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Pilgrims trace roots of the diocese

BY JOHN PAUL LICHON



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One of the stops on the Diocesan Heritage Pilgrimage was the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, or the Old Cathedral Catholic Church of the former Diocese of Vincennes. The pilgrims prayed evening prayer together and visited the cathedral crypt, where the first four bishops of Indiana are buried.

Fifty-four pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, visited the roots of Midwest Catholicism July 19-22, traveling through central Kentucky and southern Indiana on the Diocesan Heritage Pilgrimage.

The goal of the pilgrimage was to trace the history of the diocese and visit the places the earliest missionaries of the Church reached in the 1700s and 1800s. "I thought it would be good to learn about our ancestors in the faith, their faith and sacrifices to establish the Church in Indiana," said Bishop Rhoades.

Participants came from all over the diocese, including representation from over 15 parishes.

"We attended the pilgrimage because we have a lot of history in the diocese ourselves," said Melissa Stutsman. Melissa and her husband, Brandon, are former parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne. "We got married at St. Pius X in Granger, Brandon joined the Church through St. Vincent, and we wanted to do something every year to renew our faith."

The couple celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in

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St. Bernard Parish mourns loss of Father Sextus Don

BY LAURIE KIEFABER

Father Sextus Don, 66, passed away suddenly July 28 in Fort Wayne. He will be missed by St. Bernard Church parishioners and others and is being remembered for his love of music, children, computers and teaching others about the faith.

"He loved to turn up the bass subwoofer," recalled Tom Elshire, a cantor, choir and Knights of Columbus member at St. Bernard. Father Don enjoyed hearing the band God's Country (of which Elshire was a member) play and listening to Neil Diamond, the Eagles and Dire Straits, among others.

"When Sandy (Elshire's wife) and I counted (the collection money) once in a while at the rectory," Elshire continued, "Father would grab me and drag me back



FATHER SEXTUS DON

to listen to some stuff. Sometimes it was rock music, sometimes recordings from his (favorite) kids in Sri Lanka."

Father Don was a native of Sri Lanka. He was born on July 10, 1952, in Negombo, a large Catholic community that goes back to the time of the arrival of the Portuguese in 1500.

As a young boy he felt the calling to be a priest, often taking the part of a priest in childhood games. The young Don attended Salesian Minor Seminary in Negombo, from grade seven to grade 10. He proceeded to India to continue his further studies, for almost 10 years. He was ordained on Dec. 22, 1979, at the age of 27.

After his ordination to the priesthood, Father Don was assigned as administrator to the Salesian Minor Seminary in Kandy, Sri Lanka, from 1979-83. From 1983-87 he was in Rome, where he worked on his Master of Science in Education degree. In 1987, he was appointed rector of the Salesian Minor Seminary of Dankotuwa,

Sri Lanka.

In 1992, Father Don came to the United States and was an associate pastor for four years at St. Ann Catholic Church in Nyack, New York. With the little Haitian Creole that he learned, he also served the Haitian community.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy invited Father Don to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1997. Accepting the invitation, he was immediately assigned as administrator of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City, serving there for four years. In July 2001, Father Don was transferred to St. Bernard Church, Wabash.

Parish member and five-term Knights of Columbus grand knight Ron Garlits is another St. Bernard parishioner who was touched by

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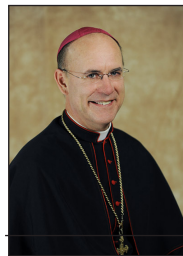
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The inspiration of St. Mother Theodore Guerin



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the homily given by
Bishop Rhoades at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
on July 22, at the end of the Diocesan
Heritage Pilgrimage:*

I have wanted to come here to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for a long time. Early on as Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I learned about St. Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence. What a joy it is to come here this morning with fellow pilgrims from my diocese, to visit this shrine, to pray and to celebrate this Mass. We are grateful to all of the Sisters for your kind welcome and hospitality.

Mother Theodore Guerin is an inspiration for us all. She is remembered in my diocese with the chapel named in her honor and memory next to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. There is also a beautiful statue of her outside our old chancery building near the front of the cathedral. Many people pass by and see that statue and learn that it was at that location Catholic education began in the present-day Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The pioneer French priest, Msgr. Julian Benoit, who built the cathedral, began the first Catholic school in Fort Wayne, recruiting a few lay people, Holy Cross brothers and the Sisters of Providence for this important endeavor.

In 1846, Mother Theodore came to Fort Wayne with the founding faculty of three Sisters of Providence to staff a school for girls, named Saint Augustine Academy. Catholic education in the present-day Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend owes its beginnings to Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence, along with the Congregation of Holy Cross. As time went on, the number of Sisters of Providence in the diocese grew as more schools were established, including at St. Mary and St. Patrick parishes in Fort Wayne and St. Mary Parish in Huntington. One cannot recount the history of our diocese without recounting the presence and educational ministry of the Sisters of Providence.

In last Sunday's Gospel, we heard about the sending out of the 12 apostles on mission. Jesus sent them to do what He was doing: to preach the kingdom of God, to drive out demons and to heal the sick. In today's Gospel, we hear about the apostles' return from their mission. They reported to Jesus all they had done and taught. They must have been exhausted. Jesus said to them: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

In the midst of our often busy and sometimes stressful lives, it is good to hear Jesus say to us these same words: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." If we don't do this, if we live our lives in a frenetic way, if our life becomes all activity, we can become exhausted or burned out. We can become irritable maybe, less energetic and tired. We need some rest and refreshment, especially with the Lord



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Travelers with the Diocesan Heritage Pilgrimage pray at the tomb of St. Mother Theodore Guerin in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana.

in prayer. Jesus says to us: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." We can go on a retreat or a day of recollection. But every day, it is good to make some time to rest with the Lord, to pray. He recharges our batteries, so to speak. We are spiritually recharged for our mission. And this is important for all of us: lay people, sisters, priests and bishops.

Sometimes this is difficult to do, because our spiritual rest can be interrupted. How many times priests tell me, and I have experienced, that while praying in church, someone will come up to us and interrupt our prayer. Isn't this what happened to Jesus and the apostles in today's Gospel? They had gone off in a boat by themselves to rest. But the people followed them. So when they disembarked, there was a vast crowd waiting for them. Our Lord didn't get irritated. He didn't send them away. The Gospel tells us that His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus saw their need and He began to teach them many things. This Gospel reminds us that we need to make time to pray, to be spiritually refreshed, but it also reminds us that we need to be patient with interruptions, be compassionate and never leave our people to be like sheep without a shepherd.

I was thinking about St. Mother Theodore Guerin. She is certainly a model for us of living an active and contemplative life. Even as a young child in France, she loved to get away and pray, especially by the sea not far from her home. Her famous trust in Divine Providence all through her life didn't come from nowhere. She had a close relationship with Jesus. Without that, she would never have been able to do the amazing things she did or be able to bear so many hardships in

her life. Her faith in God's providence kept her going. Through her prayer, her friendship with Christ, her time with Him, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, she received the graces of hope and perseverance, and the gifts of peace and serenity. Most of all, I would say, her beautiful witness of love for everyone was a fruit of her prayer. And that is why she is a saint.

I imagine that Mother Theodore often prayed Psalm 23, today's responsorial psalm. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." Amid many trials and tribulations, Mother Theodore certainly walked in the dark valley, but, like the psalmist, she feared no evil. She knew that the Lord was at her side, with His rod and His staff that gave her courage. Therefore, what is said in the psalm came to pass in her life: "Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come." Goodness and kindness followed Mother Theodore all the days of her life. She spread that goodness and kindness to the sisters and countless people whom she encountered. And now she dwells in the house of the Lord.

May we all learn from St. Mother Theodore Guerin to embrace the Lord as our shepherd and to follow Him beside restful waters for the refreshment of our souls, to heed Jesus' call to come away by ourselves to rest a while with Him. In so doing, even though we may walk sometimes in the dark valley, we will fear no evil, for the Lord will be at our side and give us courage. May goodness and kindness also follow us all the days of our life so that one day we will dwell with the saints in the house of the Lord!

Pope accepts Cardinal McCarrick's resignation as cardinal

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has accepted the resignation from the College of Cardinals of Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, and has ordered him to maintain “a life of prayer and penance” until a canonical trial examines accusations that he sexually abused minors.

The announcement came first from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a few minutes later from the Vatican press office.

The press office said July 28 that the previous evening Pope Francis had received Archbishop McCarrick's letter of “resignation as a member of the College of Cardinals.”

“Pope Francis accepted his resignation from the cardinalate and has ordered his suspension from the exercise of any public ministry, together with the obligation to remain in a house yet to be indicated to him, for a life of prayer and penance until the accusations made against him are examined in a regular canonical trial,” the Vatican statement said.

In late June, Archbishop McCarrick, the 88-year-old retired archbishop of Washington, said he would no longer exercise any public ministry “in obedience” to the Vatican after an allegation he abused a teenager 47 years ago in the Archdiocese of New York was found credible. The cardinal has said he is innocent.



CNS photo/Brendan McDermid, Reuters

Pope Francis has ordered Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, to maintain “a life of prayer and penance” until a canonical trial examines accusations that he sexually abused minors.

In the weeks that followed the announcement, another man came forward claiming he was abused as a child by Archbishop McCarrick and several former seminarians have spoken out about being sexually harassed by the cardinal at a beach house he had.

Although unusual, withdrawal from the College of Cardinals in such circumstances is not unheard of. Just 10 days before then-Pope Benedict XVI retired in 2013, Scottish Cardinal Keith O'Brien announced he would not participate in the conclave to elect Pope Benedict's successor because he did not want media attention

focused on him instead of the election of a new pope.

Pope Benedict had accepted the cardinal's resignation as archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh after reports that three priests and a former priest had accused the cardinal of “inappropriate conduct” with them going back to the 1980s.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, thanked the pope for accepting Archbishop McCarrick's resignation from the College of Cardinals.

In a July 28 statement he said: “I thank the Holy Father for his leadership in taking this important step. It reflects the priority the Holy Father places on the need for protection and care for all our people and the way failures in this area affect the life of the church in the United States.”

In New Jersey, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, an archdiocese then-Archbishop McCarrick headed 1986-2000, stated July 28: “The somber announcement from the Vatican this morning will impact the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Newark with particular force.”

“This latest news is a necessary step for the church to hold itself accountable for sexual abuse and harassment perpetrated by its ministers, no matter their rank,” Cardinal Tobin said. “I ask my brothers and sisters to pray for all who may have been harmed by the former cardinal, and to pray for him as well.”

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Father Don's love of music. “The only miracle he did was he taught me to play guitar when I was 65,” said Garlits, now 76. “He started me on it, gave me lessons four to five months and eventually I played in God's Country.”

But Father Don also appreciated good liturgical music. “He liked when people sang and were part of the liturgy,” remembered Mike Bechtol, St. Bernard music director. “He appreciated good music and good liturgy; that's always been a high point in our relationship ... For the (church's) sesquicentennial, we put together a fantastic celebration.”

Rock and roll music was combined with computer work, according to KOC fourth-degree knight Roger Wertenberger. “Time has just flown by,” he said. “I can't remember how many years we've worked together (on school computers). ... He was my best friend; he wasn't just my pastor. He was just a down-to-earth person and loved Jesus so much. He talked about Him a lot.”

Just like Jesus, Father Don cared for children, according to Sandy Kunkel, St. Bernard liturgist and sacristan. “The kids at

school — they just loved him,” she said. “When he walked from the rectory to the church, they almost knocked him down.”

Addison Bakehorn, 10, who joined the church in 2015 with her family, could feel Father Don's love. “Every time (at weekend Masses) he'd give suckers out to everybody,” she said. “Everyone liked the suckers.”

“My favorite thing was during Christmas he would always give us a little statue of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,” she said. “... I'll miss him, especially all the stuff he talks about ... He was a really great person.”

Father Don also loved the children of Sri Lanka. He would buy school books, book bags, shoes and uniforms, Kunkel said. “He was always reaching out to people in need, especially widows and orphans in Sri Lanka.” When he went back he would use money from a special fund he set up, plus his own cash, to buy tools people needed for their trade or a new stove, she noted.

While keeping children at home and abroad in mind, he also was an example for adults. “When I look at his walk in faith, he tried to be Christ for all people,” said Steve Kroh, parish council president. “He'd visit nursing homes and the jail

and include everybody. And he wasn't trying to push faith on them, but be Christ-like.”

Rita Sweeney, who has been a member at St. Bernard for nearly 70 years, has a deep appreciation for Father Don's ministry as well. “He was so good to me,” especially while she was recovering from a surgery, she said. “He was so kind and thoughtful. ... He was always there when you needed him; he did his duty.”

Parish secretary Ann Unger has received calls from people from across the globe expressing condolences. “To get to know Father Sextus and to be able to work with him was a unique gift I will always treasure, and for which I'll always be profoundly grateful to our awesome God and Father,” she said.

The time of calling hours, the Mass of Christian Burial and rosary will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Bernard Church, St. Bernard School or the Sri Lankan Children's Fund. Donations can be sent to St. Bernard Church, 207 North Cass Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home in Wabash.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Saturday, August 4: Ordination of Priests and Deacons of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Onitsha, Nigeria

Saturday, August 18: 1 p.m. — Mass with Blessing of the Sick, St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington

MARIAN FEASTS OF AUGUST



Aug. 15

Feast of the Assumption of Mary
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Aug. 22

Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Marian devotion

“God has won. Love has won. It has won life. Love has shown that it is stronger than death, that God possesses the true strength and that his strength is goodness and love.

“Mary was taken up body and soul into Heaven: there is even room in God for the body. Heaven is no longer a very remote sphere unknown to us.

“We have a mother in Heaven. And the Mother of God, the Mother of the Son of God, is our Mother. He himself has said so. He made her our Mother when he said to the disciple and to all of us: “Behold, your Mother!”. We have a Mother in Heaven. Heaven is open, Heaven has a heart.”

...
“Mary is taken up body and soul into the glory of Heaven, and with God and in God she is Queen of Heaven and earth. And is she really so remote from us?

“The contrary is true. Precisely because she is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us.

“While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is close to us, actually, “within” all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God. Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness and has been given to us, as the Lord said, precisely as a “mother” to whom we can turn at every moment.

“She always listens to us, she is always close to us, and being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother, who is not far from any one of us.”

—from the Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15, 2005.

Today's Catholic would like to hear the accounts of the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who were granted an audience with Pope Benedict XVI during his pontificate. The stories will be presented in a later issue. Please email editor@diocesefwsb.org.

Welcoming the faith half a world away

BY BARB SIEMINSKI

When Kenya native Mercylynn Mbuguah and her family came to America 12 years ago, they experienced something of a culture shock.

"Our family won the green card lottery to come to the United States as permanent residents," explained Mbuguah, who is from a rural area near a small town called Ol'kalou. "My parents wanted a better opportunity for my brother and me, especially the attainment of a good education. We arrived here in January 2006, when I was just 10 years old."

Mbuguah's family consists of her parents, Steven and Felistus, and her brother Martin, now 16 years old. Bringing little more than four suitcases, the family arrived by plane, which took about two days, including layovers. The family members were greeted by a Midwestern snowfall when they reached their destination in Fort Wayne.

"When we first arrived, we underestimated how cold winter would be because in Kenya, it never gets that cold and it doesn't snow," said the recent Northwestern University graduate and campus missionary at Northern Illinois University. "We were awed by how beautiful the snow looked and how fluffy it seemed. My brother, who was 4 at the time, was afraid to step on it, so he asked my mother to carry him when they were coming home from the daycare center."

For a while, the family did not leave the house because of how cold it was. They would see the sun come out and expect it was getting warmer, she said, only to realize Northern Indiana winters are long. "To this day, the cold weather was the hardest thing to get used to here."

Both of Mbuguah's grandparents were devout Catholics, and they raised her parents in the faith. Through her parents, she was introduced to it. A friend who hosted the family for a few months after they arrived lived close to St. Patrick Church, so the Mbuguahs began attending there. The house they bought was also near St. Patrick, so they have remained members of the parish. Mercylynn and Martin had learned English while in their home country. Their parents were her role models, said Mbuguah proudly.

"Through their hard work, devotion to God and self-giving love they inspire me to be a good person who tries her best to make a positive impact on our world. They really are amazing people."

Martin will be a junior at South Side High School and is an award-winning artist. He was recently chosen to be the face of the Scholastic Artist competition, with his work displayed in



Barb Sieminski

Mercylynn Mbuguah, a native of Kenya who emigrated to Fort Wayne in 2006 with her family, is excited to have entered the mission field. She is preparing to minister to Northern Illinois University students. She and her family are members of St. Patrick Parish.

the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, according to Mbuguah.

"For Martin, art is more than a hobby; it's a voice God has given him, to reach all people. In his art he is able to highlight the beauty of each person, as he draws the audience into the person's story and life experience. He wants to pursue art as a career."

Mbuguah has also been inspired by the Little Way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and tries to live it out through the words of St. Mother Teresa, seeking to "do small things with great love." "The Little Way gives me hope that one day, through the grace of God, I will become a saint," she hopes.

Mbuguah, whose degree was a Bachelor of Science in communication, has begun a campus missionary job at Northern Illinois. She will work with students when school starts in August.

"As missionaries, we work to engage students through different outlets such as leading Bible studies and small groups, meeting students one-on-one, organizing retreats and planning events on campus which allows us to speak with students who may not otherwise come to the Catholic Newman Center," said Mbuguah.

"I will be a full-time missionary, so I won't be working at another job or taking any classes at Northern Illinois. This is our main work, which is why we fundraise to aid this mission."

It wasn't until she began her undergraduate studies at Northwestern that she made her Catholic faith her own, though.

"I made the choice to remain Catholic not simply because my parents were Catholic, but because I found the fullness of truth through this faith."

"Through the guidance of a FOCUS campus missionary at the Sheil Catholic Center, I rediscovered and fell in love with Jesus and His most holy Catholic Church. My faith matured at the Catholic Center as I began to learn more about my faith through the Catholic Scholars Program. In this program, we took classes in moral theology, liturgy, the Bible and participated in service trips and retreats."

"I also began to be more active in the Church by leading the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy after daily Mass, as well as advertising and planning Bible studies for students," she said. "After graduating in 2017 I lived with the Carmelite sisters in Terre Haute for a few months as I discerned my vocation. Through this experience, I continued to grow in my deep love for Jesus and His Church. As I begin my journey as a campus missionary, I desire to help students encounter Jesus through the Gospel and His mystical body, the Church."

The joy Mbuguah has for her faith is one that cannot be contained within her, she said. "(It) must be spread to all souls through the grace of God."

Fascinating tale of Vatican search for Peter's tomb rivals a novel

BY MITCH FINLEY

This book tells one of the most remarkable, and astonishing, true stories ever to come out of the Vatican. There are other books on the topic of the search for the relics of St. Peter, but this may well be the most complete and accurate one so far.

John O'Neill's detailed account begins with the martyrdoms of Sts. Peter and Paul in the mid-first century and concludes with the 2013 declaration by Pope Francis that the bones identified by archaeologist Margherita Guarducci as those of St. Peter are, indeed, precisely that.

One of the key events in numerous attempts to decipher ancient inscriptions was Guarducci's ultimate success at doing so. O'Neill explains that "Guarducci had a strange genius of her own. She was consumed by inscription puzzles, and she had a special sight — a combination of deduction and genius — that would allow her in time to decipher the clues leading to Peter."

Three inscriptions scratched and disguised on ancient walls that she finally deciphered were absolutely key to the identification of Peter's remains: "Near Peter," "Peter is within" and "Peter pray for me." "This could not be a coincidence," O'Neill remarks. "Clearly early Christians had prayed to Peter here, in the presence of his actual relics." Indeed, in this same location Guarducci found Peter's name inscribed more than 20 times. She wrote a book about her findings in 1960.

Oddly enough, one of the main strands of O'Neill's narrative is his discussion of a heated disagreement, one that lasted many years, between Guarducci and a Vatican priest-archaeologist, Father Antonio Ferrua. The latter discovered some bones that he declared were those of Peter, and even though they

were later discredited he continued to insist that Guarducci's work was invalid.

O'Neill's book also tells the story of several popes who were involved over more than 75 years with the quest for Peter's bones. Beginning with Pope Pius XII in 1939 until the papacy of Pope Francis, popes were either indifferent to this project or

personally and heavily invested in it.

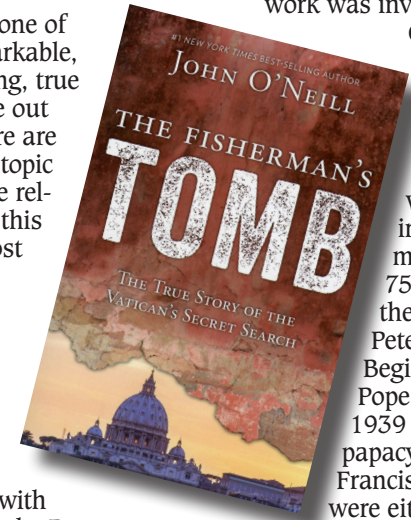
A major subtext to all this is that, during World War II, the actions of Vatican officials to save the lives of hundreds upon hundreds of Italian Jews is a true story that deserves a book of its own, especially given the accusations of some that Pope Pius did little to help such projects.

Gripping as any novel, this book, ultimately about the search for truth above all, holds not only historical value but theological value, as well. For example, those who accuse Catholics of virtual idolatry for praying to saints for their intercession must face the archaeological evidence that Christians were praying to saints, like St. Peter, from the Church's earliest days.

The appearance of this book is a highly significant event in American Catholic publishing, and it deserves to be read widely.

"The Fisherman's Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search" by John O'Neill. Our Sunday Visitor. 205 pp., \$21.95.

Finley is the author of more than 30 books of popular Catholic theology, including "The Rosary Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers, Old-Timers, and Those In Between."



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Dark to light: Buried under scaffolding, Holy Stairs set for resurrection

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With large sheets of plain plywood blocking public access to the Holy Stairs, one woman lovingly touched a large color photograph of the stairs, made the sign of the cross, lowered her head and prayed.

For centuries, the faithful have climbed up the 28 steps in prayer on their knees.

But the popular devotion has been put on hold for an entire year, and the tall placard depicting the staircase is all the public can see as a team of Vatican restorers complete the final phase of a 20-year effort to repair the sanctuary of the Holy Stairs and clean its 18,300 square feet of frescoes.

According to tradition, the Holy Stairs are the ones Jesus climbed when Pontius Pilate brought him before the crowd and handed him over to be crucified. It's said that Constantine's mother, St. Helen, brought the stairs to Rome from Jerusalem in 326 A.D.

In 1589, Pope Sixtus V had the sanctuary specially built and decorated for the stairs and the Sancta Sanctorum above, which houses some of the oldest relics of Rome's early Christian martyrs and a silver- and jewel-covered Byzantine image of Christ.

The 16th-century pope wanted the sanctuary not only to preserve the important relics, but also to express the essentials of the faith through an abundance of vivid, colorful images describing key events in the



CNS photo/Paul Haring

Francesca Cencia maps the restoration of a fresco of the crucified Jesus above the Holy Stairs at the Pontifical Sanctuary of the Holy Stairs in Rome July 10. Vatican restorers are completing the final phase of a 20-year effort to restore 16th-century artwork at the sanctuary. Tradition maintains that Jesus climbed the stairs when Pilate brought Him before the crowd.

Old and New Testaments, said Mary Angela Schroth, a Rome art gallery curator who has been involved in the restoration project.

"Since the faithful often did not read or write, the stories came to life" through images, she told Catholic News Service in mid-July. And so, "every square inch" of the sanctuary — its two chapels, five staircases, vaulted ceilings and broad, high walls — were covered in frescoes and decorative art.

"This was meant to amaze and attract the public," she said.

But the illustrative gems slowly vanished over the centu-

ries as dirt, grime, water damage and primitive or aggressive restoration techniques discolored or covered up what lay beneath. Add poor lighting to the mix and the dingy, gloomy space no longer did what it was designed to do: be a completely immersive physical, spiritual experience with visual cues accompanying the faithful on their journey toward the Sancta Sanctorum, said Paolo Violini, the Vatican Museums' top expert in fresco restoration.

With initial help from the Getty Foundation in 2000 and then through the generosity of the Patrons of the Arts in the

Vatican Museums, both the St. Lawrence and St. Sylvester chapels and the four stairwells — two sets on either side of the central stairwell of the Holy Stairs — have been fully restored.

With the central staircase restoration planned to be completed by the end of the year and the front atrium at the end of 2019, it will have taken 11 modern-day restorers nearly two decades to resurrect what 40 artists created in less than two years in the 16th-century. But the careful craft of restoration has paid off, allowing today's visitors the privilege of seeing, after 400 years, the original decorative beauty Pope Sixtus' painters had conceived, Violini said.

People barely glanced at the darkened surfaces before the restoration, Schroth said, but now with "these glorious colors" and proper lighting, visitors are doing more than just looking, "they are observing and studying these stories" and recalling their meaning.

The sanctuary's rector, Passionist Father Francesco Guerra, told CNS that Christian art in sacred spaces is not just some extraneous, decorative flourish, but is a medium as powerful as the spoken and written word, created to explain and share the faith and bring the faithful into a deeper, closer relationship with God.

The sanctuary, which is entrusted to the care and protection of the Passionist fathers, powerfully exemplifies this visual catechism, which exists in so many churches and shrines, but needs "re-evaluating" and re-emphasizing today, he said.

Paul Encinias, director of the Rome-based Eternal City Tours, told CNS that when he has taken groups to the Holy Stairs, their focus is inward — on their individual prayers and intentions — as they climb each step on their knees.

"Twenty-first century Catholic pilgrims are far removed from artistic narratives," he said, and they are "not used to these visual cues" that surround them, so the purpose and meaning of such artwork would probably have to be explained.

Nonetheless, some of the visitors Encinias brings to pray on the Holy Stairs often have "a strong emotional" experience as they pray and reflect on life's problems or trials.

"We're usually afraid of suffering," and most homilies don't dwell on it, he said. But because the Holy Stairs tour encourages people to connect with Christ's passion, "something hits home" and people realize "Christ is with us always, even in our suffering."

Even though while the Holy Stairs are closed the sanctuary has offered a side staircase for the same devotional practice of praying on one's knees, there were only about a dozen people using the alternative staircase late morning on a July weekday. On average, about 3,000 people visit the sanctuary each day.

Father Guerra said Pope Francis has underlined the importance of traditional, popular devotions and pilgrimages to sanctuaries and sacred places. People are made up of "spirit and intellect, but we are also flesh, emotions, feelings," he said.

In the Bible, when Jesus performs a miracle, "he touches the person, he puts his fingers in the ears of the deaf man" and takes the hand of a dead girl to bring her back to life, the priest said.

This physical contact, which is an inseparable part of one's humanity, is a key feature of the Holy Stairs, he said. By climbing the stairs on one's knees and reflecting on Christ's passion, "people feel in union with Jesus, they feel understood by Jesus, they feel loved by God."

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June, and although they now live in Springfield, Missouri, they still wanted to participate on the pilgrimage. "This pilgrimage was the perfect capstone," said Melissa. "Although we moved away, our own history will always be tied with this diocese."

Seminarian Oscar Duarte is completing a pastoral year at St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne. "It was a blessing to spend time with the bishop," he said. "Although we are seminarians, we often see the bishop in formal settings. It was nice to see him more relaxed."

The first stop was the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, Kentucky. (A proto-cathedral is a cathedral that formerly served as the seat of a bishop.) In 1808, the Diocese of Baltimore, the only diocese in the United States at the time, was divided into four more: Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown. Father Benedict Joseph Flaget, a French Sulpician missionary, was named the first bishop of Bardstown.

In 1823, the proto-cathedral was completed — 15 years after Bishop Flaget's appointment. The church features artwork sent by Pope Leo XII and King Louis-Philippe of France. Its paintings were done by famous artists such as Murillo, Van Dyke, Van Eyck and others.

"I love art," commented Duarte. "I am a visual person, and I could spend hours in any church. I wish we had more time so I could figure out each window, saint by saint."

The pilgrims also visited two religious communities: the Benedictine monks at Saint Meinrad, and the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, home to Indiana's first and only saint — St. Mother Theodore Guerin.

"I really liked the warmth of the place and the people," said Gina Bodette, a parishioner at St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel, referring to the visit at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. "It was special to be at a shrine where a real saint is."

St. Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence, was canonized in 2006 by Pope Benedict as the eighth American saint. She was known for her courage, compassion and trust in Divine Providence. Today, the Sisters of Providence continue to share her legacy through a commitment to Catholic education, mercy, justice and care for the environment.

The Sisters of Providence have deep roots in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Mother Theodore arrived in Fort Wayne in 1846, with three sisters, to start a school for girls — Saint Augustine Academy. The sisters also established schools at St. Mary and St. Patrick parishes in Fort Wayne, as well as St. Mary Parish in Huntington. During his homily at Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Bishop Rhoades reminded the sisters,

"One cannot recount the history of our diocese without remembering with gratitude the presence and educational ministry of the Sisters of Providence."

A central theme during the pilgrimage was finding inspiration from the stories of the holy men and women who were responsible for building the Church in the Midwest and in their diocese. Beyond Bishop Flaget and St. Mother Theodore, the pilgrims also learned the story of Bishop Simon Bruté, the first bishop of the former Diocese of Vincennes.

Before traveling to Bardstown to fulfill his appointment as Bishop of Bardstown, Bishop Flaget was home in France and recruited Father Bruté, a fellow Sulpician, to join him in missionary work in the Americas. Father Bruté agreed and spent time teaching in the seminary at Mount St. Mary's before being named the first bishop of Vincennes in 1834. Bishop Bruté was also St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's personal confessor.

At the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, the "Old Cathedral" of Vincennes, the pilgrims prayed Evening Prayer and visited the tomb of the personal hero of Bishop Rhoades.

"I was impacted the most while praying at the tomb of Bishop Bruté in the crypt of St. Francis Xavier Basilica and while praying at the tomb of St. Mother Theodore Guerin in the motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence. Their holiness inspires me. I prayed through their intercession for our diocese and for my ministry."

Throughout the journey, the pilgrims also gained inspiration from one another. Each day they prayed a rosary on the bus, celebrated Mass at one of the pilgrimage sites and shared meals together. At the end, they were encouraged to think about the ways in which God is inviting them to move forward from this experience.

"Trust in the Lord," said Melissa Stutsman, in reference to her family's recent move. "Trust in the Lord that everything will work out."

In her husband, it sparked a reminder to remember others — to keep the needs of others at the forefront. "What else can we do to help out?" Brandon Stutsman asked. "Or to help someone who has lost their way?"

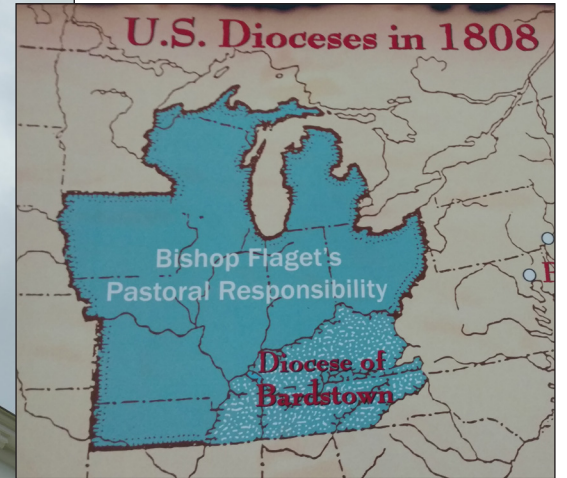
"I've been praying for the saints to look out for me at seminary," said Duarte. "I want to ask for their companionship. The saints help to make the faith real. They make holiness real."

The pilgrims left with renewed zeal and a sense of responsibility for moving forward in their faith to support the Church in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Bodette reflected, "I am really inspired to be more holy."

Pilgrims take a journey

Bardstown, Kentucky



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



John Paul Lichon

St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral was the seat of a diocese formed in 1808 that included the state of Indiana: Bishop Benedict Flaget was named its first ordinary. Above, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass in the cathedral for pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Louisville, Kentucky



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



John Paul Lichon

The see of Bardstown was moved to Louisville in the mid-1800s. At right, Bishop Rhoades celebrates Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, the third oldest Catholic Cathedral in the U.S. in continuous use. Above, pilgrims pose with a statue of Mother Catherine Spalding of the Sisters of Charity, who have had a strong presence in the area for almost 200 years.



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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods



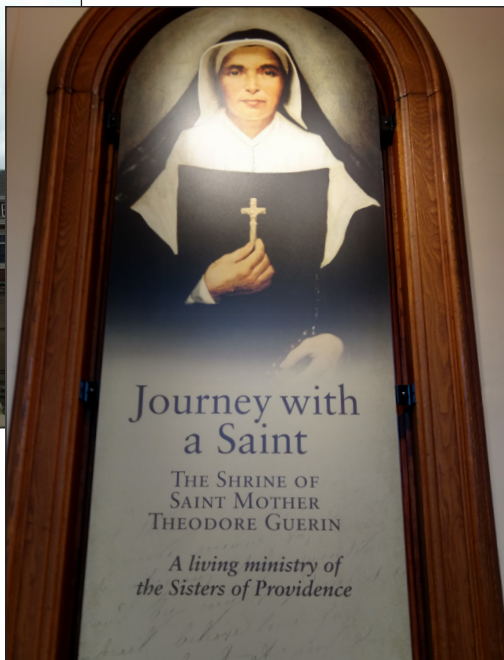
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

St. Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence and located their motherhouse in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, where the Church of the Immaculate Conception was built. Mother Guerin and three of her sisters traveled to Fort Wayne in 1846 to establish Catholic education in what would become the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

St. Meinrad Archabbey



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades



John Paul Lichon

The Diocesan Heritage Pilgrimage stopped at St. Meinrad Archabbey and Benedictine monastery, which was founded in 1854 by monks sent from Switzerland to serve the pastoral needs of German-speaking Catholics immigrating to Indiana.

Vincennes



Provided by John Paul Lichon

The Bardstown diocese was broken up into smaller sees in 1834, including the Diocese of Vincennes, the first ordinary of which was Bishop Simon Bruté. The pilgrims pose for a group photo outside the seat of that former diocese, the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier.

East African bishops applaud Eritrea, Ethiopia peace process

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The bishops of East Africa praised the peace efforts that brought an end to the two-decade war between Eritrea and Ethiopia. In a statement July 22, the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa, known by the acronym AMECEA, said the steps taken by the leaders of both countries “show that Africans have the wisdom to solve their own problems amicably. As this process of reconciliation continues, the Catholic Church urges the stakeholders to ensure that justice and peace are restored and let the peoples of these countries be involved in the process, their voices heard and captives returned to their families,” the bishops said. AMECEA, which comprises the bishops’ conferences of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Djibouti and Somalia, held its plenary assembly July 13-23 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The theme of the meeting was “Vibrant Diversity, Equal Dignity, Peaceful Unity in God in the AMECEA Region.” In their statement, the bishops said the news of a peaceful end to the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia was received “with great joy.”

Russian Church official urges reflection on centenary of czar’s murder

OXFORD, England (CNS) — The secretary-general of the Russian bishops’ conference urged Catholics to remember the 1918 murder of Czar Nicholas II and his family with “penance and reflection,” while suggesting Catholics could participate in future commemorations. “The killing of this family was one of the first steps on a path of mass murder, forced labor, religious persecution and genocide which led on through the Stalinist period,” said Msgr. Igor Kovalevsky, secretary-general. “Although not officially engaged in these centenary events, the Catholic Church must do something — so the best is to reflect deeply, in a spirit of penance, on all those tragic times.” The priest spoke after 100,000 people — led by Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill — attended a pilgrimage and religious observances in Yekaterinburg. In a July 19 Catholic News Service interview, Msgr. Kovalevsky said the country’s million-strong Catholic Church had not been involved in past commemorations of the czar and his family, nor in their canonization by the Orthodox Church. However, he added that Nicholas II’s murdered entourage had included at least one Catholic, the Latvian-born footman Alexei Yegorovich Trupp, and said he believed members of Yekaterinburg’s Catholic parish

Pope Francis approves delegates for Synod of Bishops



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Pope Francis has ratified the members elected by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent the U.S. at the Synod of Bishops Oct. 3-28. The synod will meet at the Vatican to discuss “young people, faith and vocational discernment.” The U.S. Church’s delegates will be: Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president; Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, USCCB vice president; Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, chairman, USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Conn., member, USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman, USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. The official USCCB webpage for the synod is www.usccb.org/synod-2018.

had taken part in the July 12-17 events. “We should remember Nicholas II had voluntarily given up his throne the previous year, so it’s more historically accurate to mourn the killing of a family than the death of a czar,” Msgr. Kovalevsky said.

Cardinal calls all to pray Supreme Court will move to protect life in law

WASHINGTON (CNS) — New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called July 19 for a national prayer campaign effort that “the change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.” “As soon as Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy

announced his retirement, pro-abortion groups began lobbying the U.S. Senate to reject any nominee who does not promise to endorse Roe v. Wade,” the cardinal said in a statement. “While the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee,” he said, “we can and should raise grave concerns about a confirmation process which is being grossly distorted by efforts to subject judicial nominees to a litmus test of support for Roe v. Wade. And we must pray.” He invited all people of goodwill to pray each Friday from Aug. 3 to Sept. 28 in a “Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life.” The USCCB said “Call to Prayer” materials will be accessible at <https://bit.ly/2JBU1MH>. Materials include prayers and educational resources and an invitation to fast on Fridays for this intention.

Pope adds teen to list of saints to be declared during synod on youth

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis added an Italian teenager to the list of people he will formally recognize as saints Oct. 14 during the monthlong meeting of the world Synod of Bishops on young people. During an “ordinary public consistory” July 19, Pope Francis announced he would declare Blessed Nunzio Sulprizio a saint the same day he will canonize Blesseds Oscar Romero, Paul VI and four others. An ordinary public consistory is a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes that formally ends the sainthood process. Sulprizio was born April 13, 1817, in the Abruzzo region near Pescara. Both of his parents died when he was an

infant and his maternal grandmother, who raised him, died when he was nine. An uncle took him under his guardianship and had the young boy work for him in his blacksmith shop. However, the work was too strenuous for a boy his age and he developed a problem in his leg, which became gangrenous. A military colonel took care of Sulprizio, who was eventually hospitalized in Naples. The young teen faced tremendous pain with patience and serenity and offered up his sufferings to God. He died in Naples in 1836 at the age of 19. He was declared blessed in 1963 by Blessed Paul VI, who will be canonized together with the teen.

Jesuit aims to stem decline of faith with launch of catechetical website

ANAHEIM, Calif. (CNS) — Jesuit Father Robert J. Spitzer, former president of Gonzaga University, launched a cutting-edge catechetical website to confront the rising



JESUIT FATHER ROBERT J. SPITZER

tide of unbelief spurred by an increasingly skeptical, science-saturated society. Developed through Father Spitzer’s Magis Center, based in Garden Grove, Credible Catholic offers 20 downloadable “modules” that equip Magis Center learners with evidence-based arguments for core Christian beliefs. The catechetical website is www.CredibleCatholic.com. “The Credible Catholic modules correspond to fundamental apologetics in light of modern scientific methods,” said Father Spitzer, author and co-host of the Eternal Word Television Network program, “Father Spitzer’s Universe.” “For example, I approach the Resurrection through evidence, but I respond to every Scripture passage, too,” he said in an interview with Catholic News Service. Each module is available in animated PowerPoint or document format in three levels of complexity, from highly detailed to a “Cliff Notes” version, with a separate teaching. The modules and a link to sign up for updates or staff support can be found at www.credible-catholic.com. The website for Father Spitzer’s Magis Center is www.magiscenter.com.

Forever Learning fundraising dinner planned

SOUTH BEND — Forever Learning Institute of South Bend will host a back-to-school fundraising event at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 at St. Therese, Little Flower Catholic Church Parish Center, 54191 Ironwood Road, South Bend. The Forever Fall Feast will include dinner sponsored by Toscana Catering, a silent auction, music, a photo booth and cash bar. Items to be auctioned include University of Notre Dame football tickets, tickets to the musical "Hamilton" in Chicago, artwork, dinner coupons and passes to local Michiana venues.

Tickets for the evening start at \$25 and are available online at ForeverLearningInstitute.org or in the Forever Learning Institute office.

The Forever Learning Institute, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection, and social interaction.

Forever Learning offers students and instructors the opportunity to explore interests they are passionate about and share this excitement with like-minded learners. Classes are held at the main campus in the Parish Center of St. Therese, Little Flower Catholic Church, the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, on Wednesdays at Southfield Village, as well as at numerous partner organizations throughout Michiana. They are available to all adults 50 years of age and older regardless of race, color, religion or ethnic origin and are taught by an all-volunteer faculty. For more information contact Eve Finnessy, executive director, at 574-282-1901 or eve@foreverlearninginstitute.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Augustine free lending library



Provided by Cheryl Ashe

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Cheryl Ashe stand in front of the Little Free Library at St. Augustine Parish in South Bend. Parish members donate to the library, which was created because neighborhood children live too far from a public library to walk and get a book, but many have difficulty passing the Indiana state reading test and need books to practice. Ashe presented the idea to the parish council and made the library a reality: It now offers fiction and nonfiction texts for children, teens and adults. During Advent and Lent, devotional booklets will be added.

Education for Ministry begins fall classes

FORT WAYNE — Introduction to Catechesis will be offered in the South Bend area Aug. 23 and Sept. 6, 13 and 20 from 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 52553 Fir Rd. In Fort Wayne the classes will be offered at Bishop Dwenger High School, 1300 E. Washington Center Rd., Aug. 23 and 30 and Sept. 13 and 20, from 6-8:30 p.m.

This unit will introduce the vision and method of catechesis. The vocation of the catechist, the Six Tasks of Catechesis and the pedagogy of faith will be addressed. In addition, this unit will focus on the practical aspects of catechesis such as implementation of the Diocesan Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines, integration of the faith within the classroom and teaching children with special needs. Due to the subject material, this unit will be collaborative.

There is no cost to attend but registration is required to Janice Martin at 260-399-1411 or at www.diocesefwsb.org/Education-for-Ministry-Program.

Franciscan sister reaches 70th jubilee

FRANKFORT, Ill. — The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Frankfort, Illinois, celebrated the jubilees of their sisters on June 9. One of the jubilarians has ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sister Colleen Loehmer, OSF, has been a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart for 70 years.

She was born in Schererville, Indiana. She taught at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel School, Fort Wayne, from 1962-66 and 1968-69; and at St. Joseph School in Garrett from 1967-68. Sister Colleen currently resides in Frankfort.

To youth, more was REVEALED



Provided by John Pratt

Nearly 110 students, chaperones and priests from 10 parishes across the diocese found a new enthusiasm for their Catholic faith at the 2018 Revealed Steubenville Youth Conference, July 20-22. The delegation traveled to Franciscan University of Steubenville for talks and homilies focused on how God's love is revealed. The diocesan delegation was one of the largest Steubenville saw all summer.

Seminarians share Cupertino skills



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Ben Landrigan, Brian Florin and Zane Langenbrunner, seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, offered a Skillz Camp for the youth of St. John the Baptist Parish in New Haven the week of July 16. The camp, which had a nice turnout, fit exactly into the Cupertino ideal of creating and fostering community and fun, according to organizers. The Cupertino Classic is an annual winter basketball game between the seminarians and priests of the diocese. #CupertinoCares

Students' lifelong friendship sustained by faith

BY KATIE MURRAY

Once a month at Lakeside Café, one can hear boisterous laughter sail through the restaurant. It comes from a cluster of tables pulled together by old friends from Central Catholic High School's class of 1948 and a few members of the class of 1951.

Having just celebrated their 70th high school reunion this past May, the lively bunch has managed to stay close-knit throughout the years. Gathered around the table are John Kiel, Dick Harber, Marian (Ueber) Harber, George Haggerjer, Glenn Voirol, Marcelyn (Batchelder) Filler, Patricia (O'Connor) Meehan and Margaret (Roeger) Hoft. They like to start their once-a-month morning get-togethers with a hearty breakfast and coffee. Conversation includes talk about current events, family happenings or just reminiscing about the past.

Having met each other inside the doors of Central Catholic



Tim Meehan

A group of Central Catholic High School graduates from 1951 say their friendship was formed in the school's faith-filled environment. The Fort Wayne school was torn down in 1972, but the friends still get together monthly to share news and reminisce.

in Fort Wayne, they have seen many changes to their beloved community. But the changes have never swayed their love for it. One thing that stood out about Central Catholic, according to Meehan, was the fact that "... it was a conglomeration of the city." At the time, the high school was a melting pot for many of the parishes in the area. Haggerjer still thinks about the "four categories on the pillar out front of the building that named the school's mission for its students."

When asked about their favorite classes and teachers, Kiel said "Sister Ursula [taught] algebra. It was one of the only classes I enjoyed in that whole school. Mainly because I had no use for Latin," he joked.

Some of the most memorable high school moments for Marian Harber were the dances the students attended during the week. "We had many dances, and you didn't really need a date. Everyone just went to see their friends. We had Glenn Miller and the Jimmy Stier band that used

to play at [the dances]."

Unanimously, the friends credit their faith as a large reason their friendship has stayed strong. "I'll tell you what keeps your friendship going, you marry your best friend. We've been married for 68 years," Dick Harber said of Marian.

Meehan feels the same way. "I married one of my classmates. We had 65 years."

It is through their faith that these wonderful people have stayed so close throughout the years. They started off by meeting every five years, then once a year, now once a month. None of them use social media or any other type of technology to keep in touch. They still call each other on the telephone.

Even though they graduated at a time when the country was war-weary, there was some good that came from it. "Many people think that our class was exceptional," said Filler. "Some of our classmates went on to be quite successful."

Sisters of Providence celebrate anniversaries of final vows

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Seven Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, with ties to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, are celebrating jubilees this year.

60-year jubilarians

Sister Donna Butler is a native of Fort Wayne. Currently, she ministers as a social justice advocate. Formerly Sister Donna Rose, she entered the congregation on Jan. 6, 1958, from St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne. She professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1965.



SISTER DONNA BUTLER

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education. She earned a master's degree in education from Indiana University.

Sister Donna has ministered in Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Sister Linda Kaliker is a native of Fort Wayne. Currently, she ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER LINDA KALIKER

Formerly Sister Marie Theodore, she entered the congregation on Jan. 6, 1958, from St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne. She professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1965.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education. She also earned a master's degree in elementary education from Indiana University.

Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministries include Fort Wayne, residential superintendent, Riverview Care Center, 1987-89; consultant, Sears Telecatalog 1989-93; and in Huntington, adult literacy consultant, Idea Center, 1993-94. Sister Linda has also ministered in Illinois.

70-year jubilarians

Sister Eileen Dede is a native of Terre Haute. Currently, she ministers as a volunteer at Providence Spirituality & Conference Center, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Formerly Sister Anita Therese, she entered the congregation on Jan. 7, 1948, from St. Ann Parish, Terre Haute, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1955.



SISTER EILEEN DEDE

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education and earned a master's degree in education from Indiana University.

Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was in student clinical pastoral education at St. Joseph Hospital from 1978-79. Sister Eileen has also ministered in Florida, California, Ohio, Illinois and Massachusetts.

Sister Terese Marie Havlik is a native of Chicago. Currently, she ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She entered the congregation on Feb. 2, 1948, from St. Odilo Parish, Berwyn, Illinois, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1955.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in history. She also earned a master's degree in guidance counseling from Northern Illinois University.

Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1959-65. Sister Terese Marie has also ministered in Illinois and California.

Sister Joan Mary Schaefer is a native of Cicero, Illinois. Currently, she ministers in residential services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She entered the congregation on July 22, 1948, from Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, Cicero, and professed final vows on Jan. 23, 1956.



SISTER TERESE MARIE HAVLIK



SISTER JOAN MARY SCHAEFER

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education, and also received a master's degree in education from Ball State University.

Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1953-54. Sister Joan Mary has also ministered in Illinois, Massachusetts and Missouri.

Sister Rita Ann Wade is a native of Indianapolis. Currently, she ministers as the co-director of Miracle Place, Indianapolis. Formerly Sister Rose Annette, she entered the congregation on Jan. 7, 1948, from St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis. She professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1955.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education. She also earned a master's degree in elementary education from Indiana University.

Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a teacher and principal at Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, from 1966-69. Sister Rita Ann has also ministered in Illinois, Kentucky and Washington, D.C.

Sister Rita Ann Wade is a native of Indianapolis. Currently, she ministers as the co-director of Miracle Place, Indianapolis. Formerly Sister Rose Annette, she entered the congregation on Jan. 7, 1948, from St. Joan of Arc Parish, Indianapolis. She professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1955.

75-year jubilarian

Sister Adrian Marie Conrad is a native of Bicknell, Indiana. Currently, she ministers in residential services in Los Angeles.

Sister Adrian



SISTER RITA ANN WADE



SISTER ADRIAN MARIE CONRAD

Marie entered the congregation on July 22, 1943, from St. Francis Xavier Parish, Vincennes. She professed final vows on Jan. 23, 1951.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education, then earned a master's degree in education from Indiana State University.

Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministry was as a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1951-53. Sister Adrian Marie has also ministered in Illinois, Nevada and California.

85-year jubilarian

Sister Marceline Mattingly is a native of Henderson, Kentucky. Currently, she ministers as a volunteer at Providence Health Care, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Marceline entered the congregation on Feb. 10, 1933, from Cathedral Parish, Indianapolis. She professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1941.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in English and earned a master's degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame.

Her Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ministries in Fort Wayne included teaching at St. Jude School, 1941-42, and at Central Catholic High School, 1953-55 and 1956-60.



SISTER MARCELINE MATTINGLY

Financial Report 2017

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Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of the diocese for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, our total gain was \$5,544,516 (from our audited financial statements, which are included in this section). This is only for the central operations of the diocese. It does not include the activity of the parishes, schools or missions in the diocese. Investments gained 13.88 percent versus a budgeted amount of 5 percent. A detailed breakdown of our financial picture can be found inside.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph G. Ryan, Chief Financial Officer

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DIOCESE OF
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2017 Diocese of Fort Wayne

Statement of revenues, budgets and expenses

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	Unrestricted Operational	Designated	Temporarily Restricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total Funds
Parish Quotas and Assessments	\$2,378,937	\$0	\$0	0	\$2,378,937
Donations and Bequests	801,104	681,606	83,119	0	\$1,565,829
Investment Income	1,429,081	930,871	55,163	0	\$2,415,115
Unrealized Investment Gain/(Loss)	725,371	397,920	21,763	0	\$1,145,054
Fund Raising - Bishop's Appeal	3,295,053	1,922,000	0	0	\$5,217,053
Insurance Premiums	19,144,200	0	421,695	0	\$19,565,895
Interest - Loans	491,635	0	0	0	\$491,635
Collections	252,503	0	0	0	\$252,503
Advertising	151,413	1,810	0	0	\$151,413
Subscriptions	3,271	0	0	0	\$3,271
Sale of Merchandise	411,084	0	0	0	\$411,084
Fees/Rentals/Workshops	598,641	143,437	3,768	0	745,846
Miscellaneous	53,901	10,395	0	0	\$64,296
Change in Value - Beneficial Trust Interest	0	0	(26,488)	0	(\$26,488)
Gain - Sale of Assets	124,989	0	0	0	\$124,989
Net Assets Released from Restriction	3,966,092	(3,467,996)	(475,715)	(22,381)	\$0
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$33,827,275	\$618,233	\$83,305	(\$22,381)	\$34,506,432

EXPENSES

Ministry Services	\$2,841,383	\$0	\$0	0	\$2,841,383
Educational Services	4,585,007	0	0	0	\$4,585,007
Other	16,117,650	0	0	0	\$16,117,650
Communications	1,143,186	0	0	0	\$1,143,186
Fund Raising - Bishop's Appeal	300,412	0	0	0	\$300,412
Administrative	3,974,278	0	0	0	\$3,974,278
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,961,916	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,961,916
Change in Net Assets	\$4,865,359	\$618,233	\$83,305	(\$22,381)	\$5,544,516
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$124,159	\$11,169,337	\$3,167,205	\$3,956,236	\$18,416,937
Net Assets at End of Year	\$4,989,518	\$11,787,570	\$3,250,510	\$3,933,855	\$23,961,453

GROUPS RECEIVING GRANTS FROM THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

St. Vincent de Paul Society,
Fort Wayne and South Bend
Vincent Village
Women's Care Center
Christ Child Society,
Fort Wayne and South Bend
Matthew 25
St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
St. Mary's Soup Kitchen
Little Flower Food Panty

Chiara Home
Franciscan Center
Sister Maura Brannick Health Center
Catholic Charities
COPOSH (Homeless Center, SB)
Logan Center
St. Martin's Health Clinic
Hannah's House
Life Athletes
Dismas House of South Bend

PARISHES RECEIVING GRANTS FROM THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

Holy Cross, South Bend
Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne
St. Adalbert, South Bend
St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend
St. John the Baptist, South Bend

St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne
St. Joseph, Fort Wayne
St. Joseph, Hessen - Cassel
St. Monica, Mishawaka

CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS

Tribunal
General Administration
Parish Assistance
Personnel
Diocesan Services Agency
Data Processing
US Catholic Conference/Indiana Catholic Conference
Missions
Archbishop Noll Catholic Center
Miscellaneous Properties
Hispanic Ministry
Accounting
Bishop's Appeal
Bishop's Office
Safe Environment
Archivist
Today's Catholic
Office of Communications
Ecumenical
Family Life/Pro-Life
TV Mass
Property Management
Office of Vocations
Hispanic Permanent Diaconate
Office of Worship/Music Ministry
Evangelization and Discipleship
Permanent Diaconate
Hospital Ministry
Ministry of Education
Religious Education Office
Seminar Education/Priest Formation
Continuing Education/Priests
Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities Property - South Bend
International Priests Assigned to Parishes
Youth Ministry
Development Office
Cathedral Museum
Planned Giving

South Bend Financial Report

Expenses for the year ended June 30, 2017

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS

INCOME

Tuition/Fees	21,299,027
* Diocesan Assistance	1,447,250
Other Grants/Scholarships	217,302
Fund Raising	2,364,552
Athletic/Other	4,455,211
TOTAL INCOME	29,783,342

EXPENSES

Administrative	
Cost of Employee	4,407,850
Other Administrative	4,485,262
Total Administrative	8,893,112

Instructional	
Cost of Employee-Teaching	10,637,333
Academic Department-Cost	452,282
Other Expense-Teaching	89,390
Cost of Employee-Supportive	1,309,157
Other Expense-Supportive	473,171
Total Instructional	12,961,333

Operational	
Cost of Employee	1,265,547
Other Expense-Operational	2,232,810
Total Operational	3,498,357

Miscellaneous	
Capital/Miscellaneous	0
Other Miscellaneous	3,906,512
Total Miscellaneous	3,906,512

TOTAL EXPENSES	29,259,314
SURPLUS/(LOSS)	524,028

* Diocesan Assistance	
Bishop Dwenger High School	439,279
Bishop Luers High School	309,220
Saint Joseph High School	379,781
Marian High School	318,970
Total	1,447,250

82 DIOCESAN PARISHES

INCOME

Church Income	64,198,736
School Income	47,204,541
TOTAL INCOME	111,403,277

EXPENSES

Church Expense	41,458,491
School Expense	60,035,499
TOTAL EXPENSE	101,493,990

SURPLUS	9,909,287
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LEGACY OF FAITH ENDOWMENTS

	Contributions	Distributions	06/30/17 Balance
1st Source – Hispanic	\$ 100,000		\$ 154,680
Priest Retirement	\$ 955,400		\$ 1,357,515
High Schools	\$ 955,400		\$ 1,357,515
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,908,800	(867,500)	\$ 1,994,840
Religious Education	\$ 1,908,800	(665,529)	\$ 2,157,954
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 955,400	(182,175)	\$ 1,175,340
Elementary Schools	\$19,118,745	(9,335,262)	\$18,104,681
Total	\$25,902,545	(11,050,466)	\$26,302,525

EXPENSES	BUDGETED EXPENSES
405,271	348,946
744,525	641,418
32,895	52,362
310,388	248,480
58,499	57,829
105,520	117,320
136,434	129,147
18,490	18,485
496,347	402,922
206,469	189,471
137,734	150,449
144,899	207,057
216,394	289,246
70,922	81,064
67,817	54,199
46,504	44,143
777,217	515,037
252,911	224,727
1,783	1,082
259,472	297,115
135,086	159,697
104,129	94,996
44,505	56,243
56,644	65,007
161,570	162,245
380,047	384,324
5,650	3,910
103,813	90,664
487,142	581,522
121,638	148,083
1,021,542	1,141,202
42,382	108,050
425,000	425,000
12,773	12,043
32,231	15,500
61,710	79,153
46,777	86,396
4,882	5,019
15,212	32,455

7,753,224	7,722,008
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Responsible stewardship serves Christ and His Church

DIOCESAN AUDIT

The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer & Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting policies are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

PARISHES

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to Canon Law, every parish must have a Parish Finance Council. We have a retired accountant who does a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past 10 years, we have sent this financial report, done by our auditor, to each member of the Parish Finance Council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 31 years since the appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over \$170,021,794 for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, over \$207,533,582, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$6.2 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. The 31st Annual Bishop's Appeal attained \$6,944,457.

TWINNING PARISHES

A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 through March 2018, a total of \$3,078,837 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools.

Sacraments



Education



Young Adult Ministry



HIGH SCHOOLS

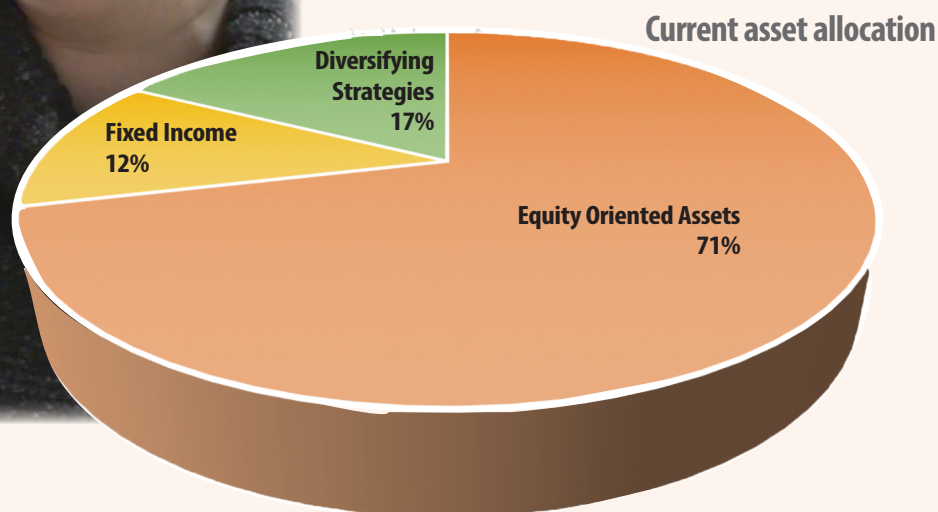
Over \$84 million has been raised for building projects in our four high schools. The four high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives \$1.5 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by \$200-\$400 in our high schools. Our high schools are audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. Two high schools have debts to the diocese and are paying on those debts.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Both the Development Office and the Business Office helped put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which enables parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. Currently, there are 148 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving — bequests, annuities, remainder trusts — as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and semi-annual newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation contained \$46,396,963 as of June 30, 2017.

INVESTMENTS

Our investments are overseen by Catholic Investment Services. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. CIS meets with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments gained 13.88 percent. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below.



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Back To School

Diocesan schools committed to continuous improvement

BY EMILY DIEHM

In April 2016, schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend underwent a systemwide accreditation process through the national accrediting body AdvancED. AdvancED's mission is to ensure that all learners realize their full potential and that schools provide an environment that continually strives for improvement.

After consulting with the four other Catholic dioceses in the state of Indiana, the decision to approach accreditation as a diocese versus individual schools was made.

"The AdvancED team came over three days to evaluate our diocesan schools. They met with the steering team and diocesan administrators, visited many of our 43 schools, reviewed many school and system documents and interviewed numerous stakeholders," said Amy Johns, associate superintendent of schools. "From that process, recommendations were made to the diocese to better ourselves."

During the original 2016 visit, some priorities noted were labeled immediate and needed to be addressed within the first two years. AdvancED also suggested other changes but deemed them long term, meaning integration could occur within the next five years.

"Part of the systemwide accreditation process is conducting our own Continuous Improvement Journeys, or internal reviews, of each school," said Johns. This means that before the 2021 systemwide visit occurs again, all 43 schools in the diocese will have participated in a one-day, on-site visit by a team of colleagues that includes administrators, diocesan staff and teachers recommend by building principals.

Continuous Improvement Journey team members are prepped before each visit with a course designed to familiarize them with the Continuous Journey process and the documents that will be used during the internal review.

"A team chair works closely with the school principal to arrange the day, from the schedule to interviews to documentation," said Johns. "The team has access to review everything before the actual visit in order to get a good sense of the school and what they



Emily Diehm

Administrators at St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne, look over the school's exit slip. St. Charles was one of the first schools in the diocese to be evaluated last year by an internal diocesan team as part of a rigorous Continuous Improvement Journeys accreditation process. From left are assistant principal Kevin Hoersten, principal Robert Sordelet and assistant principal Sister Genevieve Raupp, OSF.

would like to see improved."

During the full-day visit, the team will spend time observing in classrooms. Team members will also interview school staff, parents, students and other stakeholders regarding school climate, strengths and goals. School improvement tactics and timelines for changes will then be discussed.

At the completion of each visit, an exit report is compiled that notes areas in which a school excels, along with improvements that are needed. It will also assign a school rating using the AdvancED Standards Diagnostic Factors, which fall into three capacities: leadership, learning and resource. Team members are trained to note and observe factors that fall under each capacity.

Leadership capacity

- The institution commits to a purpose statement that defines beliefs about teaching and learning including the expectations for learners.
- Stakeholders collectively demonstrate actions to ensure the achievement of the institution's purpose and desired outcomes for learners.
- The institution engages in a continuous improvement process that produces evidence, including measurable results of improving student learning and professional practice.
- The governing authority establishes and ensures adherence

to policies that are designed to support institutional effectiveness.

- The governing authority adheres to a code of ethics and functions within defined roles and responsibilities.
- Leaders implement staff supervision and evaluation processes to improve professional practice and organizational effectiveness.
- Leaders implement operational process and procedures to ensure organizational effectiveness in support of teaching and learning.
- Leaders engage stakeholders to support the achievement of the institution's purpose and direction.
- The institution provides experiences that cultivate and improve leadership effectiveness.
- Leaders collect and analyze a range of feedback data from multiple stakeholder groups to inform decision-making that results in improvement.

Learning capacity

- Learners have equitable opportunities to develop skills and achieve the content and learning priorities established by the institution.
- The learning culture promotes creativity, innovation and collaborative problem-solving.
- The learning culture develops learners' attitudes, beliefs and skills needed for success.
- The institution has a formal structure to ensure learners develop positive relationships with and

have adults/peers who support their educational experiences.

- Educators implement a curriculum that is based on high expectations and prepares learners for their next levels.
- The institution implements a process to ensure the curriculum is aligned to standards and best practices.
- Instruction is monitored and adjusted to meet individual learners' needs and the institution's learning expectations.
- The institution provides programs and services for learners' educational futures and career planning.
- The institution implements, evaluates and monitors processes to identify and address the specialized social, emotional, developmental and academic needs of students.

Resource capacity

- The institution plans and delivers professional learning to improve the learning environment, learner achievement and the institution's effectiveness.
- The institution's professional learning structure and expectations promote collaboration and collegiality to improve learner performance and organizational effectiveness.
- The institution provides induction, mentoring coaching programs that ensure all staff members have the knowledge and skills to improve student performance and organizational effectiveness.

- The institution attracts and retains qualified personnel who support the institution's purpose and direction.

- The institution integrates digital resources into teaching and learning operations to improve professional practice, student performance and organizational effectiveness.

- The institution provides access to information resources and materials to support the curriculum, programs and needs of students, staff and the institution.

- The institution demonstrates strategic resource management that includes long-range planning and use of resources in support of the institution's purpose and direction.

- The institution allocates human, material and fiscal resources in alignment with the institution's identified needs and priorities to improve student performance and organizational effectiveness.

In addition to the AdvancED factors, Continuous Journey team members also look for and evaluate the extent to which the school is following the National Standards and Benchmarks for Catholic schools, which hold it accountable for the excellence, rigor and faith nurturance that have been hallmarks of Catholic education. The standards and benchmarks that are evaluated include a school's Catholic identity, commitment to faith formation, academic rigor, governance and leadership, and self-assessment practices.

Once the team has determined a school's ratings for both AdvancED and National Catholic Standards, it will use the rating to determine Powerful Practices, Opportunities for Improvement and Improvement Priorities.

Powerful Practices reflect noteworthy observations and actions that have yielded clear results in student achievement or organizational effectiveness and are actions that exceed what is typically observed or expected in a school.

Opportunities for Improvement are those actions that will guide and direct schools to specific areas that are worthy of additional attention.

Improvement Priorities are developed to enhance the capacity of the school to reach a higher level of performance and

Fort Wayne native to lead Our Lady School

BY BARB SIEMINSKI

It was a communal faith that accompanied new Our Lady School principal Samantha S. Smith during a heavy loss.

"In 2006, my father passed away from multiple sclerosis," said Smith, who is a member of nearby St. Vincent de Paul Parish. "He was the basis of my and the rest of my family's Catholic faith — my mother Susan converted to Catholicism after marrying Randy, my father. My four siblings and I were all raised Catholic. This shared faith is what got me through, and continues to get me through, his death."

Smith was born in Fort Wayne but moved to Mesa, Arizona, where she lived for 10 years before moving home. After graduating from Mountain View High School in Mesa, she worked as a special education assistant in the hearing-impaired department, as a general education classroom assistant and as a long-term substitute. In 2010 she obtained her B.S. in secondary education with a concentration in English from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. In 2013, she received an M.S. in secondary education, also from IPFW, and in 2017 received an M.S. in educational leadership from Ball State University. In addition, she possesses a certification in photography and she will begin attending classes this fall to become certified in classical learning.

Smith's first teaching position was at Huntington Catholic School, where she taught fifth- and sixth-grade math and seventh- and eighth-grade science. Kekionga Middle School followed, with Smith teaching seventh-grade math and algebra; she then became an instructional coach at Snider High School before assuming her current post as principal of the Our Lady of Good Hope Parish school, located at, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort



SAMANTHA SMITH

Wayne.

She credits her success in education to two people who "have always been willing to provide advice whenever I have asked for it: Derek Boone, who is the principal of Huntington Catholic, and Lisa Spaw, who was an instructional coach with me at Snider High School — but her background has been as a district-level special education coordinator," said Smith. "I have valued both Derek and Lisa's support and guidance."

What does Smith hope to accomplish in her new position?

"As the principal of Our Lady School, it is my job to work with all of the stakeholders in our students' lives, which includes the students, in order that they are being formed as true disciples of Jesus Christ through an interdisciplinary, integrated Catholic classical liberal arts curriculum, which is centered on Christ and His Church" said Smith. "This is my overall goal, and everything I do is working toward it. I hope to foster a positive learning environment for the students so that they have everything they need to succeed in academics and in life."

process for continuous improvement that benefits every Catholic school student in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese.

Johns believes that including colleagues in the accreditation process goes beyond the obvious benefits of identifying areas needing improvement.

"The visits build community as evidence of implementing techniques and documentation are shared. This sharing of expertise is invaluable," she said.

She is also excited that the schools will be evaluated by their own personnel, who understand the mission and purpose of Catholic schools.

"This unifying spirit has brought the schools together to truly improve one another," said Johns.

New St. John the Baptist principal has vision for growth

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

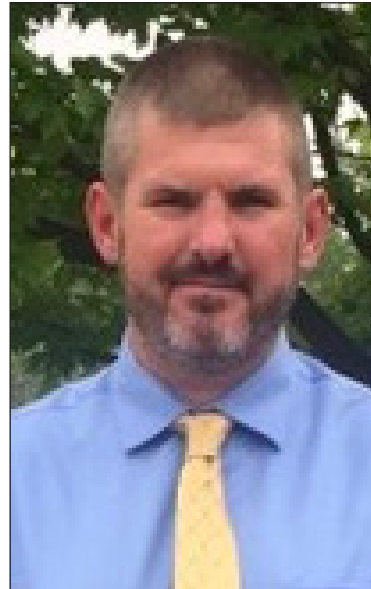
The Spartans of St. John the Baptist School, South Bend, will see a new face this school year with the addition of principal Brian Carver.

"I have several areas that top my priority list at St. John the Baptist. First off, we are implementing a new classical education curriculum that I feel will greatly benefit the students that we serve. I am excited to work with the excellent teaching staff to ensure the implementation of the curriculum is a smooth transition, for students as well as the staff," noted Carver, as some of his goals for the upcoming school year. "Secondly, I am very dedicated to reviving the proud athletic programs at St. John's. It is my desire to field our own soccer, basketball and volleyball teams. I am a product of Holy Cross grade school, and I remember when St. John's was a force to reckon with in the ICCL. I think that athletics are an important aspect of the educational experience because they help build a strong school community, as well as give the students that we serve an identity."

Enrollment is also at the top of his priority list.

"It is essential that we grow our student body. I think that with the implementation of our new curriculum, and the increased focus on strong athletic and extracurricular programs, that we at St. John's offer an educational experience unlike any offered in our area. A strong focus on the faith as well as the student enables us to provide a unique learning opportunity that produces a well-rounded student," said Carver.

Carver graduated from Holy Cross College in 2010 and finished his master's degree in administration through Western Governors University in 2016. His background includes working for School City of Mishawaka, LaSalle and LaVille Elementary schools, and coaching football and golf.



BRIAN CARVER

He feels fortunate that during his career as a student and as a teacher he has been impacted by several great educators.

"First and foremost, my grandmother Ganey Pellow, who was a teacher for the better part of 60 years. She helped to instill in me the importance of learning and education as a whole. I was lucky enough to have her work at Holy Cross after her retirement from South Bend Community Schools while I was a student. Her interactions with her students were unbelievable: She was tough yet caring, and years later when I would run into her former students they always asked about how she was and told me how great it was to have her as a teacher," said Carver.

"The second major influence on me and my career choice was John Farthing. Mr. Farthing was my principal while I was at Holy Cross, and I was lucky enough to work for him for a couple of years while teaching at LaVille. There is no greater advocate for education and students than Mr. Farthing. To this day, students that were lucky enough to come into contact with Mr. Farthing always have their own memorable story of how he positively impacted their lives," noted Carver.

He hopes to have the same impact on the students at St. John the Baptist School.

"I believe that the greatest gift of being an educator is the impact that we all have on young lives. And the greatest tribute to an educator is the legacy that they leave upon the students they came into contact with. In 30 years if I am remembered in the same light as my grandma and John Farthing then I believe that I can deem my tenure as principal as a resounding success."

In his free time, he spends quality time with his wife, Lauren, and three children: Reese, age 8, Ryann, age 5, and Matthew, age 4.

"The kids are all very active and participate in several different sports. Reese loves soccer and has a newfound passion for basketball, thanks to the success of the Notre Dame women's program. Ryann is an avid gymnast and soccer player, and Matthew is a golfer and likes basketball and fishing. When I am not spending time with family I also enjoy golfing," said Carver.

He is very excited about this upcoming school year and can't wait to meet all his new families.

"I hope as principal at St. John's that I am able to create an environment where families want to send their children and that teachers want to come and staff wants to come to work at. I hope to draw on my experiences in education to help make the learning and working environment at St. John's a positive place for all. Ultimately, I want to make St. John the Baptist the best option for education in our area, and with the dedicated and professional staff in our building I believe that we can accomplish this goal."

SCHOOLS, from page 15

reflect the areas identified by the Engagement Review Team to have the greatest impact on improving student performance and organizational effectiveness.

"The results determined using both AdvancED Standards Diagnostics Factors and National Standards and Benchmarks for Catholic schools are put together in an exit report and presented to the principal, school staff and pastor for each school," said Johns. "The school then has the next five years to work on the areas where advancement is deemed necessary."

The reports generated from each school visit stress the importance of and outline the

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St. Joseph principal returns to Catholic school roots

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

St. Joseph School in Garrett will be under the enthusiastic leadership of a new principal when classes begin this month. Jennifer Enrietto, a Fort Wayne native and the daughter of Roger and Mary Jane Steup, is a former St. Charles Borromeo parishioner and Bishop Dwenger High School graduate who has been tapped for leadership of the small Catholic elementary school north of Fort Wayne.

Enrietto holds a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from Ball State University. She came a bit later to a teaching career: "When my children went to school, I went with them," she said. She was first a parent volunteer, classroom assistant and substitute teacher.

But when her youngest child began first grade, she herself returned to school and earned a teaching license in elementary education from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master's degree in education leadership from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

She taught second and third grade, then quickly moved into school administration, gaining valuable experience at Northwest Allen County Schools and Fort

Wayne Community Schools. She says she was blessed to return to Catholic schools as director of student services at St. Vincent de Paul School. "Working in the many different positions gives me unique insight into how each person and each position brings something special to the school community," she said.

Enrietto recalled the St. Joseph pastor, Father James Shafer, as a newly assigned priest at St. Charles, where she grew up, and she is pleased to be working with him now to lead the students and families of St. Joseph. While

introduction of new initiatives is on hold for the present, the new principal wants to get to know the students, their families, the staff and the greater Garrett community.

"St. Joseph School has a rich tradition in Catholic values, spiritual growth and respect. My time will be spent fostering

... academic excellence for a lifetime of service to Christ and the community."

Enrietto believes this is a unique opportunity. "God has His hand on each one of us. I believe everything happens for a reason, and that the Holy Spirit has guided me. I hope to serve the people and honor the rich traditions in faith and education that are St. Joseph School."

"St. Joseph School has a rich tradition in Catholic values, spiritual growth and respect."

JENNIFER ENRIETTO

Catholic schools look toward innovation, but also focus on tradition

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — If anyone could rest on their laurels, it's Catholic schools — for all they have accomplished in their U.S. history, educating in the faith and teaching children of all backgrounds in cities and rural areas across the country.

Acknowledging these past achievements alone might not be enough to propel these schools into the future, but it's an important first step because it recognizes the need to tap into — and promote and market — the spirit of the early Catholic schools and their founders and to adapt that creativity and innovation to today's world.

"The future of Catholic education: It's bright. It's bright as long as our Catholic educators, our Church, our leaders, have an open mind" and make sure what they do, how they teach and interact with young people is relevant, said Barbara McGraw Edmondson, chief leadership and program officer at the National Catholic Educational Association.

She said it's also crucial for Catholic schools' future that educators and Church leaders understand and not shy away from the culture young people live in today.

"We need to step right in ... and show them the way to navigate a very complex world," she added.

Edmondson said school leaders want Catholic schools to be what Pope Francis has asked of the Church: to be "disciple-making places." And she hoped they would evangelize in such a way that Catholics and non-Catholics would say: "I want that for my child. I want to be part of that community because I feel a goodness about it."

No doubt that was part of the intention of the early Catholic schools, to educate, but also educate in the faith, in mission territories and then in cities after the huge influx of Catholic immigrants in the late 19th century.

Catholic schools had plenty of support too. The First Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1852 specifically urged every Catholic parish in the country to establish its own school, and these schools, primarily led by women religious, flourished. By 1920, there were 6,551 Catholic elementary schools teaching 1.8 million students and by the mid-1960s — the height of Catholic school enrollment — 4.5 million students attended more than 13,000 schools.

That hardly compares with today's statistics.

The most recent NCEA figures, for 2017-18, show Catholic school enrollment at 1.8 million students in 6,352 Catholic schools.

In 2017-18, 16 new schools



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Shannon Hanley, a fifth-grader at St. John the Baptist School in Howard, Wis., joins her class in reciting the rosary in Spanish March 22. Teacher Riley Garbe said having students learn to pray the rosary in Spanish aloud not only builds their faith, but also helps them learn the Spanish language.

opened and 110 consolidated or closed, but those that closed include some that consolidated and re-opened as new entities. NCEA breaks down the closures to a net loss of 66 elementary schools and 11 secondary schools. The report also notes that 1,872 schools have a waiting list for admission.

"The trend line does not look good, but recently it's balanced out," said Peter Litchka, associate education professor and director of the educational leadership program at Loyola University Maryland.

He noted the shift in demographics in recent years, causing Catholic schools to close as families have moved out of cities. But he also pointed out, as many have said before, that at the height of Catholic school enrollment, it didn't cost as much to attend these schools, because faculty and staff members were often women religious who worked for low salaries.

"Now, most, if not all, are lay teachers," he said, noting that tuition reflects current wages and health benefits.

And that, for many, is the bottom line because for many families, it's just too expensive to send their children to Catholic school.

Litchka told Catholic News Service that most Catholic schools now have enrollment

managers who help families tap into available resources to help with tuition.

He also said schools are focusing on promoting what they do day in and day out — being Catholic — which is a drawing point regardless of where people are from and can attract new students.

One parish in Wisconsin, St. Joseph's in Hazel Green, tackled the tuition challenge for parents head-on by announcing plans to significantly restructure student tuition this year, essentially making it tuition-free, supported 100 percent by the parish.

In an interview this spring with *The Visitor*, newspaper of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota, Tom Burnford, NCEA president, said that Catholic schools are the responsibility of the entire Church.

"They're a ministry of the Church in the same way the Church reaches out to the poor. Catholic schools are not just for those who 'use them' — as in the parents who have kids in a Catholic school. They are an evangelizing ministry of the Catholic Church and a very successful one. They form citizens who are successful in this life — in secular jobs, secular roles in the world — and also in faith and in service to the Church. So Catholic schools belong to the entire Catholic population."

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AVE MARIA, Fla.— Ave Maria University announced July 30 that the Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation has expanded its scholarship offering for students planning to attend Ave Maria University to include eligibility from across the entire 14-county area of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The announcement was made at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington.

Mary Cross Tippmann scholarships to attend Ave Maria have been available to students from Allen County since 2015, with great success. John Tippmann Sr., founder and chairman of the foundation, stated: "We have been delighted to support the outstanding Catholic education and excellent academics students receive at Ave Maria University. Through this scholarship eligibility expansion we see the potential to develop even more future leaders of faith within the Catholic community."

Students interested in applying for the scholarship and learning more about Ave Maria University may visit www.ave-maria.edu/future-students/financial-aid/ or call 239-280-1669. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and John Tippmann Sr. are both members of the board of trustees of Ave Maria University.

Ave Maria University established its permanent campus near Naples, Florida, in 2007,

and offers its students excellent academics in a devout Catholic environment with a focus on experiential learning to grow the spirit, mind and body outside of the classroom. Ave Maria offers a strong liberal arts education with 34 majors, including programs in business, nursing, education, and the arts and sciences. University enrollment consists of approximately 1,100 students from 45 states and 20 countries, and a student body that is approximately 85 percent Catholic, 25 percent minority and evenly divided between men and women.

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First feast day of Blessed Solanus Casey commemorated



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses a new statue of Blessed Solanus Casey recently installed at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington. The outdoor blessing followed the celebration of a feast day Mass for the Capuchin friar on July 30.



Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap., pastor emeritus of Ss. Peter & Paul in Huntington, gives the homily for the feast day Mass from the priests' chairs due to his limited mobility, remembering his personal experiences with Blessed Solanus Casey. With Father Rieder, from left, are concelebrant Father Steve Colchin, main celebrant Father Tony Steinacker and concelebrant Father David Ruppert.

Photos by Joe Romie

Festival of Copes exhibit opens at Cathedral Museum

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

A variety of beautifully detailed and decades-old copes are the focus of this year's special exhibit at Fort Wayne's Cathedral Museum. A cope is a long liturgical vestment worn during certain occasions, such as eucharistic processions.

Like all vestments, copes come in colors that correspond to a liturgical season, event or mystery of the faith. The copes on display were used by priests or bishops in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and some have not been seen in about 70 years. Museum director Father Phillip Widmann selected 13 for the exhibit called "A Festival of Copes" that will run through June 2019.

While each cope is elegantly designed and carefully made, a highlight of the exhibit is a gold cope that won the grand prize at the Paris Exposition of 1900. It is said to depict all the Church's canonized saints up to that point. It came as part of an entire set of vestments that was gifted to Archbishop John Francis Noll when he was installed as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1925. Longtime

museum volunteer Tom Devine said this cope is one of his favorites, and he appreciates all the hard work that went into making it.

In addition, a black cope made in Germany around 1930 is part of a vignette that includes Gothic candlesticks and a black funeral pall. While black copes have not been used much in the United States since the Second Vatican Council, they may be used during funeral Masses.

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There is also a white silk cope with a Celtic design, a red crushed velvet cope made in Belgium, and much more. Most of the copes on display came from Europe, with just one having been made in Fort Wayne.

All are welcome to view this special exhibit as well as the other historical treasures on display. There are placards next to each item that explain its history, use and significance in the Church making the Museum a suitable stop for both Catholics and non-Catholics.

The museum is located on the

Garden Level of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St. Parking and admission are free. It is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call 260-422-4611.



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A vignette with six Gothic candlesticks flanking a mock coffin draped with a black funeral pall. At the front of the coffin is a black cope made in Germany around 1930.

At left, the head of the scourged Christ is on the back of this black cope.

Cardinal says deacons' life of action, charity, service models Jesus' life

BY CHRISTINE BORDELON

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — While the ministry of the deacon has changed in the Catholic Church's history, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey, said deacons today are a sign of what Christians are called to be in their service of God and neighbor.

Speaking at the 2018 National Diaconate Congress in New Orleans July 22-26, Cardinal Tobin said the diaconate is absolutely crucial to the Church's life. Deacons have a threefold ministry of "word, sacrament and charity ... permeated by a commitment to charity and justice."

"The deacon brings the Church's ordained ministry to every dimension of human life — from workplace, marketplace to home, to school, to hospital, nursing home and prison."

Cardinal Tobin traced the permanent diaconate's restoration to its mention at the Council of Trent in the mid-16th century. Five centuries later, the Second Vatican Council finally implemented it.

"In 1967, Pope Paul VI officially reinstated the permanent diaconate," Cardinal Tobin said.

Pope Paul, who oversaw the completion of Vatican II after the death of Pope John XXIII, who had convened it, gave three reasons for reinstating the diaconate, the first rank of holy orders: to enhance the Church, embellish it and increase its beauty; to strengthen for the sake of others, those men already engaged in diaconate functions; to provide assistance in areas of the world suffering from clerical shortages.

Within a year, the U.S. bishops received permission from the Vatican to institute the permanent diaconate on American soil. Cardinal Tobin said the growth was rapid — 1,000 deacons nationwide within a few years. Today, there are 18,500 deacons in the United States, representing half of all deacons in the world.

"Vatican II echoed the Church's ancient practice by describing the deacon as a special minister of Christ and the Church in the service of the liturgy, word and charity," Cardinal Tobin said. A deacon's work "signifies Christ — Christ the servant, Christ the deacon — in

his vocation."

Are deacons necessary today? "The answer must be a resounding yes," Cardinal Tobin said. "And, not simply as a steppingstone to the priesthood or as a remedy to the shortage of priests."

"The Second Vatican Council and all the popes that have followed agree that 'diakonia' or service is a (fundamental) element of the Church. ... Without forms of the diakonia, the Church is no longer the Church, it becomes something else."

The foundational diaconate elements take scriptural root in the sixth chapter of the Acts of Apostles when the disciples selected seven men of good reputation and strong faith — such as Stephen — to continue their ministry. These heard the word of God and spread it through charitable acts in their own culture. He sees the deacon's life of action, charity and service mod-

expressing their unity of peace prior to making that unity a reality in the reception of Eucharist."

Those in the audience laughed when he mentioned that the deacon, not the priest, even if it is the pope, has the last word at Mass in dismissing the faithful.

The dismissal, he said, "can help the assembly understand where the mission of the Church can take them. A permanent deacon is not a glorified altar server. There should be an unmistakable link between the service during the Eucharist and as visible witness to the Eucharist as a mystery to be lived."

Cardinal Tobin implored deacons to follow Pope Francis' words in his apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love") to empower marriage and family life. He said deacons and their family could contribute to the life of the Church through their sacrament of marriage.

He repeated St. John Paul II's words about the unique challenges and contributions that a deacon and his wife make to the Church.

"The deacon and his wife must be a living example of the fidelity and indissolubility in Christian marriage before a world in dire need of such signs. ... They strengthen the family not only of the Church

community but the whole of society. ... They show how the obligations of family, work and ministry can be harmonized in the service of the Church's mission."

Cardinal Tobin said he was "praying that the spirit of the living God may fall fresh on deacons and their families so that your efforts to give flesh to the love of Christ, your struggles to be a source of new life and in the times of joy and sorry will provide salt and life to all the families of the Church."

He believes permanent deacons have a second gift: to close the chasm between faith and love, a chasm that divides the Eucharist from daily life. By their "deceivingly simple gesture" at the eucharistic table dismissing the assembly at Mass' conclusion, he believes deacons can close this gap.

"It is the deacon who has the final word: 'The Mass has ended, go in peace,'" he said.

Bordelon is associate editor of the Clarion Herald, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

"One of the themes that ran through the Congress was how our identity as deacons precede what it is that we do. As deacons, we are sacramental signs of the Lord Jesus, the servant of all. In that light, deacons are meant to be the driving force of the Church's service of all mankind."

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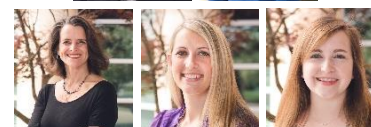
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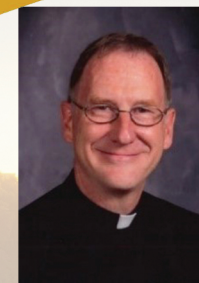


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A great life and a good death

On June 20, a great woman by the name of Josephine entered the kingdom of God. I had the honor of knowing her for 45 years. She was the mother of four girls. Saying she was a strong Polish Catholic woman would be somewhat of an understatement. I am writing this as a tribute to her, but I also want to share her story of total devotion to her faith and family.

I came to meet her on a beautiful day in June as she celebrated her 25th anniversary with her soulmate, Jerome. This was a huge family gathering at their farmhouse just outside South Bend. Since I was dating their daughter and had yet to meet them, I was invited.

She was more than welcoming to me as she introduced me to family member after family member. She was clearly in charge as she directed the festivities. She was even kind enough to warn me about Jerome's brother, Frank, whose goal was to intimidate me (for the record, he was successful). Two years later, I officially became part of this wonderful family as I married her second-born daughter, Barbara, at their local parish, St. Stanislaus Kostka, built in the middle of a cornfield.

Josephine was totally devoted to her husband. I could only smile as I overheard her tell her daughter and my newly wedded wife how she should be totally dedicated to our marriage and my happiness. Josephine was always a faithful Catholic. She prayed daily and for most of her life she prayed a daily rosary. The only time she would miss Mass was when it was impos-

sible to navigate the country roads after a major South Bend snowstorm.

One of her greatest heartbreaks was losing her third daughter just days after her birth. God eventually blessed and surprised her with a fourth daughter at age 40. She not only prayed constantly during this pregnancy for a healthy baby, but that she would be born on the feast day of the Assumption of Mary. Yes, the baby was born Aug. 15.

Her biggest heartbreak and challenge in life was losing her husband, Jerome, when he was only 66 years old. She was indeed devastated. For years there were frequent tears during family gatherings and holidays. If Josephine teared up, invariably all her daughters would join in. She decided soon after her husband's death that she would never seek the love of another man. She dedicated herself to her family and renewed her special dedication to Blessed Mother Mary.

Several years later, at the age of 70, she reported to me that she got short of breath while dancing the polka at a wedding celebration. I brought my stethoscope the very next time I visited her and heard a loud murmur consistent with severe aortic valve stenosis. Weeks later I had my cardiovascular surgical team replace her aortic valve. She was out of bed 24 hours later and ready for discharge from the hospital in just four days. A little open heart surgery was not going to slow this lady down!

It was traditional to have large family gatherings at her small farmhouse for Christmas and Easter. As she entered into

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her eighth decade of life, she continued to be the center of these gatherings. She would always offer a prayer of thanksgiving before the holiday meal and usually say she was getting too old to host the next one, but for many more years she did.

In one of the most selfless acts I have ever witnessed in my entire life, her oldest daughter retired early and left all her friends in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to move in with her on the farm. She announced she would take care of her mom so that she could continue to live in her home until her death — a promise she kept.

As Josephine turned 90 she continued to radiate beauty. She walked like a 40-year-old, helped put out a large garden each year and still went up a steep flight of stairs to retire for the night. Eventually age did catch up with her, and she began to have recurrent bouts of diverticulitis and lower GI bleeding. During one of her hospitalizations, at age 93, the doctors offered her surgery. It was no surprise to her loved ones that after thoughtful prayer she declined, saying that she was ready if God was.

At age 94 her health had been slowly declining, and she

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Celebrating our technicolor glory

My wife and I moved from the Midwest to the East Coast a few years ago. There was a predictable amount of culture shock for both of us in leaving the manifest blessings of the Midwest: Housing prices (you can buy a palace for what a garage might cost elsewhere); traffic (four drivers politely waving each other through at a four-way stop); endless expanses of corn and soybeans (OK, those do get boring after a while, but they make current talk of tariffs affecting crop prices much more real).

One big culture change is that in our new neighborhood, we are a racial and ethnic minority. We had lost any sense of how segregated our neighborhood was in the Midwest until we moved east. Diversity isn't just a slogan out here. It is America in all its technicolor glory.

We have an Eritrean Orthodox Church down the street. The parks are filled with Latino families playing soccer or baseball. A cacophony of languages is the soundtrack to our grocery shopping or subway rides. We find ourselves smiling at all sorts of people. Almost always, they smile back.

There are unintentionally funny moments as well. Like the time my wife couldn't find her shade of nylons at Macy's. It took her a while to realize why. In our old neighborhood, an African-American woman might have had the exact same experience.

You look at the world a bit



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differently when not everyone around you looks like you. It can make you more sensitive to how others feel. You realize that people can typecast us just as we can typecast others — even when we, or they, don't mean to.

Diversity can breed powerful feelings of empathy. To see how hard our Central American neighbors work, their entrepreneurial gusto and their desire to better the lives of their children: These scenes are all little homilies about the American spirit that has characterized the vast majority of its immigrants for more than 200 years.

Empathy is not always the emotion that is stirred. In recent years, there has been an increase in fear and hostility. Racial tensions and violence have made headlines. Foreign looking people have been assaulted, even killed.

Hosffman Ospino, an American citizen born in Colombia, is one of the Church's leading Hispanic theologians. In a recent article in America magazine, he described the isolation he felt in his Boston suburb, where his family has owned

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The Lord provides for our needs, both temporal and eternal



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time John 6:24-35

The Book of Exodus provides us with the first reading in this weekend's Liturgy of the Word.

As the name implies, this book of the Bible traces the path of the Hebrews as they fled Egypt, under the leadership of Moses, and proceeded across the desolate Sinai Peninsula en route to the land God had promised them.

A trip across Sinai today, on a paved highway and in a modern vehicle, is no delight. The land is generally unoccupied, arid and unappealing. When the Hebrews

crossed this territory, the circumstances were even more forbidding. They were traveling on foot. They were exposed to the heat of the day and the chill of the night. The peninsula offered little by way of food or drink. They had no compass to guide them, no map to follow.

Nevertheless, Moses urged them onward. Constantly, he reminded them that God had prepared a place for them, a "land flowing with milk and honey."

Following Moses at times seemed to the Hebrews to mean wandering farther and farther away from civilization and from security. Deeper and deeper they marched into the unknown and the inhospitable.

So, they grumbled. This reading from Exodus captures some of their complaints. They were hungry, for instance.

Moses challenged them even more to trust in God. Miraculously, they discovered one morning that the ground was covered with a substance that indeed they could eat. They called it "manna." Without this

food, they would have starved.

Modern scholars do not know exactly what this substance suddenly found on the ground was. Some scholars have suggested that it was the secretion of insects. Indeed, other scholars note that a species of insects migrates to the south from Europe, and that indeed these insects secrete a substance suggestive of the ancient manna.

In any case, the vital point for the Hebrews was that this substance arrived precisely when they desperately needed food; precisely after they had prayed for food. God provided for them. God works through nature. The fact that the manna possibly had natural origins in no way diminishes the reality of the miracle.

For the second reading the Church offers the Epistle to the Ephesians. This epistle calls upon the Christians of Ephesus to recognize Jesus, the Lord, as the source of all wisdom. He is the source of all goodness.

St. John's Gospel offers the last reading. As was the case with the Hebrews in the story from

Exodus, the contemporaries of Jesus looked for signs and wanted salvation on their own terms.

In this reading, the Lord presents salvation as God's gift. Jesus bears this salvation. To survive, literally, we need the Lord as much as we need bodily nourishment. Jesus makes a startling statement. "I am the bread of life," the Lord declares.

Reflection

The Church in these readings reminds us once more that we are human. First, we are vulnerable to death. We die physically if we are deprived of material food long enough. We also may die spiritually if we are left to ourselves and without God.

Part of our human limitation is our exaggerated trust in ourselves. We ignore, or dismiss, genuine dangers before us.

These readings remind us not gloomily of our sad plight, but with excitement and hope they recall the fact that again and again God is with us and

answers our needs.

God's greatest and most perfect answer for us is in Jesus. Jesus is the revelation of God. If we live as Jesus lived, we will be near God.

Most importantly, Jesus is the "bread of life." If we worthily consume this bread in the Eucharist, Jesus is part of us. He lives in us. We live in Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20

Affirming and celebrating 'Humanae Vitae'

July 25 was the 50th anniversary of "Humanae Vitae," Blessed Paul VI's encyclical on the integrity of love and the appropriate means of family planning. Issued during the cultural meltdown of the 1960s. "Humanae Vitae" instantly became the most vilified act of the papal magisterium in history. And to what should have been their shame, entire national episcopates distanced themselves from Pope Paul's teaching by a variety of stratagems.

However, Paul VI came to the judgment he did in "Humanae Vitae" for two reasons.

First, because he was convinced that using the natural rhythms of fertility to regulate births was the most humanistic means of family planning, and the method most congruent with the dignity of the human person — and especially the unique dignity of women.

And second, because he came to understand that many of those advocating a change in Catholic teaching on the morally acceptable means of family planning were in fact promoting a fundamental change in the Church's way of moral reasoning: They denied that some acts are simply wrong because of their nature, and they argued that moral judgment is really a calculus of intentions, acts, and consequences. Had that "proportionalism," as it's technically known, been enshrined as the official Catholic method of making moral judgments, Catholicism would soon have found itself in the sad condition of liberal Protestantism — another Christian community with utterly porous moral boundaries.

His abandonment by a lot of the world episcopate deeply

wounded Paul VI, a sensitive soul who had supported the Second Vatican Council's affirmation that bishops are something more than local branch managers of Catholic Church, Inc., and who probably thought he was owed a little loyalty in return. So as the Church and the world mark the golden jubilee of "Humanae Vitae," and as Catholics around the world prepare to celebrate the canonization of Paul VI in October, perhaps those bishops who understand that a serious breach in episcopal collegiality took place in 1968, when so many of their predecessors failed to defend the Bishop of Rome against his often-vicious critics, might consider making these affirmations about the encyclical, in one form or another:

1. I am deeply grateful to Pope Paul VI for his courageous witness to the truth about love in the encyclical "Humanae Vitae". With Pope Francis, I believe that Paul VI "had the courage to stand against the majority, to defend moral discipline, to exercise a 'brake' on culture, [and] to oppose [both] present and future neo-Malthusianism," which treats the gift of children as a societal and economic burden.

2. I believe that the truths taught by "Humanae Vitae" on the appropriate means to plan a family are important for human well-being today; that conscious use of artificial means of regulating fertility distorts the truth about human love inscribed into Creation by the Creator; and that conscience must respect these intrinsic truths in family planning.

3. I believe that the truths taught by "Humanae Vitae" about natural family planning have proven themselves in pastoral situations around



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the world; that those truths have made significant contributions to family ministry and marriage preparation in various cultures; and that those who deny the human capacity to understand and live the disciplines of natural family planning often engage in racism, new forms of colonialism, or both.

4. I believe that the "contraceptive culture" of which Paul VI prophetically warned in "Humanae Vitae," and the related abortion license, are major factors in the sexual abuse of women that has come to public attention through the #MeToo movement; and I invite feminists to rethink their celebration of artificial contraception and abortion on this 50th anniversary.

5. I believe that St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" has given the Catholic Church a compelling tool for explaining both the truths taught by "Humanae Vitae" and the unhappiness caused by the sexual revolution.

6. I pledge to make this anniversary year an occasion to celebrate the gift of "Humanae Vitae" and to use my pastoral office to deepen understandings of the Catholic sexual ethic as a celebration of human dignity and the gift of life.

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their own home for seven years:

"One of our neighbors came over decidedly. I stepped forward and, without giving me much time to utter a sound, she said, 'It is people like you and your family that are bringing this country down.' Then she turned around and has not spoken to me since."

There have been similar confrontations, many caught on cellphone video, that have gone viral. On the Fourth of July, of all

days, a 92-year-old man named Rodolfo Rodriguez, a legal U.S. resident, was beaten senseless by a woman yelling, "Go back to your country! Why are you here?"

Such violence, and the fear that underlies it, is contrary to the Gospel. What can Catholic parishes and Catholic people do?

The goal must be to encounter and accompany those we view as strangers, to put faces, names and stories to those we perceive as different. We need to partner with parishes with differ-

KAMINSKAS, from page 20

was hospitalized again for diverticulitis. After initial improvement, she suddenly deteriorated. The family mobilized, rushing to the hospital. My wife and I were the last to arrive, driving in from Fort Wayne to St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka. The room was filled with all her daughters and sons-in-law, multiple grandchildren and even three great-grandchildren. I am sure she felt the love in the room as she gave up her spirit just

30 minutes after all of us had arrived.

That same morning, she had gone to confession and received the anointing of the sick. This was a good death. She embraced her death the same way she embraced life. We will miss her. I have to smile as my mind wanders and I dream about how her first moments in heaven might be. She will praise and worship the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. She will then give thanks to holy Mary, to whom she was so dedicated throughout her

ent demographics, go into neighborhoods and help those in need, and always, always, see Christ in everyone.

It's what Pope Francis is challenging us to do: Go out from our churches, reach beyond our parish boundaries and experience God's powerful love in encountering others.

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life. Then, I believe, there will be great happiness and celebration as she runs into the arms of her Jerome and gets to embrace her third-born daughter, Annette, the one who preceded her in death as a baby.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 5, 2018

John 6:24-35

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: about the one he sent. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

BOATS	RABBI	SAW SIGNS
YOU ATE	ENDURE	ETERNAL
OF MAN	SEAL	THE ONE
HE SENT	WHAT SIGN	BELIEVE
MANNA	WRITTEN	HEAVEN
MOSES	BREAD	GIVES LIFE
NEVER	HUNGER	NEVER THIRST

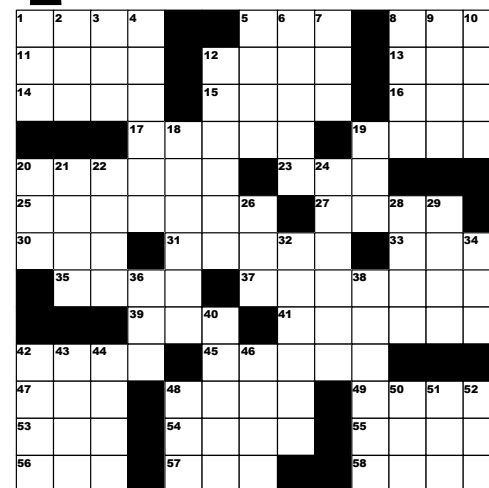
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The Cross Word

August 5 and 12, 2018



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Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 and 1Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4: 30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

ACROSS

- 1 Second Greek letter
- 5 Madagascar franc (abbr.)
- 8 Chinese flavoring
- 11 Opaque gem
- 12 Explosion
- 13 Note of debt
- 14 Philippians
- 15 Sheep gone astray
- 16 *Nada*
- 17 Escape
- 19 "Put away the old ___"
- 20 "No ___ live as Gentiles"

- 23 Drink slowly
- 25 A grantee
- 27 Engrossed
- 30 Christmas month
- 31 Potato state
- 33 Joan of ___
- 35 Vegetable
- 37 "___ in the Spirit"
- 39 Bull fighter cheer
- 41 ___ of the ball (pl.)
- 42 ___ of Egypt
- 45 ___ Gras
- 47 Epoch
- 48 Spirit and the Bride say
- 49 Army vehicle
- 53 Skv

- 54 Beef soup
- 55 Minor prophet
- 56 "The ___ of the Lord"
- 57 The ___ Commandments
- 58 Seek

DOWN

- 1 Short for "bebop"
- 2 Ephesians
- 3 Thai
- 4 Claim
- 5 "___ that perishes"
- 6 Hebrew liberator
- 7 Time zone
- 8 Get from the earth
- 9 Make dirty
- 10 ___ of Mexico
- 12 Honked
- 18 Lesser sin
- 19 Hotel
- 20 A boy
- 21 Margarine
- 22 St. Nicholas
- 24 Pressed
- 26 Corn holder
- 28 Part of a ratchet
- 29 Elijah sat under broom ___
- 32 Israelite
- 34 Disks
- 36 "Spare this, spoil the child"
- 38 Angel told him to eat
- 40 Express emotions
- 42 Pencil part
- 43 Opera solo
- 44 Not one
- 46 Prayer ending
- 48 Central Time
- 50 Flightless bird
- 51 Long time
- 52 Pacific Standard Time

Answer Key can be found on page 23

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Concert on the Corner

FORT WAYNE — An evening of praising God through music featuring Father Drew Curry, Francesca LaRosa, Sarah Hill, parishioners of St. John the Baptist, seminarians and friends will be Sunday, Aug. 5 from 7-8 p.m., at 4500 Fairfield Ave., on the corner of Sherwood and Arlington. Dress appropriately and bring lawn chairs or blankets. No cost.

10th annual Guadalupana festival

WARSAW — Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 225 Gilliam Dr., will celebrate the Guadalupana festival Saturday,

Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cuisine from all parts of Latin America, with the majority of the dishes being authentic Mexican cuisine, will be offered for sale. Live entertainment will be offered throughout the day. Pilgrims from St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart, and St. John Evangelist, Goshen, will arrive before noon. From noon to 3 p.m. will be a Mariachi band from Indianapolis, from 3:15-3:45 p.m. folkloric dance and from 5:30-8:30 p.m. the live band "Banda Real Konkistadora" will conclude the entertainment. All ages and families welcome.

Interpreter to be at Mass

FORT WAYNE — An interpreter from DeafLink, a service of The League for the Blind and Disabled Inc., will be present for the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, 1122 S. Clinton St. An interpreter will sign in American Sign Language every second Sunday of the month. An interpreter from Community Services All Deaf will sign in American Sign Language. at 11 a.m. at the St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St. South. Bend, IN 46613. Contact Allison Sturm in the Secretariat for Evangelization at asturm@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1452.



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Knights of Columbus host fish fry
SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521 will have a fish fry at the South Bend Francis Club, 61533 Ironwood Rd., on Friday, Aug. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4, children under 5 free. Shrimp and chicken strips are also available for \$9.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

The Crossword

August 5 and 12, 2018

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