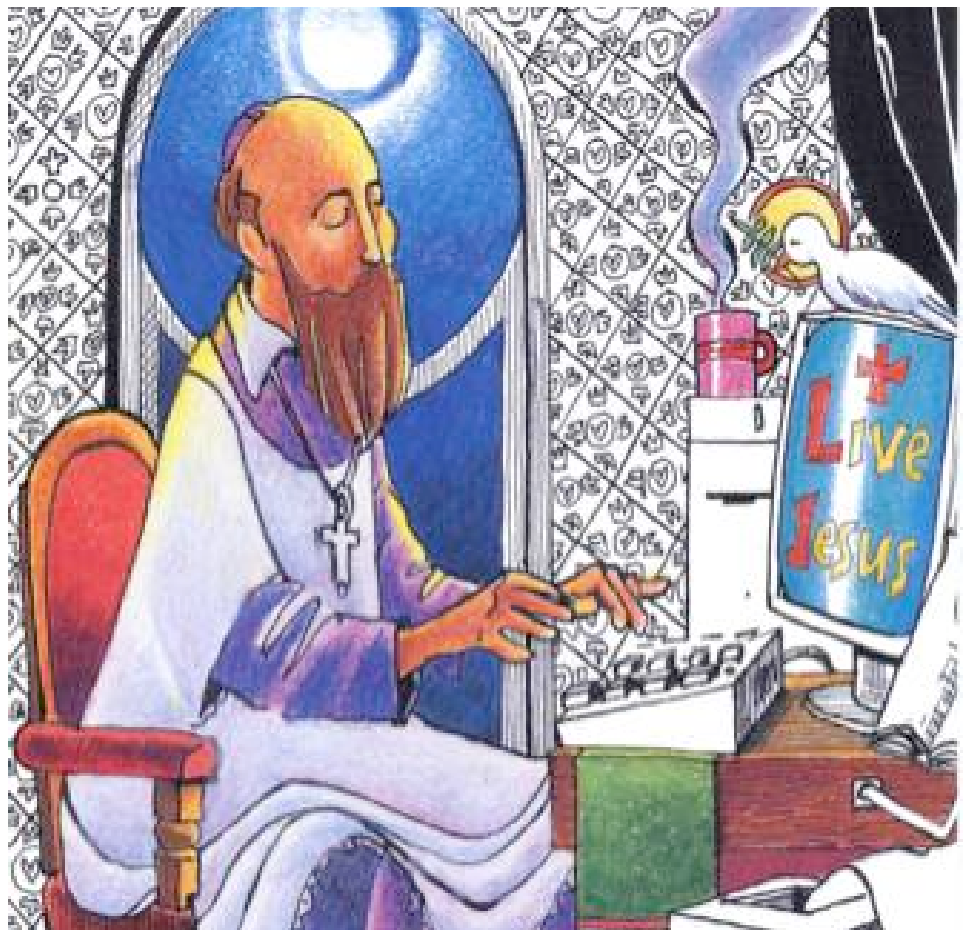


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Around the Catholic world

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- While a new study of evangelical college students finds that up to half of them can drift from their faith while attending school, Catholics in campus ministry say that the findings are applicable to Catholic college students as well. The study, "Sticky Faith," found that the drift applied whether a student was living on campus or commuting from home, and that students were just as susceptible even if they were enrolled at a religiously affiliated school. Kara Powell, one of the study's authors who teaches at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., told **CNS** that the first two weeks of school frequently determine whether a Christian student's faith will be sustained during their undergraduate years. "They're in a world where there's nobody they know," Powell said. "College is a lot like a second junior high -- experimenting with their identities. They'll be one way one day and another way with a different group of people. There's no coherence between their current peer group and their former peer group."

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) -- A cardinal and five laypeople will be honored for their significant contributions to Catholic education during the 21st annual Seton Awards ceremony Oct. 3 in Washington. The National Catholic Educational Association's President's Award will go to John Convey, a professor of education and former provost at The Catholic University of America, while five others will receive the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award, named for the first native-born American saint. Convey, whose professional work focuses on research and strategic planning for Catholic schools, has conducted studies for 14 archdioceses or dioceses in the past 28 years and is currently assisting the Archdiocese of New Orleans with a study of its Catholic schools. He has written, co-written or edited eight books and numerous articles on Catholic education. The Seton Award recipients are: Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, Joseph E. Robert Jr., Pleasant Rowland, Warren and Mary Lynn Staley.

BEIJING (CNS) -- Unhealthy lifestyles make mainland clergy vulnerable to noncommunicable diseases, which a U.N. meeting determined to be the

leading health threat for Chinese people, said a doctor-priest. The health of the clergy and religious in China has become a source of concern since the deaths of a young bishop and bishop candidate, both in their 40s, earlier this year, reported the Asian church news agency UCA News. The news agency quoted a priest identified only as Father Joseph, a doctor in northern China, as saying that priests do not get enough exercise. "Some priests have little sense of evangelization. After the daily Mass, they go straight to their computers," he said. "By and by, even a healthy body cannot stand it." He said mainland clergy are most vulnerable to cardiovascular disease and diabetes, which, along with cancer and chronic respiratory illnesses, are the leading diseases. Father Joseph said that diets have improved but, without proper exercise, priests could develop high blood pressure and other adverse health conditions that contribute to cardiovascular disease. Father Paulus Gan, who says he exercises regularly, said other clergy and nuns "seldom do exercises because they are busy, unaccustomed to it or are already sick and cannot do so."

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Groups mourn executions of Georgia, Texas inmates

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Catholic and other groups mourned the executions Sept. 21 of Troy Davis in Georgia and of Lawrence Brewer in Texas. Davis, 42, was put to death for his conviction in the 1989 murder of off-duty Savannah, Ga., police officer Mark MacPhail. Brewer, 44, an admitted white supremacist, was executed for his role in the 1998 race-fueled murder of James Byrd Jr., who was dragged for miles from the back of a pickup truck. "The Catholic Mobilizing Network was hopeful those in positions of power and leadership would honor the dignity of all persons yesterday and exercise mercy for Troy Davis and Lawrence Brewer," said a Sept. 22 statement issued by the group. "The executions of Davis and Brewer should remind us that racism is still a major issue in this country, and that our work to end the use of the death penalty should include work toward racial justice," the statement said. Davis' case drew worldwide attention. The execution was delayed for four hours while the U.S. Supreme Court heard, and ultimately rejected, an emergency appeal for a stay of execution. Davis maintained his innocence throughout, including his remarks to MacPhail's family moments before his execution.



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Dominican sister says advocacy for migrant workers part of God's plan

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Dominican Sister Gabriella Williams, this year's winner of Catholic Extension's Lumen Christi Award, sees her work with migrants and other immigrant workers in Southern California as fulfilling part of God's plan of love for all of humanity. "We are all God's people, brothers and sisters. I support whoever I can because we are part of a big family and all that we do must be centered on God. God is love and I try to live this fact by my example," she said in a Sept. 20 telephone interview with *Catholic News Service*. "I am just a little part in a big puzzle and when we all live as God wants us to, then his plan of love can become a reality," she added. This marks the 34th year the award has been given to recognize the achievements of individuals who have sought to be like Christ in serving the poorest in their under-resourced dioceses. Sister Gabi, as she is known, received the award Sept. 21 at a reception following a special Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Indio, Calif. The Catholic Church Extension Society, based in Chicago, supports various ministries in the nation's 86 mission dioceses, including evangelization and religious education; vocations and seminary education; church construction, repair and furnishings; and emergency relief needs. Sister Gabi works with migrant and immigrant workers in the "lower desert" in the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif. As the Lumen Christi winner, she received a grant of \$25,000 for her ministry and the diocese also receives \$25,000. She was nominated for the award by Bishop Gerald R. Barnes of San Bernardino, who was the main celebrant of the Mass in Indio.

The Refugee Resettlement Program of Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley is urgently looking for people to teach basic sewing skills to refugee families. Learning the sewing skills will result in employment for the families. If you have sewing skills and a little time to share, or if you are part of a quilting group, please contact Gretchen Pfaff immediately at 937-223-7217, ext. 1132.



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Around the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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The Notre Dame Club of Dayton will host an information night for prospective applicants to the University of Notre Dame and their families at Archbishop Alter High School in Kettering at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. Guest speaker for the evening will be Gabriel Brown, Notre Dame admissions counselor for the state of Ohio. For more information, interested students should contact their guidance counselor at school or members of the Notre Dame Club of Dayton – Andrew at 440-265-9219 or adeck1@alumni.nd.edu, or Tom at 937-426-8232 or TomZawodny70@alumni.nd.edu.

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St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Sharonville celebrates the feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael with Taize Prayer at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, in the church.

29 and Oct. 6

Dayton Theology on Tap, which meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Oregon Express, will present Radio Maria host Mark Newman discussing his conversion story on Sept. 29 and Nicole Muhlenkamp discussing “God’s Game Plan: Theology of the Body and You” on Oct. 6. Theology on Tap is open to young adults, ages 18 to 39. For more information, visit www.totdayton.wordpress.com

Oct. 1

You are invited to participate in the Run for the Nuns to benefit the Poor Clares of Cincinnati on Saturday, Oct. 1. This is a certified 5K run and fitness walk held at Harbor Point in Winton Woods Park. Pre-registration is \$20 (including a short sleeve Run T-shirt) or \$10 for the race

(no t-shirt). Contact Steve Prescott at 513-777-1080 or register online at www.sprunning.com. For pet lovers, bring your pets for a special walk in Winton Woods Park and a St. Francis Pet Blessing at 8:30 a.m. Door prizes will be awarded to those who register.

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Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood will present a Blessed Beads Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 1. Learn how to make cord/ bead rosaries at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; wire rosaries and bracelet rosaries at 9 a.m. Suggested donations are \$10 for cord/ bead classes, \$15 for wire classes. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. For more information and registration, go to <http://blessedbeadworkshop2011.ventbrite.com> or call 513-3511-9800.

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On Sunday, Oct. 2, parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be taking up the annual collection for the Respect Life Fund. This is an opportunity for parishioners to participate in and increase the ministries that promote the dignity of persons from conception until natural death in all 19 counties of the Archdiocese. The Fund helps to support women so they give birth to healthy babies, aid women and men in the healing journey after an abortion, raise awareness and decrease domestic violence, prevent suicide, form youth and young adults in respect for life and their own sexuality, and support the Ohio Bishops’ stance against the death penalty. In addition to the Oct. 2 collection, you can donate to the fund at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/respect-life-donations>.

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The Athenaeum Chorale will begin its 32nd season with Sunday Vespers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. The chorale is under the direction of Athenaeum Music Director Anthony DiCello. The Rev. Anthony Brausch, vice rector of Athenaeum, will preside in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s of the West Seminary, Mt. Washington.

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Catholic Scripture Study, for women in the Dayton area who would like to learn more about the Bible and their faith, this year considers the Old Testament prophets and the Book of Revelation. The group meets on Wednesday mornings or evenings (whatever fits your schedule) at St. Henry Parish. Information sessions will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5. For more information, visit www.sihenryparish.com, or call Mel at 937-620-8642, or e-mail melkerr4css@yahoo.com.

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A healing service, sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center, will be held at St. Ignatius Church in Monfort Heights at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5. Come and experience Jesus’ healing power. Healing includes the physical, emotional, spiritual, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. For more information, see <http://lighthouserenewalcenter.org> or call 513-471-5483.

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Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Binzer will be on hand to answer questions at the first fall session of Theology on Tap@Clifton, 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Martino’s on Vine, 2618 Vine Street. The series continues each Wednesday in October. For more information, visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/TOT-2011-Bishop-1-Final-Color.pdf

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Get support for what you do well as a parent and learn how to raise likeable, responsible, and respectful children by attending, “How Much is Enough? Learning When to Say ‘Yes’ and When to say ‘No.’” This six-session class begins Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Center in New Burlington. The fee is \$70 per person. For more information or to register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities, 513-241-7745.

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The Dayton Catholic Women’s Club will present a day of recollection on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church in Dayton, starting with Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Joshua Otusafo. Gloria Leigh, retired director of religious education, will speak on “Cain, Where Is Your Brother” and Martha Teeter, prayer ministry coordinator, will discuss “Lectio Divina,” an ancient method of praying the Scriptures. The \$15 pre-registration fee includes coffee and donuts, catered lunch and door prizes. Call Julianne at 937-694-2176 by Monday, Oct 3, for reservations.

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The annual Red Mass for lawyers, judges and lawmakers will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati, with Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr as the presider. Justice Terrence O’Donnell of the Ohio Supreme Court will deliver closing remarks. A reception follows in the cathedral undercroft. The Mass is open to all members of the legal profession, public servants and officials, judiciary, their respective families, and the general public. Members of the judiciary are encouraged to wear judicial robes; members of the academic community are encouraged to wear regalia; members of the law enforcement profession are encouraged to wear formal uniforms.