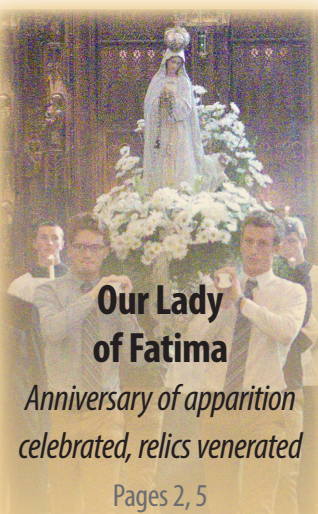


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Deacon Frederick Everett, JD, proclaims the Gospel reading for the day at a Red Mass celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Sept. 30 for those in the legal profession.

On the feast of St. Jerome, translator of the Bible into Latin, members of the Society of St. Thomas More and others practicing within legal community near South Bend gathered to celebrate the annual Red Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The University Notre Dame has the oldest law school at a Catholic university in America, founded in 1869. On the occasion of its 150th anniversary the new dean, G. Marcus Cole, was present.

"The Red Mass to bless judges and lawyers at the start of the judicial calendar is a precious but under-appreciated tradition," Cole noted. "For hundreds of years, the legal profession has called upon the Holy Spirit to guide decisions and judgment where the lives, liberty, and well-being of God's people are at stake. I'm proud that Notre Dame Law School remains an institution that preserves and honors this tradition."

Red is the color of the vestments at a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and the color of traditional British judicial robes. The celebration marks the beginning of the judicial term.

Bishop Rhoades invoked God's guidance and wisdom in upholding justice, through the Holy Spirit — the Paraclete — upon judges, lawyers, law clerks, paralegals, professors and students of the law, and also upon lawmakers and executors of the law, who were united in prayer.

"We see the Paraclete calling the early Christians to do good, crying to them to evangelize, giving them courage to proclaim and live the faith, to witness to Christ in the midst of persecution and even to die as martyrs for the faith," he said. "He gave them help, strength, and consolation, and yes, even joy in the midst of incredible hardships."

"It was the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, who counseled St. Thomas More, guiding him to save his soul, rather than his body, by rejecting the Oath of Supremacy. The Paraclete urged him forward and called him on, and yes, cheered his spirit, in his prison cell and at the scaffold in the Tower of London. The Paraclete gave him strength and also gave him com-

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Moral wisdom and transforming obstacles

BY KEVIN KILBANE

Federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett urged lawyers to view obstacles as opportunities during a speech following a Red Mass celebrated Oct. 1 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The Masses for the Fort Wayne and South Bend areas were organized by the St. Thomas More Society groups in each city. The patron saint of attorneys was an English lawyer, author and leader who was beheaded because he refused to take an oath agreeing

that King Henry VIII was the head of the Church and that he could annul his marriage to one wife and make another woman his queen.

Red Mass participants pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide attorneys, judges and those



JUDGE AMY CONEY BARRETT

working in the legal profession. The tradition began about 1245 in Paris and spread throughout Europe and later to America.

About 80 people attended the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The bishop also celebrated a Red Mass Sept. 30 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

In Fort Wayne, the bishop preached about how the Holy Spirit comes alongside people to encourage and lead them.

"One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is wisdom," he said. "We need lawyers and judges who are men and women of moral wisdom, of good moral charac-

ter, who strive to live as disciples of Jesus not only at home or at church, but also at work. This means living for love of God and neighbor."

That can be difficult if laws are unjust, such as those permitting abortion or euthanasia.

"We have a moral duty to God and neighbor to refuse to take part in committing an injustice," he said. "Just because a civil law permits or requires an evil action, that does not take away our responsibility not to participate in it."

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First-class Fatima relics visit high schools

BY JENNIFER SIMERMAN

At the encouragement of the Vatican, Fatima Family Apostolate was founded by the late Father Robert J. Fox. Prior to his death, Father Fox chose John C. Preiss to carry on his work because of his knowledge of family life and his love for Mary.

Preiss, president of Fatima Family Apostolate International, visited the four diocesan high schools to speak on devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. On Oct. 3 he spoke with the students of Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, and Marian High School, Mishawaka; Oct. 4 he began his day at Bishop Luers High School, followed by Bishop Dwenger High School, both in Fort Wayne.

Anita Senesac, a representative from the World Apostolate of Fatima Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend division, said Preiss is an adult convert to the Catholic faith, husband and father of eight with another child on the way. He is the editor of the Immaculate Heart Messenger magazine, has been interviewed on Catholic Radio and Vatican Radio, has hosted the Family Matters radio program and appeared on the EWTN Bookmark and the At Home with Jim and Joy television program. He is the author of "Our Lady of Fatima: True Devotion" and a children's book titled "The Miracle of the Dancing Sun at Fatima." His latest Amazon best-seller is called "The Miracle and the Message 100 Years of Fatima."

Preiss travels from his home in Alabama to promote the Apostolate's mission to help learn, live and spread the message of Our Lady of Fatima — a call for families to return to holiness.

Form spiritual life before adulthood

The Bishop Luers assembly welcomed Preiss by signing "God is Here." Following his introduction, Preiss noted that the really exciting part of visiting Indiana is getting to witness the Catholic presence.

"Where we are in Alabama, there's only a 5% Catholic population, so it's very exciting to see the Spirit here. It gives me a lot of hope when I see that," he shared.

Preiss joked about his favorite high school days having been Fridays, when there was a guest speaker, no matter the topic — because he got out of class. All joking aside, he asked the students to "really listen to this message, because this message of Fatima is something that is very important for all of us; it's a way of life."

"There's challenges that you'll



Nate Proulx

St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel student Michael Smith peers at a relic of Our Lady of Fatima Oct. 4. John Preiss, president of Fatima Family Apostolate International, spoke with Catholic school students in the diocese about the apparition of Mary at Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children, and brought with him several relics for veneration.

face in life as you grow older, when you go to college or you go to work or get married. You always face challenges, and if you form your spiritual life before those challenges come to you, then it will be a lot easier to go through," he told the students.

He chronicled the Fatima message, which started in 1916 when an angel appeared to three Portuguese shepherd children — Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia — and taught them to pray this way: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love thee. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love thee." This first apparition confirms our faith, Preiss said. The second apparition of the angel was more about the need to pray as a sacrifice of daily life in offering for the sake of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The third apparition of the

angel was the most important of the whole message of Fatima, he said, because the children received their first holy Communion. Preiss told the crowd that the children received divine graces, but everyone who receives Communion can receive the same graces. He reminded them of the importance, prior to receiving the Eucharist, of opening one's heart, using that moment to petition God and remembering the full presence, the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He asked the students to consider how reverent they are to the Lord in that moment.

The apparitions of the angel prepared the children for the apparitions of Mary, which began on May 13, 1917. Mary, Preiss said, appeared to the children six times and asked them to pray the rosary every time. He continued by encouraging students to follow that message and get into

the habit of praying the rosary as part of their spiritual journey.

Mary, through her apparitions, also established a devotion to her immaculate heart. She gave the children a vision of hell, confirmed the existence of purgatory, and promised a miracle for the last apparition in October.

On Oct. 13, 1917, it is documented that between 70,000 and 100,000 people witnessed the miracle of the dancing sun.

"This is not just a fairy tale; this is a true story," Preiss said, encouraging students to look up photos of the event.

After reiterating that his was just the basic story of the message of Fatima, Preiss concluded with the importance of living the message.

"How do you live this in your life?" he asked. "It's just what Our Lady asked us." He said this would include praying the rosary every day, wearing the brown scapular as a sign of belonging to Mary and living the First Saturday Devotion of celebrating a First Saturday Mass and adoration, going to confession and praying a rosary. "This is our faith," Preiss said.

In addition to hearing the message of Fatima, students were given the opportunity to venerate before first-class relics of Jacinta and Francisco and the holm-oak tree above which Mary appeared to the children.

Prior to veneration, the Luers students learned that upon approaching the relic, they could also touch a scapular or medal to it and that item would become a third-class relic of saints Jacinta and Francisco. Principal James Huth requested that each student who touched the relic say a Hail Mary afterward. "I prayed to the saints, that they would pray for me," said sophomore Jason Haiflich. "I just felt like they were there praying with me in heaven."

Veneration of relics in the Catholic Church

The Church has always treated the relics of saints in a special manner, preserving them and often putting them on display to be seen by the faithful.

A simple way to venerate a relic is to spend a few minutes in quiet devotion, showing honor and respect to the saint by performing a gesture such as a kneeling, performing the sign of the cross, or praying for intercession. These expressions are indicative of one's commitment to live the Catholic faith and strive for sainthood.

However, one should not genuflect in the same way as is done before the Blessed Sacrament. Only Christ should be venerated this way. Whichever way a person chooses to venerate a relic, it should not be done out of superstition; it is a reverence to the saint and love of God.

A message for the world

"The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children; Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta; between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century."

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Cardinal Newman's canonization: Chance for campus groups to 'reclaim' name

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The upcoming canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman begs the question: Do Catholic college students today even know who Cardinal Newman is?

Yes and no, seems to be the answer, depending on where they go to school, but this could change after the Oct. 13 canonization of the British theologian and intellectual so tied in with university life.

Newman centers, located on the campuses of many public universities, get their name and their role from the cardinal who died in 1890 and emphasized that Catholic students who attend public universities must be given a place to gather to support and encourage one another in their faith.

Many university-based Catholic student groups no longer call themselves Newman Centers but instead go by terms like Catholic associations, Catholic student organizations or campus Catholic communities, possibly because students lack knowledge about Cardinal Newman, who has taken a bit of a back seat.

Barbara McCrabb, assistant director for higher education at the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Cardinal Newman's canonization is an "opportunity for campus ministry to reclaim some of its roots" by reintroducing the saint she described as a Renaissance man, with concern for prayer, immigrants and the poor, to today's college students.

"All of what Cardinal Newman was talking about and hoping for has resonance today," she added, urging again that campus ministry "reclaim and rekindle its intellectual past" in telling the story of the new saint, who embraced the link between faith and reason and wanted laypeople to have a clear understanding of their faith that they could explain to others.

When Cardinal Newman was beatified in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI, a director of campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin in Madison said the cardinal's influence was more on campus ministry leaders today than the students themselves. In part, it's because "it's a rare student who would pick up 'Grammar of Assent' (one of the cardinal's books) and get excited about Cardinal Newman," said Father Eric Nielsen, who was, and still is, director of St. Paul's University Catholic Center on campus.

At the time, he said he hoped sainthood was not far off for



CNS photo/courtesy Newman University

A statue of Blessed John Henry Newman is seen Feb. 5, 2018, on the campus of Newman University in Wichita, Kan.

the cardinal as that would raise his profile even more and likely promote his writings to college students. But in the meantime, he said, campus ministry leaders should continue to take up the cardinal's challenge to help students integrate faith and intellectual study and ultimately "bring Christ to the world."

That's the challenge that motivates Father Gary Braun, who has been director of the Catholic Student Center at Washington University in St. Louis for nearly 30 years. He said the campus ministry program is not just about keeping the participating students "over here" but "catapulting them back across the street healthier, happier, holier so they can impact the culture for the better there."

The priest said the center's sign outside the building includes the words "Newman Community" and he said students are often curious about it because most of them have never heard of Cardinal Newman in their parishes or even Catholic high schools.

Their curiosity brings about "a great opportunity to talk about him as a brilliant man and priest, his conversion story, his struggle to put his faith together with what they are learning in the university," he told Catholic News Service by email.

This discussion leads to inevitable dialogue about Cardinal Newman's impact on the whole idea of a university and his

understanding of a church that both can change and cannot change.

One student who went through this Catholic student center was Melissa Villalobos of Chicago. Her 2013 healing, which saved her life and the life of her unborn child, was accepted by the Vatican this year as the miracle needed for Cardinal Newman's canonization.

Background material about Villalobos on the website of the London Oratories, which include the Oratory in Birmingham founded by Cardinal Newman, says that when Villalobos first came across the Newman Center at Washington University, she assumed it was named after a rich benefactor.

When she learned more about him even years later, particularly after his 2010 beatification, she developed a devotion to the British scholar, philosopher and writer. Her husband gave her holy cards of Cardinal Newman, and she prayed to him for small family needs and then a more urgent request, which ultimately moved up his canonization.

Being part of a student center with Newman in the name is not a guarantee that students will know who he is, but students at Penn Catholic Newman Community, part of the first Newman Club founded in the United States in 1893, have definitely picked up on his main ideas, said Patrick Travers, director of the Newman Apostolate for



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, October 13: 2 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, Bristol
 Monday, October 14: 6:30 p.m. — Allen County Right to Life Dinner, Ceruti's Banquet Hall, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, October 15: 10:30 a.m. — All Schools Mass, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, October 17: 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
 Thursday, October 17: 6:30 p.m. — St. Joseph County Right to Life Dinner, Century Center, South Bend
 Friday, October 18: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Christ the King Church, South Bend
 Saturday, October 19: 5 p.m. — Mass for Women of the Church Conference, Church of Loreto, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

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something the Newman center, through its small groups, works to change by encouraging students to let barriers down and trust each other.

Those group discussions with fellow Catholic students also has made the difference for Hailey Rose Thayer, a junior biology education major at the University of Evansville, Indiana, who will be reading a petition at a prayer vigil for Cardinal Newman in Rome the night before his canonization.

In an email to CNS, Thayer said the Newman Center has changed her life, particularly its community aspect "because these are the people we see at Sunday Mass and our weekly dinner and discussions" that go on until late at night.

"During these late nights, we discuss God in our lives and what that means to us," she said, adding that they talk about where they have seen God and where they have struggled or done well. "In these precious moments, I feel that Newman's vision for the centers on college campuses has been carried out."

Her takeaway about Cardinal Newman is that he felt "universities should focus on more than just academics" and that one's studies "should amount to more than just facts on a page, but to an appreciation of God's design and an understanding of the universe on a greater scale."

the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of the movement Sodalitium Christianae Vitae.

Travers said even though students might at first confuse Cardinal Newman with local Philadelphia saint St. John Neumann, they pick up the cardinal's motto, "Heart speaks to heart," because it is an integral part of the campus ministry.

The idea, he told CNS Sept. 19, is "God's heart speaks to our hearts, but then the invitation is to share our hearts to others."

Travers said this is especially key at Penn where "everyone is from the top of their class when they get here and they think that they have to be the best but they eventually hit a wall" which is



CNS photo/Lisa Johnston, St. Louis Review

A priest celebrates Mass for students and faculty Jan. 31, 2012, in the Catholic Student Center at Washington University in St. Louis. Many college Catholic student centers and Newman University in Wichita, Kan., will celebrate Cardinal Newman's Oct. 13 canonization with lectures, watch parties and pilgrimages to Rome for the event.

Founder of Project Rachel named recipient of 2020 Evangelium Vitae Medal

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) — The University of Notre Dame's de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture will award its 2020 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal to Vicki Thorn, founder of the post-abortion healing ministry Project Rachel.

Thorn, who also is executive director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing, will receive the honor at a Mass and banquet April 25.

"Vicki Thorn has dedicated her life to caring for women and men who have been wounded by abortion," said O. Carter Snead, the William P. and Hazel B. White director of the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture.

"Her work is a living witness to the unconditional love and mercy that lies at the heart of the Culture of Life. We are pleased to honor her with the Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal," he said in a statement Oct. 6.

The honor is announced annually on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday of October, which this year was Oct. 6. The Evangelium Vitae award consists of a specially commissioned medal and \$10,000 prize.

"Vicki Thorn's work has been a source of healing for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion," said Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president. "I'm grateful to the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture for recognizing Ms. Thorn for her service to the Church and to the work of mercy on behalf of a Culture of Life."

Thorn, a certified trauma counselor and spiritual director, started Project Rachel in 1984 while working in the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Since the first training workshop for a small group of attendees was held Sept. 19, 1984, the ministry has expanded



to the majority of dioceses across the United States and more than 25 additional countries around the world.

Now overseen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Project Rachel is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priest confessors, mental health professionals, spiritual directors, medical professionals and others who provide ongoing, one-on-one, confidential post-abortion care.

Thorn is the author of "Progetto Rachele, il volto della compassione" ("Project Rachel, The Face of Compassion"), published in 2009 by Libreria Editrice Vaticana, and is an internationally acclaimed speaker on the effects of abortion on women, men and families.

With her husband, William, she was inducted in 2008 into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. In 2009, she received the People of Life Award from the USCCB for her pro-life service to the Catholic Church, and in 2017, Pope Francis re-appointed her as a corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

"Vicki not only championed

the cause of post-abortion reconciliation and healing, she has lived to see it become an essential aspect of the Catholic Church's pro-life ministry in the United States and around the world," said Richard Doerflinger, retired associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities and recipient of the inaugural Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal.

Thorn is "now a leader in showing how the Church's vision of human sexuality is supported by the findings of medical science, helping young people to turn away from behaviors that lead to the tragedy of abortion," Doerflinger added.

By choosing Thorn to receive the Evangelium Vitae Medal, "Notre Dame recognizes her important service of the Gospel of life," Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend said in a statement. "She has helped thousands of women who have had an abortion to accept St. John Paul II's invitation in 'Evangelium Vitae' to 'not give in to discouragement and not lose hope.'"

He added, "Project Rachel reminds us all that the Gospel of Jesus, the Gospel of life, is also the Gospel of mercy."

He thanked Thorn "for assist-

ing so many women and men to experience God's love and forgiveness and to become, in the words of St. John Paul II, 'eloquent defenders of the right to life.'"

Helen Alvare, former spokesperson for the USCCB and recipient of the 2012 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal, said Thorn "puts the 'respect' in the 'Respect Life' brand." She praised her for being "the kind of creative, brave, kind, tenacious woman who keeps the movement strong."

The Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal, named after St. John Paul II's 1995 encyclical on life issues, is the nation's most important lifetime achievement award for heroes of the pro-life movement, honoring individu-

als whose efforts have served to proclaim the Gospel of life "by steadfastly affirming and defending the sanctity of human life from its earliest stages."

Last year the medal was presented to the Women's Care Center Foundation. Previous recipients include Mother Agnes Mary Donovan and the Sisters of Life; U.S. Rep. Chris Smith, R-New Jersey, co-chair of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, and his wife, Marie Smith, director of the Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues; Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Knights of Columbus; the Little Sisters of the Poor; the Jerome Lejeune Foundation; and Mary Ann Glendon, professor of law at Harvard Law School.

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FAITHFUL HONOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA



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Children dressed as Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, the three children to whom Mary appeared in 1917 at the Cova da Iria fields of Fatima, Portugal, prepare to bring up the gifts during a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Oct. 5. The World Apostolate of Fatima Fort Wayne Division organizes the yearly Mass, which is followed by a procession and breakfast.



Fatima Family Apostolate President John C. Preiss speaks at a breakfast that followed the 8 a.m. Mass and procession. He also visited the four diocesan high schools Oct. 3 and 4, and made available first-class relics of the apparition for the students to venerate.

Knights of Columbus lead the procession from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to the Grand Wayne Center, with Bishop Luers High School students carrying Our Lady of Fatima.



Fetal remains found in rural Illinois have been returned home to Indiana

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (CNS) — Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill said Oct. 3 he has overseen the return of the remains of 2,246 aborted fetuses back home to Indiana after they were discovered in September at the Illinois home of the late Dr. Ulrich “George” Klopfer. An investigation into thousands of medical records found in close proximity to the fetuses confirmed they all were aborted by Klopfer during a period from 2000 to 2002 at three clinics he once ran in Indiana, located in Fort Wayne, Gary and South Bend. “This investigation has been a team effort involving multiple offices and agencies since the day it began, and it remains a team effort as we proceed forward,” Hill said at a news conference. “Our priority throughout this process is to give proper respect to the remains of these unborn children and to the women and families associated with them. He added, “We are still working through the decision-making process in regard to ultimate disposition of these remains, and we will continue to proceed with appropriate care and consideration at each step of the way. For now, we can simply let everyone know that these remains are back home in Indiana.” He said the Coroner’s Office of St. Joseph County assisted his office in bringing the remains back to the state.

Justice Department backs Indianapolis archdiocese in fired teacher’s suit

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — The U.S. Department of Justice has filed a “statement of interest” in a lawsuit brought against the Archdiocese of Indianapolis by a teacher fired from his job at a Catholic high school because he is in a same-sex marriage. Joshua Payne-Elliott alleges the archdiocese illegally interfered with his contractual and employment relationship at Cathedral High School. The case is being heard in a civil division of the Marion County Superior Court in Indianapolis. This past summer, the school announced that it had rescinded his contract based on the contract’s morality clause. The Justice Department Sept. 30 urged the Indiana court to stay out “of deciding what it means to be Catholic.” “The First Amendment demands that this lawsuit be dismissed,” it said. According to Becket, a nonprofit religious liberty law firm, which is representing the Indianapolis archdiocese, it is “relatively rare” for the Justice Department to file a statement of interest in state court. “The department tends to file statements of interest only

Stress of fighting for land takes toll on indigenous people



SAO PAULO (CNS) — Pressure from land conflicts and decline of expectations and perspectives have led the indigenous populations in Brazil to register some of the highest suicide rates in the country, said the Indigenous Missionary Council, linked to the Brazilian bishops’ conference. A World Health Organization report released Sept. 9 showed the rate of suicide in the Brazilian population in 2016 was 6.1 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants, but the rate of suicides among indigenous was more than double that, it said.

when a violation of federal law is particularly clear or significant,” it said in a news release. Payne-Elliott’s lawsuit was filed July 10. The archdiocese has asked for the lawsuit to be dismissed, and a decision is expected in the coming weeks.

U.S. judge temporarily stops Georgia’s ‘heartbeat’ law from taking effect

ATLANTA (CNS) — A U.S. District Court judge Oct. 1 temporarily blocked a Georgia law that would ban abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which is around six weeks. Known as the “heartbeat bill,” it was signed into law May 7 by Georgia Republican

Gov. Brian Kemp and was to have taken effect Jan. 1. The ruling by Judge Steve C. Jones will put it on hold while a lawsuit against it is argued in court. The suit was filed by Planned Parenthood Southeast, Sistersong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, Feminist Women’s Health Center, and several patients and doctors. In reaction to Jones’ ruling, a spokeswoman for Kemp was quoted by USA Today as saying, “Despite today’s outcome, we remain confident in our position. We will continue to fight for the unborn and work to ensure that all Georgians have the opportunity to live, grow and prosper.” The measure makes exceptions to save the life of the mother and in the case of rape and incest if a police report is filed. It also makes exceptions to

allow abortions when a fetus has serious medical issues. When it was passed, Republican Rep. Ed Setzler, the bill’s author, said the legislation was one of “common sense” to “balance the difficult circumstances women find themselves in with the basic right to life of a child.”

Without Holy Spirit, preaching becomes proselytizing, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A person who claims to preach the Gospel by convincing people of their beliefs in Jesus is not evangelizing, but proselytizing, Pope Francis said. “If there is no Holy Spirit, there is no evangelization,”

the pope said Oct. 2 during his weekly general audience. “This can be proselytizing, advertising. But evangelization means letting the Holy Spirit guide you, that he is the one that pushes you to announce, to proclaim with your witness, with martyrdom as well as with the word.” Continuing his series of talks on the Acts of the Apostles, the pope said that, following the martyrdom of St. Stephen, the violent persecution of Christians in Jerusalem seemingly brought the word of God “to a standstill.” However, while persecution “appears as the permanent state of life of the disciples,” it does not extinguish “the fire of evangelization.” Instead, it “feeds it even more.” The pope recalled the encounter of Philip, one of seven deacons chosen by the apostles, with an Ethiopian official who was reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah. After asking the man whether he understood what he was reading, the Ethiopian replied, “And how could I understand if no one guides me?”

English bishop: Court considered parents in ruling on brain-damaged child

LONDON (CNS) — An English bishop welcomed a court ruling allowing a brain-damaged girl to be treated in Italy against the wishes of U.K. doctors. Auxiliary Bishop John Sherrington of Westminster said the Oct. 3 judgment of the High Court recognized the desires of the parents of Tafida Raqeeb, a 5-year-old Muslim girl from London, to do all they could to help their daughter “in what are truly tragic circumstances. The heartbreaking illness of Tafida Raqeeb and the distress which the illness of a child causes parents touches the hearts of many people,” said Bishop Sherrington, lead bishop for life issues for the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. Tafida has been in a semi-comatose condition since she suffered severe bleeding on her brain in February. Doctors at the Royal London Hospital believe nothing more can be done for her and asked the court to rule that it was in her “best interests” that ventilation and other treatment was withdrawn. Her parents, Shelina Begum and Mohammed Raqeeb, argued, however, that they saw gradual and promising improvements in the child’s condition and believed she should be given more time to recover. Judge Alisdair MacDonald ordered the hospital to release Tafida so they could take her to the Gaslini Children’s Hospital in Genoa, Italy, which has agreed to treat her. MacDonald found that Tafida had the right to travel to another European Union state and that such treatment was in her best interests.

Indiana Knights councils launch fall membership drive

CROWN POINT — Throughout the month of October, Knights of Columbus councils are conducting recruitment drives. Local councils are reaching out to parish communities to enlist good Catholic men who are looking to live out their faith and become great Catholic men through acts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Councils throughout the state are looking to expand their membership by hosting membership drives and open houses at their home parishes. Clergy are assisting in the Knights' efforts by delivering announcements to their congregations about the vast portfolio of charitable work the Knights conduct. Candidates can apply for membership at both types of events.

The Supreme Council, which oversees the entire organization throughout the world, also recently launched an online initiative to attract potential members. Requirements are that candidates be: male, age 18 or older; and practicing Catholic, meaning that the candidate accepts, lives by and adheres to the teachings of the Church.

Those wishing to learn more about joining the Knights are encouraged to get in touch with a local council's membership director or go online to www.kofc.org/joinus.

With almost 2 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with vol-

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Students tour seat of diocese



Nate Proulx

St. Matthew Cathedral School students view relief Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Oct. 3. The South Bend seventh graders were led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on a tour of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center and the cathedral. The field trip also included a tour of the University of Saint Francis.

unteer opportunities in service to the Church, the community, families and young people. In 2018, the Knights of Columbus at all levels of the organization raised and distributed \$185.7 million to charity and rendered 76.7 million hours of volunteer service.

USF lecture: 'The God of the Atheists and the God of Science'

FORT WAYNE — The question of whether faith and science are compatible will be explored in a lecture by University of Saint Francis professor Dr. Alex Giltner.

"The God of the Atheists and the God of Science," will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 in the Parkview Physicians Group Auditorium, Room 226 of Achatz Hall of Science and John and Toni Murray Research Center, 2701 Spring St. The free event is sponsored by the USF Department of Philosophy and Theology and the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Giltner will explore the following: Does science disprove the existence of God? Has faith been eclipsed in the modern world? Are believers hanging on to a bygone superstition? In his lecture, he will demonstrate that "far from being combatants, faith and science are actually rather comfortable bedfellows, and when atheists claim science disproves the existence of God, they are making a claim that takes just as much faith as any believer, if not more."

For more information, contact Angie Springer at 260-399-8066 or aspringer@sf.edu.

Blessing offered for renovated USF science complex

FORT WAYNE — The renovated portion of Achatz Hall of Science and John and Toni Murray Research Center was blessed and dedicated in a grand opening ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the University of Saint Francis.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, went from room to room in the renovated building, offering blessings.

"The Achatz Hall of Science and John and Toni Murray Research Center will be a focal point of both academic pursuits and the Catholic mission of the university, giving witness to our faith in Christ within the context of the study of creation," Bishop Rhoades said to the USF faculty, staff, students, alumni and community supporters.

Bishop Rhoades and USF president Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, were among the speakers who shared excitement over the completion of the project. The expansion of Achatz Hall added 25,700 square feet onto the 46,000 square feet of renovated space. The expanded John and Toni Murray Research Center was blessed by Bishop Rhoades in January.

"This brings together faith and reason," Sister Elise said. "With the St. Francis Chapel at the center surrounded by our academic buildings, we really have a visual image of what it means to be a Catholic university."

As part of the Oct. 2 ceremony, USF alumna Toni Murray was presented with a framed memento of her \$3 million gift to the USF Faith and Reason campaign.

In addition to Bishop Rhoades and Sister Elise, speakers at Wednesday's event included USF board of trustees Chairman Bill Niezer; dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dr. Andrea Geyer; BHP Architecture design leader Giancarlo Del Vita; Tonn and Blank Construction president and CEO Jon Gilmore; USF alumna Starr Langford; and USF senior Jona Fletcher. USF Vice President of Institutional Advancement Dr. Matt Smith emceed the event and USF Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Lance Richey presented a reading.

Those in attendance were invited to tour the facility, with USF faculty sharing knowledge of the benefits of expansion and

renovation. The project includes additional and upgraded laboratories, classrooms, conference rooms, Parkview Physicians Group Auditorium, Star Bank Observation Terrace, study spaces, office spaces and a wide range of scientific instruments and assets conducive to hands-on education.

"The location of the building provides the ability to bring the beauty of the outdoors inside, and clearly represents our Franciscan value to respect creation, especially when you stand in the windowed areas on the north side of the building and look out. It's just fabulous," Sister Elise said.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed renovations to Achatz Hall of Science and the Toni Murray Research Center, on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, Oct. 2. Pictured with him is Sister Carol Meyers, professor emerita of chemistry. Sister Carol's name is the last one listed on the wall beside them, of sisters who have served in the department.



John Martin

AGING WITH GOD'S GRACE: NOT JUST FOR

Faith leads to acceptance

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Getting older, feeling one's bones creak and realize that a once-sharp memory is fading can be a difficult transition for anyone — female, male, lay or religious. To live this portion of life well, that is, faithfully, with a Catholic perspective and with God both at the center and at the finish line, is challenging. Yet, what lies beyond compels a person forward.

Simone Ostric, 96, sits with perfect posture despite a recent fall. Originally from Freiburg, Switzerland, she immigrated to the U.S. in 1952. Born into a French-speaking Catholic family, in a geographic area that was "Catholic all the way around," living the faith was a normal part of life for her.

"The bishop lived in my hometown," she recalled, and her father taught physics at the famous pontifical university. Priests came to the local public schools to teach catechism and Scripture, and special vesper services were offered on Sundays just for children.

The eldest of three children, Ostric still remembers the date of her first Communion: April 17, 1932.

She met her husband, Anthony, on the street one Saturday evening. She was an economics teacher; he was a student from Croatia, studying at the University of Geneva. They began dating, visiting with each other once a month. They married March 4, 1950, in Freiburg.

After World War II was over, Anthony could not return home to Croatia due to communists having taken over the country. Having been a Catholic before the war, he would have been jailed and beaten for his beliefs.

He was a staunch Catholic," Simone remembered, and had fought for what he believed in. He would often go to daily Mass at the chapel next door to the St. Mary College library.

"Now, I'm sorry I didn't join him more often," she said. "I should have done that. I'm trying to do better now."

After a two-year wait, the Ostrics' request to immigrate to America, as refugees, was granted. They traveled to Paris by night train, then to Le Havre, on the coast of northern France, to take a boat 10 days across the

ocean to Halifax, Canada. They went on to New York City with their 14-month-old daughter, Mary Christian.

They knew no English. Anthony found steady work at the New York Public Library earning \$200 a month.

"After rent and electricity, we only had \$100, so I had to budget. We were grateful for a roof,

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SIMONE OSTRIC



Photos by Jennifer Miller

Simone Ostric of South Bend, a widow of 20 years, is still inspired by her late husband Anthony's dedication to practicing their Catholic faith. She strives to be more like him, she says, by remaining faithful in prayer and by supporting pro-life efforts. The couple met her native Switzerland; Anthony was a native of Croatia at the time, studying at the University of Geneva. They immigrated to the U.S. in 1952.

our health and we made the best of it." And when she could, Simone would take a train all the way from Astoria, Queens, into Manhattan to have her confession heard in French.

Later they moved to Mississippi and Kansas for teaching jobs and had three more daughters. Realizing they would like a college education for the girls, Anthony took a job teach-

ing sociology and anthropology at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, which would offer their daughters a full tuition benefit.

Anthony died 20 years ago, and Simone still misses him terribly. "But you have to adjust. That is the way it goes."

From leaving her homeland to moving across the country for work, it is this acceptance of life's circumstances that God has given her that allows Simone to trust deeply in Him. She even refers to a recent fall that injured her left shoulder as "a little setback. It could be worse. I always thank God for my health. I try to accept what will come with age."

Of the three persons in the Trinity, Simone said she feels closest to Jesus because He was human. "He is the perfect person."

Hers is a childlike, resounding faith, similar to the kind of faith her favorite saint, St. Therese of Liseaux, wrote of. St. Therese described doing small actions with great love. Simone has tried to emulate that, especially in her faithful pro-life work for the last 40 years.

She has volunteered with St. Joseph County Right to Life, in their office and "picketing" outside. Rosary in hand, she would walk the sidewalk with another volunteer. "Every baby is adorable!" said the mother.

Daily prayer is very important to Simone. Her prayer is said half in French, half in English because "it goes faster." Her native tongue comes naturally from the heart.

"In the morning, I pray here, in the armchair, so I can sit up. I try to pray the rosary. Later, if I have to wait someplace, I can pray. Maybe during the day, I can read my daily meditation book.

Maybe her faith is still not deep enough, though, she said. "I still can work on it!"

Through the years ...



R SAINTS

'God looks on you with a longing love'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Father Kenneth Grabner, CSC, doesn't think of age when he ministers. Eighty-five years old himself, he serves as a chaplain at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, and ministers to those who are around the same age.

"The word of God is for everybody. The examples used are different, but the message is the same and very clear," he said.

Likening God's love to a gift, Father Grabner explained that when ministering to teenagers at a high school, for example, the gift would be wrapped in different paper than it is for the elderly; but inside, the present is the same.

"Age has no meaning for me. I don't look at myself as an old man," he said, smiling. "I feel right at home with friends who are 40 or 50."

This sense of treating and loving people as they are on the inside, regardless of outside appearances, is one of the gifts Father Grabner shares in his ministry.

Originally from South Bend, his family worshipped at St. Joseph Parish. A monk of the Cistercian order for 17 years, in 1967, he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross.

As a monk he learned the depth of contemplation possible in the Christian life and uses that insight to serve those at Dujarie House, the Villas and Andre Place. He visits as many residents as he can daily and celebrates Mass.

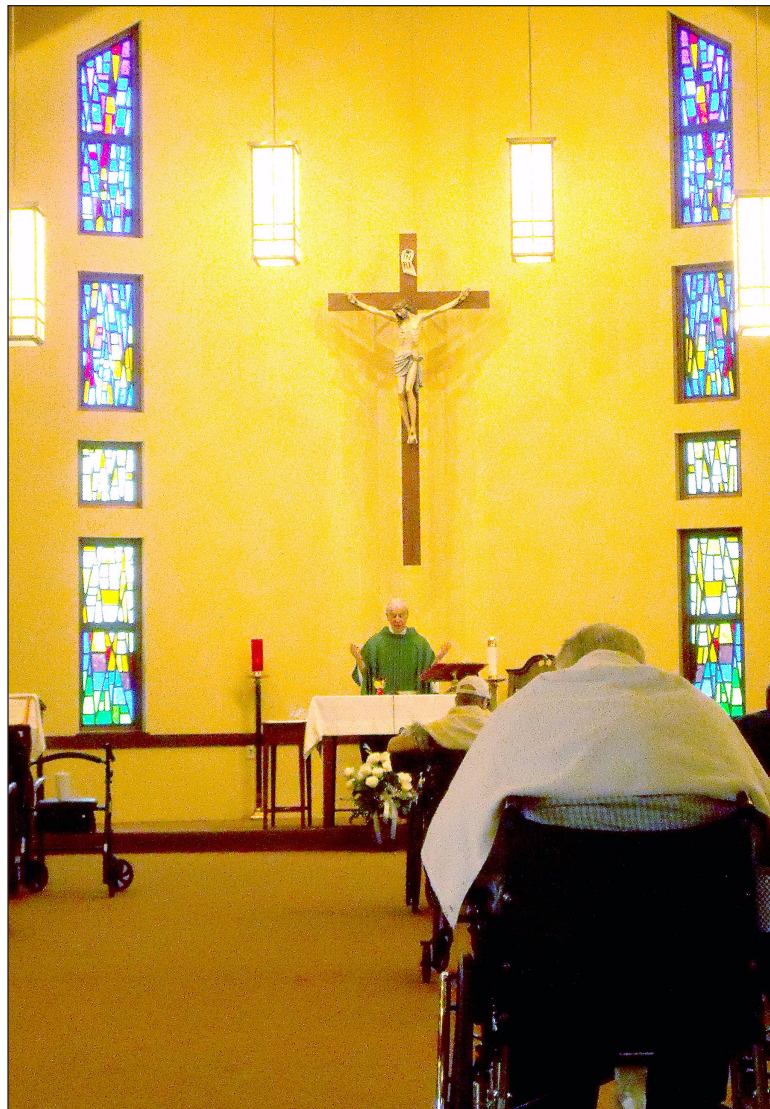
Father Grabner also has authored three books on spirituality and written for over 20 years. He taught theology at Marquette University and the University of Notre Dame and entered chaplaincy after serving in hospitals, guiding administrations to live out their mission statements.

This rich life experience allows him to offer the community at Holy Cross Village the love of God in a unique way.

"There is a hunger for becoming more alive in this life. All of life is evolutionary, constant growth. We are evolving into it and dying into it, our resurrected life."

Daily prayer, especially contemplation after spiritual reading, is very important to the priest. While his favorite saints are St. Francis of Assisi and St. Bernard of Clairvaux, he has found that "Being open to the idea of resurrection has deepened in me in the last 45 years. I (now) long for eternal life."

An appreciation for the cos-



Photos by Jennifer Miller

mos, science and becoming more alive is all fruit from this daily prayer practice. "We are all called to a deeper, contemplative awareness of God."

"Sometimes I welcome the diminishment of the body," Father Grabner said. "All is not negative; much more is positive. It means I am getting closer to being able to offer everything. Every little death, to me, speaks of resurrection; it brings us closer to life."

"I can see the decline (physically), but I can walk, I can run — very short distances," he said, laughing.

"The body has to die. All advances in life — and we have many little resurrections in our life — they are all preceded by a dying, (including) the final dying is of the body. But it has to die so that there may be a resurrection."

"Resurrection is always better than what we die to. The evolution is always positive. Evolution is always more and something grander, if you compare it to what it was. I'm excited about that!"

When preaching to the faithful during Mass at Dujarie House, with many of the faithful worshipping in wheelchairs or walkers, Father Grabner



Living at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, affords Father Kenneth Grabner, CSC, the opportunity to help his fellow residents become "more alive in this life" through prayer, study and the sacraments. "Divine love causes joy," the priest says. Above and at left, Father Grabner celebrates Mass in the Holy Cross Village chapel.

has spoken with the certainty of knowing God's love himself: empowering them to desire to open themselves to God. Many have suffered great losses of loved ones, homes, sense of self or life as they knew it. But by Father Grabner's own example they are offered God's own love and peace, as well as the ability to be themselves and to do something, even from the confines of a metal device or without the use of their legs or voice. A community of prayer and true faith is built in the simple chapel.

"God looks on you with longing and love," Father Grabner

preached recently. "Once you really know that, you have a different idea of who you are and who is sitting next to you."

"God is wild in love about us. Divine love has a passion and energy. One day we'll see Him face to face ... I don't think we have to wait for that."

"Love opens us to be open to who God is," he continued. "Divine love causes joy. God wants us to be joyful, even in the midst of our sufferings."

"Let us think of someone you love. Now imagine that times 1000 and 1000 again. This is how much God loves us."

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The lies of unplanned pregnancies

BY CATY BURKE

The words from the book of Jeremiah are familiar; they are printed on planners for new college graduates and scripted across greeting cards sent to friends going through a hard time.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jer 29:11)

They are repeated so often because this is a reassurance people always need, of hope in all seasons of life. This supernatural hope is what Christians hold onto even in the bleakest circumstances.

Yet that hope can be shaken when face to face with the darkness of sin encountered in the world. Take the news surrounding the investigation into Ulrich Klopfer, the infamous abortionist who operated in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for decades. As the situation unfolds with new horrors, the reality of evil seems ever more apparent.

The more clearly evil shows itself, the deeper the deceit. This culture of death, so called by St. John Paul II, deceives constantly. It lies when it asserts that a woman's freedom and agency is over because of an untimely or unexpected pregnancy. It lies when it tells frightened women

that abortion is their only option, the best “solution” to remedy their situation, or a procedure safer than childbirth. It paints a picture of loss and ruin: “If you have this baby, abandon your hopes of independence, financial stability, career goals and a fulfilling life.”

Not only are such messages devoid of truth, they're devoid of hope. And a woman facing a crisis or unexpected pregnancy — especially in difficult health or financial situations — is more likely to hear negative messages than positive ones.

For every voice speaking of the beauty of the gift of life and her capacity to build a fulfilling life with her child, the voices of despair shout out all the louder. Telling women that they are only “empowered” through access to abortion is a falsehood that preys on vulnerable women who often find themselves alone, abandoned and terrified.

We know that these words are lies crafted by the father of lies himself. Perhaps the most powerful and most radical thing that can be done for women in difficult situations is to expose the lies and offer hope: the hope of a future, the hope provided by a strong community, the hope provided by a God who became man to transform people's suffering.

It is Catholics' job as a pro-life



people to offer love, support and resources to the women who are desperate for a better life. The futures of these women and their babies are full of hope because they are not alone in their present circumstances: They are loved by the Lord and their communities.

One needn't look far to see how many organizations are walking alongside pregnant and parenting women to support them in the truth that they are indeed strong, courageous and able to thrive with their child.

Students for Life and

Feminists for Life have outreach programs to pregnant students on campus, providing resources and support for both pregnant women and parents in school. Both supply information on housing, child care, financial aid and health care for these students. Women Deserve Better provides information for working parents, including information on workers' rights and maternity leave, and parents who may have difficulty providing for their families.

One national beacon of hope are the Women's Care Centers.

Women's Care Centers provide free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, parenting classes, literacy programs, counselors, diapers and other necessities, and helps mothers further their education. Numerous women have walked through their doors discouraged and despairing, and walked back out into the world bravely — still anxious, but strengthened with the knowledge that they are not alone in the journey to motherhood.

Not only do these organizations and movements provide physical support, they also provide hope — the very welfare the Lord promises His people in Jeremiah.

As pro-life people, Catholics can help to bring the hope of new life and a future to those caught by the web of lies spun by a culture of death. The help will look different from person to person. Some may share their own story of an unexpected pregnancy with a woman in a similar situation. Some may be called to provide sidewalk counseling at the South Bend abortion clinic or give silent, prayerful witness to women coming for their appointments. Some may be asked to share the Gospel and crisis pregnancy resources with a woman considering abortion, or even accompanying her in a special way as she chooses life for her child.

Perhaps everyone is called to generously donate time and treasure to one of the Women's Care Centers in their area, or to consider the words used when talking about pro-life issues and speak more compassionately.

One thing that everyone can do is pray. Pray fervently for those involved in abortions, physicians, women, children and men included. Pray for those who work and volunteer to provide support to pregnant women who are scared. And pray that the truth of “a future and a hope” may be presented to every woman in her time of need.

“THE COMMANDMENT

“You shall not kill!”

always requires respecting and promoting human life, from its beginning to its natural end.”



John Paul II

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Giving men the tools to find freedom in Christ

BY JENNIFER SIMERMAN

Support group. The phrase prompts images of grim faces, stuffy and dimly lit rooms, hopelessness, grief and stale coffee. Men who are led to the St. Augustine Men's Group, however, are often surprised and even delighted to find meetings where joy and laughter are not forbidden, but rather, welcomed.

St. Augustine Men's Group is a ministry supported by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend that began in 2016. It uses the slogan "our hearts are restless, until they rest in you." Group members hold meetings both in Fort Wayne and South Bend with the purpose of helping men discover and embrace freedom from the sin of pornography and rebuild their lives through faith and brotherhood.

Father Benjamin Muhlenkamp, pastor of St. Louis, Besancon Parish, New Haven, helps lead the meetings. He

noted: "These men come to the group thinking that they're the worst of sinners, and worried that they would be judged, but then come to realize that's not the case. We have a great time together."

"If all we did was focus on the problem and our struggles, it would be a sad, uninspiring and hollow meeting," said Glen, a group leader. "Instead, we focus on the positive and what we can do to overcome our daily struggles. While this is a serious topic, even in the darkest moments when men share their struggles, we still lift each other up. That happens in prayer, words of praise and when appropriate, laughter. Humor helps bring needed levity to balance the seriousness and focus of the discussions."

Growing numbers

Over the summer, St. Augustine Men's Group leaders met with Bishop Kevin C.



Rhoades and diocesan priests to share their mission and tell firsthand accounts of how the group is positively impacting the participants' lives. At the meeting, priests spoke of the need and urgency of this type of support, as impurity has become one of the most-confessed sins.

According to Covenant Eyes, a survey by the Barna Group on behalf of Proven Men, an organization that helps men struggling with sexual addiction, 64% of men in America are viewing pornography on a monthly basis. In fact, according to Barna, nearly one-third of men between ages 18-30 are or think they are addicted to pornography. These are only a few of the statistics that illustrate the pornography epidemic, which is fueled by the use of phones that make it more accessible and transportable.

Many men do not understand the negative impact that pornography has on their lives. They believe the socially constructed lie that it is harmless and does not have consequences. The truth is quite contrary. Pornography promotes addictive, lustful, deceitful and self-centered thoughts and behaviors that can negatively impact not just the viewer, but his spouse, family, relationships, work and his general outlook on the world.

As a result of the summer meeting with clergy, promotion of the St. Augustine Men's Group has begun in confessionals across the diocese. An informational card that can be given to men mentions the anonymous meetings.

Additionally, Father Daniel Scheidt of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, has facilitated a second meeting location for the Fort Wayne group and championed the mission via the parish website, bulletin and other communication tools.

The weekly meetings are seeing a rise in attendance, although maybe not as much as one might expect.

"Based on national statistics, we thought we would have even more men attending our meetings, especially when you look at the number of men reporting it as a problem," said Glen. "But it's not embarrassment that holds men back from attending

their first meeting, it's shame. Shame is a much darker, deeper and troubling reality at work in men's lives. Shame is Satan's calling card, because Jesus calls us by name: Satan calls us by our sin."

The number of men dealing with addiction and shame continues to climb. Shame, Glen said, fuels addiction by speaking to the person's feeling of unworthiness, of not being accepted or not being loved. Feeling that their actions have made them unworthy of God's love and mercy, rather than running to Him for healing they run in the opposite direction, staying in darkness and persisting in pain.

In many cases wives request that their husbands attend the meetings, and the husbands do so out of fear of losing their marriage. But fear is only a starting place to recovery. Men receive true freedom from shame when they begin to attend the meetings of their own free will. Ultimately, a man has to want recovery for himself. It requires prayer to the Holy Spirit for courage and willingness to change.

"When men admit they have a struggle and are courageous and honest enough to want to do something about it, that is when they begin to shed the layers of shame and God can work on them," Glen encouraged.

Father Muhlenkamp affirmed those who seek help and support from the St. Augustine Men's Group as some of the strongest men he's ever met.

"They have opened themselves up to the Lord and have opened themselves up to being supported by other men within the Church. It is at this point that change begins to happen. The Lord does not expect us to become holy all by ourselves. We need each other's help and accountability to make strides in holiness. The St. Augustine group gives men the tools they need to experience freedom in Christ."

Providing the tools

At St. Augustine Men's Group meetings, participants are encouraged to lead ordered lives to battle against temptation. The goal is to encourage men to get

Making a real difference in lives

St. Augustine Men's Group leaders have routinely been told by those who attend that their marriages have become stronger, they've developed an improved outlook on life, they can view women with greater respect and that they are growing in faith and experiencing true freedom. Testimonies include:

"When things started crumbling, the St. Augustine group was my main source of inspiration, strength and resources to get me started on the right track to healing. Although hard to accept I had a problem and acknowledge I needed help with it, the St. Augustine group was an awesome group of guys in the same predicament as me and were extremely helpful and understanding. I plan on continuing to be involved indefinitely because the group has a tangible impact on my life and my frame of mind each and every week."

"I feel better about myself and am finally starting to regain the confidence, courage and strength that I lost while in the throes of my porn addiction."

involved in the Church, serve during Mass and utilize the sacraments to remain focused on their vocation and God's calling.

The meetings consist of prayer, reading diocesan-supported spiritual materials and discussion for support, accountability and the practical application of what is learned. The men also are encouraged to consistently receive the sacraments and are given the opportunity to receive reconciliation.

"We are so grateful to have the presence of Father Ben who hears confessions after every meeting," Glen said. "He's kind yet firm, and always encouraging accountability, prayer and trust in God."

The book "Clean of Heart" provides a daily prayer routine recommended by the group to help the men "get clean." Specific prayers are included for different times of the day as well as specific suggested prayers and actions to battle temptation or vices.

The group also recognizes that pornography addiction requires a willingness to change, honesty and a connection to others to break its stranglehold. Through building this community, they are able to learn from each other and to discuss and understand what triggers their addiction. To further facilitate this, the group created a group message app that allows men to check in and share positive messages or reach out when struggling.

The St. Augustine Men's Groups meet in Fort Wayne and South Bend monthly. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/St-Augustine-Mens-Group.

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~ POPE FRANCIS



Don't miss the best thing

My daughter has this T-shirt. I found it on the clearance rack at Target, marked down 75%. Without hesitation I tossed it in the cart. Ironically, that steal of a deal has become her favorite shirt, worn at least once a week.

Across the shirt is a line from Dr. Seuss' "I Can Read with My Eyes Shut."

"You'll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut!" the shirt reads.

Rose wears it with pride. I think she loves the shirt because it's soft. Simple pleasures keep her pretty content. But I love it because it reminds me to keep my eyes open rather than turned down at a screen.

It tells me to pay attention and to look for the wonder, especially in the quiet, mundane, ordinary moments that could pass by entirely unnoticed. It reminds me to take notice of what's around, and what could be, rather than wallow in what I perceive to be frustrating or annoying.

In some way, that gray T-shirt and its colorful wording have become a mission statement for my motherhood, my marriage, my job: to keep my eyes open, take it all in and never forget the goodness of the very best things happening right in front of me, big or small.

She only wears the shirt once a week, but every day, my 2-year-old greets the morning with an excited "Mama!" and proceeds to babble away, describing her dreams in toddler gibberish that I so wish I could

understand.

She runs through the house and yard with endless energy. She bounds into her classroom each morning with a joy that, if bottled and sold, would make us millions. She watches TV, reads books, eats meals, dances and plays games with a committed joy, the likes of which I've never seen.

Her eyes are wide open, and her desire to soak in life is unmatched. She has, in a very tangible way, an unalterable, unassailable, visible, obvious and even enviable spirit of hope because her eyes are open. She isn't missing the best things, but soaking them all in.

And that — eyes open to goodness all around us — is a reason for hope.

I've always struggled with the idea of hope. What is it, exactly? And why does it matter so much? I know about faith: It's the belief in things unseen. And I'm fairly confident I can pinpoint love: It's the gift of self for the other because of their value and worth.

But hope: It's the desiring of heaven and eternal life, and that just seems so far off, something I have to worry about tomorrow. I have to believe today. I have to love people and God right now. I don't need to hope for heaven yet ... that'll come in the future.

But that's where I'm wrong. It's where a lot of us go wrong as we ponder the idea of hope. Because hope isn't just longing for heaven someday, it's the belief that we're made for heaven, meant for heaven, designed



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for heaven and life with God now, and that we are promised something by God (eternity with Him) and He will deliver.

That's something we have to keep our eyes open to ... or we'll miss that very best thing.

It's so easy to close our eyes to it these days. The Church hasn't been a source of much hope lately, at least not on the surface. Disaffiliation numbers are up — people are leaving and not coming back. Misunderstanding about the Eucharist is prevalent — people are either ignorant or disagree. The scandals seem to increase by the day, and it hurts every single time, a gut punch as we see corruption and dishonesty.

When Pope Francis released the apostolic exhortation "Christus Vivit" last spring, he set aside a chapter to focus on three essential truths that young people (and all of us, really) need to know, articulating that our source of hope is not in men, is not in fellow believers and is not even in ourselves.

Our source of hope, and what

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Carbon pricing: Pay for emissions

In June 2018 and 2019, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the University of Notre Dame convened leaders from around the world at the Vatican to address the transition of our energy system toward a low carbon economy.

Participants included CEOs from the oil and gas sector, investment firms, renewables and insurance companies, and leaders from civil society. Jointly, they formulated two statements. This column takes up the first of these statements that endorse carbon pricing.

Carbon pricing consists of two broad types of mechanisms to internalize the costs of emissions to society: cap and trade and the imposition of a carbon tax. The latter largely underlies the proposed legislation from both Republicans and Democrats in the United States.

The World Bank lists 57 carbon pricing initiatives either implemented or scheduled around the world in national or subnational jurisdictions. These include three in the United States (California, Massachusetts and Washington), eight in China and 11 in Canada. These jurisdictions cover 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions. While this represents almost a threefold increase of initiatives since 2010, it is too early to determine success and impact.

Carbon pricing creates economic incentives for producers and consumers to reduce their



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carbon emissions. It places the costs on those who are most responsible for the problem.

By incorporating costs of emissions, companies have a more complete picture of their production costs, returns and relative financial performance of renewables and low carbon technologies. Voter resistance notwithstanding, most governments see carbon pricing as a necessary element of climate policies.

On a moral level, the planet is not a trash bin for the gaseous waste of our consumption. Besides, the principle of scarcity holds, as the absorptive capacity of our air and oceans is operating beyond their limits to support our health and the health of the earth.

The statement delivers an endorsement from all large oil and gas participants for the adoption of carbon pricing that increases the costs of their products and reduces demand.

Amid other points, the statement calls for the level of carbon price to be set high enough "that incentivizes business practices,

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God always stands ready to heal us and welcome us back



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 17:11-19

The Second Book of Kings furnishes this weekend with its first scriptural reading at Mass. Once the two books of Kings were a single volume, but time passed and editors divided the volume into two parts.

These writings are among the Old Testament's "historical books." While they are interested in the careers of the early kings of Israel, as the name implies, none of the Old Testament is primarily about secular history in and of itself.

Instead, the Old Testament books all are concerned with

religion, and more precisely with the relationship between God and all the Hebrew people. In the view of the ancients, the most important question in life was how to be faithful to God. Nothing else mattered.

Therefore, while the kings are prominent in these books, religious figures very much are in evidence.

This weekend's reading is an example. The central personality is not a king, but rather Naaman. Two strikes are against Naaman. He is a Gentile, and he is a leper. It was much more than a coincidence of birth, nationality, religious choice or bad health. Each circumstance represented estrangement from God. Leprosy was seen, for instance, as punishment for sin.

Naaman was cured by bathing in the Jordan River. The Jordan formed an important border between the Promised Land, overflowing with life, and the foreign world, filled with treachery and death and people who were unbelievers. Crossing the Jordan symbolized, and indeed was, entry into the land

of God's Chosen People.

After being cured, Naaman went to thank God, represented by Elisha, the prophet. It is a story, then, of divine mercy and of recognizing God.

The Second Epistle to Timothy is the next reading. The epistle reassures and challenges Timothy, an early convert to Christianity, disciple of Paul and eventually a bishop. Paul assures Timothy that anyone who truly dies with Christ by dying to sin receives everlasting life with God.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading. "Leprosy" occurs throughout the Scriptures, but modern scholars do not know precisely what the disease was. Even so, the ancient problem obviously was chronic, progressive and a fearful fate.

Unaware of the scientific workings of disease, ancient Jews saw a curse from God in leprosy. They assumed that, somehow, somewhere, the leper had disobeyed God.

Fearing contagion, communities forced lepers to live apart. Lepers were not allowed any communication whatsoever with

those "clean" of leprosy. Lepers lived in total isolation, rejection and want, to the point of starvation.

This reading also has an ethnic component. Jews scorned Samaritans. Samaritans long ago had tolerated pagan invaders. They had intermarried with the pagans, producing offspring not purely Hebrew, thereby blurring the identity of the Chosen People. Jews thought that Samaritans were the worst of the worst, incapable of anything good.

Amid all this, Jesus reaches out to lepers, heals and forgives. His actions were works of God.

Reflection

Presumably nine of the lepers cured in this story from St. Luke's Gospel, as Jews, saw themselves as being entitled to God's mercy and forgiveness.

The 10th leper, a Samaritan, was different. The Jews, at least, would have thought that his ancestors forfeited this claim to divine mercy. He had to live amid this perception. He was hopeless.

Nevertheless, the 10th leper believed in God, seeing that God's

mercy had come to him. He gave thanks to Jesus, whom he saw as the bearer of divine mercy.

By sinning, we all have deserted God. We all are lepers and Samaritans, in the biblical context. With unending love, God cures us of the weakening effects of our sin, restores us to life and welcomes us into the fold of those loyal to God.

We can repair our relationship with God. God always forgives.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1b-4 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12

Palliative sedation and nearing death

Because suffering almost always imposes itself on us during life, and especially at the end of life, it can be helpful to reflect on the need to accept some personal suffering as we die, even as we recognize the importance of palliative steps and other comfort measures.

In the last week of life, more than 90% of patients require medical management of symptoms such as pain, nausea, delirium, spasmodic contractions of muscles, vomiting, hallucinations or generalized agitation.

Many of these symptoms can be addressed with medication, and serious pain can often be managed with powerful opioids like morphine or fentanyl. These remarkable drugs, however, call for discernment in their use because at higher dosages, they can limit mental clarity and induce an extended semi-dream-land state as death approaches.

The U.S. Catholic bishops offer an important observation about participating in our own dying process in their Ethical and Religious Directives. "Since a person has the right to prepare for his or her death while fully conscious," it says, "he or she should not be deprived of consciousness without a compelling reason."

In some cases, the harsh symptoms associated with dying may prove refractory to treatments, prompting physicians to consider, during a patient's final stretch of days, the possibility of a globalized form of sedation known as "palliative sedation." This approach, which relies on the monitored use of sedatives, barbiturates, neuroleptics, benzodiazepines or other anesthetic medications, entirely deprives the patient of consciousness as he or she enters into a deep comatose state until death. One concern is that the reception of the sacraments, whether confession, the anointing of the sick or the Eucharist/Viaticum, becomes problematic for an unconscious person.

This purposeful and complete shutting down of consciousness also raises broader ethical and spiritual concerns about categorically precluding participation in

one's death, as well as the last days of life.

While for some dying patients severe pain can almost entirely preclude their ability to think, once the intensity of their pain has been moderated, the possibility of reflection returns, as the mind no longer focuses on mere survival. Medications can thus be helpful to dying patients by keeping the harmful effects of pain within narrower limits. The decision, however, to definitively shut down, through palliative sedation, the very faculty by which we exercise the conscious "parenting of our actions" surely requires the gravest of motives.

St. John Paul II once remarked that the meaning of suffering has been revealed to man in the cross of Jesus Christ. The Church has indeed ascribed a certain primacy to the way He endured and sanctified the sorrowful and painful events surrounding His crucifixion, even before His preaching and teaching, or His healing and forgiving. Through those final sufferings, Jesus brought about the redemption of humanity and the entirety of creation.

Paradoxically, His redemptive activity upon the gibbet of the cross was preeminently an inward, internalized movement of His will. Since He could not so much as budge a limb, His chief action and motion upon the cross was the surrender of His innermost being, embracing and assenting fully to God the Father's designs. His example reminds us how the movement from external activity to the acceptance of God's will, from outward action in the world to inward activity of the soul, is one the most important movements during our life's journey.

When Christians speak of "the value of redemptive suffering," they are hinting at how, even in the midst of great personal suffering, human activity can be reoriented from that corporal, outward-looking glance to an inward, spiritually-directed transcendence.

The inward movement of our being in our final days and hours can involve a kind of transformation or conversion, sometimes



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quite dramatic, as in the case of the good thief. It can involve a contemplative internalization of the mysteries of human existence, a stripping away of everything and a period of "rending naked" the soul.

That's why it is so important for us not to be entirely deprived of our consciousness except for the most extreme reasons. That's why it's so important for us to be prepared to learn how to endure some pain so that we can more fully cooperate with the redemptive meaning of suffering.

Our concluding time on earth may thus serve an important role in our own eschatological fulfillment. Our last days and hours can also powerfully affect the course of that fulfillment in others around us, as occurred in the lives of various bystanders on that historic day on Calvary. When we find ourselves nailed to our hospital bed, it can become an important personal moment for us to engage the possibility of a spiritual transformation opening before us, as we pass through the pains of childbirth to the joy of new life. (Jn 16:21)

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consumer behavior, research and investment to significantly advance the energy transition while minimizing the costs to vulnerable communities and supporting economic growth."

This principle targets two issues. First, governments generally have not been sufficiently bold to set meaningful rates. The World Bank reports that rates range from \$1 per ton of carbon dioxide equivalent to \$127, with half of the rates set below \$10.

Second, the burden of the energy transition must not fall on the shoulders of at-risk com-

munities such as mining regions and low-income segments. To that end, revenues from the carbon tax can be distributed as a dividend for assistance to these communities, and as subsidies for regional renewal and job creation.

At the dialogue, Pope Francis taught, "Carbon pricing is essential if humanity is to use the resources of creation wisely. The failure to deal with carbon emissions has incurred a vast debt that will now have to be repaid with interest by those coming after us.

"Our use of the world's natural resources can only be consid-

ered ethical when the economic and social costs of using them are transparently recognized and are fully borne by those who incur them, rather than by other people or future generations (see "Laudato Si'," No. 195)."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for October 13, 2019

Luke 17:11-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a lesson on recognizing God's good works. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
VILLAGE	TEN LEPERS	AT A DISTANCE
VOICES	MASTER	HE SAW THEM
PRIESTS	CLEANSED	ONE OF THEM
GOD	LOUD VOICE	HE FELL
FEET	THANKED HIM	NINE
STAND	AND GO	YOUR FAITH

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our eyes should remain open to is that God loves us, that Christ saves us and that Christ is very much alive.

If our eyes are open to that and are searching for that reality in our daily lives, then our hope becomes rooted not in just visible trials and scary tribulations but in the understanding that we are priceless and God cares deeply for us.

If we know that, if we believe that and if we articulate that, then there's no reason to not have hope. If I know that God loves me, desires me, longs for me and has plans for me, then I can have hope for tomorrow, even hope in today.

If I know that Christ died on

the cross for me and believe that He was thinking of me as He shed His blood, then I can rest assured my own sufferings and cross-carrying has meaning.

If I know that Christ is alive and believe He is acting even right now, then I can order my steps and live my life for Him. We can keep our eyes open to the very best thing: that our hope is in Christ, who is alive.

We don't necessarily need a cheap T-shirt from Target to remind us of that reality, but it sure does help.

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FOCUS partners with 14 new campus ministries

DENVER — For the 2019-20 academic year, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students is partnering with 14 new campus ministries at schools across the country, including the University of Illinois at Chicago, Texas A&M University at Kingsville and the U.S. Air Force Academy. FOCUS also is adding another international location at the University of Bonn in Bonn, Germany, making a total of five international FOCUS programs across Germany, Austria, England and Ireland.

More than 730 missionaries will serve on 164 campuses this year, along with eight parish locations. Through Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips and discipleship, missionaries inspire and build up others in the faith, sending them forth to live out lifelong Catholic missions in their families, friendships, workplaces, parishes and communities.

At college campuses, FOCUS missionaries work alongside the schools' Catholic center staff as they encounter students on campus and welcome them into the existing Catholic student community. Missionaries encourage students to deepen their faith by participating in the sacraments and pursuing Christ more intentionally in their daily lives. For many students, their relationships with missionaries help them grow in virtue and make Christ-centered decisions on matters of faith, vocations, relationships and more.

Before bringing a team of missionaries to a new university, FOCUS leadership meets with the bishop of the local diocese and the campus chaplain to discuss the viability and sustainability of initiating a partnership.

More information about FOCUS' campuses can be found at focusoncampus.org/find-my-campus.

Pet blessing at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Provided by Lois Widner

Deacon Jim Kitchens and Father Thomas Zehr, parochial vicar at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, blessed animals on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4. In observance of an annual tradition, parents, grandparents and students of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, as well as parishioners, brought their pets to receive a blessing.

Friday night Catholic clash



John Martin

Father David Huneck, a chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School, leads players of the two Fort Wayne Catholic high schools — Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers — in prayer after they engaged in an annual rivalry game Friday, Oct. 4. The Bishop Dwenger Saints were victorious at their home stadium, Shields Field.

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Rosary Coast to Coast

FORT WAYNE — Rosary Coast to Coast will take place Sunday, Oct. 13, at 1:30 p.m. at Divine Mercy Funeral Home Rosary Garden, Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave. The rosary will be led by Father Eric Burgener. Contact Theresa Schortgen at 260-749-6706 or theresa@fatimafwsb.org for information.

America needs Fatima national holy hour rosary

SOUTH BEND — A rosary will be prayed at Christ the King Parish, U.S. 933, Saturday, Oct. 12, beginning at noon. Participants are encouraged to bring a rosary and a lawn chair for this outdoor event.

Taste of Poland at St. Hedwig

SOUTH BEND — A taste of Poland will be Sunday, Oct. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Hedwig Memorial Center, 331 S. Scott St. A Polka Mass at 11 a.m. will be followed by a full menu of chicken dinner, golabki, sausage sandwich, cabbage and

noodles, kwas and czemina soups, kraut and cheese pierogi and homemade Polish pastries. Full bar including Zywiec beer, Jezy shots, Bisongrass vodka, cash raffle and music by Wil Smaka's MusiConnection.

Ava's Grace support group to meet
MISHAWAKA — Those who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss and would like to listen to and pray with others who know this deep suffering, are invited to attend a new monthly support group

starting Oct. 16. The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. at the St. John Paul II Center, located at 1328 W. Dragoon Trail. There is no cost.

Bake and rummage sale planned
SOUTH BEND — The St. John the Baptist Altar and Rosary Society will have a bake and rummage sale Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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fort. He was his Advocate and His comforter. The Holy Spirit freed him from all fear, gave him assurance of victory over evil, and gave him the wonderful peace of God.”

The presence of the Holy Spirit was with the worshippers that night, he added, just as the Paraclete was present throughout the Church’s history.

“Our nation needs good and virtuous lawyers and judges. There are a lot of intelligent and competent lawyers and judges. That’s important, but even more important is that you be men

and women of virtue. We need more goodness in our society and in our politics. You, Catholic lawyers and judges, can be a force for good by opening yourselves to the sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit and by conducting your legal profession as disciples of Jesus Christ.

“Never forget,” he continued, “the spiritual anointing you received at baptism and confirmation, and its purpose: to spread the pure fragrance of Christ, witnessing in the world to Christ’s work of salvation.”

Michael Bradley, a first year law student at Notre Dame,

appreciated the opportunity to attend his first Red Mass as a member of the Notre Dame Law School community, citing Bishop Rhoades’ words as “a refreshing reminder of the ways that law can be a noble profession and a Christian vocation.”

The Mass “highlighted the importance to lawyers and judges of both the development of natural virtues and the supernatural assistance of our true counselor and advocate, the Holy Spirit,” according to Stephen Judge, head of the St. Thomas More Society and an attorney.

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Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, two blocks from the cathedral, Judge Coney Barrett spoke about overcoming obstacles in one’s personal and professional life.

“What if the obstacle is more important than the route I have planned?” she asked rhetorically.

Coney Barrett, of South Bend, is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and a professor at The Law School, University of Notre Dame. And

like most people, she dislikes obstacles. However, she noted that the Bible’s parable of the Good Samaritan offers good advice about dealing with them.

The parable tells of a priest and Levite who both saw a man on the roadside who had been injured by robbers, and both passed by him. The Samaritan could have passed by, but he saw that stopping and caring for the injured man was more important than continuing on his trip, Coney Barrett said.

People don’t always get to

choose their obstacles, though. St. Thomas More, for example, led a successful and accomplished life; but he made a far greater contribution to the world by choosing to become a martyr for his Catholic faith, she said.

“Thomas’ death, like the death of every martyr, carries the power of redemption.”

In closing, Coney Barrett added: “May we lawyers, who are a driven lot, embrace obstacles and transform them into something beautiful.”



John Martin

Worshippers stand during a Red Mass Oct. 1 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Red Masses are celebrated annually in the diocese for those in the legal profession.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets a family following a Red Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Sept. 30.



John Martin

At left, Bishop Rhoades preaches during the Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Following the Mass, above, Federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett addressed local legal professionals. Coney Barrett is judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and a professor at The Law School, University of Notre Dame.