Bishop Roger Foys dedicated and consecrated the Relic Shrine of St. Paul, Aug. 23, in St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington. Over 300 relics are displayed in the Relic Shrine of St. Paul, located underneath the baldacchino behind the Cathedral's main altar.

At the heart of this collection are two skull relics, taken from the 11,000 companion martyrs of St. Ursula and donated from a shrine in Cologne, Germany to Covington's third bishop, Camillus Paul Maes, in the early 20th century. The Diocese of Covington has been collecting relics since the episcopate of its first bishop, Bishop George Aloysius Carrell, but a great number of relics came from Bishop Maes, who traveled to Europe often and brought relics back with him. Over the course of his 30 year episcopate, Bishop Maes not only expanded the diocesan collection with dozens of first-class relics for the growing Church in Northern Kentucky, but inventoried and documented it as well.

Bishop Foys has continued the work of his episcopal predecessors and shown his commitment to the Church's devotional life through devotion to holy relics. He has expanded the relic collection with some of the Church's newest saints and blesseds, including: Pope St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Bl. Solanus Casey, Bl. Stanley Rother, Bl. Miguel Pro, Bl. Carlo Acutis, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Damien of Molokai, Bl. Franz Jägerstätter, St. Oscar Romero, St. Katharine Drexel, Bl. Anna Maria Taigi, Bl. Clelia Merloni, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, St. Edith Stein, Bl. Mariam Teresa Demjanovych, St. José Sanchez del Rio, Bl. Karl of Austria, and St. Conrad of Parzham.

At the center of this collection of relics is a gilded altarpiece, commissioned from New Guild Studios of Braddock, Penn. A Latin quote is inscribed on the altar, just beneath the altarpiece – it reads Sancte Paule + Ora Pro Nobis.
At senior Mass, Bishop Foys and students listen to St. Paul as they navigate transition

Laura Keener
Editor

Four high school seniors opened the annual High School senior Mass, Sept. 17, with an introductory call to worship. “God of joy and hope, we thank you for bringing us here — to the start of our senior year … As we prepare to walk across the stage in May to receive our diplomas, let us walk in prayerful gratitude for the many blessings that have made this accomplishment real and filled with great potential,” said Jeanna Alwell, senior, Bishop Brossart High School, to the over 600 seniors from the nine Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Covington that were gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington.

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“For you, the last few years of high school have been very different than most classes before you. But we enter this year having learned many things about the pandemic and how to handle life's challenges … God has called each of you to great things. Let's pray that your journey to discovering what that means in your lives will continue to be revealed throughout your senior year and beyond.”

In his homily Bishop Foys spoke about transitions and how they are unavoidable.

“Every transition brings with it changes. Some of those changes might be subtle but others are traumatic,” Bishop Foys said. “How we respond to each of those transitions is important because that will determine what our life will be.”

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Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing takes home the gold

Ellen Curtin Messenger Contributor

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As the health ministry of the Rose Garden Home Mission of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary in Covington, the Center provides unrivaled, professional, respectful care to impoverished people from across Northern Kentucky without charge and without regard to age, sex, race or religion. Relying entirely on donations and volunteers, it has touched more than 6,000 lives.

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Interested professionals can contact Sheila Carroll, Executive Director, rghmclinic@gmail.com, about opportunities to serve the poor of Northern Kentucky.

The Center for Hope and Healing is state-licensed as a Special Health Clinic. Fully-licensed medical professionals on the staff include two doctors, seven nurse practitioners, 14 registered nurses (one a certified diabetes educator), a clinical counselor/addictions specialist, and an ultrasound technician. Members of five dental practices rotate at the dental clinic, and a podiatry clinic was launched this year.

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You are cordially invited to attend the 2021 Seminary Ball, Friday, Oct. 22.
At the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, Covington. Come and support those men who have answered God’s call and are discerning a vocation to the priesthood for the Diocese of Covington.
Cost to attend is $90 per person, and sponsorship opportunities begin at $250. For information on this year’s Seminary Ball, visit www.covdio.org/seminaryball or contact the Diocesan Stewardship Office: e-mail, stedwardship@covdio.org; phone, (859) 392-1500.

Pro-Life Office assists pro-life parish coordinators

Messenger staff report

The diocesan Pro-Life Office held its annual parish information night, Sept. 15. Faye Roch, director, welcomed pro-life coordinators from many parishes throughout the diocese to learn more about available resources and organizations that parishes can collaborate with as they assist moms and babies.

Addia Wuchner, executive director, Kentucky Right to Life, shared information on the “Yes for Life” campaign. Pro-life supporters across the Commonwealth of Kentucky are encouraged to vote “Yes.” Now it is on legislation that clarifies that the Kentucky Constitution shall not protect a right to abortion or allow state funding for an abortion. For information visit www.yesforlife.org.

Two pregnancy care centers — New Hope Center and CareNet Pregnancy Care Center — shared with parish leaders the many resources offered to moms facing unexpected pregnancies. These services include pregnancy testing, counseling and ultrasound services — all at no cost to clients. Additionally, mentoring programs are available for new moms and dads through both centers.

Ben Bertsch, director, Therapeutic Foster Care/Adoption, DCCH Center for Children and Families, Ft. Mitchell, introduced the new ministry — St. Joseph Ministry with pro-life offers of services that will make the full-time job more manageable, like respite care, tutoring or mentoring.

Another lesser-known ministry the “Missing Alexis Foundation,” explained its mission of ministering to families who have experienced the loss of a baby. From delivering memory boxes, hosting the monthly HEARTS support group, sponsoring the annual NKY Walk to Remember, and the annual Angel Ball Gala, the Missing Alexis Foundation is committed to promoting pregnancy and infant loss awareness, and serving grieving families.

Two parish pro-life coordinators were also encouraged to participate in the 40 Days for Life Campaign by organizing parishioners to pray at Planned Parenthood, Cincinnati.

Information on where to find resources to promote October as Respect Life Month was also shared. This year, instead of printed materials, parish pro-life coordinators may visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website, www.respectlife.org, for resources.

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Bring your family and friends as we join together on this joyful occasion and greatest support of life — celebrating the Eucharist.
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Bishop's Schedule

Sept. 9 Holy Hour, Cathedral Basilica, 6 p.m.
Vespers welcoming Bishop-Elect John C. Iffert, Cathedral Basilica, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10 Ordination/installation of Most Rev. John C. Iffert as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, Cathedral Basilica, 3 p.m.

Sept. 25 Knights of the Holy Sepulchre welcome, 8:30 a.m.
Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Mass, St. Peter in Chains Basilica, 10 a.m.
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Work — ‘Is he not the carpenter?’

Yet spiritual writers have attempted to draw insight from the silence of the “hidden years” in the life of Jesus.

The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church treats the theme of “Jesus, a man of work” in the section on “Human Work” entitled “The Biblical Aspect.” (SDIC, nn. 259-260)

In his preaching, Jesus teaches that we should appreciate work.

He himself having "become like us in all things, devoted most of the years of his life on earth to manual work at the carpenter’s bench” (LE, n. 6) in the workshop of Joseph (cf. Matt 13:55; Mark 6:3), to whom he was obedient (cf. Luke 2:51).

Jesus condemns the behavior of the useless servant, who hides his talent in the ground (cf. Matt 25:14-30) and praises the faithful and prudent servant whom the Master finds hard at work at the duties entrusted to him (cf. Matt 24:46).

He describes his own mission as that of working:

“My Father is working and I am working” (John 5:17), and his disciples as workers in the harvest of the Lord, which is the evangelization of humanity (cf. Matt 9:37-39).”

An almost casual detail in the Gospel of Mark has inspired this sort of reflection.

The scene is that of the rejection of Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth. Although they are aware of the wisdom of Jesus’ teaching and the power of his miracles, the mood of his neighbors shifts from amazement to hostility (Mark 6:1-6).

The townsfolk challenge Jesus’ wisdom and power because they are scandalized by his humble origins — the scandal of particularity. Their rhetorical question — “Is this not the carpenter?” — appears to be derogatory. In other words, “How can this ‘town carpenter,’ a neighbor along with his family be better than anyone else?”

The “scandal of ordinariness” becomes a stumbling block to faith. The origins of Jesus are too pedestrian and “familiarity breeds contempt.” Triumphalistic but misguided expectations of a glorious Messiah blinds the people of Jesus’ native place to Emmanuel, “God with us.”

While the identification of “carpenter” connotes a broader meaning (e.g., “craftsman” or “builder”), the traditional standard translations of the Gospels render the Greek word nisten in verse 3 as “carpenter,” a worker in wood.

A theological inference can be drawn: the incarnate Son of God, the full revelation of the divine and the human, is disclosed in the ordinary texture of human life. The scene in Mark, chapter 6, affirms that the reality of God is present to his people in the ordinary and mundane affairs of life — in work and in family; in the very marketplace of life.

Without doubt, “the work” of Christ is one of redemptive salvation enacted in life, death and resurrection. Nonetheless, Jesus’ “hidden years” are a sign of divine solidarity with the conditions of flesh and blood and women and men in the nitty-gritty of day-to-day life.

“Gaudium et Spes” speaks of a redemptive dimension of human labor: “...through labor offered to God man is associated with the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, who confers an eminent dignity on labor when at Nazareth He worked with his hands” (GS, n. 67). The Pastoral Constitution concludes, therefore, that there is a duty to work reliably, an obligation correlative to the right to work.

Again, in discussing the spirituality of work, Pope St. John Paul II referred to Jesus Christ as “the man of work.” His encyclical “Laborum Exercens” (“On Human Work,” 1981) identifies Jesus’ proclamation of the kingdom and his deeds as “the gospel of work,” because “He who proclaimed it was Himself a man of work, a craftsman like Joseph of Nazareth” (LE, n. 28).

Even if Jesus did not issue a specific command to work, the encyclical points out that Jesus’ life was an eloquent testimony to the “working world.”

The poetic eloquence of St. Ephrem the Syrian matched the silent, lived eloquence of Jesus, the worker in wood. In his “Hymns on the Nativity,” this ancient Christian writer composed a song for the lips of the ordinary worker approaching ‘the son of Joseph’ — “Blessed be your coming, O Master of workers everywhere . . .”

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The Law of the Lord is perfect and simple, but not easy


In a recent column the Anglican priest and theologian, Ephraim Radner, remarked that “many Christians have simply forgotten that a deep desire for God really is, and how it stretches our souls with an almost agonizing patience. While I certainly think that is true, I am most familiar myself with the agonizing part but usually not the patience!” However, I think he makes an important point we must contemplate, given how much of Christianity and the Christian spiritual life has fallen prey and been reduced to a certain therapeutic mentality with some “spiritual” faddism.

The consequence of this therapeutic mentality taking over much of the mindset of Christians is that, almost without noticing it, most of all they have made God the living God — revealed to us by Jesus Christ through his Church. We end up seeking a god that looks suspiciously like some elevated form of ourselves. In this vein, we see what is a form of self-referential religiosity that might still prompt a person to the holy Mass on occasion but leaves him in the likely situation of worshiping himself without quite realizing it. There is a real danger of what I call “do-good, don’t be bad” bourgeois idolatry in this very superficial approach to discipleship. The slogan for this might be summed up in the ubiquitous meme, “live your best life!” with a thumbs up Jesus emoji appended.

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History seemed to be repeating itself at St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring, as, after one year and a day from the original set date, the parish welcomed Bishop Roger Foys, Sept. 19, to celebrate its sesquicentennial Mass.

Concelebrating at Mass was Msgr. Gerald Reinersman, pastor; Father Samuel Owusu, parochial vicar; Father Albert Ruschman, son of the parish; and Father Robert Henderson, former pastor, with Deacon Stephen Bennett assisting.

In a letter to parishioners, Msgr. Reinersman shared that a similar situation occurred 100 years ago when the parish was celebrating its 50th anniversary amid the Spanish flu pandemic.

"Though our parish was established in 1870, the 50th anniversary was not celebrated until 51 years later on Sept. 18, 1921," Msgr. Reinersman said. "I suspect the delay was due to the Spanish flu pandemic. Here we are, 109 years later, and our 150th jubilee celebration was also delayed by a pandemic by one year and celebrated on practically the same date as the 50th."

Despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic, led by the parish’s Jubilee Committee, St. Joseph Parish honored its jubilee in a myriad of ways, honoring its Jubilee theme “Grateful for the past; Faithful in the present; Hopeful for the future.”

On Aug. 15, 2020, Father Reinersman blessed and dedicated the new Jubilee Park which features an outdoor pavilion and playground. In March 2021, the parish welcomed speaker and evangelist Joe Farris who led a fruitful, weeklong parish mission. During the year, nearly 100 parishioners completed the 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph. To honor its heritage the parish added photographs of its former and current pastors to Memorial Hall and composed an historical video. Also, local artist, Jan Neufelder, was commissioned to create an oil painting of St. Joseph Church. A Christmas ornament bearing the painting was created and sold with the proceeds benefiting Holy Redeemer Parish, Vanceburg, and Mustard Seed Communities in Jamaica.

The Mass with Bishop Foys, originally meant to open the jubilee year, became its finale. It was joyfully celebrated as the St. Joseph Parish Choirs rattled the rafters singing the parish-adopted Jubilee hymn “Find Us Faithful,” a hymn of gratitude for the faith of those who came before and an imploration to God that the faith of current parishioners be an inspiration for future generations.

The day's Gospel was the familiar passage from St. Mark, where the apostles are bickering over who should be first and Jesus presents to his apostles a child saying, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

"Jesus says you can’t be selfish, you need to turn that selfishness into selflessness," said Bishop Foys. "We need to look to the good of others, especially those less fortunate. ... But what does any of this have to do with the 150th anniversary year that we celebrate today?"

"It has everything to do with it," Bishop Foys said, acknowledging that the parish, which began in 1870, was started with few parishioners and endured many hardships including the Great Depression, world wars and a pandemic.

"So how is it that we can celebrate 150 years? Because this parish, it's leadership and it's parishioners went outside of itself, worked for and toward the greater good, and this is what we have today," Bishop Foys said. "The buildings, the campus, is very impressive but even more impressive is the spiritual life that lives in this parish. The spiritual life that is built upon the spiritual lives of every generation that preceded us.”

Bishop Foys ended his homily with words of congratulation...
“Congratulations to you all,” he said. “Pray for those very early parishioners who saw something that others did not see and trusted the Lord and were faithful to the Lord and to his Word and to his Church. … We are blessed to be one of those generations, and to our faith, our devotion and our dedication to the Lord and to his Church future generations will look back in gratitude and prayer for us.

There is a lot to be thankful for — this is a joyous day.”

Before the final blessing, Msgr. Reinersman thanked Bishop Foys for his presence and the Sisters of Notre Dame and Divine Providence who were also present. “Thank you Bishop Foys for being here today and thank you for your pastoral concern which, I know, isn’t just on days like this but every day. We have benefited from that mightily,” Msgr. Reinersman said. “I also want to acknowledge the presence of the women religious who are here — Sisters of Notre Dame and Sisters of Divine Providence. Your presence today shows us that your ministry here at the parish is ongoing and that there is always a connection and a relationship of love between the parish and the Sisters.”

Mother of God Cemetery announces VISITATION DAY

Sunday, September 26 at 1:30 p.m.

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Chairs will be available.

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History of St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring

Tom Ward
Messenger Contributor

The early history of St. Joseph Parish in Cold Spring is somewhat sketchy. The exact date at which the first congregation of local Catholics was organized is not recorded. The only thing clear is that its beginning was closely connected with the St. Joseph Orphan Asylum that Bishop Augustus Toebbe founded in 1869 on the recently purchased Walsh property (near the site of the current Disabled American Veterans building). Father Caspar Wiese, chaplain of the orphanage, presided in 1870 at the first recorded baptisms in Cold Spring.

During that same year, a small white, wooden frame church was constructed with funds supplied by the small group of Catholics in the area. Bishop Toebbe dedicated the little church under the patronage of St. Joseph. It seems that at that humble beginning the bishop established it as a parish with Father Wiese as the first pastor. Within a few years, the parish had a school with one teacher, Brother Joseph Merschmann of the Society of Mary, who later became a diocesan priest and pastor of the parish. By the end of the 1870s, St. Joseph School had 75 pupils and was staffed by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

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A new adult faith formation program “Light a Fire: Re-ignite Your Catholic Faith” will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at Kelley Hall, St. Joseph Parish, Cold Spring. The first session is Monday, Sept. 27. The series is open to all adults and there is no pre-registration required — individuals may simply show up to any or all sessions based on their interest and availability.

A directed retreat for women and men focused on “The Presence of God” will be held at St. Walburg Monastery Guest House, Villa Hills, Oct. 8–10. Retreatants are invited to join the monastic choir for Sunday Liturgy of the Hours and Mass. Each retreatant will have a private room and enjoy individual spiritual direction on all three days. Due to Covid-restrictions at the monastery, lunch and dinner will be “on your own,” bringing food in or going out. The number of retreatants is limited to six persons. Arrangements and fees are determined with your reservation. Spiritual directors are Benedictine Sisters Cathy Bauer and Dorothy Schuette. Call 443-8515 or e-mail dorothysosb@gmail.com.

The fourth annual Rosary Coast to Coast event will be held Oct. 10, 4 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Grotto of the Two Hearts. This is an international event praying — under the protective mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe — for the spiritual health of the United States. Rain or shine. Bring a chair.

Join the Covington Diocesan Division, World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Our Lady’s Blue Army to commemorate the “104th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun” Oct. 13, at Our Lady’s Farm, Falmouth. Rosary begins at 11 a.m. followed by a procession of Our Lady of Fatima and Mass at 11:30 a.m. Contact jeangeiman@gmail.com.

The 7th annual St. Joseph Academy golf outing, “Tee off for the Kids,” Oct. 15, at The Willows Golf Course, Independence. Shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., cost $100 golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch buffet, refreshments, and dinner. Proceeds to replace outdated A/C units. Contact 485-6444 or lnx@sjawalton.com, or register and pay online at https://sjawalton.com/Golf-Outing.


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we live. The narcissism inherent in our cultural milieu bewitches us with temptations to look anywhere other than the trustworthy decrees of the Lord for wisdom (cf. Psalm 19). We are subjected to a drumbeat of disillusionment that would have us believe that following the “law of the Lord” and his way makes us simpletons and dupes, unenlightened people mystified by silly myths. Interestingly, there is a myth at work in our times, which Liel Leibovitz notes “is a tale of the pursuit of liberty” that is “possible only once faith is discarded.” And underwriting this atheistic, hedonistic myth is the simplistic mantra: “wanton desires good, religion bad.”

Those who want to follow Christ seriously — and there really is no other way — must put paid to this sensualist myth and therapeutic-idolatrous mentality which has corrupted and confused many. Perhaps it is time we made the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor: “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might make the words of Moses to Joshua our prayer, our aspiration, our hope, and our labor."

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hool without television. Instead, we imagined what we heard on radio. With no television, we spent our childhood playing outside and riding a bike if we were lucky enough to have one. We did play outside and we did play on our own. There was no Little League. There was no city playground for kids. The lack of television in our early years meant for most of us that we had little understanding of what the world was like. On Saturday afternoons, the movies gave us newscasts of the war sandwiched in between newscasts and cartoons. Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party line) and hung on the wall.

Personally, my first bike was a Schwinn and I crashed it against an iron gate on my first ride. Mom sold it the next day. That caused more pain than the treating of my gashed forehead. They used clamps instead of stitches. That scar has finally disappeared. I finally got a new bike and never crashed again … much. The movies were my “babysitter” in the summer because my mother had to work in downtown Cincinnati. From our walk-up flat in Covington, I could walk to any of three theaters in about 10 minutes. It was a Monday through Friday “Life Of Riley” for me. Newscasts were stark, dark, hard-to-forget history lessons in bold black and white, projecting worldwide chunks of “what’s happening.” Forget “G” or “PG” or “R” in those days. I give thanks for current movie and television rating systems as a way to prevent harmful surprises in films, on TV and as a stronger, more pointed alert for parents and their children. During the period in question, I learned how to take care of myself, to stay out of trouble, how to avoid questionable companionships and how great it feels to be trusted.

He wrote: “We were the last group who had to find out for ourselves. As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. New highways and bridges would bring jobs and mobility. The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics. The radio network expanded from three stations to thousands of stations. Our parents were finally free from the confines of the depression and the war and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined. We weren’t neglected, but we weren’t today’s all-consuming family focus. They were glad we played by ourselves until the street lights came on. They were busy discovering the post-war world. We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity … a world where we were welcomed. Depression poverty was deep rooted and we learned to save and not be wasteful. Peace was still a crippler. We are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland. We came of age in the 40s and 50s. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease. Our generation can remember both a time of the war; a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We have lived through them both! We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better, not worse. We are the Silent Generation — “The Last Ones.” More than 99 percent of us are either retired or deceased and privileged to have lived in the best of times.”

Personally, I was positively affected, certainly not overnight, by careful goal-setting, patience, perseverance and the development of sound priorities. None of the aforementioned pluses could have happened along the way without the help of some very dedicated teachers, mentors, trusted friends, family and God’s good, unending graces.

Time now for you to ponder and for all of us to give thanks.

Roy Smith is a commissioned Lay Pastoral Minister for the Diocese of Covington.
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be like.”

An essential way to cope during times of transition is to hold fast to the constants in life — faith and Jesus Christ, he said.

“The one constant is Jesus Christ,” Bishop Foys said. “The one person that we can be sure will never betray us, and will never disappoint us, and will never let us down, and will always be there, is Jesus Christ.”

In the first reading, Bishop Foys said, St. Paul offers Timothy words by which to live.

“Pouch and urge these things, be it telling ‘Timothy’” Bishop Foys said. “That there is one truth in life and that is Jesus Christ. Whoever teaches something different, listen to this, who does not agree with the sound words of our Lord, Jesus Christ... Ready, is conceded, understanding nothing, and has a muddled disposition for arguments and verbal disputes. From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, and mutual friction among people having corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth. Tough words from Paul to ‘Timothy’.”

Bishop Foys told the seniors that this message does relate to the high school senior Mass in an important way, because it is the truth of Jesus Christ which is taught in Catholic schools.

“The primary purpose of any Catholic school is to transmit the faith,” said Bishop Foys. “A person who has something precious wants to share that with others. This is what we mean to teach you as we transmit the faith. As Mass ended, the seniors gave Bishop Foys a standing ovation as Mrs. McGuire presented a gift and expressed gratitude to Bishop Foys for his 19 years of leadership. Bishop Foys is preparing for his retirement Sept. 30.

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meaning “St. Paul, pray for us.” During the altar’s consecration, a first-class relic of St. Paul was sealed in a new altar stone.

The concept, design, and construction of the altar and altar area were overseen by Father Jordan Hainsey, the diocesan custos of the holy relics. Before entering the seminary, Father Jordan earned a bachelor’s degree in graphic design at St. Vincent College. He also worked at St. Vincent’s gallery, where he received some hands-on experience working with artifacts, paintings and sculptures.

“One of the collections that we had within the gallery was a collection of relics, and I was tasked with displaying those,” Father Hainsey said. “What I knew as a first exposure to relics ... displaying them ... then working on narratives that explain to people what they were, and the development of the altar’s design.”

Bishop Foys appointed Father Hainsey as the diocesan custos of holy relics, his work is focused on expanding the collection, arranging relics, writing narratives that explain to people what they were, and the development of the altar’s design.

When asked about the importance of relics, Father Hainsey said, “The relics really remind us that saints were real people. Oftentimes we can ... convey a saint in our head as somebody who lives such an exemplary life of holiness that we can never achieve that, but by examining the lives of the saints, we see that they are real people just like us. In their struggle with the same issues, they had difficulties, and they suffered, but they rose above them. They lived a holy life as best they could. And the relics remind us of that, that we too can be what they are now in heaven.”

The Relic Shrine of St. Paul at St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption is now open for public viewing. Visit cincinnatiarchdiocese.org for information on when the Cathedral is open to visitors.

Relic Shrine of St. Paul.
# Catholic Courses for Adults

October 2021 – April 2022
All courses will be offered live and in person.

## Basic Courses

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<td>St. Joseph Academy, Walton</td>
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<td>Introduction to Scripture</td>
<td>Oct. 9, 2021</td>
<td>9:00 am – 12:30 pm</td>
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<td>Catechetical Process</td>
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<td>Introduction to Catholic Spirituality</td>
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<td>St. Augustine, Covington, School Library</td>
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<td>Christian Morality</td>
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<td>St. Joseph, Crescent Springs, Parish Hall</td>
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<td>Church History</td>
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<td>Jesus (Christology)</td>
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<td>St. Anne’s Province Center, Melbourne</td>
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<td>6:00 pm – 9:00 pm</td>
<td>St. Patrick, Taylor Mill, Parish Hall</td>
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<td>Blessed Sacrament, Parish Center</td>
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Cost is $35 per Course or Workshop. Remember to have a Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church during class time.

All courses apply to catechist and religion teacher certification. [REGISTER AT COVIDIO.ORG/REGISTER](https://covidio.org/register)

More information at [covidio.org/occ](https://covidio.org/occ) or call Issaak A. Issaak at 859-392-1500.