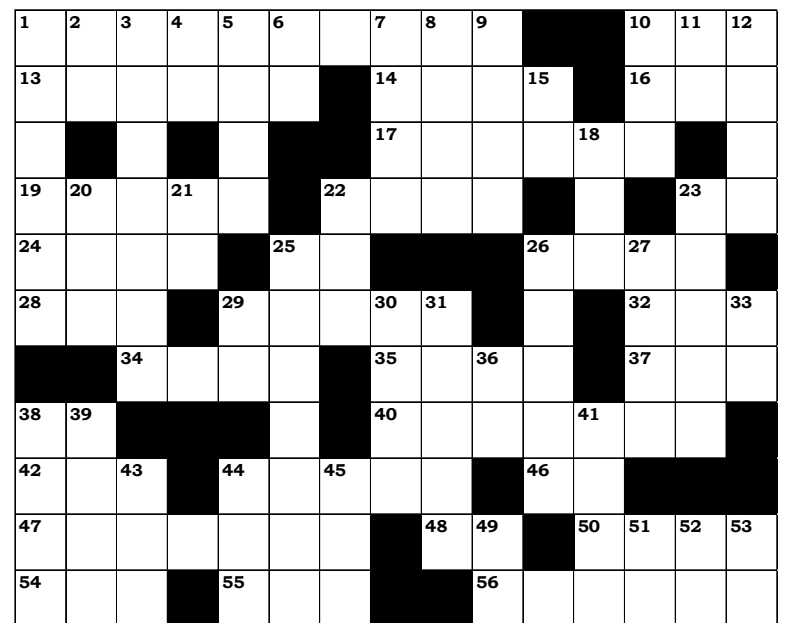
1. In 1808, Meriwether Lewis, of the famous Lewis & Clark _____, "brought journalism to Missouri," —Ann Rogers, *Lewis and Clark in Missouri*.
10. Abbr. for the OT book between Wisdom and Isaiah.
13. "Temperance is the moral _____ that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods," *Catechism of the Cath. Church*, #1809
14. "Get two _____ stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel," (Exodus 28:9).
16. Uncle in Madrid.
17. In St. Louis, Joseph Charless founded the *Missouri Gazette*, a four page _____, with both English and French language articles; it was first issued in July of 1808 with 174 subscribers.
19. Bishop Robert Barron's name for the 25% of Americans who claim no religious affiliation. It is a very diverse category of persons whose main shared commonality is being disconnected in varying degrees from faith, culture, and community, and most struggle with all that.

22. In 1807, Meriwether Lewis was appointed by his mentor, Pres. Thomas Jefferson, as Governor of the _____, unruly Louisiana Territory.
23. Dir. of Ss. Peter and Paul in Cole Camp to St. Anthony in Camdenton.
24. Tater _____.
25. Juan's yes.
26. Charless's newspaper invited enemies. On the streets of St. Louis, he was shot at, _____ upon and threatened.
28. Thar _____ blows! —words of a lookout on an old whaling ship when a whale was spotted.
29. _____-duper; most excellent or impressive.
32. Taxi.
34. On I-70, we got off on the wrong exit _____ and got lost!
35. Barn structure.
37. One of the major TV networks.
38. Though The Catholic Univ. in Washington, D.C. is the official Catholic univ. in America, sponsored & supported by the U.S. Catholic bishops, for many the preeminent Catholic university in Am. has always been in South Bend, Indiana. It is sometimes represented by these two letters.
40. The direct result of Charless's 1814 refusal to divulge his _____ was the founding in 1815 of Missouri's second newspaper, the *Western Journal*, by Charless's enemies.
42. "People here in the Far West [i.e., Missouri] had no idea of the theory of music and little of the laws of harmony. They had no

- conception of keys or chords and knew nothing about notes. Pieces played were still played only by _____," —Gert Goebel, memoirs of a German immigrant in Mo., 1830s-1880s.
44. A favorite spot in the St. Louis Art Museum is before the painting "Water Lilies," by Claude _____, the founder and most prolific painter of the French impressionist movement.
46. "(The Lord) did not want us to pray by or for ourselves alone. We _____ not say 'My Father, who art in heaven...'" —St. Cyprian, d. 258 A.D., from a treatise on the Lord's Prayer.
47. Charless is considered the "Father of Missouri Journalism," —*St. Louis Post Dispatch*. "He earned a place in our _____ books," —William Taft, Mo. Press Assn. Historian.
48. One level above a JR.
50. Charless _____ the *Missouri Gazette* in 1820 and went on to other businesses. One of his sons founded the first newspaper in St. Charles, Mo.
54. Suffix for perfection or art.
55. List ending abbr.
56. "The man gave names to all the _____, all the birds of the air..." (Genesis 2:20).

DOWN

1. The Franz Beer Garden started in Jeff. City in 1873. For 20 years it was an airy, shady site for such varied _____ as St. Peter Benevolent Assn. picnics, African-Americans' celebration of Emancipation Day, the Jeff. City Fire Dept. celebration of Independence Day, and Evangelical Lutheran children's picnics (Walter Schroeder, *Breweries and Saloons in Jeff. City, Mo.*).
2. Pope Pius _____ (1922-1939) was immediately succeeded by Pope Pius XII (1939-1958).
3. Lewis persuaded Irish immigrant Joseph Charless, _____, bookseller and newspaper publisher from Louisville, KY to come to St. Louis to start a newspaper.
4. Bicycle riding alien.



5. Almost every club requires the payment of _____ from its members.
6. Abbr. for "id est," meaning "that is."
7. Missouri is bordered by eight States. This is one of them.
8. "Behold, the Lord has come with his countless holy _____" (Jude 1:14).
9. No in Moscow.
10. Pig place.
11. Pope St. John Paul _____ gifted the Church with the Luminous mysteries to the Rosary to include Jesus's public ministry.
12. Mary Higgins Clark, a widowed mother of five, is a prolific suspense writer with over 40 novels. "My novels almost always have at the core of the story a strong young woman who is Catholic. It is no surprise that the Catholic faith, which has played a large _____ in my life, will be a key influence on my characters."
15. The Jaguar _____ sports car series was launched in 1996.
18. The rich man certainly seemed to live in the _____ of luxury while Lazarus certainly did not (see Luke 16:19-21).
20. _____ la la!
21. Prefix for cape or cargo.
22. Short for Very Important Person.
23. "She speaks daggers and every word _____," —Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," Act 2, Scene 1.
25. Gov. Lewis gave _____ to Charless's publishing business with a government contract to publish Louisiana Territorial laws. He did so in 1809.
26. In 1814, "one of the most important incidents of journalism in the...history of Mo. Journalism took place" when five men, one with a _____, demanded to know the author of an article in his paper. Charless refused.
27. Pimple problem.
29. Internet country code for San Marino, a mountainous microstate surrounded by Italy. It is among the world's oldest republics and the fifth smallest country in the world. Pop: 33,800.
30. To be in Latin 101.
31. "...in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God...through beatings, imprisonments, _____, labors..." (2 Corinthians 6:4).
33. It precedes A.D.
36. Letters for Lincoln Univ.
38. Soda brand.
39. At the pastor's anniversary reception, many came to the _____ to share their thanks for his years of service.
41. "Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the _____?" (Luke 14:28).
43. Q-U.
44. One of the Three Stooges.
45. The Big Apple (abbr).
49. Brand of soda.
51. It precedes the NT.
52. _____ Bean; outdoor clothier.
53. Pomme _____ Terre Lake is the only lake in Missouri that is stocked for muskie fishing.

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Fundraisers & Social Events

Jun. 1

Russellville, Lake Area Community Orchestra performance, 7 pm, St. Michael Church

Jun. 4

Mexico, St. Brendan Parish BBQ, 5 pm, K of C Hall

Jun. 4-5

Linn, St. George St. Ann Sodality rummage sale, Fri. 8 am-6 pm, Sat. 8 am-noon

Jun. 5

Cuba, Holy Cross Altar Society rummage sale, 8 am-2 pm; Martinsburg, St. Joseph Early Learning Center bake sale & prizes, 8 am-noon, parish pavilion

Jun. 6

California, Annunciation Parish Picnic, 11am-6 pm; Franckenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Picnic, 11 am-7 pm; Krakow, St. Ger-

trude Parish Picnic, 11 am-7 pm; Wien, St. Mary's All School Reunion, 11 am-3 pm, for more info or to RSVP, visit [facebook.com/StMarysWienMO](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysWienMO)

Jun. 10-11

Marshall, Daughters of Isabella rummage sale, 8 am-6 pm, K of C hall

Jun. 10-12

Fulton, St. Peter rummage sale, Thurs. 5 pm-8 pm (auction 6 pm), Fri. 7 am-6 pm, Sat. 7 am-noon

Jun. 11-12

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph NCYC rummage sale, Fri. 7 am-3 pm, Sat. 7 am-1 pm, Undercroft

Jun. 13

Belle, St. Alexander breakfast, 7-11 am; Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception picnic, 11 am-7 pm; Russellville, Brockman Strong benefit breakfast, bake sale & live auction, 10:15 am-12:30 pm, St. Michael Parish Hall

Jun. 16

Jefferson City, St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary ice cream social, 11 am-6 pm, St. Mary's Hospital East entrance parking lot

Jun. 27

Linn, St. George Parish picnic, 11 am-7 pm

Jun. 29

Columbia, Vitae Foundation Columbia pro-life event & dinner, 6:30 pm, Hampton Inn & Suites, for info or to register visit vitaefoundation.org

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

17-20 Junio

Sedalia, Cursillo de Hombres, Sagrado Corazón, favor de inscribirse llamado a Luis Osvaldo Diaz al 660-829-5213

26-27 Junio

Marshall, Retiro de Parejas, Iglesia de San Pedro, favor de inscribirse llamado a Marcellino Chavez al 660-631-3748

VEIT

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ear, offering words of encouragement or praying for the wounded.

Observing the joyful family reunions taking place at our home during Mother's Day weekend, I realized that the elderly give much more to their families than they receive. It would be wonderful if Catholics the world over would use this year's World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to celebrate the vital role that

29 Julio-1 Agosto
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7-8 Agosto

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Meetings & Conferences

Jun. 9

VIRTUAL, Catholic Charities refugee resettlement program orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to register, contact Diana Twombly at 573-442-7568 or dtwombly@cccnm.org

Liturgical

Jun. 6

Mexico, Sung Latin Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday, noon, St. Brendan Church

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Jun. 4-6

Belleville, IL, REFLECT retreat for mid-life singles, King's House Retreat Center, for

info or to register, visit ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com or call 314-283-0044

Jun. 19

Laurie, "The New Evangelization via Elizabeth and Mary," pilgrimage with Denise Bossert, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info visit thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com

Youth & Young Adults

Jul. 18-22

Henley, Camp Siena for high school girls, Camp MoCoMi, for info visit diojeffcity.org/campsiena

Jul. 24

Laurie, "Courage" youth pilgrimage with Maggie Craig, 8 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info visit thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com

Aug. 2-6

Jefferson City, Ancient Rome "Summa Camp" for grade school students, 7:30 am-5 pm, St. Peter Interparish School, for info or to register email mrehagen@hellascatholic.com

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GARVEY

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her and a lot about her friends — not a bad thing for a parent.

The main point, after all, is to teach children to act independently — to show them in a

Grandparents and the Elderly in our families, parishes and senior living communities!

Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

controlled environment how to make their own decisions. But playing an active part in their childhood is also the happiest thing a parent will ever do.

There is a wide middle ground between smothering children for the sake of safety and leaving them to fend for themselves. I think my parents avoided the excesses of their own time and found a place somewhere within that broad territory; I think my wife and I did too. I hope more of today's parents can avoid going too far with the idea of micromanaging their children's lives.

Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington. Follow him on Twitter @CatholicPres. Catholic University's website is www.cua.edu.

Anniversaries

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 Marvin & Barb Wieberg, 37 years
 Leonard & Debbie Reinkemeyer, 32 years
 Kevin & Kelly Schwartze, 17 years

Camdenton, St. Anthony

Al & Jackie Sinovcic, 64 years
 Jim & Donna Hoffman, 51 years
 Bob & Charlene Nielsen, 51 years
 Chuck & Desri Amato, 35 years
 Chris & Kerry Blackwell, 31 years
 Ken & Karen Mustain, 26 years
 Matt & Michelle Rollheiser, 25 years
 Robert & Catrina Sperberg, 16 years

Canton, St. Joseph

Danny & Sharon Logsdon, 60 years

Eldon, Sacred Heart

Bernard & Liz Evers, 67 years

Fayette, St. Joseph

Charlie & Susan Flaspohler, 45 years
 Harold & Beth Lammers, 37 years
 Kirby & Kellie Asher, 10 years

Freeburg, Holy Family

Roy & Carol Plassmeyer, 61 years
 Harold & Judy Falter, 55 years
 Gerhard & Virginia Bax, 53 years
 Danny & Janice Plemmons, 43 years
 Jeff & Joan Plassmeyer, 36 years
 Albert & Brenda Dudenhoeffer, 34 years
 Jeff & Ruth Falter, 30 years
 Glen & Sheri Struempf, 22 years
 Doug & Bev Struempf, 21 years

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians

John & Donna Backes, 40 years

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception
 Dennis & Vickie Lueckenotte, 37 years

Kahoka, St. Michael

Danny & Sharon Logsdon, 60 years

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate

Ronald & Cartalene Ruddell, 63 years
 Don & Carol McCoy, 57 years
 David & Brenda Moore, 52 years
 Dale & Kocoo Vandike, 50 years
 Kenneth & Teresa Ziegler, 45 years
 Lavern & Joyce Schmitz, 44 years
 Damian & Bebe Schulte, 41 years
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 Lance & Krista Llewellyn, 31 years
 Bill & Lorna Begley, 17 years

Koeltztown, St. Boniface

Kenny & Cecilia Rademan, 50 years
 Leroy & Leigh Ann Falter, 38 years
 Ralph & Cathy Wilde, 32 years
 Travis & Stephanie Hoffman, 21 years
 Joe & Jessica Hoeller, 19 years
 Leon & Elaine Deeken, 18 years

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake
 Deacon Jim & Lusica Hankins, 42 years

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception
 Deacon Larry & Jo Hildebrand, 50 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Ed & Lisa Wieberg, 37 years
 Chris & Della Bohr, 32 years
 Jim & Liz Carline, 28 years
 Jeff & Jennifer Hunn, 25 years
 Aaron & Mandy Cope, 18 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart

Tom & Elsie Grellner, 64 years
 Allen & Rose Ann Scheulen, 53 years
 Ken & Carol Krieg, 41 years
 Pat & Joyce Neuner, 41 years
 Allen & Marlene Kleffner, 40 years
 Steve & Amy Kramer, 33 years
 Rich & Tina Eisterhold, 31 years
 Terry & Karen Mebruer, 31 years
 Brian & Sheila Luebbert, 26 years
 Dennis & Diana Neier, 21 years
 John & Theresa Mengwasser, 21 years
 Matt & Michelle Neuner, 20 years
 Harold & Amanda Stratman, 17 years
 Matt & Ashley Starke, 15 years
 David & Patty Bexten, 12 years

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul

Don & Juanita Klein, 65 years
 Eddie & Ruth Weller, 58 years
 Mike & Mary Bahner, 46 years
 Deacon Turf & JoAnn Martin, 46 years
 Doug & Melanie Benitz, 41 years

Vienna, Visitation

David & Terry Schwartze, 40 years
 John & Sheila Allen, 27 years

Birthdays

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Genevieve Juergensmeyer**, her 90th on May 24

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Al Vasey**, his 90th on May 15

Marshall, St. Peter — **Marge Elsea**, her 100th on June 8

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Viola Lepper-Ihler**, her 90th on May 28

Osage Bend, St. Margaret of Antioch — **Evelyn Bode**, her 95th on June 5

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Martha Stegeman**, her 95th on May 25

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Margie Rackers**, her 90th on May 27

Sacraments of Initiation

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **George Bacon**

Belle, St. Alexander — **Joselyn Belcher, Howard Snodgrass and Matt Stockton**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **John McCarthy**

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Amy Crocfer, Christina Loyd, Tanner Scott and Erin VanAlstine**

Names for the People Page

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Baptisms

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Tucker Wilson**, son of Doug & Crystal Wilson

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Jax Sensenich**, son of Claire Sensenich

California, Annunciation — **Arabella Miller**, daughter of Michael & Aracely Miller

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Brody and Trenton Brockman, Aubrie Fast, Ellie Fainter, Grayson James, Owen Kruse**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Evelyn Mary Barreca**, daughter of Trevor & Mackenzie Barreca

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Jennifer Dorothy Haslag**, daughter of Chris & Hilary Haslag

Fulton, St. Peter — **Vivien Helena Pierce**, daughter of Josh & Kim Pierce

Hermann, St. George — **Nelle Magnolia Cody**, daughter of Alex & Mary Cody; **Raegan Olivia Mundwiller**, daughter of Tim & Rachel Mundwiller; **Bodee Wissmann Schneider**, son of Todd & Laura Schneider; **Ace Henley Thurman**, son of Tyler & Kelly Thurman

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Lydia Grace Cook**, daughter of Daniel & Jessica Cook

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Baker Lucille Bestgen**, daughter of Nicholas & Maggie Bestgen; **John Fletcher Jennings**, son of Derrick & Katherine Jennings; **Evelyn Dody and James Weston Moore**, children of James Moore & Jessica Harris

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Brock Daniel Forsythe**

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Ewan Jessup Redel-Sharisin**, son of John Sharisin & Amy Redel

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Paislee Rae Kempker**, daughter of Cody & Kori Kempker

Russellville, St. Michael — **Hope Christine Painter**, daughter of Kody & Amanda Painter

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Beau Gregory Bennett**, son of Allen & Megan Bennett; **Baylor Lee McCubbins**, son of Kale & Ashley McCubbins; **Kaylyn Yvonne Meyer**, daughter of Alexander Meyer

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Drakeson Joseph, Edason Lee and Farrah Marie Lear, Dean Abraham Thompson**

Deaths

Sister Deanne Stratmann, 82 — of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who previously taught in Jefferson City — on Feb. 12 in St. Louis.

David A. Boessen, 78 — brother of Sister Anne Boessen, SSND of Wardsville — on May 14. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 18 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Baring, St. Aloysius — **Janet S. Moore**

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Jerry McGuire**

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Bill Boillot, Gordon Davis, Brian Doerr**

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Lloyd George**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Betty Sanzaro**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Richard Corwin**

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Robert P. Dudenhoeffer**

Hermann, St. George — **Maxine M. Von Behren**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Robert E. Deeken Sr., Roxana M. Woodland, Ardith Ann Wilson**

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Raymond A. Rustemeyer**

Marceline, St. Bonaventure — **Margaret Cochran, Deanna Lisac**

Mokane, St. Jude Thaddeus — **Harry Feaster, Joyce Hickman**

Rolla, St. Patrick — **Terry Cossette**

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Mark S. Oligschlaeger**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Scott M. Vaughan**

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Aloysius L. Luebbering**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Cooper L. Smith**



Crossword puzzle answers

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LEFT: Students of St. Stanislaus School in Wardsville enter St. Stanislaus Church with fresh flowers for the school's annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother during an all-school Mass May 7.

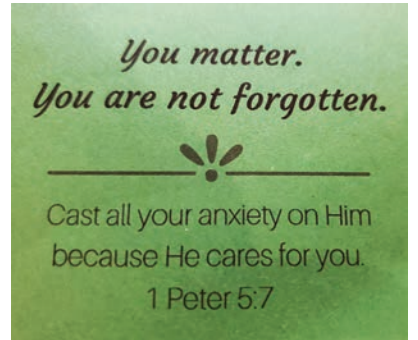
— Photo from the St. Stanislaus School Facebook page

RIGHT: The student council president from Visitation Inter-parish School in Vienna crowns an image of the Blessed Mother during an all-school Mass May 6 in Visitation Church.

— Photo from the Visitation Parish bulletin

Inspired by lessons on the Corporal Works of Mercy and Almsgiving, kindergarten through seventh-grade PSR students of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg wanted to do something for people who are less fortunate. When PSR teachers Gwen Deimeke and Kelly Kuda began talking about the different ways to help, the students decided to make blessing bags to give out to the homeless. Each student's family donated money, and Dr. Stephens, a local dentist, donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for the bags. Each bag contains one pair of socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, hand-sanitizer, bandages, bottled water, crackers, peanuts, a granola bar, wipes, soap, candy and a note card signed by each student with the message: "You matter, you are not forgotten. Cast your anxiety on Him because He cares for you," (1 Peter 5-7).

— Photo by Kelly Kuda



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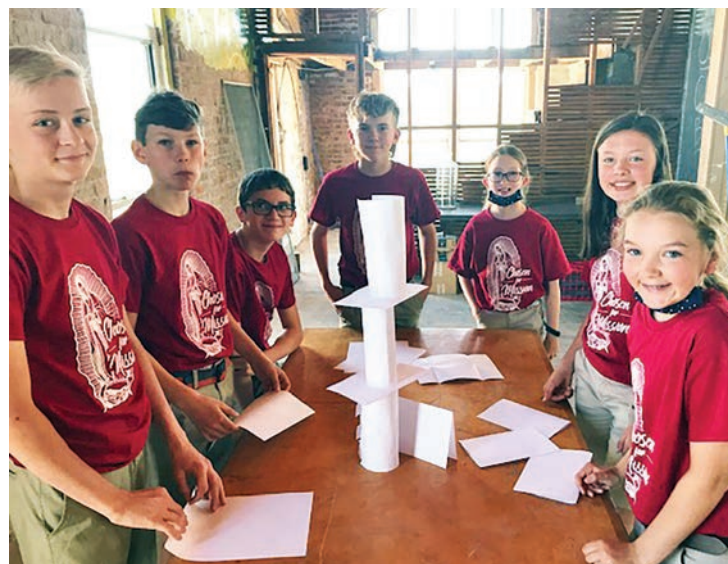


Seventh- and eighth-graders at Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline enjoy their April 30 field trip to the Kansas City Zoo.

— Photos from the Fr. McCartan Memorial School Facebook page

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Sixth- and seventh-graders at St. George School in Linn take part in a retreat built around the diocesan Sixth and Seventh Grade Vocation Day on May 5. "We focused not only on vocations but choosing God in all things," stated Lisa Grellner, principal. "We had the students do team building activities."

— Photos by Lisa Grellner

The apostles receive the Holy Spirit

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the apostles were together in a house in Jerusalem.

Suddenly, they heard a loud sound from the sky, like a strong, driving wind. Then they saw tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began speaking in different languages, because the Spirit enabled them to do so.

Devout Jews from many different nations were in Jerusalem for Pentecost. When they heard the loud sound coming from the apostles' house, they went to investigate.



They were astonished to hear the apostles speaking in different languages.

“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear

them in his own native language?” they asked in surprise. “We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

Some wondered what it meant, but others just scoffed. “They have had too much new wine,” they sneered.

Peter stood with the apostles and raised his voice.

“These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only 9 o'clock in the morning,” he said.

Peter explained that a prophecy from the prophet Joel was being fulfilled, which said God would pour out a portion of His Spirit upon all flesh and people would be able

to prophesy.

Peter then told those gathered about Jesus' life and ministry, and he explained that Jesus was the Messiah.

“What are we to do, my brothers?” the people asked.

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,” Peter said.

About 3,000 people who believed what Peter said were baptized that day.

Read more about it...

Acts 2

1. What sound did the apostles hear in their house?

2. What were the apostles able to do after receiving the Holy Spirit?

Bible Accent

In Acts 1, we read about the first Christian community in Jerusalem.

One day, the community had a decision to make.

Peter stood in the midst of about 120 Christians and spoke of the apostle Judas, who had betrayed Jesus and later killed himself.

Peter said that it was written in the Book of Psalms, “May another take his office.”

“Therefore,” he said, “it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and

went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which He was taken up from us, become with us a witness to His resurrection.”

Two men were suggested: Matthias and Joseph, who was called Barsabbas and also known as Justus.

After the two men were suggested, everyone began to pray.

“You, Lord, Who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his

own place,” they said.

Then everyone was given lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias.

From that day on, Matthias was counted with the 11 apostles.

Trivia

What did Jesus tell the apostles to wait for? (Hint: Acts 1:4)

Answer: The promise of the Father.

Saint Spotlight

St. Lutgardis was born in Belgium in 1182. At age 12, she went to live with Benedictine nuns after her father lost her dowry. After Christ appeared to her and showed her His wounds, she renounced the world to become a nun. She later left the Benedictines for a stricter life with Cistercians at Aywieres. Lutgardis lost her eyesight in 1235 but considered it as another way of being detached from the world. She became known as a great spiritual counselor and healer, and she is now considered among the great medieval women mystics. Lutgardis died in 1246, and we remember her on June 16.



Puzzle

Using the hints provided from the Acts of the Apostles, circle T if a sentence is true, and circle F if it is false. If a sentence is false, write the correct answer on the line provided.

1. T/F Peter healed a blind man. (3:1-10) _____
2. T/F Peter and John agreed to stop talking about Jesus. (4:16-20) _____
3. T/F Philip was stoned to death. (7:59) _____
4. T/F Barnabas and Silas completed a relief mission. (12:25) _____



Answers: 1. F/crippled beggar; 2. T; 3. F/Stephen; 4. F/Saul.

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Similar notetaking Bibles, both excellent, have some differences

The Ignatius Notetaking and Journaling Bible, Revised Standard Version, Second Catholic Edition. Ignatius Press (San Francisco, 2020). 1,237 pp., \$39.95.

The Ave Catholic Notetaking Bible, Revised Standard Version, Second Catholic Edition. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2021). 1,510 pp., \$49.95.

Reviewed by Eugene J. Fisher
Catholic News Service

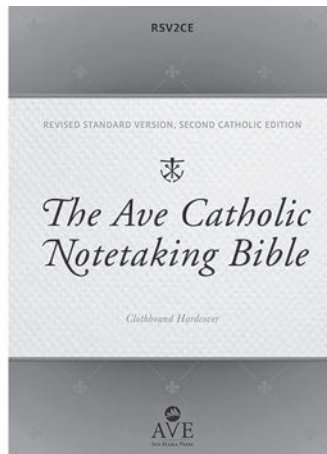
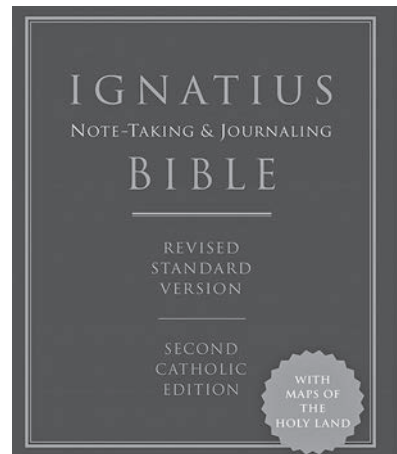
These two excellent volumes are in many ways very similar. Both contain the entire text of the Bible, both testaments, with about half of each page blank, with lines on which the readers can make notes.

Each volume has footnotes to the passages of the Bible.

The Ave Maria volume has references to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Both also have references to other biblical passages which are related to those on the page, whether from the Hebrew Scriptures or the New Testament.

The Ave Maria volume has short essays: an overview of the Bible by John Bergsma, an introduction to the Old Testament by Anthony Pagliarini and an introduction to the New Testament by Sarah Christmyer.

At the end of the volume are helpful articles on “Eight Steps



to Becoming a Bible Reader,” “How to Love the Word” and reading plans for Advent, Lent and throughout the year.

My one caveat to this otherwise very good volume comes in the introduction to the New Testament in which the author speaks of “the old broken covenant” between God and the Jewish people. Neither Jesus, the New Testament or official Catholic teaching proclaim this falsehood.

God’s covenant with the Jews was and is irrevocable — as St. Paul affirmed in his Letter to the Romans and the Catholic Church has officially proclaimed in the Second Vatican Council’s declaration “*Nostra Aetate*” and subsequent official statements.

The Ignatius volume does not have such helpful short essays but it does include color

maps of the Middle East in the time of Abraham and Sarah; the route(s) of the Exodus; Israel in the times of Joshua, Saul and the kingdom, both united and divided between Israel and Judah; the Near East under the Assyrians and Babylonians; the Holy Land in the times of the Maccabees and the Greco-Roman period; Palestine and Jerusalem in the time of Jesus; the journeys of Paul; the early churches throughout the Mediterranean Sea; and the Holy Land today.

A final note that may help readers decide which of these

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Francesco (not rated)
The Mitchells vs. the Machines (PG)



Adults

Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train (R)
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Here Today (PG-13)
Monster (R)
Profile (R)
Roe v. Wade (PG-13)
Those Who Wish Me Dead (R)
Voyagers (PG-13)



Limited Adult Audience

Separation (R)



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Mortal Kombat (R)
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Wrath of Man (R)

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volumes to purchase is that the Ave Maria volume is larger and heavier, which provides more room for taking notes but

makes it harder to hold.

Fisher is a professor of theology at St. Leo University in Florida.

‘The Pope Benedict XVI Reader’ offers writings of a brilliant theologian

Irving, Texas

It is difficult to overestimate the impact that Pope Benedict XVI has had on the Catholic Church.

He served the people of God as a priest, an advisor at the Second Vatican Council,

a bishop, a cardinal, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and the 265th pope.

But in addition to his influence as a churchman, Joseph Ratzinger also stands out as one of the most significant thinkers in recent history.

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Catholics and non-Catholics alike have been inspired and challenged by his theological writings.

For many people, it can be difficult to know where to begin. *The Pope Benedict XVI Reader*, a new book from the Word on Fire Institute, offers a point of entry for anyone seeking a deeper engagement with his teachings.

This wide-ranging collection draws together some of the finest excerpts from Ratzinger’s books, interviews, speeches, audiences, and homilies, with

insights on a variety of topics, including the Trinity, the person of Jesus Christ, the Church, Mary and the saints, the Bible, the liturgy, prayer, the Second Vatican Council, and the challenge of living the faith in the modern world. What emerges is a fascinating portrait of a man whose legacy of scholarly erudition, pastoral gentleness, and deep and abiding love for Christ and His Church continues to awe the world.

“This collection of Ratzinger’s writings, from across many years and on a range of themes, is meant to give an overview of his thought to those already acquainted with it and an introduction to those unfamiliar with it,” Bishop Robert Barron writes in the foreword. “I hope that, as this great man comes to the end of his earthly pilgrimage, this book might function not only as a summation of his thought but, more importantly, as a humble tribute to him.”

GRADUATION

From page 4

“Over the last four years, I learned how to build and deepen and strengthen relationships, and I’ll take what I learned from them and I’ll apply that to my new friends in college,” he said.

He plans to be active in Catholic campus ministry and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes while studying at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville this fall.

He said he’s grateful to the school’s faculty and administration “for putting up with us for four years.”

He asked for prayers “for us, for our futures.”

Elaina said she’s proud of her brother and sister who graduated from Helias ahead of her.

She asked for prayers “that we all have a successful life.”

“Accepting God’s plan”

Greta Hinds said she’s proud of her class for overcoming the challenges posed by the pandemic and coming up with creative ways to stay connected despite it.

She plans to attend Rockhurst University in Kansas City to double-major in psychology and elementary education while playing golf.

She said she’ll miss having a personal connection with her teachers and friends and playing on the Helias golf team with her sister.

She counts among her most important lessons learned at Helias Catholic that that “God puts people in your life for a reason,” and even the smallest action can make the biggest difference in someone’s life.

“As a part of this community, I was able to intertwine faith, academics and athletics,” she said. “I was also able to have a built-in support system.”

She is especially grateful to her parents and teachers.

“Without their love, care and support, I would not be here today!” she said.

She plans on practicing her



his faith before transferring to Helias Catholic for his sophomore year.

“When I came to Helias, I was able to integrate back into a Catholic community,” he said.

He said he’ll miss praying and serving at

Catholic Mass in Helias Catholic’s beautiful chapel.

“I have endured many hardships as well as great times, and none of those have been possible without God,” she said.

She is committed to “accepting God’s plan for your life and knowing that He has a greater purpose for you.”

It will involve “sharing my faith story with others to inspire them in growing their faith journey,” she said.

Greta said that if she has her own children someday, she wants to send them to Helias.

“I know that they would come out with a stronger Catholic identity, good morals for the future, and a quality education,” she said.

“Bold and courageous”

John Paul McGuire said he had become lukewarm in

Mass in Helias Catholic’s beautiful chapel.

He’s grateful to Mark Rehaugen, one of his favorite teachers, who taught him Latin and set a good example “of a devout and Holy Catholic.”

“To be a Catholic means to follow Christ and His Church, which He established so that we can strive for eternal life with Christ,” said John Paul. “This matters because our soul God gave us matters, to truly care for our souls is to follow the Church and to truly be a saint.”

He plans to take up seminary studies and discern a possible calling to the Priesthood.

He urges his fellow Catholics to “be bold and courageous in their faith and not shy away from our Church’s history and the Church’s teachings and be countercultural so that Christ’s message can be given to all.”

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 30

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40
Ps. 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Rom. 8:14-17
Mt. 28:16-20

Monday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep. 3:14-18a or Rom. 12:9-16
(Ps.) Is. 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Lk. 1:39-56

Tuesday, Jun 1

St. Justin, martyr
Tb. 2:9-14
Ps. 112:1-2, 7-8, 9
Mk. 12:13-17

Wednesday, Jun 2

Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs
Tb. 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Ps. 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mk. 12:18-27

Thursday, Jun 3

St. Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs
Tb. 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mk. 12:28-34

Friday, Jun 4

Tb. 11:5-17
Ps. 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Mk. 12:35-37

Saturday, Jun 5

St. Boniface, bishop and martyr
Tb. 12:1, 5-15, 20
(Ps.) Tb. 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8
Mk. 12:38-44

Sunday, Jun 6

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)
Ex. 24:3-8
Ps. 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Heb. 9:11-15
Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday, Jun 7

2 Cor. 1:1-7
Ps. 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt. 5:1-12

Tuesday, Jun 8

2 Cor. 1:18-22
Ps. 119:129-133, 135
Mt. 5:13-16

Wednesday, Jun 9

St. Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church
2 Cor. 3:4-11
Ps. 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Mt. 5:17-19

Thursday, Jun 10

2 Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Ps. 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mt. 5:20-26

Friday, Jun 11

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Hos. 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
(Ps.) Is. 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Eph. 3:8-12, 14-19
Jn. 19:31-37

Saturday, Jun 12

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Cor. 5:14-21
Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Lk. 2:41-51

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— Photos from the Immaculate Conception Catholic School FB page

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Summer registration for men's, women's and co-ed teen programs are now open!

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OUR 130TH

PARISH PICNIC

Our Lady Help of Christians **Frankenstein**

9 miles north of Linn on Hwy. C

Sunday, June 6

11 am - 7 pm

Refreshments
Souvenirs
Games

Fried Chicken &
German Pot Roast

\$14
DRIVE-THRU
& WALK-UP MEALS

Craft Stand
Country Store

Quilt Auction
at 5 pm

Annunciation Catholic Church

Annual PICNIC

California

Sunday, June 6

11am-6 pm

Chicken & Roast Pork Dinner

mashed potatoes & gravy,
green beans, corn, slaw,
applesauce and pie
Served
Family Style

Adults \$12
Children 5-12 \$6
Under 5 FREE
Pick-up & Carry-outs
behind the church

Games - Country Store - Prizes - Refreshments