



# The COR

CONNECTING PARISHIONERS | OBSERVING MILESTONES | RAISING AWARENESS

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### Dear Parishioners,

In the November/December 2021 issue of “The COR,” I addressed one component of the newsletter title acronym, “Connecting Parishioners,” by highlighting our effort to share stories about new and long-time parishioners.

In this issue, I would like to discuss another component, “Raising Awareness.” To raise awareness, we decided to report community news and historical facts, and to

feature social justice topics that impact our parish and the wider community.

Dr. Bernard Young has been providing an excellent series of articles on Catholic Social Teaching (CST) which focuses on the sacredness and dignity of humans, and how we are to live as community.

He has highlighted one of the seven CST principles in each issue of “The COR.” We hope that you have read his explanations of the following CST

principles/actions: (1) Respect the human person, (2) Promote the family, and (3) Protect property rights.

As you read in this issue about the fourth principle, Work for the common good, we encourage you to embrace and live all the principles of CST.

Sincerely,  
*Michaelle Jones*  
Stewardship Council



### A Spotlight Report: Stephanie Byrd

Stephanie Byrd, since 2018, serves others in the distinguished position of Regional Chief Executive Officer for the American Red Cross Central and Southern Ohio Region.

After an extensive nationwide search, she became the first African American woman to be selected to head up one of the most highly recognized public service organizations in the country.

Stephanie says that she was raised and encouraged by her mother and grand-



Stephanie Byrd

mother to believe she could do anything and that you have to do something that makes a difference.

She is breaking down barriers, but Stephanie is more focused on helping others. “It’s an amazing opportunity and a gift to be able to do this job as an African American woman,” Stephanie states, “and I say this because people we help every day are often people who look like me.”

Prior to the Red Cross, she led the effort to bring Cincinnati Preschool Promise to fruition. This program allowed all preschool children the opportunity to attend quality preschools. She added that as a result of the program, there are more children who have benefited from that early learning experience. Consequently, preschoolers are better prepared for kindergarten and more likely to succeed in school.

Stephanie still feels the excitement in knowing that making a difference in someone’s life will really help them be successful in whatever they choose to do.

Now in her position to impact 47 counties for the Red Cross, she is working to ensure children and adults have opportunities and feel safe in their community. She lives by the wisdom that her mother and grandmother instilled in her: No one is better than you, and you are no better than anyone else.

**Did You Know . . .**  
During the 19th century, Avondale was a rural suburb. Its settlers were mostly Protestant families from either England or Germany.

It is claimed that the wife of Stephen Burton, a wealthy ironworks owner, began calling the area Avondale in 1853 after she saw a resemblance between the stream behind her house and the Avon River in England.

## Social Justice

### Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Part 4: Work for the Common Good

“Work for the Common Good.”

Naturally, the immediate challenge is to determine what is the common good?

What good do we choose?

We must identify the “common good” in our diverse world. We must begin by becoming sensitive to our local, regional and global community. Equity should exist across the full spectrum of human beings.

In CST, the “dignity of the human person” is the starting point for establishing its principal themes.

Pope Francis in his encyclical letter, *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, stated the common good, subsidiarity – the act of organizing into a functioning, supportive local body – and solidarity among all the subsidiaries make up the basis for CST. This perspective demands we work toward the common good with a global response.



Focusing on the common good, as interpreted by Pope John Paul, we describe a concern that is broader than the concerns of any individual group. Understanding and starting a practice of work for the common good requires us to synchronize values across the spectrum of human beings. We must work toward a deep, authentic and comprehensive “understanding of the dignity and rights of all individuals.”

Working for the common good means promoting the ability of all humans to thrive. The common good demands a balance between the natural desire to seek the rights/good of the individual and the need to secure the broader interest of society.

Our mindset must be global and consider the weak and vulnerable among us.

### Answering the Call: Wendell Washington

Dedicated parishioner Wendell Washington answers the call to do good deeds in the church and community. Like many of his generation, church, faith and family are the bedrock of Wendell Washington’s life.

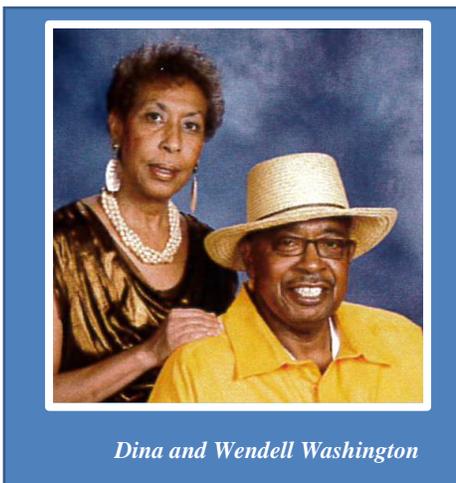
Formerly a dedicated member of St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Evanston, he has joyfully carried that zeal on to his participation in Church of the Resurrection (COR) activities.

Wendell was a certified painter and decorator. He worked for the City of Cincinnati for 33 years – painting everything from fire and police stations to recreation centers and City Hall.

Wendell loves his church, and it is reciprocated. He has participated in dozens of activities including serving as a cross bearer, eucharistic minister, and usher during Mass when needed.

He is a member of the Men’s Group, participating in their annual pancake breakfast, Men’s Night Out and the Men’s Retreat held at Pete Randolph’s Farm in Clermont County. He is a

welcome member of the Homebound Ministry, visiting and bringing the sick communion in the hospital and at their homes. He is also a member of the planning committee for the Answer the Call event held at Xavier University.



Wendell can almost always be seen with a smile on his face as he shares his love of Jesus Christ. His dedication to his faith is apparent, and the church is honored to include him in our church family.

He shares his life with wife of 52 years, Dina Washington. They have two sons and one grandson.

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**The Leitzingers:  
A Labor of Love**

When Paul and Mary Helen Leitzinger joined St. Agnes parish in May 1967, they probably were not aware that they were at the beginning of a Christian odyssey that would span 63 years of marriage, five children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, several health scares and other highs and lows.

Paul, a Pennsylvanian, and Mary Helen, a Texan, married in Corpus Christi, Texas, in July of 1958.

He's a 1957 graduate of Notre Dame University with a BS degree in business. He also holds an MA degree earned in 1961 in retailing from the University of Pennsylvania. Mary Helen received a BS degree in nursing from Duquesne University in 1965 and an MS degree in health planning from the University of Cincinnati in 1975.

Both had exceptional careers. Paul retired from Federated Department Stores (now Macy's) in 1996, and Mary Helen retired from University Hospital (Ophthalmology Clinic) at the end of 1999.



*Top:  
(Left to Right)  
Jack  
Paul, Jr.  
Matthew  
Maria  
Laura*

*Bottom:  
Paul  
Mary Helen*

Nourished by faith and friendship, the Leitzingers have given of their time and effort to support parish activities too numerous to mention, which includes Parish Council, Liturgy Commission and Finance Council. They are a mainstay in the parish and a shining example of Christian love and faith.

Now in their eighties, they have slowed down, but are no less committed to doing

as much as they can to help the parish flourish. They are often heard saying, "We ain't dead yet."

Ever giving, they even have a message for new parishioners: "Rejoice! You've made the right choice to join a caring and responsive parish that strives to bring the Gospel's message of love to all who come."

**Opportunity Knocks:  
The English Learning  
Services Program**

The University of Cincinnati's English Learning Services (ELS) program affords students from fifteen countries around the world a firsthand experience to learn English and participate in American cultural activities. They travel abroad to live with a host family, right here in Cincinnati.

Specifically, the program offers international students coursework in English, grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing. The program can last from eight to 12 months.

Parishioners Nancy Provine-Turner and her daughter Nicole Bailey have participated in the program for the past several years as host families. They say the program is an excellent learning experience for all involved.

Over the past 45 years, ELS has helped hundreds of thousands of families from over 140 countries around the world learn English using an innovative approach that makes learning simple, fast and enjoyable. Gaining cultural understanding of the people of the United States by living with a family is the icing on the cake!

Nicole Bailey, says her student, 20-year-old Atsuko shared with his host how much he enjoyed the hospitality, food and family feeling. She shared, "This has been a memorable experience, and I am grateful I have the space and ability to open my home to these amazing students."

Nicole's mom, Nancy Provine-Turner, says the experience has been "... such a blessing. An unforgettable experience that

has provided a lifetime of memories for host families and students." Nancy hosted Kazuaki Nishida, a 19-year-old man from Japan, then later she opened her home to Josias Gaitan, age 20 from Panama.

Mom and daughter want all to know that full vaccinations and boosters are required for the entire host family, as well as visiting students. Then there's the compensation. An additional benefit of becoming a host family is monetary compensation to the host family.

Opportunity knocks for you to give of your time, talent, care, wisdom, and friendship. If you are interested in expanding your horizons and helping a young scholar learn English and American culture, become a host family for the University of Cincinnati's English Learning Services program. Contact Kristie Larsen at 513-505-0640 or email [elshomestaycincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:elshomestaycincinnati@gmail.com).

**Community Activities:  
Cincinnati Museum Center**

Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal, located at 130 Western Avenue, is home to the Cincinnati History Museum, Museum of Natural History & Science, Duke Energy Children’s Museum and Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX Theater.

■ At the Cincinnati History Museum, see the Hall of Justice, the headquarters of the Justice League shown in the 1970s cartoon “Super Friends,” and marvel at the Art Deco architecture. Also, visit the

Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center, which uses storytelling, interactive experiences and genuine artifacts to ensure the lessons of the past inspire action today.

■ The Museum of Natural History & Science offers experience that is STEM inspired. Operate pulley systems, watch clouds form, knock down targets with walls of air and play games of tug-of-war.

■ Visit Duke Energy Children’s Museum. There’s Kids’ Town where children can experience a neighborhood sized just for

them, The Energy Zone of interactive and educational tasks, Little Sprouts Farm for children ages four and under, and other activities.

■ Take a seat at the Robert D. Lindner Family OMNIMAX Theater, refinished with a five-story domed theatre. This theatre will take you to places that you’ve only imagined from natural parks to Mars.

For days/hours of operation, parking and admission price, contact the Cincinnati Museum Center, 513-287-7000 or online at [cincymuseum.org](http://cincymuseum.org).

**Rejoice!**

We rejoice, O God,  
Even as Evil seems to prevail.  
In the end, truth will triumph,  
Mocking the apparent victory of Evil.

Battered by the storm,  
We rejoice in You, our harbor.  
Sickness and death plague us,  
We rejoice in the promise of eternal life.

Tragedy strikes,  
Death takes the innocent,  
Grief engulfs Your people,  
Many ask, “Where now is God?”

But, we rejoice,  
Singing Your praise,  
Proclaiming Your truth,  
Calling out Your name!

Attacked by the army of the prince of darkness,  
We rejoice! Your light guides us to glory.

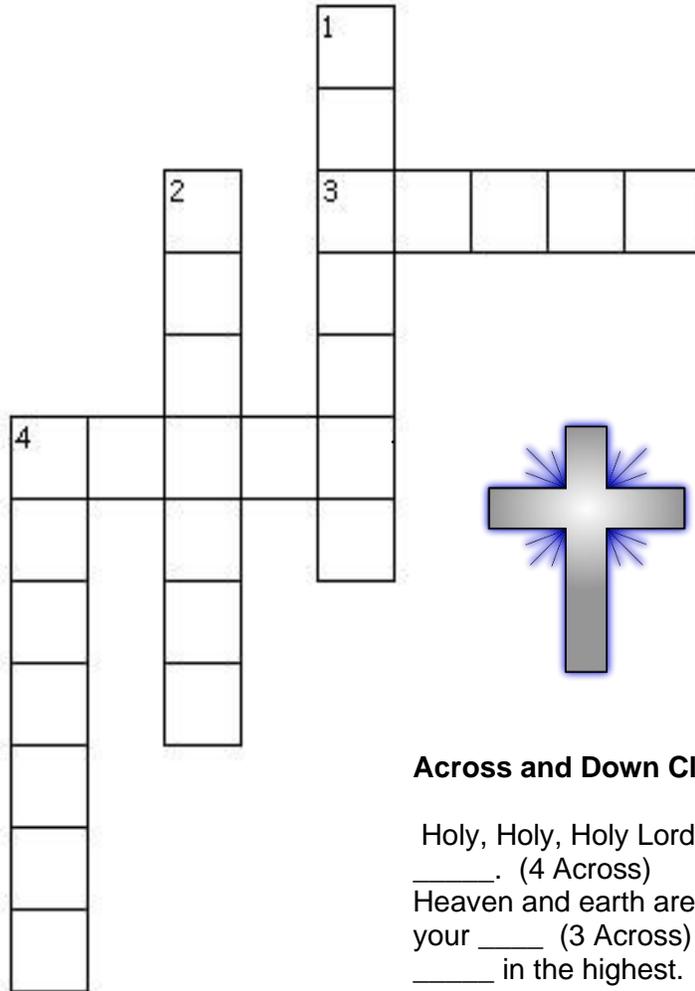
Others despair . . .  
They see naught but defeat, poverty,  
enslavement . . .  
We rejoice in the victory to come,  
The establishment of Your kingdom,  
Your reign of peace and justice,  
Forever and ever, Amen!  
Thanks be to God! Rejoice!

*By Paul Leitzinger, Decemberr 15, 2012*

**Take a Break . . .**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**It's Fun Time!**



**Across and Down Clues**

- Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_. (4 Across)
- Heaven and earth are full of your \_\_\_\_\_. (3 Across)
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest. (4 Down)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (2 Down)
- Hosanna in the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Down)