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*‘The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me.’*

On the feast of Pentecost, June 4, at his First Mass of Thanksgiving, Father AJ Gedney lifts the chalice during the Eucharistic consecration at St. Paul Church, Florence. St. Paul Parish is the childhood parish of the diocese’s newest priest. Father Michael Comer, pastor, Mother of God Parish, Covington, was the homilist, in the presence of Bishop John Iffert and with Bishop Roger Foy in choir.

In his homily, Father Comer likened the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to the cosmological “Big Bang” — an occurrence that happened at a point time, from something that has always existed, and is still expanding and having an effect today.

“Everything he (Father Gedney) does, every sacrament he performs, is a gift of the Holy Spirit,” Father Comer said. “You are a product of the big bang of the Spirit at Pentecost, and it continues to grow. You will be changed by the Spirit, transformed by the Spirit ... Jesus said, ‘I wish to cast the fire upon you.’ ... You Father AJ are a minister of that fire, to be used by God to bring that fire of the Holy Spirit to the people of God — to transform them, to heal them and to make them whole.”

The evening before, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, Bishop John Iffert ordained Father Gedney a priest of the Diocese of Covington. *For more ordination coverage see page 10.*



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*+ John C. Iffert*

Most Rev. John C. Iffert  
 Bishop of Covington

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 I have neighbors to help, but that I must  
 myself be a neighbor to others.”*

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

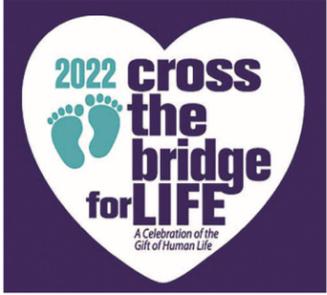
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# Thousands turn out for the return of Cross the Bridge for Life

Ziegler photos

Tom Ziegler  
Staff Writer

The Cross the Bridge for Life event returned this year after a two-year hiatus created by COVID-19 protocols. Cross the Bridge for Life is an ecumenical event celebrating the gift of life. Cross the Bridge for life had face painting, food, vendors, and live music for a crowd of all ages, those in attendance ranged for 12 weeks old to over 90 years young.



“The event brought together people of all ages, and we have always been blessed with great weather and volunteers,” said Faye Roch, director of the Pro-Life office at the Diocese of Covington. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati and Bishop John Iffert of Covington briefly addressed the estimated crowd of nearly 2,000 people before the walk. After the addresses, the national anthem and an opening prayer the walk began across the Purple People Bridge from Newport to Cincinnati and back.

Mrs. Roch emphasized the significance of this being an ecumenical event — a gathering of people of different religions and backgrounds.

“All with the same goal, to protect the sanctity of life,” said Mrs. Roch.

The 1.57-mile walk took place Sunday June 5. Bishop Iffert reflected on his first Cross the Bridge for Life experience.

“This annual celebration of Cross the Bridge for Life was my first and it was a beautiful day. The group of people who gathered to witness to the value of every human life was amazing. They were a living embodiment of that witness. There were people of every age and of many races and religions. There were families large and small. I saw families I know to be adopted families and families who care for foster children. There were many people with disabilities, along with family and friends who don't let a disability keep them from recognizing the brilliance and giftedness of the people they love. And they all were testifying to the same truth. The idea that we cannot love, protect, and care for both a pregnant woman and her unborn child is a lie. A child is always a blessing,” Bishop Iffert said.



(above) The American Heritage girls cross the Purple People Bridge from Newport to Cincinnati with their Cross the Bridge for Life banner. (above left) A young attendee cools off with mom under the face painting tent. (right) Bishop John Iffert grabs a picture with the ancient order of Hibernians of America St. Patrick's division #1. (below right) This young lady is all smiles as one of the face painting artists goes to work on a colorful design. (below) The Cooley family keeping things cool as they stroll along the route.



(left) The crowd of over 2,000 walkers begin the 2022 Cross the Bridge for Life. (above left top) Priests from the Diocese of Covington were all smiles as they lead the way across the Purple People bridge. (above left) Sunshine, shades and smiles as these moms and kids march by. (above right top) The Franciscan daughters of Mary prayer their rosaries during their journey across the bridge. (above right) These walkers are fans of life, rocking their face paint and balloon animals.

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# Bishop Iffert confirms 21 adults on Pentecost Sunday

Maura Baker  
Staff Writer

Celebrated the 7th Sunday of Easter, Pentecost is a holiday that represents an important moment in the Acts of the Apostles where the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles of Jesus and ignited their spirits to spread the good word.

It makes sense, then, that such a holiday would make a perfect occasion for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, where much like the apostles on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is called to inspire those that partake in this holy sacrament.

This year's celebration of Pentecost occurred June 6, and the Confirmation of some of those adults who have entered into the Church was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, for a total of 21 confirmands from 13 different parishes.

"Many of you who are going to be confirmed today have received first the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism," said Bishop John Iffert to the confirmands in his homily, "That gift is going to be given to you anew today. ...receiving the Holy Spirit and all of those gifts, you are going to be given the very light and breath of God; and sent to go into the world to give the name of Jesus, to proclaim God's goodness and to make that witness apparent and stand strong."

Bishop Iffert ended his homily, saying, "Each one of us here remembers our own anointing and his strength, the

mission of Jesus to proclaim His love and to act on it everywhere we go. You do speak every language in the life of the

Church. You speak to every people, and you are called to serve them."

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(above left) Bishop John Iffert applauds confirmands as they rise during June 5's confirmation ceremony. (above right) Bishop John Iffert places his hand on a confirmand's head, calling the Holy Spirit upon him.

# Diocesan priests celebrate jubilees with prayerful vespers

Maura Baker  
Staff Writer

The Diocese of Covington has been fortunate to be able to celebrate the jubilees of three of our priests, including that of our own bishop, Bishop John Iffert, who is celebrating 25 years of priesthood this year.

Fellow priests Father David Gamm and Father Verne Hogan are also celebrating benchmark jubilees this year, with Father Gamm celebrating his 50th anniversary, and Father Hogan celebrating an impressive 65 years.

Tuesday, June 7, the priests of the Diocese of Covington gathered in the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, for prayerful vespers to celebrate these jubilarians.

On display during the vespers was a relic of St. John Vianney, a 19th century French priest who is celebrated as the patron saint of parish priests and confessors and is often interceded for vocations to the priesthood.

"God refuses to take away our free will ... he invites us to say yes, and asked us to respond genuinely," said Bishop Iffert in his reflections on the priesthood during the vespers. "Mike Coleman said that Pentecost is not a one-time event. That it is ongoing, happening throughout the world, occurring even now. So, that's an invitation ... to confirm the yes, to allow ourselves to be drawn to Christ."

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(above left) Bishop John Iffert blesses a relic of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, with incense during the Jubilee vespers. (above right) Father Verne Hogan, celebrating 65 years of the priesthood, stands beside Bishop John Iffert, celebrating 25 years and Father David Gamm, celebrating 50 years.

## Official assignments

Effective June 23, 2022

**Sister Aileen Bankemper, O.S.B.**  
To: Diocesan Review Board  
Term: Five years

**Patrick Boggs**  
To: Diocesan Review Board  
Term: Five years

**Sister Jean Marie Hoffman, S.N.D.**  
To: Diocesan Review Board  
Term: Five years

**Rev. Niby Kannai**  
To: Diocesan Review Board  
Term: Five years  
Continues other duties

**David Otte**  
To: Diocesan Review Board  
Term: Five years

Effective July 5, 2022

**Rev. Msgr. William F. Cleves**  
To: Director of Ecumenism, Diocese of Covington  
Continues other duties

**Very Rev. Andrew L. Young, V.F.**  
To: Associate Director of Ecumenism, Diocese of Covington  
Continues other duties

**Rev. Jacob E. Straub**  
To: Part-time Instructor, Newport Central Catholic High School  
Continues as Pastor, St. Matthew Parish, Morning View

By order of  
the Most Rev. John C. Iffert  
Bishop of the Diocese of Covington  
*Jamie N. Schroeder*  
Jamie N. Schroeder, Chancellor



## Bishop's Schedule

**June 19**  
Corpus Christi procession, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, 2 p.m.  
Mass, Cathedral Basilica, 5:30 p.m.  
**June 21**  
Advisory Council meeting, 9:30 a.m.

**June 22**  
Picnic for Women Religious, Summit Hills Country Club, Edgewood, 11 a.m.  
**June 23**  
Diocesan Review Board meeting, 10 a.m.  
**June 24**  
Ecumenical Consultation Conference opening dinner, St. Anne Retreat Center, Melbourne, 6 p.m.

**June 25**  
Blessing of formation house/Mass of Dedication/Consecration of the Altar, 1053 Madison Ave., Covington, 10 a.m.  
**June 26**  
Mass, Cathedral Basilica, 10 a.m.  
**June 27**  
Building Commission meeting, 2 p.m.

**June 28**  
Advisory Council meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Deans meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
**June 29**  
Mass of Dedication/Consecration of the Altar, St. Benedict Convent Chapel, Covington, 5:30 p.m.

## Omission

A graduate from Bishop Brossart High School was regrettably missing from the June 1 edition's 2022 listing of graduates: Jeanna Alwell, Summa Cum Laude.

# Ludlow parish kicks off sesquicentennial

David E. Schroeder  
*Messenger Contributor*

The parishioners of Sts. Boniface and James Parish are celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2022. The Ludlow parish is the result of the 1980 merger of St. Boniface Parish for German-speaking Catholics and St. James Parish for English-speaking Catholics.

The sesquicentennial celebrations began on June 5, 2022, the feast day of St. Boniface. A prayer written by St. Boniface was recited by the congregation and the pastor, Father Larry Schaeper, blessed those present with a first-class relic of the saint. The relic has been a part of the patrimony of the parish for generations. The congregation then gathered in the parish courtyard for breakfast.

Other events are planned for the remainder of the year. The feast day of St. James will be celebrated on Saturday July 23, at the 4 p.m. Mass followed by a wine and cheese gathering. A parish pictorial directory is also being planned to mark the anniversary.

An event to honor the members of the St. Mary's Altar Society will also take place later this year. The St. Mary's Society was established in 1872 by the ladies of St. Boniface Parish and is the only society that has existed for the entire 150 years of the congregation. Bishop John Iffert will join the community on Oct. 23, at 9:30 a.m. Mass to bring the sesquicentennial year to a close. The event will be followed by a breakfast. All past and current members of the parish are invited to attend the celebrations.

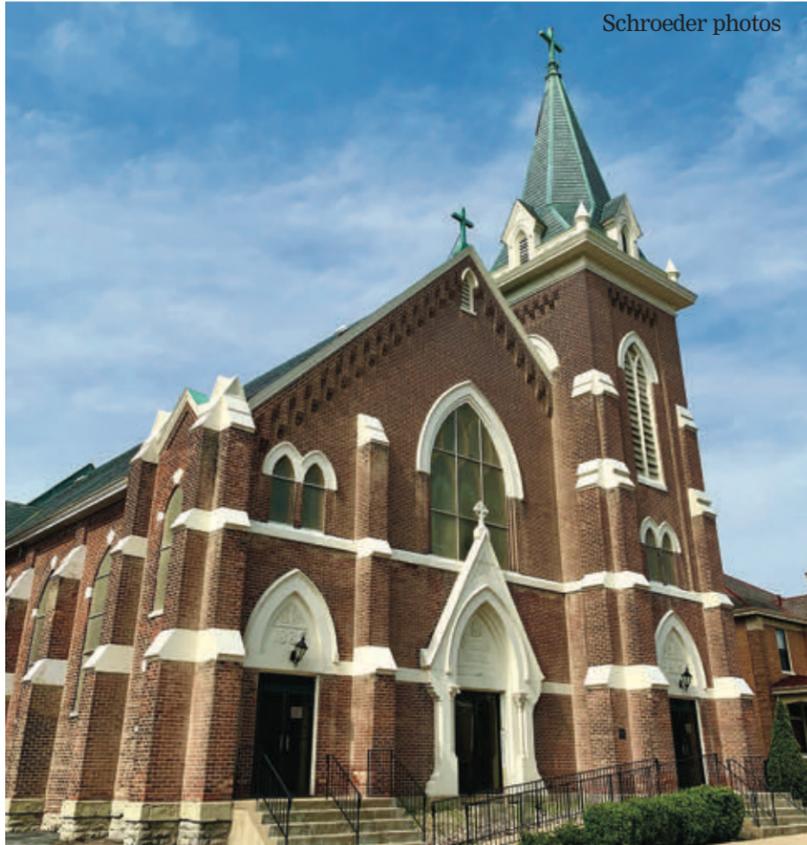
The Ludlow parish has a long and interesting history. St. Boniface Parish was established in 1872 by a group of 25 families living primarily in Ludlow and a dozen farming families living along the Pleasant Run Turnpike (now Bromley-Crescent Springs Road). The congregation was predominantly composed of German-speaking Catholics. On Nov. 3, 1872, Bishop Augustus Maria Toebbe dedicated a combination church, school and rectory on Adelia Avenue. In time, St. Joseph Parish in Crescent Springs and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Boone County, originally established as a mission of St. Boniface, were carved from the parish boundaries.

St. Boniface School was established in 1872 and was taught by lay teachers. In 1890, the Sisters of Divine Providence arrived in Ludlow and took up residence in a brand-new convent constructed for that purpose. In 1892 the parish began construction of a new St. Boniface Church which was dedicated on Aug. 13, 1893, by Bishop Camillus P. Maes. The original building, from that time forward, was used exclusively for school purposes. St. Boniface Church was destroyed by a tornado on the evening of July 7, 1915. The building was rebuilt and rededicated in 1916. A parish rectory was purchased in 1928.

While St. Boniface Parish cared for the needs of the German-speaking Catholics of the community, a growing number of Irish families were attracted to Ludlow by the Cincinnati Southern Railroad. Initially, these English-speaking Catholics found a home at St. Ann Parish in West Covington. By 1886, they had grown large enough to request the creation of a parish of their own in Ludlow. The Armory Hall on Carneal Street was purchased in 1887 and dedicated as the first St. James Church on May 1, 1887. St. James Parish established a school in 1890 under the care of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

St. James Parish flourished, and construction of a new church was begun on Oak Street. The new St. James Church was dedicated on Oct. 9, 1904, by Bishop Camillus P. Maes. A new parish school followed in 1912 and a rectory in 1922. St. James Parish operated a parochial high school from 1928 until 1948.

The two Ludlow parish schools were merged in 1967 and eventually closed in 1984. St. Boniface and St. James Parishes were merged on March 16, 1980, utilizing the parish facilities of the St. James congregation. The former St. Boniface complex still stands on Adela Avenue and is now home to Trinity Presbyterian Church.



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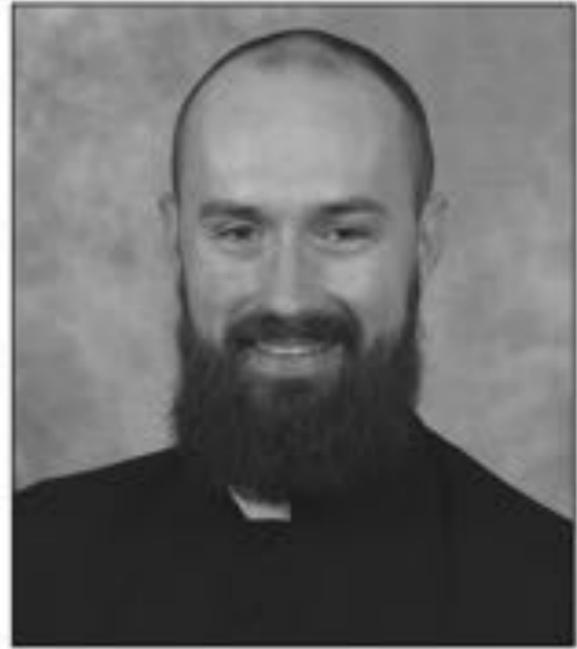
(above left) Exterior, Sts. Boniface and James. (above) St. Boniface stained glass window. (left) Close-up relic of St. Boniface.



(right) Sts. Boniface and James interior. (above left) Relic of St. Boniface.

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## A pale blue dot

Somewhere along the way and in light of all the crazy things threatening the American dream of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” and the world in general, I pondered several topics for this column, for example:

### ALONG THE WAY



Ray Smith

— America’s troubled justice system and the need to fortify the protection of our justices.

— The soft, hard to understand, treatment of felony defenders in certain parts of our country.

— The threat and frightening possibility of a worldwide nuclear war and what to do about it.

— Problems with our borders, the lawful right to citizenship and the need for more

cooperation from partner countries.

— Worldwide terrorism, as in Nigeria, where more than 80 parishioners were killed by gunmen disguised as congregants in St. Francis Church at a service celebrating Pentecost Sunday.

— Inflation’s current monster threat to our way of life, even if temporary, and how to reverse it.

— The worldwide Fentanyl epidemic and its ever-increasing worldwide death toll.

— The terrible, unending explosion of crime and violence throughout the world and at home.

Enough! ... plenty for another time or maybe finding a way today to leave the Earth for a while would do the

trick. Honestly, the Holy Spirit and my fingers finally settled on two words — Carl Sagan — the highly-honored astronomer, planetary scientist, cosmologist, author and science commentator. Perfect! And what better way to take a surgical look at battered Earth from a great and appropriate distance than Carl’s masterpiece, “Pale Blue Dot?” I am more than ready and I do hope you don’t mind coming with me. We need only close our eyes tight long enough to see only dense darkness, except for the tiniest possible little fingernail-sized dot, so faded that it looks blue. Please stay with me in the darkness of space for 10 seconds.

Open now, but remember what you saw and follow Carl’s beautifully descriptive words with me: “From this distant vantage point, the Earth might not seem of any particular interest. But for us, it’s different.” Consider again that dot. (Go there with me again for 10 seconds and find it ... you can!)

“That’s here! That’s home! That’s us! On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies and economic doctrines, every hunter or forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every superstar, every ‘supreme leader,’ every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there — on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam. The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic area.

“Think of all those rivers of blood spilled by all those

generals and emperors so that in glory and triumph they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot.

“Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner. How frequently their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

“Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark.

“In our obscurity — in all this vastness — there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

“The Earth is the only world known, so far, to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit? Yes. Settle? Not yet. Like it or not, for the moment, the Earth is where we make our stand.

“It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better illustration of the folly of human conceits than (please close your eyes and look again into the vast darkness and visualize the teeny-tiny speck) this distant image of our tiny world.

“To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we’ve ever known.”

Carl Sagan — Nov. 9, 1934/Dec. 20, 1996

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## God’s sense of humor

God is the author of all that is good.

There’s a school of classical philosophy that believes God has four transcendental properties. God, it teaches, is One, True, Good, and Beautiful — to this we can add, Humorous. Moreover, this can be inferred from more than just the fact that sometimes we sense that humor manifests our transcendence within a given situation. More importantly, we can infer that humor has some godliness from examining the component parts of love. God is love, and humor is undeniably an important part of love.

When the classical Greek philosophers defined love, they highlighted a number of components within it, namely, erotic attraction, obsession, friendship, pragmatic arrangement and altruism. However, they also highlighted another component, playfulness/banter/humor. How insightful. Humor along with healthy banter and playful teasing are part of the grease that enables us to sustain relationships long term, despite the inevitable over-familiarity, hurt, disappointment, and boredom that beset even the most loving relationships. Humor helps make it all work. Thus, since it is an innate part of love, it is an innate part of God.

Sadly, we don’t often picture God that way. Christianity, Judaism and Islam have this in common. We all picture God as male, celibate, solemn — and humorless. How might we picture God differently?

If you were to draw up a composite face representing God, whose face would you include in this picture? The pious face of the gentle, blond-haired Jesus with a lamb on his shoulder we see in our holy pictures? Images of a serenely composed and quiet Mary that we see depicted in our statues of her? The face of Mother Teresa? The face of Therese of Lisieux? The face of Dorothy Day? Of Martin Luther King? Of Oscar Romero? Of Billy Graham? Of Henri Nouwen? Of Rachel Held Evans? The

### IN EXILE



Father Ron Rolheiser

face of your mother or father? Would you also include the face of your favorite comedian or favorite wit? Jerry Seinfeld? Bette Midler? Rowan Atkinson? The mischievous face of your colorful uncle telling a joke?

Any picture of God’s face needs to manifest an inner soul that is One, True, Good, Beautiful but also Humorous and Mischievous. Funny, while I believe that God is the

author of humor, I’ve never been enamored by the various artistic depictions of Jesus as laughing uproariously. Good idea, good intention, good theology, but to my taste, lacking the right nuance. That kind of laughing face has an ephemeral quality that too easily gives way to something else after it’s had its moment. God’s face, I suspect, has a quieter, sneakier, more permanent mischievousness to it.

If this is true, if God not only has a sense of humor but is also the author of humor itself, then humor is an important quality within sanctity and holiness. What makes for wholeness, maturity, holiness, love, and for the kind of person you want beside you at the table, here and at the eternal one in heaven? Certainly, you want someone who manifests the qualities that Jesus asked for in the Sermon on the Mount — along with a warm, playful and mischievous sense of humor

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser is a theologian, teacher and award-winning author.

If we genuinely trust Scripture, our own experience and our own sanity, we can only conclude that God has a sense of humor, and a robust and sneaky one at that. Where’s the evidence?

A generation ago, Peter Berger wrote a remarkable little book entitled, “A Rumor of Angels.” Unlike Aquinas, Anselm, Descartes and a number of renowned philosophers, he didn’t try to “prove” the existence of God through logic and argumentation. Rather, he simply examined a number of very ordinary human experiences and pointed to what’s hidden inside and behind the walls of those experiences. For instance, when a mother soothes and calms a frightened child at night, assuring the child that there is nothing to fear, she does this in good faith only because at some deep level she intuits that ultimately everything is all right. In effect, unconsciously, she is praying a Creed.

Now, one of the experiences Berger highlights is the experience of humor. Here’s his thesis: no matter how oppressive and dire the circumstance, human beings always have the capacity to make light of it, to view it through the prism of irony and humor. For example, martyrs have joked with their executioners and, no doubt, there was some banter, sarcasm, irony and bitter humor at times inside extermination camps. The fact that people can do this, and do in fact do it, shows that there is always something transcendent inside us, something over which no human oppression has power, something that sets us above any situation within which we find ourselves. Our sense of irony and humor manifests that something in our soul sets us above anything that can beset us.

And, this can have its source in only one place, inside of the Creator who made us. Thus, not only must God have a sense of humor, humor must be something inherent within the nature of God, since humor is good and

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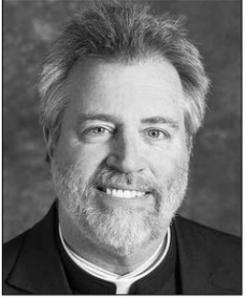
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## Do you see what I'm believing?

The readings for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ — Cycle C — are: Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; and Luke 9:11b-17.

As I begin to write this reflection for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the sad irony does not escape me that, with this solemnity we are celebrating something in which — according to a recent Pew

### GO AND GLORIFY



Father Stephen Bankemper

Research Center survey — most self-described Catholics do not believe.

According to their study, nearly seven in 10 Catholics (69 percent) say they personally believe that during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine used in Communion “are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.” Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31 percent) say they believe that “during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually

become the body and blood of Jesus.”

Based on this research, perhaps what is needed in an article is simple, basic catechesis. I feel led, however, in an even simpler direction. I would like to share a realization that came to me as I thought about the Pew survey results, and the questions that resulted from that realization.

The realization is this: the drastic drop in belief in what we call the Real Presence has happened in my lifetime. To go further, it has happened in only part of my lifetime — in the last 30 or so years. This realization led to obvious questions: What happened? How did we get here? There are many qualified people who have suggested spiritual, sociological and theological answers to these questions. I would simply like to offer a suggestion from my own life experience.

My understanding of the Eucharist was formed primarily from the customs of my family and parish surrounding Sunday worship and the way Mass was celebrated at the time. The preparation for Mass began, in a certain sense, at home on Saturday night. Because we were going to Mass the next day (it never occurred to us that we would not go), this was often the night we had our baths. Waking up the next morning Mass was on our minds, because we knew to eat breakfast early enough for the Eucharistic fast, and to dress in our “school clothes” as opposed to our “play clothes.”

Whatever we might do after Mass, we would come home first and change our clothes. We were not given a coloring book or Cheerios to keep us occupied; we were directed to pay attention to what was going on. I followed the Mass in a missal long before I could even read well; in fact, I learned simple Latin along with English by reading the missal. Going to the bathroom before we left home was a given; no one wandered to the back of church in search of a bathroom. (Actually, I don't even know if our church had a bathroom when I was a child.)

Upon entering the church, we genuflected, either before we dipped our fingers into the holy water font or before we entered our pew, because Jesus was in the tabernacle. When we received Holy Communion, it was kneeling at the altar rail, on the tongue, with our hands folded. When I returned to our pew, I remember seeing my father and other adults, not staring around at others going to and returning from Communion, but kneeling with eyes closed — even heads in hands — praying. Priests always genuflected after opening and before closing the tabernacle, and bells were rung at the consecration. We went to confession regularly, being told often that we should receive Holy Communion worthily.

Please do not read any of this politically. Some of these practices might still be valid, others perhaps not. My point is that I knew Jesus was present in the Host (we

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## Four women shook up the philosophical establishment and why it matters to us

I have just finished a marvelous book called “The Women Are Up to Something.” Written by Benjamin Lipscomb, it weaves together the biographies of four extraordinary women who arrived together as students at Oxford in the late 1930s and who flourished as scholars and writers in the mid to late twentieth century. Iris Murdoch, Mary Midgley, Philippa Foot and Elizabeth Anscombe effected a revolution in the way in which we think about moral philosophy, and their very positive influence is much needed in the ethical conversation today.

The best known of the four are certainly Murdoch, who wrote prolifically as both a philosopher and a novelist, and Anscombe, who emerged as the translator and privileged interpreter of the work of Ludwig Wittgenstein, and who was, by all accounts, a first class character.

A Catholic convert as a very young lady, Anscombe stood athwart British convention in many ways, including her brusque, direct manner of speaking and her unusual manner of dress. She was known to wear shirts and trousers, when this was basically unheard of for women, and to puff vigorously on a cigar

while attending meetings. Consistently in line with Catholic teaching, she opposed birth control

and abortion (thus angering the left), and she spoke out against giving President Harry Truman an honorary Oxford doctorate, since Truman had authorized the direct killing of the innocent at Hiroshima and Nagasaki (thus angering the right).

In her later years, Iris Murdoch developed Alzheimer's disease and gradually withdrew from public life. Her agonizing descent into complete dementia was chronicled in her husband's lovely book “An Elegy for Iris,” which was later turned into a film starring Dame Judi Dench as the philosopher.

Now what makes these four women so interesting is not just the details of their respective biographies but the content of their thinking, especially in the arena of morals. To understand their contri-

but, a little background is needed. The dominant philosophical figure at Oxford when the four ladies

arrived was A.J. Ayer, the founder of the movement called logical positivism. This point of view, which beguiled the minds of some of the brightest twentieth-century thinkers, was that the only statements that can be called “meaningful” are those that can be verified through empirical analysis.

Thus, I can meaningfully hold that there are, say, 10 people in a given room, since I can empirically confirm whether that statement is true or false. On the other hand, I speak meaninglessly when I say something like “God exists” or “You shouldn't do that” or “That picture is beautiful.” Because none of those claims can be verified or falsified through the senses, they are, at best, expressive of the speaker's personal preference or emotional state. Thus, on logical positivist grounds, any ethical claim is ruled out of court.

When I say “Murder is wrong” or “Caring for the poor is right,” I am

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### WORD ON FIRE



Bishop Robert Barron

## The greatest gift ever

As I was perusing social media recently, I saw a post from someone who had received a new car for their anniversary and claimed

### VIEWPOINT



Faye Roch

“it was the greatest ever.” Right after that post was another post from a young woman standing with a new high school graduate. This series of posts made me think of the word “gift” and how our culture looks at material objects.

The young woman standing next to the new high school graduate was his birth mom. Her parents are friends of mine and her story has touched my heart for many years.

As a young college student, “Maggie” found herself in an unplanned pregnancy. She was not in a committed relationship with the father and while her family could have assisted her in raising her baby, she decided to make a plan for her child. Through counseling — with her parents and the Diocese of Covington Catholic Charities — she realized her decision, though difficult, was not about her; it was about what was best for her child, and that was for this baby to grow up with a mom and a dad.

She chose an open adoption through Catholic Charities and was supported by her family and the staff at Catholic Charities throughout her pregnancy.

I remember speaking with my friend after Maggie delivered her baby boy. She told me how anxious they were at the hospital during delivery, and about their encounter with a delivery nurse who also had had an unplanned pregnancy and made an adoption plan for her child. This young nurse to them was a sign from God that they were making the right decision for this new life. My friend also told me how difficult it was for Maggie, and her entire family, leaving the hospital without her baby and the grief they encountered. Again, through the sup-

port of the staff at Catholic Charities, Maggie knew in her heart this was the best decision for both her and her child.

Maggie had given one of the “greatest gifts ever” to parents who were unable to conceive a child. This gift was selfless and so much more rewarding than any new car could ever be.

Unfortunately, our society has given adoption a bad image. Many people talk about women “giving their baby up” or “giving their baby away.” What a woman is actually doing is making a plan for her child, she is being selfless, and her parents and support system are also being selfless.

We as a pro-life community need to raise awareness of the gift of adoption and the many blessings that come from this selfless act.

In speaking with our local pregnancy care centers, they say a woman many times would rather have an abortion than make an adoption plan. In doing research, I've also seen reports where abortion providers claimed that adoption is more traumatic than abortion. We need to change this mindset. One comment from a pregnancy center worker was that for such a long time they feared talking about adoption because they felt it was insensitive and that it might drive a woman towards abortion.

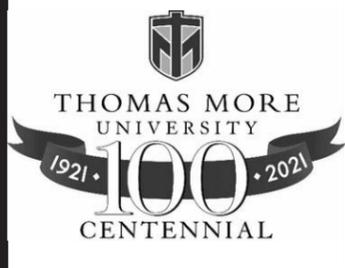
In choosing an open adoption, Maggie was a part of her child's life, she and her parents and siblings celebrated birthdays and holidays and his graduation with his family.

Promoting adoption can be as simple as educating people about the reality of what adoption looks like — that a birth mother can choose a family she will place her child and choose whether the adoption will be opened or closed.

Adoption is the missing link in the pro-life movement. We need to change our culture.

Our gift of life is a great gift, and a woman choosing to give that gift of life to parents unable to have a child on their own is “the greatest gift ever.”

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**Thomas More University Preview Day**

Tuesday, July 26, at 6 p.m.

Future students and their families are invited to learn about Thomas More, meet the faculty and enjoy an evening tour of campus.

(above left) Bishop John Iffert address the commencement crowd, accompanied by Thomas More University President Joseph L. Chillo, L.P.D., Provost Molly Smith, Ph.D., and Board of Trustees Chair Judith A. Marlowe, Ph.D. (above right) Thomas More University President Joseph L. Chillo, L.P.D., presents St. Elizabeth Healthcare President and CEO Garren Colvin with an honorary doctoral of medicine. (below) Thomas More University's newest graduates celebrate their accomplishments.

# Thomas More University encourages students to make it more with high-quality Catholic education

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**Commencement**

On May 14, 2022, Thomas More University honored their newest alumni with a day of commencement fun, as more than 340 students, along with their friends and family, gathered in the Connor Convocation Center.

"As you go out into the world, serving as great leaders in your future endeavors, I know that you will succeed because of the education and Saints experience you've received here at Thomas More," said Dr. Joseph L. Chillo, president, Thomas More University, in a message to the class of 2022.

The class of 2022 was honored in two ceremonies where 350 degrees were given to 344 students, including 292 undergraduates and 52 graduates. There were 117 first-generation undergraduate students. The class has representatives from 10 states and four countries, with 12 military veterans among their ranks. Graduates from the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences and the College of Natural & Health Sciences celebrated their achievement at 10:30 a.m. and those who attended the College of Business were recognized at 2 p.m.

The top senior from each college was honored with the Presidential Award for exemplifying the mission of the University and recognizing the importance of service to others, creating a positive environment on campus for students to thrive and engage more. Presidential Award winners were: elementary education major Caitlin Fangman from the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences; biology major Brianna Hoegermeyer, graduating with a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology from the College of Natural & Health Sciences; and, from the College of Business, Victoria M. Raque, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in accountancy and minors in business administration and ethical leadership.

The First Generation Student Award honored a student from each ceremony who demonstrates leadership in curriculum, promotes a life of faith, and is the first person in their family to attend college. Those two students were Ehmet Barrett Thornton-Ayres, who received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, with a concentration in clinical psychology and a minor in history; and Max Hennessey, who earned a bachelor's degree in accountancy with a minor in business administration.

Receiving the Dean's Graduate Award in recognition of being the top student among graduate students and exemplifying the mission of the University is Jesus Avila, who earned a Master of Business Administration degree. Avila is a dual Thomas More graduate, earning his undergraduate business degree in 2018 from the University.

Melinda Simpson Kellam was celebrated with the Lifelong Learning Award for epitomizing what it is to be a student in the Thomas More accelerated program, graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

"Not only did we persevere through the demands of pursuing higher education," said Ms. Hoegermeyer in her commencement address, "but we also advocate for minorities, feed the hungry, and participate in cleaning up our environment. We thrive, even through COVID-19. Our community did not let the pandemic stop us. I want to recognize the faculty and staff that have been unwavering in their dedication to their students and to the community at large."

Several stand-out faculty were recognized for that unwavering dedication. Overall faculty member of the year went to Amy Thistlewaite, Ph.D., from the sociology and criminal justice department. Dr. Thistlewaite has shepherded student success at Thomas More for over eight years. Debra (Dee) Allen, Ph.D., was recognized for her work as an undergraduate full-time faculty member, single-handedly developing and implementing the special education program. The part-time faculty award winner was Thomas More alumnus Christopher Bryson '93/'00/'15, who is considered a top asset to the Business Administration program, being a two-time winner of this award.

The Thomas More University Board of Trustees also awarded an honorary doctoral of medicine, confirmed by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), to Garren Colvin, president and chief executive officer of St.



Elizabeth Healthcare. The award was presented by President Chillo during the morning ceremony. Mr. Colvin graduated from Thomas More in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts in accountancy. He later served on the Thomas More Board of Trustees and was elected to the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016. In 2017, Colvin and his wife Susan (Kelsch) Colvin '89 were the recipients of the Bishop William A. Hughes Award in recognition of the outstanding support they have demonstrated to Catholic higher education and to Thomas More specifically. Mr. Colvin has served as president and chief executive officer of St. Elizabeth Healthcare since June 2015, having joined St. Elizabeth Healthcare in May 1983 as a co-op student while attending Thomas More.

**A smart investment**

Thomas More graduates are prepared for a successful future, as the benefits of a private, liberal arts education, specifically the one provided at Thomas More University, have been the topic of recent studies.

In their 2022 return on investment study, Georgetown University ranked Thomas More second out of all universities in Kentucky in net present value over a 40-year period, a benchmark that is considered the most comprehensive in judging value. Private universities topped the study, proving a better investment than their public counterparts. Further, PayScale, a company that seeks to help employees understand their worth in the job market, recently ranked Thomas More University number one among all Kentucky higher education institutions in 20-year net return on investment.

**Educational opportunity for all**

Thomas More University will hold its next Preview Day on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 6 p.m. on the Crestview Hills campus. Future students and their families are invited to join the admissions team to learn about Thomas More, meet the accomplished faculty at a browsing fair of over 30 academic majors, and enjoy an evening tour of campus. Kona Ice will be on campus to provide refreshing treats. Thomas More holds Preview Days and Open Houses throughout the year, offering a range of inviting opportunities to check out the University, meet faculty, learn about scholarship offerings, and find out more about the Saints community. Thomas More awards University financial aid to 100% of admitted students. Students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 from a Catholic High School are eligible for the Parochial Promise award, and the Diocese of Covington Guarantee award ensures all Diocese of Covington graduates who meet minimum admissions criteria are eligible for \$20,000 in institutional aid. The University's generous scholarship offerings ensure that a high-quality liberal arts education remains affordable for all.

A first-rate education is made affordable at Thomas More University through scholarships created by dedicated community members and alumni, such as Judith A. Marlowe '69, Ph.D., chair of the Thomas More board of trustees. Dr. Marlowe is making educational goals a reality for current and future students through two endowed scholarships. With values aligning to the University's mission, Dr. Marlowe is dedicated to service and seeks to foster this dedication in future generations.

The Dr. Judith A. Marlowe '69 Leadership and Service Scholarship rewards Thomas More University students who demonstrate commitment to leadership, involvement, and service to the University and local communities. The scholarship provides financial assistance in the form of tuition, books, or other direct educational expenses.

"I want to encourage today's students to take advantage of the opportunities that are more accessible in a small institution, to expand their horizons and excel," says Dr. Marlowe. She states that the scholarship, "is intended to promote active participation in a leadership role that will prepare the student for future opportunities to demonstrate the benefit of their values-based Thomas More education and elevate the reputation of this University."

In a second expression of commitment to students, Dr. Marlowe established the Evelyn's Opportunity Scholarship, which holds a special place in her heart, honoring the memory of her mother, Evelyn Taylor Middendorf. This award is dedicated to funding Thomas More University students who are the first in their families to pursue a university education.



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**PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

**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.

**Year-Round Flea Market, the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home (DCCH) Center** from 8:30 a.m. - noon., Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Open to the public, 50 percent off the first Thursday of each month. Proceeds benefit children living at DCCH Center. Donation drop-off preferred during regular Flea Market hours - 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell.

**Religious Freedom Week 2022 begins June 22**, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. Learn more at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty>.

The Sisters of Notre Dame are Celebrating their 100th Fourth of July Festival. **Monday, July 4. 1p.m.- 6p.m.** There will be games and food including Harmon's BBQ, Chick-Fil-A, pizza, Kona Ice, an ice cream truck and Silent Auction with handmade items and homemade treats. Plus, live entertainment from the Hills of KY Dulcimers and The Closers.

**2022 Wedding Anniversary Couples Vespers Celebration - New Date - Oct. 2, 2022** at 3 p.m. Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, for couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2022 Anniversary couples RSVP by July 20, 2022, at [covdio.org/wedding-vespers/](http://covdio.org/wedding-vespers/) or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

**Care Net Pregnancy Center's tenth annual Golf "Fore" Fathers scramble** August 12, early bird prices end July 11. For more information visit [carenetsy.org/golf-fore-fathers](http://carenetsy.org/golf-fore-fathers).



**Mary Garden**

May is Mary's month and the preschoolers at St. Patrick School, Taylor Mill, planted flowers to create Mary Garden outside their classroom in her honor.



**Bridging**

Parents, grandparents, and friends gathered at St. Patrick Church and School, Taylor Mill, celebrate their Kindergarteners moving onto first grade.



**CCHS robotics team takes first**

Five robotics teams from Covington Catholic High School competed in the VEX Robotics World Tournament in Dallas, Texas. One of the five teams, "The Housecats," took the first state title for a Covington Catholic robotics team.

**Festivals**

**Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish**, Erlanger

June 24, 6-11 p.m.  
June 25, 5-11 p.m.  
June 26, 3-8 p.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**, Burlington

July 15, 6 p.m.-midnight  
July 16, 5 p.m.-midnight  
July 17, 4-10 p.m.

**St. Pius X Parish**, Edgewood

July 15, 6 p.m.-midnight  
July 16, 6 p.m.-midnight  
July 17, 4-10 p.m.

**Holy Cross Parish**, Latonia

July 22-23

**St. Thomas Parish**, Ft. Thomas

July 22-23

**St. James Parish**, Brooksville

July 22-23-24

**Sts. Peter-Paul Parish**, California

July 30  
Aug. 27

**St. Joseph Parish**, Cold Spring

Aug. 5, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Aug. 6, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

**St. Mary of the Assumption Parish**, Alexandria

Aug. 12, 6 p.m.-midnight  
Aug. 13, 5-11 p.m.

**St. Joseph Parish**, Crescent Springs

Aug. 12, 6 p.m.-midnight  
Aug. 13, 6 p.m.-midnight  
Aug. 14, 3-9 p.m.

**St. Bernard Parish**, Dayton

Aug. 19, 6-11 p.m.  
Aug. 20, 5-11 p.m.

**St. Philip**, Melbourne

Aug. 20,  
4:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

**Holy Cross District High School**, Latonia

Aug. 26 6 p.m.-midnight  
Aug. 27 5:30p.m.-midnight

**St. Augustine Parish**, Augusta

Aug. 26-27-28

**St. Cecilia Parish**, Independence

Sept. 3, 6 p.m.- midnight  
Sept. 4, 4 p.m. - midnight  
Sept. 5, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**St. Barbara Parish**, Erlanger

Sept. 9, 6 p.m.-midnight  
Sept. 10, 5 p.m.-midnight  
Sept. 11, 2-7 p.m.

**St. Patrick Parish**, Maysville

Sept. 9-10-11

**St. Timothy Parish**, Union

Sept. 16, 6-11 p.m.  
Sept. 17,  
5:30 p.m.-midnight

**St. William Parish**, Williamstown

Sept. 16-17

**St. Benedict Parish**, Covington

Sept. 23-24, 5-11 p.m.

**St. Agnes Oktoberfest**, Ft. Wright

Sept. 23, 5 p.m.- midnight  
Sept. 24, 5 p.m.-midnight  
Sept. 25, 3 p.m. 8 p.m.

**St. Anthony Parish**, Taylor Mill

Sept. 24, 6-10 p.m.

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# Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood

**Laura Keener**  
*Editor*

Over 300 people gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, June 3, for the ordination of Father Alexander John (A.J.) Gedney, a priest for the Diocese of Covington. Bishop John Iffert was the celebrant and ordaining prelate — a first for him.

“The ministry that you carry out will fall from my ministry, which flows to me as a gracious gift by the appointment of the Holy Father and from the tradition of the apostles,” Bishop Iffert said in his homily as he spoke to Father Gedney. “We are always interlinked in the life of the Church.”

Bishop Iffert said that a Bishop and the priests he ordains share a special bond. He described the close bond he shares with Cardinal Wilton Gregory, who ordained him a priest 25 years ago, when recently, in a hotel lobby, Cardinal Gregory called to him, saying as he motioned him to join the group he was chatting with, “This one. This one is my spiritual son.”

“I was filled with joy ... to have him recognize that connection that we still share,” Bishop Iffert said. “I hope, in some way, that I can be like a father to you, at least in the way we share a ministry, in the way we share the life in the Spirit, in the way we journey together here in this local Church ... We are never alone. We’re surrounded with brothers (referring to brother priests), we’re surrounded with brothers and sisters in Christ (referring to religious and lay faithful).”

At the ordination Bishop Iffert and Father Gedney were indeed surrounded by many of their brother priests of the Diocese of Covington, including Bishop Roger Foys, who attended in choir. Concelebrants included Father Ryan Maher, vicar general and rector of the Cathedral; Father Daniel Schomaker, vicar general and pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Covington; and Benedictine Father Edward Mazich, rector, St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Penn. Father Gedney attended St. Vincent Seminary for his priestly formation. Father Gedney chose Father Eric Boelscher, pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs, for the honor of vesting him, for the first time, a priest.

Bishop Iffert offered his thanks and the thanks of the people of the diocese, to John and Taryn Gedney, Father Gedney’s parents, not only for the gift of their son, but also for their support and encouragement of their son’s vocation.

“It is a joy for you, very apparently, to celebrate this gift and to share your son with the life of the Church. It’s a wonderful example and a wonderful gift that you give to us today,” he said.

As Bishop Iffert continued his homily, he focused on

the promises that Father Gedney would make before he is ordained — to preach the truth of the Catholic faith, to celebrate the liturgy faithfully and reverently, to remain celibate, to pray without ceasing, to be ever more united to Christ and to pledge obedience to the bishop.

About preaching, Bishop Iffert said, “You’re probably excited about this ... You won’t always be excited ... You will find a season in your life as a priest where you think you have no more ideas to share ... There may be times when you realize that you’ve sinned, and it will feel hypocritical to stand in front of God’s people and preach the word ... Preach anyhow. Carry on faithfully ... Preach with your constancy, preach with a love that people can see and preach with joy ... Preach by being honest.”

Bishop Iffert encouraged Father Gedney to not only celebrate the liturgy but also “to let the liturgy and your life as preacher guide you. It’s designed to lead us in holiness.”

“You are called in a special way and will resolve to be a person who participates in the sanctification of the Church, especially in the mysteries of the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation. Allow yourself to be sanctified as you celebrate,” Bishop Iffert said. “Offer yourself as you extend mercy to others; be aware that the merciful God is with you.”

The promise of obedience, Bishop Iffert said, binds a priest and his bishops in a substantial and collaborative way.

“I do feel a spiritual fatherhood for you and for all your brother priests,” Bishop Iffert said. “I do understand that just as you profess obedience to me, I have also professed a concern, a care, an obligation for you, for your care, for your encouragement, for your ongoing formation; to accompany you, to walk with you. It is a joy and a blessing this priesthood we share. It’s my great gift to be able to share this, to ordain you. The first priest I will ordain.”

Bishop Iffert reminded Father Gedney that priests are fallible. “You will err; you will stumble, you will make mistakes,” and that even the apostle Peter denied Christ three times.

“Do not let that discourage you,” Bishop Iffert said. “Christ knew Peter’s failure and he came to him with love. You and I, from time to time, we might fail. But, if we remain in Christ he will never let us be failures. Let us remain in Him, together in love.”

At the end of the ordination Mass Bishop Iffert announced, effective July 5, Father Gedney’s first assignments as parochial vicar, Holy Cross Parish, Latonia and chaplain, Newport Central Catholic High School, Newport.



(above) Through the laying on of hands by Bishop John Iffert and the praying of the prayer of ordination, the gift of the Holy Spirit is conferred on Father AJ Gedney.



(above) Father Eric Boelscher, pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs, vests the newly ordained in priestly vestments.



Baker, Keener and Ziegler photos

(above) Bishop Iffert places the bread and wine into the hands of the newly ordained Father Gedney, signifying his duty to preside at the celebration of the Eucharist and to follow Christ.



(above and below) Father Gedney is welcomed to the presbyterate by Msgr. Gerald Twaddell and Brother Francis Yuan Jin, during the fraternal kiss.



(above) Bishop Iffert, Father Gedney and the diocese’s seminarians gather for a picture with Bishop John Iffert after the ordination service, (from left) Justin Schwarz, Joshua Heskamp, Father Gedney, Hank Bischoff, Bishop Iffert, Michael Schulte, Deacon Michael Elmlinger, Brad Whittle and John Baumann. (left) Father Gedney’s family present the gifts for the Eucharistic blessing during the ordination Mass (from left) John, father; Jackie, sister; and Taryn, mother. (below) Father Gedney offers his first priestly blessing as a newly ordained priest to Bishop Iffert.



‘Let us pray that God the all-powerful Father will pour out abundantly the gifts of heaven on these, his servants, whom he has chosen for the office of Priest.’

# Pope praises wrinkles, criticizes obsession with looking 'young'

**Carol Glatz**  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Why are the elderly unappreciated and seen as useless when they carry so much wisdom and can open the door to God's tenderness, Pope Francis asked.

Criticizing the obsession of trying to stay forever young in appearance, he said people must not hide or try to get rid of their wrinkles.

"Wrinkles are a sign of experience, a sign of life, a sign of maturity, a sign of having made a journey. Do not touch them to become young, that your face might look young," the pope said June 8 at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"What matters is the entire personality; it's the heart that matters, and the heart remains with that youth of a good wine — the more it ages the better it is," he said.

The pope continued his series of talks about old age by looking at St. John's account of Nicodemus (Jn 3:1-21). Jesus tries to explain to the elderly Pharisee about the need to be born again.

Jesus says that to see the kingdom of God, one needs to

be "born from above," which means "a rebirth from above with the grace of God" and not to be "reborn physically" as if this life had been a waste of time or a "failed experiment" that needed to be erased and done over, the pope said.

"This life is precious in God's eyes — it identifies us as beings who are loved tenderly by God," the pope said.

Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus has something to teach people today, who, like Nicodemus, misunderstand what "rebirth" is and should be in the light of faith, he said.

Today, he said, there is a "dream of an eternal youth" and a "myth that makes us want to return to our mother's womb to come back always with a young body."

The world, which shows "a worrisome tendency to consider the birth of a child as the simple matter of the production and biological reproduction of the human being," also cultivates this "myth of eternal youth as the desperate obsession with an incorruptible body," he said.

Technology has stepped in to help so that, while people await "the defeat of death, we can keep the body alive with medicine and cosmetics which slow down, hide, erase old age," he added. "So much makeup, so many surgical inter-

ventions to appear young."

"Feeding the myth of eternal youth" should not be confused with the laudable effort of staying healthy and promoting one's well-being, he said.

The pope quoted the Italian actress, Anna Magnani, who said, "Please don't retouch my wrinkles. It took me so long to earn them."

There is a mission proper to old age, he said, which is to help show people the hope and love that come with "being destined for eternity in God" and journeying toward one's final destination with the wisdom of lived experience.

Being old is not an obstacle "to the being born from above that Jesus speaks of, but it becomes the opportune time to illuminate it" and make it credible to others, the pope said.

The kind of tenderness grandparents show their grandchildren "opens the door toward understanding God's tenderness," he said, "and old age helps us understand this aspect of God who is tenderness."

He said people should question why "this throwaway culture decided to throw out the elderly, considering them useless."

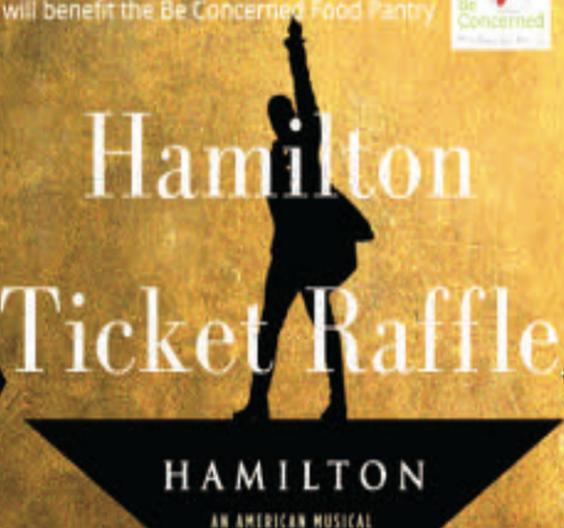
"The elderly are the messengers of the future, the elderly are the messengers of tenderness, the elderly are the messengers of the wisdom of lived experience. Let us move forward and watch the elderly," he said.

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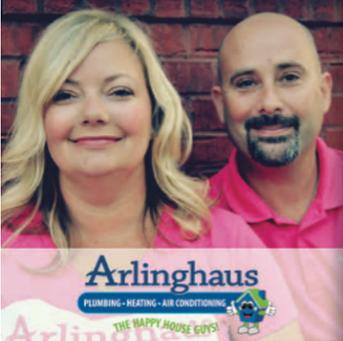
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# Notre Dame Urban Education Center is 'raising the bar'

Tom Ziegler  
Staff Writer

The Notre Dame Urban education Center, Covington, has recently transformed its parking lot into an interactive outdoor space for activities. NDUEC's top priority is their students' safety, which is why the outdoor space was completed with a high-quality perimeter fence around its facility, coupled with security cameras and LED floodlighting. In the process NDUEC has increased neighborhood securi-

ty, reduced property theft and damage and improved the overall aesthetic quality of our premises.

The outdoor space includes a newly installed basketball hoop, which has become an instant favorite. As a result, students learn teamwork, good sportsmanship, and the importance of following rules.

"I'm not into competitive sports, but I like playing hoops at NDUEC. After being in school all day, it's nice to be outside. Being active helps me focus on my studies," said a NDUE middle school student.

In addition to the basketball hoop, Maria

Schappert, program director, converted the outdoor flower beds into a lively and colorful STEM garden. This environmental project serves as an avenue toward enhancing eco-literacy, where students learn about food security, nutrition and sustainability.

Another academic feature to this outdoor space is quarterly StoryWalks®, where students can enjoy learning about animal and plant life cycles, practice reading in natural settings, and discover their own ability to create a spectacular urban garden. The garden is planted and nurtured by children and supported by a village of partners working together.

"Whether students attend our Summer Academics, Homework PLUS or Early Learning programs, they may enjoy different types of enrichment opportunities for shifting interests and fun at NDUEC," said Notre Dame Sister Maria Therese Schappert, executive director. "Installing a basketball hoop in the parking lot has provided the students with an outdoor session of fun featuring individual and teamwork focus."

Notre Dame Urban Education Center's goal of "raising the bar" moves forward thanks to a generous gift from a local family foundation, which allowed for the purchased a 12-passenger Ford Transit van. Soon NDUEC will provide transportation for students who need it most, which will thrust their mission forward.

All are invited to join NDUEC in celebrating what's new at the first annual Cheers to a New School Year event from 5-7:30 p.m., Sept. 22, at the center. To learn more about NDUEC, volunteer, or support its mission, visit [www.nduec.org](http://www.nduec.org) or e-mail Sister Maria Therese at [smtherese@nduec.org](mailto:smtherese@nduec.org).



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(above) Students at the Notre Dame Urban Education center enjoy some parking lot basketball before heading back into the classroom.



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## Why it matters to us

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not asserting a truth that should have purchase with anyone else; I am simply expressing how I feel. Jean-Paul Sartre, under whose thrall the young Murdoch fell for a time, refined this a bit, saying that though there is nothing objectively true about moral claims, a human being should try to be consistent with the convictions that he has adopted for himself.

This consensus commenced to fall apart in the minds of our four women, not so much through argument at first, but through photographs. Not long after the Second World War ended, pictures from the Nazi death camps began to appear on British theatre screens. No one had ever seen anything like them before. Murdoch,

Anscombe, Foot and Midgley, each in her distinctive way, realized that what was on display in those films and photographs was wrong. Period. They didn't entertain this as a private opinion; they weren't just expressing their feelings. They were making the true claim that what the Nazis did in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen was morally abhorrent, and they realized they didn't care that A.J. Ayer thought they were babbling meaninglessly.

In fact, they became convinced that the logical positivists and the existentialists were badly misguided regarding ethics, and they began to look to older sources of moral thinking, especially to Thomas Aquinas, to Plato and to Aristotle. What they found in those worthies was a keen sense of an objectively describable human nature and of those distinctive activities and moves that contribute to the flourishing of that nature.

"Virtues" were the habits inclining one to objectively good behavior; and "vices" were habits inclining in the opposite direction. Hence, the women concluded, morals should not be subjectivized but objectivized, brought onto line with practices that conduced to the well-being of a human nature that can be authentically known. An entire school of ethical thinking emerged from these figures, one that came to be called "virtue ethics." Some of its greatest adherents are Alasdair MacIntyre, Stanley Hauerwas, Charles Taylor and Martha Nussbaum.

Does anyone doubt that an ethical subjectivism is running rampant today? Does anyone doubt that the very notion of objective moral good or moral evil is typically ruled out of court as presumptuous or expressive of someone's desire for power? And does anyone therefore doubt that there are many people adrift in a postmodern sea of relativism and indifferentism? Might I suggest, as a sort of intellectual tonic, to dip into "The Women Are Up to Something." I think you'll find Mary Midgley, Philippa Foot, Elizabeth Anscombe, and Iris Murdoch fairly bracing company.

*Bishop Robert Barron is an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Article originally published at WordOnFire.org.*



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# Sisters of Notre Dame celebrate 100th year of Fourth of July festivities

**Maura Baker**  
Staff Writer

Every year, and for 100 years this year, the Sisters of Notre Dame have been able to gather, fundraise and celebrate thanks to the generosity of their community. Since 1922, the Sisters have brought the community together on July 4 for an afternoon filled with food, games and togetherness — all crowned with a grand raffle that benefits the sisters and their mission.

This year, the grand raffle offers a \$5,000 grand prize, a \$2,000 second prize, and a \$1,000 third prize. In the past, this prize varied from “cars, to refrigerators, to houses and defense bonds (during WWII),” wrote Sister Margaret Droege, archivist for the Sisters of Notre Dame. “Prizes were also given to those selling the most chances. In 1926, the prize was a Shetland pony; in 1929, a two-year scholarship and two four-year scholarships were awarded. In 1949, the adult prize for selling 50 or more card party tickets was a 10-12-pound ham, three yards of smoked wurst and two pounds of sauerkraut.”

“Sisters arrived on July 4, from Germany, in 1874,” said Sister Mary Shauna, a Sister of Notre Dame and a member of the leadership in charge of the festivities, about the origins of the celebration. In March 1922, Mother Mary Cecilia, third Superior General of the Sisters of Notre Dame, visited a property in St. Joseph Heights on Lexington Pike, what is today known as Dixie Highway, and picked the site of a new building for the Sisters of Notre Dame.

“This would provide a place for relaxation as well as a site for sisters who needed to recuperate from illness,” wrote Sister Margaret Droege. However, as construction was planned for the area, the question of financing the building was still up in the air.

It ended up being the local parishes, coming together, that made the construction of the St. Joseph Heights building possible. John F. Cook, Grand Knight of the Price Hill Council of the Knights of Columbus, was solicited and he succeeded in interesting others in the sisters’ building

project. Mr. Cook and his Knights of Columbus colleagues organized the “St. Joseph Heights Home Association.” Mr. Cook’s sole aim was to form a lay organization to help the Sisters of Notre Dame financially. Mr. Cook knew that the people in the parishes where the sisters taught would be glad to help. Membership was extended to include representatives of every city and town in the vicinity.

The St. Joseph Heights Home Association met Oct. 10, 1922. The people pledged themselves to see the building to completion and to take care of the interest on an adequate loan. They toiled unselfishly, and at the end of four years had accumulated sufficient funds to warrant a ground-breaking.

The club formed by Mr. Cook would come to be known as “The Old Faithful Club,” inspired by a trip to Yellowstone National Park by Mr. Cook himself. Since then, the Old Faithful Club has been organizing the July 4 celebrations as a major fundraiser for the Sisters of Notre Dame.

“We are celebrating 100 years of people giving and supporting us. And we just want to say thank you for everything that has been gifted to us over the last 100 years,” said Sister Mary Shauna, emphasizing the Sisters’ gratitude to the community that makes not only the July 4 festivities possible, but also makes possible the Sisters of Notre Dame’s mission of sharing God’s compassion and extending a helping hand back to their community.



Taken October 30, 1927  
(above) Two sisters, dressed in the Sisters of Notre Dames’ original habit, stand on the steps of St. Joseph Heights, Oct. 30, 1927.

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# Believing

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did not use the word “Eucharist” then) and when He became present long before I “learned” it in school, merely from observing and imitating the actions of the adults around me.

Did the loss of any or all of these practices contribute to the decline in belief in the Real Presence? Consider what a child experiences now. What does it say to them that people treat the worship space no differently than any other room, entering without genuflecting, talking and laughing, texting or playing games on their phones, sometimes eating and drinking? What does it say to them that their parents make them dress up for a wedding, but allow them to wear their soccer clothes to Mass? What are parents teaching their children about the Mass when they let them sprawl out in a pew, coloring and eating crackers? (I am not judging anyone, but merely asking questions.) We have in Catholic theology the maxim, “The law of praying is the law of believing.” Meaning that what we say in our prayers affects how we believe. Certainly we could also say, “The law of *acting* is the law of believing.”

Clearly, we need to address by various methods the lack of belief in Christ’s presence in the Eucharist — strong, accurate, clear catechesis; profound theology; devotional practices — but belief in the Eucharist begins somewhere. I would suggest that it begins long before words can even be used. Our actions both teach what we believe and also strengthens our belief. As we address the lack of belief in what happens at Mass, let us not forget this.

Father Stephen Bankemper is pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Ft. Thomas, Ky.

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# Saw dust carpets part of new tradition for Corpus Christi

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a “National Eucharistic Revival” to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This will be a three year effort that culminates with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2024. Each diocese throughout the country has been called on to offer events that encourage the faithful to grow in their understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. It is therefore most fitting for the National Eucharistic Revival to begin on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19.

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, began in the 13th century. In 1263 a German priest, Father Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. On his way, he stopped to celebrate Mass. At the time, he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. In response to his doubt, when he said the words of consecration during Holy Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and dripped onto the altar's corporal. Father Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV who later confirmed it. The Eucharistic Miracle helped to affirm the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon, a 13th century Belgian nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist. Soon after, Pope Urban established the feast and commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, “Pange Lingua,” “Tantum Ergo,” “Panis Angelicus,” and “O Salutaris Hostia” are the beloved hymns the Church still sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

As part of the efforts to propagate devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in the Diocese of Covington for the

launch of the Eucharistic Revival, St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption will begin the centuries old tradition of Saw Dust Carpets on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19.

While today we are accustomed to wall-to-wall carpeting, in previous centuries, carpets were imported and expensive since they were dyed, woven, and knotted by skilled artisans. And while they were of course used in Churches and for decoration outside on solemn occasions, the faithful as early as the 15th century sought to make a more impactful, and artistically thoughtful contribution to outdoor processions, especially that of Corpus Christi.

Using organic materials like flowers, plants, sand, and sawdust, the faithful from around the world have taken to arrange intricate patterned blocks, or "carpets," which the celebrant walks over with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance during the procession. In Guatemala, locals craft their carpets from baskets full of flower petals, palm leaves, and dyed sawdust. In Spain, faithful create colorful patterns that wind down city streets using flowers, leaves, and sawdust. Here in the United States, Pittsburgh's Holy Martyrs Parish has been crafting sawdust carpets for over 80 years—beginning first as a way for the men of the parish to channel their energy and take their minds off the

horrors of WWII. Just as fresh cut flowers in a Church signify an offering, a sacrifice to God, so, too, do the ephemeral carpets, which live for only one day, become a sign of the faithful's love and devotion for Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Faithful from the Diocese of Covington will come together to create a series of saw dust carpets that will wind their way through the Cathedral gardens to a temporary altar that will be used for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during the Eucharistic Procession. Signs, symbols, and patterns will take their inspiration from the Cathedral's decoration and be incorporated into the carpets' designs. Several hundred pounds of sawdust will be used and dyed with a special mixture that prevents the carpets from staining the concrete. Next, each large square will be roughly traced out onto the concrete. Then using buckets, trowels, wood beams, and stencils, the colorful carpets will come to life as they receive patterns and symbols. As these carpets will only live for one day, the faithful are invited to participate in the Cathedral's procession and become part of this new tradition.

All the faithful of the Diocese of Covington are invited to the Cathedral for Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6, Father's Day. Following the 10am Mass, the Eucharistic will be exposed on the altar for personal prayer with Confessions being heard until 2pm. At 2pm, the priests, deacons, and faithful of the Diocese will begin a liturgy of the Word service that culminates in an outdoor Eucharistic Procession with Benediction. All are invited!

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(left) A boy works with a stencil for a saw dust in Spain.

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Superpowers at war add to the world's poor, pope says in message

War produces tremendous poverty, and its violence strikes those who are defenseless and vulnerable, Pope Francis said. "In these situations, reason is darkened, and those who feel its effects are the countless ordinary people who end up being added to the already great numbers of those in need," the pope said in a message for the World Day of the Poor. The special day — marked each year on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time — will be celebrated Nov. 13 this year with the theme: "For your sakes Christ became poor." "What great poverty is produced by the senselessness of war!" the pope said in his message. "Violence strikes those who are defenseless and vulnerable," he wrote. The pope's message focused on the Christian responsibility to "respond adequately" and with joy to the needs of the poor so that "none of our brothers or sisters will lack the necessities of life." "Solidarity is sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without," he wrote. One obstacle, however, is "a kind of laxity," he said, which includes an attitude of outright indifference to the poor. "It also happens that some Christians, out of excessive attachment to money, remain mired in a poor use of their goods and wealth. These situations reveal a weak faith and feeble, myopic hope," he wrote.

Philippine clergy welcome assurances from president-elect

MANILA, Philippines — Catholic clergy in the Philippines have welcomed an assurance from President-elect Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. to "work closely" with the church for the common good. Archbishop Charles Brown, apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, said Marcos assured him of his cooperation when they met June 10. "The president-elect's meeting with the diplomatic corps was very productive and encouraging. He (Marcos) assured me of his desire to collaborate, cooperate closely with the Catholic Church and the Holy See," said Archbishop Brown in an interview with Catholic Church-run Radyo Veritas June 12. Ucanews.com reported that Archbishop Brown, as the papal nuncio, customarily heads the Philippine diplomatic corps,

the body of foreign diplomats accredited by the government. He also spearheads diplomatic functions at Malacanang Palace, the official residence of the president. Archbishop Brown said he was one of several ambassadors who paid a courtesy call to the president-elect to extend goodwill. "Several state representatives or ambassadors have already paid a visit to the president-elect. Our meeting was a good one because it was encouraging and productive," he added. Many Catholic clergymen in the Philippines backed Vice President Leonor "Leni" Robredo in the May 9 election. She lost by over 15 million votes to Marcos, who had support of 58 percent of voters.

Myanmar bishops demand that human life, places of worship be respected

YANGON, Myanmar — Catholic bishops in Myanmar are demanding respect for human life and the sanctity of places of worship, hospitals and schools in the conflict-torn Southeast Asian nation. "Human dignity and the right to life can never be compromised. We strongly demand respect for life, respect for the sanctity of sanctuary in places of worship, hospitals and schools again," the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar said in a statement June 11. Cardinal Charles Bo of Yangon, president of the conference, and 18 bishops signed the document, which was released after the bishops' general assembly in Yangon June 7-10, ucanews.com reported. Myanmar's military junta has continued to target churches and its institutions in recent months. Dozens of churches including Catholic churches in Kayah and Chin states have been destroyed in airstrikes and artillery shelling while thousands of people including Christians have been displaced, some fleeing into neighboring India. At least 450 homes were set ablaze by junta troops in the historic Catholic villages of Chan Thar and Chaung Yoe in the Sagaing region in recent weeks. The bishops' statement, however, did not specifically mention the burning of homes in Catholic villages, although it expressed deep concern over the worsening situation in the country and the situation of affected people regardless of race and religion.

Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Lori decry attacks on pro-life centers

WASHINGTON — Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore pleaded for peace

in light of recent attacks on pro-life pregnancy centers in the United States. "Each of us must choose the path of peace and open our hearts to the love that God has for his children," said a joint statement June 13 by the two prelates. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, touch our hearts and make them like your own." They made the comments as committee chairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Cardinal Dolan chairs the Committee on Religious Liberty and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore is chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. The two prelates noted the pace of attacks had stepped up since a draft version of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's opinion in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Services* was leaked in May. The final ruling has yet to be released. The leaked draft suggested the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the court's 1973 decision which legalized abortion nationwide, in its highly anticipated ruling in an abortion case from Mississippi that bans most abortions after six weeks. Since then, Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Lori said "charities that support pregnant mothers in need have been firebombed, and pro-life organizations have been attacked almost daily and terrorized."

Catholic leaders speak out against Arizona executions

WASHINGTON — Arizona's Catholic bishops and other Catholic opponents of the death penalty spoke out against the June 8 execution of Frank Atwood, just as they did for the May 11 execution of Clarence Dixon, another Arizona death-row prisoner. The two executions by lethal injection took place at the state prison in Florence, Arizona, following a nearly eight-year pause in executions in the state because of the difficulty of obtaining lethal injection drugs and criticism that a 2014 execution in the state was botched. Atwood, 65, faced the death penalty for his conviction in the 1984 murder of an 8-year-old girl. Dixon, 66, was sentenced to death for his conviction in the 1978 murder of a 21-year-old Arizona State University student. The U.S. Supreme Court denied final appeals by attorneys for both inmates, which allowed their executions to move forward. In late March, Arizona officials announced the state would resume executions. "Unfortunately, once these executions begin, it is likely many more will come in relatively quick succession," the Arizona Catholic Conference said in a May 2 statement.

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