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EASTER 2022—The paschal candle made by Fr. Pat Wissman for Sacred Heart Parish, Bolivar.
(Photo by Mary Rowler/The Mirror)

25 years and counting Retired priest makes paschal candle for Easter

Bolivar, MO

by Debbie Thompson

Fr. Pat Wissman, who will celebrate the 58th anniversary of ordination as a priest on May 22, made his first candle for Easter when he was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Scott City in 1995. He has continued to do so for over 25 years.

"I have made a paschal candle almost every year since," said Fr. Wissman. "I had made a couple little ones in the 1970s. I have also made Advent candles to be used in Advent wreaths."



Fr. Pat Wissman

Fr. Pat Wissman has contributed to many a beautiful Easter Vigil liturgy. This year, same as last year, he created the paschal candle used in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bolivar, where he lives.

"I certainly think of Christ, the Light of the world, when I am getting one ready," said Fr. Wissman.

Father Wissman makes the wax candles himself in his home. The process is started by melting the bee's wax that is given to him by one of Sacred Heart's parishioners who is a beekeeper. He combines that wax along with the remnants of altar candles.

"For a mold, I use a four-inch pvc pipe about three feet long," Fr. Wissman said.

After the candle is set and the cotton wick centered, it is removed from the mold and the pristine white candle is ready to be decorated.

"Sometimes I think I am a frustrated jeweler since I dearly love this part of the process," said Fr. Wissman.

The paschal candle (pascha, Greek: Passover) represents Christ, the Light of the



PARISH PICNIC—Father Pat Wissman (center, seated), a retired priest of the diocese, prayed with Fr. Scott Sunnenberg at the Sacred Heart Parish picnic last summer. Father Wissman will celebrate the 58th anniversary of ordination as a priest on May 22. (Submitted photo)

World. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, the priest carries the paschal candle in procession into the dark church. The new fire, which is blessed, is used to light the candle with the following words: *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

In addition to being used during Masses throughout the Easter season, the paschal candle is also lit for baptisms and funerals held in the parish.

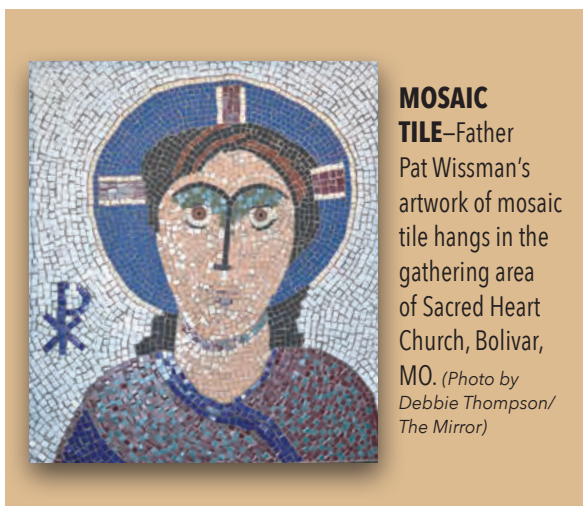
"I think of the occasions it will be used: burning above the casket of those who will die this coming year and during the baptisms that will usher in new life," Fr. Wissman said.

Besides being a constant in the parish community, Fr. Wissman stays busy with his artwork. He enjoys painting with oil pastels and watercolors, marble sculpting, and wood carving. He also writes poetry and music composition and is a member of the Sacred Heart Parish choir.

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PASCHAL CANDLES—Father Pat Wissman's artistry is clear in this image of some of the paschal candles he has crafted.
(Photo by Debbie Thompson/The Mirror)



MOSAIC TILE—Father Pat Wissman's artwork of mosaic tile hangs in the gathering area of Sacred Heart Church, Bolivar, MO. (Photo by Debbie Thompson/The Mirror)



COME, AND
YOU WILL SEE
Bp. Edward M. Rice

Jesus Christ lives: Alleluia!

Happy Easter! We continue to celebrate the great Solemnity of Easter and the Easter Season, the apex of our entire liturgical year. While many people are drawn to Our Lord's birth at Christmas, it is His resurrection, where He conquered the power of sin and death and offers himself to us the pledge of eternal life, that is the ultimate expression of His mission.

I recently mentioned that "If you fear the Cross, you do not understand the Cross." With the victory of Easter, the Cross becomes "the tree of life... The stairway of glory" (In Conversation with God, Vol. 2, "Meditation: Holy Friday - Jesus Dies on the Cross"). When we see Our Lord's arms stretched open on the Cross, by faith we see that as His invitation to embrace us. I've mentioned many times of the tradition that I have of kissing the cross on my pillow when I go to bed at night and in the morning when I rise. It's beautiful to begin and end the day in such a way. And the 50 days of Easter remind us that from the Cross flows our redemption. The resurrection of the Lord is a central reality of the Catholic faith and has been preached since the beginning of Christianity. **Jesus Christ lives!** And from that belief flows joy, peace, and happiness for believers. The resurrection of Christ gives meaning to our human existence beyond the grave. Christ is risen! He has truly risen! Alleluia.

Recently a number of priests have given me their "Mass count." For example, in many respects, St. Agnes Cathedral is back to pre-COVID numbers. As I have traveled the diocese, celebrating Masses for different occasions at different parishes, I am impressed by the crowds. Of course, there will always be those who are still concerned about the virus.

There are those who are still health compromised. They have permission to stay away. But for those who are going to restaurants, the local sports complex or gym, the movies, the hairdresser, school plays, etc., we encourage you to come back to church and the sacraments.

STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE!

I mentioned recently to a group of priests that people have forgotten how to receive communion on the tongue. And they all chimed in with agreement. The Church offers the option to receive Holy Communion on the hand or on the tongue. Each person can decide for themselves how to receive the Eucharist. But if you're going to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, that implies that you are going to extend your tongue. Opening your mouth is not enough. When you just simply open your mouth, the priest/minister of the Eucharist is forced to sort of "flick" the Sacred Host inside your mouth, which is totally disrespectful. It is called "Communion on the tongue," and again implies that you extend your tongue so that the Sacred Host can be placed upon it. I never thought I'd have to say such a thing but I hope this serves as a reminder: Please stick out your tongue.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The recent request for a collection for those suffering in Ukraine illustrates the generosity of

our diocese. Altogether you donated \$139,930. Your generosity is amazing and I thank you! When you read of the relief offered through the Knights of Columbus in Poland and Ukraine, know that you are part of the relief effort. While we have second collections and receive many requests throughout the year to help locally or internationally, it is up to each individual as to how to participate. And for those who were not able to donate, you can certainly pray for those who suffer the violence of war. Pray for peace through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary! I

am grateful to Bishop Leibrecht for celebrating the Mass of the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine on March 25 in St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield. That same morning, I celebrated Mass in Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau. Both Masses were well attended and it was such a beautiful moment: to be able to be united with the Holy Father asking for the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace in the Ukraine. May we never tire of turning to Our Lady, Queen of peace. Happy Easter! ©TM



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Thursday, May 12	St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield	6pm
	<i>*Following the 5:30pm Mass</i>	
Sunday, May 15	Sacred Heart, Caruthersville	7pm
Wednesday, May 18	St. John Catholic Mission, Licking	7pm
Thursday, May 19	St. Joseph, Billings	7pm
Sunday, May 22	St. Mary, West Plains	7pm
Monday, May 23	Immaculate Conception, Springfield	7pm
Thursday, May 26	St. Francis de Sales, Lebanon	7pm
Sunday, May 29	Sacred Heart, Salem	7pm



ANOTHER WALK THROUGH: 'WALKING TOGETHER' by Bishop Emeritus John J. Leibrecht

Bishop John Leibrecht recently celebrated his 37th anniversary of his episcopal consecration, which was on Dec. 12, 1984. Before his retirement as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, he wrote a standing column in *The Mirror* entitled, "Walking Together." At the end of each article, Bp. Leibrecht would normally share a funny story referencing his travels to the schools, or time with friends, family, or other bishops. *The Mirror* has decided to share a few of these in an ongoing series entitled, "Another walk through: 'Walking Together.'" We hope you enjoy them.

August 1, 1986 A fisherman told me recently about the 12-pound fish he caught. The battle to bring it in was so furious and lengthy that, by the time he got it into the boat, it only weighed a half pound.

August 22, 1986 On Christmas Day, just 3 days before he died of cancer, my father was to read the second reading of the Christmas Mass we were celebrating at his

bedside. The reading was from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. Dad misread the opening and began: "This is a reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Theologians."

June 20, 1986 Did you hear about the hard-working secretary who typed so many letters one day that she finished her night prayers with "yours truly?"



VEN Y
VERÁS
Obispo Edward M. Rice

Jesucristo vive: ¡Aleluya!

¡Felices Pascuas de Resurrección! Seguimos celebrando la gran Solemnidad de la Pascua y el Tiempo Pascual, cúspide de todo nuestro año litúrgico. Aunque mucha gente se siente atraída por el nacimiento de Nuestro Señor en Navidad, la expresión máxima de su misión es su resurrección, en la que venció el poder del pecado y de la muerte y se ofrece a nosotros como prenda de vida eterna.

Hace poco mencioné que “Si temes la Cruz, no entiendes la Cruz”. Con la victoria de la Pascua, la Cruz se convierte en “el árbol de la vida... La escalera de la gloria” (“En conversación con Dios”, Vol. 2, “Meditación: Viernes Santo - Jesús muere en la cruz”). Cuando vemos los brazos abiertos de Nuestro Señor en la Cruz, por fe lo vemos como su invitación a abrazarnos. He hablado muchas veces de la tradición que tengo de besar la cruz en mi almohada al acostarme por la noche y por la mañana al levantarme. Es hermoso empezar y terminar el día de esta manera. Y los 50 días de Pascua nos recuerdan que de la Cruz brota nuestra redención. La resurrección del Señor es una realidad central de la fe católica y se ha predicado desde el principio del cristianismo.

¡Jesucristo vive! Y de esa verdad de nuestra fe fluye la alegría, la paz y la felicidad de los creyentes. La resurrección de Cristo da sentido a nuestra existencia

humana más allá de la tumba. ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Ha resucitado de verdad! Aleluya.

Recientemente varios sacerdotes me han dado su “cuenta de Misas”. Por ejemplo, en muchos aspectos, la catedral de Santa Inés ha vuelto a los números anteriores a COVID. Al recorrer la diócesis, celebrando Misas en distintas ocasiones en diferentes parroquias, me impresiona la multitud. Por supuesto, siempre habrá quienes sigan preocupados por el virus. Hay quienes todavía tienen la salud comprometida. Tienen permiso para quedarse en casa. Pero a los que van a restaurantes, al complejo deportivo local o al gimnasio, al cine, a la peluquería, a las obras de teatro del colegio, etc., les animamos a que vuelvan a la iglesia y a los sacramentos.

¡SAQUEN LA LENGUA!

Hace poco mencioné a un grupo de sacerdotes que la gente ha olvidado cómo recibir la comunión en la lengua. Y todos coincidieron. La Iglesia ofrece la opción de recibir la Sagrada Comunión en la mano o en la lengua. Cada persona puede decidir por sí misma cómo recibir la Eucaristía. Pero si van a recibir la Sagrada Comunión en la lengua, eso implica que tienen que extender la lengua. No basta con abrir la boca. Cuando simplemente abren la boca, el sacerdote/

ministro de la Eucaristía se ve obligado a “meter” la Sagrada Hostia dentro de su boca, lo cual es totalmente irrespetuoso. Se llama “Comunión en la lengua”, y de nuevo implica que extiendan la lengua para que la Sagrada Hostia se deposite en ella. Nunca pensé que tendría que decir algo así, pero espero que esto sirva de recordatorio: Por favor, saquen la lengua.

GRACIAS, GRACIAS, GRACIAS

La reciente petición de una colecta para los que sufren en Ucrania ilustra la generosidad de nuestra diócesis. En total ustedes han donado \$139,930. Su generosidad es increíble y se los agradezco. Cuando lean sobre la ayuda ofrecida a través de los Caballeros de Colón en Polonia y Ucrania, deben saber que son parte del esfuerzo de ayuda. Aunque tenemos segundas colectas y recibimos muchas peticiones a lo largo del año para ayudar a nivel local o internacional, depende de cada uno cómo participar. Y para los que no hayan podido donar, seguro que pueden rezar por los que sufren la violencia de la guerra. ¡Recen por la paz a través de la intercesión del Corazón Inmaculado de María! Agradezco al Obispo Leibrecht la celebración de la Misa de Consagración de Rusia y Ucrania el 25 de marzo en la Catedral de Santa Inés, en Springfield.

Esa misma mañana, celebré la Misa en la Notre Dame High School en Cape Girardeau. Ambas Misas estuvieron muy concurridas, y fue un momento muy hermoso: poder estar unidos al Santo Padre pidiendo la intercesión del Inmaculado Corazón de María por la paz en Ucrania. Que nunca nos cansemos de acudir a la Virgen, Reina de la paz. ¡Felices Pascuas de Resurrección! @TM

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- Rev. Jose Thundathil, CMI, May 12, 34 yrs.
- Rev. Dominic Ibok, May 14, 15 yrs.
- Rev. Suganthan ‘Sugu’ Selvin, May 15, 9 yrs.
- Rev. Patrick Wissman, May 22, 58 yrs.
- Rev. Michael McDevitt, May 22, 51 yrs.
- Rev. Lewis Hejna, May 24, 41 yrs.
- Rev. Daniel Robles, May 24, 21 yrs.
- Rev. Simon Enudu, May 25, 9 yrs.
- Rev. Joseph Stoverink, May 25, 5 yrs.
- Msgr. Thomas Reidy, May 27, 55 yrs.
- Rev. David Baunach, May 28, 6 yrs.
- Rev. Alexander Sutachan, May 28, 1 yr.
- Rev. David Dohogne, May 30, 30 yrs.
- Rev. David Coon, May 30, 29 yrs.

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- Deacon James Farrar, May 26, 4 yrs.
- Deacon Mark Kiblinger, May 26, 4 yrs.
- Deacon Alvin Stoverink, May 26, 4 yrs.
- Deacon James Long, Jr. (retired), May 28, 17 yrs.



DUNN INSTITUTED AS LECTOR

RITE OF INSTITUTION TO THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR—On Wed., March 9, Springfield-Cape Girardeau seminarian, Daniel Dunn, was instituted as Lector during Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology’s evening Mass in Hales Corner, WI. The presider was The Most Rev. Robert M. Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock. Dunn’s home parish is St. John in Leopold, MO. Pictured were Randy Recker, John Akau, Daniel Dunn, Bishop Robert Coerver, Daniel Christe, Robert Dodson. *(The Mirror)*



CATHOLIC PRINCIPALS PARTICIPATE IN LEARNING IN CAPE DAY

PANEL DISCUSSION—St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School Principal Kay Glastetter and Notre Dame Regional High School Principal Tim Garner served on a panel discussion for the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce’s “Learning in Cape” Day on April 21. They talked about how Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) days are utilized in their respective schools. They were joined by Cape Girardeau Public School Deputy Superintendent Howard Benyon. *(The Mirror)*



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BLESSED

DEACON ROB HUFF, Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, assisted Fr. Tom Kiefer in blessing and dedicating new playground equipment on April 27 for students in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Springfield. Pictured were Deacon Huff, JoAnne Bales, Principal, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Sr. Cecilia Ann Rezec, MS, Director of Springfield Catholic Schools, and Fr. Tom Kiefer, Pastor. *(The Mirror)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Belleville, IL—A Spring Day of Reflection, sponsored by the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and Victorious Missionaries will be held on Sat., May 14, 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon. This year's program, **"Let Your Light Shine,"** will be a **VIRTUAL event** and the presenter is Fr. Tom Santen. Registration can be completed Online at snows.org/reflection514, or by calling (618) 394-6281.

Buffalo—The Parish Council of Catholic Women will hold the **42nd Annual Yard Sale**, Thu., May 5, and Fri., May 6, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., in the St. William Church Hall, located at 404 N. Locust. Sale also includes plants and baked goods.

Forsyth—Our Lady of the Ozarks Catholic Church, located at 951 Swan Valley Dr., will have a **Rummage and Bake Sale**, Thu., May 12, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri., May 13, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sat., May 14, 8 a.m.-noon (bag day). Quality household goods, furniture, décor, jewelry, clothing, books, collectibles, and much more.

Jackson—The Knights of Columbus Council #6405 will have a **Fish & Chicken Dinner**, Fri., May 20, 4:30-7 p.m., in the Lower KofC Hall. Fried fish, fried chicken, fries, hush puppies, baked beans, slaw, and homemade mac & cheese; cost is \$13. Dine in or carry out available. For more information, call Dave at (573) 243-5464.

Kimberling City—Our Lady of the Cove Church, located at 20 Kimberling Blvd., will have a **Spring Garage Sale**, Fri., May 13, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sat., May 14, 8 a.m.-noon. Clothing, furniture, appliances, and much more! For more information, call the parish office, (417) 739-4700.

Lebanon—St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, located at 345 Grand Ave. will have its **Annual Rummage Sale**, Fri., June 3, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sat., June 4, 7 a.m.-noon. Clothes, household items, books, toys, décor, and much more.

Leopold—St. John Parish of Catholic Women will hold its **Annual Rummage Sale** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Thu., May 19, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri., May 20, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sat., May 21, 7 a.m.-noon. Proceeds to benefit the activities of the PCCW. Contact Geri, (573) 208-6445 with any questions.

Marshfield—Holy Trinity Parish Council of Catholic Women will have a **Rummage Sale**, Thu., May 5, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., May 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sat., May 7, 8-11 a.m. Donations of clean & working household items, jewelry, clothing, toys, outdoor items, holiday décor, antiques, and furniture are appreciated and will be accepted on Mon, May 2 and Tue., May 3 at the parish hall behind church. Proceeds benefit PCCW supported charities.

Scott City—The Knights of Columbus will have its **Third Sunday Breakfast**, Sun., May 15, 7:30-10:30 a.m., in the Knights Hall. Biscuits & gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs,

hash browns, yogurt and the KofC famous sausage, all for your good will donation. The Knights are also taking orders for sausage, \$4/lb. to be picked up during the breakfast; to order call Gary, (573) 576-6451.

Sikeston—The Women of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church will have a **Baby Bottles for Life fundraiser**, May 8-May 22. Please pick up a bottle from the back of the church and return with your donation. Proceeds will be used to support the work and outreach for Birthright, Cape Girardeau; Aspire PRC, Sikeston; and Biking for Babies. For more information, please call the church office at (573) 471-2447.

Sikeston—The Women of St. Francis Xavier have joined the **Mission 100 Project**, along with other churches and organizations in the community to provide 100 boxes of Kleenex tissue each month for the 100 neediest families in the area. Donations are being accepted for Kleenex, or cash may be contributed for the project. Please leave in the vestibule of the church, or in the parish center. Envelopes, marked "Mission 100" are in the back of the church. Checks should be made to: Women of St. Francis Xavier, with Mission 100 in the memo line. For more info, please call Jackie Cowan, (573) 471-6245.

Springfield—Revive your faith by joining the **Praise & Worship Prayer Group** every Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, located at 2200 W Republic Rd. or join by Zoom. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, this group has been meeting since 2016 and includes many parishioners from across the diocese. For more information, please call Shelly Pichler at (417) 838-2730.

Springfield—Pro-life Rosary & Prayer Service on Fri., May 13, 11 a.m., to commemorate the 104th anniversary of the Blessed Mother Mary's apparition at Fatima. Public witness and prayer will be held in front of Planned Parenthood, Battlefield Rd., Springfield. For information and details, please contact Carl at (417) 551-1135.

Springfield—Knights of Columbus Council #13681 of Immaculate Parish is having a **travel-related fundraiser** and all proceeds will be used for funding the Knights supported charities. Tickets are available until Sun., May 8. For more information, contact Craig Henley, Grand Knight at 1368knights@gmail.com or (573) 999-3930.

Springfield—Perpetual Adoration in Holy Trinity Parish has an urgent need for Adorers on Fridays at 2 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m., and Sundays at 4 a.m. and 5 p.m. Substitutes are needed for all hours. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Marilyn Gibson at (417) 224-4043.

Parishes and organizations are invited to submit notices of future events to be printed in the announcements. They will be printed on a space-available basis. There is no fee.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE DIOCESE



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St. Teresa Catholic School in Campbell, MO, seeks a full-time kindergarten teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants should hold appropriate teaching certification. **Applications may be found at dioscg.org; by Emailing kimberlymlynn@gmail.com, or calling the school office at (573) 328-4197.**



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Koeppel volunteers with refugees in Krakow after fleeing war in Ukraine

FORMER DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN FOLLOWS UNEXPECTED CALL TO LIVE, VOLUNTEER WITH REFUGEES IN KRAKOW AFTER FLEEING WAR IN UKRAINE

St. Louis by Laura Kosta

Nick Koeppel moved to Lviv, Ukraine, in July 2021 to take a job teaching English and Theology at Ukrainian Catholic University. He couldn't have predicted that he'd find himself in Krakow, Poland, nine months later, living and volunteering with refugees as a war raged to the east. But that's where he found the best opportunity to serve. And so, he went.

FROM ST. LOUIS TO UKRAINE

Koeppel was born in St. Louis and grew up in Cape Girardeau as was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He attended Conception Seminary for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau to earn a philosophy degree and discern a call to the priesthood. After discerning out of the seminary, he moved abroad to earn a master's degree in Marriage and Family Studies from the International Theological Institute in Trumau, Austria.

He returned to the Archdiocese of St. Louis to work in youth ministry, first at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Perryville and then St. Alban Roe Parish in Wildwood. Although he was back in the United States, he retained friendships he had formed at the International Theological Institute with students and teachers from Ukraine.

"Some other students told me about a school in Ukraine that needed volunteers to teach English to college students for two weeks, so I decided to volunteer that summer," Koeppel said.

Koeppel volunteered to teach Online summer English sessions at Ukrainian Catholic University for the next two years, keeping in contact with the university and many of his students throughout the school years. When a full-time job opened, Koeppel decided to make the move last summer to Lviv, a city in western Ukraine close to the Polish border.

Because of changing COVID policies and case numbers, the fall 2021 semester was a mix of in-person and online classes, but Koeppel still enjoyed getting to

know his students and colleagues outside of class time, eating meals together in the cafeteria and chatting during office hours. The spring 2022 semester met for a few weeks in-person — until it was disrupted by the war.

REFUGE IN POLAND

Koeppel left Ukraine in mid-February when the U.S. State Department advised all American citizens to evacuate. It was hard to leave, Koeppel said, because "we didn't actually think the war was going to happen."

The university helped Koeppel find a place to stay in Krakow, with Vincentian sisters who also hosted a few Polish students. Koeppel spent a few weeks in Rome, too, but found himself drawn back to Krakow and the opportunity to serve those in a time of such great need.

"I could have stayed in Rome, but I chose to come back because here I'm able to volunteer with refugees and be more involved than if I would have stayed in Rome or gone back to the United States," Koeppel said.

Koeppel continues to teach his university classes online from Krakow. Some of his students are spread out — one in Chicago, a few in Germany, a few more abroad with family — but the majority are still in western Ukraine with their families.

"They're sad and they're worried, but they're happy to be with their families," he said.

Intense fighting seen in other parts of Ukraine has not reached Lviv, but the air-raid sirens are a constant reminder of the ongoing war.

"Sometimes students have been in the bomb shelters all night, and then they come to class the next morning and say, 'I was in the bomb shelter all night, so that's why I'm tired,'" Koeppel said. "One time we were having class when the air alarm went off, so we had to stop."

It can seem daunting to continue teaching while disrupted by war, but Koeppel has learned that continuing on is important to his students, and not just academically. "I just pray



Nick Koeppel, a volunteer and Cape Girardeau native, restocks the shelves with diapers at a center that provides material support to Ukrainian refugees on April 6 in Krakow Poland. (Photo by Brendan Hoffman/The Mirror)

and try to do my best. I feel like what I'm offering is some kind of normalcy for them," he said. "When we have English class, we're talking about some other topic besides the war, and I think it's helpful for them to get their minds off it and have some distraction. We do talk about the war if they want to, but I try not to push it."

"The other option is to not study and to not have any work and just be constantly worried about the war, watching the news, you know?" Koeppel said.

When he's not teaching class, Koeppel spends as much time as possible finding ways to volunteer. Floods



Nick Koeppel, in red t-shirt, leads a rosary prayer with Ukrainian refugees and nuns at the Vincentian sisters convent where they are all living on April 6 in Krakow, Poland. (Photo by Brendan Hoffman/The Mirror)

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Cape Girardeau native Nick Koeppel brings a bag of food and hygiene items purchased with donated funds to a center that provides material support for Ukrainian refugees on April 6 in Krakow, Poland. (Photo by Brendan Hoffman/The Mirror)

of women and children fleeing Ukraine have come to Krakow, and aid workers have opened many centers to provide necessities like food, clothing, hygiene items and medicine. Since he doesn't speak Polish or Ukrainian, Koeppel mainly works behind the scenes, sorting the donations coming in and other manual labor tasks. He also uses monetary donations from his own family and friends back home to shop for the items most in-demand and delivers them where needed.

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At home with the Vincentian sisters, Koeppel has the chance to get to know about 30 Ukrainian mothers and children the sisters received into their home when the war began. "The

sisters are) furnishing rooms for the refugees," Koeppel said. "They had to buy new cabinets, new blankets, more refrigerators, more washing machines to host more people to live here."
Every night, they gather together to eat dinner and pray an evening Rosary. The sisters speak mainly Polish, but several of the Ukrainian women speak a little Polish and English in addition to Ukrainian; through a mix of person-to-person translation and Google Translate, everyone is able to communicate and cobble together conversations.
"When we pray the Rosary, we pray the decades in different languages," Koeppel said. "We pray in English, we pray in Ukrainian, we pray in Polish and Latin. It's great to see that it's still the same prayer in all these different languages."

LVIV, SOMEDAY
While Koeppel has been living abroad, he's always found comfort in the familiar sights of the universal Church at work.
"You see so many similarities," Koeppel said. "You see priests hearing confessions, ministering to their people. You see faithful Catholics out in the world, praying and just doing good. It's always an experience of the universal Church."
It's impossible to predict when he might be able to return to Lviv, but Koeppel hopes to. He's just not sure what the city and

university he came to love will look like by then.
"Things are probably drastically changed now. It might be a different city," Koeppel said. "A lot of people have left; a lot of people have moved to Lviv to escape the fighting in the east. It's probably a different place now."
Various Catholic agencies are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Here are some places to donate, compiled by Catholic News Service: <https://dioscg.org/update-where-to-give-to-help-ukraine/> ©CNS
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CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Paul Pudhota, Fr. Matthew Rehrauer & Fr. David Dohogne





Fr. Paul Pudhota will celebrate the 30th anniversary of his priesthood ordination on May 6th. He is the Administrator of Holy Trinity Parish, Aurora, and SS Peter and Paul Parish, in Pulaski field.

Happy Anniversary, Fr. Pudhota!

Fr. Matthew Rehrauer will celebrate the 30th anniversary of his priesthood ordination on May 8th. He is pastor of St. Mary Parish in Pierce City, MO.

Happy Anniversary, Fr. Rehrauer!





Fr. David Dohogne will celebrate the 30th anniversary of his priesthood ordination on May 30th. He is the Pastor of St. Henry Parish, Charleston.

Happy Anniversary, Fr. Dohogne !


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Can you hear me now?

Acts 13:14, 43-52;
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;
Rev 7:9, 14b-17;
Jn 10:27-30

Years ago there was an ad from a cell phone company named Verizon that boasted of its nation-wide cellular coverage. It had a man traveling to out of the way and odd places, from mountains to swamps and even popping out of manholes, and then placing a call to someone and saying that now famous catchphrase, “Can you hear me now? ... Good.” The company wanted everyone to know that, through these series of ads, they had reliable, clear coverage everywhere.

In our Gospel reading for this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear Jesus saying, “My sheep hear my voice.” Jesus, our Good Shepherd, constantly calls out to each one of us to follow him, so that he can “guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” as we read in the second reading from the Book of Revelation. How many of us, however, fail to hear or recognize Christ’s voice in our life? This failure stems, not from God being out of range and not being



SCRIPTURE WISDOM
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able to connect with us, but often times on our refusal to block out all the other competing voices and noises of this world.

First of all, if we look at and reflect on our daily routine, we start to see how much noise there is in our life. We wake up with an alarm, loudly announcing to us a new day. Then, we reach for our phone to see if anyone has contacted us or if we need to respond to anything. Some of us then turn on music or the news as we go about our morning routine. There is all this noise, and it has been barely five minutes since we have opened our eyes! Because of this, we don’t hear God’s voice above the noise.

Second, we start to recognize there are also many other voices that we listen to besides God’s. It’s not so much we don’t hear God’s voice, but that the other voices can sound so much more appealing to us. The voice of pleasure

There is not a place where Christ’s voice cannot be heard.








tells us to enjoy life, so we start to give in to our disordered desires instead of developing habits of virtue. The voice of laziness tells us to focus on our body more than our soul. The voice of relativism tells us that truth is subjective, so we should not impose our beliefs on others, but be tolerant and accepting of false ideas. The voice of pride tells us that we are always right, so we refuse to listen to others. We see a good example of this in our first reading when Paul and Barnabas tried preaching the word of God, but some of the Jews refused to accept their teaching out of jealousy.

To better hear the Shepherd’s voice then, we need to learn to cut out the unnecessary noises and contradicting voices out of our life. Instead of turning on music, the news, or checking our phones first thing in the morning, let us say a prayer thanking God for a new day and asking him what he wants us to do today. Let

us be in constant dialogue with God throughout the whole day, by saying short phrases like “Lord Jesus, I love you,” or “Christ Jesus, my Savior and Redeemer,” before every activity we do, so that Christ can speak to us during those moments. Let us make time to daily read the Scriptures and other spiritual books so that our souls will not be led astray by the false teachings of our modern times.

The voice of our Shepherd is loud and clear. There is not a place where Christ’s voice cannot be heard. He is constantly speaking to us and asking us, “Can you hear me now?” We pray during this Easter season that each one of us will learn how to better listen to God’s voice and respond like young Samuel, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” ©TM

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

What is new in the command to ‘love one another’?

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41;
Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

“I give you a new commandment: love one another” John 13:34.

Is this command really that new? Hadn't it been part of the tradition of Israel, loving God and neighbor with all one's strength? Didn't all of the great Eastern religions, before Christ, exhort their followers to love one another and bring humankind into one caring community? Hadn't many of the Greek philosophers recommended the same path of life? How indeed can Jesus claim that his command is new?

In the Sermon on the Mount, we get several clues that lead us to an answer to that question. This sermon makes demands on our love that are plainly unreasonable. That famous sermon directs us to love even the most hateful of people. It commands us to return good for evil, to communicate healing rather than



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revenge. Christ tells us to do good to the most obnoxious of people, to love them when there is no reason to do so. Jesus commands us to love without any human reason at all, to go beyond human reason and love because God assures us that there must be something loveable in everyone, even if we couldn't perceive it in a thousand years of searching.

In a nutshell, that's what is new about Christ's command of love. The earlier religions and the great philosophers were much more reasonable in their love exhortations.

Christians today are faced with great challenges as they attempt to carry out this “new part” of the love command.

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Fr. Dominic Ibok

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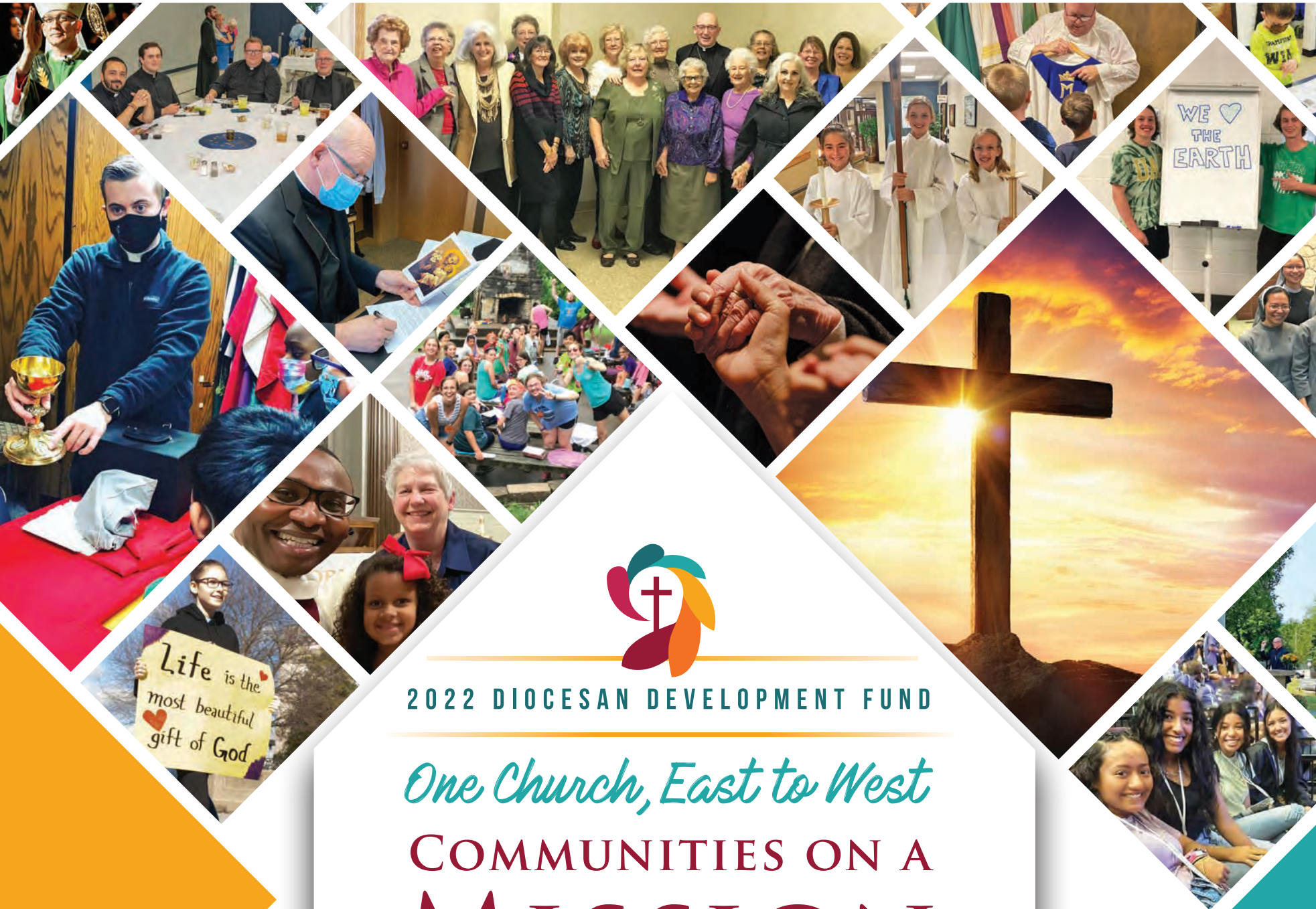
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