



**Left:** Pictured at the ordination of two transitional deacons for the diocese on May 3 are (from left) Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director; Deacon Vincent Nguyen; Bishop Frederick Campbell; Deacon Cyrus Haddad; and Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Pontifical College Josephinum rector-president.  
**Right:** Deacons (from left) Nicholas Droll, Michael Gentry, and Matthew Morris are presented to the bishop just before being ordained as diocesan priests in Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on May 25.  
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# YEAR IN REVIEW

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The year 2012 for the Diocese of Columbus was highlighted by the opening of the first new Catholic high school in Columbus in more than 50 years.

Classes at Cristo Rey High School began on Aug. 5 for a freshman class of 83 students from economically disadvantaged families. They are taking part in a unique work-study program in which they usually attend classes four days a week and spend one day at a local business performing the type of entry-level work that often is the first step to success in a corporate environment.

"I am very happy with the start of our first school year at Cristo Rey Columbus High School," said school president Jim Foley. "Our staff and students have begun to create a culture of intellectual curiosity, spirituality, hard work, professionalism, and service. With the help of the Catholic community, we hope to change students' lives as we ready them for college."

The school's temporary home is the former diocesan child guidance center across from Mount Carmel West Hospital. This fall, it will move to the former Ohio State School for the Deaf building adjacent to the main branch of the Columbus

Metropolitan Library. Cristo Rey purchased the building in March from the library for \$1 million. The library had bought the 114-year-old, 88,000-square-foot building from the state for \$2.1 million earlier in the year.

A new group of freshmen will enter this fall, with two classes joining them in subsequent years until the current freshmen become seniors in 2016. By that point, it's anticipated that about 400 students will be attending the school.

Despite the opening of Cristo Rey, the number of diocesan schools remained at 11 because of the closing of Marion Catholic High School as a result of declining enrollment and financial concerns. The school served students in grades seven through 12. The seventh and eighth grades were incorporated into Marion St. Mary Elementary School at the start of the current school year. Enrollment at Marion Catholic had fallen from more than 200 students in three grades in 1979-80 to 78 in six grades in 2012-13.

Two new convents opened in Columbus this year. Three sisters from the Mexican-based Missionary Servants of the Word arrived in Columbus on Saturday, Nov. 30 to begin work with the Hispanic community on the city's east side from

a convent at Christ the King Church. Sisters from the same order have been at St. Stephen Church on the city's west side since 2009. This year, they were joined at St. Stephen by priests from the order who assumed pastoral duties at the parish, which had been staffed by diocesan priests.

Three Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception established a convent at 957 E. Broad St. in early September. One of the sisters is serving as director of religious education and youth ministry at St. Patrick Church near downtown, while the others are working at Holy Family Church in Franklinton and St. Mary Church in German Village, evangelizing and performing works of mercy such as bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

Bishop Frederick Campbell dedicated additions at two parishes late in the year. He came to Worthington St. Michael Church on Nov. 30 to bless a new parish ministry center which includes an adoration chapel, offices, classrooms, and meeting areas. On Dec. 18, he dedicated an expansion project at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church which adds worship space, increasing its seating capacity from 500 to 1,100, as well as a day chapel for adoration and weekday Mass and

connectors for all four parish buildings.

Soon after the start of the current school year, the bishop dedicated a new west campus at Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, the first addition of property to the school since its founding in 1923. It includes a running track and a field surrounding the track, a fitness and weight-training facility, a bridge connecting the new campus with the rest of the school, and additional parking.

Parishioners at Cardington Sacred Hearts Church are making plans to rebuild after a fire destroyed the church early on the morning of Thanksgiving Day. No one was injured, but the church building was a total loss and has been leveled. Father John Bakle, SM, parish administrator, was in the rectory next door, but did not know about the fire until being awakened by the sirens and flashing lights of emergency vehicles.

The parish was in the midst of a renewal plan whose first phase was to have been completed with a visit by Bishop Campbell to dedicate an organ on Dec. 9. Trinity United Methodist Church in nearby Mount Gilead donated its hall for worship services on Dec. 1, the first Sunday after the fire. The parish then accepted the Cardington-Lincoln School District's offer for use of its vacant intermediate school building for weekend Masses and Parish School of Religion activities until further notice.

Joe Buttress of Columbus St. Christopher Church was honored as diocesan Catholic Man of the Year by the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club. Buttress, 89, has been a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for more than 50 years, has worked once a week distributing food to the poor and hungry at St. Lawrence Haven for about 30 years, and has been involved with many other parish and community activities.

The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women selected Elizabeth Christy of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish as the 2013 Catholic Woman of the Year and Madison Corcoran of Circleville St. Joseph Church as the Young Woman of the Year.

Christy is a certified nurse and midwife who has taken a strong pro-life stand in providing medical

services in the community, in the face of conflict with others in the medical profession.

Corcoran has been an altar server, PSR teacher, and member of her parish youth group, is active with the diocesan youth group, has taken an active part in Gospel Road missions, has been involved with school athletics, the 4-H Club, and the YMCA lifeguard program, and has won public speaking awards at the Ohio State Fair.

Donald Wisler retired as president and chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services after 10 years with the agency and a 39-year career in social services, the bulk of it with Catholic agencies in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Wisler began his retirement with a Pacific-to-Atlantic bicycle ride of nearly 3,700 miles across the northern United States and part of Canada, during which he raised nearly \$15,000. His successor is Rachel Lustig, former senior vice president of mission ministry for Catholic Charities USA in Washington.

Two other directors of diocesan offices retired: Stephanie Jenemann at the Office of Marriage and Family Life, who was succeeded by Daniel Thimons, and Deacon Martin Davies at the Office for Divine Worship, whose successor is Michelle

Lemiesz. Patrick Davis, buildings and grounds director for the diocese, died on Dec. 15.

Bishop Campbell ordained three new priests for the diocese on May 25. All are serving as parochial vicars: Father Nicholas Droll at Columbus St. Andrew, Father Michael Gentry at Powell St. Joan of Arc, and Father Matthew Morris at Worthington St. Michael.

In addition, three men with connections to Columbus St. Patrick Church were ordained to serve as priests of religious orders. Fathers Dominic Bump, OP, a member of the parish, and Father Reginald Lynch, OP, who was serving there as a deacon, were ordained as priests of the Dominican order on May 24, and Father Michael Magree, SJ, also of St. Patrick's, was ordained as a Jesuit priest on June 9. Father Lynch remained at St. Patrick's, while Father Bump is a chaplain at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and Father Magree is serving in the same role at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia.

Bishop Campbell ordained Cyrus Haddad and Vincent Nguyen as transitional deacons on May 3. They are completing studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum and hope to be ordained as priests for the diocese in May.



**Above:** The former Ohio State School for the Deaf will be the home for Cristo Rey High School. **Below:** (1) Cristo Rey students leave the school's temporary location; (2, from left) DCCW president Karen Kitchell, Madison Corcoran, Elizabeth Christy, and Bishop Campbell; (3) A Thanksgiving Day fire destroyed Cardington Sacred Hearts Church. Photo courtesy Cristo Rey High School; CT photo by Jack Kustron; CT photo by Ken Snow; photo by Alissa Staley, courtesy The Morrow County Sentinel

