

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

New parish center to keep pace with growth at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



KAY COZAD

A ground breaking ceremony to celebrate the construction of the new education and parish center at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church took place on Saturday, August 12th following a Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. The new center will house more space for education classes as well as a full-sized gym. Pictured breaking ground from left are: Father Bernard Ramenaden, OSB, and Father Dave Ruppert, both associate pastors, Bishop John M. D'Arcy and pastor, Father Jim Shafer.

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — An especially exciting day awaited parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Saturday, Aug. 12. In the midst of a beautiful sun-drenched day of family activities at the 13th annual Setonfest, a special ground breaking ceremony for the newest building project took place on the east lawn of the church complex.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy joined the parish family to celebrate an evening Mass before the ceremony. The Knights of Columbus, who in partnership with the diocese have extended a loan to finance this long-awaited project, led the procession, which included St. Elizabeth's pastor, Father Jim Shafer, along with associate pastors Father Dave Ruppert and Father Bernard Ramenaden, OSB.

In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy highlighted the history of the parish, as well as commending the two "exemplary pastors" of the parish, Father Bob Schulte, founding pastor and current pastor, Father Shafer. The bishop went on to remark of the energy and vitality of the families in the church community reminding them of the eucharistic adoration, open doors for worship and huge crowds at the Masses, saying "Jesus is why we built this church."

Following Mass, the congregation was invited to process to the east lawn of the church property for the ground breaking ceremony, which included speeches, Scripture, a blessing by the bishop and hard hats and shovels for turning the dirt.

This ever expanding church community welcomes

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Pope discusses Middle East, morality in interview

Expresses hopes to travel to the Holy Land 'in a time of peace'

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a lengthy TV and radio interview, Pope Benedict XVI called for an end to fighting in the Middle East and said he hopes to travel to the Holy Land "in a time of peace."

The pope also explained some of the priorities of his papacy, saying he was convinced the church needs to frame its moral teachings in a positive way and shed the image of an institution that always says "no."

The interview with German media was broadcast Aug. 13, eight days after it was recorded at the pope's summer villa in Castel Gandolfo, Italy. It was aired in advance of the pope's scheduled visit to his native Bavaria region of Germany Sept. 9-14. Translations of the German transcript were made available by the Vatican.

The pope addressed a wide range of topics, including ecumenical cooperation, the role of women in the church, and the unifying function of the papacy. He also offered some personal insights into the burdens of being pope.

"It really is tiring," he said of his schedule. But the 79-year-old pontiff said he enjoyed the continual encounters with bishops, politicians and other personalities "who want to talk to me personally."

Despite having to live behind the Vatican walls, he said, "to tell the truth, I'm not that lonely."

Seated on a gilded throne, the pope looked at ease as he fielded questions from four reporters, including a correspondent from Vatican Radio's German program.

Asked about the situation in Lebanon, the pope said everyone has to realize that "war is the worst solution for all sides." He expressed concern about the Christian community in Lebanon and warned of the danger of the emigration of Christians from the entire region.

"I'd like to visit the Holy Land, and I

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TIM JOHNSON

St. Aloysius, Yoder, presented a Christian teen concert Aug. 11 to launch the Summerfest. Popple provided the entertainment and welcomed middle and high school teens to join them on stage for "Awesome God." Frankie and the Holy Rollers also provided live music, a first teen-oriented event in the festival history.

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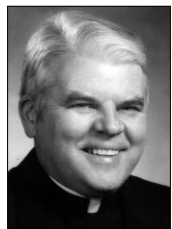
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With St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Eucharist is central

NEWS
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

A kind invitation from Father James Shafer, the exemplary and gifted pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, a parish I was privileged to establish, brought me on a lovely August afternoon, a song of a day, to that community of faith. Although arriving early, the parking lot was full. This was SetonFest, an event similar to what is held in many parishes at this time of year — a kind of fiesta. It is a fundraiser but also brings together families. I was asked to come to celebrate Mass, and also to take part in a groundbreaking and a blessing for a very large expansion of the school, creating catechetical space and even an activity center, which is a modern name for a gym, and various other efforts. The cost will be somewhere in the \$5 million range, and the parish has already had a successful campaign linked with our Legacy of Faith campaign.

What was central was the Eucharist. Because of the SetonFest and so many people there for the groundbreaking, the church was even more full than usual. People everywhere. Children everywhere. Father Jim told me that the average age of parishioners is somewhere in the mid-20s. What was especially evident was the warm family spirit that has been created. I recall when I came to the diocese, many people urging that we have a new parish in this area and others saying "no, it is not necessary." We took a survey and took the big step. Father Robert Schulte was the founding pastor and, with his marvelous leadership, gave the parish a tremendous start in the 12 years that he served as shepherd.

I spoke on the holy Eucharist; the Eucharist looking back and remembering the death and resurrection of Christ; the Eucharist making present sacramentally but truly, his death and resurrection; the Eucharist looking forward to heaven. Indeed, a promise of eternal life.

How about the following words from Pope John Paul II in his "Ecclesia de Eucharistia."

"Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: they already possess it on earth, as the first-fruits of a future fullness which will embrace man in his totality. For in the Eucharist we also receive the pledge of our bodily resurrection at the end of the world: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day' (Jn 6:54). This pledge of the future resurrections comes from the fact that the flesh of the Son of Man, given as food, is his body in its glorious state after the resurrection. With the Eucharist we digest, as it were, the 'secret' of the resurrection. For this reason St. Ignatius of Antioch rightly defined the Eucharistic Bread as 'a medicine of immortality, an antidote to death.'"

— Pope John Paul II, "Ecclesia de Eucharistia"

Elizabeth Ann Seton: Woman of the Eucharist

One could not conclude a reflection without sharing the words of Elizabeth Ann Seton, patroness of the parish. You know, it was the church's belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist that drew this extraordinary woman to the church. Elizabeth was a

warm, affectionate, gracious and lovely woman. She knew the cross and suffering in her life. Her earlier presence in the Episcopal Church brought her to God. It was the Eucharist that brought her to Catholicism.

Listen to the words which I quoted in my homily that she wrote about her first holy Communion.

"25 March. At last Amabilia, at last God is mine and I am his! Now let all go its round — I have received him. The awful impressions of the evening before, fears of not having done all to prepare, and yet, even the transports of confidence and hope in his goodness. My God! To the last breath of life will I not remember this night of watching for morning dawn; the fearful beating heart so pressing to be gone; the long walk to town; but every step counted, nearer that street, then nearer that tabernacle, then nearer the moment he would enter the poor, poor little dwelling so all his own — and when he did, the first thought I remember was: 'Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered!' — for it seemed to me my King had come to take his throne, and instead of the humble, tender welcome I had expected to give him, it was but a triumph of joy and gladness that the deliverer was come and my defense and shield and strength and salvation made mine for this world and the next."

— J.I. Dirvin, "The Soul of Elizabeth Seton: A Spiritual Portrait"

Afterward came the groundbreaking and then a wonderful social event. This is the latest step. It all began from a donation of land by the Gallucci Family; the purchase of more land; the building of the church; the enlarging of the church; the building of the school; the building of the rectory; and now, the extension of the school. Twenty-six acres consecrated to Christ. A joyful afternoon.

St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel

Off early the next morning for the short drive south to Hessen Cassel and the installation of Father Thomas Lombardi. Father Thom is a major league cook, but also a very fine preacher and pastor. This is a wonderful parish with a marvelous spirit, well cared for in recent years by Father Ed Erpelding, who was both a fine pastor and excellent fiscal manager.

My homily was similar to that at St. Elizabeth, on the Holy Eucharist. I also recounted the words of the martyrs of Abitene in Africa in the fourth century when they were being prepared for death during the persecution of Diocletian, who made it a capital crime to build a church, read the Word of God or celebrate the Eucharist.

When asked why they had done this, a certain emeritus came forward and said, "We cannot live without Sunday." Neither can any of us live without Sunday. Part of our work must be to deepen our love for the Eucharist, so we really understand the Eucharist as food and strength for our journey. The Eucharist should also be understood as a sacrifice, as well as a sacrament of His presence.

A wonderful cookout — a spirited welcome to Father Thom followed.

Father Frank Kronewitter

We are bringing Father Frank home. He died at Fatima. Pope John XXIII said shortly before his death, "Any day is a good day to die." Surely there are not too many places to die better than Fatima. Father Frank was there on a pilgrimage with Father Adam Schmitt and others. He had celebrated Mass and prayed the rosary. There had been the sacrament of penance and various devotions to Our Lady. The call came that he had died. We are bringing him home. His Mass was scheduled for this past Wednesday at St. Anne's Home. How appropriate. Father Frank served at St.

Anne's Home for 15 years. He loved it and was very beloved by the people to whom he brought Communion regularly. Father Frank enjoyed talking, and the people there loved to hear him. He was very faithful in celebrating Mass with them every day. This was an exemplary priest who had nothing in him but goodness and a kind of innocence. I always asked him if he was playing any golf. I was told he could hit the ball longer off the tee than anyone. He was a blessed priest in our diocese. I will celebrate the Mass at St. Anne's, and later in the week a Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Parish, South Bend, because his family is there and that is the parish where he grew up. Safe home, dear Frank, safe home. May the angels lead you into paradise and may the martyrs receive you at your coming.

Reading of books

I try to keep reading. Someone gave me a book by Father John Neuhaus entitled "Catholic Matters." It is a reflection on the journey of this former Lutheran pastor to the Catholic Church. It also includes his diary in Rome during the funeral of Pope John Paul II and the election and inauguration Mass of Pope Benedict XVI. I found it to be a gracious and positive book.

"Milestones." This is marvelous book. It is a memoir of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI. What emerges is a sensitive man with a deep love for his family and for the church. An extraordinary theologian, he recounts the life of his family under Nazism, his own journey to the priesthood, the sufferings he has experienced and, above all, his love for and pursuit of theology as a student of St. Augustine and St. Bonaventure. Joseph Ratzinger was a peritus, or expert, at the Second Vatican Council and recounts those days and the days that followed with great understanding. This is a short read and a good book. I recommend it to everyone.

By the way, both of these books may be found in our wonderful Cathedral Bookstore. I hope you have visited there. It is located in our new Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. They not only have great literature, but crucifixes, rosaries and medals. Don't miss it.

Speaking of the book by Cardinal Ratzinger, may I share with you this note from Father Al McBride. Father McBride is a distinguished theologian and catechist, and the author of many books. He serves on the board of Our Sunday Visitor. As he left Fort Wayne bound for the blessed place called Cape Cod, I gave him a copy of "Milestones." Here is the beautiful note he sent to me. Note especially the pope's words about his own parents.

"Thanks for your book gifts, especially 'Milestones.' I devoured it at the Cape and it was subsequently read by Fathers Mike and John Foley from Worcester and they liked it a lot and we had many good conversations about it. Benedict is filled with insights such as his touching tribute to his parents at their deaths, 'I know no more convincing proof for the faith than the pure and unalloyed humanity that the faith allowed to mature in my parents.' His comments on liturgy, the problem of Marxism at Tubingen and the idea that the work of scholars fully determine the decisions of bishops (not true) are inspiring and thought provoking. I like his quote from a scholar (who disagreed) said when the dogma of the Assumption was declared, 'The church is wiser than my erudition.'"

Baseball report

The ups and downs of August. Only two games behind. But, oh, that pitching. How can you win a pennant when you give up seven or eight runs a game? We will stay faithful to the end. See you all next week.



CNS PHOTO/ L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

German journalists interview Pope Benedict XVI at the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug. 5. The interview was to be broadcast Aug. 13, but the Vatican made available a transcript of the pope's comments on the Middle East.

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hope to visit it in a time of peace," he said.

The pope said that although he's never felt strong enough to plan many long trips he would do so if he feels he can "communicate a message." He confirmed that he would visit Brazil next year for a meeting of Latin American bishops, saying his presence there would help "strengthen the hope that's so alive in that part of the world."

Asked why, during a recent visit to Spain, he didn't specifically address hot-button issues like gay marriage or abortion, the pope said he wanted to present a positive message and not overemphasize the negative.

"Christianity, Catholicism, isn't a collection of prohibitions: It's a positive option," he said.

"We've heard so much about what is not allowed that now it's time to say: We have a positive idea to offer, that man and woman are made for each other," and that marriage develops as a "joyful and blessing-filled encounter between a man and a woman," he said.

When the church does oppose social or political developments, he said, it should "say it first in a positive way" and make sure people understand, for example, that marriage between a man and a woman "is not a Catholic invention" but a value shared by all cultures.

The pope said the church's basic challenge in modern society is to try to bridge the gap between technological progress and morality.

"I believe that the real problem of our historical moment lies in the imbalance between the incredibly fast growth of our technical power and that of our moral capacity, which has not grown in proportion," he said.

"That's why the formation of the human person is the true

recipe, the key to it all, I would say, and this is what the church proposes," he said.

He said teaching "know-how" is never enough.

"If we only teach how to build and to use machines and how to use contraceptives, then we shouldn't be surprised when we find ourselves facing wars and AIDS epidemics. Because we need two dimensions: simultaneously we need the formation of the heart," he said.

In the battle against AIDS and other social ills, the pope suggested that the church's role is misrepresented or misunderstood as a negative one.

"We offer treatment, treatment to AIDS victims too, and we offer education, helping to establish good relationships with others. So I think we should correct that image that sees the church as spreading severe 'noes,'" he said.

The pope said a basic problem afflicting Western society was a new wave of secularization and a loss of the sense of the sacred. Some African and Asian cultures, he said, are "horrified" by the West's rational approach and its coldness toward God.

He said the church needs to underline that "believing is beautiful" and show that the Christian faith in the West is an integrating force in society and not part of "the trash of history."

On internal church matters, the pope said he planned to hold consistories regularly, convening cardinals to "discuss current problems together and look for solutions." He said his frequent one-on-one talks with bishops also favor a mutual exchange.

Everyone knows the pope is "not an absolute monarch," he said, but there's a strong awareness that the church needs a unifying figure that can "guarantee independence from political powers" and make sure Christians don't identify too much with nationalism.

The pope addressed several other topics:

- He said women have always had an important role in the church, but said the faith does not

allow women's ordination as priests. While noting that women today carry out important functions at the Vatican, he noted a juridical problem: Church law says the power to make legally binding decisions is limited to sacred orders.

"So there are limitations from this point of view, but I believe that women themselves, with their energy and strength, with their predominance as it were, with their 'spiritual power,' will know how to make their own space," he said.

"And we will have to try and listen to God so as not to stand in their way but, on the contrary, to rejoice when the female element achieves the fully effective place in the church best suited to her," he said.

- On the number of saints in the church, the pope said he had deliberately "decentralized" the beatification process, leaving such ceremonies to local church leaders so that local figures could inspire Catholics of that specific country or region. Those canonized, or declared saints, should be examples for the whole church, he said.

The idea is to motivate people with models of holiness, without overloading them with too many figures.

"I can imagine some wonderful films" about the lives of saints, he said.

- Speaking about relations with the Evangelical Church in Germany and about ecumenism in general, the pope said a priority today is for Christians to work together to clarify and put into practice "ethical directives" in society. Moreover, Christians must also "witness to God in a world that has problems finding him," he said, demonstrating their belief that "humanity is not an evolutionary product that turned out badly. We are the image of God."

- Addressing a question about the role of humor in the life of a pope, he said: "I'm not a man who constantly thinks up jokes. But I think it's very important to be able to see the funny side of life and its joyful dimension and not to take everything too tragically. I'd also say it's necessary for my ministry."

Magnificat Bequest Society introduced

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the history of our diocese, parishes, schools and other agencies have been the beneficiaries of bequests and other planned gifts. These gifts have assisted in building and renovating churches, providing for Catholic education and feeding the poor.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is grateful for the foresight and financial support that these benefactors have demonstrated through their estate plans to continue the mission of Christ for future generations of our church. That is why I am pleased to introduce the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's bequest society — the Magnificat Bequest Society.

Through the Magnificat Bequest Society, named in honor of Mary who is patroness of our diocese, we wish to recognize and thank those individuals who generously have remembered the church with a planned gift arrangement or establishment of an endowment fund. Membership is extended to individuals who disclose their commitment through written notification.

Members of the Magnificat Bequest Society will be invited to an annual Mass with the bishop and will receive a special gift of appreciation. Anyone who is currently a member of their parish bequest society will automatically be a member of the Magnificat Bequest Society, if they so choose.

With Mary as our model of stewardship, I invite you to respond to God's calling through her Magnificat.

May God bless you for your generosity. I thank you with all my heart.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy

National collection Aug. 26-27 to aid hurricane-affected dioceses

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The needs of two dioceses affected by Hurricane Katrina "remain staggering and extremely urgent," the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in announcing that the bishops had approved a special national collection for the weekend of Aug. 26-27.

Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., said in a July 10 memo to his fellow bishops that "the needs for diocesan recovery in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi (Miss.) are as great now as they were immediately after the storms which caused them."

American Catholics donated more than \$130 million to a national collection for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita last September, but those funds went primarily to humanitarian relief, he said.

Bishop Skylstad said the 2006 national collection — approved by the bishops during their June meeting in Los Angeles — would give Archbishop Alfred C.

Hughes of New Orleans and Bishop Thomas J. Rodi of Biloxi "greater discretion in meeting the church's recovery and rebuilding needs within these two dioceses."

Sixty percent of the funds collected will go to the Archdiocese of New Orleans and 40 percent will be given to the Diocese of Biloxi.

Bishop Skylstad said that in the Mississippi diocese, with only 70,000 Catholics, church-owned structures sustained more than \$70 million in damage. All but five of the 433 church-owned structures in the diocese were destroyed or severely damaged.

In New Orleans, Archbishop Hughes estimated \$52 million in uninsured flood damage to buildings that the archdiocese is trying to reopen now. Buildings whose reopenings have been delayed sustained another \$70 million in uninsured flood damage, he said.

"These costs place even greater burdens on people already overwhelmed by grief, dislocation and discouragement," Bishop Skylstad said in his memo.

Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, retired head of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and chairman of the bishops' Task Force on Hurricane Recovery, was to prepare a report by Sept. 1, 2007, "on the status, distribution and disposition of the funds collected," the memo said.

In a report to the bishops in Los Angeles, Archbishop Fiorenza said, "While some of the dioceses affected by Katrina and Rita are reporting significant progress in rebuilding and recovery, extraordinary needs remain throughout the region.

"Donor intent has understandably concentrated on humanitarian relief, which remains critically important; however, 'bricks-and-mortar' projects ... are placing exceptional burdens on the dioceses involved," he added.

Bishop Skylstad closed the memo by quoting from an unnamed bishop in the hurricane-affected region: "Critical to the ongoing recovery is to keep the journey of the struggling people of this great region before the minds and hearts of the Catholic faithful. Their homes, their industry and their hearts are broken."

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up to 100 new families each year. Presently there are 2,000 families registered with 300 enrolled elementary students, 900 additional students involved in religious education classes and 70 ministries that utilize the facilities there, including youth groups, senior ministries, Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP), Knights of Columbus and more. With the continued growth and activity within the parish the need for more space is apparent.

Phase III of St. Elizabeth includes 44,000 additional square feet of room in the education and parish center, to be built on the east lawn as an extension of the existing school building. Included in the building project is the renovation of the church itself, which will involve replacing the pew and kneeler covers, painting the sanctuary walls and repairing the tower.

Weigand Construction, who has been involved with the previous expansions, has been awarded the project.

To create the vision of the much needed space, the building committee, which was formed in late 2001, interviewed the ministry participants as to their ministry's needs. After the plan was approved by Bishop D'Arcy, a combined Legacy of Faith and Capital Campaign raised the funds that will, in part, finance this project.

The space on the first floor will house the new school and religious education offices, a new classroom, health, work and conference rooms with a two-story atrium, which will greet visitors with an

eight-foot cross baring the message, "To know, love and serve."

Additionally, a high school sized gym for athletic events, with wooden floors, bleachers and stage, will hold up to 500 people and will double as an activity center for other parish events and meetings. The building will become handicap accessible with the installation of an elevator just inside the new entrance. A receiving area will be accessible to supply trucks and additional parking will be provided on the north side of the building.

The second floor will include three new classrooms, restrooms, storage and a workroom. Upon completion the school will accommodate kindergarten through fourth grades. The lower level will house a full-sized commercial kitchen with a cafeteria that will seat 400.

Outside the cafeteria, a courtyard with terraced walls will provide an area for youth activities and family movie nights. Also included in the building plans are a teachers' lounge, youth room, Scouts' room and an expansive storage area. The entire structure will be efficiently heated and cooled by geothermal heating supplied by the pond located east of the rectory.

According to St. Elizabeth business manager, Jim Kitchens, the new parish activity center will give the church community an opportunity to participate in more activities with the possibility of simultaneous events for different sized groups.

"We want to recreate parish center lives around the sacraments, the Eucharist. This facility will draw the families here," Kitchens says.

He adds that Father Shafer's goal has always been a focus on the Eucharist and Sunday Mass.

"What we do in gathering — all else should support that. The building is meant to feed the appreciation and awareness of our Catholic faith — so the Eucharist is the center of life."

Father Shafer is excited about the addition of the new structure. "This is going to be such an assistance for all the ministries that we do here in the parish," Father Shafer says. But he cautions his flock that it's not about the building saying, "It's about the people not the building. That's the real heart of it."

The scheduled completion date for the parish project is September of 2007.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish was first a community of 370 Catholic families gathering at Haverhill Elementary School for Mass in 1984. In June of 1988, the congregation was named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American born woman to be canonized. In 1989, following the generous donation of land located on the northeast corner of Aboite Center and Homestead roads, construction on the new church building began.

Seven hundred families were welcomed at the dedication of the new church in September of 1990. Fourteen additional acres were purchased in 1994 when the rectory was built. In 1998 the Catechetical Center for Religious Education classes and parish meetings was completed while church seating was expanded by 330 seats.

After St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph Parishes formed a joint elementary school in 1998-1999, grades kindergarten through second grades shared the classroom with religious education, RCIA and adult education programs.

Priest finds church to be its people, rather than just an institution

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

NOTRE DAME — If it weren't for his study of a modern martyr, Holy Cross Father Bob Pelton's focus may have turned out a little different.

But it seems that from the time he first came in contact with Archbishop Oscar Romero in 1979 at an international conference of Latin American bishops, Father Pelton was fascinated.

"I saw him while he was still alive," said Father Pelton, 85, who teaches theology at the University of Notre Dame, where he is also director of Latin American-North American Church Concerns at the Kellogg Institute.

About a year later, Archbishop Romero was dead.

Romero was the Catholic archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador and was martyred in 1980 for aiding the poor and speaking against the government's violent treatment of the poor in that country.

Archbishop Romero's apparent transformation was when he became archbishop in 1977 by becoming close to the people of the country and realizing that the church was not an institution, Father Pelton said, drew him in.

"You had the evolution of a person taking place," said Father Pelton, who has published several books including his most recent called "Archbishop Romero: Martyr and Prophet for the New Millennium."

Father Pelton said Archbishop Romero began to suffer with his countrymen as he came to the conclusion that the church is its people rather than an institution. During his homilies, Archbishop Romero began to report on those killed and denouncing the deaths and the government because of the deaths.

Father Pelton, who is a member of the Catholic Charities Board for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said he may have not become as conscious of immigration issues as he has, had it not been for his study of Archbishop Romero and getting to know Romero's friends over the years.

"He influenced me to be more faithful in my ministry in service to others and to lead a life more involved in faith and the Gospel," Pelton said.

And, Pelton suggested, there is a relationship between what

Archbishop Romero saw in the human rights violations of his countrymen and the current issues of immigration.

Father Pelton said he knows the issue is a complex one and can't be solved simply with a few recommendations.

But, he said, "we don't solve the issue by putting up a higher barrier," an apparent illusion to a decree to build a wall along the U.S./Mexico border.

And, he doesn't propose eliminating legal barriers. What he does suggest is abandoning a hard-line approach, while including legal and human dimensions of the argument.

Father Pelton said immigrants from Latin American countries don't necessarily want to come to the U.S. and leave behind their wives, children and families. But many feel they must in order to make enough money to send back to them to support them.

Father Pelton was recently in Ecuador and was "received warmly" by Ecuadorians.

"I want us to be as welcoming as circumstances admit," said Father Pelton, noting that he is not in the least supportive of criminals and drug runners who try to cross the border with those legitimately looking to make a better life for themselves and their families.

And the model of leadership Archbishop Romero had — having a courteous dialogue and treating people with differing opinions with respect — may be able to teach us all how to interact when it comes to issues of immigration.

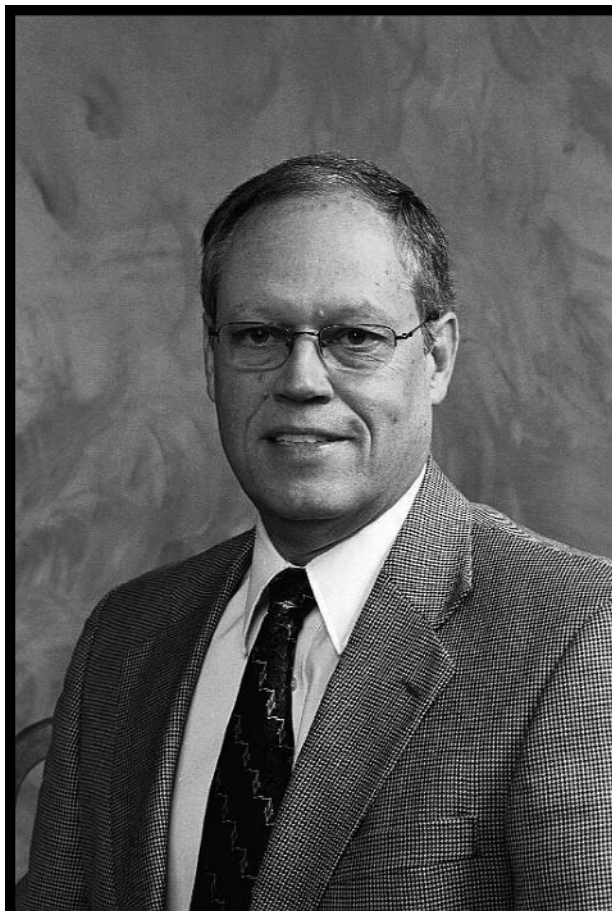
"If I'm a positive influence, you'll be a positive influence," said Father Pelton, who's working on a project to bring to video a documentary of U.S. civil trial of Archbishop Romero's killer. "That style of leadership calls for courage."

Father Pelton, who was ordained a priest in 1949 after observing priests who lived exemplary lives in his home parish, said it's a model all of us can learn from.

"It was a model for me in terms of how to be a minister,"



Father Bob Pelton, CSC



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Neris Gonzales finds opportunity to promote ECOVIDA

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — For Neris Gonzales, the victim of torture in El Salvador in the late 1970s resulting in the death of her son, ECOVIDA has been her therapy.

ECOVIDA is a nonprofit organization Gonzales founded in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago in 1998.

The program is designed to teach low-income Latinos to use permaculture, a form of ecology, which stresses the relationship between people, plants and animals.

Recently, she moved away from Chicago to South Bend, where she is working at St. Adalbert Parish to extend ECOVIDA and the concept of the community garden, nutrition and permaculture to South Bend.

A tortured history

Gonzales was pregnant in December 1977 when she was abducted by El Salvadoran National Guardsmen. She was imprisoned, tortured with cigarette burns, electric shock and had her fingernails pulled out, she said in broken English from her new office at St. Adalbert. She was raped repeatedly. All of this because she was teaching other peasants in San Nicolas Lempa in El Salvador to read and use numbers, and she used books to help train health care workers to provide health care to villagers.

"I'm told I'm a terrorist and a communist for learning," Gonzales recalled.

The government and military, she said, told villagers they were "stupid" and making people afraid to want to learn.

"The people were humble but intelligent," Gonzales said, noting that people were being robbed because they didn't have education.

After being tortured for two weeks, Gonzales was tossed into a garbage dump with other dead bodies, where she was found and nursed back over a six-month period. Her son died two months after he was born disfigured from the torture Gonzales endured.

Gonzales, 51, explained that she came to the U.S. in 1997 for counseling at the Marjorie Kolver Center for Survivors of Torture and that starting ECOVIDA in Chicago was "born of my history."

And while that history includes one of horrendous tortures and human rights violations against her as well as her countrymen, it also is made up of

courage in the face of the ultimate human hate.

Great teachers

She was active in the Catholic Church early on, becoming a catechist as a young adult.

She was a parishioner of Father Rutilio Grande, a Jesuit priest who championed liberation theology, which is theology from the perspective of the poor and oppressed.

Father Grande was assassinated in 1977 for speaking out against the injustices and human rights violations perpetrated on poor peasants, who were being bilked and mistreated by the government, military and 14 rich El Salvadoran families, who owned the majority of El Salvadoran land.

Father Grande's death deeply effected his friend, Oscar Romero, who would eventually become archbishop of San Salvador. Archbishop Romero was also assassinated by the government for speaking out against human rights violations during his homilies, which were broadcast over the radio.

Gonzales had the opportunity to meet with Archbishop Romero, and she often called him to report human rights violations that would then be denounced during his homilies.

"I am proud to have worked with them," Gonzales said. "I continue their work today."

Her day in court

Gonzales, along with two other El Salvadorans who were tortured in the late 1970s and early 1980s, filed a lawsuit in Florida against two retired El Salvadoran generals — Jose Guillermo Garcia and Carlos Vides Casanova. In 2002, they won the lawsuit and were awarded over \$54 million for the wrongs committed against them, but they have yet to collect any of the money.

Gonzales said she has also testified before Congress regarding torture of civilians.

Looking toward the future

Now Gonzales, who is executive director of ECOVIDA, works to show people how taking care of the environment is really taking care of themselves.

"Ecology is important for human and natural development," Gonzales explained.

She said abusing the environ-

ment is not only catastrophic for the nature but for humans too.

Gonzales said there were two reasons she decided to move to South Bend from Chicago — extending the reach of ECOVIDA and she needed to get away from such a large city.

"I needed peace in a smaller city," Gonzales said. While she said she thinks Chicago is a beautiful place, she needed to have more opportunities to be in contact with nature.

"No more concrete," she said. What is Chicago's loss is South Bend's gain.

According to Holy Cross Father Chris Cox, pastor of St. Adalbert in South Bend, he's met many survivors of torture but none as whole and well adjusted as Gonzales.

"She's been a tremendous lay minister in the church," Father Cox said. "She's had a powerful experience of what it means to be a Catholic lay person. She has the capacity to really bring some new dimensions to the parish."

Part of that new dimension is starting an after-school program in which Gonzales will teach organic farming, teach nutrition, eventually set up a greenhouse on property owned by the parish as well as community gardens throughout the neighborhood.

Gonzales, who was pleased that Father Cox has been so accepting of the environmental and nutrition programs she offers, said she will teach the theories behind gardening, nutrition and how to care for the environment during her first year working with the parish.

"Next year we will put the theory into practice," Gonzales said.



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Neris Gonzales, 51, a survivor of torture by El Salvadoran authorities in the late 1970s, recently moved to South Bend from Chicago. Gonzales, who is standing next to a picture of Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was martyred in El Salvador, will be extending the ECOVIDA program she started in Chicago. ECOVIDA helps educate Latinos on the importance of taking care of the environment and nutrition. Here she will share her educational programs with everyone in the community. She plans to start a greenhouse and help plant community gardens.

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Indonesia postpones executions of Catholics hours after papal appeal

JAKARTA, Indonesia (CNS) — Hours after an appeal by Pope Benedict XVI, Indonesian officials issued a last-minute stay of execution for three Catholics, but said they would be executed after Aug. 20. Gen. Sutanto, the national police chief, announced the stay late Aug. 11 for Fabianus Tibo, 60, Dominggus da Silva, 39, and Marinus Riwu, 48. The three were sentenced to death after being convicted in 2001 of murdering 200 Muslims in May-June 2000 in the Poso area, in Central Sulawesi. Christian-Muslim clashes from December 1998 to December 2001 in and around the area killed hundreds of people, with estimates ranging as high as 2,000. The Supreme Court upheld the death sentences of the three, and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono rejected their plea for clemency Nov. 10. Hours before the stay was announced, the Vatican released the text of a telegram sent to Yudhoyono and signed by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state. In the pope's name, Cardinal Sodano asked Yudhoyono to intervene "on humanitarian grounds."

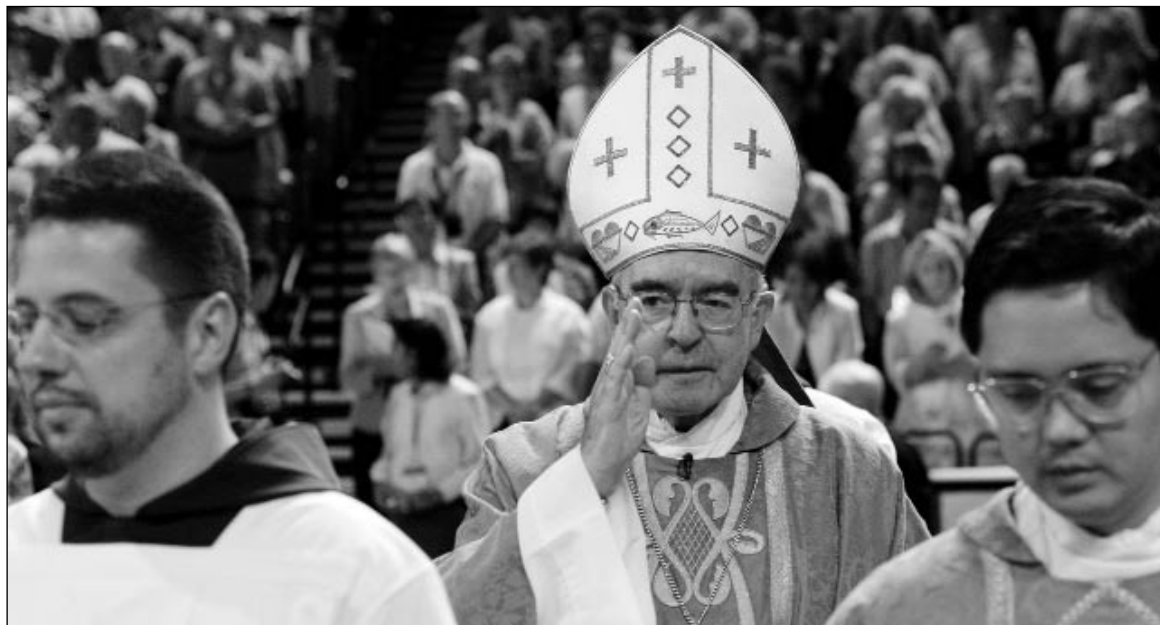
Pope sends French cardinal to Lebanon, asks for prayers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI is sending a personal envoy to Lebanon and has asked Catholics in Lebanon and Israel to offer special prayers for peace at Masses Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saying the pope continues "to follow the tragic events in the Middle East," the Vatican announced Aug. 11 that the pope asked French Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, retired president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, to go to Lebanon. Pope Benedict asked the cardinal to assure Lebanon's "martyred population and all those in the region who are suffering" of his closeness in prayer and his solidarity with them. He also asked Cardinal Etchegaray to pray with them "for the great intention of peace," the Vatican statement said. "The visit will have an essentially religious character and will include, if possible" because of the fighting, the celebration of Mass Aug. 15 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa, 17 miles north of Beirut.

Ontario bishop to seek laicization of priest who abused young girls

CHATHAM, Ontario (CNS) — Bishop Ronald Fabbro of London, Ontario, pledged to seek the laicization of a priest convicted of 47 counts of indecent assault, as well as revise the diocese's policy on how to deal with clergy sexual abuse. The bishop made the promises at Mass Aug. 6, the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, in a homily to the congregation at St. Ursula Church, one of the parishes where Father Charles Sylvestre

CARDINAL LOPEZ TRUJILLO BLESSES CROWD AT EWTN'S 25TH YEAR CELEBRATION



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Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, head of the Pontifical Council for the Family, blesses the crowd as he processes to the altar at the start of a Mass marking the Eternal Word Television Network's 25th anniversary Aug. 13 in Birmingham, Ala. EWTN was launched Aug. 15, 1981. The Catholic cable network says it now transmits programs 24 hours a day to millions of homes in 110 countries.

committed his crimes against young girls. Father Sylvestre, 83, pleaded guilty Aug. 3 to 47 charges involving girls ages 9-14. The assaults took place between 1954 and 1985 in parishes in Chatham, Windsor, Pain Court, Sarnia and London. Sentencing is still to come. Only the Vatican can return a priest to the lay state. "I sincerely apologize to the victims and their families for the abuse they endured at the hands of Father Sylvestre and for suffering the consequences of that abuse over the years," Bishop Fabbro told the congregation. "I apologize as well for the failure of the church to protect the victims and their families from Father Sylvestre."

San Francisco Catholic Charities takes new direction in adoptions

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — San Francisco Catholic Charities announced Aug. 2 that it would no longer be involved in the child adoption activities of home studies, family and child matching, adoptive placements or finalizations, the last formal step of the adoption process. Instead, it said, its adoption-related efforts and resources will shift to education, outreach, information-sharing and linking prospective adoptive parents to county and private adoption agencies. The shift allows the agency to continue promoting adoption without entering areas of conflict between the church's teaching against adoption by same-sex couples and civil laws requiring adoption agencies not to discriminate against such couples when placing adoptive children. San Francisco Archbishop George H. Niederauer,

chairman of Catholic Charities and the Catholic Youth Organization — the full name of the archdiocesan agency — said in media interviews that he told board members in March that the agency could not be involved in direct adoptions, but he wished to find ways to serve the adoption community that were compatible with both Catholic moral teaching and the requirements of civil law.

U.S. cardinal describes 'lesson in frustration' in Lebanon visit

ROME (CNS) — Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, arrived in Lebanon in early August, visiting Catholic aid projects, church and government leaders and getting what he described as "a lesson in frustration." His Aug. 10 meeting with two Muslim leaders in Beirut was canceled after Israeli planes dropped leaflets on the city warning of new bombardments. "It scares the heck out of people," he said of the leaflet drops. "And if they don't leave, they can be killed. But it's awful; they get word to leave their homes because they are going to bomb in the next hours." In an Aug. 10 telephone interview from Beirut, the cardinal said his visit was meant to be a sign of solidarity with the suffering people of Lebanon, the same kind of visit he has made in the past to Israel in the wake of terrorist attacks. "I'm not making any judgments on what political things are happening, but I know that even now there are people in some villages that are totally blocked off by the war and they have no bread, they have no water and they have no medicine."

Church has room for those struggling with homosexuality, speakers say

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — The church makes room for men and women who struggle with homosexual temptations, a priest and a psychologist told a group in St. Louis July 28 at the annual conference of Courage at St. Louis University. Courage is a ministry that provides spiritual support for men and women with same-sex attractions who are striving to live chastely in accord with Catholic teaching. Father John Harvey, a moral theologian and founding director of Courage, and Peter Rudegear, a clinical psychologist, addressed some 80 clergy and youth ministers from St. Louis during part of the July 27-30 conference. The speakers noted that a goal is to assist those who come to the church seeking help. They also promoted Encourage, an organization helping parents, spouses and children of people living in a gay lifestyle. "Courage is a support group," said Father Harvey, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. "People need the help of God and the help of a group."

Next secretary of state says Vatican warnings on Iraq were prophetic

ROME (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's choice as the next secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, said the current situation in Iraq demonstrates that the Vatican's warnings against the war were "prophetic." At the same time, the

cardinal said he has argued against a precipitous pullout of Western forces from Iraq because it would leave local Iraqis exposed to dangers. Cardinal Bertone, archbishop of Genoa, Italy, made the comments in a lengthy interview with the Italian magazine *30 Giorni* (30 Days), published Aug. 9. Cardinal Bertone, who takes up his new duties Sept. 15, also said he had been following the fighting in Lebanon and was praying every day that the country be spared further "useless massacres."

European religious leaders criticize religious symbols in Madonna act

ROME (CNS) — Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders in Europe have criticized the pop star Madonna's latest world tour, in which the singer is bound to a shimmering cross while wearing a crown of thorns. "Madonna is exploiting Christian symbols ... and attempting to mix human passions, including her own personal ones, with something sacred," said a spokesman for the Russian Orthodox Church, which has urged people to stay away from the singer's concert in Moscow Sept. 11. Madonna's performance in Rome Aug. 6 drew disapproval from an Italian cardinal, an official of the Italian Muslim League and a spokesman for Rome's Jewish community. They called the use of the religious symbols offensive. Several local pastors in Rome also criticized the stage act in the days leading up to the concert. Although the Vatican ignored the controversy, the criticism was frequently characterized in the media as "Vatican opposition." That led a spokeswoman for Madonna to extend an "open invitation" to Pope Benedict XVI to see the show.

Bishop Burbidge installed as head of Raleigh Diocese

RALEIGH, N.C. (CNS) — Bishop Michael F. Burbidge used the example of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, in formally introducing himself to his new flock as bishop of Raleigh at his Aug. 4 installation Mass. "Like the people St. John Vianney served, we are called to ongoing conversion and transformation," Bishop Burbidge said. "May we use this day to renew our commitment to build upon the great foundations that have been established in this diocese and rededicate ourselves to responding to the challenges St. John Vianney preached to his people." Bishop Burbidge, formerly an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, was installed at the Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh to accommodate a crowd of more than 1,700. "We renew the commitments conveyed in the mission statement of the Diocese of Raleigh, to use our time, talents and resources to: advocate the worth and dignity of the human person from the moment of conception to natural death; eradicate the causes of division and polarization; and promote greater social justice in the cause of peace." Bishop Burbidge said in his homily.

Beginning Catechists Workshops offered

FORT WAYNE — Mary Barnes, director of religious education for St. Jude, Fort Wayne, has given beginning catechists workshops in past years. Beginning catechists are able to experience how to bring the message and love of Jesus Christ to the children of the diocese through Mary's years of experience.

These sessions are offered at no cost to the parish or catechists. The Office of Catechesis will absorb all cost, but registration is required.

In the South Bend area, the Beginning Catechists Workshop will be on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Catholic Education Center. To register by Aug. 22, contact Jaelyn Irving by calling (574) 295-9994 ext. 210 or by e-mail at jirving@fw.diocese-fwsb.org

In the Fort Wayne area, the Beginning Catechists Workshop will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, and Thursday, Aug. 31, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. To register by Aug. 25, contact Janice Martin by calling (260) 399-1411 or by e-mail at jmartin@fw.diocesefwsb.org

Magazine offers unique writing contest for high school students

LaPORTE — *True Girl* magazine is providing an opportunity for high school students to share their thoughts and see their names in print. The magazine has plans to feature an article titled "I Love My School," composed of writings by students who attend Catholic, public or home schools.

In an effort to highlight the unique and diverse learning environments from which our Catholic youth receive their education, the feature article will give students a choice to voice what they love about their school in their own words.

The contest will run from Sept. 1 through Dec. 1. Submissions must be written by a high school student and should include the author's name, address, e-mail contact, phone number, school name, school address and school phone number. Articles should be 500 words. Three winners will be chosen for publication — one Catholic school student, one public school student, one homeschooled student.

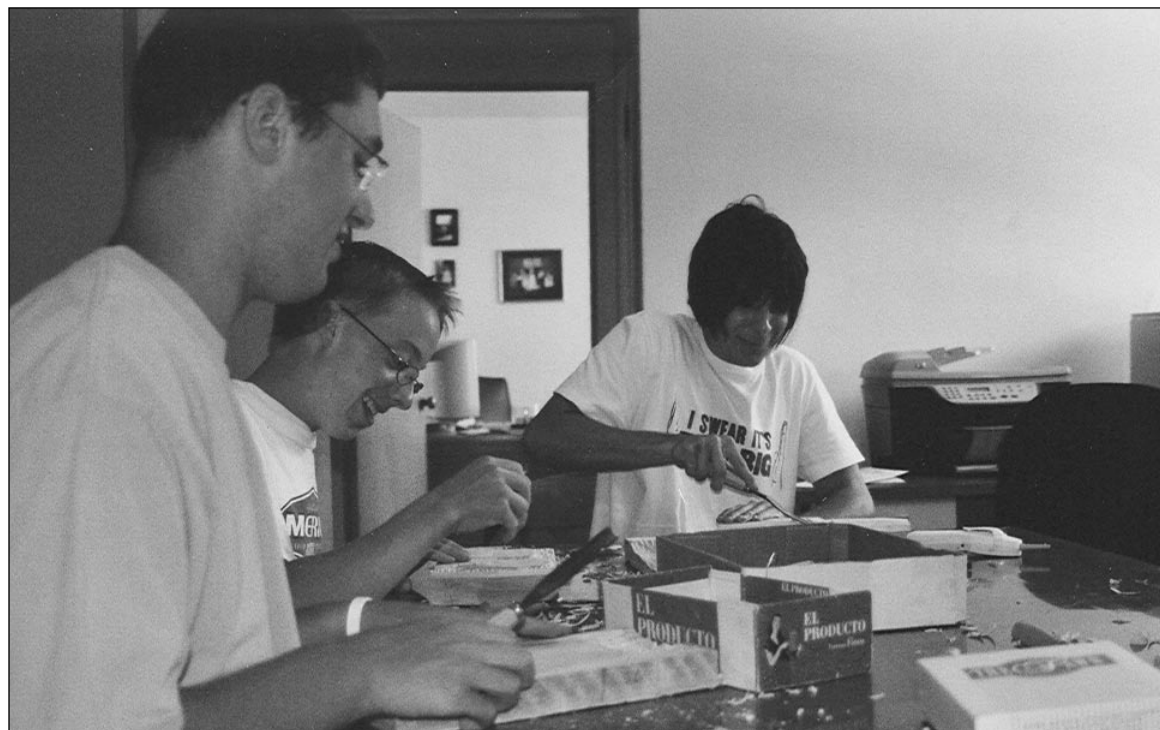
Winners will have their name, picture and school information published along with their article. Send submissions to Brandi Lee, Editor-in-Chief, *True Girl*, 703 Michigan Ave., Suite 2, LaPorte, IN 46350 or via e-mail to brandi@truegirlonline.com.

Forever Learning Institute holds open house

SOUTH BEND — Forever Learning Institute, Inc., has moved this summer to Little Flower Parish Center at 54191 Ironwood Rd. just two blocks north of State Road 23. An open house is scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 23, from noon to 4 p.m. Early registration of classes

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WOODWORKING CARVES WAY INTO STUDENTS' SCHEDULES



JERID MILLER

Three young men — from left, Mark Blocker, Andy Herber and Alex Ceravolo — from St. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington, gather for a wood carving lesson. Father Ron Reider, OFM, Cap., who has been carving most of his life, directs the young men in carving, giving them advice and encouragement as they carve their ideas into the basswood. The male students in grades 8-12 have been meeting for several weeks and will continue through the year. They hope to use some of the items they create to sell and raise money for charitable organizations around the holidays. In addition to teaching these young men a craft, the purpose of the group is to develop relationships between eighth graders and high school students, so that, as the students transition into high school youth activities, they will already know and have rapport with high school students.

will be available.

St. Patrick's Parish Center has been home for the Forever Learning Institute for the past 26 years. They had seen growth and success as the years had gone by but look forward to the challenges ahead as we transition into our new location and continue to grow at Little Flower Parish Center.

The fall semester has more classes and variety than ever before. There are over 80 classes and seven clubs, which we offer to the South Bend community who are over 50 years of age. There are two new 20th-century history courses covering the pre- and post-WWII periods. English classes will be expanded to include a new "Shakespeare as Jeopardy" class along with a new "Poetry: What Could be Verse?" class taught by Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC. In addition, we will continue to offer the medical lecture series, the 21st-century lecture series, and two additional lecture formatted series of classes. The institute will offer a workshop for those interested in writing and publishing.

New teacher, June Goldstein, will present her "Harvesting Your Legacy" course that many students have expressed an interest in attending. Little Flower also will be contributing to the faculty with a new class on Africa taught by assistant pastor Father Neal Ryan, CSC,

and a Bible study class on Genesis taught by Jay Freel-Landry.

Course guides were being mailed earlier this week and the local libraries have a supply of guides available.

Fort Wayne woman participates in summer monastic experience

CLYDE, Mo. — The lazy, hazy days of summer provided the backdrop for the monastic experience, a residential program sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration that invites single women to learn more about the contemplative dimensions of monastic life with no strings attached.

Jenny Murray, Fort Wayne, participated in the weeklong event from July 19-25 that included sessions involving prayer life and how to incorporate Benedictine practices into their daily lives, working with various departments throughout the community and attending social events with the sisters.

The program gives young women who are looking for options for their future a chance to experience monastic life, to give them time away from busy schedules and to share with other women who might be thinking about religious life.

For some women, it's just one option among many they are con-

sidering. For others, they sense they are being called to religious life and are now exploring different communities. What they all have in common is a desire to deepen their relationship with God.

A similar program takes place each spring. For more information, please contact vocation director Sister Ruth Elaine Starman at vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Holy Cross College welcomes class of 2010

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College will hold the fourth annual Welcome Weekend for new students August 18-20. This orientation provides a chance for new students to get to know each other, the campus and the college community.

"It's important for students to understand what Holy Cross College has to offer and what they can do here. What they see that first day can really make an impact on their future here," says Sean Miller, Welcome Weekend coordinator.

Sara Gallo, associate director of admissions for Holy Cross College, says those first impressions of college can be critical. She says the first two weeks of school normally have the highest dropout rate, so retaining students is another orientation goal.

"Welcome Weekend is impor-

tant to combat homesickness, to help students develop relationships and to make sure they know what faculty and staff they can talk to if they are having a problem, so that they can get through those first two weeks," Gallo says.

Welcome Weekend also provides leadership and mentoring opportunities for current students. The orientation committee consists of 19 Holy Cross College sophomores, juniors and seniors who volunteer their time to help the new students learn about college life.

During Welcome Weekend, new students will learn about the history of Holy Cross College, go to sessions about college life and how to be successful, go on a canoe trip on the St. Joseph River and just hang out together.

Central Catholic class of '61 to hold golf outing, reunion

FORT WAYNE — The Central Catholic High School Class of 1961 is hosting an All Class Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 22, at Brookwood Golf Course on the corner of Ferguson Road and Bluffton Road (Highway 1). Tee time will be at noon. Price is \$35 per person and includes 18 holes of golf and golf cart. Beverage cart will be available. Pair up your own foursome or be placed. Both men and women are invited. Prizes will be awarded. To make reservations call Bill Sorg at (260) 638-4554.

The class will celebrate their 45th reunion on Sept. 23 at the Grand Wayne Center at 6 p.m. Loren "Klemm" Connell, OFM, will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. for the deceased members of the class at St. Mary Church.

The deadline for reservations has been extended to Sept. 8. For information call Rita Jansen King at (260) 747-5049.

Notre Dame receives AmeriCorps grant

INDIANAPOLIS — The University of Notre Dame's ACE Professional Corps has been awarded a continuation of its AmeriCorps National Direct grant for 2006-07.

The award, one of 11 recently announced by the Corporation for National and Community Service, will provide education awards for up to 185 ACE Professional Corps members across the country.

ACE Professional Corps members work as teachers in under-resourced parochial schools across the country for two school years, during which they receive a living allowance of approximately \$900 per month. After the completion of their service, members receive an education award worth \$4,725 for further studies or repayment of student loans.

"I'm excited that Notre Dame, one of our great Indiana institutions, is in partnership with AmeriCorps", said Paula Parker-Sawyers, executive director of Indiana's office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, "this demonstrates how faith-based groups and government can work together to address community needs."

ACE and the Corporation for National and Community Service have been partnered since 1994, when ACE was selected as a national demonstration program by the corporation.

Ritter's supports Sisters of the Holy Cross' mission

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Ritter's Ice Cream franchise owners Peter Loomis and Bob Jaques are trying to do their part to reach out to others and help make the world a better place. This summer, Ritter's Ice Cream stores in South Bend and Mishawaka have continued to designate certain days during the summer to help raise funds for charitable organizations. One such organization, benefiting from Loomis' generosity, is the Sisters of the Holy Cross based at Saint Mary's in Notre Dame.

The congregation's CSC Fund provides seed money to the ministries of its members throughout the world for projects that assist people in need. Several of these projects fund tuition for needy children to attend schools in developing nations. These monies, mainly raised through the goodness and generosity of benefactors, also support projects that teach the unemployed poor skills to help them make a living

for themselves and their families.

Sisters from various religious congregations were the pioneers who built the Catholic school system in the United States. Now that the schools are in the capable hands of the laity, many congregations, including the Sisters of the Holy Cross, are expanding their ministry of education to peoples of other lands.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, Ritter's will give the CSC Fund a percentage of the sales for that day, including the purchase of gift certificates. Anyone who buys ice cream from a Ritter's store will not only receive a delicious treat, they will also assist the Sisters of the Holy Cross in their mission of service to those in need.

Buying ice cream on this day is one way people educated in Catholic schools, especially those run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, can say thanks to the many women who dedicated their lives to educating them.

LEGION OF MARY REPRESENTED AT ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H FAIR



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The South Bend curia of the Legion of Mary hosted a Catholic information booth at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair in South Bend from July 31-Aug. 5. Free rosaries, scapulars, medals, holy cards and leaflets were distributed to hundreds of fair visitors. In the photo, Mary Freienstein and Jean Torok from St. Anthony Parish in South Bend tend the Legion of Mary booth. The curia has been represented at the fair for over 50 years. The Legion of Mary is an international, apostolic organization for practicing Catholic men, women and children. For more information about the Legion of Mary, call Chester Mackowiak in South Bend at (574) 287-9204 or Connie Acierto in Fort Wayne at (260) 486-1001.

Victory Noll celebrates first profession, vow renewals and jubilees

HUNTINGTON — Sister Celia Sánchez, OLVN, made her first profession on Aug. 6, with the Congregation of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Father Thomas Fahey presided at the eucharistic celebration that took place in the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll.

Sister Celia entered the congregation from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San Bernardino, Calif., and served a year in San Bernardino. She has served the last two years at St. Sylvester's Parish and at the Julia Center in Chicago.

Sisters Guadalupe (Lupe) Flores-Ocaña and Guadalupe (Lupita) Aguilar-Huanca renewed their vows Aug. 5 with the congregation at a eucharistic celebration held in Oruro, Bolivia, South America, where they serve in the parish of San Pio X.

Sisters Rose Frances Gilmore and Martha Sijota celebrated 50 years as Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Aug. 5. Father Thomas Fahey, Victory Noll chaplain, presided at a eucharistic celebration in their honor which took place in the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll. Sister Rose Frances is serving in Chula Vista, Calif., and Sister Martha is serving at Victory Noll.

To learn more about the congregation, visit their Web site at www.olvm.org.

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Priest shares faith journey with South Bend Serrans

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — Dedicate yourself to a prayerful life and, most important, focus on God, was the spiritual message of Father Charles Herman to members of the Serra Club of South Bend.

Now an associate at Holy

Family Parish in South Bend, Father Herman said he was a teacher for 23 years before giving careful consideration to a religious vocation, and he was 50 years old before he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John M. D'Arcy on Nov. 29, 1997.

A native of St. John, where he grew up on a dairy farm, Father Herman told the Serrans that his

Catholic upbringing played a very significant part of his life as well as attending Catholic grade school.

"Throughout my high school and college career at Indiana State University, I envisioned a teaching career, and I had the good fortune to teach for 23 years," he said.

"I also had visions of a calling from God, and it came at a point where it was most difficult to give up a teaching career that I really enjoyed. But when it came, I gave it up to enjoy the seminary at St. John Seminary in Brighton, Mass."

After ordination, he was assigned to St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne and then to Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn. And this year he was assigned as an associate at Holy Family Parish in South Bend, "which I thoroughly enjoy."

South Bend Serrans expand membership

SOUTH BEND — Joining the expanding membership of the Serra Club of South Bend at recent installation ceremonies were Penny Cyr and Ned Schmizzi. George A. Resnik, former district governor of Serra and Serra president Deacon Ronald J. Moser conducted the ceremonies. — EJD



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The Good News in Education

Diocesan schools celebrate Good News

BY FATHER STEVE KEMPINGER, CSC

The television commercials, "Back to School" sales and the August weather announce to the world that it is time for school to begin. Forty-four schools across our diocese begin to come to life. Administrators, teachers and support staff begin to prepare for the exciting day when students of all ages begin the new school year. For me, this is a very special new school year as I start my new ministry as superintendent.

Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education is the national theme for Catholic Schools this year. The logo features an open book, symbolizing both the Bible and knowledge and underscoring the Christ-centered foundation and academic excellence of Catholic schools. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the good news shines forth in 44 schools and is reflected upon the 13,500 students who walk through our doors every school day. We have over 900 teachers that through their professionalism, personal sacrifices and daily witness to the faith, model for our students the Christ-centered foundation that integrates learning and faith.

The good news in education is reflected in the outcomes that are our students. Catholic schools make a major impact on their students and how they perform as compared to other students nationwide. This is witnessed in their performance on standardized tests such as the ISTEP+. Recently in the news we see that a majority of our schools have been recognized by the state of Indiana as showing "exemplary progress" towards their accreditation status. Study after study has shown that Catholic school graduates continue their faith lives in parishes across our country and are more likely to volunteer or provide some service to the poor. Catholic schools continue to bring the good news well after graduation.

I have been asked on several occasions what is the best way to help our Catholic schools. The answer is simple. Participate in the life of your parish. By going to Mass



FATHER STEVE KEMPINGER, CSC

regularly, a person is modeling for our young people what it means to be a faithful servant of Christ. In practicing Christian stewardship by sharing your time, talent and treasure, with your parish, a person educates our young people on the importance of giving back to God a portion

of all the gifts that God has given us. On average, the tuition at our schools only covers two-thirds of the cost to educate our students. Using your envelopes, participating in the Annual Bishop's Appeal and Legacy of Faith campaigns help make up the difference. Your participation in the life of your parish makes you part of the good news in education.

By our common baptism, we are called to go and preach the good news to all nations. The second suggestion for helping our schools is just as simple as the first. Spread the good news in education by telling others all the good things that are occurring at our schools. The individual message from one parent to another is the best marketing a school can have. Our successes speak for themselves; all that is needed is the invitation. Be a part of the good news in education by inviting others to experience it themselves.

I never imagined that I would hold such a position in educational leadership. My vocation as a religious and priest was grounded in my vocation as a teacher. As a Holy Cross religious, I truly believe in our founders words of wisdom. Father Basil Moreau, CSC, called on his fellow religious to be educators in the faith by educating the minds and hearts of students. My prayer for this school year is that every child's mind and heart will be touched by the love and wisdom that Christ offers each of us.

Father Steve Kempinger, CSC, is the superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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Six diocesan elementary schools welcome new leadership

BY KAY COZAD

As the 2006-2007 school year opens around the area, the elementary schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are anticipating an exciting new year. Staff and students alike are welcoming new principals in six elementary schools.

Ali Bergman

In Fort Wayne, Ali Bergman will take the helm at Most Precious Blood School. She brings a background of business administration as well as six years of teaching experience to the position. She, with the positive and enthusiastic staff, plans to work toward increasing enrollment as well as increasing the Catholic identity of the student population of this preschool through eighth grade elementary.

Bergman also believes "community is first" and plans to work closely with the pastor there to bring the parish and school together as community. She and her husband, Kelly, and their three children reside in Garrett where they attend St. Joseph Parish.

Jane Sandor

St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, welcomes Jane Sandor as administrator. With a master's degree in educational leadership, 11 years of teaching experience and two years in administration, Sandor feels she was called to lead the staff and students of St. John.

She and the dedicated staff there plan to create longevity in this neighborhood school, where she also hopes to nurture faith within the student body to "help the children develop into good Catholic faith-filled adults." She and husband John have three children and two grandchildren and are parishioners of St. Vincent Church.



DON CLEMMER

New principals of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are commissioned after Mass at the principal's meeting at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw. Also at the Mass, Father Steve Kempinger, CSC, was commissioned as the new superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Steve Donndelinger

Steve Donndelinger has accepted the principal's position at St. Jude School in South Bend, where he and his wife, Kelly, have been members of the parish for six years. With an academic degree from Notre Dame, Donndelinger taught fourth grade for four years in the Catholic schools before deciding to "step out and take a leadership role."

St. Jude was a perfect fit. Because the school has undergone several transitions in the recent past, he intends to "ensure the strength and health of the school" and his vision for the future includes, using innovative curriculum, integrating subject areas, service outreach and the facilitation of better communication between school and family. He hopes to increase the faith

component "one step at a time."

Suzan LaPeer

Also in South Bend, Corpus Christi opens its doors with Suzan LaPeer as administrative head. She comes to the South Bend from the Diocese of Gary and brings 15 years of teaching experience and 21 years in administration.

The sense of family is strong among the staff of the school of over 400, says LaPeer. She adds that she believes that the purpose of Catholic education is to uplift and give hope.

"We want to lead the children to a deeper relationship with Jesus," LaPeer said. She hopes to lay the foundation of faith within the elementary years to insure a solid faith in later life. She is a new member of Corpus Christi Parish.

Charles Grimm

Charles Grimm, incoming principal of St. Aloysius, Yoder, agrees with LaPeer, saying, "Catholic education is so strong in the fundamentals and we can talk about God."

Grimm, a member of St. Mary Parish, Decatur, lives with his seven-year-old Lab, Zoey. He holds a master's degree in education and administration and 15 years of teaching experience including reading readiness and development direction. Grimm also brings six years of administrative experience to the job.

His vision for St. Aloysius School is to increase enrollment and continue to "provide the quality education it has put out all these years."

Theresa Carroll

Theresa Carroll, St. Bernard School's new principal, in Wabash, holds a master's degree in administration and supervision and has completed the Prospective Principals' Program. Carroll brings 14 years of teaching experience to her new post where she intends to work to increase enrollment and community awareness.

She knows the staff members well having taught the last 11 years of her career there. She looks forward to guiding them in continuing the "high academic standards they already have there" where she feels the family environment keeps her close to God. Carroll has one son and is a long time member of St. Bernard Parish.

Prospective Principals Program

The Prospective Principals Program is a two year program offered through the diocesan Catholic Schools Office. Several of these new principals have completed the training that includes an overview of budgeting, reviewing policy and procedure, community relations, legal issues, supervision involvement and board meetings.

The candidates also have the opportunity to shadow a veteran principal. The second year of the program involves leadership personality testing and nurturing the faith as spiritual, academic and instructional leaders. The training is made possible through a grant from Our Sunday Visitor.

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University of Saint Francis extends a gift to Catholic school teachers

BY SISTER JANE CAREW

The 44 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend aspire to have "Catholic identity" as the number one priority. In the four Catholic high schools, all teachers of religion must have or be working toward a master's degree in theological studies. Thus, 25 competent teachers along with theologically astute pastoral ministers and priest chaplains become the leaders and leaven of faith formation.

In many Catholic elementary schools full-time religion teachers trained through a two-year program, Education for Ministry, and based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Scriptures competently teach grades 6, 7 and 8 religion full time.

A growing opportunity has arisen for all elementary Catholic school teachers through the education department at the University of Saint Francis. For the past three summers they have given three master's-level credits for a course, which focuses on methodology for the teaching of religion as well as religious content. The state of Indiana accepts this course as one of two needed every five years for license renewal. For a very reasonable cost, teachers are strengthened in their faith and taught the major issues of methodology as developed in the 2004 edition of the National Directory for Catechesis for use in the United States.

In dialogue with the University of Saint Francis, the Catholic Schools Office helped to establish the first summer course in June of 2004. This was held in Kendallville at Immaculate Conception Education Center. Eighteen teachers responded positively, but few were from South Bend because of the longer daily ride. Last summer the course was attended by 18 in Warsaw with very positive results. However, the same frustration of two hours



MARY KAY DANCE

of driving each day was expressed. South Bend teachers encouraged us to have a course given there.

Listening to their promptings, the Catholic Schools Office in collaboration with the Office of Catechesis ventured to offer the course titled "The Mystery of God: Journey of the Catholic Educator" in both Fort Wayne and South Bend.

Applications began to accumulate. Wanting to keep the class around 25 in number, soon it was evident that the South Bend class was over the mark. As the numbers topped the 30s, a new presenter was sought. As the deadline for registrations came to closure, 29 signed up in Fort Wayne and 50 in South Bend. Registration was coming in from 25 schools.

Classes began on June 19 with four-hour sessions each day for two weeks. Fort Wayne teachers met at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center with Meg Hanlon from the religion department at

Bishop Luers High School as presenter. The Fort Wayne teachers had an added bonus of visiting the Cathedral Bookstore during their breaks.

In South Bend, Vicki Schwab from Marian High School's religion department taught 24 teachers at Marian. Greg Doyle of the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame agreed to teach the third group of teachers at Saint Joseph's High School.

As time progressed, all the news seemed very positive. Evaluations at the closure confirmed this. One teacher stated that her "passion for teaching religion was strengthened." She is thankful every day to teach religion, but this course reinforced

for her how important this work is. "The course was more than I imagined it could be. Everyday was packed full of great information." Another teacher stated in her evaluation, "This course has impacted my faith in God because I can defend my faith more due to the knowledge I have gained."

Another teacher wrote, "I learned so much about the doctrine of the Catholic faith and the history of the church. Saying the Apostles Creed means so much more to me now as I understand the struggles the church went through to protect our beliefs."

Yet another teacher said, "This course has given me the scriptural background for many of the

Instructor Vicki Schwab of Marian's theology department moderates the course, "Understanding the Mystery of God: The Journey of the Catholic Educator." The course was offered in South Bend and Fort Wayne this summer. Pictured, from left, are Judy King of Holy Family School, Kathy Leyes of Corpus Christi School and Mary Dornbos of Holy Family.

beliefs I hold dearly in my heart. My passion for God is already a vivid part of my life ... I love how I have been taught to evaluate and give evidence for these beliefs." All the evaluations gleaned these types of statements.

Each teacher listed the strengths of the program. In each class the three presenters were individually affirmed as being passionate about their faith, fantastic teachers, knowledgeable about their subject matter and providing great methodology and resources.

Assignments, projects and group discussions strengthened the learning methodology. Teachers enjoyed meeting others from surrounding schools and new friendships were formed. Many expressed a new confidence in teaching the faith. Many teachers want to encourage others on their staffs to take advantage of this wonderful experience next summer.

In three summers 105 teachers have completed the course and gained a requirement for license renewal.

The diocese thanks the University of Saint Francis for such a gift. Also recognized in gratitude is Greg, Vicki and Meg for witnessing and modeling the ideal of being faith-filled catechists. Many children will benefit from all these instructors gave to strengthen this most profound ministry of catechesis in the diocese.

Sister Jane Carew is the director of the Office of Catechesis for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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EDITORIAL

The priority of peace over discord

Because we live in a world so torn by discord and conflict, we might assume that this is simply the way things have always been and, in fact, somehow the way God intended it, and that peace and harmony are necessarily the product of division and conflict.

Yet an important doctrine of our faith is that it was not so in the beginning and was not intended so by the Lord; that is, as Father Robert Barron, a priest and theologian from Chicago has written, a truly Catholic faith affirms the priority, both temporally and ontologically (in the very structure of reality), of peace.

All the discord and division we experience — beginning with the internal contradictions that mar our own inner lives to the military conflicts in Lebanon, Iraq, the Sudan and elsewhere — are ultimately the product of, and witness to, human sinfulness. As a result of the fall, the entire cosmos has been wrenched as it were, and conflict and confrontation might appear second nature to us. Yet this is not how it was intended in the beginning, and the accounts related in the first four chapters of Genesis teach us in a powerful way that alienation, discord, and envy and the violence, which attaches ultimately to these, have afflicted the human family seemingly since the beginning — but also that it was neither the way things were in the beginning nor the way God intends them at the end.

To live in the here and the now as citizens of God's city, members of his kingdom, is to embrace the temporal and ontological priority of peace. It means we must undergo the conversion not only of our hearts, but also our imaginations, which are often trapped in the "dog-eat-dog" world-view whose origins can be found in Cain's jealousy of Abel. If, by grace, we are released from the tired and cramped constraints of a fallen imagination, we can live, think, feel and conceive of things not under the worn rubrics of power, domination, personal advantage and self-interest (all aspects of what St Augustine called the "libido dominandi" — the desire to dominate and manipulate others, found in us individually and writ-large in societies and cultures), but under the banner of agapic love, which Pope Benedict has reminded us is the only sane and salvific alternative in the face of so much human sadness.

Peace, St Augustine taught, is "tranquillitas ordinis," the harmony found in the right ordering of things, beginning with the right ordering of our lives. Sin, disordered love, has introduced disorder into our lives and our world on a massive scale. The true beginning or starting-point for peace in our world must begin with personal conversion: the commitment, under grace, to order our lives rightly in accord with our vocation to holiness in God's original plan for the human family.

Today's Catholic editorial board consists of Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Ann Carey, Don Clemmer, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Michael Heintz, Tim Johnson, Vince LaBarbera and Msgr. J. William Lester.



* WOWWW! SAY A PRAYER THAT WE CAN STAY UP HERE FOREVER, MOM!"

COMMENTARY

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Cathedral plans lending library

A lending library of Catholic materials is now being developed at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Donations of books, tapes and a few periodicals for children and adults are sought on these topics: our Blessed Mother; the Bible — history and commentaries; church documents and papal writings; biographies of the popes, saints and other significant figures; prayer/devotion books; inspirational works and spiritual development, among others.

Individuals wishing to donate items may bring their books/materials to the parish office in the Cathedral Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., weekdays. You may call the parish office, (260) 424-1485, to leave a message or to inquire further about this project.

Thank you for your interest in our efforts. Your gifts will be seriously appreciated. All appropriate items will be prepared and made available for lending to interested library patrons from our parish and

beyond. Any gift received, which is not within our scope, will be passed on. We look forward to announcing the grand opening of our library sometime in the fall, 2006.

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Committee on Church in Latin America sends thanks

Dear Bishop D'Arcy,

Thank you for the most recent contribution of \$70,651.48 to the 2006 Collection for the Church in Latin America. As of this date, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has contributed a total of \$70,651.48. Our Committee on the Church in Latin America is most grateful.

As you know, one of the committee's major responsibilities is to provide grants to projects that address the pastoral needs of the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. It is through your sup-

port and the generosity of the faithful in your diocese that we have been blessed with the ability to respond year after year. In 2005, the committee was able to award 462 grants totaling 4.7 million dollars.

These grants responded to the self-identified needs of the church across the hemisphere and included funding for: 102 parish-based projects, 150 diocesan programs, 32 seminaries, 18 national episcopal conferences and 81 religious congregations. I thank you for your financial support and prayers this year and your ongoing leadership and assistance in the years to come.

May the Lord continue to bless you, your ministry and the Catholic faithful of your diocese, so that, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother, we will all draw closer together in communion and solidarity throughout this American hemisphere.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. John R. Manz
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Chairman Committee on the
Church in Latin America

Pope's translated book worth reading

BY MICHAEL HEINTZ

I am sometimes asked what the best "starting point" is for understanding Pope Benedict's thought. Until quite recently, I usually suggested reading "Salt of the Earth" or "God and the World," two book-length interviews by the journalist Peter Seewald, the first a little more user-friendly than the second, which is a bit more challenging on the reader. However, a recent and slender volume only lately appearing from Ignatius Press provides the best orientation and introduction to the thought of the man who became the 264th successor to St. Peter.

Originally published in German in 1965, "What it Means to be a Christian" has only this year been translated for the first time into English. This little book contains the text of three homilies given during Advent, 1964, to college students gathered at the Cathedral at Münster. To my mind, these three talks capture the key features and lineaments of the thought of Joseph Ratzinger, ideas which one can trace in development through his magisterial and beautiful Introduction to Christianity (1968) to his later publications and works as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and, most recently, his first encyclical letter, "God is Love."

The first homily contends that the life of the Christian is one of perpetual Advent, where Christ is always the one who comes, and that in the life of the believer the easy-made distinctions between "saved" and "reprobate," between "redeemed" and "unredeemed" are far less clear. In fact, each believer experiences in the very fiber of his being this rift between what is redeemed and what has yet to experience conversion, and one can see this macrocosmically, so to speak, in our world today, riven with conflict, violence and sadness.

He concludes by suggesting that God's two most basic modes of revelation are his creation and what Ratzinger calls his "hiddenness" — the fact that God has chosen to reveal himself in human history in the most unassuming, least likely, of ways: the seemingly insignificant people called as Israel in an infant born in the outskirts of an obscure village in

a backwater province of the ancient world; in a Man who dies an ignominious death on a cross.

His second homily emphasizes that to be a Christian is to be "for" others, to be available to them, to exist for them. The occupational hazard of being a believer is to think that the divine gift of faith has been given for our own use — as though we are to sit back, complacent and self-satisfied, confident in the faith we have received. Rather, one is given the faith precisely, Ratzinger urges, to be at the service of the other. To acknowledge that "God loves me" entails enormous responsibility and necessarily demands service (a theme we can see clearly in his first encyclical).

His last homily introduces a concept dear to Ratzinger's thought and one that recurs later in what might be argued his finest work, his "Introduction to Christianity," and which he calls "the law of superabundance." Drawing on Mt 5:20, where Jesus suggests that the righteousness of his followers must possess a superabundance (periseuein) not found in that of the scribes and pharisees, Ratzinger suggests what motivates the Christian is not the desire to fulfill the precept of the moral law, but the desire to go beyond the mere precept, to seek the good without any "calculation"; in short, without the calculus of self-interest. And it is precisely in this way that the essence of the Christian life can be understood as agapic, self-emptying love.

While to my mind, Joseph Ratzinger's "Introduction to Christianity," a demanding read, which nonetheless repays the effort, is perhaps his finest work, "What it Means to be a Christian" is perhaps the most accessible, most beautiful and most compelling exposé of his view of the life of the believer today. Everyone should read it.

Father Michael Heintz is the rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

'Pre-seminary' houses altar boys for St. Peter's Basilica

VATICAN CITY — Silently processing out of the sacristy of St. Peter's Basilica at 7 a.m. each day, the altar servers look like angels, but the women who cook and clean for them say they are normal boys.

Well, maybe not totally normal. After all, these 11- to 18-year-olds live at the Vatican during the school year.

During the 2005-06 academic year, 21 of them ate, slept, studied and occasionally created chaos at the St. Pius X pre-seminary inside the Vatican walls.

Father Enrico Radice, rector of the pre-seminary, said four students graduated from high school in June, and three of them are entering diocesan seminaries in September.

This year's percentage of students going on to a full-fledged seminary is high, even by Vatican standards, he said. About 10 percent of the 700 boys who have lived at the pre-seminary in the past 50 years have become priests.

Some of the boys return home before finishing high school, and one or two, suffering severe cases of homesickness, leave before their first Christmas at the Vatican,

according to the women who not only cook and clean, but also confess to mothering the boys on occasion.

The pre-seminary opened its doors in 1956 at the urging of Father Giovanni Folci, a priest of the Diocese of Como, Italy, who founded an association of priests committed to promoting vocations to the priesthood. The association, still made up mostly of Como priests like Father Radice, runs the pre-seminary.

During the academic year, the students attend a Catholic middle school or high school near the Vatican. Their altar-serving lessons, prayer life and recreation are in the hands of the rector, another priest and a layman.

Two women run the kitchen and two others take care of the cleaning and laundry. But they also watch over the boys, listen to them, and cry when they leave.

Because St. Peter's Basilica needs altar servers year-round, the pre-seminary never closes its doors.

In the summer, it turns into something resembling an altar boy camp. Taking 20-day shifts, altar

THE VATICAN LETTER

JOHN THAVIS

boys from all over Italy come to the Vatican to serve from late June to early August. Service for the remainder of August and early September is in the hands of a group of altar boys from Malta.

"We spend the first day teaching them everything they need to know" to serve Mass in St. Peter's, including where to enter the basilica, what vestments they need to wear and where the various altars are located, Father Radice said.

"Obviously, they speak Italian and know only the little bit of English or French they study at school, so unless the Mass is in Italian, they cannot respond. Although some of them know some of the responses in Latin," he said.

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We must eat to have eternal life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 6:51-58.

The Book of Proverbs furnishes this weekend's first reading. Its origins are interesting. As time passed, and as events unfolded, many Jews left the Holy Land, the land that they believed had been God's gift to their ancestors, for places with greater economic opportunity and perhaps more personal freedom.

Jews at home in the Holy Land increasingly had to contend with the presence of persons whose cultural and religious ties were elsewhere. By invasion, or merely by migration, people not of Hebrew ethnicity or religious belief had come into the land.

A series of biblical works arose, occasioned either by the need to confront paganism, or to convince readers of the credibility of the ancient Jewish religion in the face of contesting pagan theologies and value systems.

Proverbs stresses human logic and wisdom, but only to the extent, it insists, that God's revelation, as heard from Moses and the prophets, constitutes the greatest wisdom. Wisdom, of course, is the human ability to perceive reality, and not to imagine.

Proverbs presents wisdom as if

wisdom were a person. It is the author's effort to say that wisdom comes from God. Only God possesses true wisdom.

For its second reading, the church this weekend offers us a passage from the Epistle to the Ephesians. At times, it is easy to presume that the earliest communities of Christians were marked by harmony and unity, in action and in belief. The evidence from the New Testament is abundant in telling us that the contrary pertained.

Not all the first Christians were angels on earth, by any means. They did not always love each other. They quarreled. They disputed. And they did not always act in unison.

Thus, the theme of conciliation and common cause, based firmly on faith in the Lord Jesus and love for each other and for all people, runs throughout the Pauline literature.

This weekend's reading from Ephesians is within this framework. It calls all the Christians of Ephesus to morality and to faith.

St. John's Gospel provides the last reading. It is a compelling, magnificent Scripture. It beautifully follows the reading of last weekend and that of three weekends ago. These past readings, and the reading for this weekend, are wonderful in their messages of our needs, of God's lavish provision for our needs, and of the implications for the Eucharist.

This weekend's reading frankly states that many who heard Jesus could not understand, or accept, the admonition that of have eternal life they must "eat the flesh of the Son of Man."

Nevertheless, Jesus persisted. Only those who eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink the blood of the Son of Man, will live.

Reflection

We modern humans are not as different from the people alive in the first-century Palestine as we may think. Basically, we are the same as were they. They had trouble in grasping the meaning of the Lord's words. So do we.

The common denominator is that humans, they and we included, are limited. The most binding limitation is that produced by sin. Sin does not make us free. It enslaves us. It does not open our minds. It confuses us and distorts reality.

Such was, and is, the message of Proverbs. To be wise, we need to know God and to learn from God. Only in God is truth. God cannot deceive. His word everlastingly is perfect truth.

Jesus, the Son of God, spoke God's truth. We must eat the flesh of the Son of Man to have eternal life. We rid ourselves of our limitations when we are virtuous, when we are faithful. Ephesians applies to us. The wonder is that God has spoken to us. We must prepare ourselves to hear God's wisdom.

READINGS

20th week of ordinary time

Monday: Ez 24:15-24 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9-14 Mt 23:1-12

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In the month named for Augustus Caesar, this quiz looks at Caesars.

- Why is Julius Caesar not featured in the New Testament?**
 - Because he was a pagan and Jews refused to recognize him as a ruler.
 - Because he claimed to be a god.
 - Because he was dead well before the New Testament age.
- Which Caesar ruled when Jesus was born?**
 - Augustus
 - Tiberius
 - We don't know
- How do we know?**
 - Because Luke's Gospel is clear that Augustus demanded a census "of the whole world."
 - Because he was Caesar when Jesus died, so it is only fitting he was there when Jesus was born.
 - Because the chronology of the Bible is vague. It could have been any Roman emperor.
- This Caesar was the emperor who ruled shortly after the death and resurrection of Christ:**
 - Romulus
 - Caligula (Gaius)
 - Hadrian
- This Caesar was the one who reigned when Jesus was put to death:**
 - Tiberius
 - Domitian
 - Julian the Apostate
- And this Caesar was the one who exiled John to Patmos:**
 - Tiberius
 - Julian the Apostate
 - Domitian
- This emperor, who was notorious even amongst pagans, blamed the Christian community for burning Rome and is the best candidate to be the Beast (666 and all):**
 - Galba
 - Otho
 - Nero
- Amongst the Jews, including the disciples, "Caesar" often referred to this, rather than a person:**
 - The law
 - The political authorities, government
 - Gentiles in general, more specifically polytheists
- What did Jesus note included a likeness of Caesar?**
 - the Holy of Holies
 - the statue of Tiberius, which was placed in the Temple by Herod
 - a coin
- What did Jesus advise doing with those things that belonged to Caesar?**
 - They should be cast out as graven images.
 - They should be worshipped since there was no harm, if you knew they were just men.
 - They should be "rendered unto" (given to) Caesar.
- Caesarea was named after Augustus. Who built this sycophantic city?**
 - Herod the Great
 - Herod Antipasta
 - Pontius Pilate
- Although sometimes details are missing about the disciples, we learn this unusual fact about Philip who resided in Caesarea:**
 - He had four cats and a dog that looked like a cat.
 - He had four unmarried daughters all who were gifted with prophesy.
 - He was the first polygamist to become a disciple, and his three wives were amongst the first deaconesses.
- The fact that he had appealed to Caesar was, according to Agrippa, the only reason that this man could not just be freed:**
 - Jesus
 - Peter
 - Paul
- Caesarea Philippi is another Holy Land city, and thought to be near the scene of this significant statement by Peter:**
 - Hey Judas, I can see your house from here.
 - You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.
 - Man does not live by bread alone.
- It is also likely near this same town, in the area of Mt. Heron, that this significant transforming event took place:**
 - The flagellation
 - The vinitation (changing of wine into water)
 - The Transfiguration

ANSWERS:

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

Two New Testament Jameses create confusion through history

I'm confused about the apostles James and James. Which one was killed in Jerusalem and who was buried in Spain?, D.W., South Bend

There are many Jameses mentioned in the New Testament, and there have been arguments throughout the history of the church about which of the Jameses are separate individuals and which are the same person.

James, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of John the Apostle, was one of the Twelve Apostles. This James was in the fishing industry with his family and Peter the Apostle. He is often called James the Greater, possibly because he was taller. James and John were called "sons of thunder," possibly because of a fiery temperament characteristic of Galileans. James, John and Peter were at certain scenes with Jesus without the other apostles, such as the raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead, the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor and the agony in the

garden of Gethsemane. The mother of James, or the wife of Zebedee, is also mentioned. She asks Jesus to place her sons on his right and left in his kingdom.

The Acts of the Apostles mentions that King Herod Agrippa, who ruled Judea from A.D. 41-44, beheaded James, the brother of John, in A.D. 42. The New American Bible mentions that Herod Agrippa had a policy of conciliating his Jewish subjects. The Christians had lost the popularity they had had in Jerusalem, perhaps because of suspicions against them traceable to the teaching of Stephen, the first Christian martyr who was stoned to death. This James was the first apostle to die after Judas Iscariot. His brother John was the last apostle to die c. A.D. 100.

Tradition says that this James may have visited Spain on a missionary journey and that, after his decapitation in Israel, his relics or bones were carried to Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain, 35 kilometers from the Atlantic Ocean. The town is dominated by

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

Monte Pedro 2,470 feet high.

In A.D. 813 the tomb and bones of James were found. There were reports of miracles, and soon great throngs of people were flocking to Santiago to honor the relics of St. James. King Alfonso III had a basilica built above the tomb of James in A.D. 896. So Santiago became the most important place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages next to Rome and Jerusalem. James became the patron saint of Spain.

The pilgrimage route, called the Way of St. James, passed through the Spanish cities of Pamplona, Logrono, Burgos and Leon. The pilgrimage route was lined by monasteries, churches

and hostels maintained by the Benedictines, secular orders and local bishops. The 12th-century Armenian cathedral of St. James in Jerusalem is the shrine of the head of James.

There is another member of the Twelve Apostles called James, the son of Alphaeus. He was present in the Upper Room at Jerusalem after the Ascension of Jesus when Matthias was elected to take the place of Judas Iscariot.

James, the son of Alphaeus, has often been identified with James, the brother of the Lord, who was head of the Christian community in Jerusalem, but many modern scholars feel they are two separate people. The risen Christ appeared to James, the brother of the Lord, and this James freed the new gentile Christians from all but four Jewish obligations.

This James was martyred in A.D. 62. He was thrown down into the ravine from the top of the Temple area wall and clubbed out of his misery by a fuller in the

valley below.

Alphaeus is also the name of the father of Levi or Matthew the apostle. Father John McKenzie feels these two Alphaeuses are two separate people. James, the son of Alphaeus, is connected with Philip the apostle and their feast, Ss. Philip and James, is celebrated on May 3.

Today's Catholic welcomes questions from readers to pose to Father Richard Hire, Father Michael Heintz, Father Mark Gurtner and the Office of Worship. Please e-mail your questions to editor@fw.diocese-fwsb.org or mail them to *Today's Catholic*, That's A Good Question, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856. Include your name, city and an e-mail address or phone number so we can contact you if necessary. Anonymity will be preserved upon request.

Marriage, courts and the amendment

Ironically, I got into my first protracted discussion about the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) at a wedding reception a few years back. My interlocutors were two prominent political philosophers of a generally conservative (or, if the term hasn't become unfit for family newspapers, neoconservative) temperament. Both were against amending the Constitution to define "marriage" as the union of a man and a woman, and their arguments were, in some sense, aesthetic: the Constitution is a beautiful text; amending it should only be done under the gravest circumstances; one shouldn't amend the Constitution to resolve a policy issue that should be settled legislatively. To do so was to mar the text, like defacing a painting or taking a hammer to a sculpture.

The notion that we were governed by the text of the Constitution was a pious memory, I replied; we hadn't been governed that way for decades. Yes, it was a shame that the framers' beautifully balanced text had to be subjected to amendments in order to resolve issues so obviously within the purview of the people and their duly-elected representatives. But, I argued, if the Constitution weren't amended to defend the institution of marriage (in which both of my friends were, and are, devout believers) the federal courts were going to "amend" the Constitution for us by finding a right to "gay marriage" in the same way they had found a "right to abortion" — by inventing it, in an exercise in tortured jurisprudential logic.

While I haven't talked to my friends since the FMA failed to get a simple majority in the Senate in June, my hunch is that they've both had second thoughts about the necessity of a federal constitutional amendment on

marriage

Why? Because they'll likely have had a chance to think through the implications of the Supreme Court's decision — and Justice Anthony Kennedy's decisive opinion — in *Lawrence vs. Texas*, the 2003 decision that struck down a Texas statute criminalizing sodomy. The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts explicitly cited *Lawrence* in the *Goodridge* decision, by which the Massachusetts Supremes rejected that state's practice of issuing marriage licenses to Adam and Eve, but not to Adam and Steve or to Eve and Bertha.

The way in which Justice Kennedy settled *Lawrence* is a wedge that threatens to open up a chamber of judicial horrors. Kennedy argued that the distinction between heterosexual and homosexual relationships did not meet the court's "rational basis" standard for judging what constitutes a discriminatory statute. But if that is true — as the Massachusetts Supremes understood — then there is no constitutionally serious basis for denying Adam the right to "marry" Steve, or Eve to "marry" Bertha. Justice Kennedy's subsequent claim that his *Lawrence* decision didn't have clear implications for the same-sex "marriage" debate won't wash.

As for the chamber of horrors: if the standard that Justice Kennedy applied in *Lawrence* must, as a matter of logic, open the door to same-sex "marriage," then what is to prevent its being used to create a "right" to polygamy? Or a "right" to a marital threesome? Or foursome? Or whatever? Critics of the FMA claim that raising such alarms is a matter of scare tactics. In fact, though, you can find arguments in favor of legalized polygamy, polyandry, polyamory, and all the rest in the leading law reviews of



GEORGE WEIGEL

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

the country.

And what would be the result of a constitutional "development" in this direction? In a striking article in the June 5 issue of the *Weekly Standard*, Stanley Kurtz argues that it might well lead to the end of democracy. For the social mores attendant upon polygamy, polyandry and the polymorphous perversity of polyamory are incompatible with the social mores necessary for a self-governing democracy. I won't attempt to summarize Dr. Kurtz's brilliant essay; suffice it to say that you should read it (www.weeklystandard.com), and then give it to every senator who says that the Federal Marriage Amendment is unnecessary.

Marriage, Kurtz writes, is about "sustaining the conditions in which freedom can thrive." That's what's at stake in the FMA, and our representatives in the House and Senate must be made to know it.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for August 20, 2006

John 6:51-58

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: more explanation on the Bread from Heaven teaching. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LIVING BREAD	CAME DOWN	HEAVEN
FOREVER	WORLD	FLESH
TO EAT	UNLESS	SON OF MAN
DRINK	HIS BLOOD	ETERNAL
RAISE HIM	LAST DAY	I IN HIM
FATHER	SENT ME	BECAUSE
DIED	EATS THIS	WILL LIVE

TRUE FOOD

N A N A W I L L L I V E
 U N L E S S K N I R D A
 D K W L Y A D T S A L T
 C O B E C A U S E I R S
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LETTER

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reserve a chapel or an altar, bishops and priests from around the world arrive at St. Peter's between 7 and 8 a.m. to celebrate Mass in the world's largest church.

The altar boys from the pre-seminary lead the bishops and priests from the sacristy to their assigned altar and serve their Masses, unless another priest, deacon or altar server is with the visitor.

Father Radice said the pre-seminary purposely does not call itself a minor seminary; its primary function is not to prepare young men to enter a seminary.

"Our first aim is to provide a

decorous liturgical service in St. Peter's Basilica. We try to create a spiritual atmosphere appropriate for that service," he said.

When the pre-seminary is effective, he said, the boys get more of a taste of what the priesthood would be like than they would as altar servers in their home parish.

While serving daily Mass is their primary responsibility, Father Radice said, "at least two or three times a year" each of the boys enrolled in the pre-seminary gets a chance to serve a papal Mass.

Unfortunately, he said, the same does not apply to the summer substitutes because the pope is away for most of the season. The group usually poses for a photograph with the pope when he comes for his weekly general audience.

Proud to be Marian Knights, now and forever

Of all the challenges that we face in putting together a successful baseball program each spring, the least of my worries as the head coach at Mishawaka Marian High School is instilling pride. Instilling pride in being a Marian Knight is the easiest of our tasks.

Now I have to admit, I am biased. I attended Marian from 1975-78 and captained the baseball and basketball teams. I was an easy sell. I bought in.

But the longer I coach at Marian, the easier it is to sell the message to our players: We have an awful lot to be proud of as members of the Marian family.

My journey to Marian was a bit unexpected. I was the youngest son of a working-class family from the rural south side of South Bend. Neither of my older brothers attended Marian. Although I was a very good student, attending college didn't become a burning aspiration until I reached Marian. Part of that had to do with age and maturity. But a big part of it was the environment at Marian.

For me, Marian was a place that was conducive for learning. I enjoyed being there. I never experienced the "I can't wait to get out of here" attitude that often strikes high school students, particularly during their senior year. I was ready to move

on to the next phase of my life, but it wasn't because I had to "get away" from Marian.

Some people call college the best four years of their life. Earning a bachelor of arts degree from Notre Dame was one of the highlights of my life. But the four best years of my life were at Marian.

I remember my sophomore year most fondly. It was during that school year that we bonded as a class. The friendships we developed, male and female, were genuine and heartfelt. I never felt like people really and truly cared about me the way I felt during my years at Marian.

I haven't maintained many of the close relationships that some of my classmates have, but my wife and I have attended all five of my Marian reunions and thoroughly enjoyed them. Our 30th reunion will be in two years, and I just spoke to a fellow graduate a few weeks ago about making sure we get it organized for the summer of 2008.

Why and how did this happen with the Marian graduating class of 1978? A lot has to do with the students and the parents. Obviously we're talking about a pretty good group of people.

But it's also the Marian environment that fosters a spirit of togetherness. And quite frankly, I don't think that spirit of

togetherness can be created quite like that without the strong sense of spirituality that exists within the school.

While you're a student at Marian, you may not appreciate that spirituality. You're a teenager whose senses are being overwhelmed by other factors. But it's that spirituality that ultimately ties it all together when those reunion invitations go out in the mail.

I'm sure not every Marian graduate has felt this way. But I bet the majority has.

I've always told our players that as Marian students, we should feel like we have an advantage on the baseball field. Some may consider that a bit arrogant and a put-down of other schools. It's not intended to be that. But the fact is that at Marian, we don't have to deal with some issues that other schools have to deal with. We know that every day we walk into a classroom, we're walking into an environment that is conducive to learning. We walk into an environment where the sense of self worth is heightened by the teachers and administrators who comprise Marian High School.

When you're a student at Marian, you look at the discipline applied by administrators as a pain. But when you leave

Marian, get married and have kids, you realize that a Marian High School education has value that can't be measured by a price tag. For my wife and me, it wouldn't matter how much it cost to send our son to Marian. No price would be too high for the lifelong rewards that come with it.

Our baseball team is, generally speaking, comprised of kids who want to contribute to the team concept, want to put the team's well being ahead of their own, and want to do the right thing. Of course, there are exceptions to the rule, and that is one of the challenges that coaches face. But I always know that we have enough character and enough good kids to achieve success.

We certainly don't win them all. We've averaged nearly 20 victories per season, yet we've lost three straight sectional championship games.

But the one thing we've had no problem with is instilling in our players the pride that comes with being a Marian Knight. We



FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

know that we're part of something very special, something so special that a tough loss can never overshadow.

We're proud to be Marian Knights, now and 30 years from now.

Tim Prister is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame, where he was the starting third baseman in 1981-82. Prister also is in his third year as head baseball coach at Marian.

Ruth is an example of fidelity, piety

What is important about Ruth that she gets her own book in the Bible?

The story of Ruth begins with Elimelech, a Judean who settled in Bethlehem in what is now southern Israel. Because of a famine there, Elimelech took his wife Naomi and his two sons Mahlon and Chilion southeast to the plateau of Moab, a field north and south of the Arnon River.

The country of Moab was east of the Dead Sea and south of the Arnon River or Wadi el Mojib. Father John McKenzie says this wadi is a deep and precipitous canyon cut by the stream through the plateau of Moab that makes an impressive sight. A highway descends to the bottom of the canyon and here it is over two miles wide and about 1,300 feet deep. The canyon exits into the Dead Sea where its walls become perpendicular and towering to a height of several hundred feet.

The language of Moab was almost identical with Hebrew. The Moabites had a monarchy before Israel. The boundaries of Moab were fortified. Their chief god was Chemosh.

A major city of Moab is Dibon (or Dhiban), now in the country of Jordan. G. Grenville says here are remains of a Nabataean temple and two sixth-century Byzantine churches. At Dibon in 1868 Father Frederick Klein discovered the famous Moabite stone or Stela of Mesha from B.C. 835 that describes the battle between Mesha, the king of Moab, and Omri, the king of Israel.

The royal city of Moab may be

at Karak (Kir Moab in the Bible and Qerkhah on the Moabite stone) on the ancient caravan route from Egypt to Syria. D. Simonis says here there is a stunning fortified Crusader castle, an orthodox church, and a statue of the Moslem conqueror Saladin.

Elimelech died in Moab and Naomi was left with her two sons who married Moabite women: Orpah and Ruth. Then both the sons died. Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem, since the famine had ended. Orpah stayed with her own people in Moab, but Ruth wanted to accompany Naomi to Bethlehem. Ruth then made an oath: "Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God." In abandoning her country and its pagan worship, Ruth is an example of fidelity and piety.

At Bethlehem Ruth meets Boaz, a wealthy landowner and a kinsman of Naomi who was of the same clan as Elimelech. Boaz took a liking to Ruth. Poverty had obliged Naomi to sell the land of Elimelech. The New American Bible says the Jewish law permitted the nearest kinsman to redeem the land. Since Mahlon, the heir of Elimelech's field, died without children, the nearest of kin could now redeem the land, but he must also take Ruth, the widow, to perpetuate the family of the deceased. The first male child of such a marriage would be the legal son of Mahlon and the grandson of Elimelech.

The closest living relative to



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Elimelech was not interested and renounced his legal claim to the field and to Ruth. Boaz was next in line, so he acquired all the holdings of Elimelech and married Ruth. Ruth gave birth to a son named Obed. Obed became the father of Jesse who became the father of King David. So Ruth is the great grandmother of David and in the lineage of Christ.

The New American Bible says Ruth's spirit of self-sacrifice and her moral integrity were favored by God with the gift of faith and an illustrious marriage whereby she became the ancestress of David and Christ. In this, the universality of the messianic salvation is foreshadowed in Christ. Ruth, a gentile, is an ancestor of David, a Jew. The church Christ founded is open to all people: Jews and gentiles alike.

The Book of Ruth forms a bridge between the period of the judges and the era of the kings. Ruth is placed after Judges because it is related to this time frame. Ruth is placed before Samuel because it offers the background of the dynasty of King David.

Father Chris Cox, CSC

Ordained to the priesthood:
April 10, 1999

Pastor, St. Adalbert and
St. Casimir Parishes, South Bend

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

The biggest influence in my becoming a priest were the examples in my Catholic schools and my home parish. We had great Capuchin priests and Agnesian Sisters. The joy with which they have lived their lives drew me. My hometown is a great Catholic place, Hays, Kans., "the cultural and economic center of western Kansas."

Why do you like being a priest?

Every day is different. Every day, I am invited into some of the most intimate parts of our human experience, the greatest joys and sorrows, gifts and losses, hopes and fears. You can never earn this; it is simply a gift. Daily, I come to know the truth: my vocation is not my gift to God; it is God's gift to me.

Do you have a special interest or hobby?

I love to read. In my childhood, I knew two air-conditioned places: my parish and the public library. On hot summer days, I was frequently found in both.

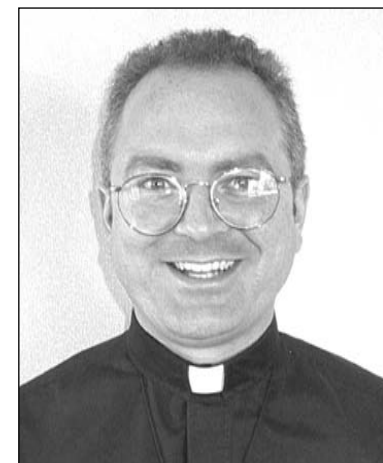
What do you like to do for relaxation?

I visit bookstores. I get away to quiet places, like Lake Michigan.

What is your favorite reading material?

I read everything. I love authors in Spanish like Arturo

Meet The Priest



Perez-Reverte, Gabriel Garcia-Marquez, and Pablo Neruda. Right now, I am reading some Polish history and business books (neither of which were regular reading in the seminary).

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

Everyone is welcome! Our church prays in every language. Our church has such a broad, wonderful tradition. We never throw anything away. We may put it in a closet for a few centuries, but later we pull it out, dust it off and find value anew in our traditions and customs.

What is your favorite prayer or scriptural passage?

My favorite chapter of Scripture is Luke 15. We find three parables there: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost (prodigal) son. The stories tell of the joy of being found. Sooner or later, we all will feel lost, but God relentlessly seeks us out.

How do you prefer to be addressed by laity?

Father Chris is fine.

Sports

CYO WEIGH INS TO BE HELD AUG. 20 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) seventh-and-eighth-grade football team "weigh-ins" are Sunday, Aug. 20, for all players in the league. The season opener is quickly approaching on Aug. 27 at Zollner Stadium. St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne-Benoit Academy-St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel will face St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, St. Therese, St. Aloysius, Yoder (JAT) at 2:30 p.m. Queen of Angels, Most Precious Blood will go up against St. Vincent at 4 p.m. and the 5:30 p.m. game will feature St. Charles against St. Jude.

USF football sets hopes on a national championship

BY G. DAVID BOKHART
AND BILL SCOTT

FORT WAYNE — Teams around the Mid-States Football Association look at the University of Saint Francis (USF) football team and see the glass as half empty.

USF opposition considers the Cougars vulnerable after the departure of the second class of seniors — 19 of them who were 49-4 the last four years. USF head coach Kevin Donley has a different perspective. He feels the glass is half full though he must replace six starters on offense and four on defense in the ninth season in program history. USF will face a schedule that includes five teams that fashioned winning records in 2005 and two NAIA Championship Series qualifiers.

Filling up that glass would mean an eighth consecutive MSFA Mideast League title and an eighth consecutive NAIA

Championship Series berth.

"It is their turn," Donley said referring to Derrick Alderman, Eric Hooks, Jeff Wedding, Brian Smiley, Mickey Cassidy and Doug Wasyk just to mention a few players on offense. "They've got strengths and talents and they've seen what it takes to be winners. They have helped make us a winning program playing on the scout teams."

"Now they've got a chance to put their ability to the test. And the ultimate goal — winning a national championship and bringing it back to Fort Wayne — is still out there, still motivating our players and staff.

"It's not as if they don't have help," Donley said. "A wise,

savvy football coach at Ohio State once told me you can figure on one loss for every freshman you start, but we changed that thinking in 2002 with a new quarterback in charge."

That 2002 Cougars team went

newcomers, which includes 11 young men who were on either on the North or South team in the mid-July Indiana All-Star Classic.

USF welcomes back a very solid defense including two NAIA First-Team All-Americans — inside line-backer Brian Kurtz and interior lineman William

named Football Gazette pre-season first team All-America.

"The big difference on defense is we've got more experience returning from 2005," Donley said. "We're fortunate to have so much experience and talent back. It should take some pressure off our offense, especially early in the season."

Whether it is Hooks or Wedding at quarterback, they do have two experienced receivers to throw to in Zach Rainey and Bo Thompson. Up front the leader is center John Wolf, a full-time starter in 2005, along with part-time starter Smiley and Luke Lichtensteiger, who saw significant playing time as a freshman in 2005.

The Cougars reported to start final preparations for the ninth season on Aug. 16. They will play six home games this season starting, but open on the road at William Penn on Sept. 9. All USF football games can be heard on radio station WSHY 106.3 FM.



Knepper. Paul Carter, who tied for

10-0 after the graduation a talented batch of seniors.

Now Donley isn't so bold to predict a fifth straight unbeaten regular season, but he is confident in the ability and potential in both the returning players and

the NAIA lead in interceptions in 2005 with nine, also returns on defense along with 2005 sacks leader Vincent Price, Cody VanDeursen, Tim Farrell, Mark Drobac and Matt Millhouse. Kurtz, Knepper and Carter were

USF fall sports in capsules

FORT WAYNE — The following are capsules for the rest of the University of Saint Francis (USF) fall athletics programs. Schedules can be accessed at www.sf.edu/athletics.

Soccer — Women

After ending 2005 on the brink of advancing to the NAIA National Championships, head coach Ken Nuber and the Cougar women's soccer team hope to use a penalty-kick loss to Cornerstone University in the NAIA Region VIII semifinals as motivation to complete the job this season and book a trip to Olathe, Kan., for the 2006 national tournament.

"That loss really hurt the team. We had the game won and then fell asleep in the final minutes," Nuber said. "We improved in a lot of ways last season, but our mental toughness is an area of concern now as we look to put it all together."

Leading USF to that end will be senior captain and four-year starter Michelle Austin, who has anchored a very stingy Cougar backline since her rookie campaign in 2003. As a junior, she and then sophomore goalkeeper Stacey Rider led a record-breaking defense, which kept 13 opponents off the scoresheet and set a school-record consecutive scoreless-minutes streak. A capable

nucleus of attacking players return, joined by the largest freshman class in recent memory, to form a championship-quality roster ready for the challenges of the Mid-Central Conference schedule and beyond.

USF's leading returning scorers are central midfielders Laura Leffers, a junior, and sophomore Mary Whisler, who combined for 15 goals and 17 assists in 2005.

Volleyball

Confidence, health, depth — the University of Saint Francis volleyball team will count on all three elements to erase the memory of consecutive sub-.500 seasons after winning the Mid-Central Conference championship in 2003. The sting of losing 2005 seniors Sarah Davis and Hillary Smith is soothed by the return of a solid nucleus of letter-winners and the addition of a heralded rookie class — which has been compared to the group that led the Lady Cougars to the league crown three seasons ago.

Relatively young last year with then-freshmen Cecilia Tieken and Amanda Wiley forced to lead the attack, USF lacked confidence and a killer instinct late in matches, which resulted in five different five-game defeats. The Lady Cougars twice led 2-0 — versus eventual MCC champ

Bethel College Sept. 14 and against Mount Vernon Nazarene University Sept. 24 — before surrendering the final three games of the match.

"Inexperience and youth contributed to those five-game losses and we must become better finishers," coach Hector Kiely said. "Too many times we let games slip from our hands and your confidence can only take so many heart-breaking defeats."

After an injury-riddled 2005, the Lady Cougars are healthy and a re-tooled roster will provide plenty of quality depth at every spot on the court. One of 2004's top performers, Jessica Enterline, played in four matches before being sidelined by a shoulder injury and top blocker Courtney Longardner played with pain throughout the campaign before undergoing off-season surgery.

Soccer — men

Though the Cougars are on the young side with just three seniors and nine juniors back, head coach Mitch Ellisen and assistant G. David Bokhart, a Bishop Luers grad, are confident USF can improve on a 4-15 season in 2005. Team captains Zach Christman and Brandon Ingram have led the way to get the Cougars back on the winning track. Other key returnees include

Joe Carter (Bishop Dwenger), Nick Fowler, Marty Wyss, Jovan Jeftich, John Thede, Bryan Blanks and Nick Swanson. Key newcomers include junior college transfer Amos Rodriguez and Indiana Tech transfer Dusan Friga, and freshmen Nick Anderson and Tyler Lash.

Tennis

The Lady Cougars return an experienced squad with five starters in singles from 2005 intent on moving up in Mid-Central Conference competition. Britny Delaney, a two-time MCC Tournament finalist at No. 1 singles, returns for her senior season. Other returnees include Leia Prezbindowski (senior, No. 3 singles), Krista VanLue (junior, No. 2 singles) and Kelly DeArmond (senior, No. 4 singles) and Andrea Yoder (sophomore, No. 5 singles). The Lady Cougars are coached by Ryan Bolyn and Kristin Harrow. USF was 2-7 overall in 2005, 1-7 in MCC play.

Golf

The USF men are out to improve on a 2005-06 season that included an NAIA Regional berth. Corey Potts, Michael Domenico and Alex Fanning are the top returnees for second-year

coach Chad LaCross. On the women's side, LaCross and new assistant coach Michelle Smith welcome back four of the top five golfers from the program's inaugural season in 2005-06 and a collection of newcomers that give the Lady Cougars an opportunity to be among the best teams in Region VIII. Sophomore April Heyerly leads all returning members with a 92.9 stroke average with classmates Alicia Fox (94.7) and Randi Black (95.4) also turning in solid rookie campaigns. Another returnee, junior Sara Eckert, had a solid fall season with a 101.5 average per round and sophomore Christina Cherrington played in one match last year.

Cross country

James Kearney and Alexandra Hornstein are the top two returnees for second-year coach Sarah Thrall, who is confident USF's team will show notable improvement over 2005. Other returning athletes to watch include Justin Clark and Jon Exner for the men and Abby Rauch and Tiffany Bremer on the women's team. Newcomers to watch include James Dueling, Roger Norton and Amy Roberts.

CYO coaches are requested to e-mail fall sports scores to sports writer Michelle Castleman at mmcastleman@aol.com

High expectations for Notre Dame in 2006

BY SEAN CARROLL

NOTRE DAME — Expectations are high across the board when it comes to the upcoming fall athletics season at the University of Notre Dame. All six Fighting Irish varsity teams that compete during the autumn are coming off superb seasons in 2005 and they all hope to repeat that success in 2006.

The focal point of any Fighting Irish athletic season is the football team and the 2006 squad is poised for a monumental year, after posting a 9-3 record in 2005 and a berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Notre Dame returns 17 starters and 36 monogram winners from a team that concluded the '05 season ranked ninth in the final AP poll.

When Charlie Weis was introduced as Notre Dame's head football coach in December of 2004, one of his first stated goals was to raise the expectations of the football program — both internally and externally. After an impressive debut season in 2005, one could make a strong argument that Weis has accomplished that as the Irish find themselves ranked No. 1 in some 2006 pre-season polls.

Senior quarterback Brady Quinn once again will lead a potent Irish offensive attack that set numerous school records a year ago. The owner of 30 school records, he is regarded by many as the nation's top returning quarterback. He finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a junior and is considered to be one of the leading candidates in 2006.

Quinn will have two of his top

receiving targets back in All-American Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight. Samardzija had a breakout season in 2005 by setting Notre Dame single-season record for catches (77) and established new marks for receiving yards (1,249) and touchdown catches (15). After being the leading Irish receiver as a sophomore and junior, McKnight returns for a fifth year after missing most of last season to injury. Starting tailback Darius Walker is also back following a season in which he gained 1,196 yards on the ground as a sophomore.

Defensively, the Irish return nine starters and a host of reserves. Returning for the Irish in '06 are eight of the top 10 tacklers from last season led by cornerback Ambrose Wooden and safety Tom Zbikowski, a third-team All-American in 2005. All four starters are back in the line as ends Victor Abiamiri and Ronald Talley join veteran tackles Derek Landri and Trevor Laws. The Irish open the season on Saturday, Sept. 2, at Georgia Tech.

The men's soccer team is coming off a Sweet 16 appearance in last year's NCAA tournament and Bobby Clark's squad returns nine starters from one season ago. The Fighting Irish are anchored by All-America midfielder Greg Dalby, and he will be joined by fellow all-Big East Conference performers Ian Etherington and Joseph Lapira in the pursuit of taking the Irish even further this year. Lapira, a junior, led the team in goals, points and was tied for team-high honors in assists.

Meanwhile, the Notre Dame women's soccer team is looking

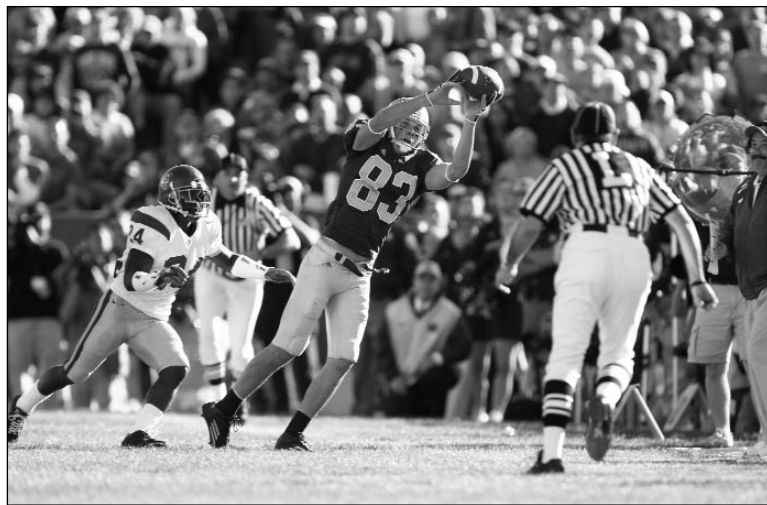
to build off of its run to the NCAA quarterfinals in 2005. The Irish will have some holes to fill due to the graduation of All-Americans Katie Thorlakson and Candace Chapman. However, Notre Dame does return eight starters from a squad that posted a 22-3-0 mark last season en route to claiming the Big East title.

Jen Buczkowski and Kerri Hanks are coming off All-America seasons and look to carry the Irish along with Christie Shaner, Kim Lorenzen, Jill Krivacek and Amanda Cinalli, who were all vital parts of the 2004 NCAA championship squad. Hanks had a stellar freshman campaign last year as she tied Thorlakson for team-high honors in points with 72, which ranked second nationally.

Another team looking to replace departing talent is the Irish volleyball team. Last season the Notre Dame enjoyed its greatest season to date. Head coach Debbie Brown led the Irish to a 30-4 mark in 2005 and a berth in the NCAA Championship round of 16. Brown and company welcome in a stellar freshman class that will look to place the Irish in the national spotlight once again.

The group of seven newcomers has been ranked in the top-five nationally. The new talent will look to blend in nicely with juniors Adrianna Stasiuk and Ashley Tarutis. Stasiuk earned honorable mention All-America honors in 2005, while Tarutis joined her classmate as an all-Big East performer.

The Fighting Irish men's cross country team returns three of seven runners who competed in



MATT CASHORE

Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija enjoyed a breakout campaign in 2005 and returns to the Irish for his senior season in 2006. He led Notre Dame with a school record 15 touchdown catches last season en route to garnering All-America honors.

last year's NCAA Championships, helping Notre Dame to a third-place finish. That marked the highest finish for the Irish since 1990, matching the best result of the Joe Piane era, which is entering its 32nd year.

Senior All-American Kurt Benninger is back after a superb junior campaign that saw him finish in the top-10 of all five races he ran, including runner-up placements at both the Big East Championships and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. He and sophomore Patrick Smyth will look to team-up and give the Irish their third straight Big East title.

The Irish women face a tall task of replacing five of the seven runners who helped Notre Dame to a seventh-place finish at last year's NCAA Championships, marking the program's fourth

consecutive top-10 placement at the national meet. That crew also won its third Big East Conference title in four years in 2005.

Junior two-time All-American Sunni Olding will carry the torch for Notre Dame this season after providing excellent support the past two years. Senior Katie DeRusso will move up in the Irish lineup this year and will look to sustain the form that resulted in a 16th-place finish at the Big East Championships, clinching the conference title for Notre Dame. Fellow senior Amy Kohlmeier will also look to be a factor after missing much of the 2005 season to injury.

Check the official Irish athletics Web site, www.und.com, for the most up-to-date information regarding all Notre Dame sports teams.

Redeemer Radio to carry Notre Dame, high school sporting events

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne's Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, has obtained the exclusive rights to broadcast Notre Dame football and men's basketball on radio in the Fort Wayne market. The station also announced today that it will broadcast the full schedule of SAC high school football this season, featuring games involving Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools. Redeemer Radio will air live the full schedule of all three sports, including playoff games.

Redeemer Radio is the local affiliate for Westwood One Radio Sports, the exclusive radio network for Notre Dame football. Don Criqui returns for his second stint as "the Voice of the Irish," having also served as the play-by-play announcer during the 1974-76 seasons. Former Notre Dame All-American running back Allen Pinkett remains as the color analyst for the broadcasts, his sixth consecutive season in that role. Longtime WNDU-TV sports director Jeff Jeffers joins the broadcasts this year as a con-

tributor to the pre-game, half-time and post-game shows. The regular season begins Sept. 2 at Georgia Tech and completes on Nov. 25 at USC. Redeemer Radio's coverage will include the network's pre-game and post-game shows.

For men's basketball, Redeemer Radio is the local affiliate of Notre Dame's own radio network. Notre Dame's men's basketball schedule for the 2006-2007 season is to be announced. Again, Redeemer Radio's coverage will include the network's pre-game and post-game shows.

For high school football, Redeemer Radio's schedule features at least one game involving each SAC school, as well as approximately half the schedules of both Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger. Redeemer Radio's high school coverage will include pre- and post-game shows, special on-air guests, interviews with coaches and players, and updates of the scores of other high school football games in progress from across the region. The regular season begins Aug. 18 and runs

through Oct. 13, with specific games to be carried to be announced. Redeemer Radio's coverage will continue through the playoffs, potentially including coverage of non-SAC games.

In announcing the sports coverage, Redeemer Radio president Chris Langford stated that "Redeemer Radio's mission is to serve our community from a Catholic perspective. We are working to partner with Catholic schools from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the local area. Through our sports broadcasts, we hope to highlight the benefits of Catholic education and to meet a need in our community for expanded coverage of our area sports teams. We are very excited about bringing Notre Dame football and basketball, and Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger football to Fort Wayne."

Businesses or individuals interested in on-air sponsorship of Redeemer Radio's sports programming can contact the station at (260) 436-2784.

Fans can attend ND pre game luncheons

SOUTH BEND — Football fans will have an opportunity to attend seven pre game football luncheons on Fridays preceding the seven home games of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish this fall at the Joyce Center on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

All luncheons will begin at noon and end by 1:30 p.m. Cost for each luncheon is \$20. Ten persons will be seated at a table, and reservations can be made by person or for a group. The deadline is Aug. 11. Reservations can be made by mail to the Notre Dame Athletic Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

The opening luncheon preceding the Penn State game will be Sept. 8. Subsequent luncheons will

be Sept. 15 (Michigan), Sept. 29 (Purdue), Oct. 6 (Stanford), Oct. 20 (UCLA), Nov. 3 (North Carolina) and Nov. 17 (Army). — EJD

Cougars No. 2 in VSN Preseason Top 25

GRAND ISLAND, Neb — The University of Saint Francis (USF) football team will enter its ninth season as the No. 2 team in the Victory Sports Network (VSN) preseason NAIA Top 25.

Topping the poll for the third season in a row are the Carroll College Fighting Saints. Georgetown is No. 3 followed by Sioux Falls, and McKendree rounding out the Top 5.

USF will play Urbana at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on Oct. 7 and Walsh at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on Nov. 4.

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Book champions the ambitions of Fort Wayne bishop

BY YORK YOUNG

What we know about our church history is often woefully underwhelming. What we know about our local church history may be even more so. Fort Wayne Catholics have a lot to be proud of in the form of one of the most influential bishops the United States has ever seen — Archbishop John Francis Noll.

In a new release about his life entitled "Champion of the Church," by noted Catholic writer Ann Ball, published by Our Sunday Visitor (\$14.95), the company he founded nearly 100 years ago, his contributions both locally and nationally are recounted.

He was born in 1875 on Lewis Street in Fort Wayne to John George Noll and Anna Ford. Anna died after giving birth to seven children, and the elder John married again. The new couple had 11 children, giving the young John Francis 16 siblings (a would-be older brother, Eugene, died as a baby). Growing up in the developing community of Fort Wayne, the Nolls

led simple lives with few amenities.

John Francis though he might have a vocation to the priesthood, but never put it into action until Father Thomas O'Leary, an assistant at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception asked him if he had thought about the priesthood. John replied: "Yes, I have thought about it often this past year. Honestly, I have just been waiting for someone to tell me how to arrange it and where to go."

An excellent student in both minor and major seminary, he was ordained at the young age of 23. He first spent some time in the then very small community of Ligonier, living in primitive conditions, and said Mass in a church that was heated only one day a week — Sundays.

An amiable fellow, he developed friendships with many non-Catholics as well as Catholics, and soon saw that many Catholics were unprepared to explain their faith. At this time, when there was a nativist resurgence that included a strong strain of anti-Catholicism, traveling preachers would set up tents in local communities and rail against the papal, Roman devotees. Father

Noll set out to educate Catholics and non-Catholics on what it really meant to be a Catholic.

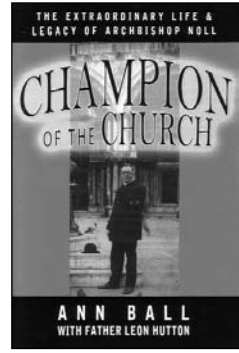
His dedication to both his parish and all people was soon noticed by the bishop, who sent him next to St. Mary Parish in Huntington. It was there that he began to develop an idea of putting words into print to counter anti-Catholic tracts that were making the rounds.

After buying a press in Huntington, he quickly put together a periodical that rolled 35,000 copies off the press on its first run in May 1912. *Our Sunday Visitor newspaper*, still published in Huntington, reached 1 million copies in 1961. Although changing technology and local production of newspapers by dioceses has changed the Catholic press world dramatically, *Our Sunday Visitor* still has the largest circulation of any national Catholic newspaper.

Archbishop

Noll's legacy can be seen in many places. He founded a charitable institute that is still operating; he helped raise millions of dollars for the national Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.; he was one of the founding members of what today is the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops; and he founded *The Priest* magazine, a professional journal that assists priests in their roles as pastors.

Locally, his legacy is present in



the Victory Noll Sisters and their motherhouse in Huntington, where he is buried, as well as in *Our Sunday Visitor*, which produces six periodicals and 30 new book titles a year, and provides more offering envelopes to churchgoers than any other company in the country. Just last year, a building was purchased in downtown

Fort Wayne by the diocese to bring together its diocesan offices, which had been spread over several locations. The building was named the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.



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GAP group meets at St. Elizabeth
Fort Wayne — "The GAP" a new faith-based social group for widowed, divorced and single men and women who range in age from the 40s to the 60s, will hold a game night on Friday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish. Those attending are encouraged to bring a snack or beverage to share. The group meets the third Friday of each month. The mission of this ministry outreach is to provide a safe environment where mature single Catholic-Christian men and women can enjoy Christian fellowship within group activities. For information e-mail gap4565@msn.com or call (260) 432-7346.

Home schoolers to meet
South Bend — Catholic Home Schoolers Michiana will hold their annual planning meeting for the 2006-2007 academic year at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, at the Francis Branch Public Library on Ironwood Road in South Bend. New members welcome. Call Amy McInerny for more information (574) 247-4592.

Jewels from the treasure chest
Fort Wayne — A bookclub will meet at a local coffee house once a month beginning Sept. 18, and discuss and read excerpts from "The Treasury of Catholic Wisdom," by Father John Hardon, SJ. Call (260) 422-2959 or e-mail justadorehim@hotmail.com for information.

Music boosters need vendors for craft bazaar
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters have openings for the craft bazaar to be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. Call Terry Luebke at (260) 483-5750 for information.

Family picnic and Mass in the park
South Bend — Father Tom Jones, CSC, will celebrate an outdoor Mass in St. Patrick's Park on Sunday, Aug. 27. Mass will be followed by a picnic and games. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 per family and must be purchased in advance. Tickets available after all Masses beginning Aug. 6.

Legacy luncheon held
South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a Legacy Luncheon to be held at the University of Notre Dame Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Father Edward 'Monk' Malloy, CSC, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame. Unique items will be available at a silent auction. For information contact Sean Wendlinder at (574) 251-4908.

Hannah's House announces ND football ticket raffle
Mishawaka — Hannah's House will raffle off a pair of 2006 Notre Dame football season tickets through Aug. 31. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. Call (574) 254-5309 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Homeschoolers have picnic
Fort Wayne — NICHE (Northeast Indiana Catholic Home Educators) invites you to its field day and potluck on Saturday, Sept. 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at Lion's Park. Call Jenn MacDonald at (260) 485-8828 for information.

Celebrate Mary's birthday
Knox — A birthday party for the heavenly mother will be Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Shrine of World Rosary of Peace. A 2 p.m. rosary will be followed by dinner. Guest speaker will be Father Walter Ciesla. Bring lawn chair.

Corn and sausage roast planned
South Bend — St. Casimir Church, 1308 W. Dunham, is sponsoring a corn and sausage roast on Sunday, Aug. 27, from noon to 5 p.m. Music for dancing will be provided from 2 to 5 p.m.

by the Jim Deka Trio. A \$1 ticket enters you in the cash raffle and entitles you to free sweet corn. There will be games of chance, a cake booth and lots of fun. Tickets can be obtained by calling the parish office at (574) 287-9551 and will be available at the game.

Living with loss groups planned
Plymouth — The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. will begin two living with loss groups at 112 South Center St., on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The second group will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The groups, which will meet for eight weeks, provide grief education and caring support to adults dealing with the death of a loved one. There is no charge to attend the groups, which are open to the public. Registration is required by calling Donna at (574) 935-4511 or (800) 774-2784.

Moving sale supports Holy Cross sisters
South Bend — The Sisters of the Holy Cross are having a moving sale on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Hungary Convent, 731 W. Calvert Street. Proceeds will benefit the Holy Cross ministry with the poor. For information call Sister Margie Lavonis at (574) 289-2531 or mlavonis@cscsisters.org

Raffle and euchre event
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a euchre tournament Friday, Aug. 25, under the tents in the parking lot. Check-in at 6:30 p.m., tournament begins at 7 p.m. Donation is \$10 per person (no partner needed.) Adults 21 and over only. For tickets call David Faulkner (574) 246-1593. A family celebration will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, beginning with an outdoor Mass at 4:30 p.m. followed by a hog roast — meat provided by the parish. Potluck in the gym. Raffle drawing at 8 p.m. For raffle tickets call Kevin Sandor (574) 277-8471.

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100 Club kicks seeks membership
Monroeville — St. Rose Church is accepting memberships to the 100 Club for 2006-07. A \$100 donation should be sent to St. Rose 100 Club, 206 Summit St., Monroeville, IN 46773, and is limited to the first 200 members. You must be 21 years old. Membership enters you into 50 weekly \$100 drawings. You are allowed to win three times in the calendar year. One half of the proceeds go to tuition reduction and the other half goes to families in need of tuition assistance and capital improvements at St. Joseph School. For information, call (260) 623-3605. Ind. Dept. Rev. Lic. 106224.

Arrangements announced for Father Frank Kronewitter

FORT WAYNE — Father Frank Kronewitter, chaplain of St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne, died July 31 while on pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. A vigil service, visitation and funeral Mass were held for him at St. Anne Home on Aug. 15 and 16. On Thursday, Aug. 17, a vigil and visitation will be held at Palmer Funeral Home in South Bend. On Friday, Aug. 18, visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. at St. Anthony de Padua Church, South Bend, with Mass following at 11 and burial following Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery, Mishawaka.

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BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — They seem like normal college boys. Terrence “Tink” Coonan, 21, and Chris Lapp, 20, of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, enjoy the typical collegiate activities like sports, socializing and road trips.

However, to most, they are anything but ordinary, for Coonan and Lapp are seminarians at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary (IHM), located at St. Mary's University at Winona, Minn., on the Mississippi River.

The call to be a seminarian was a “long and slow” process for both young men. After 12 years of Catholic education at St. Vincent de Paul School and Bishop Dwenger, they both chose to pursue a degree in engineering at the University of Dayton, a Catholic Marianist school. It was during their time at Dayton that they really started to question their vocation.

Tink believes that the “seed was planted” in grade school by his parish priest, Father John Kuzmich. Then at Bishop Dwenger, Father Mark Gurtner as the school's chaplain and youth group leader was a spiritual mentor. A particular milestone was when Gurtner gave Coonan the “Christian Prayer” book, which is the book priests use to pray several times a day. “They've always been there,” says Coonan about his pastoral support.

Lapp shared the details of his



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Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary students, Chris Lapp and Terrence “Tink” Coonan were motivated to discern the priesthood. They left friends at the University of Dayton to study at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona, Minn.

spiritual journey to the seminary. His uncertainty about his vocation particularly heightened during his year at the University of Dayton. Like St. Augustine, his heart was restless until he rested it in God. The more unsettled he became, the deeper he found himself in prayer.

The fall semester of his fresh-

man year was a milestone in his faith life. After meeting with the seminary's vocation director, both felt confident that the seminary was the place for them. After a great deal of introspection and prayer, the young men decided to yield to the call. It was in the fall of last year that they began their spiritual journey at the seminary.

Of course with change come challenges. Coonan and Lapp had to prepare themselves emotionally for the transition from college life to the seminary.

According to Coonan, it was leaving friends at the University of Dayton that was the most difficult. “There is no good way to prepare for that. It was hard but you could definitely feel the support.”

Lapp worked through with the

changes through prayer. “It was a lot of prayer,” he recalled. One of the most pivotal moments was breaking up with his college girlfriend.

It was through faith and trust in God that both men adapted to the changes. In Coonan's words, “You know God's going to take care of you through it all. Coonan thought of it as leaving one community for another. The University of Dayton is known for its strong sense of community, so entering a new community was not foreign to him.

“God will provide the means,” Lapp believes.

Coonan and Lapp described a typical day at the seminary. Both rise between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m., then offer their morning prayers and attend Mass. Following worship, they eat breakfast at the seminary, attend morning classes and eat lunch on campus. In between classes, the seminarians do homework, run errands, exercise and enjoy leisure activities.

The evening routine includes an evening prayer, dinner and some free time. Coonan enjoys exercising, playing his guitar and catching up on correspondence. “In the evenings, I usually write e-mails,” he said. It's early to bed for the young, for they must be well rested to do it all again the next day.

While Coonan and Lapp seem to have found their niche at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, they still miss aspects of the University of Dayton and college life in general. Coonan said that he misses the Marianist brothers because they were role models in his spiritual life.

Two brothers in particular, Father Heft and Brother Tom were mentors. “I was pretty close with Father Heft and Brother Tom,” Coonan said. He was also a regular at Marianist dinners and a participant in a “Live-In Weekend,” in which interested students can shadow a priest or

brother for a weekend to get a taste of the vocation.

After experiencing a year at the seminary, Coonan and Lapp can provide some insight about the experience. Coonan suggests that a young man contemplating the vocation should invest a great deal of prayer and dialogue. “Pray about it, but also talk about it with people you can trust who you know will give you honest information,” he said.

Both young men agree that visiting the campus is critical.

“Visiting is really important,” Lapp affirmed.

“Visit and experience these kinds of things,” Coonan added.

Most of all, they both agreed that faith and trust will guide anyone, regardless of vocation.

“Don't be afraid of where God calls you. Grow in holiness and in your relationship with God,” Coonan advises.

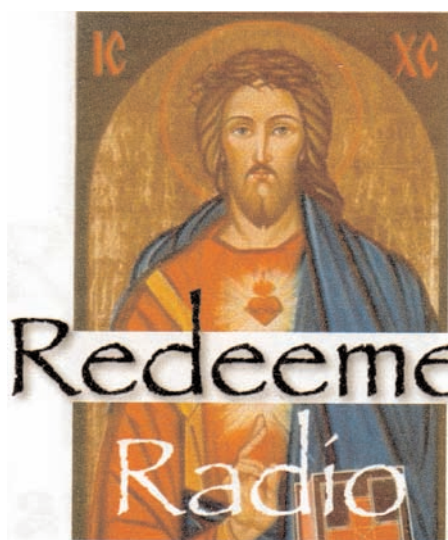
Furthermore, they both stressed that taking this leap of faith is not a firm commitment to the priesthood, rather a commitment to discernment. The seminary is a place for young men to ponder their faith and determine whether or not they are called to the priesthood. “You have nothing to lose with trying,” he said. “Time is never wasted,” Lapp added.

Coonan will graduate from St. Mary's University of Minnesota in May 2007 and Lapp will follow the year after. If they discern a call to the priesthood, they will go on to study another four years at Pontifical College Josephinum, a seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

In the meantime, this summer Coonan and Lapp worked about 40 hours a week at the Catholic Cemetery on Lake Avenue doing yard work. Coonan said that working at the cemetery has been an integral part of his faith formation. For him, encountering death everyday is a reminder of the reality of our mortality.

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Bishop John M. D'Arcy and Father Babasino Fernandez pose with the Immaculate Conception Church Instrumentalists. Father Fernandez was installed as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn on Saturday, Aug. 5. Parishioners also celebrated Bishop D'Arcy's birthday, which is Aug. 18.