



# Cathedral Voices



The electronic newsletter of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

Summer 2011

## 130 year old-front steps of cathedral replaced but tradition maintained

The first thing you see when you arrive at St. Joseph Cathedral are the massive stone steps on Broad street. This summer, workmen from Corno Kokosing insured that the first impression remains a good one. For the first time in the Cathedral's history the limestone steps leading from the sidewalk to the church have been replaced "Those steps have lasted for more than 130 years," Father Gribble said. "They're being replaced by the same type of material, in the hopes it will take another 130

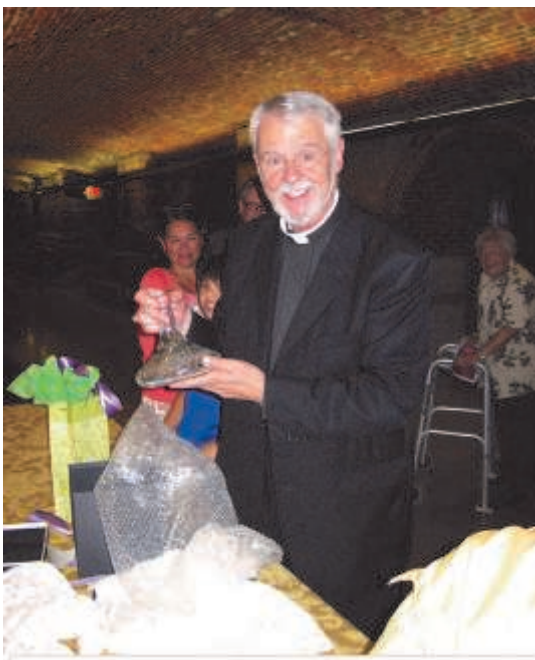
years or so before they need replaced again. I can only imagine how many young men have walked up those steps to be ordained as priests, not to mention the couples who have made that walk just before being married, and those who have been baptized, confirmed, or had their first Communion and **Reconciliation in this church.**"

Funding for the work came from the diocese and from a grant of about \$50,000 from The Catholic Foundation.



*Saint Joseph Cathedral is the Mother Church for the Diocese of Columbus, in service to its Bishop and in service to the community, as a beacon for all dimensions of liturgical life.*

## Father G. Michael Gribble celebrates 30 years of priestly ministry



Cathedral Rector Father G. Michael Gribble was honored on June 26th in celebration of his 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Father Gribble has been rector of the Cathedral since July, 2000. He was ordained at St. Francis de Sales Church in Newark, Ohio by Bishop Edward Herrmann in 1981.

Before coming to the Cathedral, Fr. Gribble served as pastor at St. Edward, Granville and at Holy Rosary-St. John, Columbus and as Associate Pastor at St. Mary, Groveport and Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia.

The parish presented him with a Waterford crystal decanter at his anniversary reception held in the parish undercroft.

Welcome the following families and individuals who have joined the Cathedral in the first half of 2011!

### JANUARY

Vincent Amaladoss; Bianca Blackwell; Matthew Branson; Michael Conie; Paul Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Duffy and Leah; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hubbard (Julie) and Grayson; Emma Mooney; Keoni Omura; Mr. and Mrs. Clint Owens (Jennifer) and Brittany; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tierney (Michele); Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wilhelm, Stephen R., Stephanie and Astrika; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Woolard and Wyatt.

### FEBRUARY

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Balturshot; Patricia Lyn Daub; Savannah Deist; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Grondin; Patrick R. Halpin; Mrs. Helen Jones and Melissa Larisch.

### MARCH

Mr. John Cavanaugh

### APRIL

Mr. Brett Adema; Mr. Brian Allen; Dr. & Mrs. Carlos Alvarez; Mr. & Mrs. Greg Balturshot & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Barnum & Family; Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Czaplicki & Family; Ms. Ann Dimmerling & Daughter; Mr. Robert Grevey, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Thompson & Family and Jered Seibert

### MAY

Ms. Christina Case; Mr. Robert Gallagher; Mrs. Lynne Genter; Ms. Lee Anne Gilliam; Mr. Jason Roberts; and Ms. Leigh Weldy

### JUNE

Angela Robinson, Erin Boggs, Kate & Matthew Borges, Breanne Brasseur, Roger Djalgi, Isaac Downin, Sharon Holler, Justin & Bryn Hunt, Martina Iacobone, Edward Tracey and Deniece Williams.

### JULY

Nathan Carpenter & Brittany Bennett; Megan Goeser & Christian Gonzalez; Megan Payne & Peter Luhrman; and John Brooke, Rice and Madison Thompson.

## Vocations

### Cathedral member accepted as postulant in Franciscan order

**Bryan O'Donnell, a member of the Cathedral Parish for the past two years, has been accepted as a postulant for religious life by the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate.**

Bryan says he never thought he could be called to the priesthood or religious life, but during his time at the Cathedral he felt a spiritual awakening.

**"The call to religious life had begun** about the time that I started attending Mass at the cathedral, especially while serving at the altar. It was also the year of the priest in 2009 when two priests were offered as models for all priests, that the power of the priest-



hood was revealed, these being John Marie Vianney and Padre Pio. There were three things that these two

priests had in common, and I wanted to imitate. First was a devotion to the Blessed Mother. The other two were a love for the Blessed Sacrament, and **the sacrament of penance."**

Bryan leaves on August 2nd to begin a two-year period of formation and postulancy at the Friary located at Maine, New York.

The Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate, were given Pontifical right in 1999 by Pope John Paul II. Each member consecrates themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as three other vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, In accord with the rule of St. Francis.

## Pastoral Council Retreat

Members of the Cathedral Pastoral Council gathered at Ohio Dominican University on June 26th for a day of spiritual renewal focus on their Christian mission.

Their spiritual director for the session was Father Joshua Wagner, pastor of the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John in Columbus.

In the photo are council members Felicia Krakowka and Kimberly Mattox with Fr. Wagner and Fr. Gribble in the background.



## Social Concerns

### Laboring in the fields to feed the poor

Working in a garden is a labor of love. Especially when the fruits of your labor go to placing food on the tables of needy people living here in Central Columbus.

This summer members of the Social Concerns Committee are helping to tend the St. Vincent de Paul Family Life Community Gardens. It is part of the community outreach of the Bishop Griffin Center at Christ the King

Church on Livingston Ave.

The volunteers work with others to water, weed, spray and harvest the crops which then are made available to the poor in our community through **the Center's food pantry.**

More volunteers are always needed. If you have some time you can give to this important ministry, please email Brigid Moore at [BMore78@aol.com](mailto:BMore78@aol.com)





Cool off and join us August 21st in the Undercroft after the 10:30am & 12:30pm Masses for the Cathedral's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social, featuring Velvet Ice Cream and your favorite toppings (YUM!). This will also be the 1<sup>st</sup> Family Expo here at the Cathedral. The Expo will

feature updates on the (Parish School of Religion) *PSR Program* (aka CCD in the olden days), along with the introduction of the new **Mother's Group** and the opening of the *Calming Room* in the Undercroft. For more information, please contact Kimberly Mattox at [kmattox64@hotmail.com](mailto:kmattox64@hotmail.com).

Sessions planned for persons wishing to learn about the Catholic Faith



come into full communion with the Catholic Church? Considering being a Sponsor for a Catechumen or Candidate? Inquiry Sessions will be held August 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> after 10:30 Mass in the Undercroft. The new season will start again on Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Carol Keene at (614) 657-9528.

Interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Want to complete your journey and



### The music returns soon!

St. Joseph Cathedral's celebrated choir is resting its collective voices over the summer. The monthly Compline service also is suspended for July and August. But the sounds of one of the nation's best liturgical music programs will return in September at the 10:30 Mass. Also watch for news on another outstanding concert series for 2011-2012.

### Cathedral Tours



Guided tours of Saint Joseph Cathedral's majestic interior, undercroft and crypt are available on weekdays and Sunday afternoons by appointment. Learn more about the history and treasures of the Cathedral. Tours are provided for any size group from 1-2 people or a large group of 50+ (elevator available, accessible from

the outside door on the west side). Teachers, this would be a great outing for your students! To plan your guided tour, please contact Michael Elton at [melton@columbus.rr.com](mailto:melton@columbus.rr.com) or (614) 405-7770.

### Cathedral again tops BAA goal

Our parish community was asked to raise \$46,178 for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and with your generosity, you helped us exceed our goal!!! Everything beyond our goal is returned 100% to this parish! Again, thanks to all who have made the Bishop's Annual Appeal such a success. Thank you!  
~ Fr. Mike



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Mark these dates on your calendar!!

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September  
25th, 2011



February  
18th, 2012

Look for details in the parish bulletin and the net issue of Cathedral Voices



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