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USCCB president condemns shooting at synagogue, all 'acts of hate'

BY JULIE ASHER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops stand with “our brothers and sisters of the Jewish community,” the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said Oct. 27 after a horrific shooting earlier that day in Pittsburgh at the Tree of Life Synagogue, described as a hub of Jewish life in that city.

The shooting occurred during a morning baby-naming ceremony, for which an estimated crowd of 45 to 100 people had gathered, according to news reports. There were 11 fatalities, all adults. Six others were injured, including four members of law enforcement.

“We condemn all acts of violence and hate and yet again, call on our nation and public officials to confront the plague of gun violence,” said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston.

“Violence as a response to political, racial or religious differences must be confronted with all possible effort. God asks nothing less of us,” he said. “He begs us back to our common humanity as his sons and daughters.”

At the Vatican Oct. 28, Pope Francis prayed for those affected by the deadly attack, calling it an “inhumane act of violence.” “May the Lord help us extinguish the fires of hatred that develop in our

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People mourn during a candlelight vigil Oct. 27 for victims of the shooting that killed eleven people at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Robert Bowers opened fire that morning during a service at the synagogue, also wounding at least six others, including four police officers, authorities said.

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‘We are all called to be saints’: South Bend All-Schools Mass celebrated

BY JENNIFER MILLER

“Come, follow Me’ is the Lord’s invitation today,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades preached to hundreds of Catholic school students at the South Bend-area All-Schools Mass at the University of Notre Dame’s Purcell Pavilion Wednesday, Oct. 24. “Everyone, no matter their state in life, including children and young people, is called to be holy. Right now!”

His words of truth, spoken with joy, resonated with the chil-

dren present. This was a special Mass, a beloved tradition, in which the students’ pastors con-celebrated and the “saints” were in attendance: In the front of the crowds of faithful were fourth-graders dressed in costume and representing different saints of their choosing. From St. Gianna Berretta Molla, doctor, wife and mother, to Padre Pio, priest and stigmatist, and Brother Andre Bessette, CSC, a doorkeeper, a visual of the spiritual reality of the communion of saints was present at the liturgy.

After blessing the students with the Book of the Gospels, Bishop Rhoades began his homily by visiting and speaking with the saintly students. He tried to guess which saints the various students chose.

One saint, however, a princess, was tricky. Bishop Rhoades turned to his fellow priests and asked for their help.

“Does anyone know a French princess who was also a saint?” He asked. “Shaking their heads, he said to the young student, “You’ve stumped a Bishop! Who

is she?” St. Adelaide, was the gracious reply.

Returning to the homily, the bishop asked, “What made them great saints? They followed Jesus and opened their hearts to His grace. In doing so, they spread the faith in words and actions. Imagine how we too can transform the world!”

“Some saints were priests, some lay people, women, men of every age ...” he told the young

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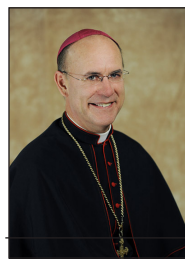
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Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of the homily given by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on the Solemnity of All Saints, Nov. 1, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame, during the annual conference of the Center for Ethics and Culture:

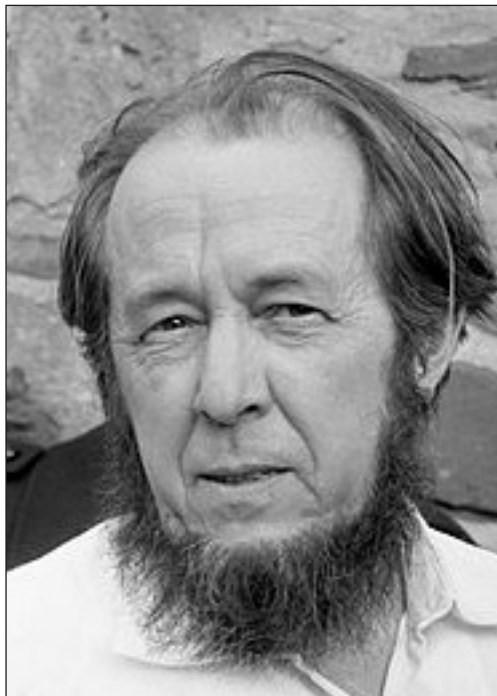
The Entrance Antiphon for this Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints reads: "Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God." On this feast, the Church invites us to taste the joy of the saints, to be inspired by their example as men, women and children of the Beatitudes, and to seek the intercession of these, our brothers and sisters, who help us to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus.

The saints lived the Beatitudes. In this homily, I'd like to focus particularly on the fourth Beatitude: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." At this Mass, which begins the Fall Conference of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, I thought especially of this Beatitude in light of your theme "Higher Powers," taken from the following quote by Alexander Solzhenitsyn: "Having refused to recognize the unchanging Higher Power above us, we have filled that space with personal imperatives, and suddenly life has become a harrowing prospect indeed."

The saints are men and women who indeed recognized the unchanging Higher Power above us. They did not fill that space with personal imperatives. Instead, they hungered and thirsted for righteousness. They sought first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. We rejoice today that their hunger and thirst has been satisfied as they enjoy the eternal joy and peace of heaven.

Recently I re-read Alexander Solzhenitsyn's famous commencement address at Harvard 40 years ago. It was a speech that shocked the listeners because of its criticism of various aspects of Western culture, including its philosophical materialism, the same materialism that shaped communism and led to the gulags where he himself had suffered. In the Harvard speech, Solzhenitsyn located our cultural calamities in the loss of our awareness of the unchanging Higher Power above us.

What is behind the moral decline in the West, a decline that has advanced in the 40 years since Solzhenitsyn's Harvard speech? It is the same factor that produced the horrors of communism, namely, that "men have forgotten God." In the words of Professor Robert George, "people worship themselves, deify their own desires, fall into an idolatry of the self, because they have forgotten that there is something – indeed someone – higher. They have forgotten God. And absent faith in God, how can they – how can we – muster the courage to bear bold witness, as Solzhenitsyn himself did, to Christian values in an increasingly hostile culture and world?"



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Aleksander Solzhenitsyn in 1974.

How can there be courage in the absence of faith? Fear is a powerful emotion – a very powerful emotion indeed. Faith alone can overcome it."

This is the greatness of the saints. They worshipped God, not themselves. They were poor in spirit. So many of them bore bold witness to the Gospel in a hostile culture and world. Their faith overcame their fear. They did not shrink from pursuing righteousness. They opened themselves to the Holy Spirit's gifts of fortitude and courage. In his speech at Harvard, one of the criticisms Solzhenitsyn directed at Western culture 40 years ago was the loss or decline of courage. Though he said that there were many courageous individuals, he asserted they had "no determining influence on public life." I think we can say that the situation today is no better and is, in fact, worse.

I believe that Pope St. John Paul II, like Alexander Solzhenitsyn, was a prophet for our time. The great John Paul called us to be "signs of contradiction" to a world that has forgotten God. Weren't the saints all "signs of contradiction?" By their words and deeds, they were salt and light in the world. They pointed the way to true freedom, freedom in Christ. Both Solzhenitsyn and John Paul II wrote and spoke much about freedom, both having experienced the tyranny of totalitarianism and its trampling upon human dignity. Both saw the similar destructive power of the irresponsible freedom in the West, freedom without restraint.

St. John Paul II warned us about freedom severed from moral truth which then becomes slavery, slavery to sin with its resulting unhappiness and misery. This happens when freedom is seen as the freedom to do whatever we want, rather than the freedom to do what we ought, which is authentic freedom. Solzhenitsyn spoke about the tilt of freedom toward evil that "stems from a humanistic and benevolent concept according to which man – the master of the world – does not bear any evil within himself, and all the defects of life are caused by misguided social systems, which must therefore be corrected." He noted that "strangely enough, though the best social conditions have been achieved in the West, there still remains a



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Pope John Paul II in 1998.

great deal of crime." Again, that observation is as correct today or even more evident today than 40 years ago.

In his Harvard speech, Solzhenitsyn spoke about the unbridled freedom that the press enjoys in our Western culture. To criticize the freedom of the press is pretty unheard of. Yet, Solzhenitsyn criticized a freedom that bears "no true moral responsibility for distortion or disproportion." Here we are 40 years later, in the era of social media. Who can deny the harmful effects on our culture and the lives of so many by the lack of moral responsibility of the media? Hunger and thirst for righteousness? Hardly! Hunger and thirst for profit often prevails through salacious news, pornography or other harmful communications. Their freedom without responsibility, a freedom unrestrained by truth, has harmful effects on people and our culture.

The saints remind us that our greatest good, our true happiness, and authentic freedom do not come from wealth or fame or power or any worldly pleasure, but from the Higher Power. They teach us to be dissatisfied with our sins and to have a passionate hunger and thirst for righteousness. Today's feast should not be just about admiring the holiness of the saints, but to hunger and thirst for their holiness in our lives. This begins with recognizing, as every saint did, that we are sinners in need of conversion, in need of God's grace and forgiveness. As Blaise Pascal said: "There are two kinds of people: sinners, who believe they are saints, and saints, who believe they are sinners." If we believe we are already saints, then we don't hunger and thirst for righteousness.

We are here at this Mass not because we deserve the Eucharist, but because we need the Eucharist. We come to eat the Body and drink the Blood of the Lord, like the saints before us, to receive the Lord's grace to live the Beatitudes. We are here because we hunger and thirst for holiness and it is the Lord who strengthens us in holiness. We need this sacrament of love, this food for our pilgrim journey, so that one day our hunger and thirst will be satisfied in the eternal joy and peace of heaven. May all the saints intercede for us on our journey!

Synod document: Listen to, support, guide, include young people

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church and all its members must get better at listening to young people, taking their questions seriously, recognizing them as full members of the Church, patiently walking with them and offering guidance as they discern the best way to live their faith, the Synod of Bishops said.

While the synod's final document spoke of friendship, affection, sexuality and "sexual inclinations," those issues were not the center of concern in the lengthy final document, which was released Oct. 27.

The synod, which began Oct. 3 and was to conclude with a Mass Oct. 28, brought together 267 voting members — cardinals, bishops, 18 priests and two religious brothers — and 72 experts and observers, including three dozen men and women under 30 to discuss "young people, the faith and vocational discernment."

For the vote on the final document, 249 bishops and priests participated; two-thirds approval or 166 votes, were required to



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Pope Francis poses for a group photo with bishops and participants at the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment at the Vatican Oct. 27.

keep a paragraph in the document. The version they voted on had 167 numbered paragraphs.

The focus of the final document was on improving ways to support young Catholics' baptismal call to holiness, to welcome the contributions they make to the Church and help them in their process of growing in faith and in deciding the state of life that would best correspond to

what God wants from them.

The emphasis on the Church listening to young people also led to an emphasis on the Church listening to all people — including women — renewing communities and structures for a "synodal church" where all members listen to, support and challenge one another and share responsi-

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society," the pope prayed after reciting the Angelus prayer.

The gunman, later identified as a 46-year-old Pittsburgh man named Robert Bowers, allegedly shouted that "all Jews must die" as he stormed the synagogue in the Squirrel Hill section of the city. Once inside he began shooting. Police said he was armed with three handguns and an AR-15 "style" weapon. He is believed to have acted alone.

In Pittsburgh, Special Agent Robert Jones, who heads the FBI's field office there, said Oct. 28 that Bowers was formally taken into federal custody the previous night. He has been charged with 29 separate federal crimes, including hate crimes and weapons offenses. Jones said 22 of the counts are "punishable by death."

"We will spare no effort or resource to make sure the defendant is held fully accountable for his unspeakable crimes," Jones said at an early morning news conference.

Bowers was apprehended by local law enforcement after exchanging gunfire with police outside the synagogue, following his shooting spree inside.

He was hospitalized for injuries he sustained, which required surgery, according to Jones. He said Bowers remained in the hospital in fair condition and was under guard. The alleged shooter was expected to go before a federal magistrate the afternoon of Oct. 29.

Officials also released the names of those who were killed: brothers Cecil and David Rosenthal, ages 59 and 54; a husband and wife, Sylvan and Bernice Simon, ages 86 and 84; Joyce Fienberg, 75; Richard Gottfried, 65; Rose Mallinger, 97; Jerry Rabinowitz, 66; Daniel Stein, 71; Melvin Wax, 88; and Irving Younger, 69.

Reuters reported that a post on social media later identified as coming from Bowers said: "I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I'm going in." Shortly before the shooting it had been posted on Gab, a Philadelphia-based social networking service described as an alternative to Twitter. In a statement, Gab.com confirmed the poster's profile belonged to Bowers.

In his statement, Cardinal DiNardo, who was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, said: "I commend to our Lord the victims, including first responders, and the consolation of their families. May Almighty God be with them and bring them comfort at this tragic time."

Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik denounced the shooting and said the entire Pittsburgh community is devastated. The relationship between the Catholic diocese and the synagogue, he said, has been "close over many years."

In a statement to the media, he said: "May God free us from fear and hatred, and sow peace

in our lives, our communities and in the world. ... My heart and prayers are especially lifted up for our Jewish sisters and brothers and the law enforcement officers who rushed into harm's way."

Prayer, loving one's neighbor and working to end bigotry must be the response to the hatred shown by the shooting, he said.

"Anti-Jewish bigotry, and all religious and ethnic bigotry, is a terrible sin," he said. "As we pray for peace in our communities and comfort for the grieving, we must put prayer into action by loving our neighbors and working to make 'Never again!' a reality."

The chairman of the USCCB Committee for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs called the attack is "a cowardly act" that must "be condemned by all Americans."

"Those killed and injured represent the best of who we are: people of faith gathered to pray and celebrate the birth of a child and officers responding to the ensuring violence with no concern for their own safety," Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton, Pennsylvania, said in a statement Oct. 28.

He said the committee "stands with our Jewish brothers and sisters during this time of great distress. May God grant peace to the dead, healing to the injured, and comfort to the families of those hurt and killed and to all the Jewish community."



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, November 4: 11 a.m. — Mass of Thanksgiving for Mother Mary Katherine Kasper, Ancilla Domini Chapel, Donaldson
 Monday, November 5: 10 a.m. — Meeting of Catholic Charities Corporation, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, November 6: 7 p.m. — Little Flower Holy Hour, St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, Fort Wayne
 Wednesday, November 7: 3 p.m. — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Institute Committee, Homewood Suites, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, November 8: 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
 Thursday, November 8: 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Friday, November 9: 12:25 p.m. — Mass, St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame

Diocesan faithful invited to accompany Bishop Rhoades in prayer



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to the bishops' general assembly, where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. With my brother bishops across the nation, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, Nov. 5, through Sunday, Nov. 11. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.
- For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.
- For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading our sheep from all harm.

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join me in praying for these intentions. I would also be grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our general assembly, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
 Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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Bishop Kevin Rhoades:

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Please accept my gratitude for the generosity of your parishioners and for your own assistance with this collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Francis,

Larry C. Dunham, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land USA
 John-Sebastian, OFM Secretariat & Vice Commissary

Diocese maintains compliance with charter

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has been found compliant with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, according to StoneBridge Business Partners, an independent auditing firm.

While it is not new for the diocese to be found compliant, recent news events validate how important the work of protecting children from abuse remains. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend stands firm in its commitment to the care and protection of children from the evil of sexual abuse.

The diocese has undergone a yearly audit of its implementation of the directives in the charter 15 times, and has been found compliant every time. StoneBridge has conducted the last nine audits, including this most recent one. For the past year, the review was accomplished by data collection and document review. Next year, the

auditors will make an onsite visit to review documents and interview key staff members in roles guiding the effort. An onsite visit is conducted every three years.

For the data collection audit this past year, the diocese submitted information on all allegations of abuse made during the year, reporting on the care provided to the victim-survivor as well as the outcome or finding of the allegation, without providing the names of victims. Care for the victims is one important component of the charter. The diocese pledges to provide healing and pastoral care to anyone abused by clergy.

The other critical task is the prevention of future abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend addresses that task through what is commonly known as the Safe Environment Program. In the audit, the diocese submits a report regarding all adults who are required to undergo background checks prior to contact with children, the Safe

Environment training given to those adults, and the personal safety (Safe Environment) training given to children. Every person who is required to participate in one of these initiatives must be accounted for in the audit. Adults who are required to complete the program are all priests, deacons, candidates for ordination, employees of the diocese and those volunteers who will have regular contact with children as a part of their service.

While preparation for the audit takes significant effort and energy, it is important to do. The requirement of an audit keeps a focus on this crucial work and the need to stay attentive to it.

In addition to audit compliance work, the Safe Environment Program is always seeking to improve and update its training and screening so that they stay effective.

Recently, the adult Safe Environment training program was revised. The revision incorporates new content and ongo-



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October 18, 2018

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend
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Dear Bishop Rhoades:

We are writing to inform you that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is in compliance with the data collection requirements for the 2017/2018 Charter audit period. We have reviewed this information and will be forwarding the documents to the Secretariat of Youth and Child Protection for use in the 2018 Audit Report.

Thank you for your cooperation and participating in the data collection process.

Sincerely,

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| 6:15 pm | Reception <i>Jordan Hall of Science Galleria</i> |
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ing refreshers to better prepare adults to create and maintain safe environments in which children can learn and grow in faith.

The Catholic Church has learned much about safe environments and child protection through ongoing research and lived experience since the crisis. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Safe Environment program began in 2002. It is ideal that current and essential information be shared with adults so they are well-prepared for ministering to children, and examples of recent research and learning that have been incorporated into the training resources include training in boundaries, social media use with minors, the grooming process used by abusers and the role of pornography

in child abuse. In addition to the revised adult training, the Safe Environment Program will also introduce a new training module for high school students that will include social media and internet use, grooming behavior of predators, healthy relationships and dating, and the implications of becoming a legal adult at age 18.

For more information contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator for the diocese at mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1458 or Cathie Cicchiello, Safe Environment coordinator for the diocese at cicchiello@diocesefwsb.org or 260-422-4611 x3308. Diocesan Youth Protection website: www.diocesefwsb.org/Youth-Protection.

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bility for the Church's one mission of spreading the Gospel.

"Listening is an encounter in freedom, which requires humility, patience, willingness to understand and a commitment to working out responses in a new way," the document said. "Listening transforms the heart of those who live it, above all when they take on an inner attitude of harmony and docility to the Spirit of Christ."

The bishops said they heard from many young people a need for "courageous cultural conversion and a change in daily pastoral practice" to promote the equality of women in society and in the Church.

"An area of particular importance in this regard is the presence of women in church bodies at all levels, including in leadership roles, and the participation of women in church decision-making processes while respecting the role of the ordained ministry," the document said. "This is a duty of justice."

However, the final document was amended before passage to remove one specific suggestion on where to begin promoting greater equality in the Church. The draft document had called for "avoiding the disparity" at the synod between the men's Union of Superiors General, which has 10 voting members at the synod, and the women's International Union of Superiors General, which had three non-voting observers at the assembly.

The document acknowledged how, in some countries, young people are moving away from the Church or question its teachings,

especially on sexuality.

The Church's response, the synod said, must be a commitment of time and patience as it helps young people "grasp the relationship between their adherence to faith in Jesus Christ and the way they live their affectivity and interpersonal relationships."

Church teaching that all people are called to chastity and to refraining from sexual relations outside the bond of marriage between a man and a woman must be presented clearly, but not with a judgmental attitude, it added.

The document mentioned young people's questions about homosexuality, sexual orientation and differences between men and women and called for "a more in-depth anthropological, theological and pastoral elaboration" on the Church's position on those issues. The final document used the term "sexual inclination" rather than "sexual orientation" as the draft document had.

"The synod reaffirms that God loves every person and so does the church, renewing its commitment against all sexually-based discrimination and violence," the final document said. "It also reaffirms the decisive anthropological relevance of the difference and reciprocity between man and woman and considers it reductive to define the identity of persons solely on the basis of their 'sexual orientation.'"

The paragraph, listed under "Sexuality: A Clear, Liberating, Authentic Word," passed by the required two-thirds, but received the fewest favorable votes — 178 — while 65 bishops voted against it.

Members of the synod also praised young Catholics who are involved in their parishes or communities, who dedicate themselves enthusiastically to service projects, who offer their time and talent to the celebration of parish liturgies and who are willing to do even more. However, the document said, too often young volunteers are met by priests and other adults who doubt their commitment or preparation or are simply unwilling to share responsibility with them.

While young people can feel overlooked or ignored, the synod members said such attitudes are detrimental to the Church and to its missionary mandate. The final document said young people challenge the Church to be better and their questions force older Church members to find clearer ways to express Church teaching or to respond to new situations with the wisdom of faith.

"Their criticism, too, is needed because not infrequently we hear through them the voice of the Lord asking us for a conversion of heart and a renewal of structures," the synod members said.

The clerical sex abuse scandal and financial scandals in the Catholic Church are leading many people, not only young people, away from the faith, the synod acknowledged.

Apparently responding to some bishops who felt the draft document's section on abuse gave too much prominence to the topic's importance in the United States, Ireland, Australia and Chile, the final document treated it in three paragraphs rather than the earlier five.

However, the final document, like the draft, said, "The Synod expresses gratitude to those who have had the courage to denounce the evil they have suffered: they help the church become aware of what has happened and of the need to react decisively" to ensure abuse does not continue to occur.

Behind the crime of abuse, it said, there lies a "spiritual void" and a form of exercising power that led some priests to believe their ordination gave them "power" over others rather than called them to serving others.

On "vocation," synod members emphasized how the basic, common Christian vocation is the call to holiness, which can and should be lived out in every state of life: young or old, single or married or in the priesthood or religious life.

"Vocation is neither a script a human being is called to recite, nor a spontaneous theatrical moment leaving no traces," the document said. God calls each person into a relationship with him, respects the person's free-

dom and yet has a plan for each person's life; discovering that plan requires prayer and self-examination.

The final document urged particular attention to marriage preparation programs as "a kind of 'initiation' for the sacrament of matrimony" and to careful selection of candidates for the priesthood and to seminary programs to ensure that future priests are men who can recognize the gifts of others, relate well to women and men of all ages and are devoted to serving the poor.

Young people who are poor or experience discrimination — especially migrants, victims of religious persecution and those struggling to find employment — received special attention at the synod and in the final document.

In fact, the synod said, "the world of young people is also deeply marked by the experience of vulnerability, disability, illness and pain" and Catholic communities have not always done everything possible to welcome and assist them.



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Pope: Tolerating each other's flaws fights devil's attempts to divide

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Humility, kindness and generosity are needed to create peace in the world, starting in one's own family, Pope Francis said. "To create peace, unity among us (it takes) humility, gentleness — we who are used to insulting each other, yelling at each other — gentleness, and magnanimity," he said Oct. 26 during morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae. "But can you really make peace in the world with these three little things? Yes, it is the journey. Can you reach unity? Yes, that (is) the journey: humility, gentleness and magnanimity," he said. The pope's homily reflected on the day's first reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-6). The imprisoned apostle was calling for unity among Christians, who were "too caught up with their infighting," the pope said. People today are also too used to being around conflict, especially with the news always talking about conflicts, "one after the other," wars, the lack of peace and lack of unity, he said.

Holiness comes from experience of Christ's love, not pious talk

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians reveal their faith not by spewing superfluous words about Jesus but by having a genuine experience of his love despite their sins, Pope Francis said. People who truly know Christ must ask him for the grace to not "repeat words like a parrot, but rather speak words born from experience," the pope said Oct. 25 in his homily during Mass at the Domus Sanctae Marthae. "This is our strength, this is our witness," he said. "Christians of words, there are many; even we can be that way, but this isn't holiness. Holiness means being Christians who practice in life what Jesus taught and what Jesus has sown in your hearts." In his homily, the pope reflected on the first reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, in which the apostle prays members of the community in Ephesus will "know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

South Korea grants refugee status to Iranian student who became Catholic

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — An Iranian student who converted to Catholicism in South Korea has obtained refugee status through the efforts of Cardinal Andrew Yeom Soo-jung of Seoul and the man's classmates. The Ministry of Justice announced Oct. 19 that

Bishops sign document for action against climate change



CNS photo/Joel Estay, EPA

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A large iceberg breaks from the Grey glacier in 2017 at the Torres del Pine National Park in Magallanes, Chile. Six bishops representing episcopal conferences in five continents issued a joint statement calling on the international community to take immediate action against climate change. Addressing world leaders who will be attending the COP24 Summit in Katowice, Poland, in December, the bishops urged them to take concrete steps "in order to tackle and overcome the devastating effects of the climate crisis. We must be prepared to make rapid and radical changes and resist the temptation to look for solutions to our current situation in short-term technological fixes without addressing the root causes and the long-term consequences."

the Korea Immigration Service accepted the student's application, ucanews.com reported. The man's name was withheld to protect his identity and safety. He was referred to only as "Anthony." Cardinal Yeom met Anthony at his office in Seoul Aug. 16 and pledged to support his bid to claim refugee status. Afterward, Cardinal Yeom sent letters to Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon, Justice Minister Park Sang-ki, the chairman of National Human Rights Commission of Korea and other officials appealing for leniency in Anthony's case because of his religious conversion. Prior to the final judgment Oct. 2, the cardinal issued another message of support. "Anthony converted to Catholicism and received the confirmation sacrament. As he now has a clear Catholic identity, if he were to return to his

home country, he would face a high possibility of persecution," Cardinal Yeom wrote.

Irish government approves excavation of former mother and baby home site

DUBLIN (CNS) — The Irish government has approved a forensic excavation of the site of a former state-funded, Catholic-run mother and baby home in the west of the country. Katherine Zappone, minister for children and youth affairs, announced the excavation Oct. 23. "I am committed to ensuring that all the children interred at this site can have a dignified and respectful burial," she said. Significant quantities of human remains were found

in 2017 in Tuam at the site of a home run by the Bon Secours congregation of sisters from 1925 to 1961. A Commission of Investigation was established following research by a local historian, Catherine Corless, in which she claimed that 796 infants had died in the home and been buried in an unmarked grave on the site. Death certificates revealed that the children had died of infectious diseases and malnutrition, but that the rate of death was significantly higher than the national average for the period. The case made headlines around the world and generated significant international interest in how unmarried mothers were treated in Ireland by the Church and wider society.

Catholic groups ask for humane treatment of migrants heading for border

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As a group from Central America heads to the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the Trump administration is said to be getting ready to send troops to meet them and Catholic groups are asking that the migrants be treated humanely. "We urge the administration to manage refugee arrivals humanely and in a manner that respects their dignity and rights under U.S. and international law," said an Oct. 26 statement by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The mobilization of migrants is believed to have formed sometime in mid-October and comprised of mostly Honduran migrants seeking refuge from violence and poverty at home. It seems that, spontaneously, others from nearby countries have joined their ranks as the group travels north, likely seeking to ask for asylum in the United States. "These people simply want to live with their families free of fear. According to international law, they have a right to seek asylum where they feel safe," said the Washington-based Franciscan Action Network in an Oct. 24 news release expressing solidarity with the group.

'Romero' film remains relevant to today's fight for justice, says priest

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A handsome new DVD restoration of "Romero," the 1989 drama about martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, is a reminder of the original glory days of Paulist Productions and its founder, Father Ellwood "Bud" Father Kieser. Starring Raul Julia as the prelate, who was assassinated while celebrating Mass March 24, 1980, was shot on location in Mexico (El Salvador was still too hazardous) for \$3.2 million and had a limited release -- just 400 screens -- but still managed a profit, largely on the strength of brisk videocassette sales. It even had one 1991 airing on CBS. "It's a movie that really holds up," said Paulist Father Tom Gibbons, director of development and production at Paulist Productions. "It relates to immigration today and how we relate to the poor with the income divide playing a role. I think it still packs quite a big punch," he said at an Oct. 24 evening screening of the remastered movie in Washington. Ten days earlier, the archbishop became St. Romero, canonized by Pope Francis at the Vatican. The screening was hosted by Paulist Productions and Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency.

Advent retreat with bishop of Gary

DONALDSON — Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center will host an Advent Morning of Retreat with Bishop Donald Hying of the Diocese of Gary on Monday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. EST in Donaldson. An hour of reflection will be followed by Mass at 11 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Hying, in Ancilla Domini Chapel.

While there is no charge for the retreat, a donation to either Sojourner Truth House or Nazareth Home, ministries of The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, is suggested and would be most appreciated during this Holy season of Advent. Sojourner Truth House supports families facing homelessness, and Nazareth Home cares for medically fragile children.

A native of West Allis, Wisconsin, Bishop Don Hying was ordained in 1989 and served as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee before becoming bishop of the Diocese of Gary in 2015. He is a graduate of St. Francis de Sales Seminary in St. Francis, Wisconsin.

Please register at Lindenwood.org before December 3, 2018. For more information, email lindenwood@poorhandmaids.org or call 574-935-1780.

Located at 9601 Union Road, Plymouth, Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center is a part of The Center at Donaldson, sponsored by The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Parishioners pitch in on fall landscaping



Provided by Jeremy Elder

Three times a year, parishioners at Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, meet on a Saturday to do regular season landscape maintenance. On Oct. 20, many helping hands came and planted spring bulbs in landscape beds, trimmed trees, edged sidewalks, cleaned windows and performed maintenance on perennials, helping to keep the 7-acre campus manicured and appealing.

Christmas at USF starts Nov. 30

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has announced the schedule for its annual Christmas tradition of yuletide celebration, Christmas at USF, which begins Nov. 30. Visitors can tour the festively decorated Brookside Mansion (formerly known as Bass Mansion) at Christmas in the Castle on Friday, Nov. 30, from 4-6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 1, noon-5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 2, noon-5 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 3, 4-6 p.m.; and Tuesday, Dec. 4, Senior Day, noon-5 p.m. A fair trade alternative shopping bazaar will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, from noon to 5 p.m. at the North Campus. USF students will perform "las posadas" on Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. as they walk through the USF campus portraying Mary and Joseph's journey in search of lodging. The Lighting of the Lake will honor special loved ones on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. on the lawn near Brookside Mansion, in concert with a living Nativity. The living Nativity with children's petting zoo will be open from 5 to 5:45 p.m. on the lawn next to Brookside Mansion. The main/north campus of USF is located at 2701 Spring St., and the North Campus at 2702 Spring St. More details on all events can be found at sf.edu/christmas.

Pope apologizes to young people who have felt ignored by the Church

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Speaking on behalf of all adult Catholics, Pope Francis formally closed the Synod of Bishops by asking young people for forgiveness.

"Forgive us if often we have not listened to you; if, instead of opening our hearts, we have filled your ears. As Christ's church, we want to listen to you with love" because young people's lives are precious in God's eyes and "in our eyes, too," the pope said in his homily Oct. 28.

The Mass, celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica, closed a month-long synod on young people, faith and vocational discernment. The pope thanked the 300 synod members, experts, observers and ecumenical delegates for working in communion, with frankness and with the desire to serve God's people.

"May the Lord bless our steps, so that we can listen to young people, be their neighbors and bear witness before them to Jesus, the joy of our lives," he said in his homily.

Living the faith and sharing it with the world, especially with young people, entails going out to those in need, listening, being close to them and bearing witness to Jesus' liberating mes-



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Pope Francis holds his pastoral staff as he celebrates the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 28.

sage of salvation, Pope Francis said. The pope used the day's Gospel reading (Mk 10:46-52) and its account of Jesus helping

Bartimaeus as a model of how all Christians need to live out and share the faith.

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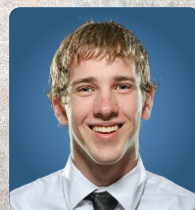
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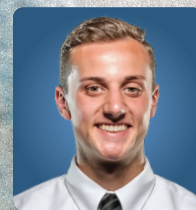
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Young people encouraged to encounter Christ's call

WASHINGTON — The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 4-10. This annual event is a special time for parishes to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Pope Francis, in his message for the 2018 World Day of Vocations, emphasized that it is at the loving initiative of God, and by His personal encounter with each of us, that one is called. "Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often-dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness."

National Vocation Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Parish and school communities across the nation are encouraged to include, during the first week in November, special activities that focus on vocation awareness and provide opportunities for prayerful discernment. Contemporary society is often

saturated by constant activity and noise, so it is important this week to encourage young discerners to take time for silent, contemplative prayer. Results of studies conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate note that 72 percent of those ordained to the priesthood or solemnly professed within the last year cited participation in eucharistic adoration as a prayer experience that proved influential in their discernment. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations echoes this finding, stating: "Quiet reflection and prayer are essential elements for vocational discernment. It is in the interior depths of our heart where we hear the voice

of Christ, where He speaks to us, and where He reveals His will for our lives." Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration.

It was later moved to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

More information and resources for National Vocation Awareness Week, including a prayer card, are available online at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm>

Information provided by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops



Statistics on recent vocations to religious life and the priesthood

The majority of women's and men's communities have at least one person in initial formation

- Since 2009, the majority of religious institutes have at least one person in formation: 66 percent of women's institutes and 80 percent of men's institutes.

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Characteristics of ordinands and those newly professed to religious life

AGE

Average age for discernment is 19 and for entrance 30

ETHNICITY

More diverse, reflecting the increasing diversity in the U.S. Catholic population as a whole

EDUCATION

The majority of those entering religious life are highly educated

PARISH LIFE

The majority participated in parish ministry prior to entering formation

FAMILY SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY INFLUENCE

Entrants lack familial support; influenced by a sense of call, example and encouragement of others

A parent's prayer for vocations

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Drawing kids to the glow of Catholicism

BY JUDY ROBERTS

When Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades challenged teachers in Indiana's Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese to think of ways to keep young people from leaving the Catholic faith, Legate Betsy Williams took it to heart — and prayer.

In the quiet of her adoration hours before the Blessed Sacrament, an idea began to take shape: Immerse students in the beauty of the Catholic faith, giving them an emotional connection to the truths they learn.

Program emphasizes Catholic beauty

In August when classes began, Williams' idea debuted as the Light for the World program at St. Anthony de Padua School in South Bend. The program consists of houses, or small faith communities, within the school, and monthly retreats that focus on a saint and a virtue he or she exemplified.

The houses, which are named for various saints, will have activities throughout the year to foster a sense of community. During the monthly retreat, each house will rotate among four stations, spending 30 minutes at a time in adoration, listening to a talk by a priest, working on a service project and singing and learning about the Mass.

"Catholic schools do an amazing job of teaching the truth and this is so very important," said Williams, who previously taught preschool and first and second grades at St. Anthony. "... That doesn't need to change, but what needs to be added is leading [students] to the truth through beauty."

Legate John Tippmann, Sr., who is helping Light for the World get started through a grant from his Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation, agreed. "I have seen what the problem is and it is that we know we're losing children, Catholic children, at an alarming rate. They just lose interest in their faith."



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Keeping the faith — through love for Christ

Tippmann said when he grew up, it was far more likely that students attending Catholic schools would graduate with a love for their faith that sustained them the rest of their lives. Today, he said, according to a recent Gallup poll, only 25 percent of young people between the ages of 21 and 29 attend Mass weekly. And, according to a talk given in March at the University of Notre Dame by Katherine Angulo, associate director for youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, six in 10 young Catholics celebrate their first Communion, but only a third go on to receive confirmation. Angulo also said the median age people stop identifying as Catholic is 13, and one of the main reasons youth are leaving the Church is that they have no emotional connection to the faith.

"We want to teach them to love the faith instead of just learning the rules and regulations of it," Tippmann said. When Williams presented Light for the World to several members of his foundation's board, Tippmann said it resonated with his own experience of the faith handed down to him by his mother, for whom the foundation is named. "It seemed like this would help teachers to do a better job of teaching the Catholic faith and love for it."

The foundation agreed to fund the first two years of the program at St. Anthony at a cost of \$23,000 a year, which covers expenses and part of the salary for an additional teacher. If the program takes off, the foundation may continue to fund it or possibly support expanding it to other schools.

Kids ask to go to church

Williams, who will be the teacher directing the program as the school's Catholic identity representative, drew on her classroom experiences to develop Light for the World. More than two years ago, she began taking her first-graders into the parish church on Fridays to pray a rosary for their pastor, Father Robert Garrow, and for Bishop Rhoades. "They absolutely loved this time in church and in the silence," she said. "They would beg to go during the week." In talking with the students, Williams learned that they felt happy and peaceful during the Friday visits. "That's the peace of Jesus,' I told them. They were hooked and couldn't get enough." Next, Williams formed an adoration club so that all students in the school could have the same experience of being alone with Jesus in the quiet of the church. Twice a month for an hour after school, students in the club would meet to pray the rosary, sing and sit quietly.

Adoration will be a key element of the monthly retreats

because, Williams said, she wants students to have an opportunity to unplug and listen to what God may be calling them to do with the gifts they have been given and to develop a lifelong habit of taking their concerns to Him.

Williams hopes through Light for the World to show students and their families the treasure they have in their faith — a treasure often left behind by putting travel, sports, and other distractions ahead of attending Mass. "So many kids and families are dropping away and abandoning our greatest gift for the pull of the world."

As a means of reaching out to families, all the talks given by priests during the monthly retreats will be recorded and available to view online. Family members of students also will be invited to attend the retreats.

Service to others mitigates focus on self

Williams developed the service aspect of the program to counteract the culture's focus on self and to show students the beauty of loving, serving and sacrificing for others. Each house will establish a relationship with a charity during the year and spend part of each retreat day doing something for that charity. For example, a house that has chosen a homeless shelter might make lunches for shelter residents.

The singing element of the retreats is designed to teach students that they are joining with all the angels and saints in bringing glory to God every time they go to Mass. Williams' hope is that by teaching the students to sing beautiful songs for school and Sunday Masses, families who have been away from church or don't attend will hear something that makes them want to return.

Strong family support is key

Although she has a background in education, Williams

said the best preparation she received for creating Light for the World came from her parents, who gave her a strong, positive example of living the faith. Her father, Brian Miller, has been a deacon at St. Anthony de Padua for the last 45 years and helped her form the adoration club. "He's given his whole life to our faith."

Light for the World is not a curriculum, but will complement religious instruction in the classroom, Williams said. In addition to offering experiences that will convey the beauty of the faith, the program will provide suggested activities students can do with their families.

Bishop Rhoades, who approved the program, said its strength is the movement from beauty to goodness and then to truth it provides through exposing the children to the lives of the saints, prayer and retreat days, and priests and religious sisters. "It will be a very purposeful program, seeking to give the children a rich and joyful experience of learning to live the Gospel."

He added that in visiting Williams' first-grade classroom, he has already observed the effectiveness of her approach. The bishop said he also has seen how it involves parents who are often moved by the religious observance of their children. "I know of one parent who even became Catholic because the devotion of her daughter led her to learn about the Catholic faith. Parent involvement in this program is a real strength and necessity for the Catholic mission of the school."

Narrow road to Christ is countercultural

Williams said she was confirmed in her discernment of the program by hearing Bishop Rhoades talk during his Christ Mass homily during Holy Week this year about spreading the aroma of Christ in a world where there is so much stench, an idea he said he took from Pope Francis.

"It really hit home," Williams said. "... It immediately made me think of what I was working on — to teach little ones and their families that everything the world is showing them, that they see in media, the Internet, on Facebook, is so countercultural to what we know as Catholics. I kept thinking of St. John Paul II and how he said don't be afraid to be a saint, don't be afraid to go against what the world is showing you ... It's scary to go against what everyone else is telling you is right, but if you do that, you'll be a light for the world."

Judy Roberts is a Legatus magazine staff writer.

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Founders Day ceremony commemorates Knights of Columbus founding in Fort Wayne

BY KEVIN KILBANE

Two-thirds of them were first-generation Americans, the sons of men and women who came to the United States as immigrants seeking a better life.

They represented a range of professions, from plumber, construction worker and railroad conductor to physician, pharmacist and bank president. Some endured dangerous working conditions, and all faced discrimination because of their Catholic religion.

United by their faith and a desire to improve life for their families and community, 36 men signed a charter Oct. 15, 1899, to found Knights of Columbus Council 451 in Fort Wayne.

The Catholic social and fraternal organization was the first K of C council in Fort Wayne, the second statewide, and the root of K of C councils now involving about 5,000 men in 22 parishes in northeast Indiana.

Local K of C members commemorated that heritage with a Founders Day celebration Oct. 28 at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., where 29 of the 36 Council 451 founders are buried. About 100 people turned out for the event, which took place in the cemetery's Divine Mercy Funeral Home because of the morning's cool, rainy weather.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who is a Council 451 member, offered prayer and remarks at the ceremony. Event organizers also encouraged people to visit the graves of Council 451 founders, which were identified with a K of C marker and yellow or blue balloons.

The K of C focuses on four principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

"It probably filled a pretty huge gap in these families' lives," Steve Lutz, Founders Day project chairman, said of Council 451 charter members.

In the late 1800s, some social and fraternal organizations didn't allow Catholics to join, said Lutz, a past grand knight of Council 451 and a current trustee. Catholics faced even greater



Photos by Kevin Kilbane

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend leads a prayer during the Founders Day ceremony Oct. 28 at Divine Mercy Funeral Home in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. The event honored the 36 charter members of Knights of Columbus Council 451, the first K of C council in Fort Wayne. Steve Lutz, Founders Day project chairman, is at front left, and Jerry Hake, a member and past Grand Knight of K of C Council 13971 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Arcola, is at front right.

threats during the 1920s from the Ku Klux Klan.

Genealogy research by five Council 451 members and one of their spouses provided a glimpse of Council 451 founders' lives:

They worked hard, with many operating their own businesses or professional offices. Gerhard B. Grimme, for example, bought his father's tailoring and dry-cleaning business and renamed it Peerless Cleaners, which still operates in Fort Wayne today.

Some Council 451 founders lived into their late 80s or early 90s, but several met early deaths from disease, accident or injury.

George J. Gerard, a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, died at age 28 in 1906 when he fell between the engine and tender while walking across the top of a train.

Lutz said information about two founding members, John J. Salmon and Clement Schuckman, illustrated the stirring of the American "melting pot" as Catholic men of one cultural background married Catholic women from another cultural background.

"Some of these stories are just

so cool," Lutz said.

Council 451, which now is based at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, began the Founders Day project in January 2017 after asking permission to display a copy of their charter in the church's gathering space, Lutz said. Members decided they should learn about their council's founders.

"You don't know where you are going until you know where you've been," Lutz said.



John Murray, front right, in his 4th Degree Knight regalia, listens during the Knights of Columbus Founders Day ceremony. Murray is a past Grand Knight of Council 451.

They did most of their historical research at the Genealogy Center of the downtown Allen County Public Library, where library staff provided major assistance, he said.

Council 451 members compiled founders' biographies into a book, "Faith in Action." The council had a limited number of books printed; which can be purchased from Lutz at 260-341-7556. A copy also has been donated to the Genealogy Center. Council members hope to post a copy of the book online eventually, so it can be updated to address an unsolved "mystery," Lutz said.

The charter contains the names of 36 men. However, a local newspaper story written on the group's 20th anniversary listed 38 founding members, some of whom didn't sign the 1899 charter, Lutz said.

A 100th anniversary book-

let also listed the names of 38 founding members, but some names on that list don't appear on the 1899 charter or in the 20th anniversary news story, he added.

Council 451 members hope founders' descendants will share information that solves the mystery.

The project may spark other research, too.

"I'm anxious to find out where my heritage fits in with him," Rick Stier, Fort Wayne, said of Council 451 founding member Charles J. Stier, who died in 1952.

Stier, who attended the ceremony and belongs to K of C Council 11353 at St. Vincent Church, Fort Wayne, said he wasn't sure of the family connection, but all Stiers in the area are related.

"I'm excited," he said. "This is a head start."



A Knights of Columbus marker and balloon identified the grave of William P. Breen in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne Oct. 28. Breen was among the 36 charter members of K of C Council 451 — the first council in Fort Wayne — who were honored during a Founders Day ceremony held at the cemetery and Divine Mercy Funeral Home.

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Getting real about our challenges

Tracking the Catholic zeitgeist these days can be a dizzying experience. It helps to have a sense of history, and perhaps a sense of irony as well.

Once upon a time, it was liberal Catholics who were upset at the pope, who wanted more democracy in the Church, who railed against the Curia and wanted a return to forgotten practices like the election of bishops by the priests and people of the diocese.

Today, we have conservative Catholics upset at the pope, wanting more democracy in the Church, railing against the Curia and wanting a return to forgotten practices like the election of bishops by the priests and people of the diocese.

A friend of mine has commented on the strange turn of events where liberal publications are now defenders of the papacy and conservative publications publish a steady drumbeat of criticism. A few decades ago, renegade bishops became heroes to some progressives. Now a renegade papal nuncio is a hero to some conservatives.

And all of this is occurring against a backdrop that unfortunately hasn't changed — news reports of sexual abuse, accusations that a pope is not taking it seriously, divisions among bishops and between bishops and Rome.

Maybe this is business as usual, but it is surely wearying.

We are facing serious problems, there is no doubt, but they aren't just the problems getting the headlines.

That some priests, most but not all of them from years ago,

violated their vows and committed grievous sins against young people is undeniable. Equally undeniable is that the majority of priests have done no such thing and still deserve our respect.

That some bishops — through cowardice or bad advice from lay lawyers and lay counselors, or cruel insensitivity and personal corruption — moved abusers instead of removing them or tolerated sinfulness so as to avoid scandal, there is no doubt. That there were bishops who did the right thing, who called a sin a sin, who might even have risked their episcopal careers to do so, there also is no doubt.

And while there are Catholics who are planning to boycott bishop appeals and parish collections as acts of protest, such gestures don't hurt the wicked.

They hurt Catholic schools and hospitals and aid organizations. They hurt the priests who show up at hospitals to comfort the dying, who say Mass and hear confessions and also raise money from stingy parishioners to run complex and expensive parish plants. They hurt bishops who are increasingly forced to be more CEOs than shepherds and who are being scrutinized and second-guessed every step of the way.

We do face great challenges, all of us.

The Church is still in the midst of an epochal change it does not fully understand. Laymen and laywomen need to be more fully incorporated into the life of the Church to do the work at hand, and there is much work to do.

We need to know how better



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to hand on the faith to the next generation. We need to know how best to encourage vocations that will stick. We need to know how to evangelize a hurting world that has lost its faith and lost its way.

We need a Church that recovers what it means to be a family, a family that can disagree and argue passionately about things, but also that loves one another.

We need most of all to be missionary witnesses: showing the world that knowing and loving Jesus makes all the difference. And if that is not true for us now, then that is our biggest problem by far.

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Seeing the best at the worst of times

Roxanne Loper was almost home.

Her journey had begun 15 months ago, when she spotted a picture of a baby girl on the World Partners website and sensed something special.

She and her husband, Clark, ranchers in Alto, Texas, had not been able to conceive a child naturally. They inquired about the girl online, whose name was Alexandria, scraped together their savings and started the adoption process.

On Aug. 18, 2001, they flew out of Dallas to Frankfurt and then Russia. Next came a six-hour car ride across the Ural Mountains into Kazakhstan. Their destination was an orphanage known as Baby House Number Two. Located on a dirt field, it housed 80 young orphans, including their 2-year-old daughter.

For the next 14 days, they would visit the orphanage two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon, so Alexandria could get to know her new parents.

The Lopers finalized their adoption at a Sept. 5 court hearing and embarked on a protracted flight home. On the morning of Sept. 11, they were on their last leg, hours from Texas, when the pilot rerouted them to a town they had never heard of: Gander, Newfoundland. They were told something vague about the U.S. airspace being closed.

Soon they became one of 38 planes redirected to the Canadian



TWENTY SOMETHING

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island's northeastern edge. Some 6,595 weary travelers descended upon Gander, population 10,300. And at the worst of times, they experienced the best of humanity. Their fear and fatigue were met with comfort and compassion.

For the next four days, Gander locals embraced "the plane people," as they were dubbed — Britons, Germans, Americans, Arabs, Dutch, Chinese, Germans, Russian, Pakistanis, Italians. Volunteers greeted them at the airport, smiling warmly. Bus drivers on strike got behind the wheel again to take them to the schools, shelters and churches. They sang together, told stories and played chess.

Locals invited the plane people into their homes for hot tea, hot showers and computer access, charming them with Gander's unique lilt, their sentences ending with "me dear" and "me lovely."

Donations of every kind poured in: diapers, a stroller, toothbrushes, underwear. Pharmacists filled more than 1,000 prescriptions in 24 hours at no cost. A military general

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Which is the first of all the Commandments?



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 12:28b-34

The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of the first reading this weekend. One among the first five books of the Bible, Deuteronomy contains for Jews the basic rule of life, as it is the basic revelation of God about life.

Moses is central in these books. He led the Hebrews from Egypt, where they had been enslaved and oppressed, and guided them across the stark Sinai Peninsula to the Promised Land. He led them not because they had chosen him, or because he somehow had assumed the role of leadership, but rather

because God commissioned him.

Not only did Moses lead the people to their own land, the land God had promised them and reserved for them, but Moses also taught them how to live according to God's law.

Again, the teachings of Moses were not merely the thoughts of Moses himself, but the very words of God conveyed to humanity by Moses. In this reading, Moses, speaking for God, reveals the central reality of existence. God, the creator, is everything. Moses, still speaking for God, further reveals that God is one. God is a person.

For its second reading, the Church offers us a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

The loveliest and most powerful symbols and understandings of God and virtue in the ancient Hebrew tradition gleam in the verses of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The exact circumstances of its composition are unknown, but obviously it was first intended for an audience very aware of the traditions and beliefs of

Judaism at the time of Jesus.

For the ancient Jews, from the time that Aaron, the brother of Moses, served as high priest, the central figure in Jewish society was the high priest. The high priest's role extended far beyond officiating at religious ceremonies. He represented God. He also spoke for the people in acknowledging God as supreme.

This epistle sees Jesus as the great, eternal high priest. While the memory of Caiaphas, and other high priests, was less than lustrous among Jews of the time of Jesus, because they allowed themselves to be tools of the Roman oppressors, the great high priest envisioned by Hebrews is holy and perfect.

Jesus is the great high priest of Calvary. As a human, the Lord represented all humanity. As God, the sacrifice of Jesus was perfect.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. A scribe, an expert in Jewish religion, asked Jesus to capulate the Commandments. It was an understandable question. Jewish

law, all seen as emanating from God, had 613 precepts!

In responding, Jesus drew upon two divine statutes well-known to the audience: one from Deuteronomy, the other from Leviticus. This technique situated the Lord in the tradition of revelation and defined that Jesus was no imposter. He was God's spokesman.

Reflection

The Church is moving forward to the feast of Christ the King, celebrated only a few weeks hence. In this feast, the Church will conclude its year and close its yearlong lesson, given to us in part on each of the 52 Sundays when we hear God's Word and pray.

As it approaches this end of the year, the Church, a good teacher, summarizes its teachings. This is the summary: God is everything. Departing from God, disobeying God, brings chaos and doom. God guides us to life, as God guided the Hebrews to freedom.

He sent Jesus as our teacher and leader, as once Moses came to the Hebrews. The teachings of Jesus are simple but profound: Love God above everything, and love others as self.

In the Gospel reading, the common word is "love." It is instructive in and of itself. If God is love, and if true disciples live by God's law, then they will love God and all others.

READINGS

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1-3 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26-32 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9 Lk 16:9-15

Sexual orientation: hope for restoration and healing with SOCE

Sexual orientation change efforts rely on professional therapy and counseling, often in a religious context, to assist those struggling with unwanted homosexual inclinations who would like to diminish their same-sex attractions and grow in their ability to abstain from same-sex behaviors. Many proponents of same-sex lifestyles argue that sexual orientation change efforts are not only not effective, but also are harmful and unscientific, going so far as to advocate for legislation that would restrict a practitioner's ability to offer SOCE. A sweeping bill recently tabled in California, for example, would have labeled any sexual orientation therapies offered for a fee as "consumer fraud." Are such laws sensible or reprehensible? What do scientific studies indicate about attempts to change sexual orientation?

Peter Sprigg, senior fellow for policy studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C., has provided a very helpful analysis of six studies published between 2000 and 2018 in a recent review article entitled, "Are Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE) Effective? Are They Harmful? What the Evidence Shows." He concludes that SOCE "can be effective for some clients in bringing about significant change in some components of sexual orientation," and that "few harms were reported." Older reports from the literature, including 600 studies and five meta-analyses, support the same conclusions.

One of the six SOCE studies reviewed by Sprigg, "A Longitudinal Study of Attempted Religiously Mediated Sexual Orientation Change," was published in the *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy* in 2011. In this study, researchers Stanton Jones and Mark Yarhouse evaluated 61 men and women who opted to pursue religiously mediated change efforts. At the end of the study, after tracking them through therapy for six years, they found that 53 percent of them self-categorized as some version of success, either as "Success: Conversion" (23 per-

cent) or "Success: Chastity" (30 percent). That was more than twice the number (25 percent) who described the outcome as "Failure: Confused," or "Failure: Gay Identity."

Interestingly, the observed success rates in the study trended higher as the study continued. Between the third and sixth year, for example, the "Success: Conversion" results improved from 15 percent to 23 percent of the participants, while the "Success: Chastity" portion improved from 23 percent to 30 percent. In commenting on this phenomenon, Sprigg notes that "rather than relapsing into homosexuality after initial success in overcoming it, as SOCE critics claim, clients are more likely to achieve success the longer they persevere in the process."

When participants reported "Success: Conversion" as an outcome, this did not indicate that all same-sex attraction went away, but that "a reduction in homosexual attraction and an increase in heterosexual attraction" had occurred. Similarly, "Success: Chastity" was defined as "stable behavioral chastity and a reduction in homosexual attraction," which, in the words of the report, can "also be regarded as a successful outcome" by "conventionally religious persons." As with most studies of this type, most participants reported some significant, but not complete, change.

This same research by Jones and Yarhouse also assessed any reported "harms" from SOCE during the course of the change efforts. They evaluated psychological distress among the participants using a standardized checklist of symptoms, but the only statistically significant trends indicated "improving psychological symptoms" rather than harms to SOCE clients.

In his review of the literature, Sprigg examines the issue of SOCE "harms" from another angle as well, evaluating the methods and claims of a very influential paper by Ariel Shidlo and Michael Schroeder, two self-identified gay researchers whose work was sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association and the



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National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (the latter being a political activist group).

Their paper, published in 2002, is one of the more widely cited works asserting that clients who undergo SOCE may experience significant damage. Sprigg observes that the authors make no pretense of "being unbiased, nor of recruiting a representative sample of SOCE consumers." Despite a scholarly veneer, their report offers almost entirely anecdotal reports of harm. It fails to offer compiled data, statistical evidence or data analysis and relies on a narrative approach and dubious claims regarding various harms and negative outcomes from SOCE.

The more robust and rigorous research studies reviewed by Sprigg, meanwhile, do not find notable harms to clients from SOCE, but, on the contrary, find very notable improvements both in the ability to resist homosexual behaviors and in their sense of sexual re-orientation.

Set within a broader religious and human framework, these statistically significant findings about SOCE from the field of psychotherapy help push back against the dogmatism of same-sex advocates and even of some professional medical societies. Such dogmatism ignores the best interests of clients by seeking to restrict the availability of important and potentially helpful therapies when everyone should instead be supporting access to ministries of healing and change for those desiring to restore psychological and spiritual wholeness in their lives.

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walking to a store was invited to a 7-year-old's backyard birthday party, where she momentarily forgot how dangerous the world had become.

The members of St. Joseph Catholic Church welcomed Hannah O'Rourke, whose son, a New York City firefighter, was missing. She felt sustained by the Eucharist and, for the next hour, at home in the Church universal.

The president of the Lion's Club took special care of the Lopers throughout the week and rushed to their rescue when they almost boarded a plane headed

back to Frankfurt.

Eventually they made arrangements for a ferry and car ride into the States. By then, Roxanne had the flu, but her heart was doubled over with gratitude: for her new daughter and for the strangers who had treated them like family. To know that a place like Gander existed offset the horror of terrorism.

"It made me feel that people are mostly good," Roxanne told me when I called recently.

She is now 46. She and Clark were surprised by three healthy pregnancies after adopting Alexandria, who is 19.

The Christian couple is still

inspired by Gander, where divine intervention was unmistakable.

"We try to help whenever and however we can," she said. "Little things. We pull over every time we see someone with car trouble."

In this season of gratitude, we too must "look for the helpers," to quote Mr. Rogers, and be the helpers, remembering that one act of kindness begets another, believing in God and Gander and each other.

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Gospel for November 4, 2018

Mark 12:28b-34

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the encapsulation of the Commandments. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| ASKED HIM | FIRST | JESUS |
| HEAR O ISRAEL | LORD | WITH ALL |
| HEART | SOUL | YOUR MIND |
| STRENGTH | NEIGHBOR | GREATER |
| TEACHER | IS ONE | NO OTHER |
| BURNT | ANSWERED | NOT FAR |
| KINGDOM | NO ONE | DARED |

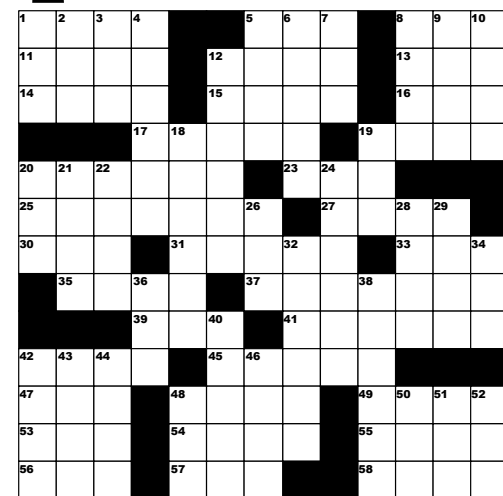
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The Cross Word

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- 55 European monetary unit
- 56 Petite
- 57 Large weight unit
- 58 Chime



DOWN

- 1 Time zone
- 2 In possession of
- 3 Precedes an alias
- 4 Full skirted dress
- 5 Font
- 6 Morning prayer
- 7 Central nervous system
- 8 Itinerant worker
- 9 Black
- 10 Love God with all your
- 12 Farce
- 18 Graduates
- 19 Pod vegetable
- 20 Central processing unit
- 21 Minor (Little Dipper)
- 22 Stack of paper
- 24 Accolades
- 26 Extra-sensory ability
- 28 Genghis
- 29 Luge
- 32 Played in cathedrals
- 34 Adam and Eve
- 36 Adam's wife
- 38 Gone
- 40 Ice house
- 42 Have knowledge
- 43 Number for novena
- 44 Fencing sword
- 46 Caused Noah's flood
- 48 Alternative (abbr.)
- 50 French "yes"
- 51 Remains holder
- 52 Lumber

Sunday readings: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34 and 1Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

ACROSS

- 1 African nation
- 5 Older house needs
- 8 Border
- 11 Rice wine
- 12 Greenish-blue color
- 13 Kimono sash
- 14 Russian ruler
- 15 "Dei"
- 16 fire
- 17 Nominated
- 19 Small lake
- 20 Turn sour
- 23 That girl
- 25 Preliminary
- 27 Abraham sat by these of Mamre
- 30 United States of America
- 31 Widow of Zarephath spoke of
- 33 Wing
- 35 "I say to you"
- 37 Isaiah was one
- 39 Next Pope Paul will be
- 41 Rio
- 42 Genuflect on
- 45 Bear will eat this with a cow
- 47 Small bite
- 48 Blessed or Alain
- 49 Love God with your whole
- 53 We believe in God
- 54 Timothy's grandmother

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Seminarian champs at the Mount



Provided by Msgr. Mike Heintz

In between their studies, seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend engage in sporting competitions against other seminary and university teams. Recently, the Mount St. Mary's Seminary football team, left, won its second consecutive university intramural championship in October. Team members, from left, are quarterback Ben Landrigan, Jake Schneider and Brian Florin, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; tournament MVP Mike Bovino, Diocese of Norwich; Jon Fiormonti, Diocese of Arlington; and conditioning coach Msgr. Michael Heintz. At right, Team Fort Wayne-South Bend was crowned intramural sand volleyball champion at Mount St. Mary's University: From left are members Zane Langenbrunner, Logan Parrish, Sam Anderson, Landrigan, Deacon Dan Niezer, Vince Faurote, Schneider and Florin.

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Catholic Business Network First Friday Breakfast
FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Business Network will meet Nov. 2 for an All Souls Day Mass at 7 a.m. in Good Shepherd Chapel at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St. At 8 a.m. the Cathedral Bookstore will be revealing the new name with a ribbon cutting and open house. An exclusive sale will be offered to all members of the Catholic Business Network on top of promotions throughout the store. Free parking at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/bookstore

Rosary for the Poor Souls
MISHAWAKA — The annual Rosary for the Poor Souls will be recited on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Cemetery, located at the southeast corner of Jefferson Blvd. and Liberty Drive. The rosary will take place rain or shine.

St. Charles Borromeo craft fair
FORT WAYNE — St. Charles will have a craft fair, Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school, 4910 Trier Rd. All 135 vendor spots are filled with unique, handcrafted goods. Lunch of hot dogs, sloppy joes, ham and cheese subs and the famous "sloppy dog" will be available for purchase, along

with cookies, pie and drinks. All proceeds benefit the school Fine Arts Boosters.

Craft show at Most Precious Blood
FORT WAYNE — Most Precious Blood Parish will have a craft show Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the school gym, 1529 Barthold St. There will be a craft show, bake sale, snack bar and more.

Annual Snowflake Bazaar and Luncheon
HUNTINGTON — St. Mary Parish, 903 N. Jefferson St., will host a Snowflake Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym. Crafts, bake sale, lunch and a raffle will be sponsored by the St. Mary's

Rosary Sodality. On Sunday the bazaar will continue immediately after Masses, only in the gym.

How to talk about tough moral issues, with Trent Horn
FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent's Seize the Faith committee presents: "How to talk about tough moral issues" with Trent Horn on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd. This event is sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, Redeemer Radio and St. Vincent de Paul Church.

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people present. "The invitation of Jesus to the first apostles, "I will make you fishers of men," is also addressed to us. It means that we are called to bring people to Jesus. What a great vocation!

"Isn't it interesting that the first four apostles were fishermen?" he asked. "Two pairs of brothers, Simon (Peter) and Andrew, and James and John, left their boat, nets, even their father, right away to follow Jesus. A 'disciple' is a follower of Jesus. 'Disciple' is a Greek word, meaning 'student.'

"Our main teacher is Jesus. In school, you study about the life of Jesus. That's why we have Catholic schools: to study about and learn from Jesus, to learn how to pray and communicate with Jesus, how to be a friend of Jesus. In fact, He is your best friend." The bishop's words, which unfolded the daily Gospel reading of Mark 1:14-20, seemed to connect with the children, who learn in school how to grow in friendship with others.

"The saints heard Jesus' call to follow and they answered Him. We are all called to be saints. We don't keep our faith to ourselves: We share His message of salvation with others. Priest, sister, religious brother, layperson, married or single, whatever your vocation, you are called to be a missionary to others, a missionary disciple, sharing the love of Jesus, who died for us, with others."



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades addresses the students in attendance at the South Bend All-Schools Mass on Oct. 24.

Bishop Rhoades emphasized the universal call to holiness. "There is no way to become holy if we don't pray. ... In school you pray together, at Mass, in class, and also I want to recommend to speak with Jesus one-on-one. First thing in the morning, say, 'Good Morning, Jesus! Thank you for my family! Help me today to grow in Your love.' Talk to Him and listen to Jesus speak to you in your heart. The saints also pray for us here on earth," he told them. "They remind us that we are called to be saints, to live with God forever in heaven."



Bell ringers provide musical accompaniment at the Mass.



Ethan Pam, a fourth-grade student at St. Matthew Cathedral School in South Bend, dressed like St. Andrew Dung Loc for the All-Schools Mass at Purcell Pavilion, University of Notre Dame, Oct. 24.



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