



Catholic Relief Services

Leading the way toward hunger eradication amid pandemic

Page 4

'Everyone Belongs'

Book about sin of racism adopted for schools, religious ed

Page 3

Recovering financially from COVID-19

Catholic colleges move forward carefully

Pages 9, 11

Diocesan priest jubilarians

Decades of service to God's people honored

Pages 12-15

Summer print schedule continues

Digital email July 1; next print issue July 12

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Volume 94 No. 23

TODAYSCATHOLIC.org

Reaction positive to Supreme Court decision on bid to end DACA



CNS photo/Jonathan Ernst, Reuter

Gabrielle Betances and her husband, Luis Aguilar, a DACA recipient from Mexico, pose for a picture near the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington June 18 following the court's decision. In one of the most anticipated cases of the term, the Supreme Court ruled that same day against efforts by the Trump administration to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA.

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Reaction was largely laudatory to the Supreme Court's June 18 rejection of a Trump administration bid to revoke Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era executive order that allowed

young people brought into the country illegally as minors by their parents to stay in the United States.

Under DACA, about 700,000 young people who qualify for the program have been protected from deportation and have been able to work, go to college, get health insurance

and obtain a driver's license. In the meantime, Congress has considered measures to provide these "Dreamers" a pathway to U.S. citizenship, such as the proposed Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, or DREAM Act.

"We welcome the U.S. Supreme Court's decision noting

that the Trump administration did not follow proper administrative procedures required to repeal the DACA program," said a June 18 statement from Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and

DACA, page 20

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

(ISSN 0891-1533)
(USPS 403630)

Official newspaper of the
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
P.O. Box 11169
Fort Wayne, IN 46856

PUBLISHER: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Editorial Department

PUBLICATIONS MANAGER: Jodi Marlin
STAFF WRITER: Jennifer Barton
PAGE DESIGNER: Francie Hogan
ADVERTISING DESIGN: Molly Gettinger
NEWS SPECIALIST: Mark Weber

Business Department

BUSINESS MANAGER: Jennifer Simerman
BOOKKEEPING/CIRCULATION: Geoff Frank
circulation@diocesefwsb.org
BUSINESS SALES MANAGER: Erika Barron
ebarron@diocesefwsb.org

Website: www.todayscatholic.org
260-456-2824

Published weekly except for the last Sunday in December; and every other week from third Sunday in May through fourth Sunday in August, by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, 915 S. Clinton St., P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, IN 46801. Periodicals postage paid at Fort Wayne, IN, and additional mailing office.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856-1169 or email: circulation@diocesefwsb.org

MAIN OFFICE: 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Telephone 260-456-2824. Fax: 260-744-1473.
BUREAU OFFICE: 1328 Dragoon Trail, Mishawaka, IN 46544. Telephone 260-456-2824. Fax 260-744-1473.

News deadline is 10 days prior to publication date. Advertising deadline is nine days before publication date.

Today's Catholic may be reached at:
Today's Catholic,
P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN
46856-1169; or email:
editor@diocesefwsb.org

**Find us on Facebook**

www.facebook.com/todayscatholicFWSB

Follow us on Twitter

@diocesefwsb

Follow us on Instagram

@diocesefwsb

LGBT equality ruling's full impact on Church 'yet to be seen,' some say

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With the 6-3 Supreme Court decision June 15 banning job discrimination against individuals in the workplace identifying as LGBTQ, the Catholic Church in the United States has a new moment of reckoning.

But it may be too early to tell what the full impact of the ruling will be.

In response to the court ruling, which found that discrimination on the basis of sex also includes gender identity, Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, "Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, without exception, must be treated with dignity, compassion and respect. Protecting our neighbors from unjust discrimination does not require redefining human nature."

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in its 1992 document, "Some Considerations Concerning the Catholic Response to Legislative Proposals on the Non-Discrimination of Homosexual Persons," said that "it is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account" in the areas of "adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or coaches, and in military recruitment."

Adoption and teacher employment are precisely the two issues the Supreme Court has yet to decide in its current term, which is expected to conclude in early summer.

When taken together with the sexual-orientation discrimination case, the justices' rulings could force the Church, as an employer, into a new model of doing business, but it may be too early to tell.

"Parties relying on the Supreme Court need to be careful, and that there's always risks in going to the court," said Alexander Dushku, a member of the First Amendment and religious organizations, litigation and appellate sections for the Salt Lake City law firm of Kirton McConkie.

"The Supreme Court sought to assure religious employers that there are plenty of tools the court has to protect their legitimate interests, but did not actually decide those question because they were not at issue before the court," Dushku said. "I personally think the court is going to be at least moderately generous to serious religious organizations."

A guidance memo distributed June 18 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office of General Counsel to state Catholic



CNS photo/Tom Brenner, Reuters

A person runs with a gay pride flag in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington June 15. In a 6-3 vote that same day, the Supreme Court said LGBT people are protected from job discrimination by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

conference directors and diocesan attorneys appears to agree with Dushku's assessment. "The court," it said, "leaves religious liberty conflicts to another day."

The impact on Catholic institutional practices as employers "is yet to be seen," said Michael Moreland, a professor of law and religion at Villanova University in Philadelphia and director of the college's Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy.

Moreland said it is his belief that the "ministerial exception" for employees at Catholic institutions is well-established. Many Catholic elementary and high schools and parishes have a clause in employment contracts declaring that the employee is a minister. However, he added, that is far less likely to happen "in larger institutional settings — Catholic universities, hospitals, social service agencies — where it would be difficult to say that everybody counts as a quote-unquote minister."

Moreland also cautioned against thinking the Supreme Court decision will affect only secular employers. "The funeral home (defendant in the LGBTQ case) actually raised a religious freedom defense under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, but didn't pursue that on appeal in the Supreme Court because it was rejected by the circuit court below," he said.

Mary Hunt, a lesbian Catholic theologian who heads the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual in

the Washington suburb of Silver Spring, Maryland, has been following LGBTQ issues in the Church since before WATER was founded in 1984.

Hunt said a friend of hers, a former judge, said many in legal circles "weren't anticipating the breadth and scope and straightforwardness of the decision," adding it could have greater scope than the high court's 2015 ruling affirming same-sex marriage because in the latter case, "it only involves people who want to get married."

Many Catholic universities and health care systems already have nondiscrimination policies, Hunt told Catholic News Service June 17.

"Where I think a lot of Catholic institutions and dioceses have been struggling with some of these issues," she said, is with a "widespread reluctance to fire someone merely for being gay or lesbian. But then the cases where you've seen the institutions taking action, for example, is if a religious ed teacher enters into a same-sex marriage and the institution feels it compromises its ability to witness to the faith in that context," citing recent cases in the Archdioceses of Indianapolis and Philadelphia.

Lisa Fullam, who teaches moral theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in California, suggested in a June 19 essay published by New Ways Ministry, an unofficial Catholic organization that ministers to LGBTQ Catholics, the Church

must reform its position.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, quoting from the Second Vatican Council document "Gaudium et Spes," holds that "every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." The catechism also teaches that gay people must be accepted with "respect, compassion and sensitivity."

But for gays and lesbians, Fullam noted, the catechism says only that "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

"Just discrimination' that has been supported by Church leaders is expansive," she said, echoing some of the areas mentioned in the Doctrine of the Faith document: "military service, adoption, employment, housing and marriage, just for starters."

Regarding marriage, the Catholic Church teaches that it is between one man and one woman, and based on its upholding of traditional marriage, it is against placing children with same-sex couples for adoption.

Rather than taking every employment dispute to the Supreme Court, Fullam argued, "Catholic social teaching should inspire church leaders to err on the side of employees, on the side of human dignity, and on the side of this week's historic decision."

Inaugural online retreat hopes to form Spanish-speaking liturgical ministers

BY JENNIFER BARTON

Part of the mission of the Church is to meet people where they are in their faith journey: That was the purpose of “De la Misa a la Misión,” a virtual retreat for Spanish-speaking liturgical ministers. The retreat has been a collaborative effort between the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Hispanic Ministry office, the Office of Worship and the Secretariat for Communications.

“De la Misa a la Misión” had been planned as an in-person event that would take place at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was moved to an online platform. Three talks were prerecorded by Spanish-speaking priests: Father José Arroyo, parochial vicar at St. John, Father Osman Ramos, FM, pastor at St. Gaspar del Bufalo in Rome City and St. Joseph in LaGrange, and Father Mateo Kuczora, CSC.

Esther Terry, director for Hispanic Ministry and Special Projects, worked to create the event “in response to requests from several pastors that we offer formation for liturgical ministers in Spanish.” In the past year and a half, there has been a joint effort between Terry and Brian MacMichael, director of worship for the diocese, to create resources and training in Spanish to support parishes with large Spanish-speaking populations.

The newly created Spanish-language retreat will serve as a complement to the retreats for liturgical ministers in English that take place yearly.

With a large Hispanic population in the diocese, there is a great need to translate resources into Spanish. As Terry pointed out, about 25% of Catholics within the diocese are Hispanic and about 75% of those speak Spanish as their primary language. Terry stated, “Having diocesan events in Spanish is really important for our Hispanic Catholics. The Church is a home to people of many cultures and many languages, and we all feel most at home when we can speak our own language.”

Terry continued, “It is a joy to collaborate with parishes and other diocesan entities to offer programming that helps Spanish-speaking Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Two of the presenters represent different geographic locales



www.diocesefwsb.org/RetiroVirtual

in Latin America. Father Arroyo is from Puerto Rico and Father Ramos is from Nicaragua. Father Arroyo stated that this association allows them to better connect with the Hispanic communities within the diocese. “Not only are we speaking their language, but we share their culture.”

While customs might differ from country to country and he sometimes has to be aware of specific words that have different meanings in different cultures, he sees this as a good opportunity to evangelize.

He admitted that there are challenges in trying to reach a more community-oriented group with online content but hopes that leaders of Spanish-speaking communities can use the videos in a community setting, watching it as a group at a later date.

In his talk, Father Arroyo spoke of encountering Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, using the biblical story of the road to Emmaus. He explains in the video how the first part of the Mass reveals Jesus in the sacred Scriptures and the second part reveals Him in the breaking of the bread, “yet we need eyes of faith to understand. Our hearts are burning knowing that He is with us, made present in the Eucharist.”

Father Arroyo has also garnered attention for recent TikTok videos geared particularly toward youths. The videos usually include a written or spoken Bible verse and can last anywhere between 7 and 59 seconds. He stated that it is important to “feed our people,” particularly those who speak other languages and to have “open hearts” to reach out to them. The Hispanic community, he said, is “very grateful” to anyone who makes efforts to include them in

their native language.

The spiritual talk Father Ramos recorded for the virtual retreat was entitled “Eucharist, Thanksgiving and the Source of Grace.” In it, he explains how Jesus is “the sacred food that we need for our journey in this world.” The concept of spiritual food for the faithful, however, requires an understanding that Christ present in the Body and Blood is not food for the body nor is it “only a spiritual food” to be treated with disrespect. “It is not a spiritual meal that comforts me, it is God Himself who has humbly made Himself food in mercy for me,” Father Ramos states.

He goes on to teach that receiving Christ in the eucharistic feast must be done only in a state of grace, free from mortal sin, with all the dignity due to Him. Father Ramos said this topic is “of utmost importance for the ministers who serve in the Sacred Liturgy because they have the privilege of touching the sacred things and of touching God Himself when they distribute the Eucharist, therefore, they should be the first to be aware of the wonderful gift they have received.”

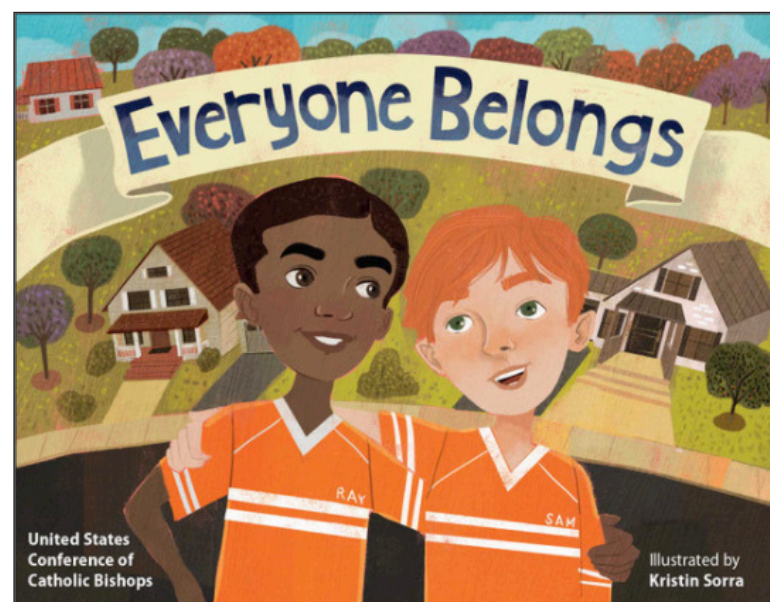
The goal of his talk is to deepen the relationship with God of those liturgical ministers and to help them seek greater holiness. This, he said, is significant even beyond the Hispanic community, as the Eucharist is central to the Catholic faith. However, he stated that “it has been a privilege to share this spiritual talk with the Hispanic community who expresses their devotion to the Eucharist in a very special way.”

All three talks, as well as introduction videos, went online June 20 and are available to anyone who wishes to access them at any time by visiting www.diocesefwsb.org/RetiroVirtual.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, June 28: 9 a.m. — Mass, St. Francis Chapel, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
 Monday, June 29: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, SS. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington
 Sunday, July 5: 1:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville
 Thursday, July 9: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Queen of Angels Church, Fort Wayne
 Friday, July 10: 9 a.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Luers High School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne
 Friday, July 10: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Paul of the Cross Church, Columbia City
 Saturday, July 11: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Therese Church, Fort Wayne



Diocese adopts book reflecting reality of racism

FORT WAYNE — As communities across the U.S. search for solutions to the systemic racism brought to light once again in the wake of the death of George Floyd, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has offered a reminder of “Everyone Belongs,” a book for children that reflects on the reality of racism in society through the lens of faith. “Everyone Belongs” was produced by the USCCB ad hoc Committee Against Racism; the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; and Loyola Press for the domestic church.

In this time of renewed awareness of systemic racial injustice, this text offers an age-appropriate story that empowers young readers to reflect on the reality of racism in society and to see it through the lens of faith. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has asked that the book be used this coming school year in the schools and religious education programs of parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

First released in December 2019, “Everyone Belongs” tells

the story of Ray Ikanga, a young boy whose family came to the United States as refugees. As Ray begins making new friends, his excitement is interrupted and the community is shocked when Ray’s family receives a hurtful message. Inspired by Open Wide Our Hearts, the bishops’ pastoral letter against racism, “Everyone Belongs” empowers young readers to reflect on the reality of racism in society and to see it through the lens of faith. It includes free downloadable activities geared toward teaching reconciliation and the purpose of confession.

The book received international attention in the Spanish Catholic weekly publication Alfa y Omega, which belongs to the Archdiocese of Madrid under Cardinal Carlos Osoro Sierra. The book was also a finalist in the Young Readers Children’s Book category in the Excellence in Publishing awards presented by the Association of Catholic Publishers.

For more information or to purchase “Everyone Belongs,” visit <https://store.loyolapress.com/everyone-belongs>.

DE LA MISA A LA MISIÓN
 Orando con las Escrituras y Viviendo la Eucaristía

CRS to 'Lead the Way on Hunger' amid global pandemic

BY JENNIFER BARTON

Hunger is something Americans often take for granted, tossing around phrases such as "I'm starving" in between meals.

In places such as Sierra Leone and Madagascar, the words are more than offhand remarks — they are constant companions.

Catholic Relief Services seeks to alleviate the plight of those living in extreme poverty and daily hunger. The organization has recently launched a new program called "Lead the Way on Hunger" to provide aid to those hardest hit by COVID-19.

COVID-19 has had economic impacts not only in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend but around the world, particularly in countries that had weak economies. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the annual Lenten Rice Bowl campaign that would have supported hunger relief operations in the countries experiencing the worst ravages

of hunger had to be suspended in some parishes due to the closure of schools and the suspension of public Masses, but as the state of Indiana reopens there are opportunities to assist those nations that desperately need the aid of developed nations to keep their people fed. Catholic Relief Services partners with numerous dioceses for the annual Rice Bowl campaign, and the proceeds are shared between the diocese and CRS to continue the Church's work of caring for the poor.

Sean Callahan, president and CEO of CRS, stated, "There's an urgency right now and that is what we're called to do ... The Holy Father has called all of us — he said we have two choices: We can either turn inward or reach outward." He stressed the importance of the work that CRS is doing globally and how Catholics around the world can be a part of the mission given by Jesus Himself to feed the poor, particularly the severely malnourished children in underde-



Provided by Nikki Gamer

A Catholic Relief Services worker in Madagascar is registering people in need for a food program. Madagascar has been plagued with droughts in the last few years, resulting in poor crop production and increased hunger. The organization has just launched the "Lead the Way on Hunger" program to combat hunger in the most affected countries.



Living choices for every age and every stage

Presence Sacred Heart Home, located just north of Fort Wayne, is a Catholic faith-based community that offers a continuum of care including independent living, assisted living, short-term rehabilitation, long-term care and memory support.

Call 260-888-3539 to schedule a personal visit or learn more at ascensionliving.org

 Presence®
Sacred Heart Home

 Ascension Living

© Ascension 2020. All rights reserved.

veloped nations.

Daniel Mumuni works for CRS as chief of party in the McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in Sierra Leone. The McGovern-Dole program is a U.S. government-funded initiative that helps organizations such as CRS provide food to school children in poverty-stricken nations, feeding roughly 50,000 children who "come to school with no breakfast and no guarantee of dinner." Mumuni grew up in northern Ghana and has a very "intimate, very personal experience of poverty."

He shared a story that he personally witnessed in Sierra Leone in which a grandmother was negotiating the early marriage of her 9-year-old granddaughter, Fatima, simply because she struggled to feed the child during the COVID-19 pandemic. "CRS intervened to stop the marriage. I was there myself, and we provided resources in the way of food to this family," Mumuni said. "That struck me a lot, as a father to a 9-year-old girl. To think that a 9-year-old, because of food insecurity, is being put into marriage, it is not only upsetting, but

it evokes a sense of anger and urgency."

Mumuni continued, saying that hunger goes beyond the growl of an empty stomach. "Far from the dictionary definition of hunger is actually the visual and dehumanizing effect it has on people. It strips people of their dignity."

CRS strives to lessen the impact of poverty worldwide through food distribution, health education and by providing people with the means to grow and raise their own food. The organization seeks out the marginalized in communities that are often very remote and frequently forgotten. Oftentimes, CRS works in areas in which other Catholic organizations also serve, providing services such as founding Catholic schools. Missionaries such as the Sisters of Charity are very active in these communities as well.

The new campaign aims to lessen the negative impacts of the novel coronavirus on the poorest of the poor. Callahan seeks to gain the involvement of all faithful Catholics. Even small donations are welcome and will do much to alleviate hunger in underdeveloped nations.

Malnutrition in young children can affect their development, putting them behind their peers from an early age. Callahan sees hunger as an "assault on human dignity in families — to see mothers and fathers that can't go out and work, that can't provide the resources for the well-being of their families and children; it is one of the most heartbreaking things I have ever seen in my career at CRS."

"Lead the Way on Hunger" began May 15 with a nine-day kickoff. The CRS website has information on ways to spread the word about the campaign and how to support the Global Child Thrive Act, currently in Congress, as well as make monetary donations. As of now, Catholic Relief Services does not have a proposed end date for the initiative, which will depend greatly on the length of the pandemic, though they are expecting it to continue for the rest of this year and next year. The immediate need for food is CRS's first priority. There is also a long-term plan for continued outreach until 2030, where part of the focus of that is to help farmers acquire seeds and the knowledge of planting so that they can produce their own food, beginning with this year's growing season.

When asked why people in America should concern themselves with hunger overseas, Mumuni replied, "For us as Christians, as Catholics, as people of faith, we are commissioned by this faith that we profess every day to be each other's keepers, to love one another and more importantly, to feed the poor. After all, Christ said it Himself."

For more information, visit crs.org/get-involved/lead-way or contact Deacon Frederick Everett at feverett@diocesefwsb.org or 574-234-0687.



TRAHIN
Insurance Services, LLC

Parishioners:
St. Patrick Parish, Arcola
St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City

- Free Consultation
- Medicare Supplements Plans
- Medicare Advantage Plans
- Prescription Drug Plans
- Life Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Dental, Vision & Hearing Plans

Cindy Trahin
cktrahin@gmail.com

Lisa Petrovas
lisa.petrovas@gmail.com

Office
260-459-9004

Fax
260-459-3412

www.TrahinInsuranceServices.com

7127 Homestead Rd., Ste. B., Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Soon to be beatified, Italian teenager said to offer 'model of sanctity'

BY JONATHAN LUXMOORE

OXFORD, England (CNS) — Carlo Acutis, a London-born Italian teenager who used his computer skills to foster devotion to the Eucharist and will be beatified in October, offers a model of sanctity for Christians in a new era of lockdowns, a British Catholic who lived with his family said.

"What's struck me most is the exceptional simplicity of his formula for becoming a saint: attending Mass and reciting the rosary daily, confessing weekly and praying before the Blessed Sacrament," said Anna Johnstone, a professional singer and longtime friend of the teen's family.

"At a time when new lockdowns could separate us from the sacraments, he'd encourage people to see the rosary as their domestic church and find shelter in the heart of the Virgin Mary," Johnstone told Catholic News Service.

Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at age 15, will be beatified Oct. 10 in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Assisi, Italy. The ceremony had been postponed from spring 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic to allow more young people to attend.

The teenager developed a database and website that chronicle worldwide eucharistic miracles.

Johnstone said Acutis was convinced "good could be achieved through the internet." She said Catholics worldwide had found the information he disseminated "massively affirming" during the global coronavirus pandemic.

"He would urge young people today to avoid bad aspects of social media and fake news,



CNS photo/courtesy Cause of Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who used his computer programming skills to spread devotion to the Eucharist, will be beatified Oct. 10, the Diocese of Assisi has announced. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has been holding up Acutis as an example for teenagers in his confirmation Mass homilies this summer. Acutis is pictured in an undated photo.

and to go to confession if they fell prey to it," said Johnstone, a Cambridge University theology graduate who also acted as governess to Acutis' twin siblings, born four years after his death.

"But he would also show how the power of the lay life rests in simple, regular devotions. If we're forced to stay home, with churches closed, we can still find

spiritual harbor in Our Lady," she said.

Born in London May 3, 1991, where his Italian mother and half-English father were studying and working, Acutis received his first Holy communion at age 7 after the family moved to Milan.

He died Oct. 12, 2006, a year after using self-taught skills to create a website, [lieucaristici.org, which lists more than 100 eucharistic miracles in 17 languages.](http://www.miraco-</p>
</div>
<div data-bbox=)

Johnstone said Acutis had combined the generosity and courtesy of intelligent and hard-working parents, which imbued him with a "sense of purpose and direction."

She added that he was helped by "sympathetic influences" from a Polish Catholic nanny and Catholic sisters while in school. She said she believed God had been the "direct driving force" behind the boy's religious journey, which later brought his agnostic mother, Antonia Salzano, to the faith.

"Children sometimes have very intense religious experiences, which can't be properly understood by others. Though we can't be privy to what happened, God clearly intervened here," said Johnstone, who heads rosary groups and exhibitions on the teenager.

His beatification was approved by Pope Francis Feb. 21 after recognition of a miracle due to his intercession involving the 2013 cure of a Brazilian boy.

Johnstone said the "first big surprise" for Acutis' family had been the huge turnout for his funeral, adding that the rector of his Milan parish, Santa Maria della Segreta, had realized "something was happening" when he later received calls from Catholic groups in Brazil and elsewhere asking to "see where Carlo worshipped."

"The family has a new life now, but are deeply involved in continuing Carlo's work, helping with investigations and facilitating access to relevant resources," said Johnstone, whose father, a former Anglican vicar, became a Catholic priest in 1999.

"Although press coverage has stressed Carlo's role as a computer geek, his greatest focus was on the Eucharist as what he called his highway to heaven. Though we can't all be skilled with computers, we can all become saints even during lockdowns, and get to heaven by placing Jesus at the heart of our daily lives," she told CNS.

Pope Francis commended Acutis as a role model in "Christus Vivit" ("Christ Lives"), his 2019 exhortation on young people, saying the teen offered an example for those who fall into "self-absorption, isolation and empty pleasure." In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has been holding up Acutis as an example for teenagers in his confirmation Mass homilies this summer.

"Carlo was well aware the whole apparatus of communications, advertising and social networking can be used to lull us, to make us addicted to consumerism," the pope wrote.

"Yet he knew how to use the new communications technology to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty."

Pope: Christians called to intercede for, not condemn, others

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — True believers do not condemn people for their sins or shortcomings but intercede on their behalf with God through prayer, Pope Francis said.

Just as Moses implored God's mercy for his people when they sinned, Christians also must act as intermediaries because even "the worst sinners, the wickedest people, the most corrupt leaders — they are children of God," the pope said June 17 during his weekly general audience.

"Think of Moses, the intercessor," he said. "And when we want to condemn someone and we become angry inside — to get angry is good; it can be healthy, but to condemn does no good — let us intercede for him or her; it

will help us so much."

The pope continued his series of talks on prayer and reflected on Moses' prayer to God who was angered at the people of Israel after they made and worshipped a golden calf.

When God first called him, Moses was "in human terms, a 'failure'" and often doubted himself and his calling, the pope said.

"This happens to us, too: when we have doubts, how can we pray?" he asked. "It is not easy for us to pray. And it is because of (Moses') weakness, as well as his strength, that we are impressed."

Despite his failings, the pope continued, Moses carries on the mission entrusted to him while never ceasing "to maintain close bonds of solidarity with his people, especially in the hour

of temptation and sin. He was always attached to his people."

The pope said that Moses' attachment to his people is an example of "the greatness of pastors" who, far from being "authoritarian and despotic," never forget their flock and are merciful when they sin or give in to temptation.

When imploring God's mercy, he added, Moses "does not sell out his people to advance his career," but instead, intercedes for them and becomes a bridge between God and the people of Israel.

"What a beautiful example for all pastors who must be 'bridges,'" the pope said. "This is why they are called 'pontifex,' bridges. Pastors are the bridges between the people to whom they belong and God to whom they belong by vocation."



Providing personal care for the whole family



Dr. David J. Moran, MD
Nicholas M. Lesch, PA-C

Dr. Andrew J. Mullally, MD
Cassie A. Herber, FNP-C



CREDO
FAMILY MEDICINE

(260) 4- FAMILY

credofamilymedicine.com

PRIVATE

• INDEPENDENT

• PRO-LIFE

Miracle child's Down syndrome is a 'blessing for our family,' says couple

DICKSON, Tenn. (CNS) — When Dan Schachle told folks at the Knights' Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut, about his son Mikey's cure in utero and his birth, they asked if they could inform those working on Father Michael J. McGivney's sainthood cause. Dan quickly agreed. Word of Mikey's birth soon made it to Brian Caulfield, vice postulator of Father McGivney's cause. Part of his job is to do an initial investigation into possible miracles attributed to the Knights of Columbus founder's intercession. "Basically, a miracle is defined as an extraordinary event that has no current medical or scientific explanation," Caulfield said. Michelle Schachle became pregnant in late 2014, and on Feb. 25, 2020, she and her husband, Dan, were told their unborn son, their 13th child, had fetal hydrops and had zero chance of living more than a few days or weeks. So they decided to pray for a miracle. They had already knew their child had Down syndrome — but it was the fetal hydrops for which they sought a miracle cure. On May 27, the Vatican announced Pope Francis had approved a miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession, clearing the way for his beatification.

Scholarship honors Indianapolis Catholic who gave up life to help others

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — When someone was considering which high school to attend, Chris Beaty never wavered from his belief the choice should be Cathedral High School in Indianapolis. "When I was picking a high school, he was a very outspoken advocate for Cathedral," recalled Jared Thomas, one of Beaty's nephews. "He said that in four years, it prepared you not only academically and athletically, but also for life. He went to Cathedral and really found who he was as a person." From his bear hugs to his efforts to break down racial barriers, Beaty lived his life "with a giant heart filled with love for everyone he met," said friends and family members of the 2000 Cathedral graduate. And he died in the same way, putting "his life on the line" for others. In the midst of the May 30 riots in downtown Indianapolis after protests about the deaths of black Americans at the hands of police, Beaty was shot and killed when he tried to help two women being attacked near his apartment. So, to honor the person that Beaty became and the two schools he loved, family and friends have established the Chris Beaty Memorial Scholarship Fund to raise money for scholarships to Cathedral and Indiana

Pope emeritus visits his brother



CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters

Retired Pope Benedict XVI is seen in a file photo greeting his brother, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, during a concert for the priest's 85th birthday in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican. The Vatican announced June 18 that Pope Benedict, who is 93, traveled to Germany to visit his ailing older brother, who is 96.

University, where he graduated from college. A GoFundMe effort set up for that purpose reached its initial goal of \$150,000 June 13 — the day of Beaty's funeral Mass at Cathedral High School. The fund has upped its goal to \$200,000, and as of June 18, \$161,163 had been raised. To donate to the Chris Beaty Memorial Scholarship Fund, go to www.gofundme.com/f-chris-beaty-memorial-fund.

Loss of Catholic schools would be an 'American tragedy,' says archbishop

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles said June 16 that his recent virtual message to 2020 graduates — posted on YouTube

and shared on social media — is "a sign of these unusual times" amid the coronavirus. He said his prayer is that the class of 2020 "will be remembered as a heroic generation that used the gifts of a Catholic education to love and serve and build a better world at a time of national distress, when society had been turned upside down by a deadly pandemic and faced widespread uncertainty about the future." But he is praying for something else, too, he said: "that we can act to sustain the schools they graduated from, because right now Catholic schools are facing enormous challenges." Archbishop Gomez, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, made the comments in his weekly column, *Voices*, in *Angelus News*, the multimedia news platform of the Los Angeles archdiocese. He urged support for government aid

to help to keep Catholic schools open.

Singing in church on hiatus for now but will return, say music ministers

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — With choirs and hymnals suspect because they may spread the coronavirus — and perhaps the next pathogen — what is the future of singing at Mass? Though a few parishes have set singing aside for now, liturgical experts say worship is inconceivable without the musical voices of the faithful. Scripture and Church history show that the earliest Christians sang as part of their commemorations. The task amid the current pandemic, the experts say, is to believe the science and

then adapt. "For most of the problems in the world that have arisen, people have stepped up to work on that problem," said Luke Rosen, music director at Corpus Christi Parish in Toledo, Ohio, and choir teacher at St. John's Jesuit High School. "The entire world is working on this one. We will come up with better solutions than to shut choirs down for two years." Oregon Catholic Press, which publishes much of the nation's Catholic liturgical music, is working with liturgists and pastoral musicians around the country to find creative and safe ways to sing. "I don't believe removing all music and singing from Mass is the answer," said Wade Wisler, publisher of OCP. "Our love for God and worship of him requires it."

Detroit archdiocese responds to derogatory attacks on Washington archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and the Archdiocese of Detroit in a June 11 statement condemned "racist and derogatory" language used by a fringe organization located in the archdiocese that bills itself as Catholic and posted a video calling the archbishop of Washington an "African Queen," saying he is an "accused homosexual." "The Archdiocese of Detroit has been made aware that an organization located in southeast Michigan has published racist and derogatory language in reference to Archbishop of Washington D.C. Wilton D. Gregory," the archdiocese said a statement referencing Church Militant/St. Michael's Media in Ferndale, Michigan. "The organization in question is not affiliated with or endorsed by the Archdiocese of Detroit." The video disparages the Washington archbishop, who is black, and calls him a liar. Archbishop Vigneron also individually issued a statement saying that "racist and derogatory speech wrongfully diminishes the God-given dignity of others. It is not in accord with the teachings of Christ. As our nation continues its important conversation on racism, it is my hope that the faithful will turn from this and all other acts or attitudes which deny the inherent dignity shared by all people."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Fort Wayne brothers ordained deacons



Brian Eichman

Two twin sons of Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, were ordained deacons of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter June 1 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, Nebraska. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, conferred holy orders on the men. Pictured with the newly ordained Deacon Nicholas Eichman, FSSP, second from left, and Deacon James Eichman, FSSP, are their brothers, seminarian Christopher Eichman, FSSP, far left, and Father Gregory Eichman, FSSP.

Dana Strabavy named to South Bend Regional Chamber's Michiana Forty Under 40

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, has announced that Dana Strabavy, director of counseling, has been named to the South Bend Regional Chamber's Michiana Forty Under 40 Class of 2020.



DANA STRABAVY

The Forty Under 40 list recognizes young adults, professionals, executives and leaders who demonstrate professional success while engaging the community through charitable and civic involvement.

This year's class was selected based on a nomination process submitted to an eight-person committee made up of business professionals from the Michiana region.

The special honor is a testament to Strabavy's expertise and leadership in her field, her strong relationships with colleagues throughout the community and her deep commitment to Saint Joseph students and the school, said a news release from Saint Joseph. "She is indeed a cham-

panion for students, and we are so very proud."

Right to Life Michiana scholarship winners announced

SOUTH BEND — Students from St. Joseph Grade School, St. Matthew Cathedral School and Saint Joseph High School, all in South Bend, were among the young people selected in May to receive a Right to Life Michiana scholarship for the 2020-21 school year.

Each year, Right to Life Michiana sponsors youth essay contests to cultivate pro-life leadership at a young age. For the Pro-Life Essay Contest, seventh and eighth grade students in St. Joseph County are encouraged to articulate pro-life truth with compassion. The contest gives them the chance to practice expressing their beliefs and think critically about the real-life consequences that stem from a disregard for the value of human life.

This year, the contest differed from past years in that the entry was not an essay, but a letter. Youths were challenged to practice a different written skill by writing a letter to former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg. Buttigieg has consistently spoken in favor of abortion rights, so students were asked to write

a letter asking him to reconsider his pro-abortion-rights view and articulate why they are pro-life.

The students receiving the Pro-Life Essay Contest awards are Katharine Becker, St. Matthew; and Thomas Murphy, homeschooled. Runners-up were Theresa Garcia, homeschooled, and Gabriel Polaniecki, St. Joseph.

In addition, Right to Life Michiana announced the recipients of two other scholarships.

The Brother John Lavelle Scholarship Award is given annually to one exemplary pro-life student leader. This year, Hillsdale College senior Eoin Lyon will receive the \$500 cash scholarship to be put toward expenses incurred while continuing his education.

The Dolores L. Peck Art Scholarship, also an annual award, aims to encourage creativity while advocating for the pro-life cause. This year's scholarship will go to two students: Stephanie Nuñez, a 2020 graduate of Saint Joseph, and Ben Towers, 11th grade. Each receives \$750 for educational costs.

Bishop Dwenger art student honored



Provided by Susan Fitzgerald

FORT WAYNE — On June 5, Rep. Jim Banks announced that artwork by Natalie Fitzgerald, who will be a senior at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, in the fall, was chosen as the People's Choice Winner of the 2020 Northeast Indiana Congressional Art Competition. This year's theme was patriotism, which Fitzgerald represented in her painting of a young woman in a field with five Navy and Air Force planes flying in formation overhead. The piece is entitled "That Rattle in Your Bones" and will be displayed for a year in the U.S. Capitol building.

Kendallville Corpus Christi procession



Provided by Father J. Steele, CSC

Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville, carried out the first Corpus Christi procession in the history of the city June 14, the feast of Corpus Christi. Parishioners from both Immaculate Conception and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, made a set of eight traditional banners for the various ministries of the parishes, and about 150 people prayed along the downtown route.

Corpus Christi parishioners leap into mask-making ministry

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — When guidelines were issued for the reopening of churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Debby Blum realized that her fellow parishioners at Corpus Christi might not have masks to wear to Mass.

"I didn't want anyone to be unable to come into church because they didn't have masks," she said.

So, equipped with the skills she learned years ago in 4-H, Blum dusted off her trusty sewing machine, dug out her stash of fabric left over from sewing for her daughter and grandchildren, and went to work.

When Justine Soboleski-Rucano, a fellow member of the parish Altar and Rosary Society, learned what Blum was doing, she joined the cause. Soboleski-Rucano was already a veteran mask-maker: She had already drawn on sewing skills learned in high school to make hundreds of masks for family, community

and medical personnel, including her nurse daughter's colleagues.

In just the few weeks that churches have been open, the two women have produced over 100 masks that are made available to parishioners on a table in the vestibule, along with individual bottles of holy water packaged by the Altar and Rosary Society.

"The masks have been going like hotcakes," Blum said.

Each mask is packaged in plastic and labeled small, medium or large, and the variety of fabric patterns is as varied as Blum's remnants and Soboleski-Rucano's ability to score bargains at fabric stores all over town. Blum explained that "gender-neutral" fabric is used as much as possible, since men generally don't care for floral masks.

One obstacle the women encountered was a shortage of elastic, since so many mask-makers had emptied out the stores. Soboleski-Rucano solved that problem by ordering a 110-yard spool of elastic from



John Rucano Jr.

Justine Soboleski-Rucano has sewn hundreds of masks for friends and the South Bend community. She and Debby Blum are now sewing masks for parishioners of Corpus Christi.

Amazon, which she has shared with Blum and other community mask-makers. Blum said that since elastic was such a hot item, she felt a little bit like she was receiving contraband when Soboleski-Rucano would deliver packages of it to her at church.

The leftover elastic still will be put to good use. Because the masks almost disappear each Sunday, the women are still sewing away—well, except for Soboleski-Rucano, who is taking a well-deserved break while her machine is repaired.

"I think I killed it" with all the mask-making, she said, but added that she has loved the project and getting back into enjoying sewing after a long hiatus.

Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of Corpus Christi, applauded the women's efforts to make sure people feel welcome at church.

"It's been a wonderful thing," he said. "I think it's terrific these ladies have taken it upon themselves. They mercifully have the time and the ability to do that."



Randy Blum

Corpus Christi parishioners can pick up masks and individual bottles of holy water at a table in the church vestibule. Altar and Rosary Society members Debby Blum, pictured, and Justine Soboleski-Rucano have sewn over 100 masks for parishioners to wear at Mass.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

PUTTING OUR COMMUNITY FIRST

Whether you want to review your current financial plan or help creating a new one, we are here for you.

Meet with a 1st Source banker to get started today.

Source^{1st} Bank

1stsource.com | Member FDIC

Catholic colleges weathering financial hit from pandemic

BY KEVIN KILBANE

Catholic colleges and universities across the country sustained heavy financial losses after they sent students home midway through spring semester to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

For most schools, the biggest losses involved refunding room-and-board fees to students for the months they couldn't live in campus housing. Projected budget shortfalls at Catholic colleges included \$50 million or more at both Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Loyola University in Chicago, news reports said.

Catholic colleges and universities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remain financially stable but cautious as they plan to resume classes this fall.

"It's going to be a little tricky until we see our enrollment," said Sister M. Elise Kriss, president of University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. The university serves about 2,200 students at campuses in Fort Wayne and Crown Point.

The American Council on Education's Pulse Point survey in May showed 80% of presidents at public and private colleges and universities who responded to the survey expected their school's revenue to decrease for the 2020-21 academic year.

At least two-thirds of the presidents also expected their schools to experience an enrollment drop for the coming year. Pulse Point surveys offer a moment-in-time glimpse of college and university presidents' views on COVID-19's effect on their schools.

Here's what Catholic colleges in the local diocese had to say.

Ancilla Domini College

Ancilla, in Donaldson, offers two-year degrees. The school is scheduled to receive about \$492,100 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act funding. Half of that total, or about \$246,000, already has been refunded to qualifying students to cover their costs of finishing the semester at home because of the COVID-19 pandemic, said Sister Michele Dvorak, PHJC, Ancilla's president.

The college plans to use the remaining \$246,000 to address COVID-19 prevention on campus, Sister Michele said. That will include installing motion-activated lighting in restrooms so students and staff don't have to touch light switches. The college also intends to open a wellness office staffed by nurses, including some of its licensed practical nursing students.

Ancilla expects student enrollment to remain good this fall, she said. The number of students may be down slightly, she added, but it's too early to know for sure.

Holy Cross College

Three strong years beginning in 2017 put Holy Cross College in Notre Dame in a secure financial position when the COVID-19 pandemic hit this spring, Michael Griffin, senior vice president, said by email.

"One example of this is that we have been able, from our own funds, to augment the federal emergency assistance dollars that go to students," Griffin said.

Holy Cross is slated to receive nearly \$469,600 in CARES Act funds, with at least about \$234,800 going to its 500 undergraduate students. By adding its own money, the college disbursed a total of nearly \$500,000 to students, including some not eligible for help under CARES Act rules.

Griffin attributes the college's solid status to the leadership and financial health inspired by Father David Tyson, CSC, who became president in 2017. Holy Cross also benefits from being part of a tri-campus community with University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.

Enrollment is heading toward its third consecutive year of attaining three goals: attracting students of higher academic caliber, maintaining a diverse community of students and reaching total enrollment goals, Griffin said.

"Moreover, we are not seeing any indication of students wavering in their decision to attend college in the time of COVID," he added. "In fact, we are right now offering more scholarships to local families who maybe would like to have their son or daughter in a Catholic school closer to home."

Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's came into the pandemic in a stronger financial position than many colleges, said Dana Strait, the college's vice president for strategy and finance. It has a healthy endowment built up over many years and has minimal debt.

That allowed the school to provide its approximately 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students with cost-of-living grants to cover their expenses for finishing the semester at home, Strait said. Major funding help for the grants came from the federal CARES Act, from which the school received about \$1.2 million. At least \$600,821 of that total had to go to students.

Nevertheless, Saint Mary's still could be hurt financially if COVID-19 outbreaks force it to send students home for the fall semester, Strait said. The unpredictability of the situation makes it difficult to plan ahead.

Saint Mary's has implemented a number of cost-saving measures that include a hiring freeze, offering employees voluntary unpaid leave and tempo-



Provided by Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's College has remained strong financially through the COVID-19 pandemic. However, school officials have instituted cost-saving measures as a precaution in case a resurgence of the virus disrupts plans for students to return to campus for the fall semester.

rarily pausing contributions to employees' retirement plans. The school also will begin classes two weeks early, starting the week of Aug. 10, and go without fall breaks to finish the semester right before Thanksgiving, said Mona Bowe, vice president of enrollment management. Saint Mary's and many colleges plan to have students stay home after Thanksgiving break to limit their travel and to reduce the risk of students bringing COVID-19 to campus after the holiday.

Saint Mary's enrollment looks strong for the fall, Bowe said. "As of today (June 12), our incoming class is larger than last year by about 4%."

The growth results from putting more effort into reaching out to a larger number of qualified students. Applications and acceptances totaled well ahead of normal before the pandemic hit in March. However, some incoming and returning students still could decide to sit out at least the fall semester because of concerns about getting COVID-19, Bowe noted.

University of Notre Dame

With the largest enrollment among Catholic colleges and universities in the diocese — around 12,600 undergraduate and graduate/professional students — Notre Dame absorbed a bigger financial punch from the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, the university refunded \$20 million in room-and-board fees to undergraduate students sent home from dormitories midway through spring semester because of COVID-19, Dennis Brown, assistant vice president and university spokesman, said



Provided by the University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame has taken a number of steps to minimize the pandemic's impact on its budget, such as initiating a hiring freeze, postponing some construction projects and eliminating employee pay increases for this fiscal year.

by email.

"As with all colleges and universities, the pandemic has created financial challenges," Brown said.

Notre Dame, which was slated to receive nearly \$5.8 million in CARES Act funds, joined other nationally prominent universities in turning down that money so more funds could be available to other schools with students in need, news reports said.

To minimize the pandemic's impact on its budget, Notre Dame has frozen staff hiring and won't offer employee salary increases for the coming fiscal

year. The university also eliminated nonessential expenses, instituted travel restrictions and postponed some capital and infrastructure projects.

In addition, senior leadership and some members of the athletic department reduced their salaries voluntarily, Brown said.

Regarding enrollment, Notre Dame caps each incoming class at about 2,100 students and expects to do the same this year.

Students will start classes two weeks early, during the week of

Sisters of Providence celebrate jubilees

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

Sixty-year jubilarians

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



**SISTER THOMAS
JEANNE DORIOT**

Sister Thomas Jeanne entered the congregation on Feb. 2, 1960, from St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1967. During her time in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Sister Thomas Jeanne ministered as a journalist at the News-Sentinel from 1971-72. She has also ministered at other locations in Indiana as well as Illinois, California and Nevada.

Sister Nancy Reynolds is a native of Indianapolis. Currently, she ministers as a canonical consultant and appointed prioress of the Carmelite Nuns in Louisville.



**SISTER NANCY
REYNOLDS**

Sister Nancy, formerly Sister Ann Carita, entered the congregation on Sept. 12, 1960, from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1968.

During her time in the diocese, Sister Nancy ministered as a teacher at Central Catholic High School from 1966-69.

Seventy-year jubilarians

Sister Eileen Rose Bonner is a native of Whiting. Currently, she ministers on the Parish Bereavement Committee at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Louisville, and as a volunteer knitter for White Violet Center for Eco-Justice.



**SISTER EILEEN
ROSE BONNER**

Sister Eileen Rose entered the congregation on Jan. 8, 1950, from Sacred Heart Parish, Whiting. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1957. During her time in the diocese, Sister Eileen Rose ministered as a teacher at St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, from 1969-70.

Sister Rosemary Borntrager is a native of Chicago. Currently, she ministers as a volunteer at Linden Leaf Gifts at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



**SISTER
ROSEMARY
BORNTRAGER**

Sister Rosemary, formerly Sister Rose Cecile, entered the congregation on July 22, 1950, from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Chicago. She professed perpetual vows on Jan. 23, 1958. During her time in the diocese, Sister Rosemary ministered as a teacher at Cathedral School, Fort Wayne, from 1953-56.

Sister Theresa Clare Carr is a native of Indianapolis. Currently, she ministers as a volunteer for The Helping Hands and Providence Food Pantry, both in West Terre Haute.

Sister Theresa Clare entered the congregation on Jan. 8, 1950, from St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1957. During her time in the diocese, Sister Theresa Clare ministered as a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1952-53.



**SISTER THERESA
CLARE CARR**

Sister Jacquelyn Hoffman is a native of Fort Wayne. Currently, she has a music ministry at Providence Health Care at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



**SISTER
JACQUELYN
HOFFMAN**

Sister Jacquelyn, formerly Sister Theodata, entered the congregation on Feb. 2, 1950, from St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1957. During her time in the diocese, Sister Jacquelyn ministered as a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1982-2002. Sister Jacquelyn has also ministered in other locations in Indiana, as well as Missouri and Illinois.

Sister Elizabeth Meyer is a native of Indianapolis. Currently, she ministers as a care volunteer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



**SISTER
ELIZABETH
MEYER**

Sister Elizabeth, formerly Sister Joseph Aloyse, entered the

congregation on Feb. 2, 1950, from St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1957. During her time in the diocese, Sister Elizabeth ministered as a teacher at St. Jude School, from 1952-57.

Seventy-five year jubilarian

Sister Winifred Mary Sullivan is a native of Terre Haute. Currently, she ministers as a sewer for Linden Leaf Gifts at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



**SISTER
WINIFRED
MARY SULLIVAN**

Sister Winifred Mary entered the congregation on July 22, 1945, from St. Ann Parish, Terre Haute. She professed perpetual vows on Jan. 23, 1953. During her time in the diocese, Sister Winifred Mary ministered as a teacher at Cathedral School, Fort Wayne, in 1953.

Eighty-year jubilarian

Sister Mary Roger Madden is a native of Decatur, Illinois. Currently, she ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



**SISTER MARY
ROGER
MADDEN**

Sister Mary Roger entered the congregation on Sept. 16, 1940, from St. Patrick Parish, Decatur. She professed perpetual vows on Jan. 23, 1949. During her time in the diocese, Sister Mary Roger ministered as a teacher at St. John the

Member builds can crusher for Knights of Columbus service project

FORT WAYNE — In 2016, Knights of Columbus Council 451 built a small storage shed for the purpose of collecting aluminum cans as a means of generating funds for charity. The shed is located on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fort Wayne.

After four years in operation, the council has received 10,600 pounds in scrap aluminum. That converts to over 350,000 cans, or \$1,100 annually in revenue. All money earned is donated to Gibault Children's Services, the No. 1 Knights of Columbus-supported charitable organization in Indiana.

Collecting, storing and transporting such a mountain of cans

is quite a challenge. To make the task more manageable, the cans are crushed. Until recently, this task was performed manually requiring many tedious hours.

One of Council 451's engineer-minded Knights decided it was time to make this a more efficient operation. After some YouTube research and ingenuity, he designed and built a high-volume machine limited only by the operator's speed in feeding cans down a chute designed with safety in mind.

Thanks to this invention and the dedication of its members, Council 451 will continue the Knights' tradition of charitable giving.



On the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, aluminum cans collected by Knights of Columbus Council 451 members and crushed and sold to raise money for charity. Council members Dennis Redding and John Prascsak transport some of the crushed cans.



Photos provided by Justin Purdy/Dennis Redding Council member John Prascsak inserts cans into the can-crushing machine.



Provided by the University of Saint Francis

University of Saint Francis relies heavily on students' tuition for revenue, so officials hope for strong enrollment when in-person classes resume this fall.

COLLEGES, from page 9

Aug. 10, go without breaks and finish the semester just before Thanksgiving, the university announced previously. Those plans could change if COVID-19 developments warrant it.

University of Saint Francis

"We're looking OK right now," outgoing president Sister M. Elise Kriss said June 10 about the school's finances.

USF will watch its fall enrollment closely because private colleges are heavily dependent on tuition income, said Sister Elise, who will retire June 30. She will be succeeded by Father Eric A. Zimmer.

Over the past five years, enrollment of traditional younger students has declined slightly at the Fort Wayne campuses, she said. That has been offset by increased enrollment of other students and by enrollment growth at USF's Crown Point campus.

So far, the number of new and returning students enrolled for the fall looks good. The school is usually attended by around 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students.

However, some students may decide at the last minute to sit out a year or a semester because of concerns about getting COVID-19, Sister Elise added. Others who would have lived in a dormitory may opt to live at home

and commute to classes.

The university's financial situation was bolstered by nearly \$1.9 million it received in federal CARES Act funds. USF used half of the money to refund room-and-board fees to students in USF dormitories who had to move home when the pandemic shut down the campus. The funds also helped students with costs associated with staying home and completing classes online.

USF intends to use the rest of its CARES funds to reimburse itself for some of the cost for sending students home and refunding fees, she said. Some funds also will go to preparing the school for future online learning.

USF faces other expenses, such as providing face masks to everyone on campus and supplying hand sanitizer, she noted.

Current plans call for USF to start in-person classes Aug. 24 and go without breaks until Thanksgiving. Students will stay home after the holiday to finish classes and take final exams online as a precaution against the spread of COVID-19.

Campus life is key part of college experience

The five Catholic colleges and universities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend plan to resume in-person classes when the 2020-21 academic year begins in late summer.

The benefits to students go

beyond classroom learning, officials said.

For 18- to 21-year-olds, college years offer growth opportunities through personal relationships, having a roommate, hands-on learning in laboratory classes, working with others in a group, and participating in clubs and activities, said Sister Elise.

"That age of student wants to be here."

Saint Mary's College prides itself on the close relationships students can develop with faculty and on the opportunities students have for social and other interaction with each other, said Bowe. The interaction includes growing in the Catholic faith by attending Mass, participating in retreats and joining other young people in discussions about beliefs and issues.

University of Notre Dame holds a similar view.

"Through its 178-year history, Notre Dame has believed in the residential campus experience, and we have doubled-down on that approach in recent years with the addition of new residence halls and more than \$400 million in construction of teaching, research, student life, performance, multimedia and hospitality space," Brown said. "In the tradition of our founding religious community, the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame seeks to educate the mind, the heart and the spirit, and we believe that is most effectively accomplished through the personal interaction found on campus."

Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, entered the COVID-19 pandemic in a strong position that allowed it to use some of its own funds to help students with costs associated with going home midway through spring semester and finishing classes online.



Provided by Holy Cross College

Your Personalized Catholic Gift is A Lasting Expression of Your Faith.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

It's Simple - It's Stewardship - It's Forever

260-399-1436

9025 Coldwater Rd. Ste 200

www.ccfnei.org



Make a **legacy gift** to the
Saint Mother Theodore Guerin FOUNDATION

You make an irrevocable gift of \$10,000 or more.



You receive payments for life based on your age; a portion of those payments are even tax free.



You receive a charitable deduction; you are building the future of the sisters through a gift to the Sisters of Providence.



ONE LIFE

AGE	60	65	70	75	80	85	90+
RATE	3.9%	4.2%	4.7%	5.4%	6.5%	7.6%	8.6%

Rates Subject to change based on the ACCGA.

In exchange for a gift of cash or appreciated stock, you will receive immediate tax savings and a guaranteed, partially tax-free income stream for life. Best of all, while you're doing something good for yourself, you'll be doing something wonderful for our sisters.

Your gift today will have an impact on the Sisters of Providence for years to come! Please call us for two-life or deferred gift annuity rates.

To request a free proposal, contact Connie Gualano, manager of planned giving, at 812-535-2811
PlannedGiving.SistersofProvidence.org

FIFTY YEARS A PRIEST

From Kolkata to Charleston by way of Indiana

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

Perhaps it's not too surprising that a boy for whom St. Teresa of Kolkata babysat wound up being ordained a priest 50 years ago, at age 25.

After study and formation in his native India and in Rome, Father Derrick Sneyd came to Indiana to pursue a counseling degree at Indiana University. He wound up staying for 44 years, serving under four bishops. For the first 10 years, he lived with "a tremendous help and example, a kind man, a princely priest," as he called Msgr. John Sabo, pastor at Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend during that time.

He served in the diocesan marriage tribunal and also put his theological education and counseling skills to work at Marian High School. Over the years he has been pastor at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, New Carlisle; St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart; St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven; St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka; and St. Jude and St. Anthony de Padua parishes in South Bend. He retired in 2016, when he left administrative responsibilities at Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn for a warmer climate. He now serves as senior parochial vicar at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Charleston, South Carolina.

Although he grew up in India, Father Sneyd's mother, Gladys, was Irish, so English was his first language. Gladys knew Mother Teresa, and the two used to tease each other about who was older, since only a few months separated their birth dates. When she wanted to go shopping in Kolkata, his widowed mother sometimes dropped Derrick off with Mother Teresa for a little while. Of course, that's now a cherished memory.

As a preschooler, Father Sneyd remembered, he would drape a bedsheet over his shoulders and make his two sisters keep silent while he said "Mass" in imitation Latin. He received his first Communion at age 6 and soon became an altar server, but he didn't apply to enter seminary until his senior year in high school. Following ordination, he became secretary to Archbishop Eugene D'Souza, MSFS, of the Diocese of Bhopal, India. The archbishop helped the new priest discern an aptitude for



FATHER DERRICK SNEYD

counseling, which brought him to Indiana. Other than frequent visits to his family in India, he never looked back.

Celebrating Mass with carefully prepared homilies and hidden moments of ministry to individuals are highlights of his ministry. "My greatest blessing as a priest is to experience how the Lord uses us as His instruments at times like these. The Lord has the greater job at this. He does His thing and does it well, and He asks us to fill in little details now and then," explained Father Sneyd.

He's always put his heart into every assignment, doing the best he can with the gifts the Lord has given him.

As a younger man, Father Sneyd played percussion instruments and sports such as soccer, cricket, racquetball and field hockey. He still enjoys singing, reading and cooking. His all-time favorite trip was to Switzerland, but he has traveled all over the world, especially back when his mother was able to "hop a plane at the drop of a hat." His cheerful disposition makes him a good friend, others say, and medical appointments bring him back to Indiana often enough to keep up with friends and former co-workers.

"I've learned from my mistakes, brushed off the dust and continued the race," Father Sneyd said of his 50 years of ministry, adding that he'll never forget what Msgr. Sabo told him years ago: "What matters most is what is in the mind of God. All else fades away."

Plans for commemorating Father Sneyd's Oct. 18, 1970, ordination are up in the air at this time.

'Happiness follows obedience': Msgr. Galic observes golden jubilee

BY VINCE LABARBERA

Plans were made, invitations printed, food ordered and other details completed for a golden jubilee of ordination celebration for Msgr. Bernard Galic June 14 at St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder. The commemoration was planned four years to the date after his retirement but has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The actual date of Msgr. Galic's priestly ordination is Aug. 30, so there's hope a gathering still can take place in a timely manner.

"Even if an official celebration never happens, I will observe my golden jubilee by celebrating Mass at home," said Msgr. Galic recently.

After his 2016 retirement following 46 years of priestly ministry, Msgr. Galic initially celebrated Mass on weekends at St. Aloysius whenever he was needed, and he remains a parishioner there. Lately, however, he has been limited to the celebration of daily Mass at home due to arthritis.

Young "Bernie" grew up in Newport, Pennsylvania, 25 miles west of Harrisburg. He was baptized in St. Francis of Assisi Parish where, prior to being ordained a bishop in 2004, Father Kevin C. Rhoades served as pastor from 1990-95. "To put it in perspective, when I left for the seminary, Bishop Rhoades was just 2 years old," Msgr. Galic remarked.

His parents, Frank and Ursula, had five sons: Emory, who died in February 2019 near the family homestead; Bernard; Phil, who died in Florida in 2014; Michael, living in Nevada after spending 30 years in Alaska; and Bill, who moved from Alaska to Ossian, Indiana, and is living near Msgr. Galic's apartment.

"A religious vocation always was in the back of my head as a kid," said Msgr. Galic, even though the family attended Mass at a military school. He made his first Communion when he was 7 in a newly built church named, perhaps serendipitously, St. Bernard, in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. It was pastored by the Glenmary Fathers, who were dedicated to establishing a Catholic presence in rural areas and small towns.

His priestly vocation was "cemented" in his head, he said, after many years of serving the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. He also had the



MSGR. BERNARD GALIC

feeling he wanted to be a doctor but decided to first try the seminary. If it didn't work out, he figured, he would enroll in medical school.

As a junior in high school, Msgr. Galic started to dream of traveling as a missionary priest and teaching the faith. "Instead, I ended up teaching religion to high school kids in Donaldson." He studied at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and was ordained a religious order priest on Aug. 30, 1970.

Msgr. Galic's ministry not only included teaching theology in the minor seminary but also speech and theater. In fact, during the summer of 1970 he earned a master's degree in the subject from Indiana University. He received his master of divinity degree that same year.

Even though he loved teaching and directing two plays a year for a decade, he said, he felt drawn to the life of a diocesan priest. When the high school in Donaldson closed, he met with Bishop William E. McManus and was incardinated into the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1980 as a diocesan priest. His first assignment was as associate pastor at St. Michael, Plymouth. From there he was sent to St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, but for just 10 weeks. Due to an illness affecting the pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla, he was named pastor there.

Five years later, Msgr. Galic assumed the position of pastor at Holy Family, South Bend, where he remained for 24 years. During his long tenure, a new church was built, the school was expanded with an up-to-date library and gym, and the parish debt was eliminated. In 2010,

the year he was named a monsignor, he was appointed pastor of St. Aloysius, where he served until his retirement.

For 21 of his years in South Bend, Msgr. Galic hosted the TV Mass in South Bend. "It's a wonderful way of making the local Church visible," he said. "And people took great pride in seeing their local priests in this ministry."

Msgr. Galic also served the diocese on the marriage tribunal, as director of vocations for more than 20 years and as an episcopal vicar. But the most important part of his priestly ministry, he said, was the privilege of being close to people during some of the most important times in their lives.

In retirement, Msgr. Galic hopes to be well enough to continue traveling. He has visited Medjugorje for a retreat about 27 times, and another trip was planned for June but has been put on hold. Before he retired, he also had been to Austria three times to personally connect with a pen pal he has had since fourth grade. They still stay in touch.

Among his other interests, he enjoyed gardening, farming and even butchering when he was in the rural area seminary, he said. "Had I not been ordained, I would have enjoyed being a farmer," he exclaimed. "I admire their great faith and trust in God to provide." He continues to maintain a "garden" that consists of a couple of planters on the patio.

"What I've learned through the years is that happiness follows obedience," he reflected. "If you do what you're told by the Church you're going to be happy. I've had plenty of assignments I would not have chosen, but I've never been unhappy. That's true not only in the priesthood, but in every vocation."

FORTY YEARS A PRIEST

Msgr. Pius Ilechukwu thankful for 40-year vocation

BY KEVIN KILBANE

The melodious sound of singing in Latin first attracted Msgr. Pius Ilechukwu to the priesthood. Then, in the seminary, he discovered the journey to becoming a priest is not only Latin but many other subjects and skills as well.

God has continued to encourage and support him on his journey, he said.

"I thank God I am 40 years in His vineyard doing my best, even though I know my best is not 'the best,'" the monsignor said.

Msgr. Ilechukwu will celebrate his 40th anniversary as a priest on July 5.

While growing up in the city of Ithiala in southeast Nigeria, he said his parents provided him with a strong foundation in the Catholic faith and in life.

"My father told me to tell the truth no matter what," he recalled.

His father died when he was young, in 1957. His mother brought up Pius and his four brothers. She was a strong woman who practiced her Catholic faith and worked hard to provide for her family, the monsignor said.

"Whatever I tried to do, I tried to make sure I finished it," he said of her influence on him.

He became interested in the priesthood in sixth grade, as a member of his Catholic school's choir, which sang in the Latin language. At that time, the Catholic Church celebrated Mass in Latin rather than in a country's commonly used language.

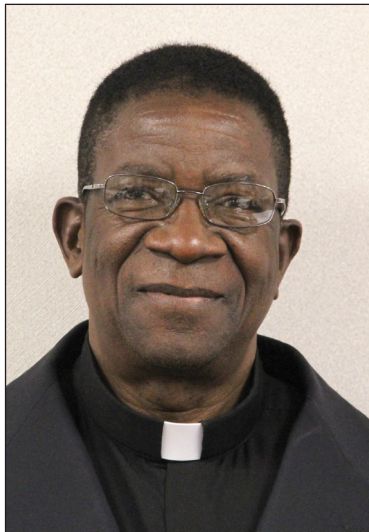
As the choir celebrated after winning an archdiocesan singing competition, their principal spoke to them, saying priests know the Latin language and can translate Latin into English as well as into a local Nigerian language, Igbo. That inspired the young Pius to try for and earn entry to the seminary, where he studied enthusiastically.

As a seminarian, during pastoral experience in a remote village, one day he was called to pray for a sick girl. The family had no way to take her to a hospital and no money to pay for medical care.

He went and prayed for her. He also thought that, if he had been a priest, he could have prayed over the girl with prayers that could do more to help her.

"The girl was better in two days," Msgr. Ilechukwu said. "It was an inspiration to me and an indication that I was on the right road."

Looking back, the monsignor



MSGR. PIUS ILECHUKWU

said he could see God calling him and God's hand guiding him all along the way.

After being ordained a priest, Msgr. Ilechukwu served the Church in Nigeria as a parish pastor in many parishes, a spiritual director in a minor seminary and a rector formator in a spiritual year seminary.

On his 25th anniversary as a priest, he asked his bishop if he could take a sabbatical because he had worked to that point without leave. The bishop granted him a two-year leave.

After asking friends for suggestions on where to go for his sabbatical, he applied to spend that time in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and in Canada, he said. The local diocese responded quickly and seemed eager to have him, so he came here.

"Thanks to God that I came here, for I met a really devoted, loving, concerned people of God in the parishes where I ministered," he said.

He arrived here Nov. 30, 2006, and was assigned as a parochial vicar in January 2007 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne.

As the end of his sabbatical approached, former Bishop John M. D'Arcy asked if he would consider staying to help minister in the diocese. Bishop D'Arcy sought and received approval from the monsignor's bishop in Nigeria to extend his stay here. The two dioceses have continued to extend his service here ever since.

The monsignor then served as pastor from 2008 to 2013 at St. Patrick Parish in Walkerton and as pastor from 2013 to 2018 at St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton.

In June 2018, he was assigned as a parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He

has also been assisting since mid-February at St. Henry Parish in Fort Wayne.

"Wherever there are human beings, I will work no matter where because of the joy and love to help my fellow Catholic Christians to live lives of holiness," he said.

He has enjoyed serving in this diocese.

"I know the people love me and want me to stay with them," he said. He also likes being home in Nnewi, Nigeria, where local Catholics also want him to return.

Msgr. Ilechukwu said what he loves most about being a priest are the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation. That priests can transform ordinary bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during consecration at Mass is an amazing reality.

"That is why I celebrate Mass every day, with people or without people," he explained. "It is a thanksgiving to God for calling me to be His priest."

Through the sacrament of reconciliation, he added, he can release people from the shackles of the devil by forgiving their sins.

Being a priest has its difficulties, he said, including a sense of isolation. Priests also can be said to be swimming against the current of society, he noted. However, knowing Jesus Christ is with you prevents a person from feeling lonely, even if they are living by themselves.

The monsignor, who will turn age 75 on Nov. 4, hopes to retire then and return to Nigeria. He still has two brothers with their wives, children and extended family members living there. He expects to assist there in ministry how and where he can.

"I thank God for choosing me to be a priest, and I thank Him for His blessings and for continuing to support me in my priestly ministry," he said.

He also expressed thanks to his bishops: here, Bishop D'Arcy and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and in Nigeria, Bishop Hilary P. Odili Okeke and Cardinal Francis Arinze, the latter of whom ordained him.

"I also thank all the people of God I have worked with. I thank them for their love and support," he said. "I promise them my prayers, wishing them well."

He offered advice for the many people whom he loves to serve:

"Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it." And from 1 Corinthians 10:31: "Whatever you do, do it for the greater glory of God."

Four decades of ministry across the diocese

BY COLLEEN SCHENA

Father Philip DeVolder celebrated his 40th year as a priest June 14. And today, as he has done throughout his four-decade vocation, he allows the peace of God to permeate his daily life and encourages the importance of waiting for such peace in decision-making.

"The difficulty is to not get ahead of God ... be open to the unexpected and don't do anything until you have a sense of peace," he said. It's a principle that has guided his life.

God will communicate to us in His time, Father DeVolder reminds others. Disciples of Christ who are trying to discern their vocations must embrace this call to patiently listen.

Father DeVolder attended Indiana University South Bend with the intention of becoming a Spanish teacher. The school is not far from his home in Mishawaka and his home parish, St. Bavo. After one year in college, however, he realized he was being called elsewhere. He changed course from education to the working world, obtaining a job in a factory; it was in this work that he began to more clearly hear a call to the priesthood.

"My vocation started with holy hours," Father DeVolder recalled. Guided by time in adoration as well as by the wisdom of a priest with exceptional homilies, he intentionally prayed for peace in his call. Six months later, the peace he had been praying for manifested in his heart. He moved forward with formation and began attending St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati in 1973.

Father DeVolder completed his formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In 1980, he received his degree and the sacrament of holy orders.

While reflecting on his path to the priesthood, Father DeVolder marveled that "I originally felt that I was unworthy. Now I know that even more." His journey toward service to the Church convinced him of the reality of the "incredible worthiness" of Christ.

He finds his vocation to be one of humble and passionate support for the flock he shepherds, noting that "lay people are the ones who have to save the Church. The priest is the one who helps them, in Word and sacrament."

Father DeVolder has seen a wide expanse of the Diocese of



FATHER PHILIP DEVOLDER

Fort Wayne-South Bend. His first assignment brought him to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur. Three years later, he was assigned to St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, then to St. Stanislaus Kostka in New Carlisle. In 1988, he moved into the central area of the diocese and ministered at Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, before returning to St. Mary of the Assumption in 1995. His next assignment, almost 11 years later, took him to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart; he went on to an assignment at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, which took him back to Warsaw.

In 2010, he began to serve at Sacred Heart once more. He moved to residency at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne nine years later. The same year, Father DeVolder was appointed parochial vicar of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington. Yet, this would not be his last change of parish.

After a battle with cancer was declared in remission, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades assigned Father DeVolder to a new chaplaincy at Saint Anne Communities Victory Noll, Huntington. Since this last move, he said he has enjoyed the ability to actively minister to the Saint Anne community as he regains his strength. Father DeVolder keeps in good spirits and joyful ministry, he said, by looking to the lives of his favorite saints, St. Philip Neri and St. John Vianney, as well as Venerable Fulton J. Sheen.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A PRIEST

Unwavering response to the Lord's call

BY JODI MARLIN

The enthusiasm and positive attitude of a young seminarian first drew Father Constantino Rocha to the idea of becoming a priest, and those qualities have permeated the 25 years of his vocation to date. They also figure prominently in what he hopes the future will bring to his ministry.

Father Rocha was born in the very small town of General Escobedo in Durango state, Mexico, into a Catholic family of 11. When he was just 4 years old, he remembered, he and some of his siblings attended a series of Holy Week religious education classes given by a seminarian. The obvious love the seminarian had for his faith caught the child's attention.

"It was at that moment, even though I didn't understand even what a seminarian was – I saw him as a priest – that I wanted to be like that young man when I grew up. I said I wanted to be a priest."

Father Rocha kept this calling from his parents until he had completed the sixth grade. "Even at that age, I was quietly preparing myself by attending



FATHER CONSTANTINO ROCHA

catechesis (religious education classes) and Mass," he said. He also served at Mass as an acolyte, even while his end goal remained distractingly present. "I didn't like being an acolyte, because at the time I was determined to be a priest, not an acolyte."

He entered seminary in the 10th grade, in the city of Durango, and studied for four years. Becoming interested in the religious life, he joined the Holy Trinity order and received from

them religious formation. He also studied three years of theology as well as philosophy.

Father Rocha left the religious community in 1994. His fourth year of theology was finished at the diocesan seminary in Nezahualcōyotl outside of Mexico City. On March 17, 1995, he became a diocesan deacon.

Three months later, on June 29, his youthful calling was realized: Constantino Rocha was ordained to the priesthood.

Father Rocha was asked by his bishop to serve as spiritual director for diocesan seminarians for three years, followed by short pastoral appointments to two parishes. Then, an exciting development occurred.

Having asked for an opportunity to serve in the United States, in the year 2000 Father Rocha's request coincided with just such an invitation extended by Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Bishop D'Arcy was in need of Spanish-speaking priests who would minister to Mexican immigrants in several parishes of the diocese for a two-year period. Father Rocha arrived at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, in December to serve as parochial vicar.

That initial two-year period

now long past, he recalled some initial adjustment.

"I had no idea of the extent of the need within the Hispanic community here for pastoral leadership. But it was a blessing, and it helped reinforce my vocation to not dwell on what I was leaving behind. Instead, I directed all of my attention to evangelization and organization of the parish's Hispanic ministry, where I would stay for 10 years."

In 2010, Father Rocha was asked to minister at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and shrine, a community of Spanish-speaking Catholic faithful in northern Kosciusko County. The first thing the new pastor noticed was that although Warsaw isn't far from Goshen, the two parishes were very different. The faithful of St. John were newer immigrants lacking in religious education and the sacraments, while those of the Warsaw community had been there longer and were more formed in the faith.

At Our Lady of Guadalupe,

one of the pastor's challenges has been the fiscal situation.

"The parish still had a debt from the church's construction, but thanks to God and the generosity of parishioners, we were able to pay it off. Together we've been able to adorn the sanctuary with stained-glass windows that complement the mysteries of the rosary, and other improvements have come about little by little. The generosity and hard work that parishioners have been willing to put into their parish has been amazing for me to see."

In order to becoming a fully functioning parish community, it is hoped that religious education classrooms can be constructed someday as well.

Remaining faithful to the Lord and the call made to him, Father Rocha plans to continue striving to unite himself to Jesus, the eternal high priest. "As a person, I intend to try every day to be a better, understanding human being, in service to all and to my Church."

'It is the joy of my life; I love to serve'

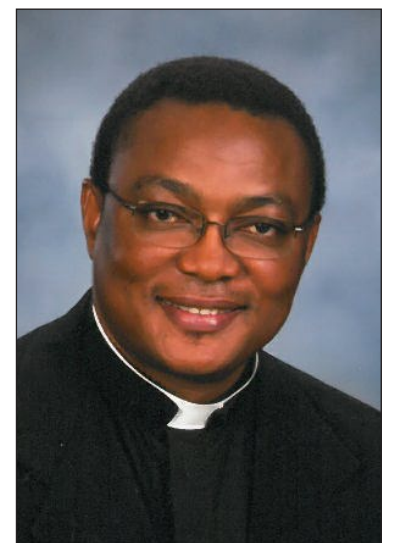
BY JENNIFER BARTON

Father Michael Chukwudi Mbonu remembers very vividly what he calls "the happiest day of his life" day 25 years ago. It was July 15, 1995, a "beautiful Saturday" in the Onitsha archdiocese of Nigeria, when Father Mbonu was ordained with 24 of his classmates. "My family, the townspeople came in great numbers," Father Mbonu recalled.

The cathedral was full and canopies were set up outside for those who came to witness the ordination. When the bishop called his name, Father Mbonu came to kneel before him and heard everyone applaud. Thus began a priestly life that spans two continents and many different assignments.

Father Mbonu is from the town of Awka-Etiti, Anambra state, in Nigeria. After serving a year at Holy Trinity Cathedral (now basilica) in Onitsha, he served at various parishes and parochial schools in Nigeria. A request from Bishop Edward Braxton, former bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois, who visited his archdiocese, led to Father Mbonu's move to the United States.

He felt a "very warm welcome at all the parishes" in the Diocese of Belleville, Father Mbonu said. He was so well-liked and needed that Bishop Braxton pleaded with



FATHER MICHAEL MBONU

him to remain beyond his three-year contract. He ended up serving seven years before given a choice of ministries in which to serve in the future. He chose to go into hospital chaplaincy.

Father Mbonu's first and only choice to complete his clinical pastoral education residency was Saint Joseph Health System in South Bend. He applied and was accepted.

"Residency is very involved and demanding," Father Mbonu said. After that residency, he was hired

MBONU, page 15



Vocation 'a work of the community'

BY JENNIFER BARTON

Father Dermot Gahan began his ministry to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend even before his ordination to the priesthood: He was first invited to the diocese by former Bishop John M. D'Arcy for summer assignments as a seminarian. Today, he is the parochial vicar at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend and assists also at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart.

Born in Wexford County, Ireland, in a small farming community called Clologue, Father Gahan was the third oldest in a large family of seven brothers and three sisters. After six years of boarding school at St. Peter's College in Wexford, he made the decision to "cross the arch" into the seminary located on the same grounds.

A large part of his discernment of the priesthood was St. Peter's College itself, he said. "Going to the diocesan high school was inspirational. You had the seminary there, you saw the students, you had the priests who were teaching as well," Father Gahan recalled. He was ordained in 1995.

After his ordination, Father Gahan came back to Indiana to visit St. Matthew parish. He was told by parishioners and priests that he would be assigned to the parish, which he denied, having heard nothing of such an assignment. On the plane home, however, he received a message stating that his bishop would meet him at the airport. At the baggage claim in Dublin, Father Gahan learned he would be sent back to South Bend to serve as associate pastor at St. Matthew.

He spent four years in the parish before returning to work in two different parishes in Ireland for around 15 years.

Because he has many friends in the area and feels at home here, he said, he spent many of his holidays while here filling in for priests within the diocese. He longed to return to South Bend on a long-term basis. A request made of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades did bring Father Gahan back to South Bend and surprisingly, back to St. Matthew last August. He expects to remain in the diocese for at least two more years.

Aside from working at St.



FATHER DERMOT GAHAN

Matthew, Father Gahan also substitutes in other parishes when the need arises.

"I like what I'm doing at the moment. If someone gets sick, I go fill in; it's nice to see the different parishes," he related. "We do everything, supposedly; we're all one holy Catholic Church, but things are done a bit different everywhere you go. It's interesting to see that."

Aside from the extremes in northern Indiana weather, some differences Father Gahan noticed in the diocese lie in things like parish administration and the people in general.

Since Catholicism is the dominant religion in southern Ireland, the Rite of Christian Initiation process was relatively unknown to him initially. He also stated that in his experience, he sees far more young people come to Mass at St. Matthew than he did in Ireland.

The numbers of those in attendance weekly are encouraging to him. "Generally speaking, people are here because they want to be here."

Looking back on 25 years, Father Gahan recalled the many people who inspired his vocation. He was raised in a strong Catholic family, with his grandparents leading the rosary every evening. He also had an uncle who was a priest and an aunt who was a nun. Neighbors, friends and especially the priests who taught him in high school proved an incredible source of inspiration for him as well.

He says his greatest teachers were priests like Father Thomas Shoemaker and former Auxiliary Bishop John Sheets, SJ, who

taught him how to be a good priest by their example.

Though he admits to being a poor student academically, he gained much wisdom and insight into the priesthood by learning from those he worked with. He stated, "A lot of people think you go to seminary to become a priest — you don't. You go to seminary to learn knowledge ... The knowledge is a tool that you use, but you learn to be a priest in your parish — watching what's going on and watching the fellas that have been there before you. A vocation is the work of a parish, a community."

While the future of a priest is always dependent upon the wishes of his bishop, Father Gahan looks forward to serving wherever and in whatever capacity he is called. Wherever he goes, he makes it home and seeks happiness in his vocation.

"I love what I do, you know. You get up every morning ... because you love what you're doing."

MBONU, from page 14

on as chaplain, and his bishop allowed him to remain in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"It is the joy of my life; I love to serve ... The demographic might be different, but the ministry is the same."

The call to the priesthood came at a young age for Father Mbonu. Growing up, he was the youngest of nine children. While home during a break from school one year, his older sister, who was discerning religious life, asked him to attend morning Mass with her.

While she could have chosen siblings closer to her own age to walk the mile to church with her for the 6 o'clock morning Mass, Father Mbonu felt God at work in his life through her invitation. "I look back and see the hand of God, how I was drawn into contemplating becoming a priest."

At Mass, Father Mbonu began to watch the servers, who were young teenage boys like himself. This motivated him to become an altar server.

"This was something I cherished. Even when my sister was not at home, I went by myself."

A particular peace came into

his heart, and he was greatly inspired by watching the priests during Mass — so inspired, in fact that he entered seminary at age 14. "I was captured. I had a burning desire for more of that." He made sure he did well on his entrance exams so that he would be allowed to enter the seminary at such a young age.

Although Father Mbonu looks back with great fondness on all the assignments he has had, one experience stands out. It is the dedication of the last parish he served in his homeland.

Throughout a construction process at the parish, he was deeply involved in all aspects. During this time he found out he would be sent to the United States. He greatly wanted to dedicate the church before he left. The community worked hard and was able to have it ready for dedication only months before Father Mbonu would leave for Illinois.

The ceremony was a very large and meaningful affair. "It was the highest point of my life, besides ordination."

Looking to the future, he remains joyful in his priesthood.

"Wherever I'm planted I try to give my best, to bloom."

SAINTS & SCHOLARS

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 
at Notre Dame, Indiana
SCHOLAR | CITIZEN | LEADER | DISCIPLE

A Summer Theology Institute for High School Students



CHOOSE A TRACK AND LEARN HOW THEOLOGY IMPACTS...



<https://www.hcc-nd.edu/saints-and-scholars>



ONE WEEK!

July 20-24

9AM-5PM

ONLY

\$100!



It was a zebra, not a horse

This patient of mine was a huge man. He was 6-foot-4 and weighed 290 pounds. He did not look at all overweight. He was just big. He had significant coronary artery disease, which in my practice of cardiology is the most common heart condition we see as clinicians. He unfortunately had sustained significant heart damage from a heart attack and was at risk for life-threatening arrhythmias.

We recommended an implantable cardioverter defibrillator to protect him from sudden death. I saw him every six months for over a decade, and we became very close. I recall that when we shook hands, my hand would disappear into these large thick rough working-man hands — not wimpy physician hands like mine. I was sure he could crush every bone in my body if he was so inclined. But as it turned out, he was one of the most gentle human beings I have ever met. He was a nondenominational Christian and worshiped in a small church. He was always soft-spoken and he never seemed to be in any rush. He was a good man.

One time, he came in a little early for his six-month visit to tell me he felt poorly. He had unexplained weight loss, muscle aches and was profoundly fatigued. I was concerned that his heart was deteriorating, so I ordered an echocardiogram to reassess his heart function. It turned out that his left ventricle was actually working better than on the previous test. I also saw no answers on the echo.

He returned to see me several weeks later to tell me he continued to feel awful. Now he reported night sweats and intermittent

fever. I was convinced he had a serious infection and admitted him to the hospital for a more rapid and intense work-up. Blood work also suggested an infectious etiology. I thought there would be answers on the pending blood cultures, but when they came back negative (normal) I was perplexed. His symptoms were all compatible with subacute bacterial endocarditis or a heart valve infection.

The next step then was a transesophageal echocardiogram, which is much more sensitive in diagnosing SBE. We can see the heart valves amazingly well if we go inside the esophagus to image the heart with ultrasound. What we look for is vegetations on the valves. These vegetations look like ribbons tied onto the valve's surface flopping around randomly as the valve opens and closes. The vegetations are caused by the bacterial infection on the valve.

His valves were clean, but what we saw instead was lots of vegetations attached to the ICD wires. He had a bacterial infection involving the ICD wires.

If this indeed was the diagnosis, then we almost always would have positive blood cultures — bacteria growing out of the blood. I ordered more blood cultures and there was no growth again. I was stumped. It was time to call in reinforcements.

We asked our infectious disease physician to consult. They ordered more blood cultures, which were negative again. They also sent off all kinds of blood tests for rare infectious etiologies. About two weeks later, I received a call from one of my infectious disease colleagues. She asked me if my man liked cats. I had no clue



THE CATHOLIC DOCTOR IS IN

DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

where she was going with this: She then told me that the titers came back positive for Bartonella henselae, the bacteria that causes cat-scratch fever! And, yes, he had several cats at home that on multiple occasions had scratched him on the legs and even sometimes had drawn blood. The mystery was solved.

He was started on antibiotics that kill the Bartonella bacteria, but this would not be successful unless we removed his ICD and the infected wires in his heart, which is a very high-risk procedure. The wires become scarred into place after being in place just a few months, and my man had them in for years. If you try to pull the wires out they can rupture the heart. Highly trained interventional cardiologists need to use specialized equipment to laser-cut the wires right at the inside surface of the heart to remove them. Thankfully, with lots of prayers and one of my skilled partners, the wires and ICD were removed. After six weeks of antibiotics he was cured and back to feeling well.

Cat-scratch fever can occur after a scratch or bite from a cat if it is infected with Bartonella. Young cats and cats with fleas are the most likely carriers. The cat's fleas are infected too, and therefore flea

KAMINSKAS, page 17

Rooting out racism

My husband and daughter go for a walk nearly every day.

I've never worried for their safety. Our neighborhood is pretty quiet. But in the past few weeks, I've also realized I've never feared for their safety because we are white. It's not very likely someone will call the cops on us. Unlike the young, black man who introduced himself to me a few days after we moved in.

He came up to me as I was in the yard, welcomed me to the neighborhood and let me know he works at the house next door, a home for disabled men. He's a nurse, and he takes a walk on his break, or stands by the garage to call his girlfriend after the men go to sleep.

Then he shared that in the two years he'd worked next door, four different families had rented the house we'd recently bought. Four different times he'd had the cops called on him, with the police questioning him for loitering, wandering and looking suspicious. So, he just wanted to come by, right when we moved in, to let us know he belonged in the neighborhood for his job.

As he said goodbye, my heart hurt.

My husband would have never had to go tell our neighbors that because he is a white man, and rarely in my hometown and in many places in America is a white man seen as suspicious or dangerous when they jog through a neighborhood, talk on the phone, pull a wallet out of their pocket, sit in their car in a parking lot or carry a pack of Skittles or cigarettes.



WINDOW SEAT WISDOM

KATIE PREJEAN MCGRADY

Realizing that, and coming to understand it more fully these past few weeks as conversations about race, systemic discrimination and oppression of people of color are happening, has served as a drastic wake-up call. But it is sad that it took the cruel and senseless deaths of more black men and women, most recently Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, for these conversations to happen.

It's easy to say racism is a sin. Thinking less of someone and treating them differently because of the color of their skin is undeniably wrong. It is an offense against God, a crime against our fellow man, and racism in every form is evil.

It's to think, say and act as if someone is less worthy of God's love because of the color of their skin. And to behave like that is to reject the very words of sacred Scripture — that we are each made in God's image and likeness.

But it's not enough to just simply say, "Racism is wrong." We must be decidedly against racism and root it out and put in the work to end it in our homes, neighborhoods, parishes, schools

PREJEAN, page 17

The Lord asks us to take up our cross and follow Him



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Matthew 10:37-42

This weekend's first reading is from the first of two books in the Bible that bear a name suggesting that they are about the kings of Israel. Kings indeed are mentioned, but from a very particular view. Kings were judged on how well they led the people to abide by the Covenant, to love God and to obey God.

Nothing else in life was as important.

The prophets were very important, as they taught the people to follow God. This reading is about Elisha, who visits a household

in which lives a wealthy woman. She receives him. She has no children, but the prophet assures her she will bear a child. It would be by divine power.

St. Paul encouraged and challenged the Christians of Rome. He reminded them that living with Christ also meant dying with Christ, and then they would rise with Christ. Death is inevitable for all human beings, but it had an especially fearful context for Christians in Rome. Christianity was a capital crime. Death was the penalty, and unless the Christian was a citizen, as was Paul, executions were agonizing and brutal.

The Gospel reading from Matthew begins quite solemnly. Indeed, it can be puzzling. Jesus says that if anyone loves father or mother more than the Lord, they are not worthy to be a disciple. He says that the true disciple must also carry a cross.

Put these verses in the context in which they were written. Families were divided, maybe often, when a member converted to Christianity. Anyone convicted

of being a Christian literally had to carry her or his cross and be crucified as was Jesus.

When the first Christians heard these words, they knew very well that persons they considered very dear, for self-survival, might desert them and even denounce them to authorities to save themselves.

The Gospel in effect reassured these believers, who feared the worst. The terrible consequences were worth the price of being with the Lord forever.

Indeed, many early Christians proved the point. They were martyred, but they now live in glory with Jesus.

Reflection

A line in the musical "Oklahoma!" says that, "Everything's up to date in Kansas City!" Well, in the first decades of Christianity, everything was up to date in Rome more than in any other place on earth. It was a glittering city, with every opportunity and comfort the human heart could desire.

It was impossible, however, to enjoy all the wonders and pleasures of Rome while being true to the Gospel.

As if this were not enough, professing Christianity was a major crime, as already noted. Roman justice operated on the hunch, as does American justice today, that the death penalty deterred others from committing similar crimes, namely by becoming Christian and living the Christian life.

The example of countless martyrs proved the folly of this hunch, but still the temptation to forsake the Lord was heightened by the aspect of dying for the crime of Christianity, and executions were horrifying in the Roman system. Crucifixion was not the only way "criminals" were killed in agony and viciousness.

As had the prophets of old, Paul and Matthew insisted that living in obedience to God was the only thing that mattered, and its reward humbled all the glories and the pleasures of mere human existence, even if this

existence occurred in Rome, the very crown of human life at the time.

The readings call us to reality. Win the lottery. Receive three hundred million dollars. Will it subtract one week from an aging life? Will it erase the pain of grief? Will it give a sense of purpose to life? It will not.

Only the spiritual rewards endure. The world will pass away.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89:2-3, 16-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-8 Mt 23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50:7-13, 16b-17 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 9:14-17

Spiritual lessons from the pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many of us with a great deal of uncertainty: uncertainty about how contagious the virus is and about the best way to treat it; uncertainty about how long our personal immunity will last after we get infected and whether a vaccine will ever be developed; uncertainty about the future of the economy and whether jobs will still be there for the 40 million newly unemployed; uncertainty about how long the public quarantines should continue; uncertainty about what will happen to ourselves, our businesses, our families and our friends.

In the midst of so much uncertainty, we naturally look for something firm to hold onto. Cataclysmic disruptors, whether an outbreak of war, widespread riots and looting, or a new coronavirus, humble us and remind us how we cannot guarantee our own future.

Yet we instinctively yearn for a way to assure and secure that future for ourselves and for our children. Where should we turn for safety?

Maybe we can take a cue from our financial institutions. When uncertainty becomes too high, and lenders realize a potential borrower is at high risk of default, they can sometimes turn to a higher authority like the federal government to "guarantee" a loan, as in the case of guaranteed student loans. Such loans offer a safety net and take away most risks for the lender.

What kind of higher authority should we be turning to in order to guarantee our future when we face so many uncertainties in life?

One lesson of the pandemic is not to place our hope in underserving sources. While scientists may promise new treatments,

and politicians may promise safety through contact tracing and lockdowns, these measures are stopgaps in the face of our larger human questions.

Many centuries ago, a powerful king of the united monarchy of Israel and Judah mused about the false promise of earthly reassurances. Writing in Psalm 119, King David presciently declared, "Some trust in chariots or horses, but we in the name of the Lord. They will collapse and fall, but we shall hold and stand firm."

The answer to the uncertainties surrounding our human condition lies, precisely as David noted in his inimitable and direct style, in God Himself. He alone knows and understands every event of history, from coronavirus pandemics to civil disturbances to economic collapses.

It's important for us to distinguish between true and false saviors. While a vaccine may limit the immediate threat from the coronavirus for us individually, death will still have its day and eventually lay its claim upon us. As natural as it may be for us to reach out for a vaccine to calm our preoccupations and restore predictability to our future, only God opens a real path for us beyond fear and beyond death. Our lives are on loan, and only He can guarantee the fulfillment of that loan in a destiny that lies beyond this troubled world.

Cardinal Robert Sarah summed it up well when he recently said: "This virus acted as a warning. In a matter of weeks, the great illusion of a material world that thought itself all-powerful seems to have collapsed. ... A microscopic virus has brought this world to its knees. ...

"We were promised to push the limits of human nature ever



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

further by a triumphant science. We were told about artificial procreation, surrogate motherhood, transhumanism, enhanced humanity. We boasted of being a man of synthesis and a humanity that biotechnologies would make invincible and immortal. But here we are in a panic, confined by a virus about which we know almost nothing.

"Epidemic was an outdated, medieval word. It suddenly became our everyday life. I believe this epidemic has dispelled the smoke of illusion. The so-called all-powerful man appears in his raw reality. There he is naked. His weakness and vulnerability are glaring. Being confined to our homes will hopefully allow us to turn our attention back to the essentials, to rediscover the importance of our relationship with God."

We have an important opportunity to ponder these deeper lessons of the COVID-19 saga as it plays out in our midst. Rather than placing our hopes in the limited promises of this world, the pandemic reminds us of our vulnerability and our need for our true Savior, at every moment of our life.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

KAMINSKAS, from page 16

bites can also cause the infection. The majority of cases are in children and are manifested by fever and localized tender lymph nodes. If scratched on the arm, for example, the painful and enlarged lymph nodes would be found in the axilla, or armpit. This infection can occasionally also enter the blood in children and invade the liver, spleen, eyes or even the brain, causing encephalitis. Cat-scratch fever is the third most common cause of a FUO (Fever of Unknown Origin) in children.

Adults can present just like children with this disease. My patient had a very rare presenta-

tion of cat-scratch fever — bacterial endocarditis. The bacteria (*Bartonella*) usually cannot be successfully isolated in the blood cultures that we commonly order in the hospital setting, and that is why we did not figure out the diagnosis earlier.

In medical school we are taught to think in terms of differential diagnosis. This means you consider common diseases in your patients first before going down the list to the uncommon ones and then finally consider the rare disease processes. There are always at least one or two professors in every medical school that use the following quote to teach their students: "When you

PREJEAN, from page 16

and within our own hearts.

The egregious sin of racism should be cast out of our hearts the same way we seek to remove pride, lust, greed or dishonesty. And this requires repentance.

We examine how a sin has poisoned us, and how it has hurt our brothers and sisters. And when we recognize that, we commit to change. We declare the

sin is evil, we proclaim Christ's power and love to be victorious over this stronghold within our heart, and we firmly resolve with the help of His grace to sin no more.

It's quite clear, then. If we want to be holy, and love God and others as He commands, then we must fight against sin and call for repentance, transformation and eradication of that which hurts the very body of

hear hoof beats, think of horses, not zebras." In this case, we were looking for a zebra!

When you study Scripture there usually is a general message to be taken away from the reading. Don't forget that sometimes, hidden in Scripture, are messages meant just for you, messages that may give you guidance on exactly what you need for that day. Maybe it's your zebra.

Dr. David Kaminskis is a board-certified cardiologist and member of the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana, www.fortwaynecma.com.

Christ. At this moment, the sin we each need to confront that has hurt, oppressed and deprived so many is the sin of racism.

So how will you root it out? Because if you want to be holy, you must.

Katie Prejean McGrady is an international Catholic speaker and author.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for June 28, 2020

Matthew 10: 37-42

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Hard lessons about being a disciple. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

MATTHEW	LOVES	MOTHER
MORE THAN ME	SON	CROSS
WORTHY	FINDS	LIFE
LOSE IT	MY SAKE	SENT ME
PROPHET	RIGHTEOUS	GIVES
ONE OF THESE	LITTLE ONES	A CUP
COLD WATER	DISCIPLE	I SAY TO YOU

COLD WATER

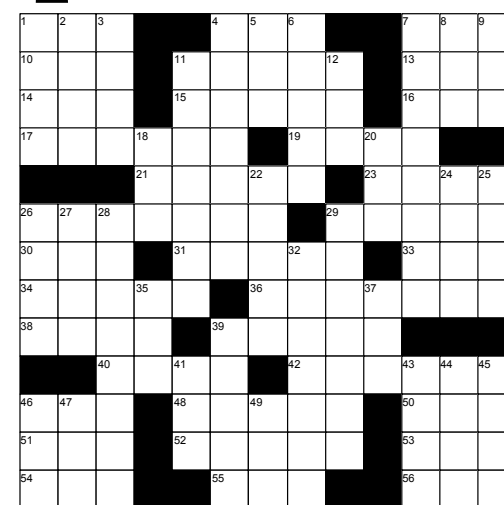
```

L I O N E O F T H E S E
Y R T U O Y O T Y A S I
A E I B S E N T M E O A
D T E G I V E S N L R C
I A S J H O J O K W C U
S W O D S T E H P O R P
C D L E N L E M M E Y P
I L V I T I J O D K H X
P O W T F G F T U A T A
L C I M B E K H U S R N
E L M A T T H E W Y O A
E M N A H T E R O M W N
    
```

© 2020 TRI-C-A Publications; tri-c-a-publications.com

The CrossWord

June 21 and 28, 2020



© 2020 tri-c-a-publications.com

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Mt 10:26-33; 2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-6a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

ACROSS

- 1 Malagasy franc (abbr.)
- 4 In possession of
- 7 It's a sin to ____
- 10 A billion years
- 11 Desert plants
- 13 Time period
- 14 Wing
- 15 Beginning
- 16 Collect
- 17 "Receive a righteous man's ____"
- 19 Afloat
- 21 Cooked in oil
- 23 Otherwise

DOWN

- 26 Delivered from our sins
- 29 Fire maker
- 30 Part of a play
- 31 Abbot's assistant
- 33 Brackets to show error in quote
- 34 Older name for Holy Spirit
- 36 Persecutors will not ____
- 38 Contains cell nucleus
- 39 Small island
- 40 "From ____ to Moses"
- 42 Lack of iron
- 46 Pouch of an animal
- 48 Buy things
- 50 Pot
- 51 Rate of speed
- 52 Groups of cattle
- 53 "____ or daughter"
- 54 Aye
- 55 Papal name
- 56 East northeast
- 1 "____ of God (reverence)"
- 2 Underground animal
- 3 Chew
- 4 Easier to use
- 5 Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 6 Acting in someone's place
- 7 Strict law adherence
- 8 Wrath
- 9 Consume
- 11 Tainted
- 12 That (possessive)
- 18 Football conference
- 20 Conger
- 22 Reviews story
- 24 Cut with scissors
- 25 Carve in metal
- 26 Torn up material
- 27 Repeat
- 28 Food digesters
- 29 Turned against Jeremiah
- 32 Florida fun site
- 35 Miserable
- 37 Great Basin tribe
- 39 Urge forward
- 41 Lent Wednesday
- 43 Ponder upon
- 44 "Rule with an ____ rod"
- 45 Mother Mary's mother
- 46 At Ascension, Apostles stared at
- 47 Primate
- 49 Before, poetically

Answer key can be found on page 19

Catholic Extension study lists highest, lowest COVID-19 rates by diocese

CHICAGO (CNS) — An analysis conducted by the staff of Catholic Extension found that dioceses it supports financially have the nation's most — and least — severe COVID-19 infection rates.

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, heads all U.S. Latin-rite diocese with an infection rate of 4,722 per 100,000 people, according to the analysis, released June 16. The diocese is close to the Archdiocese of New Orleans, where the coronavirus spread early and often, especially in communities of color. Further, the poverty rate in the diocese exceeds 18% — much higher than the national average.

Houma-Thibodaux's infection rate is 64% higher than the second-worst diocese, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, at 2,869 infections per 100,000.

The Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico, was third worst at 2,665 infections per 100,000. The Navajo population in the diocese was an early hot spot for infection, according to Catholic Extension.

Rounding out the top 10 in infection rates, with the number of documented cases per 100,000, were: Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, 2,470; Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, 2,402; Diocese of Fall

River, Massachusetts, 2,134; Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, 2,124; Diocese of Dodge City, Kansas, 2,120; Archdiocese of Boston, 1,740; and the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1,690.

The next 10 dioceses with the highest COVID-19 infection rates were: Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, 1,658; Archdiocese of Chicago, 1,548; Archdiocese of New Orleans, 1,521; Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts, 1,450; Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey, 1,445; Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, 1,246; Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, 1,246; Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, 1,234; Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, 1,147; Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, 1,122.

While most of the dioceses with the highest infection rates are densely populated areas along the Northeast Corridor, Catholic Extension said Dodge City and Amarillo are home to industrial farming and meat-packing plants that were susceptible to outbreaks.

On the other side of the ledger, Catholic Extension-supported dioceses accounted for 13 of the 20 dioceses with the lowest infection rates, including six of the top seven in that category.

Leading the way was the remote Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska, with an infection rate

of 2 per 100,000. Its territory — roughly equal to the combined area of California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho — is home to only 13,000 Catholics.

The majority of the parishes consist of Native Alaskans living in isolated villages, accessible only by plane, according to Catholic Extension. As a precautionary measure, Alaskan dioceses discontinued the visits of fly-in sacramental ministers, many of whom are funded by Catholic Extension, to ensure that the virus would not spread to vulnerable villages with limited health care access.

Fairbanks' infection rate is 21 times lower than that of the second-lowest diocese, Marquette, Michigan, with 42 cases per 100,000.

Rounding out the top 10 dioceses, with their respective confirmed case rates: Diocese of Honolulu, 47; Diocese of Helena, Montana, 52; Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin, 53; Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Montana, 54; Diocese of Salina, Kansas, 64; Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska, both 68; and Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin, 71.



Indiana's Premier Butcher Shop and Deli
CATERING, MEAT BUNDLES, PREPARED FOOD, AND MORE!

Make This Weekend Memorable
 Visit us and avoid the long lines at the big box stores.
 We have a full stock of beef, pork and chicken in this time of uncertainty.

4924 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne | 260-456-9009
 2820 Maplecrest Rd., Ft. Wayne | 260-485-0003
 Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CUSTOM PROCESSING, WILD GAME, HOG ROASTS
 16619 Lima Rd, Huntertown | 260-338-0022

Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne



Sisters of the Holy Cross

HIRING: LPNs & RNs

Located on the beautiful campus of Saint Mary's College, we are hiring nurses with a valid State of Indiana license to assist in providing comprehensive nursing care to our retired Sisters.

Full-time, Part-time and PRN Positions available.

Send your Resume to
 Coday@cscsisters.org or fax to: (574) 284-5899.

Reach Catholics throughout Indiana digitally and in print. With a variety of options for web and print advertising, Reach YOUR demographic.

Call 260-399-1449
 to see your business listed here.



CENTURY 21
 Bradley Realty, Inc.

KATIE BROWN
 260.437.5025

katie@katiebrown.net
 www.katiebrown.net

Providing outstanding residential real estate services to home sellers and buyers since 2008!

Advertise in Today's Catholic



USB UNION SAVINGS BANK

David Egts
 Low Closing Costs & Great Rates
 "MORTGAGE CLOSING COST CRUSHER"
 260-418-6191
 CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE PROFESSIONAL

Expertise you can rely on.

Mike Kendzicky
 Michael Kendzicky
 Samantha Hengen, CFP®

Private Wealth Management
 4220 Edison Lakes Parkway, Suite 100
 Mishawaka, IN 46545
 574-247-6830 . 800-866-9022
 rwbaird.com

BAIRD

©2018 Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated. MC-260563.

MORKEN, inc.
 Commercial & Industrial
ROOFING

3303 Freeman Street • Fort Wayne
432-2885



SHAWNEE
 Construction & Engineering

COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL
 7701 Opportunity Drive, Fort Wayne 46825
489-1234



The Papers
 INCORPORATED

Printers of
 TODAY'S CATHOLIC

206 SOUTH MAIN STREET
 MILFORD, INDIANA 46542

PHONE: 574-658-4111
 800-773-4111
 www.the-papers.com



NOTRE DAME
 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Matt Kaiser
 Director of Business Services
 NMLS# 1087744

Business Development Direct (574) 400-4919
 P.O. Box 7878 Fax (574) 575-4538
 Notre Dame, IN 46556 mkaiser@NotreDameFCU.com

800/522-6611 • NotreDameFCU.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Masses interpreted for the deaf resume
SOUTH BEND — Masses Interpreted for the deaf are on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St. An interpreter from Community Services All Deaf provides American Sign Language. A Mass interpreted for the deaf will also be celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. An interpreter from DeafLink, a service of The League for the Blind & Disabled Inc., will provide ASL. Contact Allison Sturm at asturm@diocesefwsb.org or at 260-399-1452 for information.

Right to Life Boot Camp scheduled
ELKHART — Right to Life of Michiana will offer the Kloska Family Life Defenders Boot Camp on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church in Elkhart. This Boot Camp provides a comprehensive pro-life apologetic training and is open to all from 8th grade through adulthood. This event will transition to a virtual event if needed due to COVID-19, but at this time is scheduled as an in-person event. To learn more and to register, visit prolifemichiana.org/bootcamp.

Right to Life spaghetti fundraiser
ELKHART — The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council No. 1043 will have a spaghetti fundraising dinner Wednesday, July 8, from 5-7 p.m. at the hall, 112 E. Lexington Ave. Dine in or carryout available, with all proceeds benefiting Right to Life Michiana. Reserve a spot at: <https://www.prolifemichiana.org/jul-8th-knights-of-columbus>.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Contact Melanie Garcia at 574-232-5433 outreach@prolifemichiana.org.

Theology on Tap announces summer series
MISHAWAKA — Young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are invited to share in food, fellowship and faith. A summer Theology on Tap series begins July 14 and will run Tuesdays through Aug. 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. In order to social distance, the gatherings will take place outdoors at St. Therese, Little Flower Parish, 54191 Ironwood Rd., South Bend. Each will include musical entertainment by talented local young adults, a food truck serving street tacos and an engaging talk followed by discussion. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating and a favorite summer beverage. The theme for the series is "Sanctifying Everyday Life." The presenters will be Father Sam Conedera, SJ, speaking July 14 on Finding God in All Things; Bob Kloska, speaking July 21 on Sanctify Your Spending; seminarian Samuel Martinez, who will speak July 28

on how to Sanctify Your Body; Allie Greene, speaking Aug. 4 on how to Sanctify Your Time; and on Aug. 11 there will be a Mass and barbecue. For more information visit diocesefwsb.org/tot. The series is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Insurance.

Institute for Black Catholic Studies to host online program
FORT WAYNE — The Institute for Black Catholic Studies will offer a collaborative learning environment online June 28-July 17. The Institute's mission is to form culturally competent Christian disciples — scholars, administrators, clergy and religious, seminarians, parish and diocesan ministers, church volunteers and the faithful — to effectively evangelize African Americans in the 21st century. Visit www.xula.edu/ibcs or call 504-520-7691.

The CrossWord

June 21 and 28, 2020

F	M	G		H	A	S		L	I	E		
E	O	N		C	A	C	T	I	E	R	A	
A	L	A		O	N	S	E	T		G	E	T
R	E	W	A	R	D		A	S	E	A		
			F	R	I	E	D		E	L	S	E
R	E	S	C	U	E	D		F	L	I	N	T
A	C	T		P	R	I	O	R		S	I	C
G	H	O	S	T		T	R	I	U	M	P	H
S	O	M	A		I	S	L	E	T			
		A	D	A	M		A	N	E	M	I	A
S	A	C		S	P	E	N	D		U	R	N
K	P	H		H	E	R	D	S		S	O	N
Y	E	S		L	E	O				E	N	E



Please join us for the Dedication of St. Charles Borromeo Garden Mausoleum

with Fr. Thomas Shoemaker, presiding
 Saturday, June 27, 1:00 p.m.

Catholic Cemetery
 3500 Lake Avenue
 Fort Wayne



BLESSED SOLANUS
Canoe the Wabash
 7 | 30 | 20

Embark on a 15+ mile canoe pilgrimage down the Wabash River. For those who have completed 8th-12th grade. Learn more and register: fwsbym.com | Cost: \$60

DACA, from page 1

Washington Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration.

They told DACA recipients: "Through today's decision and beyond, we will continue to accompany you and your families. You are a vital part of our church and our community of faith. We are with you." They also urged President Donald Trump to keep DACA intact.

"Immigrant communities are really hurting now amidst COVID-19 and moving forward with this action needlessly places many families into further anxiety and chaos," they said. "In times of uncertainty, let us remember the teachings of the Gospel which encourage us to be open and receptive to those in need," quoting from 1 John: "If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?"

"In this moment," the prelates added, "we must show compassion and mercy for the vulnerable."

"Just as the church has stood by immigrants and refugees throughout our nation's history, we will walk alongside our brothers and sisters who have DACA during the legal steps ahead," said a statement from Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, California, board chair of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. "This ruling gives a reprieve to DACA holders, but Congress should quickly pass legislation granting these Americans a pathway to permanent residency and citizenship."

"While we are grateful that today's Supreme Court decision stops the administration from terminating DACA, this movement is far from over," said CLINIC Executive Director Anna Gallagher, also in a June

18 statement. "Congress must act now to reflect the will of the people in this democracy and to make official what is true — DACA recipients are Americans and this is their home."

"Our prayers have been answered!" exclaimed Sister Simone Campbell, a Sister of Social Service, who heads the Catholic social justice lobby Network.

"The Supreme Court's decision to reject President Trump's arbitrary and capricious plan to strip protections from DACA recipients was the only just outcome," Sister Campbell added in a statement. "But they are not yet guaranteed permanent protections. For 'Dreamers' to be safe, Congress must affirm that their home is here."

"The Catholic higher education community stands committed to the individuals in the DACA program who are enrolled at our colleges and universities," the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities said, calling the Trump move to end DACA "a moral and a political failure."

"We pray that today's decision means they will be able to continue their studies without interruption and that, one day soon, others in their situation will be encouraged to pursue their education goals," the ACCU said. "Today's decision is likely not the final word on the DACA program. We call upon our nation's leaders — and especially Congress — to permanently protect the dreams of all students who seek to realize the promise of our country."

Said Lawrence E. Couch, director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd: "We feel the weight lifted from the shoulders of those young people who have been living in a sort of purgatory and we press Congress for a permanent resolution keeping Dreamers in

the United States."

"These young people have had their lives thrown into turmoil because of hatred and fear. How cruel it would have been to force them out of the only land they have known," said Sister Maureen McGowan, province leader for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd's New York/Toronto province. "I pray that they now find peace and welcome."

"Young people bring such zest to life and work so hard to improve their communities. ... We need dreams and today the Supreme Court gave the Dreamers their dreams back," Sister Francesca Aguilon, the Good Shepherd Sisters' province leader for the Central South province, said in a separate statement, also issued June 18. Good Shepherd Sister Madeleine Munday, province leader for her order's Mid-North America province, noted that amid the COVID-19 pandemic the world is enduring, the court decision shows "some bad dreams are coming to an end."

"We all hope that these young people and their families know how much they are appreciated and welcomed by the vast majority of people living in this country," she added. "More now than ever, we hope that everyone sees one another as a member of the human family."

Catholic Extension — which gives aid to the nation's mission dioceses, which are rural and poor dioceses and those have a small population of Catholics — also weighed in: "In the last several weeks, our nation has come into a greater awareness of our unjust systems that exclude, harm or hinder the God-given potential of some of our people. Among those facing systemic exclusion are our DACA brothers and sisters."

"The Catholic Church has long affirmed that their lives matter, and that this young generation must no longer be systemically

marginalized," the statement added. "Catholic Extension is proud to invest in them and their future through our various leadership and ministry programs throughout the country."

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, president and CEO of Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service, called the high court's 5-4 ruling, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, "an astounding victory for the hundreds of thousands of Dreamers whose lives have hung in the balance for too long."

"We are thrilled that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of justice for these tenacious young people, and we hope that they are able to breathe just a little bit easier as they go about their daily lives as educators, activists, and essential workers," she added. "We know the fight is not over, but we're optimistic that this historic decision will be a fundamental step in creating a path to citizenship for DACA recipients and all those who call the United States home."

The Rev. John L. McCullough, a United Methodist minister, who is president and CEO of Church World Service, an interdenominational aid, relief and development charity, called the decision "an important victory in the fight for all immigrants." He said it is part of a "larger movement that demands justice, equity, divestment from racist systems and institutions, and investments in black communities and communities of color."

"Faith communities across the United States have made their voices heard in support of DACA recipients countless times. We are called to welcome our neighbor," Rev. McCullough said in a statement. "We recognize the God-given dignity in all human beings regardless of their immigration status."

"Today's decision reaffirms that there is no question that home is here for more than

700,000 'Dreamers' across the country" and "sets aside an inhumane injustice by the Trump administration," New York Attorney General Letitia James said June 18. She estimated 150,000 of those "Dreamers" live in her state.

"America is a country of immigrants; our culture made richer by their contributions and our economy made more prosperous because of their work," James added. "To our Dreamers, know that you are valued, that you are loved, and that we will always fight to protect you. Si se puede!" The phrase is Spanish for "Yes we can!"

"The Supreme Court did right by DACA recipients today, and it did right by our country. Under today's decision, these hardworking young immigrants, including an estimated 23,000 Santa Clara County residents, can continue to live, study, and work without fear," said a June 18 statement by county counsel James R. Williams.

Santa Clara County, which employs some DACA-eligible workers, and a Service Employees International Union local which represents them in the workplace, jointly filed suit in October 2017 to stop the dismantling of DACA, which had been unveiled the month prior.

"DACA beneficiaries are already at a disadvantage. Many were displaced from their home countries at an early age, which research shows can have long-lasting, negative consequences," said Sandra L. Shullman, president of the American Psychological Association, which supported the Supreme Court decision.

"As psychologists, we are deeply committed to policies that support the mental and physical well-being of all individuals," Shullman added June 18. "The Supreme Court's decision in this case upholds those values."

Newly confirmed in Angola



Provided by Brian MacMichael

Now that socially distanced public Masses can be celebrated, confirmations have been rescheduled across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. On Friday, June 19, 28 young people received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola. Pictured with them after Mass, at center, are pastor Father Robert Showers and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.