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'A faith home away from home'

BY JODI MARLIN



John Martin

Catholic students of Manchester University and the house that will serve as a place of prayer, praise and study are sprinkled with holy water during a blessing by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Sept. 17. Father Andrew Curry, left, will oversee ministry at the Newman Catholic Student Center, along with a team from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester.

A place of prayer, respite, study and worship for Catholic students at Manchester University opened its doors Tuesday evening, Sept. 17. A blessing by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and a reception inaugurated the only Newman Center in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the visible, accessible and conveniently located presence of the Catholic Church at the campus.

Members of the leadership of the university, as well parishioners of nearby St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester, and more than a dozen students were on hand to mark the occasion.

Before blessing with holy water the exterior and interior of the center, and those who were present, Bishop Rhoades welcomed everyone and acknowledged that their prayers, donations and physical labor were what had made a reality of something that began as a prompting by the Holy Spirit of St. Robert pastor Father Curry.

"This will be a home away from home," he said. "It will be a focal point for Catholic life at this university, giving witness to our faith in Christ within the context of an academic community."

The bishop read the Gospel of the Great Commission from the Book of Matthew, and proclaimed: "The reason for the

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Father Eric Zimmer appointed University of Saint Francis president

FORT WAYNE – Father Eric Zimmer, pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton, has been appointed president of the University of Saint Francis, effective July 1, 2020.

Father Zimmer was appointed by the founding congregation, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, working closely with the USF Board of Trustees. He will succeed Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, who will retire after 27 years as president on June 30.

"I take with all seriousness the opportunity to follow in the



FATHER ERIC ZIMMER

footsteps of Sister Elise at the University of Saint Francis," Father Zimmer said. "The concern for the whole person, in the Franciscan tradition, consistent with Church teaching on the sanctity of life, extends the vision of saints Francis and Clare to the present day. I am honored by the responsibility offered to me by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. I look forward to serving the university in this time of challenge and hope."

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Diocese reacts to discovery of fetal remains at abortionist's home

BY ANN CAREY

The Sept. 13 disclosure that the preserved remains of over 2,200 aborted babies had been found at the rural Illinois home of the recently deceased Indiana abortionist Ulrich "George" Klopfer has sparked outrage and demands for immediate investigations by authorities.

At an Allen County Right to Life press conference Sept. 16 in front of Klopfer's now-shuttered abortion facility in Fort Wayne, speakers asked for an immediate investigation by Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill, Jr.

That same day, Hill issued this statement: "The grisly discovery of these fetal remains at the Illinois home of a deceased abortion doctor shocks the conscience. Further, we have reason to believe there is an Indiana connection to these remains. This past weekend, I conferred with Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, and he and I have agreed to work together as my office coordinates an investigation."

The following day, St. Joseph County Right to Life and Lake County Right to Life held a joint press conference in front of the Women's Pavilion abortion facility in South Bend. The facility was also owned and operated by Klopfer. His Lake County facility was in Gary.

Klopfer was 75 when he died Sept. 3. He had performed abortions in Indiana since the 1970s but had his medical license revoked in 2016 after numerous infractions over the years.

Pro-life volunteers at the South Bend event said they had observed Klopfer carrying out boxes from that building and placing them in his car on numerous occasions, even after he was ordered to cease doing abortions. Lynne Scherschel, vice president of Lake County Right to Life, reported the same incidents at Klopfer's Gary facility.

Speaking at the South Bend gathering, executive director of St. Joseph County Right to Life Jackie Appleman said that Klopfer had "committed" more than 30,000 abortions. She called for authorities to search Klopfer's three Indiana facilities to ensure that all the human remains are found and given proper burial, noting that women have been reaching out to Right to Life, fearful their babies have been stored in Klopfer's garage.

Appleman also asked for an investigation into whether former employees of Klopfer were complicit in storing, hiding or selling the remains of aborted babies.

An Indiana law requiring burial or cremation of aborted human remains was passed by the Indiana legislature in 2016



Photos by Ann Carey

Father Glenn Kohrman speaks at a press conference Sept. 17 in front of the former Women's Pavilion abortion facility in South Bend.

but delayed by legal challenges until the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the law in May of this year. Even before that law went into effect, Klopfer's actions violated Indiana medical waste laws, according to Steven Aden, chief legal officer of Americans United for Life.

Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of South Bend's Holy Family and St. John the Baptist parishes, said at the South Bend press conference that our culture's greatest need is "reverence for each other." He noted that "children are alive before they take their first breath, they really are: statistically, scientifically, all the rest."

Father Kohrman did not use a name, but he appeared to be refuting comments by South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, a presidential candidate who recently attempted to justify his support for abortion rights by claiming that the Bible says life does not begin until a person breathes.

Father Kohrman, who also serves on the board of Catholic Charities, stressed that any woman who needs assistance in carrying her pregnancy to term will be helped by that organization.

or man through the Project Rachel confidential network of trained counselors, priests and companions.

Perhaps the most moving testimony at both press conferences came from Serena Dyksen of Elkhart. She related her experience of abortion by Klopfer when she was only 13, the victim of rape by an uncle. She said she did not even know what abortion was and went through with it "out of innocence and trusting that adults had my best interest in mind."

She depicted Klopfer as cold and uncaring, and when she cried out in pain, his reaction was to "yell" at her to be quiet. Dyksen related she suffered physical repercussions and debilitating emotional pain that lasted for years until she began the healing process after an "encounter" with Jesus.

"Even after much healing and attending a post-abortive retreat, hearing the news of over 2,000 baby remains on George Klopfer's property stirred up so many emotions — not only for me but many women reaching out to me. I feel like I have been violated all over again," she related.

Dyksen said she wants a full investigation to be done and for the babies to have a proper burial. She is working with attorneys to sue Klopfer's estate to obtain DNA testing to determine if her child is one of the babies found.

The county Right to Life groups have been in contact with local prosecutors about plans for an investigation and have learned that prosecutors are coordinating with the Indiana attorney general to determine how to proceed.

Another speaker, Lisa Everett, director of Project Rachel for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, offered assistance in healing to any post-abortive woman



Pro-life advocates in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend ask for a search warrant to determine if more fetal remains are in the building in South Bend used for Ulrich Klopfer's abortion business. Among the speakers at the South Bend press conference were, from left, Jackie Appleman, executive director of St. Joseph County Right to Life; Lynne Scherschel, vice-president of Lake County Right to Life; State Rep. Christy Stutzman; and Eric Scheidler, executive director of Pro-Life Action League.

Indiana, Illinois launch investigation

BY NATALIE HOEFER

INDIANAPOLIS — The story of 2,246 aborted fetal remains found at the Illinois home of late abortion doctor Ulrich Klopfer continues to unfold.

From medical records found in close proximity to the remains, “We’ve been able to ascertain that [they] are pertaining to a period of time from 2000 to 2002,” said Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill at a press conference at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis Sept. 20.

Those records also identified that “all 2,246 fetal remains do come from the state of Indiana,” he added.

Klopfer, whom Hill referred to as “one of the most notorious abortionists in the history of Indiana,” formerly ran abortion centers in the northern Indiana cities of Fort Wayne, South Bend and Gary.

The buildings were abandoned after his medical license was suspended indefinitely in 2016 “as a result of a whole host of violations, including record keeping,” Hill said.

The three buildings were searched by police on Sept. 19. No additional fetal remains were discovered. But what was found were “thousands of abandoned medical records,” he said.

When a physician retires, “ordinarily there’s some process in place where those records are transferred to another physician or the Indiana Department of Health,” Hill explained. The abandoned records have now been secured by the attorney general’s office to ensure their accessibility and to protect patient privacy.

The records will be used as part of the investigation to determine “if there is any information that would suggest that any other licensed professionals have a hand in the transference of these fetal remains across the state lines,” said the attorney general.

“Also as a part of this investigation, we’re looking to see if those records shed light on anyone else who might be culpable for particular licensing problems, as well as criminal violations ... that could lead to someone being investigated for child molestation, rape or incest.”

When asked if this incident will change the licensing procedure of abortion centers in Indiana, Hill responded, “It certainly will be a consideration.”

“The purpose of having licensing procedures is, one, to identify if a particular clinic [is] appropriate for doing this kind of work, and also having follow-up to make sure that things that are supposed to be done have been done.”

“It’s somewhat troubling that we look back in history and find, here’s 2,246 fetuses that were



Natalie Hoefler

During a press conference in Indianapolis on Sept. 20, Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill address the media about the investigation into the 2,246 aborted fetal remains found on the Illinois property of late abortion doctor Ulrich Klopfer after it was determined all of the remains came from three abortion centers he ran in Northern Indiana.

Hill on the investigation. The Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League also led a prayer vigil outside of the Will County Coroner’s Office in Joliet Sept. 19.

“It’s very important to bring these babies back home,” Hill said. “We want to make sure we have a safe and appropriate environment here in Indiana. We will take the time necessary to ensure that. It could be a matter of days; it could be longer. But the bottom line is we have secured the safety of those remains, and that is our top priority.”

Ultimately, the fetuses will be “treated in accordance with current Indiana law [requiring] burial and cremation and dignity and respect.”

“We’re thankful the attorney general is treating these babies as babies, with the dignity and respect they deserved all along,” said Marc Tuttle, president of Right to Life of Indianapolis.

“And we’re thankful he’s taking this seriously, to get to the bottom of any laws or regulations that were violated. We hope this is a wake-up call for authorities to continue to monitor and regulate the abortion industry, because these types of things happen too often.”

Natalie Hoefler is a reporter for The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

supposed to have been properly disposed and they’re not,” he admitted. “So the procedural breakdown in terms of a regulatory process, that needs to be addressed at some point.”

Hill also noted that the situation is “indicative of the correctness of states like Indiana having a law that provides for what should happen to a fetus that’s been aborted,” a reference to 2018 state legislation that was upheld by the Supreme Court.

He summarized the investigation moving forward as “trying to determine how this happened, who was involved and what, if anything, we can do about it, and what we can do going forward to prevent this from happening in the future.”

As for the 2,246 aborted fetuses, which Klopfer preserved with a biological-preserving chemical, Hill said they “are now safe” at the coroner’s office in Will County, Illinois, the county where Klopfer lived.

According to Catholic News Service, Illinois is working with

FOR THOSE WHO HAD AN ABORTION

at Klopfer’s Fort Wayne, South Bend or Gary facilities between 2000 and 2002, the Indiana Attorney General’s office has created two communication methods. Call 317-234-6663 or email questions@atg.in.gov.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is offering the use of the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne for the proper and dignified burial of the remains of these unborn children. Any woman or man suffering the wounds of abortion can also contact the Project Rachel ministry at 1-855-RACHEL HOPE (1-855-722-4354) or email projectrachelhope@gmail.com.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, September 29: 11 a.m. — Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
 Monday, September 30: 5:15 p.m. — Red Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
 Tuesday, October 1: 5:30 p.m. — Red Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
 Wednesday, October 2: 9:30 a.m. — Service of Blessing and Dedication for Renovated Achatz Hall, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, October 3: 10:30 a.m. — Tour of Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne, with St. Matthew School Seventh Graders
 Friday, October 4: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen
 Saturday, October 5: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen
 Saturday, October 5: 6 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Fort Wayne



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades’ statement on discovery of remains of over 2,000 unborn children

I join my voice to the many people who have expressed their horror and disgust at the discovery of 2,246 medically preserved remains of unborn babies in the Illinois home of Ulrich Klopfer, who performed thousands of abortions in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I strongly support the investigation being carried out by the attorneys general of Illinois and Indiana. I also offer any assistance, including the use of our Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne, for the proper and dignified burial of the remains of these unborn children.

I am glad that some abortion advocates have joined in expressing their shock and disturbance at the discovery of the remains of the aborted babies, yet I am amazed at their simultaneous deceptive and false affirmation that abortion is health care and serves and empowers women. Some promote an abortion agenda so radical that they support legal abortion even in the third trimester, without restrictions.

Abortion is not health care. It is the intentional killing of innocent and defenseless human beings. Abortion does not serve or empower women; rather, it harms and victimizes them. The wounds of abortion are deep, often resulting in emotional, psychological and spiritual suffering. The Church offers hope and healing to all who suffer from the pain of abortion and its aftermath through our post-abortion ministry, Project Rachel. I invite any woman or man suffering the wounds of abortion to contact our Project Rachel ministry at 1-855-RACHEL HOPE. We feel especially at this time for those women who had abortions performed by Ulrich Klopfer who have been traumatized by the discovery of the remains of the unborn babies who were possibly their own.

The discovery of the fetal remains shows the barbarity of abortion. As disturbed as we are by the discovery, we need to be even more disturbed that innocent human life continues to be taken here in our diocese with the opening a few months ago of the Whole Women’s Health clinic in South Bend. This facility, though rightly not granted a license by the Indiana Department of Health, was allowed to open and operate by a federal court injunction. After the closing of Klopfer’s clinic in Fort Wayne in 2013 and the closing of his clinic in South Bend in 2016, when his medical license was suspended, our diocese had been a place without abortion facilities, where innocent human life was protected. Women in crisis pregnancies were served with care and compassion, especially through the Women’s Care Centers. This care and compassion continue, though now we again have a place where the most vulnerable and voiceless among us can be killed in their mother’s womb. Let us pray fervently that our diocese will one day soon be again without an abortion clinic. And let us pray for a greater respect for all human life and for a greater respect for the true dignity of women.

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

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Father Zimmer currently serves as associate teaching professor in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame as well as pastor of Saint Patrick. He directs the Mendoza College of Business interchange with the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education. He teaches negotiation and business communication and his research emphasis includes the adoption of innovation in nonprofit organizations and the fundraising practices of nonprofits. He has previously worked in higher education at Creighton University, Georgetown University and the University of Washington.

"We extend a warm welcome to Father Eric Zimmer as the next president of the University of Saint Francis," said Sister M. Angela Mellady, OSF, Provincial Superior, Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. "Our mission of Catholic higher education has been blessed by so many dedicated administrators, faculty, staff, trustees and benefactors who have partnered with us for 129 years. This marks the first time in our history that a sister will not serve as president. We are grateful to Sister Elise and all those sisters who have served at the University of Saint Francis since its founding in 1890. It is an honor and a privilege for the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration to sponsor the University of Saint Francis and we are deeply grateful for Father Zimmer's experience and willingness to serve as our next president. We offer him our heartfelt congratulations and assure him of our prayerful support."

Father Zimmer brings an impressive background of experience and leadership to USF. His body of work includes:

- Attaché for the Holy See Permanent Mission to the United Nations
- Founder and Director of Leadership Development at the Creighton University School of Medicine
- Official of the Secretariat for the Congregation for Catholic Education, Universities Section, the Holy See
- Trustee, National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing
- Trustee, Rudolph P. and Florence Nadbath Charitable Trust
- Trustee, Loyola University New Orleans
- Captain, United States Air Force Reserve
- CEO, Jesuits.net
- State Chaplain, Knights of Columbus, Washington, D.C.
- Chair, Media Advisory Board, Georgetown University
- Chair, Pedro Arrupe Scholarship for Peace, Georgetown University
- Chair, Speaker Series, CCT Program, Georgetown University
- Regent, Saint Ignatius High School Board of Regents, Cleveland, Ohio

"I am very pleased Father Zimmer will succeed Sister Elise Kriss as president of the University of Saint Francis," Board of Trustees Chair Bill Niezer said. "Father Zimmer well understands the challenges facing higher education and I believe possesses the skills necessary to meet those challenges and to advance the mission of the university. Under



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Father Zimmer's leadership, the University of Saint Francis will continue to meet the educational needs of our students and remain a beneficial member of the greater Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana community."

Father Zimmer has a track record of success in fundraising, finance and investments. He increased Saint Patrick's Parish revenue by 50% in the first 12 months and developed six- and seven-figure capacity prospects for Creighton University. He also assisted in the design of the request for a high eight-figure gift at Notre Dame. He developed the fundraising arm of the National Office for Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing.

He is also an innovator and entrepreneur who created Jesuits.net, an international online networking and communication tool for Jesuits. He directed a multilevel national research team for Annenberg Public Policy Institute's multiyear study on inhibiting effects of anti-drug

video messages. As Official of the Secretariat, Father Zimmer directed Vatican oversight of 1,013 Anglophone Catholic universities, ecclesiastical faculties of theology, philosophy and canon law, and affiliated seminaries – 54% of Catholic worldwide institutions, including 216 in the United States.

Father Zimmer holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, an MBA from the University of Chicago, a M.Div. and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley,

an M.A. from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. from Loyola University of New Orleans.

Father Zimmer has also spent time focusing on international pastoral ministry and service through long-term service in international communities, including Nepal, India, Chile, France and Italy, and in pastoral care with Omaha's Hispanic community and New York City's inner city and Ground Zero communities. He speaks five languages. He is also an avid cyclist and professionally trained bicycle

mechanic who biked across the United States in 2003 for Project Rachel.

During the 2019-20 academic year, Father Zimmer will continue to serve at Notre Dame and Saint Patrick while Sister Elise focuses on finishing her transformative career as USF president. Sister Elise will lead a full agenda at USF while helping to assure a successful transition for Father Zimmer.

"As we work to accomplish the many important tasks before the university this academic year, our focus will be on positioning the University of Saint Francis for the future," Sister Elise said. "I look forward to working with Father Zimmer and the Board of Trustees to facilitate a smooth leadership transition during the coming months."

Founded in 1890 in the Catholic Franciscan tradition, the University of Saint Francis offers more than 70 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs through the School of Health Sciences, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership and School of Creative Arts. In addition to its traditional programs, USF designs focused curricula for working adults in Fort Wayne, Crown Point and online. USF Downtown houses the university's business and music technology programs while offering enhanced internship and networking opportunities for students. The University of Saint Francis campus experience includes 18 athletic programs boasting two individual and four team NAIA national championships and is recognized as an NAIA Five-Star Champion of Character institution.

Approximately 2,200 students from a broad geographic region attend USF.

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Newman Catholic Student Center is to be a home of faith and also a place of evangelization ... and most importantly, a place of prayer for the students to come."

He called attention to the date of the blessing, which was the feast day of St. Robert Bellarmine. "A great patron saint, a doctor of the church, a great scholar, a bishop, a cardinal," he noted.

While Newman groups exist on other college and university campuses in the diocese, Manchester University is the only non-Catholic school near which a physical entity, a Newman Center, is located. It will serve as a hub of outreach to students and a faith environment from which the love of Christ will be shared with the student body, which totals around 7,000. Weekly Mass and a doubling of the frequency of the annual Spartan Awakening retreat are already planned for the location.

The address of the former single-family residence is 1010 Wayne St. It sits diagonally across the street from Helman Hall and the MU Administration Building, very close to campus — a particularly providential part of God's plan, Protestant pastor Art Hunn and several others in attendance believe.

The home was purchased in May and then remodeled over the summer by Father Curry, several students and parishioners. Two interior walls came down in order to open up the space for gatherings, a new furnace and landscaping installed, a small basement gutted and newer cabinets and appliances installed in the kitchen.

Ben Nesler's family, parishioners of St. Robert, were among those who responded to the call to make ready the space. Ben is a freshman elementary education major at MU: He, his parents and siblings refinished the home's hardwood floors over the



Photos by John Martin

Manchester University students and Father Andrew Curry stand ready to begin a blessing of the Newman Catholic Student Center Sept. 17. The center is located across the street from campus and will serve as a faith home for students.

course of a recent weekend.

In the past, ministry to Catholic students at Manchester University has consisted of different types of outreach, predominantly taking the form of a monthly meeting on campus and a fall retreat at the parish, said Father Curry. With the new center so much more is possible. There are different spaces in the house where students can do homework, have discussions, pray and hold meetings, and a Mass will be celebrated weekly

on the second floor, where two former bedrooms have been turned into a chapel.

"I think of the commuters," said Julie Wendel, a St. Robert parishioner who attended the blessing. "If you drive to campus and then have two hours between classes, well, we'd be open. You can come over here, study, relax, have a cup of coffee."

The MU Newman Catholic Student Center is considered a ministry of the parish. A pastoral team will oversee the ministry,

which will be carried out by Father Curry.

Open hours at the center are Tuesday, 8-10 p.m., Thursday 8-10 p.m. and Sunday 7-10 p.m. with Mass at 8 p.m. On Tuesdays, "Praise and Prayer" will take place at 8 p.m. A discussion on the Gospels will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26. Open hours may be extended in the future.

The first Newman Centers were inspired by the writings of Cardinal Blessed John Henry Newman and established in the

late 1800s.

"One of his great works was the idea of a university, and his insights into education are still relevant today," said Bishop Rhoades. "Especially the holistic education of our young people: the education of the mind, but never at the expense of the heart or the soul."

"When we think of that word, education, it comes from the Latin, 'educare,' which means, 'to lead beyond,' he continued. "And you who are students at Manchester University, your time at the university is a time to be led beyond yourselves. That's what true education does: It leads us beyond ourselves to truths that are greater than ourselves.

"The greatest reality of all is the One who is Himself the Truth and satisfies the hungers of every human heart and mind — God. Let us bless the Lord then, and pray that He will shower His blessings on all who will gather and study in this place," he concluded.

Manchester University President Dave McFadden said he's excited to have a Newman Center so easily accessible to students. "I'm sure that they will find it to be a faith home away from home. Having a place to gather for Mass and worship will help keep them connected to their faith.

"Catholic students make up about 15 percent of our student body here in North Manchester, and this gives them an inviting space to be together," he said. "I spend a lot of time with students, and know they will especially appreciate the kitchen and comfortable furniture for hanging out."

Father Curry has become an integral part of life on campus for MU Catholic students, he added.

"He and I talked about this center, this dream of his, over coffee and lunch many times. I'm delighted to see the dream realized."



University President Dave McFadden, right, welcomed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for the blessing and open house and expressed his appreciation for a place that will help Catholic students stay connected to their faith.

Letters to Blessed John Henry Newman show his role as pastor, evangelist

OXFORD, England (CNS) — Thousands of documents relating to England's 19th-century convert-cardinal, Blessed John Henry Newman, are being released ahead of his Oct. 13 canonization, highlighting his role as a pastor and evangelist, said Church experts. Although 32 annotated volumes of the cardinal's letters and diaries have been published over the past five decades, the new material includes letters and correspondence to the future saint. "Up to now, we've had only half his correspondence, with just fragments of letters he received, so this will greatly improve ... understanding of the complex issues he dealt with," said Paul Shrimpton, an Oxford-based expert on Newman's educational theories. Father Ignatius Harrison, provost of Birmingham's Oratory of St. Philip Neri, said Cardinal Newman "wasn't just a lofty philosopher — he was primarily a priest and prophet, who foresaw the difficulties facing Christianity in a secular world. He was loved in his lifetime not because everyone had read his academic masterpieces, but because of his pastoral kindness to the poor and sick, as these collections graphically illustrate," Father Harrison said. The first of 250,000 folios of letters and photographs preserved at the oratory were published for the first time, under a digitization program co-organized by the National Institute for Newman Studies in Pittsburgh.

Eritrean bishops protest government seizure of Catholic schools

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — Eritrean bishops protested the government's seizure of Catholic schools and asked that the Church be enabled to continue its educational and health services. "If this is not hatred against the faith and against religion, what else can it be?" Archbishop Mengheseab Tesfamariam of Asmara, Bishop Thomas Osman of Barentu, Bishop Kidane Yebio of Keren and Bishop Fikremariam Hagos Tsalim of Segheneity said in a letter to Eritrea's minister of public education. "Our voice of protest" is raised again at the government's "arbitrary and unilateral measures," the bishops said, noting that the closure of its schools follows the seizure of its clinics and other medical facilities in June. "Considering that the actions that are being taken against our educational and health institutions are contrary to the rights and to the legitimate freedom of the Church and heavily limit the exercise of the postulates of faith, mission and social services, we ask that the recent resolutions are reviewed and

Nations have 'moral duty' to fight climate change



CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

Students from St. Joseph High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., participate in the Global Climate Strike in New York City Sept. 20. The youth-led march and rally was one of many demonstrations held around the world urging government and business leaders to take immediate action to combat climate change. Governments have an unprecedented "moral duty" to take urgent action to combat climate change, Catholic development agencies have said. In a statement released ahead of the U.N. Climate Action Summit, which started in New York Sept. 23, they described the rate of climate change as an emergency, a social crisis and an environmental catastrophe.

the consequent course of action promptly stopped," the bishops said. The Most Holy Redeemer Secondary School of Asmara's seminary was closed two years ago, with three other secondary schools closed in September; one of the secondary schools includes a primary school. The bishops said in June that all health facilities run by the Catholic Church in Eritrea — more than 20, with many on the property of monasteries — had been seized by the government.

Busy working mom promotes praying rosary daily 'One Hail Mary at a Time'

FORT WORTH, Texas (CNS) — She's raising seven children while managing a household, marriage and high-energy career in banking. It's no wonder Kristin Reilly considers prayer — more specifically the rosary — her life raft. Every morning at 6:45 a.m. Central Standard Time, the busy mom cuddles a baby or toddler

on her lap as she leads more than 400 people in a live recitation of the rosary online at www.instagram.com/manyhailmarysatatime and her Facebook page One Hail Mary at a Time. Her Instagram account has over 30,000 followers and many log onto the daily-recorded video — available on both sites for 24 hours — to pray with her during a more convenient time. The prayer warriors span the globe and live in places like Zambia, Ireland, Australia, South America and the Philippines. "It's just growing and growing," said Reilly, who started the live presentation last October from her home in Illinois and invites Catholic authors and leaders to join her as guest hosts. "My goal is to get a hundred million people around the world to pray the rosary," she said in a phone interview with North Texas Catholic, magazine of the Diocese of Fort Worth. The Facebook page — One Hail Mary at a Time — explains the rosary, offers thoughtful Marian reflections and encourages family prayer. The 37-year-old also uses the forum to share aspects of her

hectic life managing a brood of youngsters age 10 and under. Her youngest is just 4 months old.

U.S. delegation brings V Encuentro results to pope, Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A delegation of U.S. bishops and laypeople came to Rome to share with Pope Francis and Vatican officials the joyful experiences and valuable recommendations that came out of last year's Fifth National Encuentro. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told Catholic News Service that he was looking forward to announcing "the good news" about what they've learned and how the process has been unfolding. "When we talked to the Holy Father" as they were still preparing for the September 2018 event, the archbishop said forming and inspiring missionary disciples across the nation "was our dream, and now we can share with him that it is happening." Archbishop Gomez along

with Bishop Nelson J. Perez of Cleveland, chairman of the USCCB committee on cultural diversity in the Church, and Auxiliary Bishop Arturo Cepeda of Detroit, chairman of the subcommittee on Hispanic affairs, led a delegation to the Vatican Sept. 13-18. They were presenting the "Proceedings and Conclusions of the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry," and they spoke with CNS Sept. 16. The materials they have been sharing offer a summary of the challenges, opportunities, recommendations and successful practices when it comes to pastoral care and accompaniment of Hispanic and Latino communities in the United States and their call to be missionary disciples.

Renowned journalist Cokie Roberts, lifelong Catholic, dies at age 75

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cokie Roberts, a broadcast journalist and political commentator who spoke publicly about her Catholic faith and her admiration for the Sacred Heart sisters who taught her, died Sept. 17 due to complications from breast cancer. She was 75. Roberts, who died at her home in Bethesda, Maryland, was an Emmy award-winning reporter, author and frequent keynote speaker at Catholic college graduations. She was described as "a true pioneer for women in journalism," by James Goldston, president of ABC News, her long-time employer. He said her "kindness, generosity, sharp intellect and thoughtful take on the big issues of the day made ABC a better place and all of us better journalists." She was inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame and was listed one of the 50 greatest women in the history of broadcasting by the American Women in Radio and Television. She also was named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress in 2008. Roberts started her radio career at CBS and in 1978 began working for NPR covering Capitol Hill, where she continued to work as a political commentator until her death. Roberts joined ABC News in 1988 and during her three decades there, she was a political commentator, chief congressional analyst and co-anchor with Sam Donaldson of the news program "This Week" from 1996 to 2002. She was born in New Orleans in 1943 with the full name Mary Martha Corinne Morrison Claiborne Boggs and was nicknamed "Cokie" by her brother. Roberts attended Catholic schools in New Orleans and Bethesda, run by the sisters of the Society of the Sacred Heart. During her career, she also wrote eight books, including a book with her husband, Steve Roberts, also a journalist, called "From This Day Forward" about their interfaith marriage. Steve is Jewish.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Sisters of the Holy Cross install General Administration



Provided by Amy Smessaert

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross installed its 2019–24 General Administration on Sept. 8 in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame. The leadership members are, front row, from left, Holy Cross Sisters Pushpa Teresa Gomes, first councilor; M. Veronique (Wiedower), president; and Esther Adjoa Entsiwah, councilor. In the back row, from left, are Holy Cross Sisters Suzanne Brennan, councilor; Kathleen Moroney, general treasurer; Catherine Osimo, general secretary; and Mary Tieman, councilor.

Pro-life benches vandalized



Provided by St. Joseph County Right to Life

Four South Bend roadside benches promoting abortion pill reversal and abortion alternatives to women in crisis were vandalized with black paint Sept. 18. The messages were sponsored by the St. Joseph County Right to Life organization. "In response to the 2,246 fetal remains found in former South Bend abortionist Ulrich Klopfer's home, we have been receiving messages all week from women who regret their abortion," Executive Director Jackie Appleman said.

Vision of universal Church shared at confirmation retreat

BY JOHN PRATT

More than 400 eighth grade students and adult leaders gathered in South Bend at St. Joseph High School Sept. 21 for the Sealed by the Spirit confirmation retreat. Students attended from 18 parishes across the diocese.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated a 9:30 a.m. Mass to open the day, praying and sharing a message with the young men and women he will soon be confirming. The Mass took place on the feast of St. Matthew, who Bishop Rhoades noted is the patron of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. He also reminded the students of the blessing they have in the example of other young men and women within the diocese who are choosing to follow Christ.

One of the religious communities present was the Congregation of Holy Cross, which sent seven seminarians led by Bradley Stalcup, who have formed a music group called the Band of Men. The seminarians brought the joy of music and the beauty of the Catholic faith to life

through their folk songs, praise and worship, and sacred music for Mass and adoration.

The second religious community supporting students throughout the day was the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Sister Fiat Staley attended, along with three other members of her community. Sister Fiat shared the beauty of the message of God's love for the young men and women

preparing for confirmation and urged them to remember to always be a home with the Lord.

World Youth Day Panama pilgrims Dane Litchfield and Jennifer Litchfield emceed the event and created an enthusiastic and youthful retreat experience for all those gathered.

Several high school members of the Diocesan Youth Leadership team led confirmation catechesis trivia and taught about the lives of the saints. These youth leaders' experience with the universal Church helped them to instill an appreciation for it among those preparing for confirmation.

Father Ryan Pietrocarlo, CSC,

"The Eucharist was the one that made that unity happen."

FATHER RYAN PIETROCARLO, CSC

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John Pratt

Students from Saint Joseph High School and St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, helped plan the retreat and worked the event. They facilitated as participants created spiritual bouquets for their pastors and parishes.

Pro-life and social justice: 'both-and,' not 'either-or'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

To be authentically Catholic is to be pro-life. To be pro-life is to love and protect the unborn, the poor, the marginalized, the sick and suffering, and the elderly and dying. We need to be united as Catholics, as a people of and for life," Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told the Belles for Life, a Saint Mary's College right-to-life club Wednesday evening, Sept. 18. It was the first lecture of a speaker series on the campus of the Notre Dame, Indiana, school.

The event was open to the public as well as to students. A lecture and Q&A session afterward allowed everyone present to learn more about the depth and breadth of being pro-life.

The Belles asked Bishop Rhoades about a variety of topics, from euthanasia and immigration to gun control, because the group strives to establish a pro-life culture on campus that respects life from conception



Students of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, listen to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades share the Catholic pro-life perspective Sept. 18 at the school.



Photos by Jennifer Miller

To be authentically Catholic is to be both pro-life and support and defend the poor and the immigrant, the bishop told the Belles for Life, a Saint Mary's club. His presentation was the first in a series of speakers on life issues on the campus.

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Invited by SMC student and St. Pius X parishioner Bonita Murphy, Bishop Rhoades pastorally and thoroughly explained the Catholic Church's "both-and" way of living out its respect for life.

He began with basics. "I chose the title for this talk, 'To be Authentically Catholic is to be Pro-Life,' based on the fact that, as St. John Paul II taught: 'The Gospel of Life is an integral part of the Gospel' and because we are to be a people of and for life. This is part of who we are as disciples of Jesus Christ," he said. "Being at the service of life is our duty. We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, based on the truth that every human being has been created in the image and likeness of God, from the moment of conception until death. We believe in the greatness and inestimable value of every human life.

"There's a terrible split that has taken place among some in the Church, a division between so-called 'pro-life' and 'social justice' Catholics. This is a false dichotomy. I see this tendency within the Church — sometimes it's identified as liberal vs. conservative Catholics or left-wing vs. right wing Catholics," he said. "But this is not authentic Catholicism. Our tradition has never endorsed such a split. The Church has always had a deep commitment to the dignity of every human person and respect for life from conception to natural death. It is a very regrettable phenomenon that some Catholics have bought into a segregated

view, which distorts the Church's defense of human life and dignity."

He said he couldn't think of a saint of the Church who was not passionately committed to the love of the poor and needy and also to the love and protection of the unborn.

"We can't be 'either-or' Catholics. One of the great strengths of Catholicism is that we are 'both-and,' he continued. "The Church is profoundly concerned about justice and human rights for all people. We are profoundly committed to the right to life, which is the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights. We are also profoundly committed to the right to health care, the right to food and shelter, the right to work, etc.

"Think of St. Mother Teresa — was there anyone in recent Church history more committed to the care of the poor and the social teachings of the Church? At the same time, in almost every talk she gave, she would talk about the evil of abortion."

Bishop Rhoades also highlighted the example of Dorothy Day; and the writings of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, all of whom were "deeply pro-life and so passionate about justice."

He acknowledged that this is why "so many faithful Catholics struggle about who to vote for in political elections. In some ways, we don't fit into the political parties and their platforms today."

The Belles of St. Mary's responded with nods and

thoughtful questions.

Afterwards, friends Kelly Harris and Cassie Miller, juniors from Illinois, shared their appreciation of the bishop's words.

"I liked how he pointed out the difference between being Republican or Democrat and being Catholic," said Harris. So often, especially in the climate of today, we see people arguing: 'I'm pro-life.' 'Well, I'm pro-immigrant.' 'I'm pro-this.' 'I'm pro-that.' "And I'm always like, 'Well, I'm Catholic and so I'm going to align my beliefs with the faith.' I think he put that in an eloquent way: We can say we're both/and, not either/or, and I really liked that."

Miller agreed. "Everybody, especially the media, portrays the pro-life movement as just pro-birth, but I think the emphasis on immigrants and "until natural death" is super important too. Especially in college, which is sometimes a very liberal atmosphere. Focus on every stage of life. The social justice (topics) help represent that we're not just pro-birth. Humanity is what's at the center of Catholic teaching.

"I think, Jesus himself was human, so why would we not want to support every single human life?"

Bishop Rhoades encouraged and blessed the Belles, saying, "Belles for Life, the Lord is sending you to be witnesses of the truth of the sacredness of all human life here on the Saint Mary's College campus and beyond; to be authentic witnesses of the sanctity of life of the unborn and of all God's children."

Fort Wayne school restored, blessed

BY KEVIN KILBANE

The sign in the office at St. Joseph School in Fort Wayne says it all: "It's good to be home."

Most students, teachers and staff had to stay out of the school building for nearly nine months as workers repaired damage caused Nov. 12 by an electrical problem in the hallway ceiling of the school's upper, academic floor.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the restored school Sept. 17 after celebrating Mass at the parish with students, staff and parishioners. The school serves 198 children in prekindergarten through grade 8.

Joining Bishop Rhoades in celebrating the Mass and touring the school were Father Evaristo Olivera, St. Joseph pastor, and Father José Arroyo Acevedo, who served for a year as a deacon at the parish before being ordained a priest this summer. Father Arroyo now serves as a parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen.

"The mission statement of St. Joseph Parish is, 'We are the body of Christ,' and I saw that," principal Cristy Jordán said of the help and encouragement the school received. "It is alive and well here."

The electrical problem, which was discovered at night, resulted in smoke and water damage to most classrooms, Jordán said. Firefighters also had to poke holes in a large section of the school roof as they searched for the source of the smoke.

The diocese's policy with Catholic Mutual Group insurance paid for repairs and for restoring the classrooms with the technology available now, Jordán said.

During the Mass, Bishop Rhoades focused the first part of his homily on St. Robert Bellarmine, whose feast the Catholic Church observed that day.

"I pray especially today for your teachers, because St. Robert was a teacher," said the bishop. He walked down from the sanctuary to stand among the pews where students sat. "Do you know what makes St. Joseph School such a good school?" he asked. Your teachers!"

St. Robert Bellarmine helped his students become closer to Jesus, the bishop continued.

He also spoke about the day's Gospel reading, Luke 7:11-17. The passage tells of Jesus raising from the dead a young man who was the son of a widow.

After seeing the suffering and sadness of the widow, Jesus stopped and raised her son from the dead.

"That's how much Jesus loves those who are hurting," the bishop added.

"Life doesn't end with death," he noted. "Jesus gives us the gift of eternal life."



Photos by John Martin

Students at St. Joseph School, Fort Wayne, and their classroom are sprinkled with holy water by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Sept. 17. The bishop blessed restorations to the school that took place following smoke and water damage last fall.



Christy Jordán, principal, and Father Evaristo Olivera, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, welcomed Bishop Rhoades for the all-school Mass and blessing.

After Mass, the bishop first blessed the school from an outdoor courtyard that lies between the church and school. Students, school staff and parishioners stood around him in a large semicircle as a light drizzle fell.

He then went from classroom to classroom in the school, where he sprinkled holy water and blessed the rooms and the students and teachers in them.

Later, with all students sitting in the academic hallway, the bishop blessed a crucifix before

its return to a place on the wall of the hallway. He also blessed all of the students, school staff and parishioners in the hallway.

Jordán said many people contributed to the school's being able to carry on successfully after vacating the building during repairs.

The morning after the incident, she called principal Jim Huth of Bishop Luers High School to ask if her students could use the former Saint Anne Communities retirement center

Masses in addition to the elementary's regular Wednesday Mass with Father Olivera, she said, and Luers students wrote letters to the St. Joseph students, who wrote back. A Luers student also organized a dress-down day event to raise money for St. Joseph School.

"They kind of really embraced us as little brothers and sisters across the street from them," Jordán said.

In January, St. Joseph had to bring the fourth graders and fifth graders back to the parish campus because of a water problem in the former Saint Anne building. The prekindergarten was able to return to its regular classroom after about two weeks of work, Jordán said, and other grades had to meet in a main-floor room at the church and in the church basement during the restoration and repairs.

Jordán expressed appreciation for parish members being so understanding about the school's use of the space. School parents and parishioners also helped in other ways.

Many classroom materials and items had been in storage during the work on the school, Jordán said, and in early August, movers delivered stored items to the school gym but didn't plan to move them from the gym to classrooms. Pastor Olivera made a request for help at Mass and Jordán began calling school parents to ask them to assist. On the scheduled date, parents and parishioners moved all of the items from the gym to classrooms in 90 minutes.

Jordán also praised the work of teachers, staff, Father Olivera, the parish business manager and neighboring businesses that provided assistance. School started Aug. 15, just one week later than planned.

that now is part of the Luers campus. Huth said yes, and St. Joseph students in grades 4-8 began holding their classes at the Luers West campus.

The Luers staff and students went out of their way to welcome St. Joseph's students and staff, Jordán said. St. Joseph students attended Luers' school



St. Joseph students prepare to celebrate the first Mass back in their church.

Mission Day affirms importance of authentic formation

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

For first-year Saint Joseph High School science teacher Nicole Nemeth, teaching is about more than instructing her students: It's about formation. This includes holistic formation, both of her students and herself.

The importance of formation was affirmed and at the same time challenged at the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic School Mission Day. Mission Days are hosted annually in September — once on each end of the diocese — to bring teachers together to grow professionally and foster faith.

The keynote presentation was offered by Dr. Leonard J. DeLorenzo, director of undergraduate studies at the McGrath Institute for Church Life and author of several books. DeLorenzo spoke of two tendencies that fail to invite young people to enter deeper into the fullness of life. He called these “not formation.”

The first one stems from the idea that, “If we want religious things to appeal to young people, we have to make those religious things look just like young people,” he said. “Pandering,” as DeLorenzo termed this, expects too little.

The second “not-formation” is “self-creation,” the idea that “you are primarily responsible for manufacturing your own identity.” This fails to present an image of what one is to become, allowing students to shape-shift identities in an effort to be seen.

Not-formation is not what students actually want. What students want, DeLorenzo posited, is embodiment.

“They want to see something bold and beautiful. They want to be challenged. They want substance. It must be embodied through credible witnesses who show something challenging and back it up, who teach what's challenging and back it up, who form them for what's challenging and help them grow towards it.”

The most important question when talking about formation, DeLorenzo said, is “What are we forming young people for?”

The answer is sacrifice.

“That is, to be able to say ‘Yes’ with their lives to something bold. To be able to give themselves away. To be able to love and follow through on love.”

This resonated with Nemeth's experience as a teacher, she said. She sees within her students a desire to look ahead.

“I am here not to show them that scientists and saints are exactly as they are right now, but instead to challenge them to think about the future and what they can become.” This, for Nemeth, comes through striving to get to know students on a personal level, recognizing their unique story and interests.



Photos by Molly Gettinger

Leonard DeLorenzo, Ph.D., director of undergraduate studies at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, delivers the keynote lecture at Catholic School Mission Day in South Bend.

And as a graduate of diocesan Catholic schools herself, it comes through continually deepening her own faith.

Formation, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shared in his Fort Wayne homily, is also essential for staff. “If we are static in our intellectual or professional life, our teaching becomes boring and irrelevant. We lose our joy and enthusiasm. We are not creative. The same in our spiritual life and our living the Catholic mission

in our schools.” Similarly, he emphasized to teachers in South Bend the importance of “continually being educated ourselves at the school of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

During afternoon breakout sessions, Nemeth was struck by Father Terrence Ehrman, CSC, and his talk on faith and science. Father Ehrman shared that the two are inherently connected: God created the world and gave life to it, and He continues to do



Teachers from the South Bend side of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend gather at Saint Joseph High School Sept. 20 for Catholic School Mission Day.

so — even every new blade of grass is God's continuing act of creation.

When Nemeth investigates with her students, she said, “we are investigating the created



Nicole Nemeth is in her first year as a biology teacher at her alma mater, Saint Joseph.

world. We cannot study the act of creation itself, but we can study the natural mechanisms that are a part of the created world.” This, she believes, illustrates the inherent intersection of faith and science.

“We need science to give us the means to discover the world God created, and we need faith to answer the question of who created the world and what is our purpose in it.”

As Nemeth continues through her first year of teaching, it is her desire to serve God in the best way she can. She wants to truly make a difference in the lives of her students, she said. This desire was personally and professionally cultivated through Catholic School Mission Day, and it continues to take shape as she strives to “help my students grow in mind, heart, and spirit” and to “challenge myself to be more saint-like.”

Teachers at Bishop Dwenger High School present the gifts during Mass at Catholic School Mission Day, Sept. 6, in Fort Wayne.



John Martin



Bishop Rhoades celebrates a Mission Day Mass at Bishop Dwenger High School. Father Jay Horning, left, a chaplain at the school, concelebrates.

John Martin



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co-chaplain at Saint Joseph High School and parochial vicar at St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, also spoke about an experience of the larger Church to the eighth graders. "A big part of what are students are learning is the universal Church, that the Church is more than just our parish of St. Adalbert."

The students had many opportunities for prayer and the sacraments throughout the day. In addition to Mass with Bishop Rhoades, Brittany Baucom, youth minister at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, and the Band of Men led a session on prayer and praise, and worship music. Finally, in the afternoon, the students received the sacrament of reconciliation and prayed in adoration. As Father Pietrocarlo noted, "the Eucharist was the one that made that unity happen."

Because the diocesan youth who are preparing for their confirmation learned during the retreat about the universality of their faith, Father Pietrocarlo concluded: "They can think in a larger way of our diocesan Church and see the universal Church, and that there are other youth walking with them in their faith journeys."

John Pratt is director of youth ministry for the diocese.



Photos by John Pratt

Above, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets students following Mass at the Sealed with the Spirit retreat for youth preparing for confirmation this school year. Above right, Sister Mary Fiat speaks to the students. At bottom, youth minister Brittany Bowcom leads a workshop on prayer.

Band of Men leads songs of praise.

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Cardinal Etchegaray, Henri de Lubac and Vatican II

Last week, Cardinal Roger Etchegaray passed away. Perhaps his was not a household name, but this very decent man made a substantive contribution to the life of the Church, serving in a number of different capacities over the years and collaborating closely with St. Pope John Paul II. I had the privilege of meeting him in the mid-1990s when he visited Mundelein Seminary, where I was serving as professor of theology. The cardinal wanted to address the community, but his English was a bit shaky, so I translated for him. But I recall that his smile and evident joy in the Lord needed no translation whatsoever.

The first time I ever laid eyes on Roger Etchegaray was some years before that, on an extraordinary day in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris: the funeral of the legendary theologian Henri de Lubac. A third-year doctoral student at the time, I had made my way to Notre Dame, hoping against hope that I might be able to participate in the funeral Mass. As I approached the door, I was stopped by a security agent who asked, "Est-ce que vous êtes membre de la famille? (Are you a member of the family?)" "Non," I responded. Then he inquired, "Est-ce que vous êtes théologien? (Are you a theologian?)" With some trepidation, I said, "Oui," and he promptly directed me to a prime position near the front of the cathedral. To the tolling of the deepest bells in the

cathedral, the simple wooden coffin of de Lubac was wheeled down the middle aisle. I noticed, as it passed by my position, that it was topped by de Lubac's red cardinal's biretta.

At the close of the Mass, Cardinal Etchegaray rose to speak on behalf of the pope. He read a beautiful tribute from John Paul II, and then he shared the following anecdote. Soon after his election to the papacy, John Paul came to Paris for a pastoral visit. He made a special stop at the Institut Catholique de Paris to meet with theologians and other Catholic academics. After his formal remarks, Etchegaray continued, John Paul II looked up and said, "Où est le pere de Lubac? (Where is Father de Lubac?)" The young Karol Wojtyła had worked closely with de Lubac during Vatican II, specifically in the composition of the great conciliar document "Gaudium et Spes." De Lubac stepped forward and, Etchegaray told us, Pope John Paul bowed his head to the distinguished theologian. Then, turning to the coffin, Etchegaray said, "Encore une fois, au nom du pape, j'incline la tête devant le pere de Lubac (Once more, in the name of the pope, I bow my head before Father de Lubac)."

This is much more than a charming story, for upon John Paul's reverence for Henri de Lubac hangs a very interesting tale of continuing relevance to our time. De Lubac was the most prominent proponent of what



WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

came to be called "la nouvelle théologie" (the new theology). Departing from the strict and rather rationalist Thomism that dominated Catholic intellectual life in the first half of the 20th century, de Lubac and his colleagues turned with enthusiasm to the Scriptures and to the marvelous and multifaceted works of the Church Fathers. This return to the "sources" of the faith produced a theology that was spiritually informed, ecumenically generous, and intellectually rich — and it got de Lubac in considerable hot water with the academic and ecclesial establishment of that time. At the very height of his powers, throughout the 1950s, he was silenced, prohibited from teaching, speaking or publishing. Rehabilitated by Pope John XXIII, de Lubac played a pivotal role at Vatican II, decisively influencing many of its major documents. It is altogether correct to say that this champion of the reforming Second Vatican Council was no friend of pre-conciliar Catholic conservatism.

However, in the years imme-

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Being resourceful: I can read! I can pray!

"We ate our honey. We ate a lot. Now we have no honey in our honey pot."

With those 17 words, averaging just three letters in length, Jan and Stan Berenstain launched their legendary book series. They were using the methods Dr. Seuss had coached them on: rhyme, repetition, short sentences.

As head of Random House's new publishing house for children's books, Dr. Seuss was an eccentric, exacting boss, and the 1962 publication of their book "The Big Honey Hunt" marked the completion of a two-year editing process that had begun with the manuscript for a completely different book, "Freddy Bear's Spanking."

It was also a beginning, the birth of a franchise that would feature more than 300 titles and sell more than 260 million copies. The 38-year-old artists from Pennsylvania — the parents of two sons — had already enjoyed commercial success as magazine cartoonists when they dreamed up their bear family.

They had come far from their meeting on the first day of Miss Sweeney's drawing class at the Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Art, when Stan complimented Jan's charcoal sketch.

She smiled brightly and inquired about his rendering of Zeus. "How did you manage to do all those curls in two hours?"

He had been resourceful, as



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

had she. It was a trait that would earn their mutual admiration — and growing success as young artists.

And when it came time to tell the story of Papa Bear, a fumbling father in blue overalls — "a little like Stan," he would later write — and Mama Bear, a wise mother "very like Jan" wearing a polka-dot dress and dust cap, they channeled that resourcefulness at the typewriter, artfully spinning those three-letter words to empower new readers with a limited set of sight words and a big imagination.

"How are you doing? Are you getting a lot? Are you getting much honey? Or are you not?"

That was the purpose of Beginner Books, which debuted in 1957 with Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat." It drew from an editor's list of 379 words known by early readers and used only 236, zigzagging them together into a 1,626-word book.

The 5-year-old recipients demonstrated great resourcefulness of their own by learning to read: to assign sounds

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Self-sufficiency should not blind us to others' needs



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:19-31

The Book of Amos provides this weekend's first reading. The book itself states that it was written during the reign of King Uzziah of Judah, or between 783 and 742 B.C. It was a time of tranquility and prosperity. No wars troubled the kingdom.

Still, Amos strongly spoke against laxity in religion and morally careless living. It was not necessarily a denunciation of utter vice, but rather it condemned lukewarmness.

To be precise, chief among his concerns was the sluggishness with which people practiced their

religion. All in all, Amos insisted, the situation was a sure recipe for problems and even disaster.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Timothy supplies the second reading for this weekend's liturgy. Last weekend's second reading also came from First Timothy.

Timothy was an early convert to Christianity. The epistles written to him, and now contained in the New Testament, assured his place in the tradition of the Church. As his life unfolded, he became a disciple of Paul and then a Christian leader in his own right, destined to be one of the major figures in the development of Christianity. This reading calls Timothy to genuine virtue by being diligent and dedicated in following Jesus and in leading the community committed to Timothy's pastoral care.

It was easy to be distracted from such faithfulness in the face of the glory, power and excesses in the mighty Roman Empire, to say nothing of the peril Christians faced since their religion was outlawed. To

encourage Timothy, Paul cited the example of Jesus in the Lord's trial before Pontius Pilate.

Despite the overbearing power of Rome, the reading insists that God's justice will endure, and that Jesus will come again in triumph and vindication.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading, a parable, rather straightforward in its message.

A rich man is enjoying all the benefits of financial success and well-being. By contrast, Lazarus is desperately poor, yearning to have just the scraps that fall from the rich man's table.

In time, Lazarus died. Then the rich man died. As the rich man reached the hereafter, he realized that he was then in great need, whereas Lazarus was being held close to Abraham, the holy father of the Hebrew people.

By this time, the once-rich man is desperate. He pleads with Abraham for just a drop of water to quench his thirst. The once-rich man implores Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn the rich man's brothers that they, too, will be punished unless they turn to God and

forsake greed.

Abraham replies that messengers already have been sent, namely Moses and the prophets, and Moses and the prophets were ignored.

Reflection

At first glance, the readings, especially that from Luke's Gospel, seem to present a clear message. But beneath the obvious is another, stronger lesson. It is more than a question of avoiding greed or being unjust in commercial dealings.

It is instead the lesson that Christians must judge earthly life by a standard that not often is embraced by humans. It renders everything secondary, or even irrelevant, in the process of judging life, pursuing the belief that only the things and ways of God are worthy of attention.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is more than merely a coincidence about a person who has succeeded in the world versus a person who has not succeeded.

At the time of Jesus, many

thought that earthly riches showed that God blessed the rich, whereas poverty and want indicated that a great sin somehow lay in the background of a poor person.

Jesus totally debunked this notion by offering a different perspective of life and its rewards, a new standard for living.

READINGS

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-7 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 :l 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 17-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

As 'The League' begins its centennial season ...

By the gargantuan standards of the 21st-century National Football League, Gino Marchetti, who died this past April 29, was undersized at 6-foot-4 and a mere 245 pounds. But he was arguably the greatest pass rusher in pro football history. The official record, 22 and a half quarterback "sacks" over 16 games, was recorded by Michael Strahan in 2001. But a review of a year's game film by Baltimore Colts' coaches, before the "sack" stat (tackling a quarterback behind the line of scrimmage before he could throw a pass) was officially kept, once disclosed 43 sacks by Gino in a 12-game season.

Whatever the record books show, however, Gino Marchetti was a big man in several ways.

His parents were impoverished Italian immigrants who set up a bar in Antioch, California. By his own account, Gino, born in 1926, was "a little wild." And after a "certain difficulty" with a high school teacher, he made the prudential judgment that enlisting in the Army was preferable to what awaited him at home: "I figured I could either face the Germans or I could face my father." He made it to Europe in time to fight in the endgame of the Battle of the Bulge and stayed with the 69th Infantry Division until V-E Day.

This XL-size vet with the flowing, jet-black hair then hung around Antioch for a while, riding a Harley in a black leather jacket ("17 zippers," he later recalled) and working as a bartender while playing some junior college football. A smart recruiter then asked whether he wanted to play at the University of San Francisco, which was then both Catholic and Jesuit, and a legend was born.

The 1951 San Francisco Dons were a great team in an

era when college football easily bested the NFL in fan interest. Ten of those Dons went on to pro careers and three are enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They were unbeaten and untied, but more to the point, they were "uninvited" to a big post-season bowl — not because of a lack of talent but because of an excess of character, much of it embodied by Gino Marchetti.

Three of the big bowls — Orange, Cotton and Gator — wanted the Dons, but on condition that they leave their two star black players, Ollie Matson and Burt Toler, back in San Francisco. After their last regular-season game, coach Joe Kuharik told the team, "We can play in a big Southern bowl game or stay home. It's up to you." Marchetti, according to legend, said, "[Expletive deleted] the big Southern bowl games."

Gino later claimed that all he had said was "No," and that every other white player on the team said the same thing. I prefer the legendary version because it nicely delineates the man's character: morally unambiguous, brave, and loyal, a "man for others" in the parlance of a later generation of universities in the Jesuit tradition. Those same qualities made Gino one of the two centerpieces, along with the immortal John Unitas, of the great Baltimore Colts teams of the late 1950s and early 1960s. That, on Dec. 28, 1958, in frozen Yankee Stadium, the Colts beat the New York Giants in the first sudden-death championship game in NFL history, thereby embedding the NFL in the nation's sporting consciousness, is well-enough remembered. What's not so well-remembered, except among Baltimore natives of a certain vintage, is that Gino Marchetti was the reason there was a sudden-death overtime.



GEORGE WEIGEL

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Late in the fourth quarter, the Giants were leading when Frank Gifford ran a third-down sweep. Marchetti fought off blockers and stopped Gifford inches short of the first down that would have clinched the game for the New Yorkers. In the pileup, though, Colts' tackle "Big Daddy" Lipscomb landed on Gino's leg and Marchetti's ankle snapped. "I never hurt so bad in my life," Gino told a reporter. But the Colts' captain insisted on staying on the field's periphery, lying on a stretcher under a blanket, as his team tied the game. Asked years later if he'd cried from the pain, he said, "I would have, except I was Gino Marchetti."

Those Colts, like baseball's Brooklyn Dodgers, experienced their racial tensions. Yet like the Dodgers, they also modeled teamwork based on the content of a man's character, not his complexion. How did that happen in a segregated city in an era of segregation? What held them together, Hall of Fame halfback Lenny Moore said years later, was "something inside Gino Marchetti."

R.I.P., No. 89.

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If you seek clear evidence that the Polish pope favored this approach, look no further than the Catechism of 1992, which is filled with the spirit of the nouvelle theologie, and to the fact that John Paul specially honored the three founders of *Communio*, making Joseph Ratzinger head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and naming both de Lubac and Balthasar cardinals.

Are both left-wing and right-wing rejections of Vatican II on display today? Just go on the Catholic new media space and you'll find the question readily answered. What is still very much the needful thing is the de Lubac attitude: deep commitment to the texts of Vatican II, openness to ecumenical conversation, a willingness to dialogue with the culture (without caving in to it), reverence for the tradition without a stifling

traditionalism. Perhaps I might invite you to muse on that gesture and those words of Cardinal Etchegaray that I took in many years ago: "Once more, in the name of the pope, I bow my head before Father de Lubac."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 29, 2019

Luke 16:19-31

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: The rich man who forgot the poor man. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PURPLE	SUMPTUOUSLY	NAMED
LAZARUS	SORES	CARRIED
BURIED	FATHER	ABRAHAM
FINGER	COOL	MY TONGUE
FLAMES	MY CHILD	REMEMBER
COMFORTED	CHASM	BEG YOU
TORMENT	MOSES	LISTEN

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Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

These archangels are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called "the great prince"; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses' body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel's visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The Church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.



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diately following the council, Henri de Lubac became impatient with the Catholic liberalism, led by such figures as Hans Küng, Karl Rahner and Edward Schillebeeckx, which was pushing past the texts of Vatican II, accommodating itself far too readily with the enviroing culture and losing its mooring in classical Christianity. And so, along with his colleagues Hans Urs von Balthasar and Joseph Ratzinger, he founded the theological journal *Communio*, which was meant as a counterweight to the journal *Concilium*, which published the works of the leading liberals. It was this *Communio* school, this middle path between both a conservative and liberal rejection of Vatican II, that John Paul II enthusiastically embraced.

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to shapes, to commit them to memory and then speak them aloud, following a trail of black strokes until a story emerges.

I've been thinking about the value of being resourceful. By definition, it is to deal with new situations or difficulties. In action, it is to make like Dr. Seuss: to create a masterpiece from a small list of short words, to do a lot with a little. A teacher making the most of a small budget. A host opening up his modest home. A cook improvising with a half-empty fridge. A bedridden pregnant woman parenting from the mattress.

To be resourceful is to glorify the Creator, using our God-given gifts to full effect, like the servants who double their talents in Jesus' parable.

A retired archbishop here

in St. Paul, Minnesota, proved resourceful in prayer, using three words to utter a Beginner Books-like invocation that is as simple as it is profound: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus, come."

There is much to learn here — for one who might expect an archbishop's prayer to be as ornate as his garb, for one who never prayed or no longer prays or puts off prayer. Like the empowered 5-year-old reader, he hears the archbishop and realizes: I can pray!

To pray those three words is to do a lot with a little. They are the final words of the New Testament, the archbishop told me. "It's been the prayer of my life."

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Vietnam memorial visits South Bend; Bishop celebrates Mass for healing, peace

BY JENNIFER MILLER

The Wall That Heals exhibit is a memorial of the Vietnam War, a divisive conflict in America's modern history as well as a turning point in global affairs.

From Sept 19 to 22, the veterans memorial visited St. Joseph Cemetery on the west side of South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass in the Catholic cemetery's chapel, remembering the faithful departed from the conflict who are buried on the premises.

This traveling three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is built in a chevron shape, which seems to rise up as a visitor walks to the apex or middle of the wall, where the east and west sides meet. It has visited states from coast to coast since 1996; everywhere it's set up, guests make rubbings of names engraved on the wall.

The replica is made from Avonite, a type of synthetic granite. As on the original, the names on The Wall That Heals are listed by day of casualty. It also has LED lighting, so readability is possible all day and night.

The original monument was created in 1982, designed by 21-year-old Maya Lin. There are 58,276 names of beloved dead or prisoner-of-war/missing-in-action engraved on the 493-foot long piece of granite. Of those names, 16 chaplains are listed. The men and women remembered range in age from 15 to 62, the average age being 23 years old.

A final resting place for the faithful departed and place of remembrance and prayer for those who love them, St. Joseph Cemetery has also many veterans of Vietnam and other conflicts.

Bishop Rhoades, in his homily, spoke to the importance of Catholic cemeteries. "People come here to St. Joseph Cemetery to remember their deceased loved ones. Many also stand at their graves to pray; with love, they ask the Lord to grant eternal peace to their loved ones." He encouraged the faithful who were gathered to also pray for men and women listed on the visiting monument and wall.

"This wall helps us to remember and honor them, and most importantly, to pray for them. That is why we celebrate this Mass here today: to pray for them and for all of the veterans of the Vietnam War."

From the Gospel of the day, Luke 7:36-50, he preached on God's mercy and forgiveness of human sins, as well as peace and true healing.

"Something shocking took place. A woman entered the house of the Simon the Pharisee, who was known as a sinner. ...



Photos by Jennifer Miller



The Wall That Heals, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., was installed at St. Joseph Cemetery, South Bend, Sept. 19-22. A Mass of remembrance was celebrated in the cemetery chapel by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on the first day of the wall's visit.

With love and veneration, she went over to Jesus. She wept at his feet and bathed them with her tears. She wiped his feet with her hair, kissed them and anointed them with ointment.

"The sinful woman, unlike Simon the Pharisee, believed in Jesus. She wept in sorrow for her sins. And she loved. She allowed the love of Jesus to be poured into her. And so she was healed. Jesus forgave her sins. She was able, then, to go in peace.

"The sinful woman is an example for us sinners, an example of faith and repentance. She teaches us to have the courage to come to the Lord in

faith, to be sorry for our sins, to go to the Lord, as we do when we go to confession, with trust in His love. It's by coming courageously to the feet of the Lord in humility and sorrow, and trusting in Him, that we discover His mercy and kindness. Then we, too, can go and live in peace."

Jesus' peace is what really heals people, he said. Christ's peace, which surpasses our own human understanding, can be received, resolving the pain and conflict of war.

A Catholic and a Vietnam veteran, Gerry Poh, drove to St. Joseph Cemetery to worship at Mass with Bishop Rhoades. He explained: "As a Vietnam vet, I'm really glad the wall is here. Coming back home in those years wasn't the most pleasant thing."

Poh is from Richmond, Virginia. He served in 1966, 1967, and 1969 in the Vietnam conflict, with the Army, after graduating from ROTC at the University of Notre Dame. Now retired and a widow, he spends a large portion of his year in the South Bend area as an active parishioner and lector at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

With a southern drawl, he described how people were divided about whether the U.S. should have become involved in the war. Returning veterans, who had just experienced the horrors of war, often weren't welcomed back.

"It was a horrific time. Everyone who serves and dies ... we don't realize the numbers. We think three people dying are a lot these days. There are so many people across America who still need healing."

"As a Vietnam vet, I'm really glad the wall is here. Coming back home in those years wasn't the most pleasant thing."

GERRY POH

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Paula Perago, 78, St. Charles Borromeo

Granger

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John Nielsen, 70, St. Pius X

Theresa Fugate, 85, St. Pius X

Huntington

Sister Mary Doran, OLVN, 85, Noll Memorial Chapel

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