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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Cardinal Rodriguez encourages Hispanic youth

BY JODI MAGALLANES

NOTRE DAME — Immigration and the contributions of Hispanics to American society were well-received themes on the third day of the first National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth and Young Adults, held June 8-11 at the University of Notre Dame.

The event followed the basic format of previous national encuentros, which are held every six to 20 years and focus on the Hispanic Catholic Church in the United States.

"Weaving Together the Future," the theme for year, was reflected in the Saturday keynote speech by Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Cardinal Rodriguez utilized a reduced time frame to empower participants by elaborating on the contributions of Hispanics to the U.S. and the world and to challenge them to respond to the plight of the immigrant.

"How interesting that at a time when the doors to free trade are being opened, that the international borders are being closed to immigrants," began Cardinal Rodriguez, in Spanish.

"We can't allow ourselves to forget that in the face of every immigrant there is a history," he continued, a history complicated by the humiliation and family disintegration that is suffered by those who choose to come north.

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ANN CAREY

Some 2,000 Hispanic youth from all over the country carried banners depicting their dioceses as they gathered at the Notre Dame Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center for opening ceremonies of the National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

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## ST. JOHN CELEBRATES



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Bishop John M. D'Arcy blesses a 50th jubilee building marker recently placed at St. John the Baptist in South Bend for the anniversary celebration. Festivities included an ice cream social and a dinner. The Knights of Columbus from the Father Julius A. Nieuwland Assembly and other councils were present for a Mass on the feast of the Holy Trinity. Story on page 4.

## Beverly Rieger leaves Office of Worship post

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — If you ever attended an ordination, a special diocesan-wide Mass or had a question about liturgy, church art or church architecture in the last eight years, chances are the event was organized or your parish was assisted by Beverly Rieger. Now after eight years as the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Rieger will leave her post at the end of June to pursue her musical interests and have more flexible time to spend with family.

"I'm not retiring. I'm way too young for retirement," quipped Rieger.

"For the last 20 years almost, I have been developing my own music business based on my own original music composing, recording and performing," she told *Today's Catholic*. "This was pretty much put on hold during my time with the Office of Worship, except for composing and recording.

"I now have four albums of music, which are selling internationally," she said. "My latest market is New Zealand. This music is spiritual, classical with a strong

'world' music flavor and is meant to make a difference for the better in this troubled world. Music has the power to inspire and heal."

The Office of Worship assists the bishop in his care for liturgy, provides programs and resources for celebrating liturgy and provides initial and ongoing formation of liturgical ministers. The office also is a support and resource for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) including the coordination of diocesan rites. And the office assists with liturgical aspects of church renovation and new church building.

Of these roles, "the people I am privileged to work for and with, and the diocesan liturgies, which nourish my own spiritual life so deeply," are among Rieger's fondest memories.

She adds that there have been some challenges. "We needed to develop a very pastoral, yet informed way to introduce so many new church documents — the new lectionaries, Book of Gospels, new General Instruction of the Roman Missal, new Communion norms, 'Redemptionis Sacramentum,'" Rieger said. "Other chal-

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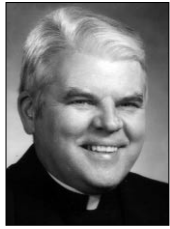
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# Bishop expresses the joy of priests in communion at retreat



## NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

### Retreat with out priests

On a recent Monday night, I gathered with our priests to begin a few days of prayer together, our annual retreat. It was a joy to live this retreat with about 45 of our priests. Our retreat master did a splendid job.

One year ago, we had Archbishop Dolan of Milwaukee, who gave an inspiring retreat for our priests. The focus was on St. Peter and the various ways in which Peter was engaged with the Lord as seen in the Scriptures. Among those making the retreat was Father John Coughlin, OFM. Prior to that, I had asked Father Coughlin if he would preach our retreat this year, and he agreed to do so.

Once again, our priests were blessed with wonderful conferences. We were drawn to Christ not only by the content of the conferences, which were so sound theologically and also inspirational and uplifting, but by the holiness, goodness and humility of the retreat master. I thought you might find it interesting if I shared with you some of the content of these days.

### The nature of the ministerial priesthood

After an opening night conference, which focused on the nature of a priestly retreat, we spent the conferences on Tuesday on the priesthood. Drawing on contemporary theologians — well, contemporary in the sense that they were theologians with a great influence on the Second Vatican Council with names like Congar, De Lubac, Von Balthasar and others — Father Coughlin presented clear and rich teachings on the priesthood. The priest as a witness to the faith of the church was central, along with his role as shepherd. Also clear was his link to the bishop and, through the bishop, to the apostles. He spent time on the teachings of St. Augustine, his defense against the donatists and the role of the priest in passing on the faith.

### Repentance

The second day the focus was on repentance and forgiveness of sin with emphasis on Psalm 51. Priests and laity who recite the Hours of the Liturgy pray this prayer every Friday. It is called the Miserera — from the first word of the psalm: have mercy. Drawing on the richness of the Old Testament, we discovered the nature of the sin of David and the sinfulness of all of us, as well as the importance of honesty and the confession of our sins.

It was on Wednesday evening that the sacrament of penance was given, with several priests hearing confessions. I was able to make my own confession to the retreat master.

We also had a precious meditation on St. Francis of Assisi, with focus on his devotion to surrender to the Lord and the spirit of poverty. Father Coughlin, after all, is a Franciscan friar. Although he has a doctorate in canon law and a degree from Harvard Law School, this was not what showed through on the retreat. Rather what was clear was his Franciscan vocation and his love for the priesthood. We learned that Father John himself had decided to enter the seminary after graduating from Niagara University where, among other things, he was a hockey player. He made his decision after reading the life of St. Francis by Chesterton.

While we learned some delightful side things, such as St. Francis' love for almond cookies, what came through was Francis' total dedication to the Gospel, his love for the priesthood, his union with Christ crucified and his charity.

We also received an excellent meditation on the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. Religious take these counsels as vows. While the diocesan priest does not, they are, after all, from the Gospel, and they were presented to us clearly as an important area in our lives. We had time for eucharistic adoration and a meditation on God the Father and the priests' role as father of the flock.

For me, being able this year to live the entire retreat with our priests, to see them devoutly in prayer and see them in communion with one another was a joy. The annual priestly retreat is a blessing not only for the priests but, through them and through their prayer, for the people they serve. (Also, there are very fine meals at the South Dining Hall on campus.)

### A great convocation

On Thursday night, I took time out to move across the campus and say a word of welcome to almost 2,000 young Hispanic Catholics who came together for encuentro, or encounter with one another, with Christ and with the church. There was a delegation from our diocese under the guidance of Enid Roman-de Jesus, our coordinator of Hispanic ministry.

We had time for two more confirmations on the weekend, first in St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, where we were able to see evidence of the continuing growth of Hispanic Catholics among us. This parish now has seven Masses on a weekend, three of them in Spanish. We are blessed to have Father Philip DeVolder there, who is fluent in Spanish. Also, Father Wilson Corzo, a native of Colombia, is at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He is here through the kindness of Archbishop Oscar Rodriguez of Tegucigalpa in Honduras.

### Word about an old friend

While driving across the campus on Thursday evening, I greeted some of the young Hispanic Catholics. One young man told me he was from El Salvador. I said, "Did you ever know Father David Kelly there?" His eyes brightened and he said, "David Kelly?" "Yes," I said. He replied, "That is a holy man." Dave Kelly and I entered the St. John's Seminary together on Sept. 18, 1949. Dave was a brilliant student and exceptional athlete who played quarterback for Boston Latin School and catcher in baseball. After serving a short time in the

Archdiocese of Boston, he joined the St. James Society, a group of priests who went to South America to serve there. Later, he joined Maryknoll, received a doctorate from Louvain University and, the last I heard, was a spiritual director and teacher to the seminarians in San Salvador. The young man gave me his address, and I hope to connect with this old and dear friend. Robert Penn Warren, the great American novelist, wrote, "The friend of your youth is your friend forever." There is truth in it, and I hope I can connect with this old friend before our class observes our golden jubilee — 50 years as priests.

A final confirmation at St. Dominic, Bremen, with Father Polycarp Fernando and the good people of that parish. Thirty-six confirmations in all. Tiring, but beautiful. I wish to extend my appreciation to our diocesan master of ceremonies, Jim Fitzpatrick. There is no question he lightens my burdens, assists the priests with great kindness and helps in so many ways.

### Another golden jubilee

A few miles on Sunday morning to St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend, for the 50th anniversary of that beloved parish. Many thanks to Father Jim Seculoff, a prayerful and devoted priest, for putting together this jubilee. Among those concelebrating was Father Bob Yast, who had served at St. John. On the feast of the Holy Trinity, it was a joy to be with the people there as part of this celebration and to stop by briefly at the dinner held at Holy Family Parish.

Father Seculoff is a man of prayer and devotion, and he knows how to run a parish. St. John has its difficulties for financial reasons. The area has changed considerably in the past half century. It is not easy to keep the school going, but we will continue to do our best. The parish is in the best of hands.

### A joyful finish

We have two cookouts, one in each end of the diocese, every June to bring our priests together with their bishop in a social way. Father Bill Schooler of St. Pius X, Granger, and Father Chris Young of St. Patrick's, Walkerton, prepared a wonderful dinner. These two men are culinary experts and so, before heading back on the long trip to Fort Wayne, we gathered in the backyard of the Granger parish with a number of our priests and enjoyed a wonderful meal together. Off then down the toll road to I-69 and home. A week of prayer and ministry in South Bend. Tired, but happy.

One game ahead of the Yankees as of this writing, but we need more pitching. I look forward to a busy June and a restful July, and a game or two at Fenway Park.

See you all in our next edition — two weeks away, I believe.



# Priest and deacon assignments, retirements announced

Bishop D'Arcy has announced the following personnel assignments:

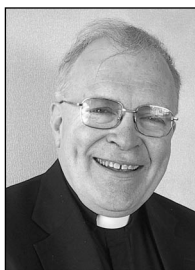
• **Father Jeffery Largent** has been appointed pastor of St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka. The effective date of this appointment was May 27, 2006.



**FATHER JEFFERY LARGENT**

• **Father Babasino Fernandes** has been appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn. The effective date of this appointment will be July 2, 2006.

• **Father Daniel Durkin** has been appointed pastor of St. Henry Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment will be Aug. 23, 2006.



**FATHER DANIEL DURKIN**

• **Father Joseph Gaughan** has been appointed pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this assignment will be July 19, 2006.

• **Father John Cramer** has been appointed associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this assignment is July 19, 2006.



**FATHER JOHN CRAMER**

• **Father Thaddeus Uwakwe** has been appointed administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Garrett. The effective date of this assignment will be July 6, 2006.

• **Father Thomas Lombardi** has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Hesse Cassel. The effective date of this assignment will be July 6, 2006.



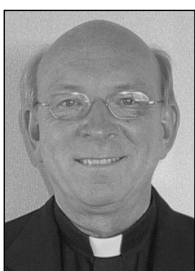
**FATHER THOMAS LOMBARDI**

• **Father Derrick Sneyd** has been appointed pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this assignment will be July 25, 2006.



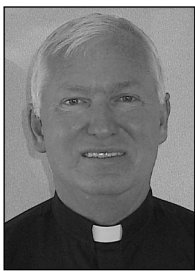
**FATHER DERRICK SNEYD**

• **Father Terry Fisher** has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka. The effective date of this assignment will be July 24, 2006.



**FATHER TERRY FISHER**

• **Father John Delaney** has been appointed pastor of St. Jude Parish and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be July 26, 2006.



**FATHER JOHN DELANEY**

• **Father Christopher Smith** has been appointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen. The effective date of this appointment will be July 27, 2006.



**FATHER CHRIS SMITH**

• **Father Edward Erpelding** has been appointed as pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla. The effective date of this appointment will be Aug. 24, 2006.



**FATHER EDWARD ERPELDING**

• **Msgr. J. William Lester, PA**, has been appointed administrator of St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment will be determined.



**MSGR. J. WILLIAM LESTER**

• Bishop D'Arcy has accepted the retirement of **Father Robert Yast** as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka. The effective date of this retirement will be July 24, 2006.



**FATHER ROBERT YAST**

• **Deacon Anthony Steinacker**, who is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in October, has been assigned to St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment will be June 15, 2006.



**DEACON ANTHONY STEINACKER**

The two deacons who have one year remaining in the seminary have been given summer assignments. They are:

• **Deacon Bob Lengerich** has been assigned to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur.



**DEACON BOB LENGERICH**

• **Deacon Jason Freiburger** has been assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.

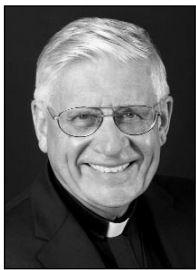


**DEACON JASON FREIBURGER**

Bishop D'Arcy has accepted the recommendation of Father David Tyson, CSC, provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, and has made the following assignments.

• **Father Bradley J. Metz, CSC**, has been appointed associate pastor of Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parishes, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment is July 1, 2006.

• **Father Robert J. Nogosek, CSC**, has been appointed associate pastor of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Parishes, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment is July 1, 2006.



**FATHER ROBERT J. NOGOSEK, CSC**

• **Father Andrew M. Sebesta, CSC**, has been appointed associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame. The effective date of this appointment is July 1, 2006.



**FATHER ANDREW M. SEBESTA, CSC**

• **Deacon Gregory Haake, CSC**, after ordination on Aug. 27, has been appointed deacon at Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parishes, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be Aug. 27, 2006.

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If you are 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. If you want to become a hero to those in need of the gift of life, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your blood donation appointment.

I myself, as I did the last three years, have donated blood; and it is my hope that you will also donate. Even if you have never given blood, I encourage you to spend an hour of your day saving a life. If you have donated blood in the past, may I remind you how rewarding and appreciated this generous act of charity can be for you as well as the recipient.

With every best wish and prayer, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy

# God is loving communion of Trinity, pope tells pilgrims

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — God is not a lone, aloof, infinite being, but is a loving communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and extends that love to all people, Pope Benedict XVI said on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

"In this world, no one can see God, but he himself has made himself known" to people through his love for them, he said before praying the Sunday Angelus with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square June 11.

Through the action of the Holy Spirit, "believers can know the intimacy of God himself, discovering that he is not infinite solitude, but communion of light and love, life given and received in an eternal dialogue between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit," the pope said from his apartment window at the Vatican.

According to St. Augustine, the pope said, love unites three entities: the one who loves, the one who is loved, and love itself that binds all three.

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him," the pope said, quoting a verse from the Gospel of St. John.

The whole universe "speaks of God, one and true," as it is God's love that creates unity out of diversity, the pope said.

"From interstellar space to microscopic particles, everything that exists points to a being that communicates himself in the plurality and variety of the elements, like in an immense symphony," he said.

All the separate entities in creation are ordered and guided according to God's "harmonic dynamism" of love, he said. But



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**Pope Benedict XVI blesses the faithful from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square during his Angelus prayer at the Vatican June 11. On the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the pope reminded the faithful of the loving nature of God.**

for people, he added, love takes on a higher dimension and reaches a spiritual plane when one responds to God's love by loving him in return and sincerely giving of oneself to him and to the rest of the human family.

The pope said the family is one of the best analogies reflecting the mystery of the Trinity, as he called on families to be "a community of love and life in which diversity must come together to become a parable of communion."

After reciting the Marian prayer, the pope also called on the faithful to "strengthen our commitment to bear witness to our faith, bringing Christ's good news to our families, our workplaces and all whom we meet."

# Bishop D'Arcy joins parishioners of St. John for 50th jubilee celebration

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — “We give thanks to God for a half century of faith, and we give thanks for all of you. May God strengthen our faith and may we all pray for faith, hope and love and an increase in those joining the priesthood and religious life,” said Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the 50th anniversary jubilee Mass celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church in South Bend on Sunday, June 11.

The small church near the airport in South Bend was filled with “twice the amount (of people) there usually is” noted pastor Father James Seculoff, who along with former pastor, Father Robert Yast, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka and the Knights of Columbus celebrated the 11 a.m. Mass, followed by coffee and doughnuts and later a 2 p.m. sold-out dinner.

Bishop D'Arcy praised Father Seculoff to those present as a “man of prayer who places Jesus Christ and his mother, first.”

“His joyful spirit is the basis of his ministry,” said Bishop D'Arcy.

“On this feast of the Holy Trinity, we also celebrate the 50th anniversary of this parish, thinking of the sisters, priests and all of those who have been here,” said Bishop D'Arcy and noted that a half century ago “when it was the end of World War II, when they said we must have a church.

“This was and always has been a parish of families,” said the bishop. He said, “we are a church,

which makes through the sacraments, the invisible visible.

“A parish is a place where there is a priest, a shepherd,” Bishop D'Arcy said. “The priest who appreciates his priesthood with devotion and loves his people with love the same as a man for his wife and becomes the spouse of the parish.”

Bishop D'Arcy added that everyone should not “take this for granted” urging all to pray for more priests.

“We must generate priests from our own diocese,” said Bishop D'Arcy. He noted that in the diocese, 15 priests are from other countries. Bishop D'Arcy said he

is hopeful as he accepted five to seminary with a total of 17 or 18 in preparation. “This is a result of your prayers,” he said.

“We hope and pray that the parish will be strengthened spiritually and fiscally in the years ahead,” Bishop D'Arcy said at the conclusion of Mass.

Father Seculoff, who also spoke, said that the parish is “waiting for the new people as they come in,” pointing out that recent surveys show that South Bend should be growing to the “west and south. We lost parishioners, but we have hope,” said Father Seculoff.



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

**Bishop John M. D'Arcy blessed those present at a celebration Mass for St. John the Baptist's jubilee, walking behind Father James Seculoff, pastor, Father Robert Yast, a former parish priest, and diocesan master of ceremonies, Jim Fitzpatrick.**



TIM JOHNSON

**Beverly Rieger, director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will leave her post at the end of June to pursue her musical interests and have more flexible time to spend with family. She stands in her Archbishop Noll Catholic Center office, which overlooks the spires of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.**

## RIEGER

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lenges were the inclusion of the many cultures in our diocese. We are still exploring how to make this genuine, and not just token.”

Rieger's most memorable moments are “the Eucharistic Congress ... among so many other ... moments such as ordinations, (and) church dedications, which are intensely spiritual moments.”

Her most joy-filled and satisfying moments are when “I can really help a pastor, musician, RCIA director with a difficult situation, and know that I have made a positive difference.”

Eight years ago, Bishop John M. D'Arcy hired Rieger as director of the Office of Worship because of her work at Queen of Angels Parish. He felt that her

approach to liturgy was the approach that he wanted for the diocese.

“We focused on communication, excellence in liturgy, openness to all styles of music, which were appropriate for liturgy, ongoing assistance to pastors and those in leadership roles in parishes, and a development of assistance to other cultures in our diocese in matters of liturgy,” Rieger said.

Her education is in music performance and ongoing education in liturgy.

“I am extremely grateful to Father Michael Driscoll at the University of Notre Dame for all of his encouragement in my continuing liturgical education,” Rieger said.

She looks forward to being a full-time musician, but, “Will I miss my Office of Worship ministry? Yes, very much,” she concluded.

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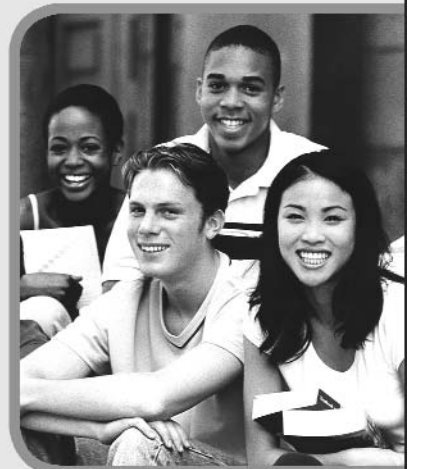


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# Bishop D'Arcy welcomes Hispanic youth and young adults to encuentro

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Bishop John M. D'Arcy welcomed some 2,000 Hispanic youth, young adults and diocesan and parish leaders to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for their June 8-11 National Encuentro for Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry on the University of Notre Dame campus.

The "encuentro," meaning encounter, was the first national event of its kind for Catholic Hispanic young people and focused on their needs, aspirations and contributions relative to the Catholic Church. The goal of the encounter was to develop a common vision and pastoral principles, which will be presented to the U.S. bishops. Some 20 bishops attended at least part of the weekend event.

Bishop D'Arcy greeted his fellow bishops and the other encuentro guests at the encounter's opening event in the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center the evening of June 8. He reminded the enthusiastic crowd that they were on a campus dedicated to Our Lady, and he pointed out that the lady who is honored as Our Lady of Lourdes at the grotto on the Notre Dame campus is the same lady honored as Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of all the Americas.

The bishop urged the young people to visit the grotto at Notre Dame, saying that "this beautiful event" should be placed in the hands of Our Lady. And, he added, the lady at the grotto had been



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**Bishop John M. D'Arcy drew an enthusiastic response from the 2,000 participants at the first Hispanic youth encuentro when he told the crowd that, as the son of immigrants, he was honored to be among so many other people with the same experience. Simultaneous translation was provided on a big screen above the speakers' platform.**

waiting for this particular group to visit her for over 100 years.

"You must go there," Bishop D'Arcy urged. "Of course you will take pictures, but you must say a rosary and sing a Spanish hymn to her and pray to her," and ask for guidance in finding "your vocation in life."

Bishop D'Arcy noted that the encuentro was "encouraging for the bishops" and "so uplifting for this diocese," explaining that Hispanic Catholics here recently dedicated a church to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"We are honored with your presence," Bishop D'Arcy concluded, noting that the group's devotion to Our Lady, spirit of celebration, sense of the providence of God and love for the Holy Eucharist were the same characteristics that Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin brought with him when he founded the University of Notre Dame over 160 years ago.

"Pray for faith and go from this place and bring not yourselves, but Jesus Christ and his mother to the world," Bishop D'Arcy told the young people.

## OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BREAKS GROUND



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Parishioners at Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne recently celebrated a groundbreaking for the construction of a new rectory. Father Mark Gurtner, pastor, joined other parishioners at the May groundbreaking. The rectory is scheduled for completion in September.

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"They haven't come with the intention of taking jobs away from anyone, nor their way of making a living," he emphasized, to raucous cheers and applause. "For this reason, they can't be called bad, usurpers nor criminals."

Cardinal Rodriguez reminded the large crowd that 400 years ago in the pre-U.S. wilderness, as the first Pilgrim settlement in North America struggled to survive, the Spanish settlement of San Miguel in the present state of Georgia was already flourishing; and that throughout the early years of exploration of the northern half of the continent, Spanish explorers such as Ponce de Leon, Hernando de Soto and Francisco Vasquez de Coronado traversed the land as contemporaries of Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clark and Pike. The Continental Congress of the young United States even became indebted, literally, to a Hispanic nation: Cuba responded to a desperate plea for financial resources during its formative months by melting down earrings belonging to its generous women, who sacrificed to help the struggling young nation.

In areas from meteorology to medicine, from art to language, Cardinal Rodriguez made a strong case for the integral contributions of Hispanics to present-day society. As a sidebar to an explanation on Hispanics' contributions in the field of law, Rodriguez noted that 200 years before Thomas Jefferson was even born, Mexico was already practicing "principles of equality" in legal and moral situations, including laws that established women as having equal rights as men to vote and to own land.

"This, in a country known as 'machismo,'" Rodriguez noted.

Young Hispanic Catholics have one of the best chances to build the U.S. and the Catholic Church

today because, he said, they are open to new ways of doing things and to new cultures; and they are open to dialog.

"They have a unique capacity to make new relationships," he stated of the young Hispanic Catholics present. But as they crowd responded to his compliments, Rodriguez challenged them to begin by forging relationships with one another first; because the Hispanic immigrant coming to the U.S. today needs a partner who will walk with him on the journey of his new life.

"Love them with the love of God. Look at them with the eyes of God the Father, the one who respects life. Accompany them with humility, putting yourself at the service of others. The immigrant who leaves his home is the most vulnerable of people ... those who accompany him, those who receive him, are destined to discover the language of (God's) love."

The cardinal called the participants to sanctity and evangelization before closing with an a capella round of a hymn, which the crowd willingly accompanied.

Over 300 bishops, coordinators and directors of Hispanic ministry attempted to continue the conversation regarding immigration in an open session with a large delegation from the Episcopal Council of Latin America (CELAM), but the discussion was cut short by space limitations for the overflow crowd and a much-delayed start time.

Milagro Ramos of the Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., was only mildly disappointed in the change of plans, however.

"This is their chance to be listened to," she said of the young adults present at encuentro. "This is a chance for us directors to listen to them. I have enjoyed so much (of the event)."

The event was bilingual and cosponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on Hispanic Affairs, the USCCB Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adults and the University of Notre Dame.

## FATHER DELANEY CELEBRATES JUBILEE



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Preceded by Deacon Art Bleau, Father John H. Delaney enters St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen to celebrate Mass on the occasion of his 25 year jubilee.

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## Pope's first trip to Spain to include nighttime vigil, morning Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's first trip to Spain will include a festive, nighttime vigil and morning Mass with families from all over the world as well as meetings with Spain's bishops, the Spanish royal family and Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero. The pope will visit the Mediterranean port city of Valencia July 8-9 to help close the Fifth World Meeting of Families. More than 1.5 million people are expected to be in Valencia for the families meeting, which will run July 1-9. During his brief, but busy journey, the pope will visit Valencia's Gothic cathedral and the city's ultramodern City of the Arts and the Sciences center where the international families meeting will be held. This will mark the pope's third foreign trip and his second that had already been planned by Pope John Paul II. The late pope, who called the first World Meeting of Families at the Vatican in 1994, had announced in 2003 that the 2006 meeting would be held in Valencia. Families from six continents will meet to discuss "Transmitting the Faith in the Family."

## Bishop Gossman retires, successor named; Philly gets new auxiliary

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop F. Joseph Gossman of Raleigh, N.C., and named Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop Michael F. Burbidge to succeed him. The pope also appointed Msgr. Daniel E. Thomas, pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Strafford, Pa., and a former Vatican official, as auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia. Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, announced the changes in Washington June 8. Bishop Burbidge is to be installed as bishop of Raleigh Aug. 4. Bishop-designate Thomas is to be ordained in Philadelphia July 26. Bishop Gossman, 76, has been a bishop since 1968 and head of the Raleigh Diocese since 1975. With his retirement there are only five active U.S. bishops who were given their current post by Pope Paul VI.

## Bishop Skylstad says private probe clears him of abuse claim

SPOKANE, Wash. (CNS) — Spokane Bishop William S. Skylstad has said that an investigation he ordered produced no evidence to support an unnamed woman's allegation that he sexually abused her 40 years ago when she was a minor. Bishop Skylstad communicated the probe's results June 8 at a news conference in answer to a reporter's question but he did not elaborate. "The bishop could not have been and was not involved with this girl," Thomas Frey, the bishop's personal lawyer, told Catholic News Service June 9. "The diocese will

## CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT LEADERS OFFER PRAYERS AT START OF WORLD CUP



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Catholic and Protestant leaders offer a blessing in the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady in Munich, Germany, during a June 9 prayer service marking the start of the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Pictured from left are Mainz Cardinal Karl Lehmann, president of the German bishops' conference; Bishop Wolfgang Huber of the Lutheran-Reformed Church in Berlin-Brandenburg; Cardinal Friedrich Wetter of Munich and Freising; Bishop Johannes Friedrich, the head of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany; and Bishop Walter Klaiber, head of the Methodist Church in Frankfurt.

not pay any claim to her," said Frey, who hired the private investigator who looked into the woman's allegations. "To my knowledge there has been no investigation by public authorities," he said, noting that the statute of limitations has expired. Frey said that the woman's claim was filed at the end of 2005 and is among the numerous clergy child sex abuse claims made against the diocese after it filed for bankruptcy protection in November 2004. The June 8 news conference was called to announce a proposed settlement with one of the diocese's insurers, Oregon Auto Insurance Co. The insurer will pay the diocese \$6 million to end litigation as to whether the insurer is liable for abuse claims against the diocese. The agreement needs to be approved by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Patricia Williams and the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Washington,

## Six popes later, Vatican security chief turns in his jogging shoes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Camillo Cibin holds the world record for miles jogged alongside a moving popemobile. But he made his last run around St. Peter's Square May 31 and retired June 3, two days short of his 80th birthday. Pope Benedict XVI accepted Cibin's resignation as director of security services and civil protection for Vatican City State and named 43-year-old Domenico Giani to succeed him. In effect, the director is the Vatican's chief of police, but when the pope is in public view at home

or abroad, he is the No. 1 papal bodyguard. Cibin, a broad-shouldered, white-haired tower of strength, did not ease into retirement. His farewell tour was accompanying Pope Benedict to Poland May 25-28, coordinating in advance with local security services, then walking or running at the pope's side in the midst of massive crowds. When the hordes broke through the security cordon after the pope's May 26 Mass in Warsaw, Cibin exhibited his well-honed skill of gently tossing interlopers aside like they were pieces of tissue.

## High school named for late pope now has his ski jacket on display

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — Pope John Paul II High School in Hendersonville carries the name of the late pope, and now it also houses the black ski jacket he wore during visits to the mountains. Bishop Edward U. Kmiec of Buffalo, N.Y., who headed the Nashville Diocese when the school opened in 2002, returned to the school earlier this year to deliver the jacket. "I hope it gives a little human connection to the pope," the bishop said. Since the school was built, Bishop Kmiec had made several attempts to acquire a personal item of Pope John Paul that could be housed at the school, but was unsuccessful. Even after he left Nashville to become bishop of Buffalo in October 2004, Bishop Kmiec kept trying. He approached a priest in the Buffalo Diocese who knows Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, who was the late

pope's personal secretary and a constant presence at his side. Cardinal Dziwisz provided the ski jacket, along with documentation that the pope had worn it.

## Knights petition appeals court to overturn latest pledge ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The Knights of Columbus filed a brief asking a federal appeals court in San Francisco to reject the latest effort by a California atheist and several other parents to have the Pledge of Allegiance declared unconstitutional because it contains the words "under God." In a friend-of-the-court, or amicus, brief filed in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in early June, the Knights asked the court to reverse a lower court that said it is unconstitutional to include "under God" in a pledge that minor students are required to recite in school. The brief was filed by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty on behalf of the Knights. Joining in the brief were six individual Knights and their families. The Supreme Court in 2004 threw out a similar challenge by Michael Newdow, filed on behalf of his school-age daughter. Newdow was among plaintiffs in a new lawsuit against various government entities and schools filed the next year. But he and most of the other plaintiffs ultimately were either dropped from the suit or dismissed by the U.S. District Court. The remaining plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the Rio Linda Union School District outside Sacramento are an unnamed woman and her child.

## Vatican official to Anglicans: Women bishops would destroy unity

LONDON (CNS) — A Vatican cardinal has warned the Church of England that a move to ordain women as bishops would destroy any chance of full unity with the Catholic and Orthodox churches. Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, said that if the Church of England adopted such a resolution the "shared partaking of the one Lord's table, which we long for so earnestly, would disappear into the far and ultimately unreachable distance." He said, "Instead of moving toward one another, we would simply coexist alongside each other." His remarks came in a speech to a private meeting of the Church of England bishops in Market Bosworth, England, just four months after the bishops agreed to set up a working group to outline a process through which women might be consecrated as bishops. Although three of the world's Anglican provinces have already agreed to consecrate women as bishops, Cardinal Kasper said decisions made by the Church of England had a "particular importance" because they gave a "strong indication of the direction in which the communion as a whole was heading."

## Put tragedy 'in hands of God,' pastor says after Indianapolis murders

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Father Michael O'Mara can still picture the two Covarrubias boys proudly standing in front of the altar May 21 preparing to receive their first holy Communion while their parents and their extended family beamed with joy. Less than two weeks later, the boys were shot and killed in their Indianapolis home, along with their parents and three other family members. The seven murders June 1 marked the worst mass killing in Indianapolis history. People were shocked and horrified by the killings, which also left their mark on Father O'Mara — the priest who gave the homilies at funeral Masses for family members June 6 and 7. As he prepared to give the homilies, he relied upon his memories of the family while he tried to make sense of the deaths. He could still see the two brothers — Alberto, 11, and David, 8 — sitting at Sunday Mass on either side of their father, Alberto Covarrubias Sr., 56. He could still see the faces of the boys' mother — 46-year-old Emma Valdez — and her two children from a previous marriage, Magno Albarran, 29, and Flora Albarran, 22. Then there was the face of Flora's 5-year-old son, Luis Albarran. Each of the seven had been shot in the head and the body during an attempted robbery in their home, according to the Indianapolis Police Department.



## World Apostolate of Fatima celebrates annual breakfast

WARSAW — Surrounded by devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Msgr. J. William Lester, PA and Father Sergius Wroblewski, OFM gave stirring testimonies at the annual World Apostolate of Fatima Mass and breakfast at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Saturday, June 3.

Likening the Five Saturdays requested of Sister Lucia in 1925 to current denigrations of Mary's role in Christian life, Msgr. Lester encouraged Mass participants to be zealous in spreading devotion to the Mother of Jesus by way of First Saturdays of each month, with Holy Communion, rosary, 15 minutes of meditation on the Gospel mysteries and the sacrament of reconciliation monthly.

Father Wroblewski, in his presentation at the breakfast, saw Russia, much like the persecutor Saul who became the great cheerleader for Christ, as the agent of renewal for the world after 70 years of atheistic communism. Since the consecration of Russia and the rest of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1984 by Pope John Paul II, walls have fallen, countries have been freed from oppression, and a "cold war" on planet earth has come to an end. And although Russia has not yet been "converted," as Mary promised at Fatima in 1917 to the three children, the way has been paved for such a miracle of God's grace. It only remains for those devoted to Mary to continue their efforts to spread devotion to her Immaculate Heart and to experience what inevitably follows: an increased worldwide love for the Redeemer-King of Nazareth.

One might add, from the prayer of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus composed by Pope Pius XI in 1926, "...until from pole to pole there is but one cry: 'Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to him be honor and glory forever!'"

The event drew about 100 laity and religious throughout the diocese. This was the first time the annual Mass and get-together was not held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

## Relay for Life will be June 24-25 at Luers

FORT WAYNE — A Relay For Life event will take place at Bishop Luers High School on June 24, 9 a.m. till June 25, 9 a.m. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's largest fundraiser in the fight against cancer while at the same time being a celebration of life. Teams of people camp out and individuals take turns walking or running around a track (you need not be there the full 24 hours to participate). Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times because cancer never sleeps.

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## BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES SENIORS



FRANCIE HOGAN

Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated the Bishop Dwenger High School baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, May 24. Commencement excercises followed May 26 at Foellinger Outdoor Theater.

source. They provide services for cancer patients, survivors, their caregivers and those who love them. They provide transportation to and from treatments. They also provide support groups and resources.

A survivors lap will start the Relay For Life at 9 a.m. All cancer survivors are invited to celebrate life and hope by joining in the Relay for Life survivor ceremonies. This is an opportunity to be supported and support others who are facing this disease.

Those unable to join a team or participate in the celebration are asked to help raise awareness and funds to fight cancer by a donation or luminaria purchase. The luminaria ceremony at the Relay for Life will be June 24 at 9 p.m. Luminaria are \$5 and can be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (260) 471-3911.

## Forever Learning Institute to hold auction

SOUTH BEND — An auction of accumulated goods of the Forever Learning Institute is slated June 24 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick School located at 307 S. Scott St. in South Bend. The auction will be conducted by Sue's Auction Service.

Forever Learning will be moving to Little Flower Parish Center as of July 1, and will be unable to take some of their equipment, goods and furniture, which they have accumulated over the years.

The sale will include over 50 folding and card tables, 60 polished

oak chairs, student desks, books, and other miscellaneous artifacts. It will be an opportunity for the public to purchase refrigerators, a microwave oven, appliances, pictures, pottery, maps, artwork, glassware, vases, along with portable chalk boards and one of a kind handmade Christmas decorations. They also have a Rondini accordion and case. Included in the sale will also be collector's items of interest to history and social studies students and teachers, such as a large collection of maps and books with a complete series on WWII.

The public is invited to preview the contents of the sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the day of the sale. For more information, contact Sue's Auction Service at (574) 291-4171.

## Allen County Non-Public School Association honors excellence

FORT WAYNE — Students from 40 different private schools were honored for excellence in May at the Allen County Non-Public School Association (ACNPSA)'s 23rd Annual Distinguished Student Award ceremony.

Nearly 80 distinguished students from Catholic, Lutheran, Christian and independent elementary and high schools received a certificate and a medallion at the Grand Center in Fort Wayne.

School principals and other school leaders selected this year's Distinguished Student Award winners — usually two top students from each school — from more than 12,000 students who attend non-public schools in Allen

County. The participating non-public schools are free to select whomever they decide are the most deserving graduating students from eighth and 12th grades and state why in 25 words or less.

Leaders from ACNPSA help highlight the contributions non-public schools make every day. The association also showcases the quality of education teachers offer to families involved; develops relationships between the area schools, and works with local and state governments to help private and public schools work together; and works to show parents the advantages of educational choices with a foundation in the Christian faith.

Distinguished students from the two Catholic high schools in Allen County include:

- Bishop Dwenger: Ashley Harrington and Erika Roy
- Bishop Luers High: Ashley Norton and Nicholas Wyss

Distinguished elementary students include:

- Benoit Academy: Tomas Lopez and DyNishia Miller
- Most Precious Blood: Camille Hilker and Brandon Smith
- Queen of Angels: Emma Derheimer and Daniel Ryan
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- St. Vincent de Paul: Spencer Bonahoom and Katie Morelli

## Laura Zeiger fund scholarship winners announced

BREMEN — St. Dominic youth director, Mark Wagner, recently announced that five scholarships were awarded this year to St. Dominic students from the Laura Zeiger Scholarship Fund.

"These scholarships this year are for \$1,500 each and will be awarded to Jessica Brown, Levi Burkins, Pat O'Keefe, Rachel St. Germain and Brenda Wakefield. In addition, eight other scholarships will be awarded to seniors this year at Bremen High School who are active in churches throughout the Bremen community.

Those scholarships will be \$750 each so that a total of \$13,500 will be awarded from Laura's scholarship fund this year.

Laura included a bequest of over \$250,000 for her scholarship fund in her will, which was settled recently. Her scholarship fund, with that bequest, now has over \$500,000 in it and will be used each year to award scholarships from the income the fund earns. Since the first scholarships were awarded in 2000, over \$60,000 of scholarships have been awarded to over 50 students from six different high schools. The main requirement to receive the scholarship is that the student be active in their church," noted Wagner.

Laura Zeiger, a deceased parishioner from St. Dominic Parish, "saved the best for last" bequeathing the bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend make a contribution to missionaries and missions of the Catholic Church throughout the world, \$276,928.61, which was presented in a check to Bishop D'Arcy in December 2005.

"We are so grateful to her," said Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

Other generous gifts included \$25,000 to the Bishop's Appeal, \$50,000 for a chapel for the new Community Hospital of Bremen (opening Spring 2006), \$50,000 to the Women's Care Center in Plymouth for the purchase of the new building they now operate from and \$32,000 each to the Juvenile Diabetes Association, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hope Rescue Mission, Marshall County Red Cross, National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Center for the Homeless, \$50,000 each to Project Help of Bremen and the Salvation Army of South Bend and \$145,000 to St. Dominic's Parish to retire the debt on St. Isidore Hall. — MD

## Correction

In a previous issue, a spelling error was made in the Corpus Christi parish history. Credit for designing the stained glass windows in Corpus Christi Church and the Blessed Mother rosary shrine on the parish grounds should go to Madelyn Nowinski.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STUDENTS HOLD PIANO RECITAL



LINDA MILLER

Enzo Possemato performs in the bridal glen at Foster Park in Fort Wayne for the St. John the Baptist School piano recital. Thirty-three students, grades 1-8, performed classical and contemporary music at the May 24 event under the direction of Linda Miller. The piano lesson program at St. John the Baptist School is made possible by their Arts and Enrichment Committee.

# Busy Hands, happy hearts

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — When injured or sick children arrive in the Emergency Department of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center they receive a soft doll or a stuffed animal for comfort during their treatment. When clients of Hope Rescue Center go out to live on their own, they receive a hand-made quilt and pillow to get them started furnishing their own homes. And when the harsh winter weather arrives, nursing home residents receive lap robes to ward off the cold, and food bank clients receive “draft dodgers” to keep the frigid air from seeping in under their doors.

All of these gifts that warm the heart, soul and body are hand made by a group of about 130 senior citizen volunteers in the “Busy Hands” program coordinated by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Joseph County. RSVP is sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and has offices and workspace in the Catholic Charities building at 1817 Miami St. in South Bend.

Working in their own homes, or in sewing circles at churches and apartment complexes, or at the RSVP workroom, these volunteers sewed, knitted and crocheted for over 50,000 hours last year to produce the above-named items, as well as other items like hats, mittens and scarves. Local social service agencies are invited to fill out forms requesting items their clients need, and the Busy Hands volunteers fill those requests for about 50 of those agencies every year.

“Our things are not huge things ... but they are lots of little things that help a needy family soothe the way of life,” explained RSVP Project Coordinator Pam Claeys.

In 2005, the Busy Hands team turned out over 14,000 items that benefited 8,600 families. And in the process, the volunteers have enjoyed the camaraderie of others in the group and thrived on their accomplishments.

Unfortunately, without an infusion of new funds, the Busy Hands program will not be able to continue this work, which seems to benefit the volunteers as much as the recipients of their handcraft. According to Claeys, federal



ANN CAREY

**Busy Hands volunteers Carol Moon, left, and Liz Fribley, right, spend several days a week at the Busy Hands workroom making items to help other families. An annual appeal to benefit the Busy Hands program will help pay utilities and fund a modest salary for Jean Stockman, center, who is the Busy Hands coordinator.**

monies that had been used for Busy Hands will dry up this summer, and fundraising efforts have not produced enough revenue to compensate for that loss.

Therefore, RSVP is launching its first annual appeal, asking the community to help save this program. Claeys told *Today's Catholic* that the raw materials for the projects — yarn, fabric, fiberfill, etc. — are donated, but funds are needed to pay the utilities and the salary of part-time coordinator, Jean Stockman. Claeys hopes to raise at least \$10,000 this year.

If the Busy Hands program has to be cut back or discontinued, it would be sorely missed by the people who need the products, but also by the 130 volunteers, for the program helps them feel useful and provides a vital connection to other people. Claeys explained that many of the volunteers are widowed, and the social aspects of working alongside other volunteers helps to fill the void in their lives.

For example, volunteers Carol Moon and Liz Fribley, who come to the Busy Hands workroom three or four days a week, have become a team, working on a variety of projects together.

“This takes care of my crafty

gene,” Fribley explained. “And there’s great camaraderie around here. It’s really neat.”

Volunteers for Busy Hands don’t have to have a craft skill, Claeys explained, for there is plenty of other work, too. One volunteer is 90 years old and nearly blind, but her son transports materials so she can stuff the draft dodgers in her home. Some volunteers — including several men — transport materials to home workers or finished items to agencies. Others do non-skilled tasks like sorting fabrics and yarns. And for those who want to learn a skill, a crochet class is offered every Tuesday, which includes a potluck lunch brought in by the participants.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the RSVP Busy Hands project may contact Pam Claeys at (574) 234-3111, ext. 24, 1817 Miami, South Bend, Ind. 46613.

Donations of yarn, fiberfill and fabric are accepted at the RSVP office between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Even partial balls of yarn and fabric remnants are needed and can be used in a variety of ways.



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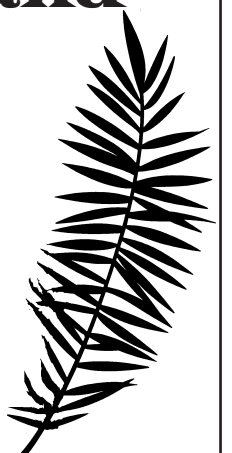
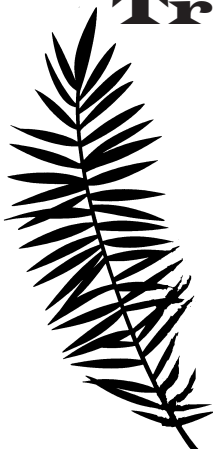


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Two and a half years ago, I would have described my family medicine practice as a typical practice including pediatrics, obstetrics and adult medicine. My practice included the provision of women's health care including the regulation of births. I participated in the expected practice of artificial contraception and referral for artificial reproductive technology, such as in vitro fertilization.

I knew that the church taught that the use of these treatments was gravely sinful. However, I did not fully understand why the church taught this. As my family was growing and I began to more fully appreciate the gift of life, I became uncomfortable with my decision to provide these services. I thus began to study the church's teachings in regard to these issues. I began to understand more fully the meaning of marriage, the 100 percent gift of self to spouse, the supreme gift of children and the awesome gift of our fertility.

I also became aware of the fact that artificially blocking the potential procreative aspect from the unitive aspect of the marital act was, in fact, rejecting a God-given grace that we receive through our sacramental marriage. I was made witness to this as I watched my wife Liara's incredible dedication to and nurturing of our children and her unconditional gift of herself to our family.

This helped me realize that the church's teaching was, in fact, correct. I also did not realize that my prescription of artificial birth control was, in fact, formal cooperation with the use of artificial birth control and that I was equally culpable for this grave sin. I was, in essence, committing mortal sin every day in my office. As

such, I quit providing these services in February of 2004 and became a "NFP only" practice.

While this transition was a wonderful one, I still felt there was a void in my practice especially as it related to the treatment of infertility, miscarriages, PMS, post partum depression, irregular menstrual cycles and many other women's health issues. At the same time, I was introduced to the Creighton Model Fertility Care System (CrMS) and NaProTechnology (Natural Procreative Technology). CrMS is a very standardized

Abnormalities in these biomarkers are predictive of certain disorders of the fertility cycle such as hormonal imbalances, progesterone deficiency, infections, cervical inflammation and ovulation disorders. These abnormalities in the biomarkers can also predict those individuals that are at risk for miscarriages, infertility, PMS and other disorders of the reproductive cycle. The standardization and research of the CrMS led Dr. Hilgers to develop NaProTechnology.

NaProTechnology aims to identify the underlying causes of the above disease states and then provides individualized treatment protocols to correct the underlying abnormalities. By understanding the biomarkers and proactively identifying the time of ovulation very specific targeted

hormonal and ultrasound evaluations can be performed to define these abnormalities and then specific therapies can be developed and implemented that work cooperatively with the woman's natural cycle. Since these therapies cooperate with the natural cycle they are safe, well tolerated, very effective, while at the same time being fully in unison with Catholic Church teaching.

In the area of infertility, the CrMS charting is used to predict the cause of the infertility and then targeted hormonal, ultrasound and surgical techniques are used to more precisely identify

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mucus-only method of NFP, which was developed and researched by Dr. Thomas Hilgers at the Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Neb. CrMS teaches the days of fertility and the days of infertility and then the couple discerns whether they use the system to achieve or avoid a pregnancy. It is a very effective means of true natural family planning. For couples wishing to avoid pregnancy, it has a method effectiveness of 99.5 percent. For those wishing to achieve a pregnancy, 100 percent of couples of normal fertility can expect to conceive within six months.

The CrMS teaches very specific observations and charting, which allowed for the development of biomarkers of the fertility cycle such as the length of the cycle, the quantity and quality of the mucus cycle, the length and stability of the post-ovulation phase, bleeding patterns, and the length of the pre-ovulation phase.

## FAITH AND FERTILITY

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES AND WHY

BY PATRICK M. HOLLY, M.D.

emotional and spiritual suffering that some of you have experienced with these issues. And I understand that some of you will have had children born with the assistance of these artificial techniques. My comments are not meant to be judgmental or by any means meant to diminish the personhood of children born with these techniques. Rather, I write this article to let all of you know that there is new hope in addressing these issues that are not only very effective but also natural and ethically acceptable by our Catholic faith.

the cause of the infertility. This then allows for the development of couple specific treatment protocols. When all causes of infertility are included, success rates in achieving a pregnancy approach 80 percent with the use of NaProTechnology, while according to the 2001 "Assisted Reproductive Technology Success Rates" reported by the Centers for Disease Control, the per cycle success rate for IVF is about 23 percent. Furthermore, in 2001 there were 40,687 babies born from IVF. However, to achieve this number of births, 273,369 embryos were transferred and lost in the process. This yields an embryo to live birth ratio of 6.72:1.

Unlike IVF, NaProTechnology does not create life by the destruction or selective reduction of other embryos.

I have obtained my certification in the CrMS and NaProTechnology. This is a joint certification issued from The Pope Paul VI Institute and Creighton University. It has been a blessing to me and my practice, as I am now able to provide effective, personalized and ethically sound treatment for these various abnormalities of the reproductive system.

I do understand the sensitivity of these issues and the strong desire to have a child. I also understand that some who read this article will have had experience with these artificial techniques. I also understand the

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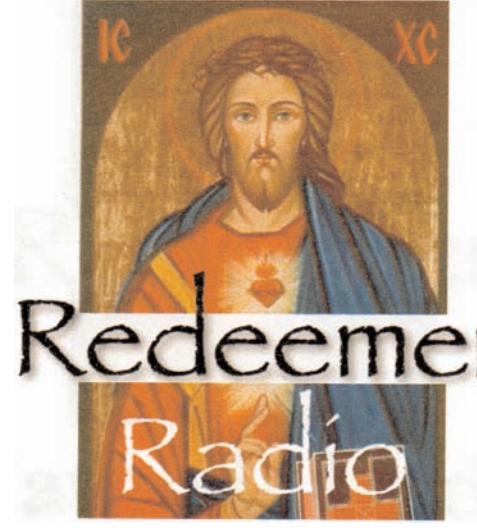
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## Holy Cross sisters celebrate 100 years of life

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

**NOTRE DAME** — The fountain of youth may be a myth, but breaking the century mark seems to be an attainable milestone for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. In fact, two sisters — Sister Joseph Marie Cumiskey and Sister Mary Laurentia Boyle — celebrated their 100th birthdays in May. They joined another centenarian, Sister M. Monica Clare Fannon, who will be 104 in November. Remarkably, the oldest member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Sister M. Raymond Verhalen, died last year, four months shy of 107.

When asked the secret for their longevity, the sisters credit their faith. Each has certainly made Jesus the center of her life.

Sister Joseph Marie was born in Scammon, Kan., on May 2,

1906. Considered a "late vocation" because she did not enter the community until she was 47 years old, Sister Joseph Marie became acquainted with Holy Cross while teaching in the Washington, D.C., area. She entered the congregation on Jan. 30, 1953.

Most of Sister Joseph Marie's ministry was spent in education. She taught in both high schools and colleges in Washington, D.C., and Boston. She also served as admissions director and registrar at St. Cecilia's Academy, which later became Holy Spirit High School, in the Archdiocese of Washington. Sister began her present ministry of prayer in 1989 at St. Angela Hall, Kensington, Md. In 1999 she went to St. Catherine's retirement center in Ventura, Calif., and since 2001 she has resided at Saint Mary's Convent, Notre

Dame, where she prays for the needs of her community, benefactors and the world.

Sister Mary Laurentia was born on May 17, 1906, in Philadelphia, Pa. After graduation from Pierce Business College in 1925, she worked two years and then entered the congregation on June 18, 1927. Her younger sister, Mary Elizabeth, entered the community before her. They chose Holy Cross because several relatives were members of the community, including her aunts, Sister M. Seraphia (Fox) and Sister M. Lawrence (McCloskey), as well as her cousins, Sister M. Laudus (Quinn) and Sister M. Celina (Quinn).

Sister Mary Laurentia spent a good portion of her life in elementary education. In 1971 she transitioned into parish ministry at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Alexandria, Va., where she served until 1992. Involved in many ministries there, she initiated a daily 6:30 a.m. prayer group of loyal laity who prayed for the needs of the parish. Another group begun by Sister Laurentia,



Sister Joseph Marie, left, chats with Sister Mary Louise Full at her birthday party.

called Babies and Moms, was an outgrowth of her baptismal preparation for new parents. Young, stay-at-home moms came weekly to the convent with their preschool children to share their experiences.

Sister Mary Laurentia retired to Saint Mary's in Notre Dame, after helping to care for her sister,



PHOTOS BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Sister Laurentia, left, is congratulated by Leadership Team member, Sister Pushpa Teresa Gomes while Sister Jean Clare Little looks on.

Sister Mary Elizabeth Boyle, in her final year of life. She then performed volunteer service to the community until 1996 when she began her full-time ministry of prayer.

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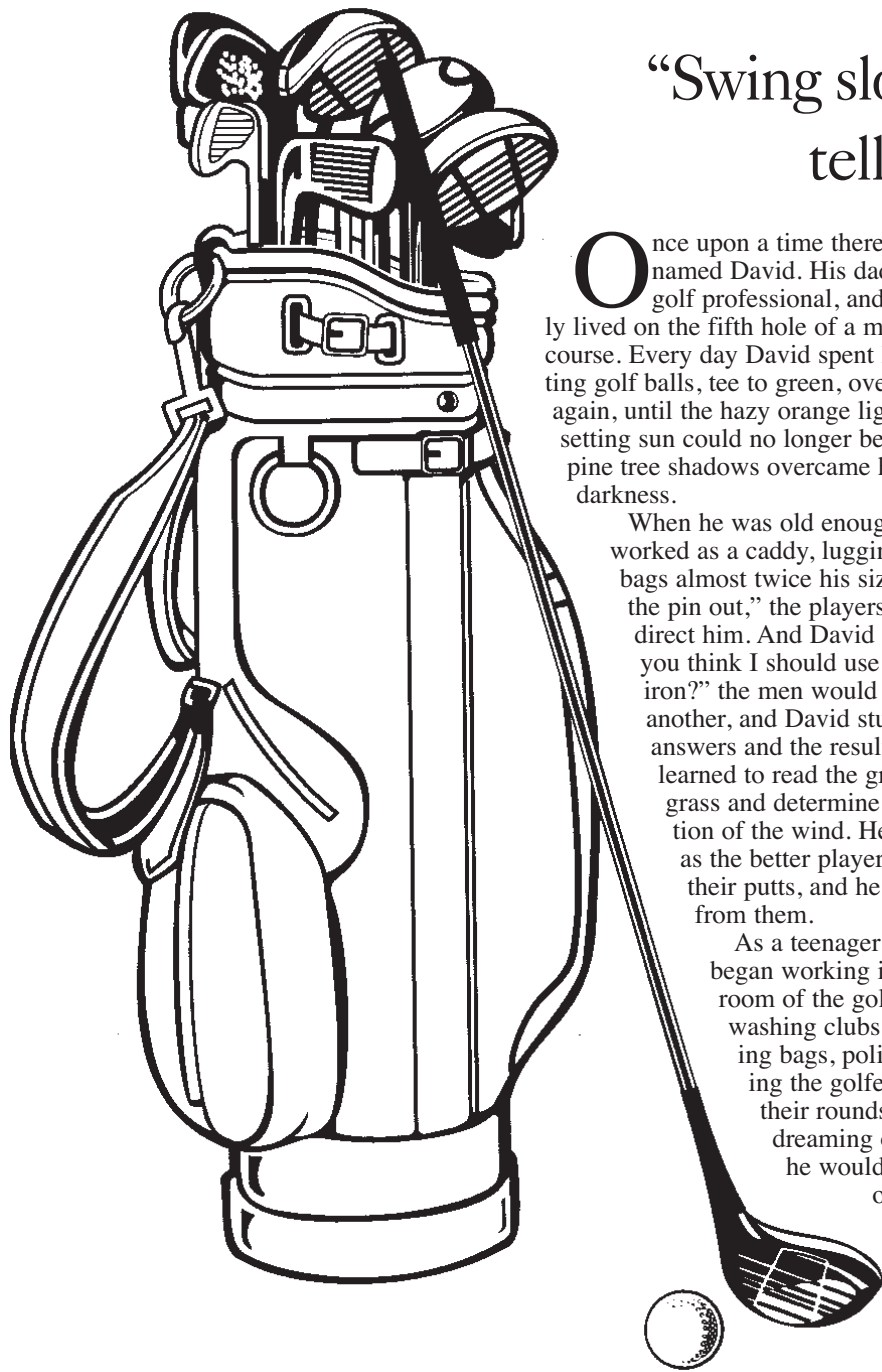




# A story of champions

BY THERESA THOMAS

“Swing slow; it’s a backward and forward motion,” he tells them, “There you go. You have it.”



Once upon a time there was a boy named David. His dad was a golf professional, and his family lived on the fifth hole of a modest golf course. Every day David spent hours hitting golf balls, tee to green, over and over again, until the hazy orange light of the setting sun could no longer be seen, and pine tree shadows overcame him in the darkness.

When he was old enough he worked as a caddy, lugging golf bags almost twice his size. “Take the pin out,” the players would direct him. And David did. “Do you think I should use a 5 or 6 iron?” the men would ask one another, and David studied their answers and the results. He learned to read the grain of the grass and determine the direction of the wind. He watched as the better players sunk their putts, and he learned from them.

As a teenager David began working in the rack room of the golf shop, washing clubs, organizing bags, politely asking the golfers about their rounds, and dreaming of the day he would make his own mark on the game. In his spare time he practiced.

David loved the smell of the freshly mown greens, the sound of the sprinkler’s fsst, fsst, fsst on the lush green fairways, the gentle coo of the mourning dove, calling to its mate. In these surroundings, during his high school summers before and after work, he emptied his shag bag and began to hit balls at the yard markers on the driving range. His shots were solid, timed. Like a pendulum was his swing, back and forth, back and forth, creating a soothing, predictable motion, and lulling the golf ball to its intended spot.

Local tournaments, regional tournaments, state tournaments — he played and placed in almost every one. “What a smooth swing that boy’s got,” the older golfers would comment, “Textbook, pure textbook.” And again and again David would drive it high, hit it long and make the target.

David was captain his senior year when his high school team won the state championship. Big Ten schools offered him full scholarships to play golf for them. By age 20 he was on a plane to Scotland to play in the United States Amateur.

When David graduated from college and law school, he married and tried to relegate his golfing to Saturday mornings and an occasional tournament. As often happens when conflicting goals take hold in one’s heart, David felt pulled between golf, his job and his family. The competitive life required hours away from home, practicing. Competition was thrilling. Playing was fulfilling. Winning was deeply satisfying.

As David looked at his squinty newborn son one Saturday in the early morning sun, at the perfect time to head to the

course to play a round of golf, he knew what came first in his heart. He once had thought that golf alone was his future. Now he knew his son was.

David rocked his little one back and forth and back and forth in a soothing motion, lulling him back to sleep. Outside he heard the fsst fsst fsst of the neighbor’s sprinkler, and from the kitchen his wife softly and gently called to him.

While he still manages a tournament now and then, most Saturdays are filled with mowing the lawn and paying bills and standing over his children, who now hold golf clubs. “Swing slow; it’s a backward and forward motion,” he tells them, “There you go. You have it.”

This is David’s story, but it is many men’s story too — men who lose themselves to find their purpose. Whose hobbies and talents serve them, not reign them. They may have given up a chance for worldly fame but they have truly won. Their personal fulfillment is sacrificed for the benefit of others. They show us strength in their choices and chivalry in the ordinary. Like gentlemen who step aside to give ladies the last seats on the bus, they give us their best and don’t look back.

The details of each man’s story may differ, but each champion’s sacrifice is the same.

Once upon a time there were men who released their dreams and what they thought were fairy tale endings so they and their brides and children could live happily ever after. And they live among us. They are our heroes.

“Man can fully discover his true self only in a sincere giving of himself.”

— “Gaudium et Spes” (24), Vatican II document.

## Reflections from a father of the bride

BY DICK LYLES

My shoes were shined, my tux was pressed and my toast was written. By all practical accounts, I was ready to be father of the bride this spring.

But no checklist could prepare me for the powerful emotion that accompanied my firstborn’s wedding.

When Jennifer approached me that morning, she looked radiant. She was fully assembled, but suddenly she came undone; the reality of the occasion hit her and tears spilled down her cheeks.

“Jen, breathe,” I told her. “Breathe real deep.” I tried to usher her through the weepiness so we could make it down the aisle.

Soon the trumpets blared, cuing our walk to the altar. I was struck by one conviction: How right it all was. Ever since Jennifer, 33, could walk and talk she had anticipated this day ... And I knew in my heart that everything had come together after all these years just as it was supposed to.

My daughter’s milestone triggered a flashback sequence in the lens of my heart — a blur of band-aids and braces and badges. Hiccups and hugs. Trials and triumphs. How fast it all had gone.

Fatherhood has been the most

rewarding adventure I ever undertook. It has altered my wiring. I was surprised to learn how deeply a dad could feel when his children suffered pain.

That’s one reason fatherhood has deepened my faith; I gained a better grasp of God’s paternal nature, his infinite heart, his limitless mercy.

Watching children grow up is an ongoing miracle. They’re breathing! They’re rolling over! They’re talking! They’re throwing balls and sprouting freckles and doing long division and playing trombones! Awe and wonder. Glory to God.

Once I had toasted Jen at her wedding reception, it was time for our father-daughter dance. Stevie Wonder’s song “You are the Sunshine of my Life” conveyed my thoughts and sentiments.

Looking back on my role as father of the bride this Father’s Day, it strikes me as a summation of a dad’s mission. We remind our children to breathe. We lead them into the church. We toast to their talents. And we dance in their sunshine.

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# Things I learned from my dad

BY TIM JOHNSON

I don't know exactly when it happened, but through the years I have seemed to taken on many qualities of my dad. My dad and I shared many of the same interests from our favorite candy bar — Milky Way — to our love of music — old-time country music and bluegrass — to our love of the faith and service to our church.

As I look at my little girl, three-and-a-half, and I see her picking up my qualities — some of them good and some of the not-so-good habits, I often wonder if my Dad saw those same things in me.

My dad married later in life, at the age of 40. Until that time, he farmed in northern Huntington County and took care of his mother and a grandmother who spoke only German. My mom's uncle, who my dad helped farm, introduced my parents. I was their third child of four.

When I feel ragged and worn out and too old at 40 to chase a 3-year-old around the house or our yard, my mom reminds me

that my dad was 50 when I was born. I also know that being an older dad brought wisdom of years and also a youthfulness and zest for life in later years.

I lost my dad last summer. He was 90 and lived a life not blessed with a lot of material assets, but abundant in the things that really count — faith, family and friends. So here are a just few things I learned from my dad.

## Living the faith is important

I don't recall my dad ever preaching to me. Rather, in a quiet way, he laid the groundwork by example. Back in his Huntington days, dad was active at St. Mary Church with the Knights of Columbus. At St. Aloysius, Yoder, he was the janitor and groundskeeper at the parish for many years. Dad took great pride in keeping the school spic-and-span clean. Not a scuff mark could be found on the floor. The church lawn had to be perfectly manicured including the

grass trimmed around all the grave markers in the parish cemetery. Perhaps that carries on to my fastidiousness about my own lawn.

His work ethic was "give more than what is expected" — even with the small things we do in the Lord's presence.

The parish family was important to my dad. As a music director, organist and occasional guitarist at my parish, that importance has been passed to me. Sharing time and talent is significant to me.

I also feel very blessed and humbled to take my interests in the church one step farther to serve at the diocesan level.



## Music bonds

My dad played guitar. He learned to play guitar from his dad. But for many years, my dad's guitar rested in the case under his bed. He challenged me to learn to play music and had musical instruments available in the home. His reverse psychology was "you'll never learn to play that," knowing well that his stub-



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At left, Tim Johnson with his dad Norman, right, pose for a photo after Sunday morning Mass. Above, Tim and his dad along with Tim's uncle, Ken Hoffman, center, pick a few tunes on their guitars for residents at a nursing home near Fort Wayne.

born tween and teen wanted to meet him at the challenge.

After I completed college and was the boomerang child back in Yoder, and then met a bunch of talented guys who played bluegrass music, dad once again became interested in his guitar. It was pulled out from beneath the bed more often.

I am happy to say that he and I had many opportunities to "jam" together.

## Forget about the money — do what you enjoy

My dad worked hard all his life — farmer, auto mechanic, warehouse worker and janitor. These weren't always the best paying jobs, but he found joy in the people he associated with and earning an honest wage. Our family got by, not really knowing we didn't have much money, but we accepted the blessings we

had. The greatest sacrifice my parents made was providing their four children with a Catholic education. For that, I am grateful. It is something I treasure and hope to extend to my child as well.

As a Catholic journalist, yes, there is more money to be earned in other fields. But like my dad, the blessings have been more than plentiful. And it is the people — staff, the people we encounter through our work, our readers' encouragement — who bring the most delight to our efforts.

## You always evangelize

Dad was an evangelist, not a preacher of words, but a messenger of hospitality. He didn't know a stranger and could talk to anyone — that seems to be a common trait in the Johnson clan that many of my cousins share.

As a teen, I was embarrassed that he would be talking to a stranger at the mall. Now I realize that spirit of friendliness is actually an important characteristic of evangelization. Today, I would have to say the apple didn't fall too far from the tree. His hospitality and cheerfulness is a trait I hope to further develop.

## Family is first

My dad loved my mom. At the end of his life, the most difficult thing for him seemed to be leaving her.

Dad loved my little girl. She came into our lives just days before his 90th birthday. He called her his birthday present, and the two bonded and teased each other.

For us kids, he left us with nothing unsaid. He had the opportunity to share his pride in our accomplishments and our families.

I know my dad is in heaven cheering us onward to the same eternal goal. He showed us the path to get there. It's the same path that I hope to set forth for my family.

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## EDITORIAL

## Fatherhood is a lifetime commitment

There were no parenting instructions on what to do when a man's turn arrives to be addressed as "father." Fears of being an inadequate father surface immediately.

As you sit in a rocker at 3 a.m. holding and bonding with your tiny creature, the awesome responsibility you have undertaken begins to sink in. "Can I do this?" you ask. "Can we do this?" you ask for you and the mother. This baby only has its often annoying cry to communicate with you. It doesn't care about the time. It is totally dependent on you for its comfort and survival. It can't sit or stand, and its neck is not strong enough to support the weight of its head, which has a soft spot in the middle you're afraid you might accidentally poke your finger into!

Not only do you have to get past weeks of late-night feedings and constant changings, you must begin thinking about the lifetime commitment you have for this little person. What are your hopes and dreams for your baby? What will his or her talents be? Do you want your child to be a clone of you or your spouse, or will you both have the courage to let it choose its own way? With your guidance and support, of course.

The married vocation has intensified into parenthood. What makes a good parent, you question? Do you pattern your parenting after your parents or will you change some things? You begin observing with keen interest how other parents handle the job in stores, restaurants or church. Do you like what you see, or will you handle a situation differently? You vow to equip yourselves with the best tools to deal with whatever comes up as you raise your child, from religion and school decisions; friends and cultural interests the youngster chooses; and the vocation he or she pursues eventually. You find yourselves talking about these things long after baby is asleep.

Good parents should not be afraid to ask for assistance, first from the Lord who gave them their child, next from parents, relatives, friends and professionals, if need be. In that sense, "It takes a village to raise a child."

With the birth of his child, a father's life changes forever. He no longer is number one, if he ever was. And yet, it's often dad's job to provide for the family, without letting career, hobbies and personal interests overshadow fatherhood. It's a tough balancing act sometimes. Due to the nature of our culture, dad is expected to resume his job immediately after the child's birth. That means he may not be home to witness baby's first words or steps and many other events in the youngster's development.

Years ago, radio and TV programs made dad out to be a very smart guy. One show, in fact, was titled, "Father Knows Best." Today, however, a father has to overcome the image portrayed by the sitcoms and many commercials that make dear old dad out to be a buffoon who needs to be bamboozled into making an intelligent decision.

There are only a few role models of good fathers. What comes to mind first is God the Father, who represents "love," Abraham, from the Hebrew Scriptures, who represents "unselfishness," and St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus from the New Testament, who represents "protection." When you think about it — love, unselfishness and protection are a father's greatest gifts to his family.

### Another angle on fatherhood

These same gifts of love, unselfishness and protection from the evil and materialistic influences of the world are gifts a priest gives to his parish family as father of the flock entrusted to his care. Bishop John M. D'Arcy often says that the best thing he can do for a parish is send them a good priest. That is an issue that the bishop takes very seriously and prayerfully when he considers assignments.

In a day and age when priests are fewer in numbers, it is important that we pray for vocations — that good men of good quality turn to the vocation. Do you see qualities in young men at your parish who would be good priest candidates? Plant a seed. The qualities mentioned above, which make good dads and husbands, are the same qualities that make a good priest.

Pray for our parish fathers as well. And pray that the harvest find the laborers to bring us Jesus in the Eucharist.

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### St. Vincent Scouts continue their good work

I thoroughly enjoyed the article by Bonnie Elbersen on May 21 telling the story of St. Vincent Scout Troop 2. On April 28, I had the honor of being a guest for a dinner at Notre Dame. The dinner was sponsored by the Alumni Club honoring Randy and Julie Young with the Family Exemplar Award. Randy is a '72 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. The club recognized what Randy and Julie had done not only for the Scouts but for all area youth.

All the accomplishments of Troop 2 are too much to enumerate. Yes, I was at St. Vincent for 10 years. I remember one special inci-

dent. Dolores Kleber (may she rest in peace) had an excellent children's choir. Each year at the time of Thanksgiving, she and the choir were invited to Indianapolis to sing for the opening of the Christmas season. I once asked her how she was to get that group to Indy. She simply said: "Randy and the Scout bus!"

When Pope John Paul II was in Denver for World Youth Day, Randy and Julie led a group of 100 youth from St. Vincent to see the pope. I wish that I could have gone with them.

When Father Fettig built the new church, which is now a gym, he should have razed the old building. I remember getting a call from the sisters' house one midnight. They reported smoke coming into their basement. Upon investigation, I discovered a hobo in the abandoned

church building who had built a fire to keep warm. So when the Scouts approached me about using the old building as a fund raiser, I consented on certain conditions. The troop must repair the leaks in the roof, make the basement hobo proof and eliminate the birds who were desecrating the interior with their droppings. I know that some people object to the Haunted Castle. People were married, baptized and confirmed there. All these sacraments were and are still valid. And the cash profits raised by the Haunted Castle and given to St. Vincent were graciously received.

God bless Randy, Julie, Dr. Martin and all who work so zealously for the Scouts.

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## Vacations are a necessity, not a luxury

BY LISA M. PETSCHÉ

For many of us, summer, that much-anticipated season of warmth and light we're entering, is all too brief. Naturally, we'd like to savor it as much as possible. In order to really do so, though, we need to depart from our usual habits and routines.

Indeed, most families I know plan a summer vacation, which typically involves taking a road trip, renting a cabin or going camping.

The word "vacation" originally referred to upper-class people's practice of "moving to a summer home for part of the year, leaving their usual family home vacant" (Wikipedia).

Today it has a broader meaning: "a time of respite from something" (Webster's dictionary). That something could

be a paying job or other responsibilities, daily routines, other people, city noise and smog or the complexities of modern life — especially the demands of technology.

The purpose of respite is to refresh us physically, mentally and spiritually, the change of pace — and often environment — renewing our energy and restoring our perspective. When practiced regularly, respite helps keep life's inevitable stresses manageable, preventing burnout — a common phenomenon manifested by physical health problems or such emotional symptoms as frequent irritation by small annoyances and feeling overwhelmed.

Opinions vary as to what constitutes a great vacation. Our goal might be rest and relaxation at

home; getting back to basics and spending time in nature; being pampered in a luxurious setting; engaging in adventure; or spending quality time with loved ones.

Despite the benefits of such respite, "vacation deprivation" — foregoing some or all of the workplace vacation days allotted to us — is becoming an increasingly common phenomenon.

How absurd is this? After all, who wouldn't want to take a break from work?

Surely we're aware of the importance of time away in order to recharge our batteries. Yet it's easy to get so caught up in the busyness of everyday life that we can't conceive of retreating from the rat race.

Some of us, too, mistakenly believe that we are indispensable, particularly in our workplace.

We may not even realize how long it's been since we've taken a break. Or we may perceive we don't have the time or financial resources to properly plan and implement the "ideal" vacation. (Such perfectionism is a common cause of burnout.)

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Others among us are reluctant to use allotted days because we believe that coworkers would disapprove of our temporary absence, regarding it as inconsiderate and perhaps even disloyal, or that the benefits of time off would be negated by the backlog of work we'd subsequently have to contend with.

Allowing ourselves to reach the point of running on empty before

we take a vacation is another common lapse in judgment. Ideally, respite involves prevention of, not recovery from, burnout. Making it a habit, as well as using our vacation days in blocks of time, rather than taking one or two here and there, allows us to reap maximum benefits.

Even if we take advantage of all our vacation time, we're challenged in today's highly technological culture with unplugging from laptop computers, cell phones and other electronic devices we've become dependent on. Physically getting away from it all is no longer enough — we must literally disconnect. Leaving behind all potential distractions and stressors is the only way to

ensure we're able to unwind and have fun. For some of us this requires considerable resolve, but the rewards are worth it.

Arranging regular vacations that are truly meaningful — that is, tailored to our particular needs, whether they are quiet and solitude or adventure and excitement — enables us to better manage workplace demands. Spin-offs include being better able to attend to loved ones' and our own personal needs. We're just generally more positive and energetic people.

It all comes down to balancing priorities.

Here's wishing you a refreshing summer vacation, whatever form of time-out you choose.

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# Do Catholics belong to territorial parishes anymore?

Canon 515 of the Code of Canon Law defines a parish as "a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor as its proper pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop." Canon 518 adds the following: "As a general rule, a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the Christian faithful of a certain territory."

Thus, as soon as Catholics establish residence in a particular place, they are considered members of the territorial parish. They are expected to register at the nearest parish, become active in that parish and raise their children there.

Some researchers and church leaders have suggested that, at least sociologically, the concept of a territorial parish is a thing of the past. They claim that an increasing number of Catholics belong to non-territorial parishes.

A number of reasons have been offered for this shift. Some say there is a declining sense of obligation to abide by church rules and regulations. Put differ-



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ently, there is a growing sense of personal autonomy — the freedom to make up one's own mind. According to this argument, some Catholics might join another parish because they do not like the liturgies at their territorial parish or because they simply like the pastor at another parish better.

Another theory is that the church itself is encouraging some Catholics to join parishes other than their territorial parishes. For example, parents might want to send their children to a Catholic elementary school. The only parochial school might be at a parish across town. That parish might require parents to register in the parish before they can enroll their kids in the school.

But is there any evidence that Catholics are increasingly joining parishes other than their territorial

parish? Are Catholics increasingly choosing parishes on some other basis? My most recent national survey (which I conducted for the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame) gave me a chance to explore these questions. It leads to two conclusions.

First, a majority of today's Catholics still belong to territorial parishes. Two-thirds of the registered parishioners in the study said the parish they belong to "is the closest Catholic parish to your residence." Thirty-one percent said "there is another (parish) closer to where (they) live."

I do not know of any earlier study that asked the same question, so I cannot prove that these figures represent a shift away

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# Bread, wine become body, blood of Jesus



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Corpus Christi Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

The Book of Exodus is the source of this feast day's first reading, the story of an event that occurred as the Hebrews were making their way across the Sinai Peninsula, in flight from Egypt and slavery.

To modern ears, the story may sound gruesome, giving the details as it does of the ritual sacrifice of a young bull. It is necessary to recall that these instructions were given long ago, and long ago they passed out of Jewish religious ceremonies.

However, the meaning of these ancient sacrifices still has a message. For example, the ceremony in this case required that the blood would be sprinkled on the people.

The idea was that life in a special way resided in the blood of a creature. It is not impossible to understand how this notion originally arose. The ancients had a very limited knowledge of physiology, but they knew if the blood stopped flowing, the creature died; if enough blood escaped from the body due to injury, then death followed.

Offering the bull to God made the bull holy. Its blood therefore was holy, and that meant the blood somehow was touched by

God's own life. By sprinkling this blood on the people, they in turn were touched by God in a special way.

Beyond these circumstances, the lesson is that from the earliest stages of Revelation, God provided for the people to touch eternal life and strength through processes and materials they could understand and access.

The Epistle to the Hebrews is one of the New Testament's most eloquent sources for knowledge about the person, and the mission, of the Lord. This feast's selection is no exception.

As does this epistle so often, this particular reading stresses that Jesus is the perfect victim of sacrifice as well as the great high priest. The sacrifice of bulls is no longer necessary. In its place is the sublime offering of the innocent Lamb of God, Jesus the Lord.

The three Synoptic Gospels report the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist by giving the actual words used by Jesus, "This is my body," "This is my blood."

In this feast day's case, the reading is from Mark's Gospel. Before the mention of the meal itself, the Gospel says that Jesus sent two disciples into the city. He told them that they would see a man carrying a water jar. They should follow this man. The man will go to a house, whose owner the disciples should encounter and ask for a room in which the Lord and the disciples could gather to eat the Passover meal.

It is an interesting passage. It reveals that the Last Supper, and all that happened at the Last Supper, were utterly within the providence of God. It was no ordinary meal. God planned that it would provide the means for

salvation, for uniting with Jesus.

## Reflection

Biblical scholars long have looked at the words, "This is my body," "This is my blood." They often view it from a denominational perspective. In other words, many Protestant scholars see them as symbolic. Catholic scholars see them as literal.

However, strictly from the standpoint of the language, the words are brief, direct and clear. Look at them without any predispositions. Read them as they appear. The message is straightforward and unambiguous. The bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.

This having been said, this holy body and blood actually become part of the person who consumes them. In this consumption, this holy Communion, the person becomes one with Christ, and Christ with them. Christ is God. In Jesus is eternal life itself and the strength and insight to live on earth so as to reach eternity.

## READINGS

### 11th week of ordinary time

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3, 5-7 Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6, 11-16 Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3, 3-4, 8c-9 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday:** Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

On June 1 the church remembers Justin Martyr. This quiz looks at martyrdom in general.

### 1. What is a martyr?

- a. Any ordained man who is killed.
- b. One who suffers death for the faith.
- c. One who endures difficulties in life.

### 2. Although there were martyrs throughout the period before Christianity was legalized, the "period of the Martyrs" refers specifically to the rule of this emperor:

- a. Nero
- b. Domitian
- c. Diocletian

### 3. High regard was given to the teachings and sayings of martyrs. Why?

- a. Because they were dead, they could communicate through the Vestals.
- b. They were believed to have been inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- c. Their words had to be true if they had been willing to die for them.

### 4. This biblical reference was thought to be talking about future martyrs, "But the Gospel must first be preached to all nations. When they lead you away and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say. But say whatever will be given to you at that hour. For it will not be you who are speaking but the Holy Spirit." Where is that from?

- a. Acts of the Apostles 1:10
- b. Mark 13:11
- c. The Gospel of Magdalene

### 5. Martyrs who had not been baptized were regarded from the earliest times as having received

- a. baptism by blood
- b. baptism by Moroni
- c. baptism by fire

### 6. Those who suffered imprisonment but not necessarily death were known as

- a. scapegoats
- b. felonius monks
- c. confessors

### 7. Who ended the possibility of Christian martyrdom in the Roman Empire?

- a. Constantine
- b. Justinian
- c. Romulus Augustulus

### 8. Was that the end of martyrdom?

- a. Yes, because once Christianity was legal there was no need to suffer for it.
- b. No, because the faith was and is still spread into hostile territories.
- c. Yes and no, because although there are modern martyrs, the church disowns the concept.

### 9. What was the "white martyrdom?"

- a. death for the faith in a northern (snowy) climate
- b. a dedication to the aesthetic life, usually in a monastery
- c. the death of any European missionary in Africa or Asia

### 10. The anniversary of a martyr's death is commemorated. Why?

- a. because usually it was too hard to find out their birthday
- b. because Romans did not use birthdays
- c. because that was their "birth" into life with Christ

### 11. Where were liturgical feasts usually celebrated for a martyr?

- a. at the nearest church
- b. at their tomb
- c. in the arena where they had died

### 12. This gave rise to the custom of these being included in altars:

- a. relics
- b. clay statues of the martyrs
- c. icons of the deceased martyrs

### 13. The usual historical color of vestments for martyrs' masses/liturgies is/was

- a. white
- b. black
- c. red

### 14. Who was the first Christian martyr?

- a. John of Patmos
- b. Stephen
- c. Justin

### 15. In terms of "rank" where are martyrs?

- a. right below Jesus and above the Blessed Virgin Mary
- b. after all others as a sign of humility
- c. right after the Blessed Virgin Mary and before other saints

### ANSWERS:

- 1.b, 2.c, 3.b, 4.b, 5.a, 6.c, 7.a, 8.b, 9.b, 10.c, 11.b, 12.a, 13.c, 14.b, 15.c



# The sacrament of marriage gives us the grace of God

**Why does the Catholic Church consider marriage to be a sacrament? K. M., Osceola**

The Catholic Church says that Jesus Christ established seven sacraments to give us the grace of God. One of these sacraments is marriage or matrimony.

Before Jesus came into the world, marriage existed as a natural contract between a man and a woman. Jesus then raised this natural contract to the level of a sacrament. The reason for doing this is that marriage is very important, since the union of the bride and the groom normally brings new life into the world, namely new children for both society and the church. Through the graces given in the sacrament of matrimony, the mind of the bride and groom are strengthened to better communicate and understand each other, and the will of the bride and groom are strengthened to grow in love for each other and to remain faithful for life.

Marriage is often called a

social sacrament, because it helps society and the church continue to exist. Similarly, holy orders is called a social sacrament, because it provides deacons, priests and bishops for the church, so the grace-giving sacraments can be provided for the people, enabling them to be holy in this life and to make it to the next.

The sacramentality of marriage is hinted at in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians where he compares the relationship between husband and wife to the holy and sacred relationship between Christ and the church. "Men should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife, loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh; on the contrary, he nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ also does the church."

In other words, Christ is the head of the church; the church is the body of Christ; Christ and the church are one; the church teaches the mind of Christ; the church gives the life of Christ to the people; the church is faithful to

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Christ; Christ will be with his church until the end of the world. So it is with a sacramental marriage. The husband is head of the family; he and the wife are united in mind and work together; the man and wife are procreators with God in bringing new life into the world which, in turn, builds up the church; the man and wife are faithful to each other, and marriage lasts until the death of one partner.

St. Paul also quotes Genesis 2:24, saying, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cling to his wife, and the two shall be made into one." This shows that marriage was already a divine institu-

tion. St. Paul then adds that this passage from Genesis is a great foreshadowing referring to Christ and the church. The New American Bible says that here St. Paul sees Christian marriage taking on a new meaning symbolic of the intimate relationship of love between Christ and the church.

A sacramental marriage also has a significance for our salvation. It is through mutual love and the procreation of children that the man and wife work out their salvation. Father Edward Schillebeeckx says: "Christ's redemptive love is made actual and present in the personal relationship of marriage, and this takes place in the manner of marriage itself."

As the Holy Spirit is the soul of the church and vivifies it, so the Holy Spirit and the sacramental graces of matrimony vivify a marriage, and increase the love and fidelity of the partners. This divine power of grace makes possible a faithful and indissoluble union.

In a sacramental marriage, the bride and groom are also looking toward heaven as their final end. They are trying to follow the will of God, to lead a holy life, and to foster the spiritual lives of their children by seeing that they are baptized, confirmed, and receive the holy Eucharist. In other words, the bride and groom try to keep themselves and their family in the state of grace, so they are prepared for death and entry into heaven.

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## Weis aims for the 'gold standard'

Maybe the message didn't need to be articulated so boldly, but Charlie Weis wasn't going to leave anything to chance.

Besides, subtlety is not exactly his style. If he had his choice of wake-up calls, he'd use a blow horn over an alarm clock.

So when the Notre Dame football players walked into the Loftus Sports Center this winter, they were greeted with a bold reminder of just how high the expectations had risen.

Sure, what was accomplished in 2005 was one of the great stories of the college football season. But the sign that Weis had placed on the west end of the weight room made clear just where he stood: "9-3 Is Not Good Enough."

"Some of you have popped in the weight room and have seen my subliminal message," Weis smiled. "Last year the football team didn't know at this point whether they were going to be any good or not, and I'm hoping that they are not satisfied with the season they had last year. I know that I am not satisfied, and I'm hoping that raising the expectations should be a rather simple task."

Nobody raises expectations quite like Charlie Weis. From the moment he set foot on the Irish campus after being named Tyrone Willingham's successor, he established a standard that was inflexible. He didn't hope to win six games, or seven games, or eight games or nine. He expected to win every time the Irish played.

That didn't happen, of course. In fact, by the third game of the season, the Irish already had lost once, to Michigan State, in overtime. By the sixth game, versus No. 1-ranked USC, the Irish had lost twice.

Yet the Irish had charged back from a 21-point deficit against Michigan State, and who will

ever forget the magic on the Notre Dame campus during USC week when more than 40,000 people attended a Friday night pep rally and the Irish nearly pulled off the unthinkable the next day despite having lost to the Trojans by 31 points each of the previous three seasons.

The Irish then won the rest of their regular season games, but learned a lesson in the Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State. Weis is a great coach and motivator, but so is Jim Tressel. The difference between a program in its fifth year of development compared to Weis' first quickly became evident as the Buckeyes racked up more than 600 yards in a game that was more one-sided than the two touchdown differential indicated.

Notre Dame finished 9-3, but that wasn't good enough.

I remember the first time I sat down with Weis one-on-one. It was in July 2005, the last day the coaching staff inhabited the Joyce Center offices before moving into the \$22 million, state-of-the-art Guglielmino Sports Complex. He had done his homework. He knew who I was, my background covering Notre Dame football, my reputation as someone in the media who would hold his program to a high standard.

Even I had to suggest, however, that the great Lou Holtz had finished 5-6 in his first season. It was a radical improvement over Gerry Faust's final campaign in 1985, despite the identical record. There would be no shame in a similar first campaign, provided that the Irish showed marked improvement. He made clear what he thought of a 5-6 record.

"I don't care how improved we are, I won't be happy with a 5-6 record," Weis said.

And so began the eye-opening journey into the transformation of Notre Dame football. He said he would get his players to believe



## FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

they would win, and he did. They won with great regularity, became the talk of college football once again, and eventually landed a Bowl Championship Series bid to play Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl.

It didn't end with a victory over the Buckeyes. But with the majority of the offense returning, led by quarterback Brady Quinn and consensus All-American wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, most prognosticators believe the Irish will make a run at the 2006 national championship.

There are holes to fill, most notably on the defensive side of the ball where the Irish were vulnerable to begin with in 2005. The greatest concern is at linebacker where veterans Brandon Hoyte and Corey Mays are gone, and no obvious replacements were found this spring. The secondary, exposed at the end of the 2004 season, taped back together, and then exposed once again by the speedy Ohio State wideouts, remains a concern.

But this is Year Two of the Weis Era. No excuses will be accepted. If spring football proved anything to Weis, it's that he and his staff should be able to put this team in position to make a legitimate run at the national championship.

That's the standard Charlie Weis has set. Call it the standard of excellence, or, perhaps more appropriately, the gold standard. It's the only way Weis knows.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for June 18, 2006

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle B: the institution of the Eucharist. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

UNLEAVENED LAMB	SACRIFICED TO EAT	PASSOVER CITY
CARRYING FOLLOW HIM	A JAR ENTERS	WATER GUEST ROOM
BROKE IT ALL DRANK FOR MANY	MY BODY BLOOD	A CUP COVENANT MOUNT
	DRINK IT NEW	

### DRINK IT NEW

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

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from territorial parishes.

However, I can compare three generations of Catholics: pre-Vatican II Catholics (born in 1940 or before), Vatican II Catholics (born between 1941 and 1960), and post-Vatican II and millennial Catholics (born since 1961). If there is a trend away from territorial parishes, I would expect it to be more noticeable among younger Catholics than older ones.

That is exactly what the data show. Seventy-six percent of pre-Vatican II Catholics belong to territorial parishes, 23 percent do

not. Seventy percent of Vatican II Catholics are in territorial parishes, 28 percent are not. Sixty percent of post-Vatican II and millennial Catholics are members of territorial parishes, 38 percent are not.

Thus, there is at least some evidence supporting the claim that Catholics are not as likely to belong to territorial parishes as they used to. Although young adults are still more likely to join a parish near home, they are more likely than older Catholics to join parishes outside of the geographic areas where they live.

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# Conundrum with condoms

The “popular” wisdom these days insists that because we can’t stop our children from engaging in premarital sex, and because such sex can be dangerous and have bad effects, we should do everything we can to protect our youngsters by giving them condoms. Condoms, we are assured, help decrease pregnancies and decrease sexually transmitted diseases in a simple, straightforward way. If parents love their children, they will surely see to it that they have “protection.”

This argument, widely accepted in all strata of our society, relies on a seriously flawed understanding of what love really means. We need only consider a related example to see this flaw clearly. If our children decide that they are going to play hopscotch on the asphalt of a busy interstate highway, in the midst of high-speed traffic, would we be manifesting our love for them by giving them helmets to place over their heads for “protection,” or would real love involve pulling them off the roadway and insisting they learn abstinence from freeway hopscotch? Which of these actions genuinely manifests a parent’s love for their children?

True love often demands a higher and a more committed path, in place of an easier or more permissive path. Condoms, in the guise of a loving solution, involve us in a grave moral compromise, tempt us to yield to a more permissive path, and invariably fail the demands of true love.

Those demands are particularly challenging for a married couple, one of whom has contracted AIDS. In order to protect the uninfected partner, some argue that it should be permissible for the husband to make use of a condom during marital relations. Otherwise, unprotected sex might well be the equivalent of a death sentence for the uninfected partner. The popular wisdom here again assures us that condoms are the loving answer to a difficult situation.

But true spousal love, in these sad circumstances, beckons us to a higher and harder path — a path of marital abstinence. A husband who has AIDS would never want to subject the wife he loves to a potentially death-dealing act on his part, which is what sexual intercourse could become for them, even while using a condom (which has a failure rate). Would it be a loving act to subject her to

the risk of a possibly fatal encounter, even for something as beautiful as conjugal intimacy in marriage? Although it is an integral part of married love, sexual activity is, in fact, not absolutely essential for us as human beings, distinct from the case of eating or sleeping. We tend to lose sight of that basic fact in a relentlessly sex-permeated society.

Perpetual marital abstinence is certainly a difficult proposal, and is generally not recommended, but grave circumstances like AIDS represent a strong call to this particular kind of sacrificial love and sexual self-mastery. It is not completely different from the situation of a married couple, one of whom is called to long term military service overseas, wherein both are required to practice sexual continence when they are separated, even perhaps for years.

Many married couples do live as brother and sister for a host of reasons, and AIDS certainly constitutes a grave reason to justify such a choice. Learning to love each other in different and non-genital ways is, in fact, an integral component of every successful and enduring marriage, and an AIDS infection merely brings greater urgency and immediacy to the task.

The use of condoms in marriage, beyond all the talk of effectiveness and failure rates, involves us in some very significant moral violations. Condoms, invariably a form of contraception, violate marital love right at its core. By making use of contraception, we say to our spouse, in effect, “I love you, except for your fertility and fecundity. I will not embrace that part of you. Rather, I will cordon it off, separate it, and put it aside, so I can use my sexuality and the rest of you in a way that brings satisfaction to me.”

But marital sexuality, and marriage in general, really involves the complete and unreserved gift of our self to our spouse. Marital love is not meant to be partial. Marital sexual intercourse is a special personal language that always means surrendering ourselves totally.

Such a total self-donation embodies within itself the radical possibility of engendering new life, which can then be protected and raised within the pact of that couple’s



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BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

unreserved and indissoluble love.

The use of a condom, on the other hand, may permit a couple to mutually generate certain pleasurable sensations together, but it explicitly militates against that full gift of self that is written right into the inner language of the marital act itself. Couples close off a part of themselves to the other, and deny access to the deepest and most life-giving center of who they are whenever they engage in contraceptive sex. Contraception is a kind of lie that a man and a woman speak to each other through their bodies, feigning the total gift of themselves to each other, but always actually holding back that gift.

Respecting the God-given designs for our sexuality and struggling towards sexual self-mastery is one of the great challenges of our age, and probably of every age. Arguments in favor of widespread condom availability are emblematic of a collective loss of nerve in the face of powerful libertine pressures within our culture. Against the backdrop of that troubled culture, God opens up a higher and more authentic path to us. We glimpse that beautiful path every time we allow his grace and mercy to empower us to love others as we genuinely ought to.

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# Samson was a giant peasant with extraordinary physical strength

**Question: Is there any truth to the story of the strongman Samson?**

The story of Samson is found in the Old Testament Book of Judges that covers the period of history from the settlement of the Promised Land by Joshua c. B.C. 1130 to the first king of Israel or Saul c. B.C. 1020.

The judges were popular and charismatic leaders who tried to deliver the persecuted Israelites from their enemies, such as the Philistines, Moabites and Ammonites. The judges were known for their physical prowess in battle. Later on, the kings of Israel would be known for their intellectual and organizational skills. Thus we speak of the wisdom of King Solomon who built the Temple in Jerusalem.

The father of Samson was Manoah from the town of Zorah (modern Sarah) in the wavy foothills of the lowlands 15 miles west of Jerusalem overlooking a valley through which a railroad now climbs up to Jerusalem. Father John McKenzie says this fertile region produces grain, vineyards and olive groves and was well-wooded in ancient times. Manoah was from the tribe of Dan that lived near the Philistines. Some Danites moved to northeast Palestine, but others remained living side by side with the Philistines.

Manoah’s wife was barren but an angel told her she would bear a son whom she called Samson or “man of the sun.” He could not

drink wine or eat unclean food. No razor could touch his head. He would deliver Israel from the Philistines. Samson and his parents went to Timnah or Khibet Tibneh, four miles from Zorah, to secure a Philistine bride for Samson. In the vineyards of Timnah, a young lion attacked Samson and he tore it to pieces with his bare hands, thus demonstrating his physical strength.

At the wedding banquet, Samson made a wager with the 30 Philistine groomsmen. If they solved a riddle, they would get 30 tunics and 30 sets of garments. The men threatened the bride for the answer. So the angry Samson trudged to Ashkelon, a Philistine stronghold and seaport famous for its wine trade and the perfumed onion or shallot. Here he killed 30 Philistines and took their garments and tunics to pay the wager.

Meanwhile Samson discovered his wife was given to the best man. Incensed, he set fire to the Philistine wheatfields, using 300 foxes, tied together by their tails with lighted torches. In revenge, the farmers set fire to the bride’s house and she died. Samson then took a jawbone of a donkey and slew 1,000 Philistines.

Samson then fell in love with the Philistine woman Delilah. The chiefs offered money to Delilah if she could find out the secret of Samson’s strength which was his long hair. While Samson slept, they cut his hair, gouged out his eyes and took him to the prison in Gaza where he worked turning the



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millstone. But Samson’s hair began to grow, as well as his strength. They took Samson to the Temple of Dagon and stationed him between the columns to mock him. Samson pushed and the temple fell on 3,000 people.

Samson was buried in the grave of his father, Manoah, at Bethshemesh, meaning “house of the sun,” 15 miles west of Jerusalem.

Father McKenzie describes the true Samson as a giant peasant endowed with extraordinary physical strength who carried on a private war against the Philistines. He leads no armed bands and can get violent. But he was the sole pride of the Israelites in the place of Philistine domination where he lived. He was the instrument through which God helped His people. The Epistle to the Hebrews calls Samson a hero of faith. The story of Samson accurately reflects the culture of this period of the judges, where the Israelites and Philistines lived in adjoining villages, moved freely into each other’s territory, and even intermarried.

## Meet The Priest

### Father John F. Pfister

Ordained to the priesthood:  
May 28, 1966

Pastor, St. Mary, Huntington

**What was the primary influence in your decision to become a priest?**

I came from a good, committed Catholic family and had a kind, friendly pastor who did a lot of good for people.

**Why do you like being a priest?**

Celebrating the Mass and other sacraments and sacramentals, helping other people in their lives prepare well for heaven.

**Do you have a special interest or hobby?**

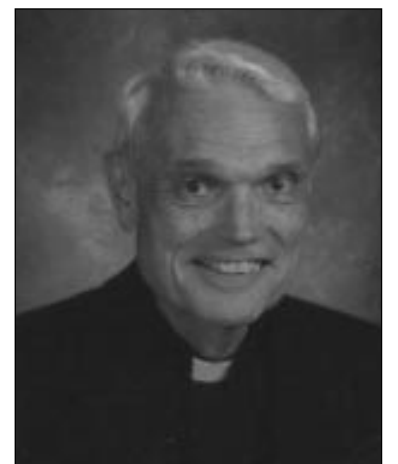
Athletics. I played many sports when I was young and have remained involved in various ways as a priest.

**Do you have any pets?**

No.

**What do you like to do for relaxation?**

Watch ball games, visit with friends, play cards, have time alone for rest and reflection.



**What is your favorite reading material?**

G.K. Chesterton and C.S. Lewis

**What do you think is the best part of being Catholic?**

Being in the church, which Jesus founded, which is helping me prepare well for heaven.

**What is your favorite prayer or Scriptural passage?**

An evening prayer my father taught me when I was a little boy; other: Memorare.

**How do you prefer to be addressed by the laity?**

Father John or Father Pfister



# Sports

**ST. ALOYSIUS TO SPONSOR GATOR GALLOP 5K** The sixth annual Gator Gallop 5k run or walk is slated for Saturday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. as part of the parish Summerfest activities. Registration at the site begins at 6 p.m. The Gator Gallop will originate from St. Aloysius Church, Yoder, just south of I-469 on State Road 1. Cost is \$9 for pre-registered individuals or \$12 the day of the race. A family of three or more may participate for \$25. For information, contact race director Chad Ware at (260) 744-0290; e-mail GatorGallop@juno.com or visit the Web site at www.orgsites.com/in/gatorgallop.

## St. Elizabeth soccer teams secure title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**FORT WAYNE** — The boys and girls soccer teams from St. Joe/St. Elizabeth both won the championship games for the 2006 CYO tournaments this season. This was a first in school history and a reason to celebrate.

En route to the championship, the boys' beat St. Vincent 7, 10-0 and St. Charles 8, 5-0. In the final game, they downed St. Vincent 8, 3-2. The boys team finished undefeated with two ties for a 10-0-2 record.

This year's roster included both seventh and eighth graders: Kris Andorfer, Edward Arroyo, Andy Brennan, Carl Deiser, Shawn Doyle, Alex Fletcher, Drew Hentz, Bryce Hill, Adam Huth, Christopher Johnson, Ross Jordon, Patrick Krach, Matt Malloy, Wil Mannes, David Nolan, Ethan Rector, Dan Rodenbeck, Nick Schenkel, Sam Stauffer, Austin Stonebraker, Mike Streicher, and Dan Vandegriff. Coaches for the team

included John Steicher, Jim Huth and Pete Mannes. Their philosophy for the team was to teach the basics and improve on the basics.

At the beginning of the season, the players made a list of goals. Improvement and winning a championship topped the list. The core group of eighth graders has been playing together since they were 7- and 8-years old, many under Jim Huth on travel teams.

They have lost just one game — the championship as sixth graders while together. The team will be divided now as some will move on to Bishop Luers and some to Bishop Dwenger where they hope to add more championships to their list.

### Boys soccer standings

<b>St. Joe/St. Elizabeth</b>	<b>12 points</b>
<b>St. John, FW</b>	<b>12 points</b>
<b>St. Vincent 8</b>	<b>10 points</b>
<b>St. Charles 8</b>	<b>9 points</b>
<b>St. Jude</b>	<b>6 points</b>
<b>St. Charles 7</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>New Haven</b>	<b>2 points</b>
<b>St. Vincent 7</b>	<b>0 point</b>

## Run for a Cause benefits American Red Cross

BY IDA CHIPMAN

**PLYMOUTH** — For the second year, the Knights of Columbus, Council 1975, are sponsoring Run for a Cause, an annual event designed to raise money for a designated charity. Last year the Women's Care Center received over \$1,400.

This year the beneficiary will be the Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

All of the participants will benefit too, Brad Serf, the race director, explained.

"We felt the race was a good way to raise funds for local charities and at the same time, the event promotes physical fitness."

He should know. Brad, 37, is a graduate of Plymouth High School's class of 1986. He was an award-winning swimmer in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. For the last 10 years Brad has been involved in triathlon events: running, swimming and biking. He runs distances of three, four or five miles at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday night at Centennial Park in Plymouth.

"We invite anyone who wants to run with us to come to the park," he said.

Ed Rodriguez, president of the local chapter of the Knights and

**The entry fee of \$18 (before the race and \$20 the day of the event) may be sent to: Brad Serf, race director: 333 E. Jefferson St.; Plymouth, IN 46563. Register on-line at: www.signmeup.com/54298 or applications are available at www.plymouthknights.org For more information contact Brad Serf (574) 286-3536.**

co-chair of the event, is another matter all together.

A PHS graduate in 1982, Ed, 42, ran track and cross-country.

After high school, he hung up his running shoes.

"I'm not a runner — I'm a trotter," he laughed.

Last year the Knights' Run attracted 65 participants. "We expect to double that this year," Brad said.

There are three events: a 5K Walk: a 5K Run and a 10K Run. The age groups are: 12-under: 13 to 19; 20 to 29; 30 to 39; 40 to 49 and 50 and up.

The run will begin at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson St., Plymouth, at 8 a.m. on Saturday,

June 17. Every runner will be given a race shirt as long as supplies last.

The course is from the hall, in and around Centennial Park, and the Plymouth High School track. Knights and EMTs will be manning the course at convenient stations along the way with water and Band-Aids.

The race will finish back at the hall where lunch and refreshments will be served along with the awards.

"This is just the latest of our projects," Ed said. "Proceeds from our bingo games, fish fries and other charitable events go to fund our college scholarship program and other worthwhile causes."

The K of C donated more than \$30,000 last year — "and not just to Catholic entities either," Ed said.

The scholarships are available to any student in the county, and the Knights help the Neighborhood Center, the Marshall-Starke Development Center, the Red Cross Bloodmobile, Right to Life, ABATE and Plymouth's junior league softball and baseball teams.

They also support St. Michael Church and School, seminarians studying to be priests, Ancilla College and the Gibault School — a refuge for abused children located in Terre Haute.



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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### ACCW plans meeting

South Bend — The Area Council of Catholic Women will meet Wednesday, June 21, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church for Mass at 12:30 p.m. A potluck meal will follow. Reservations required to Rosemary at (574) 291-2395 or Sharon at (574) 251-0206 by June 18. All women are welcome.

### Evening of reflection and concert planned

Bristol — An evening of reflection with Mark Forrest, Irish tenor will be Thursday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church. Light snacks will follow. A concert with Mark Forrest will be held on Friday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. Reception to follow. Free-will offering will be collected. For information call the church office at (574) 848-4305.

### Conference for separated and divorced planned at Notre Dame

Notre Dame — The North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics will be held June 29-July 1 on the Notre Dame campus. For information call (574) 631-6691.

### Living history day to celebrate St. Patrick anniversary

Walkerton — A living history day will celebrate 150 years of St. Patrick Parish at the Freedom Fest at Hester's Farm, 71880 SR 23 on July 1-4.

### Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake in Culver, will celebrate the Holy Hour at

MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, June 20, at 7:15 p.m.

### St. Hedwig plans parish festival

South Bend — The St. Hedwig Parish festival will be Sunday, July 2, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. Polish wedding food, cash bar, games, raffles and music by Soundstations will be held in the air conditioned Memorial Center until 5 p.m.

### Father's Day brunch at K of C

Fort Wayne — A Father's Day brunch will be held Sunday, June 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 601 Reed Rd. Tickets are \$7 per person, \$2 for children under 12.

### Guest Sunday teaches the Mass

Huntington — Invite a curious friend to guest Sunday at St. Mary Church on Saturday, June 24, at 5:15 p.m. or Sunday, June 25 at 8 or 10:30 a.m. Commentary explains the Mass and refreshments will follow in Assumption Hall.

### Center for Hospice to preview volunteer opportunities

South Bend — CHAPC CHATS: Volunteers are Mission Critical will be presented Tuesday, June 27, from 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. for adults interested in exploring volunteer opportunities with The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care (CHAPC). One hour programs will offer an overview of the numerous volunteer openings at the agency. Please RSVP to Jackie at (574) 243-3100 by June 26 if you plan to attend. Those with interest in attending CHAPC's Patient Care Training on July 11, 13 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. are strongly encouraged to attend.

### Wednesday night live premiers

Columbia City — A free summer series of informal discussions about the Catholic faith begins Wednesday, June 21, with Father Larry Kramer on "How is the real presence real?" Mass at 6:15 p.m. is followed by discussion. Future programs will be every other Wednesday. Refreshments will be served.

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July 9	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father Jack Overmeyer St. Patrick Fort Wayne 6:30 a.m.	Father William Kummer St. Michael Plymouth 6 a.m.	
July 16	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father Edward Erpelding St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel Fort Wayne	Father Neil Wack, CSC Christ the King South Bend	
July 23	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father Cyril Fernandes St. Patrick Fort Wayne	Father Tim Scully, CSC Corby Hall Notre Dame	
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### St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, Est. 1957

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne was actually named for two people. One was the patron, St. Charles, who was born to Italian nobility but dedicated his life to church reform and the poor. The other Charles was the father of the founding pastor, Father Edward Hession, who had the privilege of naming the new parish, and did so in honor of his dad.

Described as on the outskirts of the city when it was established in 1957, the church accommodated 680 persons and included six classrooms. The first Mass was celebrated at Christmas, 1958, although the pews intended for the new church had burned at the factory.

In the early 1960s, a convent was built for a full staff of sisters serving St. Charles, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart whose motherhouse is in Frankfort, Ill. Today, two sisters continue at St. Charles.

On Dec. 28, 1963, fire caused considerable dam-

age to the church, school and cafeteria. For several months that followed, Sunday Masses were celebrated at Bishop Dwenger High School while repairs were made.

St. Charles Parish was adding 100 families a year. Part of this overload was relieved in 1969 when a new parish, Our Lady of Good Hope was established and new boundaries were set. However, a new church, capable of seating 1,400 was needed and was dedicated by Bishop Pursley on Jan. 25, 1976, the first Mass having been offered on Christmas Eve 1975 with nearly 2,000 in attendance.

The former church was redesigned and now serves as a Youth Ministry Center and other school activities.

From its beginning, a unique characteristic at St. Charles was the love and respect for its founding pastor, Father, later Monsignor, Hession. He was so admired for his long priestly service in Fort Wayne and his appearances on the TV Mass, he was almost regarded as a pastor-at-large for the city. He was esteemed as a priest's priest and is remembered fondly for his magic tricks, his humor, poetry and singing; all combined in a humble presence dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ.



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This charred cross from the fire of 1963 is on permanent display in the rear of the present St. Charles Church.



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This crucifix is in the midst of a peaceful resting place for former parishioners of St. Aloysius Parish and dates back to 1878.

### St. Aloysius, Yoder, Est. 1859

Old enough to have its own country graveyard, St. Aloysius Parish in Yoder, has on its horizons clouds, cornfields and an old barn bearing a faded Mail Pouch Tobacco advertisement. To the north, however, is a busy interstate corridor where the roar of large trucks breaks the spell of simple charm cast in this rural setting. Add to this the blast of low flying military jets and the sharp contrast of the dim past and glaring present is jarring. St. Al's, as it is fondly known, is old enough to have sent its sons to fight the Civil War and modern enough to allow its grade school students to study that war via the Internet.

Considering the means of travel in the late 1850s and that Catholic churches closest to Yoder were in downtown Decatur and Fort Wayne, worship, other than by prayer, was daunting.

The first Mass in this neighborhood on record was said in 1858 when Father Jacob Mayer, of Decatur, visited the scattered Catholics living in Pleasant Township and held services in the home of

Frederick Weaver.

One year later, Bishop John Luers authorized the establishment of a new parish for this locale. Christian Miller donated three acres of land for the new church, and his wife was asked to give it a name. She selected St. Aloysius.

The first church was 29x36 feet and was served by priests from Decatur and Hessen Cassel. The first resident pastor was Father Ferdinand Koerdt, who took charge July 30, 1876.

On Oct. 17, 1876, Father Koerdt opened his new school, a small frame building, for 38 students. This was replaced in 1882 by a two-story two room brick school house described as commodious at a cost of \$4,000.

Unbelievably, this simple structure would serve the students of St. Aloysius for the next 79 years when a modern school was built in 1955.

This turned out to be good timing. Although the old brick school house was believed to be as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar, its demolition revealed it to be so fragile that instead of using a wrecking ball, the crane operator knocked the walls in with a bump of the bucket.

St. Aloysius is known as the protector of youth. Apparently, Mrs. Miller said a short prayer and chose the right name.

