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Vocations on the rise in diocese

BY JENNIFER SIMERMAN



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Deacon Daniel Koehl does his daily reading, reflection and prayer at a Lifeteen Retreat in North Webster in 2013. National Vocations Awareness Week, Nov. 3-9, is an opportunity to renew prayers and support for those who are considering a vocation.

“Where sin abounds, grace abounds more” said Father Andrew Budzinski, vocations director for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. “We don’t respond to God’s will for our lives because the timing and circumstances are convenient for us. We respond to His will because it’s His will. If God is calling you to priesthood, you go, nothing else matters.”

As vocations director, Father Budzinski helps young men discern God’s call to the priesthood and navigate the application process for seminary. His priority is to determine if the candidate’s motivation, tools and timing are appropriate.

The right motivation is usually comprised of dedication to the service of God and others and a willingness to give the gift of self for the purpose of sharing with others the Eucharist and forgiving their sins. A candidate for priesthood should already have a personal relationship with Christ and utilize the tools of daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, intellectual curiosity and charitable service to others. Lastly, at the time of entering the seminary, the candidate should demonstrate responsibility, the ability to lead and an intellectual and emotional maturity.

“Sending a young man to seminary is like picking a piece of fruit off the vine” said Father Budzinski. “Is the fruit ripe and ready to be harvested? Or is it still green and needs more time on the vine?”

The diocesan vineyard is fruitful. There are currently 26 diocesan seminarians — 18 in formation at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, three at Pontifical North American College in Rome, four at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis and one on a pastoral year assignment in a parish.

The men live in community with a common rule of life. They pray Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, attend Mass, eat meals and attend classes and formation conferences together.

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'How is He calling you to become a saint?'

BY JENNIFER MILLER

Focusing on living real discipleship with Jesus Christ and following Him, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass with Catholic school students from the western side of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at Purcell Pavilion, University of Notre Dame, Oct. 23. The more than 3,000 students, teachers, staff and families on hand transformed the Notre Dame basketball team's home court into a place of reverent prayer and shared faith.

"How is He calling you to become a saint?" the bishop asked the young members of the faith who were present. "Ask Him today! May the Holy Spirit help all of us to become saints."

On the wooden floor of the court sat the guests of honor: fourth-grade students from all of the elementary schools, each dressed as the saint they had researched. The holy men and women they portrayed covered centuries of history and culture, from St. Peter, the first pope, and St. Peter Claver, SJ, to St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Juan Diego. Even one of the most recently canonized saints, St. John Henry Newman, was present.

Excited about gaining another holy namesake, John Martin, a fourth grader at St. Joseph Grade School, South Bend, said of St. John Henry Newman, "One thing is that he was just canonized 12 days at that point. I loved the fact that he performed miracles, saving pregnant women who were dying, and that the room smelled like roses and they were healed!"

His parents, Jay and Jenny Newsome Martin, both theologians, said they share with their children the life, work and writings of Cardinal Newman.



Jennifer Miller

Fourth grade students of St. Adalbert School and their teacher, Mary DeMott, arrive at Purcell Pavilion, Notre Dame, for an All-Schools Mass Oct. 23. The students also planned to present a living "wax museum" of their chosen saints to parents and school visitors on All Saints' Day.

"Our work kind of naturally filters down to the kids over dinner conversations, (especially) when we're working on big writing projects," Jenny explained. "We try to include them in our research in age-appropriate ways, and we've been surprised at the level of their interest."

But a big part of their faith lives comes from sending them to Catholic schools, she added. "Jay and I are both big believers in Catholic education and feel very fortunate that St. Joe makes religious formation a serious priority."

"There was quite a bit of buzz

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A student portrays St. Katharina Kasper, who was canonized last year, at the Mass. It's a years-old custom of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to include in the fourth-grade curriculum a focus on saints of the Church, so all fourth-graders dress as a saint they've researched for the Mass.

At left, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades challenges the students by asking "How is (God) calling you to become a saint?"

Appeals court rules against Little Sisters of the Poor over HHS mandate

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The Little Sisters of the Poor lost another round in court Oct. 22 when a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled 2 to 1 against the religious order getting a religious exemption from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate under a 2017 Trump administration rule.

In their majority decision in the *State of California v. Little Sisters of the Poor*, Judges J. Clifford Wallace and Susan P. Graber said allowing an exemption for religious groups such as the Little Sisters flies in the face of the Affordable Care Act.

Wallace, who wrote the decision, said the panel “held that the religious exemption contradicts congressional intent that all women have access to appropriate preventative care and the exemption operates in a manner fully at odds with the careful, individualized, and searching review mandated by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.”

Judge Andrew J. Kleinfeld in his dissent said the “public fervor and litigation has never stopped” since the HHS mandate was first put in place in 2013 under the Affordable Care Act of 2010.

“The casual reader may imagine that the dispute is about provision of contraception and abortion services to women,” he wrote. “It is not. No woman sued for an injunction in this case, and no affidavits have been submitted from any women establishing any question in this case about whether they will be deprived of reproductive services

or harmed in any way by the modification of the regulation.”

In 2016, the Supreme Court granted the sisters a religious exemption from the government’s mandate requiring them to include coverage of contraceptives in their employee health plans or pay hefty fines.

Then, one year later, they were given further protection by an executive order issued by President

Donald Trump requiring HHS to write a comprehensive exemption from the contraceptive mandate for the Little Sisters and other religious ministries. HHS provided this exemption in 2018, but several states challenged it, including California, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, saying HHS didn’t have the power to give this exemption.

In his lawsuit against the Little Sisters, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra argued the HHS ruling providing the religious exemption violates constitutional amendments because it allows employers to use religious beliefs to discriminate against employees and denies women their rights to equal protection under the law.

The Oct. 22 ruling handed down by the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit came almost a full year after the appeals court heard oral arguments in the case.

The Little Sisters religious order is being represented by Becket, a religious liberty law firm based in Washington. The sister’s lawyers argue that the states have no right to challenge the exemption rule.

In the decision, the court said it would welcome guidance on the matter from the U.S. Supreme Court.

On Oct. 1, the Little Sisters of the Poor filed a petition with the Supreme Court asking the court to once again protect them from the contraceptive mandate.

“It is time for the Supreme Court to finally put this issue to rest,” Mark Rienzi, president

of Becket, said in a statement the day the petition was filed.

He called the case “a nonsensical political battle that has dragged on six years too long.”

“These states have not been able to identify a single person who would lose contraceptive coverage under the new HHS rule,” Rienzi said, “but they won’t rest until Catholic nuns are forced to pay for contraceptives.”

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MARK RIENZI



CNS photo/Peter Ringenberg, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture

Members of the Little Sisters of the Poor pray during Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame April 9, 2016. The Little Sisters of the Poor filed a petition with the Supreme Court Oct. 1, asking the court to once again protect them from the contraceptive mandate of the Affordable Care Act.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, November 3: 3 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne
 Monday, November 4: 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne
 Monday, November 4: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, November 5: 11 a.m. — Meeting of Catholic Charities Corporation, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, November 5: 7 p.m. — Little Flower Holy Hour, St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel, Fort Wayne
 Wednesday, November 6: 3 p.m. — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Institute Committee, Homewood Suites Hotel, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, November 7: 8:30 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington
 Thursday, November 7: 5:15 p.m. — Mass for Fall Conference of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
 Saturday, November 9: 1 p.m. — Meeting of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Administrative Committee, Baltimore, Maryland
 Saturday, November 9: 6 p.m. — Meeting of The Institute for Priestly Formation Bishops Advisory Council, Baltimore, Maryland



Priest appointment

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

Reverend William J. Kummer to Administrator of St. Henry Parish, Fort Wayne, effective Oct. 28, 2019, while continuing as Pastor of St. Joseph - Hessen Cassel Church, Fort Wayne.



August 30, 2019

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
 Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend
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 Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Dear Bishop Rhoades:

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The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your Diocese are based upon inquiry, observation and the review of specifically requested documentation furnished to StoneBridge Business Partners during the course of this audit.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process.

Sincerely,

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Indiana Catholics share experiences of racism at listening session

BY SEAN GALLAGHER

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — It wasn't easy for Daryl Whitley to stand before a diverse audience of listeners as he prepared to share his experiences of racism.

But he knew that doing so could promote justice and racial healing. So, crediting the Holy Spirit, Whitley told about 100 people at an Indianapolis archdiocesan listening session how he experienced racism as a teenager during a sporting event some 40 years ago.

Sharing the experience "was pretty liberating and kind of helped me to heal a little bit, because I normally don't talk about this," said Whitley, a black Catholic who is a member of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis. "I've never had to write it down and actually read it and share it with a large group of people, especially a diverse group of people."

"I was a little reluctant at first, but the Holy Spirit was there to help me to get through that."

Those he addressed included teenagers, senior citizens and people of all ages in between; black, Hispanic and white Catholics; and laity, religious and ordained, including three bishops.

All were gathered Sept. 30 at Marian University in Indianapolis for a listening session on racism.

Whitley was one of 15 Indiana Catholics to discuss their experiences of racism. Each relat-

ed how racism has affected them in schools, the business world, sports and the Church.

White participants also testified how they have witnessed and been affected by discrimination against racial and ethnic minority groups.

The event was co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' offices of Human Life and Dignity and Intercultural Ministry in coordination with the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

The committee was established in 2017 following racial violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, and racial strife in other cities.

Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, committee chairman, attended the session. He was joined by Indianapolis Archbishop Charles C. Thompson and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago.

Bishop Fabre encouraged attendees to read and study "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love," the U.S. bishops' 2018 pastoral letter on racism.

As the event started, Bishop Fabre reflected on the purpose of the listening session and others like across the country. He said such events can help the bishops "grow in our understanding of the aching pain of communities affected by racism and aching bewilderment of people who sometimes feel powerless to do something about it or wonder if they are unknowingly a part of the problem."



CNS photo/Sean Gallagher, The Criterion

Indianapolis Archbishop Charles C. Thompson holds a basket containing people's written accounts of experiences of racism as it is blessed by Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, La., in Indianapolis Sept. 30. The blessing by Bishop Fabre, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, came during a listening session on racism at Marian University.

"It is our prayer that we, as the Catholic Church, will not listen without being changed, that we will no longer see without being called to action," Bishop Fabre said. "It is our hope that these listening sessions will be a part of an intentional decision on the part of dioceses in the country to continue or to begin to deal with the evil of racism."

Beyond a time for people to share their stories, the listening session also was a spiritual event, beginning and ending with prayer.

Pearlette Springer, archdioce-

san coordinator of Black Catholic Ministry, reflected afterward that "the environment changed" once the participants started sharing their stories. "It was almost like a sadness that this (racism) actually happened," she said.

Hearing people's stories and speaking with those attending the session was helpful for Whitley.

"What gives me hope is if one heart can be touched at a time and then that one person takes action," she said. "I had a gentleman from Columbus come up to me afterward and said he was inspired by what I said. Then he told me what he's trying to do to help battle ... racism."

Some people related experiences of discrimination against Hispanics in the U.S.

Saul Llacsa, archdiocesan coordinator of Hispanic ministry, was glad that a diverse group of storytellers took part in the listening session.

"It was a reality check," he told *The Criterion*, newspaper of the Indianapolis archdiocese. "Sometimes I don't know about the suffering of my African-American brothers and sisters. Sometimes, we see our struggles and issues, but we don't see what is going on in our neighbors' house."

At the end of the listening session, the written accounts of experiences of racism shared by those in attendance were collected and brought forward in a basket.

Bishop Fabre then asked God in prayer "that your Spirit descend upon these written cries for justice and peace. Envelop them, these hearts that are burning for love, burning for understanding, burning for justice, burning for healing and forgiveness."

He also prayed that God might "ignite in all of us and open wide our hearts to hearing the stories of one another and to seeking to overcome racism as it continues to wound the family that you call together as one."

The courage and thoughtfulness of the speakers at the event impressed Archbishop Thompson.

"Amid the sadness and woundedness of what we heard, we also heard passion and compassion," he said. "Those who spoke did not speak out of despair or bitterness, but out of a great sense of hope and trust in the grace of God and what is possible for us as the family of God."

Editor's Note: "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love," the 2018 pastoral letter of the U.S. bishops on racism, and resources to help promote justice and racial harmony are available online at www.usccb.org/racism.

Gallagher is a reporter at The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

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in our circle of friends about Newman's canonization on Oct. 13," Jenny shared. "John was fascinated by the long process leading up to the canonization, and we watched the canonization Mass together. I think he was most interested in the fact that we have new saints and that we can celebrate them together as an entire, global Church."

St. Katharina Kasper was also spotlighted at the All-Schools Mass. Canonized one year ago, St. Katharina was the foundress of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, a group of female religious from Germany.

During his homily Bishop Rhoades spoke with Quinn Hedges, a fourth-grade student from St. Pius X School, Granger, who portrayed St. Katharina. He said that in the 1800s, then-Bishop John Henry Luers wrote to St. Katharina asking for religious sisters to come to Indiana to teach and catechize poor immigrant children and the sick. The future saint responded by sending eight sisters to the Hessen Cassel area of Fort Wayne.

They spread their good works across the area and started three Catholic elementary schools

and a Catholic high school in South Bend and Mishawaka: St. Monica, St. Joseph, St. Bavo and Marian. They also established St. Joseph Hospital.

"The history of the Church, here in our diocese! This is very exciting," the bishop said, smiling, to Quinn.

Her teacher, Stacey Wall, shared that Quinn completely immersed herself in learning about St. Katharina. She and her mom sat down with Sister Marie Heppeler, PHJC, and "interviewed" her because she had attended the Mass of canonization. Sister Marie had been waiting for the day when one of the fourth graders could "be" St. Katharina," Wall said.

"Quinn, her mom, and Sister Marie even met at the motherhouse in Donaldson over the weekend to get a tour of the community's home, with the hopes of getting to know St. Katharina just that much better.

"It has been beautiful to see how much joy Quinn and her mom have brought to Sister Marie through this process," Wall enthused. Sister Marie even gave Quinn a special habit from her community to borrow as Quinn's costume.

Bishop Rhoades emphasized during the homily that all disciples of Jesus Christ are called

to holiness: "Nuns, priests, deacons, single and married people."

"How is Jesus calling you to love and serve Him? Talk with Him every day (in prayer) and ask," he encouraged.

"Saints were exemplary disciples of Jesus Christ. They are now in heaven with God," he told the students. Living heroic lives of virtue, as the saints did, "is a sacrifice, a commitment. Sometimes it isn't easy. It can be hard, but it is most important. Our ultimate goal is to become a saint.

"Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is the most important part of my life," Bishop Rhoades explained. Rephrasing St. Augustine's famous quote, he stated: "For you, I am a bishop; with you, I am a Christian, a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ."

He thanked the teachers and staff present "for all you do to lead and guide our children closer to Christ."

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Brettnacher thanked the faithful who were present, saying that it brought him "great joy to see our students and staff here." He also asked for prayers for former superintendent of Catholic schools Marsha Jordan, who passed away in May.



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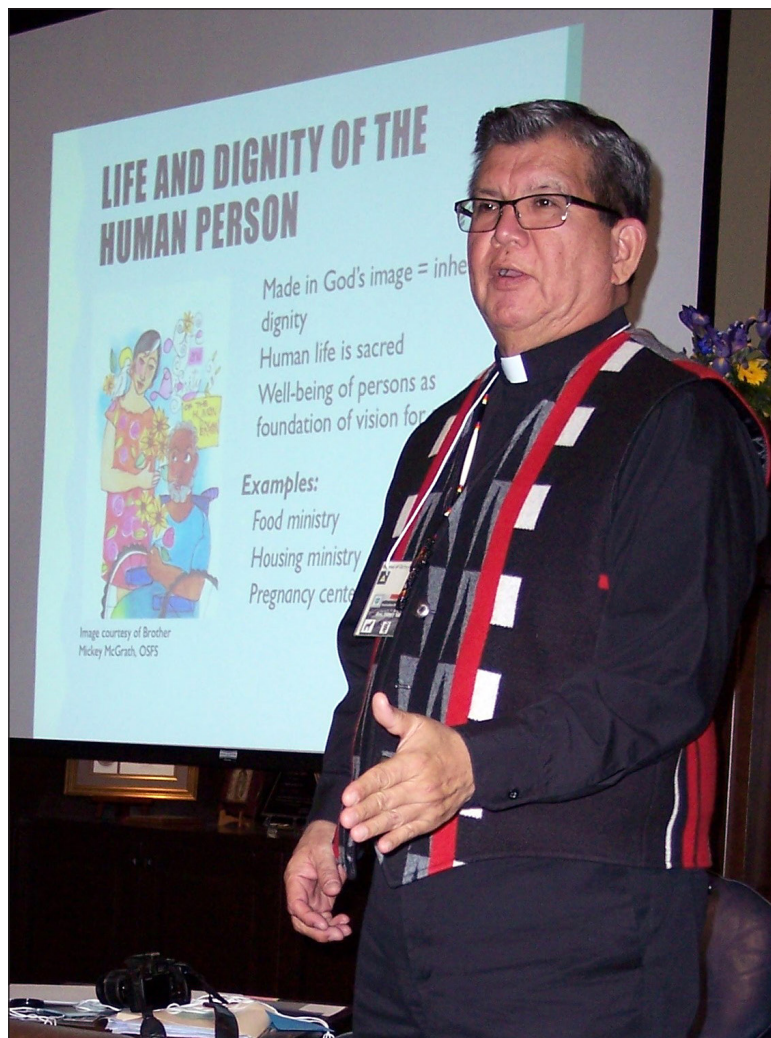
Vatican notes growing ecumenical consensus on what 'church' means

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Working for Christian unity and engaging in formal theological dialogues to promote it obviously raises questions about what the nature and mission of the Church is. In a project that took two decades of work by Orthodox, Anglican, Protestant, Catholic and Pentecostal theologians, the World Council of Churches in 2013 published a document summarizing the points of greatest consensus. In late October, the Vatican gave the WCC its formal response to the document, which was called "The Church: Towards a Common Vision." The response, coordinated by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and posted on its website, included input from Catholic theologians from around the world, bishops' conferences and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. What is meant by "church" is a key ecumenical question as Christians work and pray for the unity Jesus wanted His followers to have, the Catholic response said. Or, as the WCC document said, "agreement on ecclesiology has long been identified as the most elemental theological objective in the quest for Christian unity."

Weeks of unrest compound suffering of Haitians, says aid worker

MIAMI (CNS) — The political and economic protests roiling Haiti are causing unprecedented lawlessness and impunity, compounding the suffering of Haitians, said the head of an Italian foundation working there. "I know there are other situations around the world that are difficult and appealing for our attention, but here this is really a potential catastrophic situation," said Fiammetta Cappellini, a Haiti-based country representative for the Rome-based AVSI, a nonprofit organization created in 1972 and guided by Catholic social teaching. Cappellini noted that some of the agency's 17 international staff and 100 Haitian staff in the country participated in an unprecedented but peaceful Catholic-led march through Port-au-Prince Oct. 22. Marchers called for a resolution to the crisis that has paralyzed the country. Frequent protests in Port-au-Prince, other regional cities and the rural areas have shut down transportation, closed businesses and hospitals and forced children to stay home from school, paralyzing the Caribbean nation of 11 million. In recent weeks, the U.S. Embassy in Haiti issued a security alert regarding possible protests in Haiti, and the last of U.N. peacekeepers left the country after a 15-year presence. Protesters, including Catholic leaders, have

Church, tribal leaders attend Native American anti-poverty summit



Ann Carey

Father Henry Sands, executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office in Washington, speaks Oct. 17 during a Native American anti-poverty summit at the University of Notre Dame. American Indian tribal leaders from around the country discussed poverty issues on their reservations with a goal of formulating tribal/Church strategies to address it. The meeting was an initiative of the Task Force on Native American Poverty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and organized by the USCCB Subcommittee on Native American Affairs.

been calling for an end to corruption and mismanagement and for the removal of Haitian President Jovenel Moise.

Big push made for Mexican premiere of 'Unplanned' movie

WASHINGTON (CNS) — For U.S. elections, candidates and political parties may develop something they call a "50-state strategy." But for the Oct. 25 premiere in Mexico of the Spanish-language version of "Unplanned," actor Eduardo Verastegui, the movie's executive producer, has employed a 32-state

strategy. So far, Verastegui has visited 16 of Mexico's 32 states to host screenings prior to the premiere of "Inesperado" (literally, "Unexpected" in Spanish), took a few days off for the nationwide debut, and was gearing up to visit the other 16 states. Regardless of language, the film tells the story of Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the United States, who changed her views once she witnessed an abortion and became an ardent pro-life advocate. "I met Abby Johnson 10 years ago," Verastegui told Catholic News Service during an Oct. 21 phone interview from

Guadalajara, Mexico, prior to his 14th "Inesperado" screening. After hearing Johnson tell her story, he said, "my admiration for her went to the sky." He became attached to "Unplanned" eight months before its March 29 U.S. debut.

Christians must shun self-worship, pope says at synod's final Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Poor people from the Amazon have shown that God's creation must be treated "not as a resource to be exploited but as a home to be preserved, with trust in God," Pope Francis said. He celebrated Mass Oct. 27 to mark the end of the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon, which brought together bishops, priests and religious, and lay men and women, including indigenous people, from the nine Amazonian countries. Synod participants, some wearing their native dress and feathered headdresses, led the procession into St. Peter's Basilica. During the offertory, an indigenous woman presented the pope with a plant. Their presence was a reminder of the pope's rebuke to a bishop who had made a derogatory comment about an indigenous man wearing his headdress at the synod's opening Mass on Oct. 6. Instead of using a crozier made of precious metals, the pope carried a carved wooden crozier that the Vatican said was a gift from the synod. During the assembly, participants described the environmental devastation and social problems caused by mining in the Amazon. Pope Francis' homily about the Gospel parable of the self-righteous Pharisee and the tax collector drew parallels to the situation in the Amazon. It also appeared to address critics who have called the synod heretical. The Pharisee was "the most pious and devout figure of the time, and the tax collector, the public sinner par excellence," Pope Francis said. But in Jesus' eyes, "the one who is good but presumptuous fails; the one who is a disaster but humble is exalted by God."

Religious freedom panel examines ways to protect holy sites worldwide

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In light of continued attacks on houses of worship and holy sites around the world, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom held an Oct. 23 hearing at the Capitol to learn ways to deter such attacks. Easy and immedi-

ate solutions, though, were elusive. "Houses of worship and religious sites are places that should be sanctuaries for believers to practice their faith," said the commission's chair, Tony Perkins. "States must ensure that religious sites are respected and protected" instead of "turning the sacred spaces into unimaginable sites of bloodshed." Sam Brownback, the U.S. ambassador at-large for international religious freedom, who testified at the hearing, said: "There's an ongoing worldwide crisis," calling it a "war on faith." He cited reports that "dozens of Uighur cemeteries and mosques have been destroyed" by a hostile Chinese government. "We hope we can usher in a new time of respect" for holy sites for all people of all faiths, Brownback added. "Humanity will be better off if they (sacred sites) are respected, protected and restored," noting that Russia still has former churches being used as "hay barns." Too many, though, declare, "We destroyed this site," Brownback said, "as if they were proud of what they'd done."

Judge rejects requiring doctors to perform transition surgery, abortions

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (CNS) — By annulling an Obama administration requirement that doctors perform gender transition procedures or treatments, as well as abortions, a federal judge in Texas has upheld the conscience rights of medical professionals across the nation, said a lawyer for plaintiffs in the case. "It is critically important that doctors are able to continue serving patients in keeping with their consciences and their professional medical judgment, especially when it comes to the personal health choices of families and children," said Luke Goodrich, vice president and senior counsel at Becket, a Washington-based nonprofit religious liberty law firm. In an Oct. 15 ruling, Judge Reed O'Connor of U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Wichita Falls affirmed his previous decision that "the rule imposes a substantial burden on private plaintiffs' religious exercise." In 2016, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a regulation, applicable to virtually every doctor in the country, that would have required them to recognize abortion or sex-change operations as appropriate medical care or face prosecution for sex discrimination. Becket filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Texas on behalf of Franciscan Alliance, a religious hospital network sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations, defending them from the new government regulation. The states of Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and Wisconsin also joined in the suit.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Exploring prayer in the family setting



Provided by Esther Garcia

Before a children's choir, Father José Arroyo Acevedo leads families in prayer Oct. 11 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen. Father Arroyo, Deacon Christian Nieves, Father Andrew Curry, theologian Alicia Nagy and deacons Huberto Vázquez and Marco Castillo led a daylong retreat at the parish for Spanish-speaking families, titled "The Power of Family Prayer."

St. Jude School 40 Days for Life prayer



Provided by Michael Obergfell

A student of St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, participates in a 40 Days for Life rosary for a greater respect for life and an end to abortion. On Oct. 22 teacher Patty Bond organized 145 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students for a 1.2-mile silent walk to the Planned Parenthood clinic, where they joined others in the prayer.

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrate anniversaries

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration honored four sisters celebrating jubilees of 80, 75, 60 and 40 years of religious life at a Mass Saturday, Oct. 26, said by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Francis Convent.

The congregation of Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration was founded in 1863 in Olpe, Germany, by Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, who was beatified Nov. 10, 2013. The first sisters came to Lafayette at the invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, bishop of what was called the Diocese of Fort Wayne at the time.

Although two jubilarians, Sister M. Clarice Sobczyk and Sister M. Christine Jamros, could not be present at the jubilee Mass, Bishop Rhoades honored their lives of selfless generosity along with those of Sister M. René Duplessis and Sister M. Ruth Luthman.

"In her instructions to the first Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, your holy foundress, Mother Maria Theresia, wrote: 'The grace of our holy vocation is the greatest grace that could come to us after Baptism, and we ought to be most grateful for it,'" he quoted. "Today, with gratitude for this great grace received by our sister jubilarians, we celebrate with joy this Jubilee Mass. Though Sister Clarice and Sister Christine, because of infirmity, cannot be present with us physically to celebrate their 80th and 75th anniversaries, they are in communion with us spiritu-



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ally as we pray for them at this Mass and as we give thanks for their lives and vocations as Sisters of St. Francis."

He enjoined the congregation in a prayer of joyful thanksgiving with the jubilarians present, thanking God for their holy vocations, their "Yes" to the Lord years ago and their witness to the love at the heart of their vocation, "the love poured into your hearts through the Holy Spirit."

That outpouring of the Holy Spirit invoked in them a "beautiful response of love for God and all whom you have served in your mission as Sisters of St. Francis."

Sister Clarice was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1939. She taught for 11 years in various schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, including St. John the Baptist School in South Bend and St. Therese and St. Andrew schools in Fort Wayne. For 23 years Sister Clarice was principal of

Our Lady of Grace School in Highland. She has been residing at Our Lady of Angels Convent since 2003.

Sister Christine was born in Cudahy, Wisconsin, and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1944. Sister Christine taught for 10 years in various schools staffed by her order, including St. Therese School in Fort Wayne. For 24 years she served as principal in schools, including St. Mary School in Huntington. She has been residing at Our Lady of Angels Convent since 2003.

Sister René is observing her 60th anniversary. She was born in Buras, Louisiana, and entered the novitiate on Aug. 12, 1959. Sister René has served in hospitals throughout the Franciscan Health system in the departments of Environmental Services, Patient Relations and Spiritual Care. She has been residing at Our Lady of Angels Convent since 2015.

Sister Ruth is observing her 40th anniversary. She was born in Coldwater, Ohio, and entered



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Sister M. Angela Mellady, provincial superior of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, lights the candle of Sister M. Ruth Luthman during a jubilee Mass. Sister Ruth is celebrating her 40th anniversary this year.

the novitiate on Aug. 10, 1979. Sister Ruth has served in the order's health care apostolate in nursing, as corporate secretary and in mission. Presently she is serving as vice president for mission at Franciscan Health in south suburban Chicago.

The Gospel of the day, Luke 13:1-9, contained the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree. Bishop Rhoades told worshippers the vocation of every person, as disciples of Jesus, involves dying with Jesus in order to produce fruit.

"All walks of Christian life take the shape of the cross, and when fruitfully and lovingly lived out, like St. Francis and Mother Maria Theresia did, lead to the glory of the resurrection. Jesus says: 'The Father will honor whoever serves me.'

"Sister René and Sister Ruth, thank you for your loving service of Jesus," he concluded. "May the Father bless you and bless Sister Clarice and Sister Christine for loving and serving His Son as Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration."

Christ the King School seeks to further C

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greeted eighth graders at Christ the King School, South Bend, with an exclamation: "Three times in one week!"

The students were confirmed by the bishop on Friday, Oct. 18. They attended Mass at the University of Notre Dame with their schoolmates and students from the western half of the diocese on Wednesday, Oct. 23, and then the bishop spent most the day on Thursday, Oct. 24, at their school.

At a Mass celebrated during Thursday's pastoral visit, he said he had located the confirmed students in church that day by their "special glow" as they sat next to their kindergarten Mass partners.

"The most important part of the day is when we come together and pray," the bishop began, acknowledging in particular the 51 preschoolers waving from the cry room.

He focused on one line from the day's Gospel of St. Luke: "I have come to set a fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing" (Lk 12:49).

Pointing to a stained-glass window depicting the fulfillment of Jesus' longing, the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, he quoted the mission of St. Anthony Mary Claret, whose feast day is Oct. 24: "to light the whole world on fire with the love of God."

Bishop Rhoades enjoyed a hot lunch with some of the eighth grade students and asked about their extracurricular activities. They invited him to crash an upcoming school dance and shared with him their disappointment that a school play could not be staged this year because construction of a school addition has made the supply of props and costumes inaccessible.

Scheduled to be completed before the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, the addition will include

a full-size gymnasium. A classroom for 3-year-olds and more space for prekindergarten students will boost enrollment, which is currently about 480. Ninety percent of Christ the King School students are from parish families.

Christ the King School has changed shape several times. In 1953, 27 first graders learned in buildings moved from downtown South Bend, where they had been used for wartime housing. Two years later, the new school building opened. By 1958, grades one through eight were offered; among the teaching staff were six Holy Cross nuns. An addition to the school was opened in 2001, physically joining it to the church building.

"You offer so much at this school," Bishop Rhoades remarked to the pastor, Father Stephen Lacroix, CSC. There are special full-time teachers for art, music, Spanish, gym and technology, and a learning lab and a resource room for those who need extra help.

Stephen Hoffman is in his 16th year as principal, and Tara Schuppig oversees the school's curriculum.



Photos by John Martin

Students at Christ the King School, South Bend, listen to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades describe how the Holy Spirit helps children and adults evangelize. The bishop celebrated Mass at the school on Oct. 24, the feast of Archbishop St. Anthony Mary Claret.

Four second graders — including Max, who will receive the sacraments of initiation next Easter — showed the bishop around the atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a program the school has used for 12 years.

Extracurricular activities at the school include robotics, book clubs, a liturgical choir and a full slate of sports teams. Twenty middle school students are members of the National Junior Honor Society and tutor other students, and block scheduling is in place in the junior high to permit longer class periods.

Service is also an important component of education at Christ the King. Each class interacts with a local charity; even the prekindergartners visit residents at Wellbrooke, a nursing home across the street

from the school. Students also pray and sacrifice for their sister parish and school, Corpus Christi in Bangladesh.

Christ the King's pastoral staff is consistently present in the school. Father Michael Palmer, CSC, is chaplain for pre-K through second grade; Deacon Gilbrian Stoy, CSC, focuses on grades three to five and Father Lacroix works with middle schoolers on special projects.

Each year, sixth grade students write a book of reflections on the Gospel of Matthew. Eighth graders' capstone project on Catholic social teaching culminates in a three-day service immersion experience in Indianapolis. And all students learn Spanish, leading up to a seventh grade spring Mass celebrated entirely in Spanish. Bishop Rhoades enjoyed speaking Spanish to the seventh graders and questioning students in several grades, also in Spanish, about their ages.

In their classrooms the bishop engaged the students in conversation about what they are learning in religion classes, from the Beatitudes to the Ark of the Covenant. Second graders suggested

"The most important part of the day is when we come together and pray."

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



Christ the King pastor Father Stephen Lacroix, CSC, Deacon Gilbrian Stoy, CSC, and parochial vicar Father Michael Palmer, CSC, concelebrate Mass with Bishop Rhoades.

"sin-telling" as a synonym for the sacrament of reconciliation. He shared with them his personal interactions with two saints, Mother Teresa of Kolkata and Pope John Paul II, and he answered their questions about his vocation, what a bishop wears and carries and how he likes what he's been called to do. "I love it," he told them. "There's so much fulfillment in serving God. You meet so many people, and you know what you're doing is important. It's a joyful life."

Greeting the teachers, aides and office staff, he learned that second grade teacher Erin Kearney had graduated from Christ the King School. Kearney and the other second grade teacher, Kelly Imus, form the school spirituality committee. Kearney and Imus have introduced a virtue of the month to students: The virtue for October is patience.



God's kingdom



The bishop discusses with young students the messages portrayed in religious art hung in a classroom.



A student laughs with Bishop Rhoades in her classroom.



Older students lead others in the responsorial Psalm during Mass.



Father Stephen Lacroix, pastor of Christ the King Parish, and students enjoy the bishop's



Included in the curriculum at Christ the King School are in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew, practice of Catholic social teaching and Spanish classes. At right and left, students interact with the bishop during his visit to their classroom.



Archives bring resources, remembrance for Black Catholic History Month

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

There's a new set of local reasons to celebrate Black Catholic History Month, observed each November as a time for looking back and looking ahead.

The reasons emerge out of the University of Notre Dame archives department, which in 2016 took up preservation of an abundant number of documents and photos donated by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. The archivists have now created online resources to aid public access to the organization's 50 years of records.

No one has sorted through the historical treasure more enthusiastically than Deacon Mel Tardy, who serves St. Augustine Parish in South Bend and was elected in July to serve as president of the NBCCC for the next two years.

"I wanted to learn more about the organization" in order to be more effective in the advocacy and planning position he now holds, said Tardy, who also works at Notre Dame. "It really humbles me, because I think of some of the people who have served in this role and the impact the organization has had over the years."

Caucus members include African American bishops, priests, brothers, deacons and seminarians. It was founded not long after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

Amid the sometimes violent racial tensions that followed, Deacon Tardy said, members of the clergy felt a duty as black Catholics to respond with urgent comments and proposals that would address racism within the Church in America.

Brother Roy Smith, CSC, who works on the campus of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame in South Bend, recalled being moved by the story of those founding days, given the perspective he gained later during his term as NBCCC president. One reaction in 1968 was an address made to the assembled U.S. bishops by New Orleans Auxiliary Bishop Harold Perry, SVD, a caucus member who at the time was the country's only African



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American bishop.

Bishop Perry cautioned at the time that the Church must not be seen as a racist institution. He relayed proposals such as the ordination of additional black bishops, as well as leadership actions in support of predominantly black parishes and schools.

"I get humbled and teary-eyed, thinking of what he did and the courage it took," Brother Smith said in an interview with Today's Catholic. He saw the event as part of a compassionate, ongoing effort to prevent African Americans, struggling with issues of identity and justice, from feeling they had to "choose between being black and being Catholic."

NBCCC archives, assembled by the group over many years and now catalogued by Notre Dame, help shed light on the responses considered both in the short term and in the years that followed, Deacon Tardy said.

"The conversations were not easy," he remembered, but the caucus helped generate changes that over time have shown good will and showcased the persistent, forgiving nature of African American Catholics.

The records of numerous meetings, conferences, surveys and reports provide evidence of the steps taken and their productive results. The caucus successfully advocated for nationwide observance of Black Catholic

History Month, the creation of Church oversight groups to stimulate interracial dialogue and the establishment of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies to form leaders at historically black Xavier University of Louisiana.

The design of the NBCCC, grounded in the role of ordained clergy, excluded religious sisters from membership, but this led to the founding of the National Black Sisters' Conference. That and other groups created in succeeding years, such as one for African American deacons and their wives — the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons — have built strong collaborations with the caucus to consider issues and convene meetings, Deacon Tardy said.

He added that amid continuing discussions about black-white relations and current concerns about trends, including a serious shortage of religious vocations among African Americans, the archives deserve increased attention because they can give hope. Young people in the black community who say "show me somebody like me, and I'll follow" now can find more examples of productive engagement.

A prodigious collection of photos through the years gives visual evidence of collaborations and participation in formal and informal Church life. Images from one NBCCC event show an address by Sister Thea Bowman,



BROTHER ROY SMITH, CSC

The University of Notre Dame has recently taken up preservation of 50 years of NBCCC records. At far left are a group of seminarians in a classroom, circa 1980s. Vocation development among African Americans has been a National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus endeavor since its beginning in 1968, and it is one of the group's current strategic-plan priorities.



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A National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus Mass enculturated with African American celebrants, music and aesthetic traditions such as kente cloth, is pictured in 1984. Concelebrants include Rev. Thaddeus Posey, OFM Cap.; Rev. Cyprian Davis, OSB; Archbishop Wilton Gregory and Bishop Emerson Moore.

who died in 1990 and has been declared a Servant of God as the first step in the path toward sainthood.

This is seen as a source of encouragement, alongside the fact that five other African Americans also are being considered for canonization. One of them, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, was the subject of a nationally touring play sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in April 2018.

Brother Smith said scholars and other writers need to tap into the rich details of the archives, which can yield a fuller story of the Catholic Church from an African American perspective.

The caucus and its archives necessarily look back at history as a basis for insight but primarily are focused on progress for the future, Deacon Tardy said. A new strategic plan for the group lists six priorities: vocations, evangelization, education, membership engagement, social justice initiatives and appropriate cultural expression in liturgy.


Another major development with local impact will occur in July 2021, when the caucus will partner with other African American groups to hold a joint conference on the Notre Dame campus. Resources from the archives will be on display, and black Catholic clergy and reli-

gious from around the country will gather for Mass with the local community in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The university's attachment of an online caucus index to numerous other resources of American Catholic history found throughout archives means that a wealth of information is newly available and able to grow. Actual observation of archived materials must still be scheduled through university channels, but retired senior archivist Kevin Cawley reported last year in American Catholic Studies newsletter that an online search at the archives.nd.edu website yields "about 4,050 results."

The bottom-line result, as Brother Smith put it, is an education that too many Catholics have not yet experienced. "The archives are a wonderful thing to have so future generations can see that there have been, and are, active black Catholics, concerned black Catholics."

The lesson ties in with the bold mission of the NBCCC as it begins its second 50 years of service to the African American Catholic community through its clergy, Deacon Tardy said. The archives tell "the story of a people who, despite challenges and difficulties, remain faithful to the Church and the promises of the Church."

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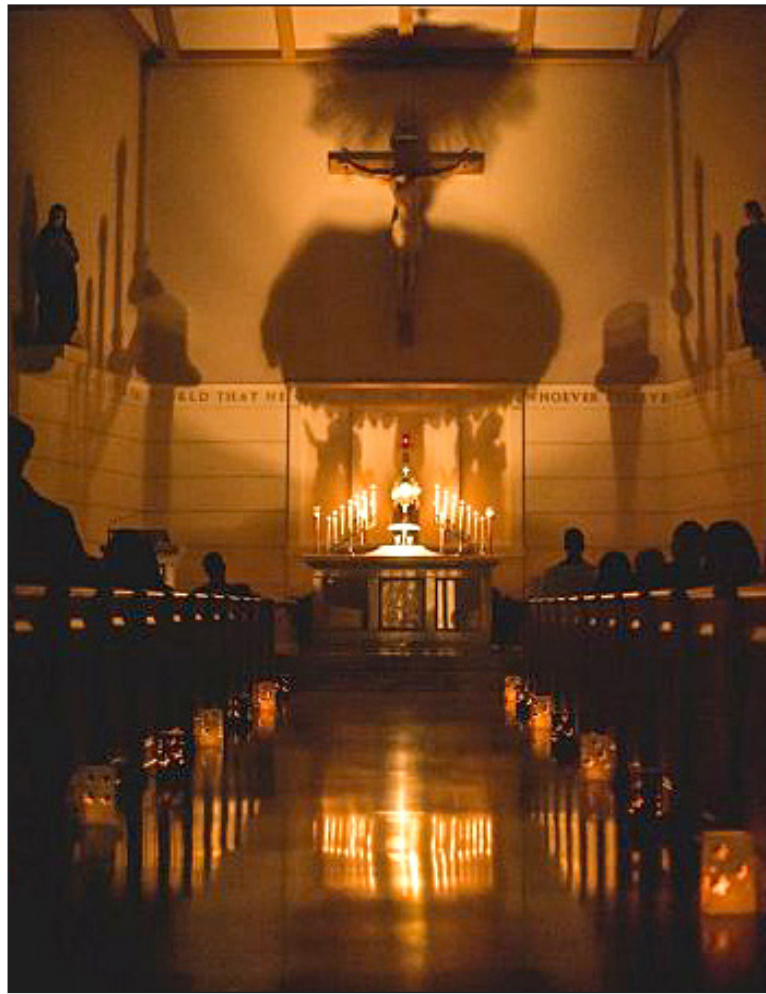
BY SARAH DUSTMAN

Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne offers a different way and place to pray during its outdoor Adoration Under the Stars event.

Father Daniel Whelan, Our Lady of Good Hope parochial vicar, said outdoor adoration provides an opportunity to “worship the Lord in a different atmosphere, under God’s creation.” The evening “captures all the senses,” he noted, by its being under the night sky, by the use of incense and through silent prayer as well as sacred, traditional hymns.

Adoration Under the Stars started with Father Whelan thinking about how to bring Christ outside the church walls. Parishes often hold processions “to bring Christ outside of the church,” he said, but with Our Lady of Good Hope being alongside a busy road, a procession wasn’t Our Lady of Good Hope’s best option. He continued thinking about how to take Christ out into the world, and also about his love of adoration — and came up with Adoration Under the Stars.

The first Adoration Under the Stars took place in October 2018. Father Whelan said it was a beautiful time and “a reminder that God is present, even outdoors.” Individuals and families were able to make themselves comfortable on the front lawn of the church, many of them sitting on blankets in front of the makeshift altar. As the evening wrapped up, some of the younger children had fallen asleep.



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Adoration Under the Stars at Fort Wayne’s Our Lady of Good Hope Parish moved indoors due to rain on Oct. 26, but it remained a powerful, prayerful encounter with the Lord.

Adoration Under the Stars happened twice in 2019, once in July and again in October. Both times it had to be moved back inside the church, however, because of rain.

So families and individuals of

all ages gathered inside Our Lady of Good Hope on Saturday, Oct. 26. Candelabras surrounding the monstrance on the altar provided the main source of lighting in the darkened church. Paper bag candles with cutout stars lined

the pews, a way of still incorporating stars into the evening.

Father Whelan began the evening by reading two Gospels from the Book of Matthew. The first was the similes of salt and light, (Mt 5:13-16) the second was the commissioning of the disciples. (Mt 28:16-20) He gave a brief homily focusing on how there is much darkness in the world, and how Christians need to bring Christ’s light into the darkness of their lives and the lives of their loved ones. He likened the result of bringing Christ’s light into darkness with a quote from St. Catherine of Siena: “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

Adoration began after the homily. Silent prayer along with

sacred, traditional hymns sung by a young adult choir were the focus of the evening. Father Whelan also led a decade of the rosary: the third luminous mystery, the proclamation of the kingdom.

Near the end of the evening Father Whelan invited everyone to process toward the altar to light a candle that they would hold onto for the rest of adoration. He instructed those present to pray that the light from the candle “may scatter the darkness” in their lives.

After lighting their candles everyone stood for the last hymn. Father Whelan compared the moment to preparing to go out into the world and spread Christ’s light.



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Are there still unalienable rights?

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The United States is perhaps the first major country founded on the basis not of a shared language, ethnic background or dynasty, but of an idea.

This line from the Declaration of Independence is perhaps the best expression of that idea — even if it has taken us centuries to learn the lesson that “all men” must include all human beings regardless of race or sex.

We have worked to teach that lesson to the world, not least through our active role after World War II in developing and signing the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

That document was approved in 1948 without a dissenting vote — though eight countries abstained, including six Communist countries who, according to drafting committee chairman Eleanor Roosevelt, objected to its recognition of a right to leave one’s country. For over 70 years, this document has been a beacon of hope to millions forbidden to exercise the civil, political, social and economic rights it articulates.

Therefore it says a great deal about our culture that the U.S. Department of State this summer established a Commission on Unalienable Rights, to advise it on more fully realizing the

promise of these two declarations — and this action has been subjected to vociferous criticism, including a hostile letter from 178 organizations claiming to represent “actual human rights issues.”

These groups say the commission will be aimed at “circumscribing rights through an artificial sorting of those that are ‘unalienable’ and those to be now deemed ‘ad hoc.’” But of course that sorting, which is hardly “artificial,” was a goal of our nation’s founding documents, and of the U.N. declaration emphasizing “fundamental” rights linked to the equal dignity and worth of all human persons.

The critics are especially concerned about “LGBTQI and reproductive rights.” Groups signing the letter include abortion giant Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union, Catholics for Choice and others hostile to the dignity and worth of unborn human life.

And these groups are appalled that some members of the new commission — including its chair, esteemed Harvard law professor Mary Ann Glendon — have been advocates for religious freedom, which is strongly affirmed in the First Amendment to our Constitution and in Article 18 of the U.N. document.

There is more in the U.N. declaration that I’m sure is upsetting to these groups. For example: “The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State” (Article 16); “Motherhood and



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RICHARD DOERFLINGER

childhood are entitled to special care and assistance” (Article 25); “Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children” (Article 26).

And Article 29 says that the declaration’s rights and freedoms can be limited by law only to secure “due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others” and to meet “the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.”

The idea that some individual desires are not universal and fundamental rights, and that my rights also entail duties — such as a duty to respect the rights (including the right to life and religious freedom) of others — has become anathema to many self-styled “human rights” groups. Which tells us that the time for establishing this new commission is now, if it is not already too late.

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The beauty of inner silence in a tango

At a past gathering at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish here in Washington, D.C., there was a demonstration of different dance styles. One of our young adults, Lola, is a student of classical and ballroom dance. She, along with her partner, danced a modest tango in a most elegant way.

What was most fascinating to me was that Lola kept her eyes shut during the entire dance; I wondered how it was even possible to dance with closed eyes. I asked her why she did that. Lola responded that it was easier for her to dance that way; it was less distracting. “I close my eyes so that I can better follow his lead.” She said that this is common in this form of dance.

All this made perfect sense to me the moment she said it. Indeed, all of us must learn this lesson in our walk, our dance, with God.

Scripture says:

— For we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:7)

— So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. (2 Cor 4:18)

— Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Heb 11:1)

— Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. (John 20:29)

— Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glori-



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ous joy. (1 Peter 1:8)

We, too, must learn to dance with our eyes shut to the world’s disruptions and demands lest they distract us from the Lord’s lead. Jesus said, “You must follow me.” (Jn 21:22); “Whoever serves me must follow me.” (Jn 12:26); and “I know my sheep, and they follow me.” (Jn 10:27)

So easily do our eyes become mesmerized by the flickering and distracting lights of the world. Soon enough, in the dance of faith, we get out of synch with the Lord; we stumble or lose our way. Better to close our eyes through careful custody of them and listen to the Lord, feeling His subtle moves and promptings. Scripture says, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Rom 10:17)

Beware: We are very visual creatures, but our eyes are easily deceived and too easily drawn to what is fast and flickering. Faith comes through quiet hearing, patient listening and experience of the Lord’s subtle moves and promptings. Blinded by the

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The Lord searches out and saves what is lost



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 19:1-10

The Book of Wisdom provides this weekend’s first reading. An essential component in ancient Hebrew belief, and contemporary Jewish thought as well, is that God is the Creator of all and the author of all life.

The emphasis by Pope Francis on the dignity of each person and upon the natural environment directly reflects this ancient belief.

Wisdom was written, however, in a world awash in Greek philosophy. Enveloping Greek philosophy was Greek mythology, which saw gods

and goddesses as beings: powerful, but with distinctly human characteristics. These divinities were thought to have control over nature. They could also be very human: spiteful, hardhearted and quarrelsome among themselves.

Furthermore, in Greek thinking, humans could use or misuse nature and the things of nature as they wished. Wisdom called pious Jews living among Greeks to remember the ancient Jewish outlook on natural life as a creation by God.

For the second reading the Church offers a passage from the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians.

Individual human dignity, and indeed nature itself, are God’s loving gifts, but they are the ends of it all. The greatest of God’s gifts to us is Jesus. The Lord became human, as are we, in the mystery that theologians call the incarnation. Through the incarnation, through the redemption accomplished by Jesus on Calvary and in the resurrection, and by accepting God’s gift of faith, we gain the supreme result of the gift of Jesus.

We gain life eternal with God.

Constantly, the Pauline epistles summoned Christians, such as the faithful Thessalonians, to realize the wonder and greatness of God’s gift of Jesus.

Quite realistically, the Pauline epistles, and this reading in particular, remind believers that the path through earthly life is rough and crooked, beset with dangers and alluring detours. We therefore must be resolute in our determination to search for God.

For its last reading the Church gives us a selection from St. Luke’s Gospel. The Lord was on the way to Jericho, an ancient city not far from the Dead Sea that is mentioned in several dramatic Old Testament passages. Jericho still is a city seated at the foot of the great Judean mountains, a virtual oasis in a stark and lifeless terrain. It was and is a place of security in the forbidding Jordan River valley and Judaeon wilderness. In truth, however, Jericho offered no enduring security.

Zacchaeus was wealthy, but Luke’s Gospel sees wealth as a burden. The poor are closer to God. Why? They are

unencumbered. They are free.

Additionally, Zacchaeus was a tax collector, a disgusting occupation among the Jews. Nevertheless, Jesus, the Lord of life, freed Zacchaeus from his sins and gave him genuine security.

Climbing the tree, on the part of Zacchaeus, teaches us two important lessons. Despite all his wealth, he was subject to the simple obstacles confronting everyone. He could not see through, or over, others. Zacchaeus desperately wanted to see Jesus, realizing that wealth offered him no lasting satisfaction. Zacchaeus made the effort to see Jesus.

Reflection

Soon the Church will close its liturgical year. On the weekend following, it will lead us into a new year of worship and reflection. But before the new year, it will call us to close this present year in a mood profoundly hopeful and thankful.

Hopefully, in Jesus, we have found what Zacchaeus sought. Life and peace are in Jesus. When we have found Jesus, we have

found hope, and we give thanks because we are one with God, in Jesus. The key to finding Jesus is in accepting Jesus, without compromise, without pause.

As Son of God, Jesus is king over all. He is Creator, Good Shepherd, our everything.

This weekend’s reading points us toward the feast of Christ the King, the great celebration closing this year.

READINGS

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1b-3 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

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

Historical clarity, today's contentions

One of the curiosities of the 21st-century Catholic debate is that many Catholic traditionalists, especially integralists, and a high percentage of Catholic progressives make the same mistake in analyzing the cause of today's contentions within the Church. To vary the old fallacy taught in Logic 101, they think in terms of "post Concilium ergo propter Concilium": "Everything that's happened after the council has happened because of the council."

Inside that fallacy is a common misreading of modern Catholic history. The traditionalists insist that everything was fine before the council, which many of them therefore regard as a terrible mistake; the progressives agree that the pre-Vatican II Church was a stable institution but deplore that stability as rigidity and desiccation.

But that's not the way things were pre-Vatican II, as I explain at some length and with some engaging stories in my new book, "The Irony of Modern Catholic History: How the Church Rediscovered Itself and Challenged the Modern World to Reform." And no one knew the truth about pre-Vatican II Catholicism better than the man who was elected pope during the council and guided Vatican II through its last three sessions, St. Paul VI.

On Jan. 25, 1959, Pope John XXIII, thought to be an elderly placeholder, stunned both the Church and the world by announcing his intention to summon the 21st ecumenical council. That night, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini, who would be known as Paul VI four and a half years later, called an old friend. An experienced churchman who had long served Pius XII as chief of staff, Montini saw storm clouds on the horizon; "This holy old boy," he said of John XXIII, "doesn't know what

a hornet's nest he's stirring up." That shrewd observation turned out to be spot on — and not simply because of the council, but because of the bees and hornets that had been buzzing around the ecclesiastical nest for well over 100 years.

Contrary to both traditionalist and progressive misconceptions, Catholicism was not a placid institution, free of controversy and contention, prior to Vatican II. As I show in "The Irony of Modern Catholic History," there was considerable intellectual ferment in the Church during the mid-19th century, involving great figures like the recently canonized John Henry Newman; the German bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler, grandfather of modern Catholic social thought; and the Italian polymath Antonio Rosmini, praised by John Paul II in the 1999 encyclical "Faith and Reason" and beatified under Benedict XVI. That ferment accelerated during the 25-year pontificate of Leo XIII, who launched what I dub the "Leonine Revolution," challenging the Church to engage the modern world with distinctively Catholic tools in order to convert the modern world and lay a firmer foundation for its aspirations.

American Catholicism, heavily focused on institution-building, was largely unaware of the sharp-edged controversies and ecclesiastical elbow-throwing that followed Leo XIII's death in 1903. Those controversies, plus the civilization-shattering experience of two world wars in Europe, plus a rapid secularization process in Old Europe that began in the 19th century, set the stage for John XXIII's epic opening address to Vatican II. There, the pope explained what he envisioned Vatican II doing: gathering up the energies let loose by the Leonine Revolution and focusing them through the prism of an ecumenical coun-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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cil, which he hoped would be a Pentecostal experience energizing the Church with new evangelical zeal.

John XXIII understood that the Gospel proposal could only be made by speaking to the modern world in a vocabulary the modern world could hear. Finding the appropriate grammar and vocabulary for contemporary evangelization didn't mean emptying Catholicism of its content or challenge, however. As the pope insisted, the perennial truths of the faith were to be expressed with the "same meaning" and the "same judgment." Vatican II, in other words, was to foster the development of doctrine, not the deconstruction of doctrine. And the point of that doctrinal development was to equip the Church for mission and evangelization, for the modern world would be converted by truth, not ambiguity or confusion.

Over the past six and a half years, it has become abundantly clear that more than a few Catholics, some quite prominently placed, still don't get this history. Nor do the more vociferous elements in the Catholic blogosphere. Which is why I hope "The Irony of Modern Catholic History" helps facilitate a more thoughtful debate on the Catholic present and future, through a better understanding of the Catholic past.

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lights, our eyes no longer find restful areas of darkness.

"... Our eyes are forced to look at a sort of ongoing spectacle. The dictatorship of the image, which plunges our attention into a perpetual whirlpool, detests silence. Man feels obliged to see ever new realities that give him an appetite to own things; but his eyes are red, haggard and sick ... He is riveted to ephemeral things, farther and farther away from what is essential.

"Our eyes are sick, intoxicated: They can no longer close. The tyranny of the image forces man to renounce the silence of the eyes. Humanity itself has returned to the sad prophecy of Isaiah, which was repeated by Jesus: 'Seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand... For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing and their

eyes they have closed to me, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.' (Matthew 13:13, 15)."

There is great wisdom in Cardinal Sarah's Book. I concur with Michael O'Brien, who commented on the cardinal's book in this way: "It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of this profound, uniquely beautiful book. Yes, in an audibly and visually noisy world, we must regain our reverence for and experience of silence."

For us who would seek the Lord and take up the dance of love, we too must say, "I close my eyes so that I can better follow His lead."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for November 3, 2019

Luke 19:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: Zacchaeus' change of heart. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

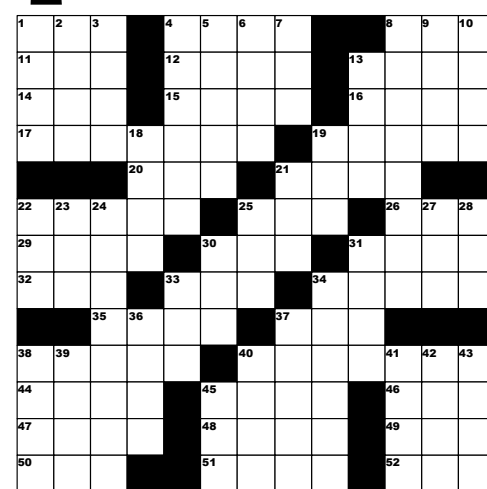
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The CrossWord

November 3 and 10, 2019



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Sunday readings: 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10 and 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

- ACROSS**
- 1 Easter month
 - 4 Grow smaller
 - 8 Child of Abraham
 - 11 Food & Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
 - 12 Middle East country
 - 13 Mistake
 - 14 Alternative (abbr.)
 - 15 Children of God will
 - 16 Won
 - 17 Cheese type
 - 19 "The ___ of God"
 - 20 Reticent
 - 21 Seethe
 - 22 Retort
 - 25 Point that sticks out
 - 26 Often poetically
 - 29 Margarine
 - 30 Lumber
 - 31 Canal
 - 32 Danish *krone* (abbr.)
 - 33 Pigpen
 - 34 Single cell creature
 - 35 Junk email
 - 37 African antelope
 - 38 Zacchaeus' stature
 - 40 Snow transportation
 - 44 One of Columbus' ships
 - 45 Location
 - 46 Kimono sash
 - 47 All right
 - 48 Wrote Thessalonians
- DOWN**
- 1 Where Magi saw star
 - 2 Burmese language
 - 3 Reserve Officers Training Corps.
 - 4 "___ of his calling"
 - 5 Peace
 - 6 Rocket builders
 - 7 Vane direction
 - 8 Zacchaeus climbed
 - 9 Petroleum Exporting Countries (abbr.)
 - 10 Connection
 - 13 Biblical weed
 - 18 Norway capital
 - 19 Understand
 - 21 Work boat
 - 22 Pole
 - 23 Moose relative
 - 24 Book characters
 - 25 Zacchaeus felt
 - 27 Lie
 - 28 British drink
 - 30 Long-term memory
 - 31 Flightless birds
 - 33 Rested
 - 34 Shall be like ___
 - 36 "We always ___ for you"
 - 37 Stood (2 wds.)
 - 38 "Sins shall be white as ___"
 - 39 Climb a mountain
 - 40 Face
 - 41 Legend
 - 42 Black
 - 43 Jesus did for us
 - 45 Whirlpool

POPE, from page 12

world's flickering lights, we fall in the dance of God's love.

Cardinal Robert Sarah has made some important observations about the visual noise of our culture. The following is an excerpt from his book, "The Power of Silence Against the Dictatorship of Noise":

"For some years now there has been a constant onslaught of images, lights and colors that blind man. His interior dwelling is violated by the unhealthy, provocative images of pornography, bestial violence and all sorts of worldly obscenities that assault purity of heart and infiltrate through the door of sight.

"The faculty of sight, which ought to see and contemplate the essential things, is turned aside to what is artificial ... In cities that shine with a thousand

Grace-filled pilgrimage from SS. Peter and Paul Parish



Photos provided by Mary Hilger

The opportunity to celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Peter and a personal encounter with Pope Francis were part of a pilgrimage “full of many expected graces,” as Father Tony Steinacker, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, said. Father Steinacker and parishioner Mary Hilger led “Walking in the Footsteps of Saint Peter and Saint Paul” to sites in Greece and in Rome Sept. 23-Oct. 5. Above left, Father Steinacker and Father Spenser St. Louis, who is studying in Rome, celebrate Mass in the tomb; at right, the pope greets Mary Lou Morris, left, and Hilger.

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Annual rosary for the poor souls

MISHAWAKA — An annual rosary for the poor souls will be prayed on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, rain or shine. The cemetery is located at the southeast corner of Jefferson Boulevard and Liberty Drive in Mishawaka.

Queen of Peace paddle auction

MISHAWAKA — The Queen of Peace Jubilee Society will host a Quarter Paddle Auction Sunday, Nov. 3, in the gym at 4508 Vistula Rd., to raise funds for scholarships to two deserving Queen of Peace eighth graders. The doors will open at 12:30

p.m. and the auction will start at 1:15 p.m. For information contact Kim Ornat at 574-315-8987.

Card party planned

YODER — St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus will have a card party Saturday, Nov. 9, in the activity center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission fee is \$7. Food and beverages available. Contact Dave Meyer at 260-638-4882 for information.

November devotions at St. Joseph Cemetery

SOUTH BEND — St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Parish will offer November devotions at St.

Joseph Cemetery Chapel, 24980 S.R. 2, every day from Nov. 2-8. Nov. 2, 11:45 a.m. devotions and Mass (in the extraordinary form); Nov. 3, 12:30 p.m. devotions only; Nov. 4-8, 4:45 p.m. devotions followed by Mass (in the extraordinary form). Contact Father Daniel Mould, FSSP, at 574-233-1217 for information.

St. Charles Borromeo craft fair

FORT WAYNE — Shop great handcrafted items Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo School, 4910 Trier Rd. Food and drinks will be available. Proceeds benefit the St. Charles fine arts programs.

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Dianne Cosentino, 79, St. Vincent de Paul

Betty J. Richards, 86, St. Charles Borromeo

Dean Weillbaker, 87, St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Jennifer Hogan stcharles-craftfair@gmail.com for information.

St. Anthony de Padua offers craft bazaar

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua, 2310 E. Jefferson Blvd., will host a craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Crafts, baked goods, concessions and free parking available. Contact Maureen Muldoon 574-233-1298 or mmuldoon754@att.net.

Snowflake Bazaar

HUNTINGTON — The Rosary Sodality Snowflake Bazaar at St. Mary Church will be Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday Nov. 3 after Masses. The bazaar will be held in St. Mary's gymnasium. There will be crafts, bake sale and lunch. (Lunch on Saturday only.)

Craft show at Most Precious Blood

FORT WAYNE — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1529 Barthold St., will host a craft show Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a craft show, bake sale, snack bar and more. For information contact Helen Didion at 260-422-9082 or helen.d@frontier.com.

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Joy is abundant in the priesthood, say priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Father José Arroyo Acevedo lets some of that joy shine forth while on a World Youth Day pilgrimage to Panama in January.

Mass celebrated for Seven Sisters



Provided by Tammie Shenkel

Before meeting with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne, Oct. 21, participants in the Seven Sisters ministry — comprised of women across the diocese who pray for him and other diocesan priests weekly before the Blessed Sacrament — were honored with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades at Good Shepherd Chapel. The bishop preached about the example of St. Therese and how to persevere during distractions and other challenges to prayer.



Nate Proulx

The Vocations Office is dependent on the contributions of the Annual Bishop's Appeal and other individual donations for the formation of seminarians. College seminarians pay for half of their tuition, room and board, while the diocese pays the other half. The diocese pays for all of the tuition, room and board for pre-theologians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and Pontifical North American College. In exchange for all the support, the seminarian, when he is ordained a priest, will give the people his life.

VOCATIONS, from page 1

Each seminarian is assigned a formation advisor who serves as a professional mentor and spiritual director to help them in their ongoing discernment.

At the beginning of each academic year, the seminarian works with his advisor to write a plan outlining his goals and objectives for achieving priestly formation in four basic areas: intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human. Intellectual formation includes coursework, reading, and discussion; spiritual formation consists of personal and communal prayer; pastoral formation includes service to others in places like hospitals or schools; and human formation focuses on growing in maturity, responsibility and relationships with others. The seminarian also meets every two weeks with his advisor to ensure he remains steady in his relationship with God and that his vocation develops naturally.

In September, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told the British newspaper Catholic Herald Online he believes diocesan priests must be actively engaged in promoting vocations. In an article about how seven bishops have increased vocations in their dioceses, he also noted that particularly in parishes in which there's a strong youth ministry program, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is seeing a lot of vocations.

Father Budzinski found his vocation as a priest because of the example of joy and good-

ness shown in his parish priests, Msgr. Bernard Galic and Msgr. William Schooler. Both men are a living example of what makes priesthood attractive — decent and holy priests living joyful lives in service to others because of their love of God, the Church and people, he said.

Common fears in discerning a vocation to the priesthood include preaching in front of others, being lonely and not experiencing the particular love and affection of a spouse, said Father Budzinski. But "God gives us what we need for the vocation He's calling us to."

He explains to young men that they will have an opportunity to learn to preach while they are in formation at seminary. He also admits there may be moments of loneliness, but that everyone, even married people, experience that feeling from time to time.

God also gives everyone the grace to flourish in their calling and in a particular relationship with Him that is fulfilling, joyful and peaceful, he teaches.

"It's a joy to see a young man who truly knows God loves him and desires to have a relationship with him," said Father Budzinski. "To see his response to God's love and desire by entering into that relationship through prayer, the sacramental life of the Church and friendship and charity towards others, and then to consider possibly allowing that love to overflow into a lifetime as a priest for the people of God, is beautiful."