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Landmark diaconate ordination for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

BY DENISE FEDOROW



Peter Ringenberg

The first group of Hispanic deacons to be formed and ordained in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend stand on the steps in front of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend following their ordination June 23. The Mass of ordination took place in Spanish. In the front row, from left, are Deacon Giovanni Muñoz Reyes, Deacon Ricardo García Ramos and Deacon Christian Nieves Figueroa. In the second row are Deacon Alejandro García García, Deacon Juan Manuel Campos, Deacon Marco Castillo Gómez and Deacon Victor Sandoval Ceja. In the third row are Deacon Huberto Vásquez Osorio, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Deacon Blas Olayo; and in the fourth row are Deacon Frederick Everett and Deacon José Ruvalcaba Sánchez.

History was made in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Saturday, June 23, with the ordination of 11 Hispanic deacons at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

The newly ordained deacons and their home parishes are Juan Manuel Campos, St. Patrick, Ligonier; Marco Castillo Gómez, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw; Frederick W. Everett, Corpus Christi, South Bend; Alejandro M. García García, Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend; Ricardo García Ramos, St. Patrick, Ligonier; Giovanni Muñoz Reyes, Christian Nieves Figueroa and Blas Olayo, all of St. John the Evangelist, Goshen; José Ruvalcaba Sánchez, St. Adalbert, South Bend; and Victor Sandoval Ceja and Huberto M. Vásquez Osorio, both of St. Patrick, Fort Wayne.

The cathedral was filled with family, friends and supporters, who all awaited the grand procession of diaconate candidates. Wives and family members of the candidates to be ordained expressed feelings of nervousness

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Credible leadership serves others, pope tells cardinals at consistory

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Defending the weak or hopeless and becoming a servant to those most in need is the best promotion one can ever receive, Pope Francis told new and old cardinals.

"None of us must feel 'superior' to anyone. None of us should look down at others from above. The only time we can look at a person in this way is when we are helping them to stand up," he said during a ceremony in which he elevated 14 bishops and archbishops from 11 different nations to the College of Cardinals June 28.

The formal ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica began with Pope

Francis, wearing a miter and carrying a pastoral staff of retired Pope Benedict XVI, leading a procession of the soon-to-be cardinals — in their new red robes — while the choirs sang, "Tu es Petrus" (You are Peter).

Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphaël I Sako of Baghdad approached a podium to give thanks on behalf of all the new cardinals who have been "called to serve the Church and all people with an even greater love."

The 69-year-old patriarch, whose country has lost an estimated 1 million of what had been 1.5 million Christians over the years of war, violence by extremist militants and economic insecurity, thanked the pope for his special attention to the plight and

struggle of "the tiny flock" of Christians throughout the Middle East.

"We pray and hope that your efforts to promote peace will change the hearts of men and women for the better" and help the world become a more "dignified" place for all people, the patriarch said.

Being made a cardinal, he noted, was not a prize or a personal honor, but an invitation to live out one's mission more firmly dedicated to "the very end," even to give one's life, as symbolized by the cardinal's color of red.

Their mission, the pope said in his homily, is to remember to stay focused on Christ, who always ministered and led the way, unperturbed by his disciples'

infighting, jealousies, failings and compromises.

On the road to Jerusalem, as the disciples were locked in "useless and petty discussions," Jesus walks ahead yet tells them forcefully, when it comes to lording authority over others, "it shall not be so among you; whoever would be great among you must be your servant."

What good is it, the pope asked, to "gain the whole world if we are corroded within" or "living in a stifling atmosphere of intrigues that dry up our hearts and impede our mission," including those "palace intrigues" in curial offices.

"But it shall not be so among

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you," the Lord says, because their eyes, heart and resources must be dedicated "to the only thing that counts: the mission," the pope said.

Personal conversion and Church reform are always missionary, he said, which demands that looking out for and protecting one's own interests be stopped, so that looking out for and protecting what God cares about remains at the fore.

Letting go of sins and selfishness means "growing in fidelity and willingness to embrace the mission" so that "when we see the distress of our brothers and sisters, we will be completely prepared to accompany and embrace them" instead of being "roadblocks ... because of our short-sightedness or our useless wrangling about who is most important."

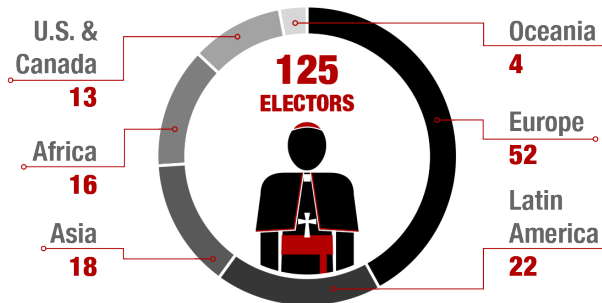
"The Church's authority grows with this ability to defend the dignity of others, to anoint them and to heal their wounds and their frequently dashed hopes. It means remembering that we are here because we have been asked 'to preach good news to the poor ... to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,'" he said.

"Dear brother cardinals and new cardinals," the pope said, the "Lord walks ahead of us, to keep reminding us that the only credible form of authority is born of sitting at the feet of others in order to serve Christ."

COUNTING CARDINALS

After the June 28 consistory, the College of Cardinals has **125 electors** — cardinals under the age of 80 eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

Electors by region:



Electors named by:



St. John Paul II
19



Pope Benedict XVI
47



Pope Francis
59

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"This is the highest honor that we can receive, the greatest promotion that can be awarded us: to serve Christ in God's faithful people. In those who are hungry, neglected, imprisoned, sick, suffering, addicted to drugs, cast aside," he said.

Pope Francis then read the formula of creation and the names of all 14 cardinals; each new cardinal recited the creed and took an oath of fidelity to Pope Francis and his successors.

One by one, each cardinal went up to the pope and knelt

before him. The pope gave them each a cardinal's ring, a red skullcap and a three-cornered red hat. The assembly applauded for each new cardinal as the pope stood and embraced each one, in some cases, speaking to them briefly and privately.

After the consistory, Pope Francis and the new cardinals visited retired Pope Benedict in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, his residence in the Vatican Gardens.

With the new members, the College of Cardinals numbered 226, with 125 of them being

cardinal electors — those under 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave. With this consistory, Pope Francis has created almost half of the voting cardinals.

The new cardinals are from Iraq, Spain, Italy, Poland, Pakistan, Portugal, Peru, Madagascar, Japan, Mexico and Bolivia. The current College of Cardinals now represents six continents and 88 countries.

The 14 cardinals who received their red hats from the pope were Cardinals:

— Louis Sako, 69.

— Luis Ladaria, 74, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

— Angelo De Donatis, 64, papal vicar for the Diocese of Rome.

— Giovanni Angelo Becciu, 70, substitute secretary of state, prefect-designate of the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

— Konrad Krajewski, 54, papal almoner.

— Joseph Coutts of Karachi, Pakistan, 72.

— Antonio dos Santos Marto of Leiria-Fatima, Portugal, 71.

— Pedro Barreto of Huancayo, Peru, 74.

— Desire Tsarahazana of Toamasina, Madagascar, 64.

— Giuseppe Petrocchi of L'Aquila, Italy, 69.

— Thomas Aquinas Manyo Maeda of Osaka, Japan, 69.

— Sergio Obeso Rivera, retired archbishop of Xalapa, Mexico, 86.

— Toribio Ticona Porco, retired bishop of Corocoro, Bolivia, 81.

— Aquilino Bocos Merino, 80, former superior general of the Claretian religious order.

Life in Central America so bad that migrants willing to risk trek to U.S.

BY DAVID AGREN

GUADALUPE, Mexico (CNS) — Honduran migrant Selvin Meza Garcia did not want to work as a "tax collector." Gangs in the Central American country collect "war taxes" — a euphemism for extortion — from ordinary people and force young men like him to collect it, often at gunpoint and with threats of violence for nonpayment.

"If someone doesn't accept their offer to work for them, they have to flee," Meza, a coffee farmer, said from the Catholic-run Casanicolas shelter in suburban Monterrey. Former classmates from school, he added, delivered the offer, telling him, "We're going to keep after you," and that turning them down meant, "You have to pay the war tax."

U.S. authorities have beefed up border enforcement, tried to make asylum claims tougher to pursue and separated children from the families as they enter the country.

Yet even as the heart-wrenching scenes of families being separated at the border captures headlines — a policy suspended by the U.S. government — migrants continue abandoning



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Central America, where they flee violence, poverty and, increasingly, farms afflicted by the consequences of climate change.

While traveling through Mexico migrants risk extortion, robbery and rape. The shelter in Monterrey offers migrants one last stop before their final pushes to the Texas border — some 150 miles from Laredo — through the violent state of Tamaulipas, where drug cartels often kidnap them for ransom.

The tougher U.S. policies and the president's terse statements fail to dissuade many young men. Staff at the shelters in Guadalupe and Saltillo, 65

miles west, however, suspect that families — who often don't stay in their facilities as they are able raise money to pay a human smuggler or can obtain a humanitarian visa to transit Mexico — are unwilling to take the risk of being separated at the border.

"Migrants come, risking their lives, knowing that not all make it," said Nelly Morales, director of the Casanicolas shelter, which belongs to St. Francis Xavier Parish.

"People know the prices they have to pay, and they're willing to pay this price," she added. "They already risked their lives

Honduran migrant Selvin Meza Garcia poses for a photo in Guadalupe, Mexico, June 22. He left Honduras after gangsters asked him to work for them as a "tax collector," which meant collecting extortion payments.

in their country, risked their lives in Mexico and, now, here, they're two or three hours from their dream. They'll risk it."

Apprehensions have surged along the southwest border: U.S. Customs and Border Patrol stopped more than 40,300 people on the southwest border in May, a jump of 160 percent over May 2017.

The number of families apprehended also have surged with nearly 9,500 detentions in May, almost double the figure recorded in October.

"If one person in the family is extorted or targeted and that person leaves, then they (criminals) go after the other persons in the family," said Rick Jones, who works with Catholic Relief Services in El Salvador. "People are trying to save their little kids, and the whole family has to leave."

Mexico regularly detains and deports thousands of Central Americans as they transit the country in attempts to reach the United States. Mexican immigration officials do not separate families, but the country's tough posture toward Central Americans does not sit well with some Catholic leaders.

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Congregation of Holy Cross elects new provincial superior

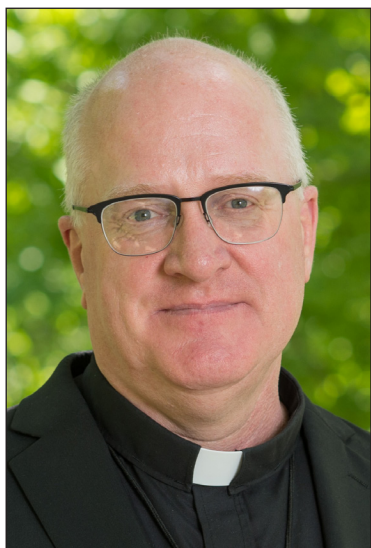
NOTRE DAME — Father William M. Lies, CSC, was elected as the new provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, by the Provincial Chapter in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on June 14.

As provincial superior, Father Lies will oversee the work and welfare of more than 500 priests, brothers and seminarians in the U.S. Province. He succeeds Father Thomas J. O'Hara, CSC, who served as provincial superior for six years.

The U.S. Province carries out the vision of founder Blessed Basil Moreau to make God known, loved and served through higher education, parish and other ministries throughout the United States. In addition, the province has apostolates and missions in East Africa, Chile, Peru, Mexico and Bangladesh.

The Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross give the provincial superior authority over all members and houses in the province. He is elected by at least two-thirds vote of the chapter and confirmed by the congregation's superior general in Rome, Father Robert Epping, CSC. The term of the provincial superior is six years.

A native of Little Falls, Minnesota, Father Lies was born July 4, 1962, and is one of 10 children. He has a twin brother, Jim, who is also a Holy Cross priest. Father Lies earned his



FATHER WILLIAM LIES

bachelor's degree in English with minors in French and philosophy from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1988, professed first vows Aug. 12, 1989, received an M.Div. degree from the University of Notre Dame and took final vows Aug. 28, 1993. He was ordained to the priesthood April 9, 1994.

Father Lies received his doctoral degree in Latin American politics from the University of Pittsburgh. His research and teaching has focused on human rights, religion and politics in Latin America and the politics of poverty. He has given talks and lectures throughout the

country and serves on a number of related domestic and international boards. In 2013, Father Lies received Catholic Charities U.S.A.'s "Keep the Dream Alive" award that honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prior to his election, Father Lies was vice president for Mission Engagement and Church Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, a role he began in March 2012. He formerly served as executive director of the Center for Social Concerns (2002-12) at Notre Dame, and taught in the Department of Political Science. He is a fellow of both the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

As vice president for Mission Engagement and Church Affairs, Father Lies assisted in deepening the conversation across the academy on issues of importance to the Church. He was also the liaison for Notre Dame to the Congregation of Holy Cross, the U.S. bishops, the USCCB and its affiliates and the Holy See, and he oversaw the Tantarum Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem.

Also appointed as assistants to the new provincial superior were Assistant Provincial Vicar Father Peter Jarret, CSC; Assistant Provincial and Secretary Father Neil Wack, CSC; and Steward Father Mark Thesing, CSC.

World Refugee Day open house



Jodi Marlin

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend hosted an open house the afternoon of June 20 in observance of World Refugee Day. The event was designed to "bring a ray of hope into the eyes and hearts of refugees and of those who have been forcibly displaced." At left, Paw Kadoe and her children Dexton and Aloe, former refugees from Myanmar, were among those who enjoyed gifts of food and lighthearted entertainment at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, July 8: 9 a.m. — Mass, St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne
Saturday, July 14: 5 p.m. — Mass, St. Joseph Church, Bluffton
Sunday, July 15: 10:30 a.m. — Mass, St. Augustine Church, South Bend
Friday-Sunday, July 20-22: Diocesan Heritage Pilgrimage, Southern Indiana and Kentucky



Priest appointments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointments:

Reverend Monsignor Pius Ilchukwu to Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, effective June 19, 2018.

Reverend Daniel Mould, F.S.S.P., to Parochial Vicar of St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish, South Bend, effective July 1, 2018.



Deacon appointments

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following assignments of permanent deacons, effective July 1, 2018:

Deacon Juan Campos to Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville.

Deacon Marco Castillo to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw.

Deacon Frederick Everett to St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

Deacon Alejandro Garcia to Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend.

Deacon Ricardo Garcia to St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier.

Deacon Giovanni Muñoz to St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen.

Deacon Christian Nieves to St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen.

Deacon Blas Olayo to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart.

Deacon José Ruvalcaba to St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend,

and St. Casimir Parish, South Bend.

Deacon Victor Sandoval to St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne.

Deacon Huberto Vasquez to St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne.

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Was the Church right about contraception?

BY LISA EVERETT

A look at "Humanae Vitae" 50 years later

FIFTH IN A SERIES ON THE ANNIVERSARY

Perhaps the most prophetic warning that Pope Paul VI issued in "Humanae Vitae" regarded the effect that contraception would have on women: "Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection."

What we have learned in the last 50 years about the serious health risks associated with the most effective contraceptives vindicates Pope Paul VI's concern for the physical well-being of women. While barrier methods of birth control had been around for ages, the "breakthrough" in effectiveness came when hormonal contraceptives were invented. The first formulations of the pill contained high levels of estrogen and were implicated in many reports of blood clots and strokes, some of which resulted in death. Present-day hormonal contraceptives utilize powerful synthetic steroids to suppress a woman's natural fertility cycle and in so doing, subject her to health risks that are just as serious. Many people have never heard, for example, that in July 2005, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer announced that, after a thorough review of the published scientific evidence, combined estrogen-progestogen



oral contraceptives cause cancer (WHO, International Agency for Research on Cancer, Press Release No. 167, July 29, 2005). This classification of the combined pill as a Group 1 carcinogen put oral contraceptives in the same category as asbestos, arsenic, tobacco and mustard gas, among others.

A little over a year after the World Health Organization announced its findings, the prestigious medical journal *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* published an article which assessed the results of 34 studies conducted since 1980 to examine the possible association between oral contraceptive use and breast cancer risk in women younger than 50. The meta-analysis concluded that oral contraceptives are associated with an increase in premenopausal breast cancer risk, especially among women who use them before their first full-term pregnancy. In addition to increasing the risk of breast cancer, the pill has been implicated in several other serious health risks, including cervical

cancer, blood clots, heart attack, stroke and increased risk of acquiring HIV and other STDs. In case we think that these kinds of adverse health effects are limited to the pill, consider the fact that dozens of deaths and hundreds of lawsuits have been linked to other hormonal contraceptives such as the birth control "patch" and NuvaRing.

As Pope Paul VI predicted, not only is a woman's physical health placed at risk, but also her emotional equilibrium. While many women have experienced side effects such as mood swings and decreased sex drive while using hormonal contraceptives, the link between these pharmaceutical products and increased risk of depression has now been firmly established. In November 2016, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA Psychiatry)

published a peer-reviewed study of more than one million women living in Denmark which found an increased risk for first use of an antidepressant and first diagnosis of depression among users of different types of hormonal contraception, with the highest rates among adolescents.

Beyond the serious and sometimes life-threatening physical and emotional health risks associated with the most commonly used contraceptives, what is equally concerning is the attitude towards women's sexuality that the widespread use of birth control has spawned. More than a century before "Humanae Vitae" was written, the first wave of feminists had sounded the same alarm. They had an intuitive sense that contraception degraded the dignity of women and described it as "unnatural," "injurious" and "offensive." Like Pope Paul VI, the 19th century feminists feared that the use of contraception in marriage would relegate women even further to being regarded as sex objects by their husbands, expected to submit to every sexual advance without regard for their own condition, desires or reasonable wishes in the matter. As Mahatma Gandhi once remarked: "Man has sufficiently degraded women for his lust, and contraception, no matter how well meaning the advocates may be, will still further degrade her."

With contraception as the cultural norm, sex has become largely untethered from the likelihood of pregnancy, and women are now more or less expected to be sexually available 24/7, whether within marriage or without. It is easy to see how this expectation has, as Pope Paul VI feared, reduced women even further to

being mere instruments for the satisfaction of men's desires. Surely the #MeToo movement has borne sad witness to the prevalence of sexual harassment in our culture, of men who grab and grope women to get what they want. It is not a stretch to see how contraception has contributed to this culture of men who see women as means for their own sexual gratification.

In his theology of the body, St. John Paul II emphasized that in the mystery of creation, the man has been entrusted in a particular way with the gift of the woman. One of the effects of original sin is that instead of a man sacrificing himself for the sake of a woman, he is tempted to sacrifice her for his own pleasure or ego or convenience. If a couple has a good reason to avoid a pregnancy, why shouldn't a man submit himself to the rhythms of his wife's monthly cycle and be willing to abstain from sex during the days of fertility, rather than subject her to the all the risks associated with the contraceptives that are as effective as natural methods of fertility regulation? As Dr. John Billings, who along with his wife, Evelyn, pioneered one of the first modern methods of natural family planning pointed out: "As a man, the abstinence involved during the fertile phase when it is decided to avoid pregnancy is a way of saying: 'My love for my wife and my family is much greater than the desire I have for sexual intercourse, however strong that may be.'"

In the final article in this series, we will take a look at how NFP can help spouses to grow in holiness and can foster the very virtues that make for a happy marriage.

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"The first thing we have to fix is this being a shield so that immigration" doesn't continue through Mexico, said Bishop Raul Vera Lopez of Saltillo. "In this we are accomplices of the U.S. government ... because the mistreatment of migrants started here."

"From the southern border (with Guatemala) and to the (U.S. border) is where the United States' national security starts," he added.

Mexico toughened its crackdown on Central American migrants in 2014, after an out-

flow of unaccompanied minors from Central America. It set up immigration checkpoints across southern states, improved border infrastructure and tried to stop migrants from riding the rails — something many migrants at the Guadalupe and Monterrey shelters said they did, though they were at times forced off by police or security guards and robbed.

"That made them take new routes, (so) they had many more aggressions against them," said Sister Guadalupe Arguello, a staff member in the diocesan shelter in Saltillo. "This gave organized crime the opportunity to take

advantage of them even more."

The Mexican policies, along with the continuing toughening of the U.S. border, has allowed "smugglers to charge them much more," Sister Arguello said. "It's now between \$8,000 and 10,000 dollars" to hire a smuggler to travel from Central America to the United States, she said.

Guatemalan migrant Miguel Angel Cordon, 42, traveled to the border, expecting a relative in Houston send money — but it never arrived. Condon said he made good money installing computer equipment and telephones back home, but fled Guatemala after his son and brother were murdered in 2015 and he received death threats, which he attributes to a property dispute involving a powerful public official.

Many more migrants are seeking asylum in Mexico, but Condon seemed unenthused. "With the Mexican economy as it is, I can't help my daughter. In the United States, I could."

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'No more excuses' for Congress' failure to fix immigration system

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles called on Congress to “fix our broken immigration system” in his homily during the archdiocese’s annual “Mass in Recognition of All Immigrants” June 24.

In addition, Archbishop Gomez drew on the words of the readings to explain the importance of fighting for the lives and dignity of children and families.

“Brothers and sisters, we need to tell our leaders — no more ‘mañanas,’ no more excuses. The time is now,” the archbishop said after mentioning that Congress might let another session go by without substantive immigration reform. “It makes no difference which political party is in power, there is always some excuse.”

Archbishop Gomez specifically mentioned the USA Act — “compromise legislation in Congress that the Catholic Church supports” — as a way forward.

“This bill has broad bipartisan support. It would permanently



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Faith leaders pray at the main entrance to the Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego June 23 during a march and rally in support of immigrant families who had been separated at the U.S.-Mexico border.

protect the Dreamers from deportation and provide them a path to become citizens. It would also strengthen security along our nation’s borders,” he said.

The Uniting and Securing America Act, sponsored by Reps. Denham and Pete Aguilar, D-California, would have granted permanent legal status to qualified Dreamers and provided for

border improvements. On June 27, House members rejected the measure by a vote of 121 to 301.

In his homily, Archbishop Gomez also discussed the plight of immigrant families who had been separated after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. “We have thousands of children in facilities that are hundreds of miles away from their parents. Our govern-

ment says it will take months — months — before these little ones are reunited with their mothers and fathers.”

The archbishop did take care to remind the congregation that such policies are not new. “This injustice has been going on for a long time. It did not start with this administration. But it will not stop until good people end their silence and speak up for what is right.”

“We cannot ignore this any longer. And we cannot pretend that we are not all implicated,” he said.

Since the Mass was on the feast of St. John the Baptist, the archbishop quoted the reaction of the people to the birth of John from the day’s Gospel reading from Luke: “What, then, will this

child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.”

“My brothers and sisters, the word of God is a word of hope,” Archbishop Gomez said before invoking St. John the Baptist an example of how to “proclaim the love and mercy of God in these times when so many people feel angry and afraid.”

He concluded with an appeal to Mary: “May our Blessed Mother to be near to every child and every parent suffering separation along our borders this day. And may she help every one of us to share in the dream of America.”

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Republicans help bring down their party's 'compromise' immigration bill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Republicans failed June 27 to advance a bill on immigration before Congress takes a summer break, unable to get enough votes from their own party to back it, even as public outcry grows over family separation at the border and other immigration issues. The proposal, which had been called a "compromise" bill by Republicans, would have provided some respite to youth brought to the country illegally as minors, as well as some \$25 million in funding for part of a wall along the border with Mexico, which President Donald Trump desperately wants. But the House of Representatives, in a 121-301 vote, solidly showed the lack of consensus among lawmakers, even in the majority-Republican House: 112 Republicans voted against the bill and 121 Republicans voted in favor of it. No Democrats voted for the bill. The bill addressed keeping together parents and children detained for crossing the border illegally, and some are still urging Congress to take up that issue separately before going on break for the Fourth of July recess. Republican Congressman Will Hurd, of Texas, had said in a statement released by his office June 21 that he opposed money for the border wall, saying it was "an expensive and ineffective 4th-century border security tool that takes private property away from hundreds of Texans." He also expressed concern about taking away something from one immigration program in exchange for helping another.

Canadian bishops say marijuana use may soon be legal but remains sinful

OTTAWA, Ontario (CNS) — Marijuana use across Canada may soon be legal in the eyes of the law, but it will remain a sin in the eyes of the Church, said Canada's bishops. With the exception of cannabis use for medicinal purposes, consuming marijuana violates the virtue of temperance and should be avoided, said Msgr. Frank Leo, general secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. "The virtue of temperance, as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 'disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine,'" said Msgr. Leo. "In a particular way, the catechism underscores that the use of any drug, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is also a 'grave offense' — for the use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life." After the Canadian government's Cannabis Act received royal assent in the Senate June 21, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced recreational use of marijuana would cease to be a crime as of Oct. 17. Canada is the second country in the world, following Uruguay, to legalize the drug nationwide. Under the law, adults can possess up to 30 grams of cannabis, cultivate up to four marijuana plants per household and can use can-

nabis to prepare edible products. It will be sold in regulated outlets. Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, whose cathedral opens onto a view of Parliament Hill, is not "hailing" the legalization, as are many others.

Broken world needs Christian unity, pope tells Christian leaders at WCC

GENEVA (CNS) — Not only God, but today's broken, divided world is begging for unity among Christians, Pope Francis said on an ecumenical pilgrimage to Geneva. "Our differences must not be excuses," he said, because as Christ's disciples, Christians can still pray together, evangelize and serve others. On his 23rd apostolic journey abroad June 21, the pope spent several hours with Christian leaders at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches, a fellowship of 350 ecclesial communities, including many Orthodox churches. The pope came to help celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of what is the largest and broadest ecumenical fellowship in the world. Speaking to reporters aboard the papal plane from Rome, the pope said, "This is a trip toward unity," representing the "desire for unity." He was greeted on the tarmac by dignitaries and two children in traditional dress; Two former members of the Swiss Guard stood by the red carpet in the corps' full colorful

uniform, which only happens on papal trips to Switzerland. Active guard members traveling with the pope are always in plainclothes.

Forgiveness turns evil into good, pope tells Catholics in Geneva

GENEVA (CNS) — At the end of a day dedicated to celebrating 70 years of an ecumenical fellowship forged by the World Council of Churches, Pope Francis turned to the region's Catholics, reminding them of what lies at the heart of the faith. The Lord's Prayer "offers us a road map for the spiritual life" by reminding people they are part of one human family, that they should live a simpler, more caring life and that forgiveness works miracles in history, he said. "There is no greater novelty than forgiveness, which turns evil into good," he told 40,000 Catholics from Switzerland, France and other nations not far from this landlocked country, whose history was built on the values of peace and neutrality. The pope was in Geneva June 21 "as a pilgrim in quest of unity and peace," for a one-day journey celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of the World Council of Churches — a fellowship of 350 ecclesial communities, including many Orthodox churches, who represent some 500 million Christians worldwide. The Catholic Church, which cooperates extensively with the council, is not a full member. Celebrating Mass at

the city's enormous indoor expo center, the pope pointed to the essential lessons contained in the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus teaches his disciples in the day's Gospel reading. The pope first circled the vast indoor center in a small white electric cart, greeting the faithful and blessing babies. Former pontifical Swiss guards in traditional uniform were present, standing at attention, representing their service rendered for more than 500 years in Rome.

Justice Anthony Kennedy to retire from Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced June 27, the last day of the Supreme Court's current term, that he is retiring July 31. Less than an hour later, President Donald Trump said he would move quickly to nominate a replacement, saying he would review a list of candidates from the list he had to fill the seat now held by Justice Neil Gorsuch after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Kennedy is one of five Catholic justices on the Supreme Court along with Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor. Rumors about his retirement have been around for a while. Kennedy, who turns 82 in July, is the second-oldest member of the court after Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who is 85. He also is the longest-serving justice currently on the court, appointed in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. A California native, Kennedy took over the family law firm practice in 1963, the year his father died. That same year, he married Mary Davis. The couple has three children.

Court says requirements on pregnancy centers violate free speech

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 June 26 that a California law that placed requirements on crisis pregnancy centers that oppose abortion violated the First Amendment.

In its decision in *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra*, the court found that the law changes the content of the clinic's speech "by compelling petitioners to speak a particular message," and that the law went further than being a mere "regulation of professional conduct that incidentally burdens speech."

The state law in question is the Reproductive FACT Act, which says pregnancy centers must post notices in their facilities about where low-cost abortion services are available and also must disclose if they have medical personnel on staff.

During the oral arguments March 20, some of the justices expressed concerns that the law might be about specifically tar-

geting crisis pregnancy centers instead of providing information about abortion, and the decision mentions that, if the goal of the law were merely providing information about abortion to the public, that goal could be accomplished in more effective ways that do not require speakers to deliver unwanted speech.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, praised the ruling as "an important victory for the free speech rights of pro-life organizations."

"The Supreme Court today has affirmed that the First Amendment protects the right of all organizations to choose for themselves not only what to say, but what not to say," he said in a statement.

"This includes allowing pro-life pregnancy care centers to continue providing life-affirming support to both mother and child without being forced by govern-

ments to provide free advertising for the violent act of abortion in direct violation of the center's pro-life convictions," he said.

The USCCB and several other faith-based groups filed a friend-of-the-court brief before the Supreme Court supporting the pro-life pregnancy centers in the case.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, who is co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, said in a statement that "pregnancy centers want no part of a law requiring them to tell a woman where to go to kill her child. Thankfully, today the Supreme Court recognized their First Amendment right to free speech — and to refrain from speaking."

"Crisis pregnancy centers like NIFLA serve women and children according to their religious mission, and California should respect that," said Mark Rienzi, president of Becket, which is a nonprofit religious liberty law firm. "This ruling proves that when it comes to important

issues, the government doesn't get to tell people what to believe, and it also doesn't get to tell people what to say about it."

Justice Clarence Thomas delivered the opinion of the court, and was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Anthony Kennedy, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch. Kennedy filed a concurring opinion which Roberts, Alito and Gorsuch joined. Justice Stephen Breyer filed a dissenting opinion and was joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

In other reaction, Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life, said in a statement: "We applaud the Supreme Court for preserving these centers' free speech right and allowing them to continue offering such comprehensive and critical support to women in need."

The statement also said that forcing the centers to advertise abortion would "force these cen-

ters ... to work against their life-affirming mission."

"We are extremely pleased to see the nation's pro-life pregnancy centers and their advocates vindicated by the Supreme Court," said Chuck Donovan, president of the Charlotte Lozier Institute, which is the research arm of Susan B. Anthony List.

"Approximately 2,750 centers around the country provide a multitude of free services for millions of women, as well as tens of thousands of men, at nearly \$161 million in annual cost savings to their communities," he said. "The biggest winners in today's decision are women, children and families."

A forthcoming report by the Charlotte Lozier Institute found that in 2017 pregnancy centers provided slightly under 2 million people with free services, saving communities at least \$161 million.

Steve Larkin contributed to this story.

Presentation on Sister Aloysia Löwenfels, PHJC and martyr

DONALDSON — In honor of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ's 150-year presence in America, multiple events have taken place in 2018. The next event is a presentation about a German Poor Handmaid of Jewish heritage who was detained by the Nazi regime and perished in Auschwitz during WWII.

"Life, Spirituality and Beatification Process of Sister Aloysia Löwenfels, PHJC," presented by Sister Christiane Humpert, PHJC, will take place on Saturday, July 21, from 1-4 p.m. EDT in Cana Hall at The Center at Donaldson, GPS address 9601 Union Road, Plymouth.

Sister Christiane Humpert, a German Poor Handmaid, has intensively studied the life story of Sister Aloysia Löwenfels. This presentation highlights the life and work of this brave young martyr and her beatification process.

Two one-hour abbreviated presentations will be offered on Tuesday, July 24: the first one from 8-9 a.m. EDT in Cana Hall at The Center at Donaldson, and the other from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Kasper Room at Catherine Kasper Home.

More information can be found at www.poorhandmaids.org.

Student earns top honors for handwriting

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Eighteen students from private and public schools across the country were recently recognized for having the best handwriting in the country, including one from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Fort Wayne.

The Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest, now in its 27th year, recognizes students from kindergarten through eighth grade for handwriting excel-

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Best float award for St. Mary of the Assumption



Provided by Heather Taube

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla, won Best Overall Float at the Avilla Freedom Festival parade June 23. The parade theme, "At the Movies," inspired St. Mary families to create a Lego church, captioned "Building Our Lives In Christ — St. Mary of the Assumption Church." Principal Andrew Adams of St. Mary of the Assumption School, along with staff, students and parents, paraded through town to share St. Mary's message.

lence. Students in kindergarten through second grade compete in the manuscript (print) category, while students in grades three

through eight compete in the cursive category. All students write the required sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy

dog" because it contains every letter of the alphabet. Judges select winners based on shape, size, spacing and slant.

Isabella Salas of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the national grade-level champion for first grade. She earned a trophy, a \$500 check and educational materials for her school valued at \$1,000. In addition, Zaner-Bloser gives the teacher of each grand national grade-level champion the choice to attend either the International Literacy Association Annual Conference or the Staff Development for Educators National Conference, both in July.

Scheiber Family Endowment awards scholarships and grants

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington County Community Foundation is pleased to announce Zachary Lippe, Savannah Brown and Rileigh Johnson as the 2018 recipients of the Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Catholic Education Scholarship.

Lippe will receive a scholarship worth \$2,000, while Brown and Johnson will both receive \$1,000 scholarships.

Lippe, a graduating senior at Huntington North High School, will attend Xavier University majoring in actuarial science with a minor in statistics. He is the son of Jodi and Chad Lippe of Huntington.

Brown, a graduating senior at Canterbury High School, will attend Purdue University majoring in public health with a minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Yvonne and Jeffrey Brown of Huntington.

Johnson, a graduating senior at Huntington North, will attend Indiana University majoring in human biology with a minor in psychology. She is the daughter of Juli and Tony Johnson of Huntington.

Also awarded were Donald E. and Lou Rayne Scheiber Charity Grants to support Huntington Catholic School and the Bishop Luers High School Luers Night.

St. Mary's Heritage Fund grants awarded

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 29 grants totaling \$178,000 from the St. Mary's Heritage Fund to parishes, schools and agencies across the diocese.

The \$3 million endowment fund was established in 1997 for St. Mary, Mother of God Parish to help provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese. It was created through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary pastor Father Tom O'Connor and St. Mary, Mother of God parishioners, using money received from fire insurance on the historic downtown Fort Wayne church.

Upon the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the following entities were awarded 2018 grants.

Parishes

Fort Wayne

St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel — \$2,000 to support the parish food bank

St. Patrick — \$8,000 school subsidy

Area

St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$2,500 tuition assistance for high school students

St. Patrick, Ligonier — \$6,000 school subsidy

Schools

South Bend

Corpus Christi — \$5,000 tuition assistance to families who do not qualify for SGO, voucher or large-family fund

Holy Cross — \$10,000 for two-way language immersion tract

Holy Cross — \$10,000 for dual-language scholarships

Holy Family — \$5,000 tuition assistance for families

Holy Family — \$5,000 to implement Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program

Fort Wayne

Bishop Luers High School — \$10,000 in tuition assistance

Bishop Luers High School — \$2,000 for student transportation

Queen of Angels — \$8,000 in tuition assistance

St. Joseph — \$15,000 for student transportation

St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel — \$3,000 in tuition assistance and scholarships

Area

Marian High School, Mishawaka — \$12,000 in financial aid for minority students

Mishawaka Catholic, Mishawaka — \$5,000 for mental health counselor from Catholic Charities

St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$10,000 in financial aid for families in need

St. Michael, Plymouth — \$7,500 for 20 iPads and a charging station

St. John the Baptist, New Haven — \$8,000 for a school counselor

Agencies

South Bend

Catholic Charities, South Bend — \$8,000 for School-Based Counseling Initiative

Fort Wayne

Clínica Madre de Dios — \$5,000 to provide free medical care

Franciscan Center — \$3,000 in operational support for relief programming

Matthew 25 Inc. — \$5,000 for medications program

The Rose Home — \$4,000 for the Resident Assistance Fund

Vincent Village — \$5,000 for youth services - child care

St. Vincent de Paul Society — \$3,500 for Care-Van Program

A Mother's Hope — \$2,500 for health care supplies for mothers and babies

Area

Hannah's House, Mishawaka — \$4,000 for residential maternity program

St. Martin's Healthcare Inc., Garrett — \$4,000 to provide medical, dental and vision care and prescription assistance

'Disciples of the One who came not to be served



The candidates stand and respond as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades calls them by name during the Mass of ordination to the diaconate June 23 at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.



The elect prostrate themselves before the altar in an act of dying to themselves before rising to new life in holy orders.

Ricardo García Ramos promises respect and obedience to Bishop Rhoades and his successors.



Bishop Rhoades calls down the Holy Spirit on Marco Castillo Gómez.



With the elect kneeling before him, Bishop Rhoades prays the prayer of ordination.



The gifts of bread and wine, Hispanic ministry, and the

Deacon Giovanni Muñoz Reyes receives the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing a deacon's special ministry to proclaim the Gospel and preach the Catholic faith.



Deacon Frederick Everett is vested with the deacon's dalmatic and stole for the first time by Deacon Gregory Gehred.

erved, but to serve'



Bishop Rhoades shares a fraternal kiss of peace with Deacon Christian Nieves Figueroa.



They are brought forward by Enid Roman de Jesús and Lourdes Silva of the Office of deacons' family members.



Photos by Peter Ringenberg

Deacon Huberto Vásquez Osorio is congratulated by Father Kevin Baumann, pastor of Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, following the Mass of ordination.

DEACONS, from page 1

before the Mass, but also said they felt happy and blessed. The 18-year-old daughter of Deacon Marco Castillo, Flor de María, said she was feeling “a lot of mixed emotions — really excited, nervous for what’s to come, but mostly happy and excited.”

Flor de María was only 13 when her father joined the diaconate formation. “It’s been amazing to see how he’s grown as a person and future deacon,” she said.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades began by welcoming everyone on the joyful day and acknowledging its singularity.

Following the Liturgy of the Word, the congregation remained standing while the bishop blessed them with the Book of the Gospels. The candidates were then called by name and each stood and responded, “presente.” They approached the altar and stood before the bishop, where their readiness for ordination was affirmed.

“Relying on the help of our Lord God and Our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these our brothers for the Sacred Order of the Diaconate,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He spoke again in his homily about the widespread excitement over it. “We meet with great joy to celebrate this Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of 11 brothers in Christ. This is an historic event in our diocese: It is not only the formation of our first Hispanic permanent deacons, but also the first ordination in Spanish,” he said.

“These 11 brothers are responding with faith to a call of the Lord and have been very dedicated to this diaconate formation the last five years. Also, their dear wives and their children have supported them. Thank you to the wives of the ordinands, who are an important part of the response of their husbands to the call of the Lord. I ask you all to continue to pray for them. This ordination is an occasion of joy for these families, as it is throughout our diocese.”

The bishop asked those present to reflect on the ministry the men would be receiving that day. Strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit, they will help the bishop and his presbyterate in sharing the Word of God; in service of the altar; and in the ministry of charity.

As ministers of the altar, they will proclaim the Gospel and prepare the sacrifice of the Eucharist, sharing the body and blood of Christ with the faithful. In addition, sent by the bishop, they will call both believers and nonbelievers to faith, teaching them the sacred doctrine; they will lead prayers, administer the sacrament of baptism, officiate at marriages, take viaticum to the dying and perform funeral rites that are conducted outside of Mass.

“Consecrated by the laying on of hands, which has been inherited from the Apostles and linked to the service of the altar, they shall exercise the ministry of

charity on behalf of the bishop or the pastor. With the help of God, they should work in such a way that you recognize them as true disciples of the One who came not to be served, but to serve,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He then spoke directly to the candidates, saying, “The Lord gave you the example so that, what He did, you also should do.” He told them that in their ministry as deacons — as servants of Jesus Christ, who willingly followed God’s will — they should serve both God and man with love and joy.

“Today, they receive a special grace of the Holy Spirit to act in the name of Christ the servant. ... The Gospel we have heard provides the fundamental key to this ministry — you will be servants in the service of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.”

The bishop asked the candidates to express their resolve to proclaim the faith in word and action, as taught by the Gospels and Church’s Tradition; to maintain and deepen their prayer life; to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours for the Church and the whole world; and to shape their lives according to Christ’s example. Each candidate then knelt before the bishop and promised respect and obedience to him and his successors.

The congregation then participated in the Litany of Saints, after which each man knelt before Bishop Rhoades as he silently laid his hands upon them. He then said the prayer of consecration.

“Almighty God, be present with us by your power. You are the source of all power, you assign to each his rank, you give to each his ministry,” he said. “Lord, look with favor on this servant of yours, whom we now dedicate to the office of deacon, to minister at your holy altar.”

The newly ordained deacons were then vested with the deacon’s stole and dalmatic by a fellow deacon or by a priest. Then they returned to the bishop, where he handed the Book of Gospels to each man individually, saying, “Receive the Word of God, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach.”

The deacons were given the fraternal kiss of peace first by the bishop, who welcomed them into their new ministry; and then by the dozen brother deacons in attendance.

After the celebration of the Eucharist, Bishop Rhoades took the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Mass and those who helped support the deacons during their formation. He again gave special thanks to the wives, children and parents of the new deacons and asked for continued prayers for them. He reiterated that it was a special day for everyone, noting “Not a lot of dioceses in the United States have a diaconate program in Spanish.”

Deacon Nieves Figueroa said he felt very happy and very grate-

ful following his ordination. “I feel blessed and now I want to go to work to preach the Gospel of the Lord, to visit the people in jail and the homebound, to help the poor.”

Deacon Dave Elchert of St. John the Evangelist said he felt privileged to present at the ordination Mass. “At the Bishop’s request I did the field formation with these young men — taking them to prison and to visit the sick, so they’d know what they would be doing. I kept them busy in the summers. They worked so hard over the past five years.”

“Something very beautiful happened today — I have no words,” admitted Deacon Campos.

Someone else who was momentarily without words was Deacon Muñoz Reyes.

“I just have great joy in my heart,” he finally said. “I feel God called me to the diaconate and He put something special in me to help people get closer to God; to show them through my words and actions, God’s love. Today I see the fruition of the whole Church — everyone helping each other grow in faith. I feel so blessed to be a part of the program and so proud our bishop started the program in Spanish.”

He then asked for prayers so through the grace of God he’d be able to help people.

Deacon Stan LeMieux, director of formation for the permanent diaconate, said he had focused on the bishop’s opening statement about it being a historic day for the diocese.

“It speaks to the Bishop’s commitment to the Hispanic community to fund this for five years,” he said. “On a personal level over the past few years these men have become brothers — not just Christian brothers, but brothers in the diaconate too. They are going to touch a lot of lives for a long time; they’re young men with young families.”

Deacon García García commented, “It’s a new beginning for me. Now I’m going to start service and give my best to them.”

Director of Hispanic Ministry Enid Roman de Jesús said with the help and permission of the bishop, “We saw a little seed planted and now it’s going to bear fruit. They are going to be a fantastic help for everyone,” she said. “Because these deacons are young, they can relate to young families better.”

Father Royce Gregerson, pastor of St. John the Evangelist, and Father Anthony Steinacker, formerly assigned to the same parish, spoke about the three deacons from St. John the Evangelist.

“As pastor, I’m very excited about the three new deacons from our parish and with all the parish support. I’m pretty excited to see the fruits the Lord will produce in them,” Father Gregerson said.

“I feel as though they are my three sons. As priests we have no children of our own, but these three men I’m very close to. I’m very proud of them,” added Father Steinacker. “They and their families have sacrificed a great deal.”

Holy Cross brothers celebrate jubilees in June

NOTRE DAME — The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross honored 14 brothers celebrating their jubilees of religious profession on Saturday, June 16, with Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame. They were joined by Brothers of Holy Cross from the Moreau Province.

40-year jubilee

Brother Nee

Wayoe, CSC, attended St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi, Ghana, then administered by the Holy Cross Brothers. He made his first profession Sept. 16, 1978.



BROTHER NEE WAYOE, CSC

He continued his education at St. Augustine's College in Cape Coast and then at the University of Cape Coast. Brother Nee served as vocations director for the District of West Africa, leaving in 1986 for St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, to earn an undergraduate degree. He then enrolled in a postgraduate program in psychology.

He returned to Ghana in 1990 as the vocations director and director of young professed brothers. In 1991, he was sent to Loyola College for postgraduate studies in counseling and psychology.

He returned to Ghana in 2001 as director of novices, a position he held until 2010 when he became director and a resource person for the Goaso Diocesan Pastoral and Social Center. He returned to Cape Coast in 2014.

60-year jubilees

Brother Charles Drevon, CSC, attended Sacred Heart College, a (high school) juniorate of the Brothers of Holy Cross of Watertown, Wisconsin, where he assisted longtime friend Brother Charles McBride in phasing out the juniorate program and turning Sacred Heart into a military academy for sixth- through eighth-grade boys. Three years later, in 1957, without having formally graduated high school, he entered the novitiate.

Brother Charles taught physics, math and electronics at high schools in Illinois and at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. During his 20 years at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, he taught physics, math and electronics and became the science department chairman, assistant principal and principal. He also developed a computerized student information system program that served the school for more than 10 years. He then spent 24 years at Holy Cross College as an instructor, IT director, and student information system administrator.

Brother Donald Schapker, CSC, was born on Feb. 20, 1939. He attended Saint Joseph Grade School and graduated from Memorial High School in



BROTHER CHARLES DREVON, CSC

1957. Throughout high school he was so impressed by the dedication and spirit of the Brothers of the Holy Cross that he joined them right after graduation.

Looking back on the 60 years of religious life, he reminisced: "Each life has its ups and downs, and my life, thank goodness, has had a lot more ups."

In 1961, when Brother Donald moved into Columba Hall, he unpacked his suitcase and lived there for 58 years. When he first arrived, he began working with 10 to 12 other brothers at the University of Notre Dame post office and remained in service there for 37 years. After retirement, he worked for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy for 12 years.

Brother James Bluma, CSC, was born July 1, 1928, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. His family had strong Polish-Catholic roots, and he was the fourth of seven children.

He graduated from St. Mary of the Angels Grade School and then Cathedral Catholic High School, where he was taught by the Norbertine Fathers. Upon graduation in 1946 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1952, he graduated from St. Norbert's College with a B.A. in business and worked the next five years for Kraft Foods Co.

Brother James knew he wanted to be a teacher. Brother Eymard Salzman talked about how the Brothers of Holy Cross needed a math teacher, so Brother James became a dedicat-



BROTHER JAMES BLUMA, CSC

ed one. He then obtained further education and occupied administrative posts through the years, including principal of Memorial High School in Evansville for 14 years and counselor at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, for 15 years before his retirement.

Brother James

Leik, CSC, was born in 1931 and raised in rural Portland, Michigan. He attended St. Patrick Grade School and Portland High School. He entered the U.S. Air Force Jan. 1, 1951, during the Korean conflict and served for four years.

He enrolled as an undergraduate student at Michigan State University in 1955. He received a bachelor of arts from St. Edward's University, an MBA from the University of Notre Dame and a master's in economics from University of Illinois.

He entered the Brothers of Holy Cross in January 1957 and was perpetually professed in August 1961. Brother James taught at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, and other high schools in the Midwest before coming to Holy Cross College in 1967. He worked as co-developer of the college, its treasurer, interim president, instructor of accounting, business and in many other business and administrative positions. He is presently the college's full-time archivist.

Brother Jerome Meyer, CSC, was born the third in a family of five. "The Sisters of St. Joseph pro-

vided me with a solid elementary education at St. Vincent de Paul Grade School in Cleveland," Brother Jerome said. "It was during this time that the idea of a religious vocation was implanted in my mind, which lasted throughout my high school career at St. Edward in Lakewood, Ohio."

"It was through the interaction with the brothers there, that my interest in joining them was nurtured," he added. "By being involved in extracurricular activities, I was able to experience the brothers outside the classroom and develop a desire to follow in their footsteps."

He was professed in 1958. He later graduated from St. Edward's University. He then served in several schools: Archbishop Hoban High School for 10 years, St. Edward High School for 25 years and Notre Dame for 17 years.

Brother John

May, CSC, was on the founding faculty at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois. He received a bachelor's degree in English and music from

Notre Dame in 1964. That summer he studied journalism at the University of Minnesota. Following the graduation of the first class at River Grove, he was



BROTHER JEROME MEYER, CSC



BROTHER JAMES LEIK, CSC



BROTHER JOHN MAY, CSC



Congratulations to The Brothers of Holy Cross who are celebrating their Jubilees this year.

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sent to Bishop David High School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Brother John earned his master's degree in English from Butler University in 1969. Other graduate studies were conducted at Boston College, the University of Akron and Ursuline College.

After Bishop David High School, he served at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, as assistant principal. Eight years later he went to Gilmour Academy, where he spent 18 years in various administrative positions. In 1995, he came to Notre Dame to help plan Holy Cross Village.

Brother John Schuszler, CSC, was born on June 8, 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio. He went to St. Patrick Grade School and the new St. Edward High School started by the Holy Cross Brothers. There, he got to know men like Brothers Leo Geiger and George Tilly.

"I was impressed by the warm personalities of the brothers so it was natural for me to see if I belonged to such a dedicated group of men," Brother John said.

He attended St. Edward's University for two years before graduating in industrial arts from Indiana State University in 1962. He taught at Archbishop Hoban High School before going to Gibault School in Terre Haute, where he spent 10 years teaching and working. He spent five years in the mission program in Bangladesh, followed by 20 years as a school engineer in Chicago. His last assignment was at St. Joseph Farm in Granger.



BROTHER JOHN SCHUSZLER, CSC

Brother Richard Johnson, CSC, was born and baptized on Feb. 11, 1937. He started kindergarten at Grant Grade school but transferred in third grade to St. Patrick Grade School with the Ursuline Sisters.

The religious life of the sisters impressed the young student. During his first years attending Ursuline High School, he became aware of the brothers as a vocation.

Brother Richard earned a bachelor of science degree in physics and math from St. Edward's University and a master's in education with a math minor from St. Mary's in Winona, Minnesota.

He taught in schools in the Midwest; California; St. Croix, Virgin Islands; and Ghana, West Africa. Following his teaching career, Brother Richard spent several years in computer programming work at Boyssville, Michigan, and Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. He is currently the webmaster for the province website and for Midwest Midweek, a province newsletter.

Brother Ronald Drahozal, CSC, was born into a very close Czech community in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from St. Ludmila's Grade School and St. Wenceslaus High School before joining the brothers on Aug. 15, 1956.

After his graduation from St. Edward's University in 1962, Brother Ronald was assigned to



BROTHER RICHARD JOHNSON, CSC

Bangladesh and has been there ever since. His first few decades there he taught in St. Gregory's School, then opened a drug rehabilitation center that accommodated 40 to 60 children and included a school that taught grades one to five. In addition, he served over 100 adults daily at the APON Drug Rehabilitation Center, the first drug rehab center in Bangladesh. He was known as the "pioneer of drug rehabilitation" in Bangladesh.

Brother Thomas Cunningham, CSC, is from Minnesota. His early education was in public schools. He graduated high school in 1957, and two weeks later entered the juniorate program in Watertown, Wisconsin. He was professed in 1958.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Notre Dame in 1963 and was awarded a Master of Arts from DePaul University in 1969. He taught at several schools, then helped found the New Jersey-based Chrysalis Retreat Program for men and women infected with HIV/AIDS. In 1993, he was hired by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

In 1999, he enrolled in a CPE program at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, California, and was then employed as a chaplain in Camarillo, California, and in Santa Maria. In 2008, he became the religious superior at Schubert Villa / Dujarie House. He is presently retired and serves as lector and eucharistic minister at Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend.

Brother Thomas Henning, CSC, graduated from St. Andrew



BROTHER THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, CSC

High School in 1952, and went to work in a bank in Detroit, Michigan, before entering the community at the age of 30.

"I felt an emptiness in my life," Brother Thomas said. "I wanted to find a religious order, and I found Holy Cross. I wanted to surrender my life in prayer and do His will in love."

After his novitiate year, he went to St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1970 and a master's degree in theological studies from St. Meinrad School of Theology in 1995. Brother Thomas' assignments have been as business manager for LeMans Academy, assistant business manager for the Midwest Province and business manager for St. Pius X Church in Southgate, Michigan. He later worked in the administration office at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. He is retired.

Brother Walter B. Gluhm, CSC,

was born on Dec. 15, 1934. He attended St. Peter in Chains Grade School and Hamilton Catholic High School, taught by the Marianist Brothers from Dayton, Ohio. After high school, he worked for three years as a shipping clerk.

In 1955, he was drafted into the Army, serving most of his two years at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon being discharged, he inquired about a religious vocation through an ad in a paper mentioning about helping "underprivileged boys" with the



BROTHER THOMAS HENNING, CSC



BROTHER WALTER B. GLUHM, CSC

Brothers of Holy Cross, Notre Dame. He entered the religious life in June 1957.

Brother Walter's ministries included working as a postal clerk, serving at several boys homes, missions in Georgia and teaching at schools in four states.

Brother Walter served for six years as superior at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. In 2011, he was sent to Austin, Texas, where he teaches at two Catholic grade schools.

70-year jubilee

Brother Robert Vincent Fontaine, CSC, was born Sept. 19, 1929, in Shoe City, Brockton, Massachusetts.

In his second year of high school he transferred to Msgr. James Coyle High School in Taunton, Massachusetts, staffed by the Brothers of Holy Cross. He entered the candidacy program in St. Joseph Juniorate in Valatie, New York, in 1947. In August 1948, he professed his first vows.

He studied at Notre Dame, earning a B.A. and a master's degree in counseling from Fairfield University. As part of a sabbatical year, he studied at the School of Applied Theology in Oakland, California, and the Hesburgh Center for Formation at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois.

His assignments and ministries included headmaster of Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy, Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York, and for 30 years, ministering in the Archdiocese of New York, delivering counseling and drug services.



BROTHER ROBERT VINCENT FONTAINE, CSC

Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate jubilee anniversaries

NOTRE DAME — Eleven Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years of consecrated life on July 15 in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Notre Dame. Five sisters are celebrating 50 years since their initial profession, six are marking 25 years — a collective 400 years of vowed life in the congregation.

Five jubilarians have served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sister M. Veronique Wiedower, CSC, celebrates 50 years of consecrated life. Sister Veronique served as a high school music teacher in Idaho and in California.

She ministered for 10 years in the areas of vocation and formation for the congregation, and served as director of the Office for Women Religious for the



SISTER M. VERONIQUE WIEDOWER, CSC

Diocese of San Diego, California. From 1994-2004, she served as councilor for the congregation's Leadership Team. Sister Veronique also worked for five years at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, serving as campus minister and as vice president for Mission. She was elected to her current role as congregation president in 2014.

Sister Margaret Mary (Margie) Lavonis, CSC, a 50-year jubilarian, taught junior high school in Washington, D.C., and Maryland, and served in liturgy and religious education in Sacramento Parish in Alexandria, Virginia. She worked in campus ministry at Mount Carmel School of Nursing, Columbus, Ohio, and served as vice president for Mission and Philosophy for Mount Carmel Health, Columbus.



SISTER MARGARET MARY (MARGIE) LAVONIS, CSC

Continuing in campus ministry, she served at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She was vocation director for the congregation for five years before serving as a writer and editor with the Communications Office beginning in 2005.

Sister M. Jean Ann Smith, CSC, is a 50-year jubilarian who served in areas of student personnel at the Academy of the Holy Cross, Kensington, Maryland, for eight years. She also worked as an admissions counselor for three years at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame. For 17 years, Sister Jean Ann shared her gifts as director of Volunteer Services for Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. She currently serves as a member of



SISTER M. JEAN ANN (SMITH), CSC

the support staff at Capital Park Family Health Center, Columbus.

Sister Marilyn Zugish, CSC,

celebrates 50 years of consecrated life. Sister Marilyn taught elementary school in California and later served in San Mateo, California, as the regional councilor for the congregation. She also served as director of membership for the congregation and as councilor on the Leadership Team. Sister Marilyn taught at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, provided community service at the South Bend Center for the Homeless, and served as spiritual care coordinator at the Center for Hospice Care, South Bend. She has served as director of Mission Integration and Spiritual Care at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, since 2010.



SISTER MARILYN ZUGISH, CSC

Sister Suzanne Brennan, CSC, a 50-year jubilarian, taught before entering various social services ministries. In South Bend, Sister Suzanne served at Northern Indiana

Children's Hospital, Madison Center, and La Casa de Amistad. She later served as president and CEO of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and as president and CEO of Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska. In Utah, her roles included vice president of Holy Cross Hospital, Salt Lake City; president of Three Rivers Investments, Park City; and director of Holy Cross Ministries, Salt Lake City. She was elected to her current role with the congregation's General Leadership Team in 2014, serving as general treasurer.



SISTER SUZANNE BRENNAN, CSC

The Weight Loss Diet for 2018

Although for me medical school was decades ago, I remember well what was taught about nutrition — nothing. In my early years as a physician I was often embarrassed by my lack of knowledge in this area. I have educated myself through reading articles and scientific studies about nutrition and various approaches about weight-loss diets. I will still admit I am nowhere near being an expert in this area, but that is not going to stop me from sharing some of my insight.

Over the years that I have had the honor of writing this column, I have steered away from dietary advice because I know there are so many different opinions out there. I have been told by my readers that one of the reasons they enjoy my articles is that they are straightforward and rather simple, like me. So, allow me to break down one of the more popular and complex diets of 2018 in the simplest terms I can.

Let me first put this in perspective. Although taking care of your body is important, there are many good people who get so caught up in the latest food fad and end up worshipping their bodies. Much of their daily life is about what diet they are currently on and how they are going to keep themselves at their ideal body weight. Please don't forget that your spiritual health is so much more important than your body's health. Having said that, taking care of your body may enhance your ability to better be a disciple of Jesus.

The most common dietary question in my office in recent months surrounds the ketogenic

diet. It's about minimizing carbohydrates. The keto diet is generally defined as eating about 75 percent fat, 20 percent protein and only 5 percent carbohydrates. It has been around for a long time because many years ago it was discovered to be effective in treating seizure disorders in the pediatric population. This diet has proven effective at reducing seizures even after multiple medications for epilepsy have failed.

The basic concept of the keto diet is that by eating very few carbohydrates you force your body to begin to burn fat rather than glucose. Your body preferentially will use glucose, from carbs, as its fuel, but it will also use ketones, from fat, if forced to. One of the great advantages of this diet is that it actually suppresses your appetite. By eating low-carb, satiating foods, you feel full longer. When you eat a diet high in carbohydrates like potato chips, candy and soda you feel hunger again just an hour or two later.

There are three ketones the body uses as fuel. The majority, or 78 percent, come from burning beta-hydroxybutyrate; 20 percent comes from acetoacetate; and 2 percent from acetone. Foods that you can eat on this diet include cheese, cage-free eggs, meat (grass-fed over grain-fed), poultry, fatty fish like salmon and mackerel, and nuts and seeds like almonds, walnuts and flaxseed. You can eat vegetables, but they must be low in carbs. These includes spinach, broccoli, cauliflower and asparagus. You may have noticed at your grocery store the option of buying pizza crust made of cauliflower: This is

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in part catering to people trying to eat healthier, and the popularity of the ketogenic diet.

The restriction of carbohydrates needed to get your body into ketosis is rather difficult. Most experts say you need to restrict yourself to between 20 and 50 grams of carbs per day. The sweet spot for most people is 30 grams of carbs daily. This will be a challenge! Fruits are, of course, healthy, but if your goal is to drive your metabolism into ketosis you don't get to eat much fruit which is high in carbs. One medium-size banana or apple is 30 carbs. Fruits with increased fiber are an advantage, because on this diet you get to subtract out the grams of fiber. For example, an apple has 7g of fiber so you only count 23 carbs.

A banana only has 3 grams of fiber, so it is worth 27 carbs. One sweet potato will take care of all the carbs you get to eat in a day, being about 30 grams of carbohydrates. Other ways to quickly consume your allotted amount of carbs in one day include eating two slices of whole-wheat bread, a bowl of Cheerios or drinking one 8.4-ounce can of Red Bull. This diet is not for wimps!

The sweetheart of the keto-

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Men, keep the ball in play

Have you ever been in conflict and not known what to do? Some men like a fight, some avoid it at all costs. Too many of us drop the ball during a conflict. But first, let's look at the bigger picture.



THE
ULTIMATE
CHALLENGE

DAVE McCLOW

The ball

When I taught a marriage class at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, I held up a 10-inch playground ball and said, "This ball is going to teach you about the deep mysteries of life, relationships, marriage and the Trinity." Yes, I went big. I threw the ball back and forth with volunteers in each class. I asked them what they learned about the Trinity from this. They understood immediately that it reflected mutual self-giving, or extending and receiving, between the Father and the Son, which becomes the Holy Spirit. I explained that the body speaks this same language in sex — males extend and females receive, bringing forth new life — babies and/or bonding.

The infinite and primordial liturgies

Extending and receiving is the basic movement of life and love. This movement within the Trinity I called the "infinite liturgy," defining liturgy as a ritual and routine that communicates love and creates communion. God uses liturgy to remind us who we are in God, to form our identity — think the liturgies of creation, the seventh day and the Mass.

On a psychological level this

movement is seen in all our communication, starting with hello. "Hello," is an extending; and if the other replies "Hello," the cycle, the liturgy, is complete, bringing new life to the relationship. Deeper exchanges increase both our risk and rewards, while no response causes a little death. Since our human extending and receiving was from the beginning, in the garden, it could be called the "primordial liturgy."

In the domestic Church, the family, the primordial liturgy is our expression of love and the bedrock of our identity. Without love, St. John Paul II says our lives become senseless and incomprehensible. Without love, we live in fear. Even more, these liturgies are the very structure and movement of love, which casts out fear. In fact, I think this extending and receiving should be the foundation of all spirituality, especially a lay spirituality — the micro-level of St. Therese's little way. Families should not imitate a monastic spirituality, carving out hours of time for prayer and feeling like failures when life interferes. Instead, what if every interpersonal exchange, where extending and receiving is completed, is considered a prayer and a gift,

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God sends prophets and His Son to show us to eternal life



THE
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MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Mark 6:1-6

The Book of Ezekiel furnishes the first reading. The prophet speaks in the first person. He says that he literally heard God speaking to him. God told Ezekiel that he was sending him to the Israelites, who had rebelled against God's holy law, so that they would be called to forsake their disloyalty and return to God.

God, speaking to Ezekiel, recognizes certain traits about humans. They are stubborn, and they can be very stubborn in their blindness. This blindness prompts them to choose their

way rather than the way of God. It is folly for them. Yet, God does not desert them.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians supplies the second reading. As an aside, this reading includes Paul's revelation that he had been given "a thorn in the side." For almost 2,000 years people studying this epistle have wondered what this thorn might in fact have been. Some have thought that it was a chronic illness or disability, perhaps epilepsy. Others think it simply was the temptation to sin.

No one has a conclusive answer. What is clear is that life had its challenges for Paul, as life has challenges for everyone. It is important to remember that in the pious Jewish mind of the time everything bad, including physical problems, came from sin. The loving, merciful God could never will such misfortunes upon people. People bring trouble upon themselves. When Paul writes that Satan brought this burden upon him, he was speaking from this context.

The message is not simply

that Paul had difficulties, whatever they were. It is not that he persevered despite these difficulties. He persevered, but it was because God's strength empowered him. The Apostle encouraged the Corinthian Christians, and encourages us, to be faithful to God. God will provide for us.

For its last reading this weekend, the Church presents a reading from St. Mark's Gospel.

In this reading, Jesus speaks in the synagogue. People who are not themselves Jewish often today regard synagogues principally to be churches in Judaism. They are not churches, and they properly were not places of worship in the time of Jesus. At that time, for Jews, the temple in Jerusalem was the one place of worship.

Synagogues were places of prayer, indeed, but essentially, they were places to learn, and to discuss, the Scriptures. Hence, Jesus stood and spoke about the Scriptures.

He amazed everyone. His wisdom was profound. He clearly understood God's revelation.

Nevertheless, in their human limitations, many did not recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

Again as an aside, some short explanation of the reference to the "brothers and sisters" of Jesus is needed. Jesus was identified as the son of Mary, but who are the "brothers and sisters"? Were they the children of Mary and Joseph?

From the earliest times of Christianity, the strongest belief has been, as the Church officially teaches, that Mary was a lifelong virgin. Jesus was her only child. One possibility is that these "brothers and sisters" were Joseph's children by a previous marriage. If so, they would have legally, and culturally, been regarded as siblings of Jesus, regardless of the fact that their mothers were different persons.

Reflection

Two strong and very enlightening lessons come from these readings. First, all humans are like the ancient stubborn and rebellious Israelites, like the imperceptive people of Nazareth.

They could not always put two and two together. We always cannot be right. We fail to understand. We make mistakes. Second, we are inclined to resist the truth because we lean toward sin, the ultimate selfishness.

As God sent Ezekiel, God most especially sent Jesus to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus is the source of all wisdom. He is the Son of God.

READINGS

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-10 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

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genic diet is the avocado. This fruit is a good source of fat which is the mainstay of the ketogenic diet. One cup of avocado supplies 21 grams of fat, 3 grams of protein and 12 grams of carbohydrates. Here is the kicker. It has 10 grams of fiber so the net carbs turns out to be only 2.

So why don't we all eat lots of avocados? If the reason you have embarked upon the keto diet is for weight loss, it may not be the best choice. They are very high in calories, and that's just eating it straight up. If you make it into guacamole, and then add all the calories from the chips, you have successfully blown your diet for the day.

When people start out on this diet and their body enters into a state of ketosis, some people begin to feel awful. This is called the keto flu, which is manifested by headaches, nausea, reduced concentration (keto fog), fatigue, dehydration and even hypoglycemia. Since keto-

sis increases urination, staying hydrated on this diet is one key element to preventing this side effect. Many advocates of this diet also recommend you verify that you have restricted carbohydrates enough to enter into ketosis. You can easily do this by using ketone test strips. You dip one of these strips into your urine stream and if it turns dark purple you are in ketosis. As you stay on this diet and your body more efficiently uses ketones for its fuel, the strips will usually begin to become a light pink.

Benefits to the ketogenic diet include reduced insulin levels and reduced insulin resistance that can help prevent diabetes. Ketones also seem to be very important in brain health. They are full of neuroprotective antioxidants and are a more efficient fuel for the brain than sugar. Some believe this diet may help in treating and preventing Alzheimer's disease, but this has not been proven in any controlled trials that I am aware of.

Most people start the ketogenic diet to lose weight. I have

believed for some time now that reducing carbohydrates in your diet is one of the best ways to more successfully take the pounds off. I see many advantages to this diet, but I sincerely doubt that most people can maintain this diet long term. I personally recommend a more balanced dietary plan that can be maintained lifelong.

The formula for losing weight remains a constant. Burn more calories than you eat and you will lose weight. It doesn't matter whether it's high or low in carbs, or whether you eat once per day or graze all day long. It's calories in versus calories out. God has blessed us with plentiful food choices that we can all enjoy as we strive to keep our bodies healthy and continue to do His work.

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directly reflecting the Trinity's love? That's a liturgy we could practice all day long.

Fear, the ball and bad liturgy

In the class, I talked more about fear, explaining that while love moves us towards others, fear moves us towards ourselves. St. Augustine says sin curves us back in on ourselves. I then demonstrated our fear reactions of fight, flight and freeze, or as we call them in our counseling practice, tantruming, pouting/withdrawing, and expert mode. When my volunteers threw me the ball, I smacked it to the ground — tantruming on the receiving side. And I faked a hard throw that made the first rows jump — another tantrum, but on the extending side.

Next, my volunteers threw me the ball, and I caught it and walked away. This was pouting/withdrawing, or flight. Expert mode happens when one person

has a wonderful solution for the other person (extending), but the other is not interested (not receiving). To represent this, when they threw me the ball three times, I let it hit my chest and fall to the ground. Teasing, I told the kids I was sure they never did this to their parents.

Satan's anti-liturgy

The tantruming, pouting/withdrawing, and expert modes are fear responses and always disrupt the primordial liturgy. They are Satan's plan for relationships and illustrate the literal meaning of his names: Satan — to accuse, and devil/diablo—to separate.

Conflict: rally ball vs. pingpong

In conflict, we tend to forget love — the extending and receiving — and respond in fear. We "drop the ball" in some way. The primordial liturgy is disrupted. We start playing pingpong, where we try to outsmart the other person to win. But rally ball is

the model needed during a conflict, where the object is to keep the ball going back and forth as long as possible. If the ball is dropped, you simply start over. The ideal in conflict is to receive the other's hostility with empathy while not allowing yourself to be destroyed. But sometimes this can be difficult, and you may need to end the argument with, "I am too upset to continue this conversation," so you don't move into pingpong. More on this in upcoming articles.

The Trinity, with its extending and receiving, the infinite liturgy, is the new foundation for a lay spirituality. Reflecting the Trinity in the primordial liturgy of the domestic Church can make every interaction between persons a connection with God. Men, radiate the Father's love by living the extending and receiving in your families — and keep the ball in play, even in conflict.

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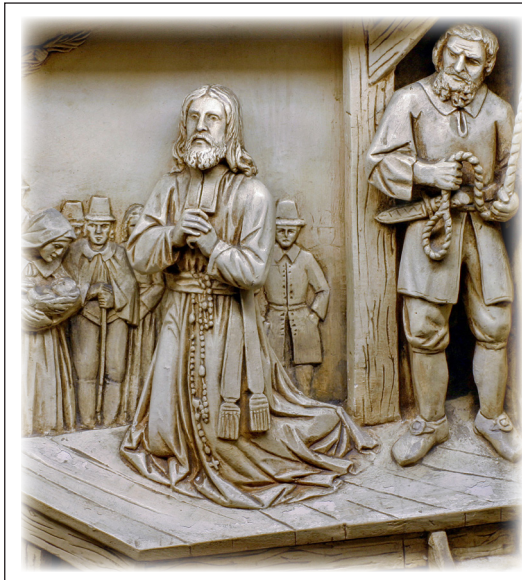
Mark 6:1-6

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Jesus in his home town. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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ASTONISHED	ALL THIS	WISDOM
GIVEN	MIGHTY	WROUGHT
HANDS	CARPENTER	MARY
BROTHER OF	JOSES	SISTERS
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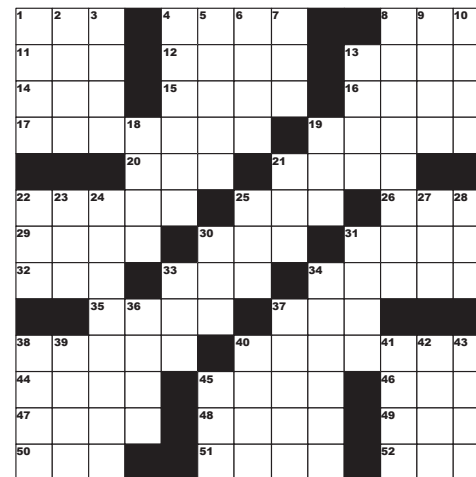
Saint of the Week
Oliver Plunkett

1625-1681

The son of Irish gentry, Oliver was educated by his Cistercian cousin, Patrick Plunkett, who took part in the 1641 rebellion. Ordained in Rome in 1654, Oliver stayed there to teach and review books for the Sacred Congregation of the Index. In 1669, he was named archbishop of Armagh and primate of Ireland. Over the next decade, he organized synods, visited dioceses, opened schools and confirmed thousands of Catholics. With a new wave of English persecution, he was forced into hiding in 1679. Arrested late that year, while visiting his dying cousin, Patrick, in Dublin, he was imprisoned until his execution in London on trumped-up charges of treason. Extant letters reveal a devoted and courageous prelate who embraced martyrdom.

The Cross Word

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Readings: 2Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 & Ez 2:2-5; 2Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6 & Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

ACROSS

- 1 Abridged (abbr.)
- 4 Reject
- 8 Telegraphic signal
- 11 Luau dish
- 12 Once more
- 13 Dial
- 14 Incorporated (abbr.)
- 15 Jesus went the desert
- 16 Halo glow
- 17 Clings
- 19 "An ___ of Satan"
- 20 Mutt
- 21 Jesus was raised on
- 22 Business mail

DOWN

- 25 Used for anointing
- 26 Tweeze
- 29 Against (slang)
- 30 "Give her something to ___"
- 31 Torah table
- 32 Neither's partner
- 33 Writing liquid
- 34 Marine unit
- 35 Can do
- 37 Doctoral degree
- 38 "___ in every respect"
- 40 Looks over book again
- 44 Egypt's water
- 45 Pasta
- 46 Regret
- 47 "Unless a grain ___"
- 48 Pros
- 49 Mean Squared Error
- 50 Sisters (for short)
- 51 Moses did to Red Sea
- 52 Short-term memory
- 1 Capital of Western Samoa
- 2 Stick
- 3 We were poor, Christ was ___
- 4 His daughter died
- 5 Outer's opposite
- 6 Allows
- 7 "Two by ___"
- 8 She was 12
- 9 Post for Crusaders
- 10 Cure the sick
- 13 Canine tooth
- 18 Economics abbr.
- 19 Not feel well
- 21 Strike
- 22 Son of ___
- 23 Self
- 24 Mighty deeds
- 25 Tree of Mamre and Abraham
- 27 Sports official
- 28 Radon
- 30 Vane direction
- 31 Be an omen
- 33 Jairus' daughter was
- 34 Jesus ___
- 36 Honey makers
- 37 Went with James and John
- 38 Finishes
- 39 Next Pope Pius #
- 40 Costa ___
- 41 Weapons
- 42 Shake from your feet
- 43 Appear
- 45 Burst with energy

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FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., will host a blood drive in the parking lot in the bloodmobile on Saturday, July 7, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign up online at olghfw.com, at the back of church or with Debi in the parish office.

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FORT WAYNE — Three one-hour sessions with Dr. John Bequette will be on July 9, 16, 23 from 7-8 p.m. at the Cathedral Center Lower Level, 1102 S. Clinton St. Learn about and discuss 'Humanae Vitae' — the teaching

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GRANGER — The St. Joseph Valley Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will host a golf outing on Wednesday, July 11, at Juday Creek, 14770 Lindy Dr. Proceeds will benefit Hannah's House. Cost to enter is \$65 per player and includes green fee, cart, lunch, beverages and a Polish style dinner. The event is open to all K of C members.

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Handwritten Bible from 13th century at Cathedral Museum

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

Before the advent of the printing press, books were painstakingly copied by hand. A carefully preserved example is on display at Fort Wayne's Cathedral Museum, where one can find a handwritten Bible that dates to the year A.D. 1250. This would have been during the Middle Ages, when the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris was under construction and St. Thomas Aquinas was a university student who had not yet written the "Summa Theologica."

The Bible is written in Latin. According to information provided by the museum, the "crabbed" style of penmanship indicates it likely came from an area near Cambridge, England. The annotations made in the margins indicate it was also a "Scholar's Bible"; in other words, someone used it as a learning tool almost 800 years ago.

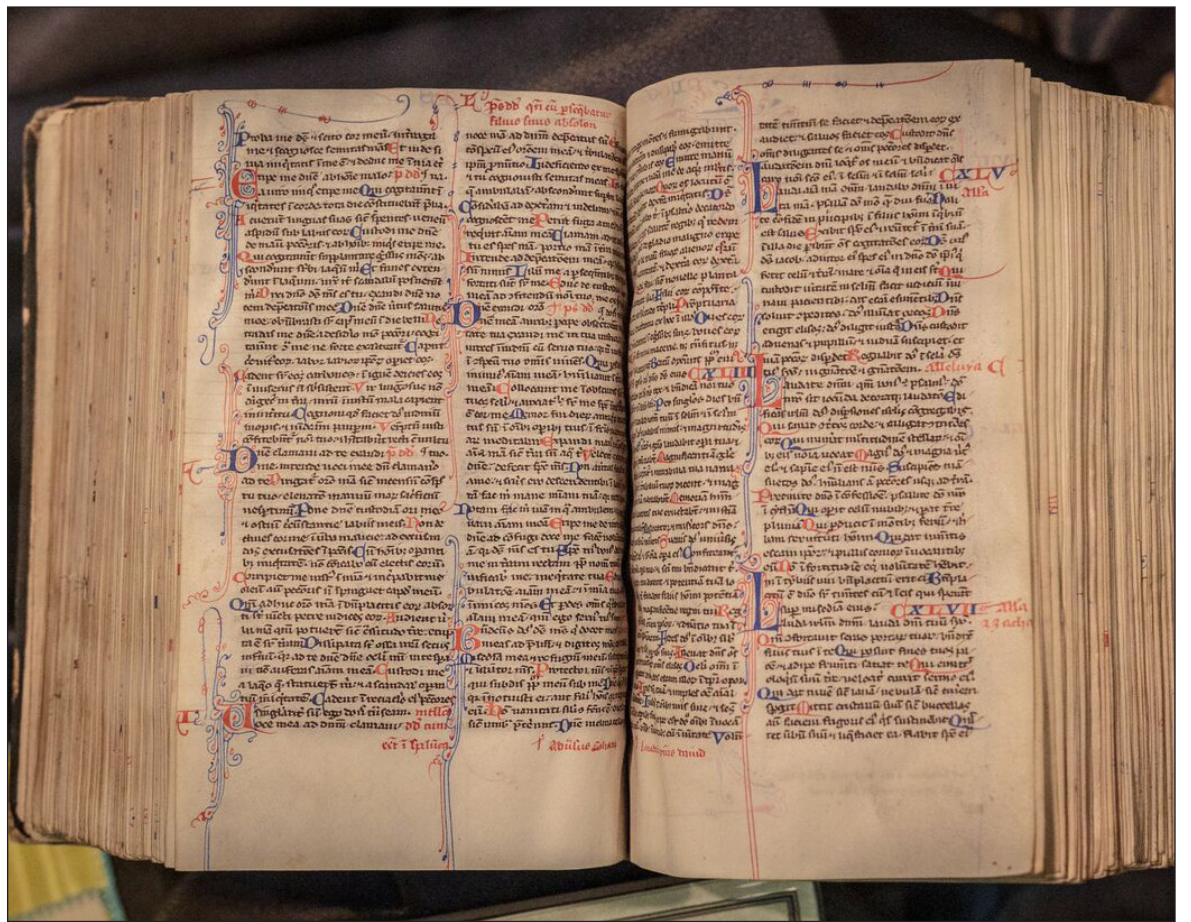
Museum director and pastor at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Fort Wayne, Father Phillip Widmann said it's pos-



sible Bishop Joseph Dwenger, the second bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, brought the Bible to the United States after he returned from a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, in 1874.

This handwritten Bible, along with many other treasures from northern Indiana and around the world, can be found at Cathedral Museum, located in the lower level of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St. Admission and parking are free. It is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or by appointment. Groups are welcome to make arrangements for a tour by calling 260-422-4611.

Ornate "crabbed" penmanship is a highlight of this handwritten Bible that dates to A.D. 1250.



Nate Proulx

Court upholds travel ban, says directive within president's scope

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a 5-4 decision June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld President Donald Trump's travel ban on people entering the U.S. from some Muslim-majority countries, saying the president's action was within his power.

The court's much-anticipated decision in the last case it heard this term reversed a series of lower court decisions that had struck down the ban as illegal or unconstitutional.

Chief Justice John Roberts issued the opinion, supported by Justices Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch. It said the president's proclamation is "squarely within the scope of presidential authority" in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

In sharply worded dissent, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, joined by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, said the court's decision "fails to safeguard" this nation's fundamental principle of religious liberty and "leaves undisturbed" a policy that "now masquerades behind a facade of national-security concerns."

Immediate reaction on Twitter included Trump's message: "SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS TRUMP TRAVEL BAN. Wow!"

A statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops expressed disappointment with the ruling, saying it "failed to take into account the clear and unlawful targeting of a specific religious group by the government."

"The Catholic Church takes a strong stand against religious discrimination, and we will continue to advocate for the rights of people of all faiths, as well as serve migrants and refugees through our various ministries," said the June 27 joint statement signed by two USCCB committee chairs, Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, head of the Committee on Migration, and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, head of the Committee for Religious Liberty.

Catholic Charities USA similarly said they were disappointed with the ruling, adding that it will "close the door of hope to many around the world fleeing violence, persecution and death."

A June 26 statement from Catholic Legal Immigration Network, or CLINIC, described the initial travel ban as "racist and discriminatory on the basis of religion" and said that the court's decision to uphold the ban "cleared away legal obstacles for yet another administration policy that separates families — and in this case does so on the basis of the predominant religions of their home countries."

"This decision emphasizes how imperative it is for CLINIC and our network to continue to do everything in our power to protect immigrant families from legal assaults on many fronts," said Jeanne Atkinson, CLINIC's executive director.

Other Catholic reaction included this tweet from the Sisters of Mercy: "This decision is disappointing and runs counter to this

country's founding principles and values. Upholding this travel ban only exacerbates the scapegoating and attacks already directed against vulnerable communities, including immigrants, Muslims and people of color."

And John Gehring, Catholic program director at Faith and Public Life, tweeted: "Imagine a travel ban for people from countries with heavily Catholic populations. Irish Catholic immigrants were once demonized and viewed as a threat to democracy. SCOTUS ruling makes a mockery of our commitment to religious liberty."

The majority opinion in the case, *Trump v. Hawaii*, stressed that the president had "lawfully exercised the broad discretion granted to him" to suspend entry into the United States and added that the president "possesses an extraordinary power to speak to his fellow citizens and on their behalf."

It also countered the plaintiff's arguments that "this president's words strike at fundamental standards of respect and tolerance, in violation of our constitutional tradition," by noting that the issue before the court was not "whether to denounce the statements" but instead to review the significance of them as part of a presidential directive that is "neutral on its face, addressing a matter within the core of executive responsibility. In doing so, we must consider not only the statements of a particular president, but also the authority of the presidency itself."

The opinion also supported

the administration's argument that the government had a legitimate national security interest, noting that the president had removed three Muslim-majority countries — Iraq, Sudan and Chad — from the list on the travel ban. It also said the president's order provided "numerous exceptions for various categories of foreign nationals" and also created a waiver program to "all covered foreign nationals seeking entry as immigrants or nonimmigrants."

"Under these circumstances, the government has set forth a sufficient national security justification to survive rational basis review," the court said.

When this case was argued before the court April 25, the majority of justices seemed to indicate they would uphold the president's ban.

The challengers to the ban — Hawaii, several individuals and a Muslim group — argued that Trump's policy was motivated by an antagonism toward Muslims and that it violated federal immigration law and the U.S. Constitution's prohibition on the government favoring one religion over another.

Trump has said the travel ban is necessary to protect the United States from terrorism by Islamic militants who could enter the U.S. The current version of the directive is indefinite about how long it will be in place and applies to travelers from five countries with predominantly Muslim populations: Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. It also blocks travelers from non-

Muslim countries: North Korea and some Venezuelan government officials and their families.

The president's first travel ban, issued right after he took office, was blocked by several U.S. courts. A few months later, a second version of the ban was similarly blocked by several lower courts but the Supreme Court voted last December to allow the policy to take effect until it heard oral arguments about it.

Catholic Church leaders expressed their objection to the travel ban in an amicus brief filed March 30 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

They said the ban singles out "populations of six overwhelmingly Muslim nations for sweeping immigration restrictions" that do not exist elsewhere in the world.

The brief said the president's order showed "blatant religious discrimination," which is "repugnant to the Catholic faith, core American values, and the United States Constitution." It also said the Supreme Court should relegate the order "to the dustbin of history, so it will do no further harm."

The Catholic groups said Trump's action posed a major threat to religious liberty and also failed the basic test of religious neutrality. If it stands, they said in the brief, it will prevent countless refugees from escaping persecution and starting a new life in this country with the help of church resettlement agencies.