Hope for change — attendees voice their anticipation at the 49th annual March for Life

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Nearly 300 pilgrims from the Diocese of Covington were among the tens of thousands gathered in Washington, D.C., Jan. 21, for the 49th annual March for Life. The March for Life is a peaceful and prayerful demonstration challenging the 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion on demand across the United States.

“I knew because of the COVID pandemic our numbers would be down,” said Faye Roch, director, Pro-Life Office for the Diocese of Covington. “I’m very proud of our diocese and I’m proud of the representation that we have at the March for Life. We have some people who have been going for many years and that’s quite a statement. I’m in awe of a lot of these people.”

Before the pandemic it was not unusual for the Diocese of Covington to have nearly 1,000 pilgrims — mostly high school students — attend the March for Life. This year, several schools decided to stay home and participate in the Day of Prayer and Famine for Life, joining their prayers with the witness of the pilgrims in Washington, D.C., for an end to abortion. COVID protocols in Washington, D.C., which included proof of vaccination to dine-in at restaurants, was one of the obstacles for would-be pilgrims. Also due to COVID, many pilgrims chose to travel to Washington on a one-hour flight instead of a 15-hour bus ride. The high schools that did choose to travel by bus took smaller numbers to allow for spacing.

“It was wonderful to see the witness of folks who were there, who know the reality of the dignity of the human person and who are there to ask that our leaders take that into account,” said Bishop John Iffert.

This was Bishop Iffert’s first time attending the March for Life and he said he detected a sense of anticipation among the marchers. “I think a lot of people are anticipating that something might change in terms of the decision around Roe v Wade, and that there might be a game shift for the movement to respect life in this country.”

“That ‘something’ causing the anticipation — and hope — is the Dobbs v Jackson’s Women’s Health Organization case, a case argued last fall, which the Supreme Court is expected to rule on this summer. The case challenges the constitutionality of a Mississippi law — the “Gestational Age Act” — which prohibits all abortions, with few exceptions, after 15 weeks’ gestational age. A ruling upholding the law will essentially overturn the 1973 Roe v Wade case, sending the legal question of abortion back to the States.

“Many states, including Kentucky, are preparing for a change in the federal law on abortion. In the upcoming 2022 November election, the “Kentucky No Right to Abortion in Constitution Amendment II” is on the ballot in Kentucky. A vote “yes” will amend the Kentucky Constitution to state that nothing in the state constitution creates a right to abortion or requires government funding for abortion.

As Bishop Iffert marched, he found himself thinking about next year’s March for Life. “Maybe there won’t be a March in D.C. next year. Maybe there’ll be some kind of a celebration and we won’t have to have the federal March anymore,” he said. “Maybe we’ll have little bitty marches all over the different states; maybe that’s where that needs to go next.”

The demographic of the Diocese of Covington pilgrims was emblematic of the March for Life crowd — mostly young people, a great many older people, some bishops, some clergy, some men and women religious, some on their first march, some on their 49th march — all hoping this is the last national march. And all knowing that if this is the last national march, the fight for life will not end but instead will shift to the state level and for a change in the hearts and minds of those who believe that abortion is an acceptable choice for women.

“Obviously we hope this is the last one … but as long as abortion is in the picture, we’ve got to still stand up for life regardless,” said Paul Meisenhelder, parishioner, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Ft. Thomas. Mr. Meisenhelder guesses this is about his 18th March for Life. If Roe v Wade is overturned, Mr. Meisenhelder said, “there’s going to be a cultural war that goes on for a while over this. Staying active and praying a lot is going to be just as important in the future, regardless of what happens.”

Rosie Miller, parishioner, St. Agnes Parish, Ft. Wright, is also imagining the Pro-Life mission in a post-Roe world. “I was honored to march for the innocent babies and support the moms and dads (Continued on page 2)
EdChoice Kentucky supports bills to expand education choice to all Ky. families in need

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EdChoice Kentucky kicked off its celebration of National School Choice Week, Jan. 24 at the Old State Capitol in Frankfort. A group of educators, parents and students congregated that morning to show their support for educational opportunities in Kentucky. This gathering, along with multiple other events that occurred in Kentucky this week, celebrated National School Choice Week during a time in which potential changes concerning educational funding are being considered in the Kentucky State legislature.

In 2021, the passage of the Education Opportunity Account Act was a major victory for EdChoice and a number of Kentucky families; the Act allows for the creation of Education Opportunity Accounts, which are privately funded by businesses and individuals, and which donate to non-profit Account Granting Organizations (AGO). These donations are then used to award needs-based funding to eligible families, and the family can decide how best to spend those educational funds.

Mark Fette and his wife, Tena, Good Shepherd Parish, Cincinnati, joined the Diocese of Covington pilgrims for their fourth March for Life. “I thought that we were all wrapped in our Blessed Mother’s mantle, that, despite the cold, the heat and light of the Holy Spirit were radiating through us, and that Christ the King was leading us. I thought that we had the winning team on the field, and that, God willing, we will be victorious. I thought that it would be wonderful to be able to return to D.C. to March next January in celebration of and in thanksgiving for a victory.”

Clare Ruehl (23rd March for Life), parishioner, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ft. Mitchell, and Susan Zink (second March for Life), parishioner, St. Barbara Parish, Erlanger, both were impressed with the young people attending the March for Life.

“Politics and political parties are at the center of life in Washington, D.C. The March for Life was centered around God and the life of life,” said Mrs. Ruehl. “Thousands of adults and students attended Mass, prayed rosaries, sang messages.

More recently during the 2023 Kentucky legislative session, Senator Ralph Alvarado and Rep. Josh Calloway have filed educational choice expansion bills SB 50 and HB 305, which would expand the program statewide and increase the program’s size to meet student demand. Students in every county of Kentucky would be able to use scholarship funds to cover tuition at a nonpublic school. The bills would also increase income eligibility; which would give more families access to education funds. Also, if family demand was to exceed the current cap at $25 million, the ceiling would automatically increase so more families could receive assistance.

EdChoice Kentucky is currently encouraging Kentuckians to contact their legislators to ask for their support of SB 50 and HB 305. To get in touch with your legislator, call 1-800-372-7181 and ask the operator to connect you to your legislators. You will be connected with your legislator based on your home address.
After the storm — Sisters of Notre Dame join the recovery efforts in Mayfield

Contributed

On the night of Dec. 10, 2021, a storm cell engulfs the 7 square miles that make up the city of Mayfield in western Kentucky. The cell unleashed an EF4 tornado that uprooted dozens of buildings, vehicles, and the lives of the 10,000 residents. Debris did not survive the violent storm. Many who did survive were left with only the shirts on their backs and a feeling of helplessness as even access to clean water was hindered.

From the rubble, though, small seeds of hope took root as the hearts of fellow Kentuckians and people from around the world poured out for those impacted. Notre Dame Sisters Maria Francine, a Spanish teacher at Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills, and Anita Marie Stacy, a science teacher at Covington Latin School, were among those whose hearts were touched and who assisted with outreach.

On Dec. 14, Sister Maria Francine Stacy received a message from the Spanish National Honor Society. It was a request from Lauran Young, an English as a Second Language teacher in Mayfield schools, asking for translators at the tornado relief efforts.

After Sisters Maria Francine and Anita Marie offered their support, they wondered, “Can we stay overnight?” It is a five-hour drive to Mayfield from Northern Kentucky. Hotels, if any, would be occupied, principally by the families the Red Cross settled after their homes were destroyed. Looking at the map, there were few cities close to rural Mayfield, home to a large percentage of Spanish-speaking agricultural workers. About 30 minutes north of Mayfield is Eddyville. This rang a bell. The sisters knew of the city as Notre Dame Sister Dolores Giblin and other sisters had stayed there when they did their yearly trip to the federal penitentiary. Now, this is what seemed to be the work of the Spirit. Sister Maria Francine found one church in Eddyville and called that Friday. The pastor said he had the gym had rows of tables with supplies, including food, water and hygiene items. The superintendent, assistant superintendent, teachers and others checked in people by recording names and addresses. All were allowed to take as much as they needed from the supplies.

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As the sisters completed their service and Murray State University graduates arrived to help, Sisters Maria Francine and Anita Marie headed home, reflecting on all that they had seen.

Sister Anita Marie said, “There were volunteers, particularly from the local community who mobilized quickly and gave selflessly. Those who received help were extremely grateful. So many of those affected showed consideration for their neighbors and only took what they needed, not a surplus.”

Mayfield, a rather simple rural community, felt the eyes of the country upon them and hoped they would find support,” said Sister Maria Francine. “The Red Cross volunteers were from Halo, Arizona, D.C. and California. One group came from New York with truckloads of items. They committed to 10 days, keeping them from their own families at Christmas.”

This was not the Christmas that Mayfield had chosen, but there was a very real glimmer of the Christmas spirit in the hands and hearts that were open to help them.

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Russia, Ukraine, and moral reckoning

George Weigel

There have been vast improvements in the techniques and technology of filmmaking since 1961, when Stanley Kramer made “Judgment at Nuremberg.” But it’s difficul
to imagine any cast today improvising on the extraor

The Nuremberg trials, which lasted for several years, were not flawless. Serious jurists and public

the creation stories in Genesis 1:1-11 tell not only of the origins of the cosmos and of human life but also the

could identify a physical location: “We are beside the peach tree on the East side of the garden” or describe

The Russian people...
A love that never fails


“They will fight against you but we will not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” (Jer 1:9)

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever! Amen!

Have you ever felt frightened? Alone? Abandoned? Discouraged? Unloved? Unappreciated? Taken advantage of? Any or all of the above? Well, this is how Jeremiah the prophet felt. Although called by God to be a prophet he never wanted the job. He tried to argue his way out of it. Told the Lord he was too young, too old, didn’t know what to say. Who would believe him? It was just too much for him.

The Lord’s response was this: He, the Lord, would provide the words. (Jer 1:6) He, the Lord, would be with him and never let him down.

Jeremiah would be doing the Lord’s work and even though there would be times when Jeremiah would be in danger of losing his very life for carrying out the Lord’s bidding, even though there would be times when Jeremiah would indeed feel frightened, alone, abandoned, disconnected, ideoquipped, unappreciated, taken advantage of — and worse — the Lord would never abandon him, the Lord would always be with him, the Lord would deliver him from the hands of his enemies and not allow them to prevail over him! WOW!

Of course, Jesus experienced the same thing, didn’t he? We see that today’s Gospel text, Jesus was speaking in the synagogue at St. Luke tells us that everyone spoke highly of him and were even amazed at the words that came from his mouth. (Luke 4:22)

But once Jesus challenged his hearers their tone changed and then the people were filled with fury , rose up, drove him out of town, and led him to the brow of the hill to hurl him headlong. (Luke 4:29) And remember Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane praying to his Father to let the cup of suffering pass him by but only if it is the Father’s will. (Matt 26:36) Or his cry from the cross feeling abandoned and alone, all his disciples having fled and deserted him. (Matt 27:46)

So, when we have these feelings of fear, loneliness, abandonment, inadequacy, feeling discounted and unappreciated and perhaps being taken advantage of — we’re in good company. But, be that as it may, is there a solution? What or who can help us in these difficult times when we’re faced with these negative feelings and situations?

St. Paul gives us the answer in the second reading this week from his letter to the Corinthians. The answer is love!

Not the sometimes fragile andickle love that the world offers. A love that is dependent on which is partial, kind, not jealous, not pugnacious, not inflated, not rude. A love which never seeks its own, is patient, does not seek its own and is not quick tempered, does not brood over injury does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. A love that bears all things, that believes all things, that endures all things. A love which never fails!

This love is the love that God has for his people. This is the love that sustained Jeremiah in his difficult days, that the Father professed for his son, Jesus. This is the same love of God that Jesus preaching, that is available to us all no matter who we are. This love gets us through the difficult days when we feel abandoned by everyone, when we feel that everyone has deserted us, that no one cares, that we don’t matter. This is the love that will deliver us from every evil.

This love, though trials, never fails! NEVER! A ripple effect that radiates out from one event changing not only the life of that one but also the course of history. By saving one, he saved the future generations of those 1,100.

According to Child Welfare Information Gateway’s 2016 article on the inter-generational patterns of child maltreatment, many (but not all) studies on the topic have found that parents or guardians who experienced childhood maltreatment are, as a group, are more likely than non-abused parents or guardians to have children who are abused or neglectful. Meaning that even though they themselves may not be the abuser, their own children are at a higher risk for being abused. Survivors of sexual abuse are also at a greater risk for issues of addiction, domestic violence, mental health issues, all of which affect the next generation.

As a high school teacher, I have shared many experiences with the text about the love of God that Jesus preached, that is available to all of us. A love which never fails! This love is the love that God has for his people. This is the love that sustained Jeremiah in his difficult days, that the Father professed for his son, Jesus. This is the same love of God that Jesus preached, that is available to us all no matter who we are. This love gets us through the difficult days when we feel abandoned by everyone, when we feel that everyone has deserted us, that no one cares, that we don’t matter. This is the love that will deliver us from every evil.

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How to help the elderly and those who serve them

Older persons living in communal settings have suffered disproportionately during the pandemic, being struck with COVID at higher rates than younger people, experiencing disruptions in their daily routines and enduring long periods of isolation and separation from their loved ones, community, our schools, parishes, even our own homes. At times frail seniors have suffered due to staffing shortages caused by caregiver sickness and a significant exodus of staff from many facilities across the country.

In an article published in December 2021, Skilled Nursing Home News reported that since the beginning of the pandemic 14 percent of the skilled nursing workforce, or 22,000 care givers, has exited the profession.

There was already a shortage of geriatric caregivers before the pandemic with highly increasing population of senior citizens, experts in gerontology estimate that the needs of qualified caregivers will exceed the supply by 2030. An inadequate and unstable geriatric workforce will definitely lead to higher costs and serious concerns about quality of care.

It has long been said that a society can be measured by how it cares for its elderly citizens, and yet in “Fratelli Tutti” Pope Francis refers to the “trashing” of the elderly in the world of public opinion.

In another recent Vatican document, we read, “Those living in residential facilities deserve special attention: we hear terrible news about their conditions every day and thousands of people have already lost their lives. The concentration in the same place of so many frail individuals and the difficulty of finding protective equipment devices has created a potentially dangerous situation that requires us to manage notwithstanding the selflessness and, in some cases the sacrifice, of healthcare personnel.”

Just as the elderly themselves, those serving seniors deserve special attention and support. This can take

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and expressed the dignity of all human life from concep-
tion to natural death with great joy! More than ever, there were
so many handmade signs held by students with meaningful and thought-provoking messages on them.”

“I was struck by all the young people attending and their awareness and enthusiasm to end abortion,” said Ms.
Zink. “I wish I was involved at their age; it’s so hopeful
because they are the future. There is so much hope this
year to end the evil of abortion.”

Bethany Wood, freshman, Holy Cross District High
School, is one of those “young students” participating in
the march for the first time. “I wanted to come on this pro-
life walk because it’s a really good cause, showing respect
for all life no matter if you’re an adult or just a child; every
life is a gift from God.” About her experience on the
March, she said, “we have grown together; it feels like fam-
ily.”

Two young adults who attended the March for Life as
high school students were also attending this year’s
March. Hillary (Munson) Justice was a sophomore at Holy
Cross District High School when she attended her first
march. She is now a new mom attending her eighth March
for Life. “It’s just such a powerful thing to be here and wit-
ness. Everyone from all over the country is coming here
for the same purpose and the same goal and that’s the end
of abortion,” she said. Mrs. Justice said that because abor-
tion has been legal for nearly 50 years, many have come to
accept it as “the way it is; it’s just the norm nowadays. And
I think being here is important to raise awareness.”

Nick Osburg is the president of the Newman Club at
Northern Kentucky University. He had attended the March for
Life three times as a student at Newport Central Catholic
High School. This year, he helped organize the trip for his
fellow NKU students. “The current pro-life movement has
been inspiring,” Mr. Osburg said. What he has found “always” inspiring about the march is the crowd of people.

“Just how many people there are. It’s really nice when you
get to the top of the hill to stop, turn around, and just look
at the sea of people supporting life.”

Clare Birkland, president, Northern Right to Life, who
helped Mr. Osburg organize the trip for NKU, said it’s not
just the number of people attending but also the joy. “It’s
really cool to see a lot of people but it’s also just really cool
to see the joy and the happiness of everybody; just all sup-
porting life together.”

Maria Code, parent chaperone, Holy Cross District
High School, summed up the 2022 March for Life in what
could easily be classified as a slogan: “This year we’re
hopeful that next year we’re just thankful.”

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many forms:
— Lend your voice to advocacy for better training,
wages and benefits for long-term care staff, better financ-
ing of long-term care and more positive working condi-
tions, including provision of sufficient PPE;
— Take the opportunity to show caregivers esteem,
appreciation and gratitude for all they do. Just as we
thank members of the military for their service, thank
caregivers for the indispensable service they render in
society;
— Share with caregivers the message of Pope Francis
about the dignity of their profession;
— Foster intergenerational encounters in your family
and encourage young people to consider careers in geri-
atreric healthcare.

Finally, this February 11 please join me in praying for
an end to the pandemic, for healing for the sick and the
elderly and for the transformation of our society into a
culture that will cherish every human life, no matter how
old or how frail.

Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for
the Little Sisters of the Poor.
The prayer intention for February, as recommended by Pope Francis, is for religious Sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage, may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

The weekly TV Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption is broadcast locally on The CW, Sundays, noon to 1 p.m. Viewers can tune-in on the following channels: antenna 12.2; Spectrum 117 or 25; Cincinnati Bell 17 or 517; and DirectTV 25.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Ft. Thomas, hosts “A Night in Paris,” a Parisian delight with music, French cuisine, wine and bourbon bar, Jan. 29, Tower Park Mess Hall. Admission and raffle tickets online at statheremedia.org or by calling 331-0761.

Covington Catholic High School sixth annual Colonel VEX Robotics Tournament, Jan. 29, 7 a.m.–4 p.m. The competition will feature up to 60 teams from across the state of Kentucky and greater Cincinnati. Attendance is free.

First Friday Mass Feb. 4. 6:40 a.m., St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Bishop Brossart High School, Alexandria.

Bishop Brossart High School 23rd annual Jack and Pat McGill Memorial Euchre Tournament, Feb. 5. Register online at McGarrBachertl@rosesmart.com. Questions, e-mail jckmgarrwho@gmail.com or text/cell 250-4924.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking high school, college and professional artists to participate in creating works of art with thrift store finds for its “Creative Compassion” fundraiser. Sign up online at www.svdpky.org or by calling 331-0761.

Newport Central Catholic High School inducts its twenty-first class of inductees to Athletic Hall of Fame: Michelle Bowman Atallah ’98, Danielle Hausfeld ’11, Eric Gearinger ’86, Jake Giesler ’11, Terry Mann ’66, Jeff Martin ’02, Michelle Bowman Atallah ’08, Danielle Hausfeld ’11, Eric Gearinger ’86, Jake Giesler ’11, Terry Mann ’66, Jeff Martin ’02. Also honored are “Teams of Distinction” 2009, 2010 & 2011 Girls State Champion Track Teams. Ceremony is Feb 19, 2022 in the Newport Catholic Athletic Gymnasium. Social hour at 5 P.M., dinner and the induction ceremony at 7 P.M. $25.00 cost and reservations and payment will be accepted prior to Feb 11. For more information contact the NCC School Office at (859) 292-0001.

Men’s Retreat, Feb. 18-20 — Join Father Conor Kunath for Ignatian Spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Doors open Friday, 4 p.m.; retreat begins 9 a.m. and concludes Sunday after 11 a.m. Mass. Cost $175, registration deadline Feb. 4. Questions, e-mail cmccain@cgv.org or call 441-2003, ext. 301 or e-mail cmccain@covdio.org.

Women’s Retreat Feb. 25-27 — join Mr. William Cleves and Deacon Dave Profitt as they show how changing the way we see others and ourselves can help us in our faith journey. It is for religious Sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage, may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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The annual Deanery Pastoral Council convocation had a different focus this year. With Pope Francis calling a worldwide Synod on Synodality, Bishop John Iffert decided to pause the annual planning process so that diocesan and parish resources could concentrate on the synod. Instead of cancelling the convocation, Bishop Iffert and Jamie Schroeder, chancellor, used the time slot, Jan. 22, for a virtual meeting, inviting the DPC members to introduce themselves and share their thoughts on the DPC process.

"Consultative bodies like yours are very important to me," Bishop Iffert told the DPC members. "I like to say that I like to lead from the middle — from the midst of the Church — where I can hear a variety of different voices and where policy changes can be talked through and potential difficulties raised and blessings considered."

The Deanery Pastoral Council is made up of a representative from each parish. The DPC meets once a year as a diocesan consultative body. The purpose of a DPC representative is to be a conduit for information between the diocese and the parish. The DPC’s main duty has been to review the diocesan annual plan and offer feedback.

During the virtual DPC meeting, Bishop Iffert said that he is enjoying getting to know the people of the Diocese of Covington and asked the DPC members to pray for him every day. Over 35 DPC members participated in the virtual meeting, which lasted a little over 90 minutes. Several DPC members said that they were honored to serve on the DPC and are eager to assist Bishop Iffert with his ministry of serving the people of the diocese.

One of the main topics discussed was the Universal Synod. Bishop Iffert encouraged the DPC members to "resist the temptation towards cynicism or to creating expectations that may or may not be met."

Bishop Iffert likened the synod listening sessions to time spent in prayer.

“One of my favorite definitions of prayer is, wasting time with God. It’s just something we do because the relationship is important," Bishop Iffert said. "Similarly, this process for a Synodal Church is about establishing a listening relationship with one another. Our time doing this is not wasted because we’re practicing listening to one another in a way that, we hope, will mark our future life together as a Church. We’re exercising that muscle for compassionate, patient listening.”

When asked if during his first three months as bishop if there is anything he has seen that the diocese should be doing better or different, Bishop Iffert said that there are many really good things going on in the diocese and in the parishes and schools. If he had a particular focus, he said, it would be to help people discover where they fit in the Church.

“We all know those people who are just on fire for Christ … they know why they’re here, they know why they’re going to church, they know that their Church loves them and wants them to grow in the Spirit … they’re active and involved and on fire. And there’s a broad group of us who show up in Church, and we’re there … but we’re not quite sure what we’re getting out of it. What I want to do is help more of those people become on fire. That’s my number one goal. Anything that helps people who don’t really know where they fit in to develop and deepen that relationship with Christ and his Church,” he said.
My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago I ran across a mission statement from a Catholic High School that stuck with me: “forming scholars, citizens, and saints.” It became a kind of guidepost for me and the work of our Catholic School.

What a pleasure then to find the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 – Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service. This theme sets the same tone as that internalized mission statement from years back. It also does one better. The Catholic Schools Week theme puts Faith first.

Faith formation is what is clearly distinctive about Catholic education and our schools here in the Diocese of Covington. We are about sharing the faith! We have established schools so that we can hand on the faith we have received from the Apostles, cultivate the virtues and gifts that are revealed in the Scriptures, and more fully enter into the mystery of Christ.

The Church is the Communion of Saints; a community of holy people and holy things. Our fundamental work of education is to help one another become holy — to become saints. Our Catholic School system is the largest youth ministry effort in the world!

The theme of Catholic Schools Week next speaks of Service. Service is a devotion to the common good. It is an exercise in living for others; of laying down one’s life for one’s friends. In the public arena, service amounts to being a good citizen. For those with the eyes of faith to see, a life of service is a way of being more than that. It is the stewardship of time and talent for the building up of others. It is choosing to be neighbor, friend, and brother or sister; in the deep way Jesus uses these words and models the lived reality of them. It is a recognition that we are to live as citizens of God’s Kingdom even now.

Finally, Excellence speaks to our desire to provide a top-quality education that will allow our students to thrive in whatever way God calls them to serve. We know that when young people master skills, learn the art of critical and analytical thinking, and develop keen interests in fields that fuel their curiosity and passion, the world is well served. Careers flourish. Families are supported. The body of research and knowledge grows. The development of peoples is fostered.

When we are able to help our students understand that faith and reason are not opposed, but point together toward truth, the same virtues that support excellence can lead students and faculty to give glory to God. Grace builds on nature.

Lately, I have noticed another vision statement often posted near the entryways of our Catholic Schools. Usually in calligraphy, the sign reads, “Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the inspiration for its students.” Amen. May it be true of our Catholic Schools this week, and every week of every year.

Yours gratefully in the Lord,

Most Rev. John C. Iffert
Bishop of Covington

Student council members at St. Pius X School, Edgewood, led the school community in a rosary during the Day of Prayer and Penance for Life prayer service. This is just one example of how the Diocese of Covington’s Schools cultivate a Christ-centered atmosphere at school. In this year of the family, the Catholic Schools Week supplement highlights how through education and prayer a family environment is developed and maintained throughout the diocesan school community.
Catholic schools — following God’s light through faith

Kendra McGuire
Messenger Contributor

Over the last two years, schools have faced tremendous challenges never before seen in education. Despite these challenges, Catholic schools, guided by faith and trust in God, have worked tirelessly to continue providing students with strong academic programs in loving, faith-filled learning environments.

This year, more than ever before, we need to recognize and celebrate our schools during Catholic Schools Week. The success of Catholic schools has far reaching impacts, not just for the individual student, but for the communities they serve and the world around us where our graduated students go out and make a positive difference.

An education is critical to the formation of children and most families choose a school outside of their home for their child’s formal education. Since children will spend a large amount of time at school and school-related activities, choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions a family can make. The experiences a child has with his or her peers, can have long-term impacts on their growth and development.

Thankfully, Catholic schools have a long history of being the home away from home for students. They are communities focused on following the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. When everyone in the community strives to live as Jesus taught us, we find a large family whose love for one another makes each member feel at home.

In the Diocese of Covington, Catholic education is an extension of family life. We see it during difficult times when the community comes together to collect money or food or pray for those suffering. We see it through our service work where students help their community in small and large ways. And we see it when members volunteer their time or talents for the good of the whole community.

The Catholic school community teaches the next generation through words and actions. It is an environment where everyone is striving to live the Gospel values Jesus taught us. And we walk this journey to holiness together. When one person struggles, there is another there to remind them of Christ’s love to strengthen and support them. There is always someone willing to help carry the cross when things are difficult — which we will all experience at some time in life. When a student grows up in this environment, they aren’t just learning academics. They are learning how to live in service to God and one another. The Catholic school community is truly preparing students for their earthly and eternal life.

In the Diocese of Covington, Catholic education is offered at many different ages. While most are familiar with our 28 elementary schools and 9 high schools, many parishes also have preschools or childcare for the youngest children. And Thomas More University, our Catholic college, serves young adults.

This Catholic Schools Week, let’s celebrate and thank God for the gift of Catholic education. Let us remember in prayer and thank all those who make these faith-filled learning communities possible. Because together, with God’s guidance, we can continue helping parents form the next generation of children who will be prepared to meet the challenges of this world.

Kendra McGuire is the superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Covington, Ky.

Catholic schools are an extension of family life

David Cooley
Messenger Contributor

Each year Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Catholic schools and Catholic education. The theme this year is “Faith. Excellence. Service.”

Faith comes first because it is the foundation for everything else. Excellence speaks not only of academic excellence but also of the excellence that is leading a good and honorable life — namely holiness. And, finally, service is how we live out those two Great Commandments given to us by our Lord — love God above everything else, with everything we’ve got, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

In this secular and hostile age, though, we must go beyond celebrating Catholic schools and recognize the necessity to also fight for them and protect everything they stand for.

This shouldn’t be too hard for us, though, because there are so many aspects of Catholic schools that are worth fighting for. Pope St. John Paul II spoke of five “essential marks” of Catholic schools that should always be brought to the forefront. Catholic schools, he said, are inspired by a love God above everything else, with everything we’ve got, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

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supernatural vision; founded on Christian anthropology; animated by communion and community; imbued with a Catholic worldview throughout the curriculum; and sustained by Gospel witness.

You could write a book on each one of those “marks” of catholicity. In this short article, since we are amid the Year of Family, I’d like to simply scratch the surface on that third mark: “Catholic schools are animated by communion and community.”

In Western civilization, there is a strong emphasis on autonomy — individual needs, rights and freedom. But as Catholics we recognize that true freedom can only be found by binding ourselves to the cross of Christ and to each other in solidarity. In other words, in contrast to a life of selfishness and self-focus we are called to a life of communion and community.

A Catholic school goes well beyond being simply an institution. It is, by its very nature, an extension of family life. While parents are always the first and primary teachers of their children, anyone who is a parent knows that you can’t teach children in a vacuum. We place our trust in pastors, principals, teachers, cafeteria workers, and maintenance staff to help us carry out this complex task.

When a Catholic school community is thriving it is
St. Henry District High School would like to congratulate all of our 2022-2023 SHDHS High School Placement Test and Fine Arts Scholarship recipients! The following students were recognized during our January New Family Information Night:

**Elizabeth Addington, St. Paul School**
Susan Wolff Scholarship for Top Scoring Female

**Gavin Bain, St. Pius X School**
Stan Robinson Scholarship for Top Scoring Male

**Elizabeth Egan, St. Henry School**
SHDHS Fine Arts Scholarship

**Charlie Erwin, St. Paul School**
Mr. Dr. Edward P. Smith and Mary Klein Smith Scholarship for Top 10%

**Jackelyn Fernandez, MQH School**
SHDHS Fine Arts Scholarship

**Elianna Fromme, St. Timothy School**
Mr. Dr. Edward P. Smith and Mary Klein Smith Scholarship for Top 10%

**Brennan Lemmond, St. Paul School**
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**Jack Lewis, St. Henry School**
Mr. Dr. Edward P. Smith and Mary Klein Smith Scholarship for Top 10%

**Juliana Mendez, IHM School**
SHDHS Fine Arts Scholarship

**Olivia Miranda, IHM School**
Mr. Dr. Edward P. Smith and Mary Klein Smith Scholarship for Top 10%

**Jake Montgomery, St. Henry School**
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**Evan Parhad, IHM School**
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Catholic schools — communities of learning, serving, leading and succeeding

Bishop Brossart High School: ‘Charity First’ more than a motto

Emma and Taylor Decker
Messenger Contributors

“Charity First” is a motto that does not simply appear on the homepage of the Bishop Brossart High School website or the backs of green hoodies. It is installed in every brick, tangible in each conversation held under its roof, and abundantly flows into the surrounding community and beyond.

At BBHS, it is not enough to sleepwalk through the four years of high school with monotonous eyes transfixed upon the graduation cap. These are years of spiritual growth, made to imitate the life of Christ. These are not years to simply pass classes, but to achieve academic excellence.

It takes a strong family to uphold this mission. At the very core of this family is the staff of Bishop Brossart High School, which consists of intelligent, driven, Christ-like individuals. Each teacher has mastered the art of teaching, but also of taking on formative hands in the development of each student’s morals.

At BBHS, brilliance is not encouraged, it is expected. The staff knows that every student is fully capable of becoming the greatest version of themselves, and they are invested in doing their part to ensure each student reaches his or her potential. Yet the greatest version of oneself is not limited to academic success. Accountability is a trait each BBHS student quickly becomes acquainted with as well. As children of God, we are all prone to mistakes, but sweeping such mistakes under the rug is never acceptable. Students are held accountable to live Christ-like: to fundraise, do service, pray and even complete small acts of kindness.

This deep, personal push for success stems from familial love. Without the aspect of family that binds those in the BBHS community, the extraordinary expectations bestowed upon the students would not be enforced. By striving to embody the BBHS motto, each student finds a home at BBHS. It is a home that does not become vacant at graduation, but one that cheers them on relentlessly and becomes a motivating factor behind every achievement they accomplish.

Emma and Taylor Decker are seniors at Bishop Brossart High School, Alexandria.

Covington Catholic High School:

WE pray. WE learn.
WE serve. WE lead. We are CovCath.

Contributed by Covington Catholic High School

Using the Covington Catholic Mission “to embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate young men spiritually, academically, physically, and socially” as its guide, CCHS utilizes many structural elements and experiences to cultivate community within its school

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Facts about Covington Catholic:

Number of students: 503 from over 50 grade schools.
Graduation rate: 100 percent.
Teacher/student ratio: 1:15.
Academics: 3 curriculum levels; academic support program, STEM program (awarded P3TW "Distinguished School" for four consecutive years).
Extracurriculars: 40+ clubs, including Robotics, Mock Trial, Colonels for Christ, Outdoor Pursuits, Art, Drama, Culturetravel, Spirit Club and more.
Community Service: 100 percent of students participate in community service and can earn a varsity letter for service. 15 hours/year required but graduates typically complete almost double this amount.
Athletics: 13 KHSAA-sanctioned sports + club intramurals; 8 state titles in 5 different sports in last 20 years.
Read more at www.covcath.org/WeAre

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2022-23 school year now being accepted.

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while also preparing students to be inclusive leaders of integrity in college and beyond. A recent publication titled “We Are CovCath” illustrates many of these programs and traditions, including:

Catholic Education: A dynamic program with active leadership of our campus minister and others provides reflective as well as energetic opportunities for fellowship, worship, and faith formation, including well-attended “Sports and Adoration” nights.

Retreats: Each grade level has an annual retreat, featuring leadership from upperclassmen and alumni, plus a week-long Wyoming trip for rising juniors which is often counted as the top bonding experience and highlight of a student’s four years at Covington Catholic.

Social and Civic Awareness: We routinely bring speakers and experiences to the students to broaden their perspectives and support outreach efforts by our students in the community, such as food and fund drives and participation in civic and social essay and art contests.

Service to Others: Instituted in 2001, the community service program identifies real needs from local organizations, tracks student service hours, and awards those with exceptional commitment with Varsity letters. Total completed hours typically exceed 100 hours per graduate.

House System: Established in 2018, the CCH House System fosters interaction and camaraderie to cultivate relationships and bonds across grade levels. Student leaders are responsible for motivating and role modeling with in large and smaller subgroups of the school population.

With over 500 students from over 50 grade schools at CovCath, we continuously evaluate new and additional ways to advance student body diversity, curriculum, spiritual development and community service, and social experience and practice to strengthen the education and experience of CCH students regarding social issues, as part of our Mission.

Covington Latin School — achieve, excel, belong

Contributed by Covington Latin School.

Exceptional students require exceptional educational opportunities. Ranked by "Cincinnati Magazine" and "Niche" as the number one private school in Northern Kentucky, Covington Latin School has developed an unparalleled reputation by fostering an atmosphere of academic and spiritual leadership through its accelerated curriculum.

Acceleration is a distinctive hallmark of Covington Latin School and offers an avenue for bright and enthusiastic fifth, sixth and seventh grade students to advance one to two years; to move at a pace, level and complexity appropriate to their individual needs, while surrounding them with like-minded and engaged peers who share their intellectual curiosity.

But a premier Catholic education is more than cultivating intellect and accomplishments alone. Covington Latin maintains a deep and abiding commitment to its Catholic identity. Offering an in-depth theology coursework builds on the foundations developed within families and provides comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith. This knowledge is put into practice by Covington Latin School’s Campus Ministry through weekly all-school Masses at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, class retreats and humanitarian service work. Wide-ranging athletic and extracurricular involvement reflects CLS students’ commitment to academic, social, spiritual, and personal aspects of their total formation. A broad spectrum of clubs and organizations, ranging from Ski Club, Junior Classical League and Literary Guild, to Academic Team, Broadcasting and Drama Clubs, reflect the wide-ranging extracurricular interests of Covington Latin School students.

Covington Latin School offers KHSAA recognized competitive, varsity athletic teams in archery, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball. Several CLS student athletes go on to compete at the state and national levels and earn scholarships to play at collegiate teams. Latin School values the lessons taught by athletic participation: leadership, strength of character, teamwork and sportsmanship — respect for one’s opponents, acknowledgment of victory with humility and acceptance of defeat with grace. Students are best prepared for college and the world beyond by having a strong spiritual foundation and learning in a supportive, diverse, coeducational atmosphere reflective of, and therefore preparatory for, the world they will inherit. Covington Latin School students come from varied economic, educational, cultural and geographic backgrounds, drawing enrollment from throughout Southern Ohio, Indiana and nine counties in Northern Kentucky.

Covington Latin School believes that financial wealth should not determine access to the best education, nor should it shape a learning community. Covington Latin offers tuition assistance to families across a broad spectrum of financial circumstances to ensure the Latin School experience is accessible to all deserving students.
Holy Cross District High School — Providing opportunity — developing dreams

HCDHS has a proud tradition of providing a strong faith-filled education for students. Since its founding in 1929, the vision has transformed to meet the ever changing needs of students. HCDHS has undergone a transformation that makes it in some ways unrecognizable to alumni from past eras. The dream was to build HCDHS into one of the strongest schools in the area. There have been expansions in curriculum, extracurricular activities, and the campus. And yet, despite this growth, HCDHS has retained the virtues and advantages of the small school fondly remembered by alumni — small classes, a supportive family atmosphere, individual attention and a high level of involvement.

The student body of HCDHS is diverse, with students coming from an amazing range of socioeconomic and academic backgrounds. Over the years, the school’s curriculum has grown to match this diversity. Five levels of study and individualized scheduling allow students to take courses that will challenge them. The flexibility and variety of the curriculum enable students to move back and forth among different levels as their preferences and development dictate.

HCDHS has continued to expand its curriculum. Advanced Placement courses are offered in English and Physics. HCDHS works with Thomas More University, Northern Kentucky University and The University of the Cumberland’s to offer dual credit courses in calculus, American history, foreign policy, world history, Spanish, and biology. Students earn actual college credits while at HCDHS and transfer these credits to other colleges. A skilled and motivated student, taking full advantage of this curriculum, can get a tremendous head start on his or her college education — a financial and educational benefit.

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year the Practical Engineering and Design program was introduced. Here, students interested in careers in engineering, architecture, graphic/product design, as well as technical careers, can get a tremendous head start on his or her college education — a financial and educational benefit.

HCDHS offers a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, which allow students to develop and discover talents, friendships and experiences. Almost 90 percent of the students participate in at least one extracurricular activity and 75 percent participate in one of the 21 athletic teams. More important, every graduate of HCDHS has performed a minimum of 100 hours of community service, with many students going far beyond that figure. National Honor Society members perform at least 10 additional hours each year.

HCDHS has achieved many dreams — expansion and growth of our campus, improvements to our facilities, and remarkable academic success and curriculum development. However, despite all of this change, our distinctive character and core traditions have remained intact. It’s priority remains — producing Catholic adults and well-rounded citizens who live their faith.

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HCDHS provides students with a spiritual and educational foundation so that each can develop his or her dreams into the brightest future. Article submitted by Holy Cross District High School.

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The mission of Newport Central Catholic High School can be found in Four Pillars: Faith, Family, Academic Excellence and Community Stewardship. It is through these four Pillars that we are able to cultivate an atmosphere of Faith and Family for students, parents and faculty. It is not a coincidence that first two pillars which we are built upon are Faith and Family. These two are the foundation of all other pillars, and without these two pillars, nothing else matters.

Kenny Collopy, principal, shares with prospective families that the number one goal is to help all students get to heaven. NCC’s culture of faith and family is the reason that NCC is often referred to as “the NCC family” rather than just NCC. If you would speak with any alumni, current students or parents, they would tell you that there is nothing like the NCC family and that they are so grateful to be a part of it. This familial bond is nurtured during a student’s four years here at NCC. Not only do students become part of this family but parents and grandparents do as well. So, how is this school family formed? It is formed most importantly through the faith formation that takes place at NCC.

NCC begins and ends each day with communal prayer. Every class period begins with prayer. On a regular basis (Continued on page 16)
students are attending Mass, prayer services, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation and serving the community through schoolwide efforts and individual service projects. These small acts of faith on a daily basis compounce over time building holy habits which the students are able to take with them for life. Not only do these daily habits set the students on the right track in their spiritual life, but these habits also serve as the glue which forms the family of NCC. It is through the lived faith at NCC that students are able to form lifelong relationships with classmates and faculty.

The focus on relationships is what sets NCC apart. First and foremost, relationship with God, which serves as the foundation for all relationships. The family atmosphere, cultivated through relationships at NCC, is palpable for anyone who may walk through the hallways, cafeteria or attend a sporting event. The size of NCC enables each member to know and support each other, which is so essential in cultivating a family and faith-filled atmosphere.

Newport Central Catholic High School is one community with many parts striving to be one with God. It is through these relationships that students at NCC are being prepared to bring hope and competence to a complex society through a sharing of Gospel values. It is through these relationships that NCC students are challenged to develop themselves to the level of their ability and are held accountable. Upon graduation, NCC is confident that students are prepared for a lifetime of learning and faithful service to one another, the Church and the world. Confidently knowing that they can always rely on their NCC family for whatever they may need.

Notre Dame Academy — Our family of faith

Contributed by Notre Dame Academy

Notre Dame Academy (NDA) is an all-girls, college-preparatory high school within the Diocese of Covington and deeply rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church and charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States (SND USA), Notre Dame Academy is impelled by Jesus Christ, his mission and the school’s rich educational heritage, providing a Catholic-Christian environment of educational excellence for the transformation of individuals and society.

As the only Catholic college-preparatory high school exclusively for young women in Northern Kentucky, NDA is proud of the century-long tradition of providing an excellent Catholic education to young women empowering them to make a difference in the world. Over 10,000 NDA alumnae serve their local, regional and national communities in a variety of vocations and professions. Each of these women is an integral part of the sisterhood of Notre Dame Academy and its family of faith.

At Notre Dame Academy students are ignited with a passion for learning and a deep desire to serve others. NDA’s service program puts Gospel values into action. Through service efforts with many social service agencies, schools and organizations, NDA students become socially aware servants of Christ.

Notre Dame Academy is dedicated to providing a holistic education to the young women of its community that develops their God given gifts and prepares them to be lifelong learners. Through the culture of innovation at NDA, students become critical and creative thinkers, effective communicators and skilled collaborators.

Each school year the Notre Dame Academy community celebrates one of the four Educational Principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame, focusing on a central theme unites the NDA community and enables meaningful learning experiences that develop students into intelligent and compassionate leaders. This school year NDA’s theme is “Living the Gospel with a Spirit of Compassion, Hope and Joy!”

The atmosphere of family and faith is prevalent in many ways at Notre Dame Academy. The NDA community is provided with many opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection through the celebration of the Mass, morning rosary services, the sacrament of reconciliation and annual retreats. The NDA school community is also offered many collaborative academic opportunities such as its annual Common Reader Day. This unique shared experience brings students, faculty, staff and administration together through a captivating literary exercise each school year. NDA also cultivates a community environment through its fine arts programs, athletics and in the many extracurricular opportunities offered at NDA.

At Notre Dame Academy, students receive an education that combines the timeless wisdom of the Catholic faith with the necessary skills that students will need to adapt to a continuously changing world. With an innovative approach that integrates academics, arts and athletics, Notre Dame Academy forms young women to have a vibrant faith and a passion for learning.

To learn more about the advantages of a Notre Dame Academy education, visit www.ndapandas.org.
St. Henry High School
“Come as Many, Leave as One”

The words “Come as Many, Leave as One” are a hallmark of St. Henry District High School, Erlanger. As the fabric of the school, they unite five pillars—faith, scholarship, athletics, arts, and leadership—to frame the Crusader family.

Faith is the core of the Crusader family. Beyond book-marking the day in prayer, deepening personal faith through religion classes and retreats, and celebrating traditions of the Catholic faith, Crusaders live a daily faith life. Faculty member Nicole Gonzalez remembers when a student was fighting cancer. During a difficult day in the student’s treatment, the entire school readily assembled to pray the rosary. “Many schools in the country have a student fighting cancer,” remarked Gonzalez. “The difference at SHDHS is we gather as a family to hold that student in prayer.”

The united faith joins the school community together as one. Earlier this year, the scholarship of SHDHS was recognized, earning its second National Blue Ribbon Award during a year when students went home in March, not returning until the following academic year. SHDHS was the only Kentucky high school to merit this honor in 2021. The support teachers gave students, learning virtually during an uncertain time, allowed them to hone in on the opportunity to grow as a person in the classroom and at home. Noah credits the faculty and administration for providing “each individual the opportunity to grow as a person in the classroom and community” and “the counselors for attending to each individual student.”

Each person in the building (and thousands of alumni) is a part of the larger Crusader community. Unique individuals who have formed a family through experiences in faith, scholarship, athletics, arts, and leadership, continuing the tradition of coming as many and leaving as one. For more information about SHDHS, call (859) 525-5844, visit shdhs.org, or connect with SHDHS on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Students create long-lasting friendships through daily learning and worship together. One special way St. Patrick High School teachers know students by name. Each student, whether or not he or she is a CRUSADER, is part of a family, notes volleyball coach and teacher Maureen (Shea) Kaiser. “Coaches get to know their players and not only teach technique and strategy, but also teach about the game of life—encouraging team members to respect and honor the players who have come before them.

Our creative Crusaders form an immense bond as they learn, grow, and pursue their passion, whether in music, theater or the visual arts. As stated by Fine Arts Department Chair Katie (Baker) VonHandorf, “It doesn’t matter if you are a freshman in band or a 1987 graduate still working on art, our dedication to each other is unaffected by space and time.” Fine Arts Crusaders support each other by attending shows, performances, fundraisers, and competitions, creating a tight-knit community based on commitment that grows with each Crusader class.

Like faith, leadership is a pillar that runs through all aspects of SHDHS. Noah Francis remarks, “As a senior, I am able to communicate with my peers, organize special events, and lead service projects to strengthen my community. Things I could not do four years ago.” Noah credits the faculty and administration for providing “each individual the opportunity to grow as a person in the classroom and community” and “the counselors for attending to each individual student.”

Athletics, the Crusader family tradition is long and proud. “Wearing a red, white and navy jersey means you are part of a family,” notes volleyball coach and teacher Maureen (Shea) Kaiser. “Coaches get to know their players and not only teach technique and strategy, but also teach about the game of life—encouraging team members to respect and honor the players who have come before them.

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in all grades learn to grow mentally, emotionally, academically, and spiritually brings the St. Patrick High School community closer together as a "family" of God.

The "school family" extends into the parish. St. Patrick High School is very unique in the sense that both the grade school and high school are supported generously by the parish. Parishioners who meet the individual school's eligibility requirements are admitted to all the schools. Many parishioners are alumni or have sent their children to St. Patrick schools. The parish community supports the school financially but also creates a sense of family by praying with the school daily at Mass, volunteering in the school, and coming to the school's events open to the public. They are the "parents" that show students how to live their lives in faith.

The school may be small, but they are mighty in the faith of God. St. Patrick's High School embraces the invitation to pursue knowledge, serve others, and live the faith given as part of the universal family of those who follow Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

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St. Joseph - 2474 Lorraine Avenue, Crescent Springs, Kentucky 41017-1483
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Just like families, every school has different activities and traditions. While these activities are different and unique to each school, the goal is the same—to grow closer to each other and to Christ.

During this Year of the Family, the Messenger asked in “Family Time,” a 25 minute pep-rally, recognizing students by giving them saint cards for good deeds and learning cheer to promote school spirit. The “Triva Night for parents and guardians” has been active at Immaculate Heart of Mary School putting together events such as Trivia Night for parents and guardians.

Communication is an essential part of elementary schools cultivating an atmosphere of family and faith. Immaculate Heart of Mary School keeps parents informed through its digital newsletter—Saintly News. Each Wednesday the student body comes together for "Saints Time," a 25 minute pop-up recognizing students by giving them saint cards for good deeds and learning cheer to promote school spirit. The "Triva Night for parents and guardians" has been active at Immaculate Heart of Mary School putting together events such as Trivia Night for parents and guardians.

Elementary schools cultivate a family in faith

Tom Ziegler
Staff writer

During this Year of the Family, the Messenger asked in what ways elementary schools are building a foundation of faith for students and their families. Jill Lemmens, principal, St. Pius X School, Edgewood and Teresa Guard, principal, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Burlington, shared ways that their school communities are growing as a family of faith.

It is no secret that educating students while keeping up with COVID protocols has been challenging for schools, but diocesan elementary schools have embraced the challenge and continue to cultivate a faith and family-filled environment at school.

St. Pius School begins each year by implementing a school theme that builds upon the understanding that they are made in the image and likeness of God. With the Theology of the Body program from Ruah Woods students understand that they are wonderfully made to give and to receive love.

St. Pius School also runs a “Virtue = Strength” program helping students to understand that virtues are good habits that help fight vices. Four times a year St. Pius X School holds Family Formation Nights, these nights focus on virtues and introduce spiritual activities that make family homes the “first churches” for students.

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**Elementary Schools**

- Blessed Sacrament School, Ft. Mitchell (859) 647-4070
- Holy Cross School, Covington (859) 756-6599
- Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Erlanger, participating in a family STEM night with their parents. (top right) A St. Paul student and his mother sit together at the school’s Career Fair: (bottom right) Two St. Philip students pose with their mother at a Back-to-School Flash photo booth.
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- ImmaculateHeartofMarySchool—1/30, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- MaryQueenofHeaven—1/30, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
- PrinceofPeaceChurch—1/30, 10 am – 1 pm
- St. Augustine—1/30, 12 – 1 pm
- St. Catherine—1/27, 6 – 8 pm
- St. Edward—NoOpenHouse
- St. Henry—1/30, 1 – 3 pm
- St. Joseph, Cold Spring—1/23, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
- St. Joseph, Crescent Springs—1/30, 12 – 2 pm; and private tours
- St. Joseph Academy—tours by appointment
- St. Mary—NoOpenHouse—call for tour
- St. Patrick, Taylor Mill—2/4, 12 – 2 pm
- St. Philip—1/30, 1 – 4 pm by appointment
- St. Peter and Paul—1/23, 12 – 2 pm
- St. Cecilia—2/1, 5 – 7 pm
- St. Philip—N/A
- St. Pius X—1/27, 8:30 am and 12 pm for prospective families; 1/30, 11:30 am and 12:30 pm for in-school families
- St. Therese—2/4, 6 – 7:30 pm
- St. Thomas—1/23, 1 – 3 pm
- St. Timothy—1/22, 9 am – 1 pm
- Villa Madonna Academy—1/30, 1 – 3 pm
Sister Mary Bonita Schack (formerly known as Sister Mary Joellyn) was born in California, Ky., on June 2, 1945, to Joseph and Mildred (Bezold) Schack. She grew up on her parents' farm along with her sister Kathleen and her brothers, Alvin and William. She enjoyed attending their parish grade school, Sts. Peter and Paul, and then Bishop Brossart High School in Alexandria, Ky. A year after graduation, Bonita discerned that God was inviting her to follow him as a Sister of Notre Dame and she entered the community in August 1964. Sister Mary Bonita made her profession of vows on August 16, 1967.

Sister Bonita continued her education and received her BA in Education from Thomas More University and her MA in Education from Xavier University. She enjoyed many years of teaching intermediate grades in the Covington and Lexington Dioceses. Sister Bonita also studied at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia for religious studies in preparation for her role as a religion teacher. She served as Director of Religious Education at both St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs and St. Agnes Parish, Ft. Wright. She was called upon to study at the Institute of Religious Studies in Chicago, Il, to help build her community’s formation program. She felt it widened her appreciation for all religious communities.

Sister Bonita’s last and most beloved ministry was serving as a religion teacher and academic support teacher at St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright. Sister served there for 26 years over her teaching career. Her love of teaching children and instilling confidence in them was so special to her heart. She was truly thankful for sharing God’s gift of love with her students, her family, and her SND community. She will be forever remembered for her smile and warm heartedness that touched all whom she met.

Sister Mary Bonita went home peacefully to God Jan. 22, 2022. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Kathleen (Schack) Lauer. She is survived by her brothers, Alvin and William Schack. She also leaves behind her beloved nieces, Terri Boesch and Kay Holden.

Visitation was held Jan. 26, at St. Agnes Church, Ft. Wright, followed by Mass of Christian Burial, with interment in the convent cemetery Jan. 27.

Sister Mary Bonita Schack, S.N.D.
National/World

Pope: People must never forget or repeat horrors of Holocaust

VATICAN CITY — On the day Pope Francis established as a day of prayer for peace in Ukraine, the pope appealed for an end to all war and prayed that dialogue, the common good and reconciliation would prevail. “Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all tensions and an awareness of the horror of this black page of history must not be forgotten, so that we can build a future where human dignity is no longer trampled underfoot,” the pope said.

Ukraine deserves peace, Pope says

VATICAN CITY — The cruelty of the Holocaust must never be repeated, Pope Francis said on the eve of the international day of commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The day, celebrated Jan. 27, falls on the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp complex in 1945. At the end of his weekly general audience at the Vatican Jan. 26, Pope Francis said, “It is necessary to remember the extermination of millions of Jews and people of different nationalities and religious faiths. This unspeakable cruelty must never be repeated,” he said. “I appeal to everyone, especially educators and families, to foster in the new generations an awareness of the horror of this black page of history. It must not be forgotten, so that we can build a future where human dignity is no longer trampled underfoot,” the pope said.

Honduran bishops urge dialogue during political crisis

MEXICO CITY — The Honduran bishops’ conference has urged dialogue as a political crisis threatens to torpedo the Central American country’s presidential inauguration. A prominent Honduran Jesuit, meanwhile, called the prospects of dialogue “remote” as rival groups vie for control of the country’s Congress. “We are making a sincere and open call to dialogue as soon as possible between the president-elect and representatives of both groups that aspire to the presidency of congress, so they can come to an agreement and find a solution that respects the law and restores security peace and order,” the bishops said in a Jan. 24 statement titled, “Let’s not put the rule of law in danger.” Honduras celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Jan. 9, with a novena leading up to the feast. The bishops asked that Hondurans pray for political calm during the novena, saying, “Let us ask with faith that this crisis can be overcome as soon as possible.” In the Nov. 28 elections, Honduras voted overwhelmingly for change, opting for opposition candidate Xiomara Castro. She was scheduled to take office Jan. 27. But a dispute erupted in congress as three lawmakers from Castro’s Liberty and Refoundation Party joined the ruling National Party in electing their own president in the congress. The maneuvering — which resulted in violence with in the Congress — ruptured a deal Castro had with a political ally, who was supposed to be elected president of congress. Peruvian bishops warn of harm to environment, livelihoods from oil spill

LIMA, Peru — After an oil spill fouled nearly 100 miles of shoreline north of Peru’s capital city, the bishop of Callao, the seaport where the accident occurred, called for officials to repair the damage and care for “our common home.” In a Jan. 23 message, Bishop Luis Barreto Pacheco called for those involved to “assume their responsibilities and commit to the immediate solution of this huge environmental damage that puts life in danger.” The spill, which occurred Jan. 15 as a tanker was unloading oil at a refinery, has left a tarry slick on beaches and wildlife. Less visible, however, is the long-lasting effect it will have on thousands of people who depend for food and a livelihood on the fish they catch or the shellfish and crabs they collect along the shore. Bishop Barreto told Catholic News Service: “These families have already seen a huge drop in their income.” He said, “And once the seabed is contaminated, it’s products lose their value in the market and harm those who eat them.” The spill’s cause is being investigated. Initial reports said the tanker sanked and a pipe broke because of unusually high waves caused by the eruption of an underwater volcano in Tonga.

Sri Lankan cardinal seeks global help for justice in church bombings

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith of Colombo said there is no other choice now but to turn to the international community to seek justice for victims of the 2019 Easter bombings in Sri Lanka. “We tried our best to solve the issue within the country and do justice to our people but failed,” he said during an online forum with an international audience Jan. 24, ucanews.com reported. “The legal system under the attorney general does not consider the recommendations of the commission on the Easter attacks, therefore we have no option but to go international,” the cardinal said. Cardinal Ranjith hinted in April 2021 of his intentions to not only approach the United Nations but also countries with global influence to seek prosecution of the people responsible for the attacks on three churches and three luxury hotels. “We can influence those countries as the Church is an international organization. We have connections all over the world,” he said. A group of suicide bombers affiliated to local Islamist group National Thowheed Jamath was suspected to be behind the bombings that killed 258 people, including 37 foreign nationals, and injured about 500 more.

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