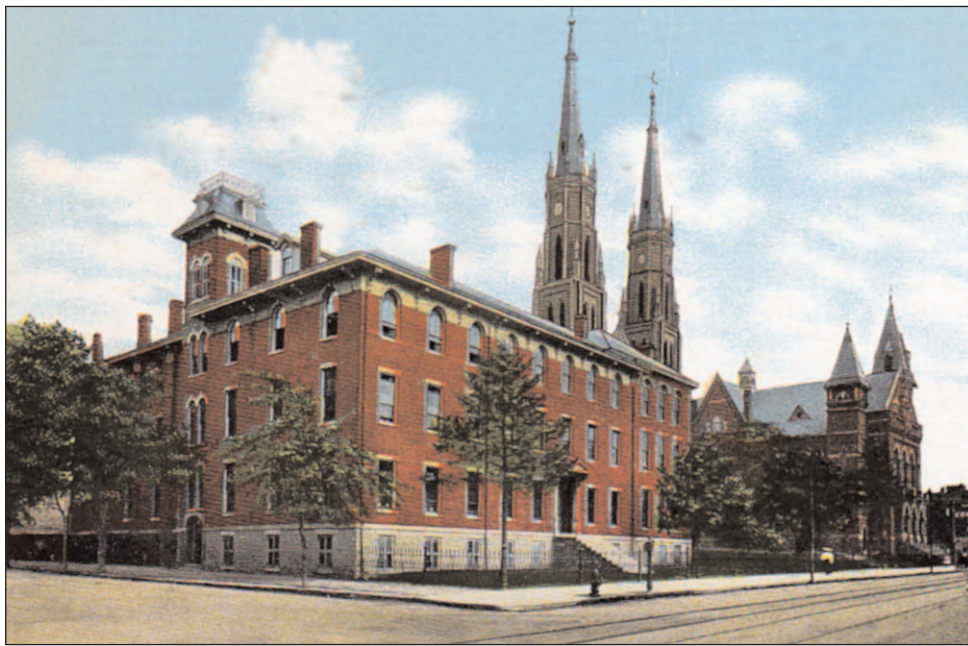




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Indiana's first saint to be canonized Sunday in Rome



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St. Augustine Academy was established in 1846 by foundress Mother Theodore Guerin and pastor Father Julian Benoit. The academy was located on the corner of Calhoun and Jefferson streets and is considered the first Catholic school of Fort Wayne.

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Saint Mary's College breaks ground for new academic facility

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME

Over 20 years ago, the seed of a dream to have a world-class academic building at Saint Mary's College was planted. On Oct. 5, this dream was closer to becoming a reality. In a ceremony attended by students, faculty, staff, trustees, Sisters of the Holy Cross and many other interested people, the ground was blessed and broken.

Shari Rodriguez, vice president for college relations, said in her welcome that the new facility "demonstrates Saint Mary's commitment to the highest academic standards." She went on to thank the more than 600 donors — faculty, staff, alumnae, current and past parents, students and friends of Saint Mary's — who contributed over \$16 million to cover the cost of construction and to start an operating endowment.

In her remarks, President Carol Ann Mooney said that it was a "time of looking forward to and hope for the future." Even so, she reminded those gathered that it was important not to forget Saint Mary's heritage, in particular, the four Sisters of the Holy Cross who started the college and past presidents like Mother Pauline and Sister Madeleva. She said that they valued high quality education and would "approve of what we are doing here today."

Jill Vihtelic, acting vice president and dean of faculty, described the new facility and called it a building for the 21st century. It will have all the newest technology and enable interaction between faculty and students outside the classroom. Bishop D'Arcy, with his Irish wit, said "As someone technologically challenged, I don't think I could hack it in this building!"

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Mother Theodore had impact on Catholic school history in Fort Wayne

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — When Mother Theodore Guérin is canonized on Sunday, Oct. 15, in Rome, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be celebrating a part of its educational history.

Mother Theodore is considered the foundress of the first Catholic school in Fort Wayne, St. Augustine, in 1846, with St. Augustine pastor, Father Julian Benoit. St. Augustine Church would become the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. St. Augustine Academy was located on the corner of Calhoun and Jefferson streets. Today, the site is the diocesan chancery.

"Fort Wayne, there is a vast amount of good to be done there," are the words written by Mother Theodore, in the chapter from the "History of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods," a book published in 1949 and written by Sister Mary Borromeo Brown.

Having been in correspondence with Father Benoit, Mother Theodore affirmed plans in 1846 that the Sisters of Providence would make Fort Wayne a mission. Father Benoit had already built a brick structure that would function as their school and convent.

While some of the sisters' mission establishments across the states of Indiana and Illinois were meager — almost impoverished — Father Benoit furnished the house, provided the necessary cooking utensils, land and a school waiting to open.

The foundresses of St. Augustine included Sister Mary Magdalen, Sister Catherine and Sister Caroline. They left Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Aug. 24. Mother Theodore and Sister Basilide accompanied the

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The University of Notre Dame Right to Life organized a Cemetery of the Innocents to raise awareness of abortion and to bring to the forefront the number of aborted children each day in the U.S.

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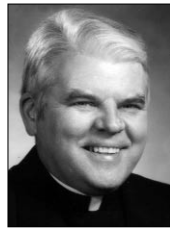
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Bishop participates in collegiate events across the diocese



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Who was this man?

Maybe 50 years from now on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, some young freshmen will ask this, as they see the writings of Pope John Paul II across the walls of the beautiful new Pope John Paul II Center. What a joy it was to dedicate this center made possible by the generosity of many, including the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration of Mishawaka.

A golden October. People everywhere. I also blessed the Lee and Jim Vann Library, which is centered there. To many, Saint Francis is known for their routinely successful football team. More important, it is an outstanding academic institution with a widely-known art department, and I blessed the Stations of the Cross in that new building, done by Art Cislo, a professor of art at the university.

One has to be grateful for what Sister Elise Kriss, OSF, and the sisters, faculty and administration have accomplished these last 10 or 15 years at the University of Saint Francis. How wonderful that this new center of learning was dedicated to Pope John Paul II, who was himself a longtime university professor, and took great joy in this. I cited his words found in "Fides et Ratio," a brilliant encyclical he wrote on the unity between faith and reason.

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth — in a word, to know himself — so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves."

— "Fides et Ratio," Pope John Paul II.

A diocese of universities

After three wonderful days with our priests in a continuing education seminar, I stopped at Saint Mary's College in South Bend for the dedication of their new academic center. Here, one has to think of the Sisters of Holy Cross who came here 160 years ago. Although they came as domestics, they quickly turned to education and brought their wisdom to the floods of immigrants coming across the continent. It remains an extraordinary institution of higher learning. It was a joy to say a prayer of blessing for this new building.

In the evening, I was at the University of Notre Dame with a group of bishops, constituting a special ad hoc committee working with theologians on a pastoral initiative on marriage. Their effort is to deepen and expand the knowledge of our people on the mystery of Christian marriage, and to do this with full awareness of those things in the culture which are opposed to the values

of marriage; such as, fidelity, chastity and marriage as a union of life and love.

Excellent presentations were given by Professors John Cavadini, Gary Andersen and David Fagerberg of the Notre Dame faculty of theology.

Our diocese has always been blessed by great institutions of higher learning. It was a privilege to be at three events in the same week.

At Manchester College with our young people

I was off on a beautiful Saturday to be at Manchester College with 1,000 junior high students. Recent church documents on pedagogy and catechesis emphasize the importance of this particular age. It is true. Many things in modern culture have brought to the minds and hearts of our young people elements both positive and negative. While growing in the ability on matters technological, they are also bombarded with matters opposed to human dignity as young men and women.

So, for the last five or six years, we have had a day for those in our junior high who are preparing for confirmation. As always, my heart and mind turned to our priests. Twenty-three priests came from across the diocese — from South Bend, Fort Wayne and places in between — to hear confes-

Three days with our priests

Some years ago, in consultation with our presbyteral council, we considered strengthening the element of continuing education for our priests. Last year, the chair of the theology department of the University of Notre Dame, Professor John Cavadini, led us through an enriching and very substantive treatment of the Fathers of the Church.

This year, we turned to Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza School of Business at Notre Dame. She and her colleagues prepared for us an excellent three days. First there was the dean herself with a reflection of her spiritual and intellectual journey, in which she shared with us her devotion to Our Lady, her sense of the providence of God and of mission, her beautiful years at Purdue University and her competence in the area of American business.

We then had several talks on such things as how to prioritize; conflict resolution; how to manage staff and funds; how to keep a sense of vocation and mission on concrete, practical matters such as these.

Over 50 priests were in attendance and they were quite taken by the excellent presentations. We concelebrated Mass each day and had beautiful morning and evening prayer. A special thanks to our diocesan master-of-ceremonies, Jim Fitzpatrick. Jim is serving as interim director of our Office of Worship and attended some of the seminars as our token business man.

As priests, we do not receive training in these matters. Here we had among us some of the finest experts helping us to be better administrators. This is important. All administration and fiscal care in a parish is essentially a pastoral work. It is not something secular and, if done right on the diocesan or parish level, it can strengthen the life of faith.

Especially noteworthy was a presentation by Father Timothy Scully, CSC, assisted by Viva Bartkus. Father Scully is the founder of ACE, which has helped many dioceses, including our own, by training teachers at

Notre Dame. They have served well in the poorer areas of the country and in several schools in our diocese as well. What he shared with us is a study of the situation of Catholic schools throughout the land — their strengths as well as the concerns which must be faced.

The willingness of so many exemplary scholars to spend this time with us was very touching to our priests and very enriching as well.

Off to Rome

By the time you read this, I will be winging over the ocean with some priests and others from our diocese to be present at the canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin. It will be a moment of grace and strength. I promise to spend significant time praying for all of you.

The Yankees are gone, taken down by the Detroit Tigers and the excellent skipper, Jim Leland. I have to admit I am glad. I will be rooting for the Tigers to take it all.

I hope I can be in touch with you from Rome.

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sions. I also helped briefly with confessions and celebrated Mass for the young people. This is the beginning of 11 months of preparation for this great sacrament through which their baptism will be completed, and they will be strengthened to be witnesses of Christ. The song, prayer, silence, the Eucharist and the entertainment made it a special day.

Especially inspiring was the presence and leadership of Cindy Black, the new director of our Office of Youth Ministry in the diocese. It was a joy to be with her and also Janice Martin of our Office of Catechesis. The Office of Catechesis leads this day along with the Office of Youth Ministry. It was a splendid success and a joy to be there. Young people receiving the sacrament of penance all over the campus; prayer and silence. Song and instruction. Cindy told me later how impressed she was with the joy of our priests, many of whom had come considerable distances, and how struck the young people were as the priests turned to go to confession to one another.

May God bless these young people as they approach this year of prayer and learning.

Mother Theodore Guérin's life, sainthood seen as summons to holiness

BY NANCY HARTNAGEL

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The vice postulator of the sainthood cause of Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., sees her life and Oct. 15 canonization in Rome as a summons to holiness.

Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, who was promoter and vice postulator for the completed cause, said she hoped that for each Sister of Providence the canonization "would deepen her own understanding of the call to holiness in her life in imitation of St. Mother Theodore."

Beyond that, she told Catholic News Service in a phone interview Oct. 5, "I would hope that every person would understand the fact that God does not create just some persons to become saints." Everyone is called to holiness, she said, citing a chapter with that theme in the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.

Sister Marie Kevin also hoped "Catholics and others would realize that the most important aspect of sainthood is the way the person lived life according to the Gospels, and that the miracles are secondary to that." In general, the church must confirm two miracles through the intercession of the sainthood candidate before canonization.

The Sisters of Providence foundress was born Anne-Therese Guérin Oct. 2, 1798, in Etables, a village in Brittany, the picturesque French peninsula jutting into the Atlantic. Her family's cottage near the ocean likely prompted her fondness for the seashore.

She had three siblings, two brothers who died in childhood in a fire and a sister, Marie Jeanne, who outlived her. Her father, a lieutenant in Napoleon's navy, was killed by bandits in 1813 while returning home from duty. Her mother, who taught the young Anne-Therese at home, never quite got over the loss of her husband and became an invalid.

At age 20 Anne-Therese wanted to enter religious life, but her mother refused permission. Five years later, with her mother's consent, she entered the Sisters of Providence of Ruille-sur-Loir. As Sister St. Theodore, she made first vows in 1825 and perpetual vows in 1831. For eight years, she directed a school in Rennes, an industrial town, then was transferred to Soulaines, where she administered the school and studied pharmacy and medicine with a local doctor.

Meanwhile, in 1834 on the American frontier, Bishop Simon Brute de Remur, another native Breton, became the first bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes, Ind., which is now the Archdiocese of Indianapolis but which at that time comprised all of Indiana and the eastern third of Illinois. People were pushing



CNS PHOTO/KAREN CALLAWAY

Sister Paul Bernadette Bounk, a Sister of St. Joseph, and Julie Pavuk flush a catheter on Giselle, a sick alpaca at White Violet Farm at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., Oct. 5. The farm is a ministry of the Sisters of Providence, who raise the alpacas for breeding and for their fleece. Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., will be canonized Oct. 15 in Rome.



MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN

west from the Atlantic seaboard, and Bishop Brute saw a need for Catholic sisters to serve in the large diocese.

He sent a colleague to France to find a congregation willing to help. The superior of the Ruille community felt Sister St. Theodore would be perfect to lead such a mission, but she was reluctant because of poor health. She had contracted smallpox as a postulant, and the treatment she received for it was believed to have damaged her digestive system.

But, after a period of prayer and discernment, she sailed from France with two other sisters and three novices July 27, 1840. They landed in New York Sept. 7, and arrived Oct. 22 at the forest clearing already named Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Despite much hardship, the six sisters opened an academy for girls that became Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and began the foundation of a new religious congregation modeled on the one they had left in France.

Ill health accompanied Mother Theodore throughout adulthood. For many years she lived on broth and soft foods. She died May 14, 1856.

Her cause for sainthood was opened in 1909. After her life, work and writings were examined in U.S. and French dioceses and

at the Vatican, Pope John Paul II declared her venerable in 1992. She was beatified in 1998, once the Vatican accepted as miraculous the 1908 healing of Providence Sister Mary Theodosia Mug through Mother Theodore's intercession. A second miracle through her intercession, the healing of the right eye of Philip McCord, the facilities manager at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, was accepted by the Vatican earlier this year.

Mother Theodore's remains had been in a tomb under the floor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse in St. Mary-of-the-Woods. On her feast day Oct. 3, her remains were transferred to a coffin built by staff carpenters for placement adjacent to the church's altar. With Mother Theodore's canonization, the congregation felt the new resting place would allow for better visitation and prayer.

Sister Marie Kevin said she also hoped "that other young women would be touched by the story of the life of Mother Theodore and respond to God's call as women religious in our congregation." The mission of the Sisters of Providence today is "to promote God's providence by works of love, mercy and justice," she said.

From that first academy, their teaching ministry spread across Indiana, and extended to Illinois, Massachusetts, California, Florida, Texas and Oklahoma. They were the first U.S. women's congregation to establish a mission in China, and currently they serve in Taiwan, China and the Philippines.

About 125 members of the community were to travel to Rome for the canonization; the congregation also will celebrate Mother Theodore's sainthood Oct. 21-22 at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Details are provided on the sisters' Web site, www.spsmw.org.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Mother Theodore Guérin and her canonization

I have many thoughts in mind as I go to Rome this week. First, I think of all the religious, especially the women religious, the sisters who have labored in this diocese. There is no question that they constitute one of the very greatest human instruments that Divine Providence has used to build up this local church, as we prepare to embrace the 150th anniversary of our diocese.

I see my visit and my time there of prayer and worship as an opportunity to give thanks to God for the sisters who have labored throughout the length and breadth of the diocese — Sisters of Providence; Sisters of Holy Cross; Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration; Sisters of Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ; Victory Noll Sisters; Felician Sisters; Franciscan Sisters of Mokena; Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of Saint Francis, Sisters of St. Agnes, School Sisters of Notre Dame; Sisters of Notre Dame; Franciscan Sisters of Milwaukee; and other groups with smaller numbers. These constitute the major congregations; but I believe there have been other groups and some even singly. Many were in education, health care, pastoral ministry and social work. They came as religious originally from Germany and France. For many years they served with very small wages and under poor conditions; but always with joy and a sense of vocation.

Models of holiness

The Second Vatican Council has a chapter on the universal call to holiness. The sisters highlighted this call to holiness by living their vows. Eminent among them was Mother Theodore Guerin. In all her time here, this woman suffered greatly and knew suffering in her physical health and in being misinterpreted and misunderstood, often by those in authority.

Saints are given to us so that we may learn from them. While we translate it into our own personality and our own life, we must listen to what they said. Here are the words of Mother Theodore Guerin as she landed in New York with her sisters after a terrible trip of 40 days across the great ocean.

"On Monday, we will have the opportunity of going to confession and on Tuesday, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, receiving Communion. While shedding an abundance of tears, we renewed the consecration of ourselves to God for the mission to which he had ordained to call us. How sweet for us the moment when we had the happiness of uniting ourselves to our Lord in the Holy Sacrament after having been so deprived of this inestimable favor."

Unable to receive holy Communion during the journey, they felt at home now and in greater communion with him. We are able to receive communion each day and so we learn from this sister, who lived constantly in the presence of God, how we should treasure the Blessed Sacrament.

The group we are bringing is small — priests who have served in parishes where the Sisters of Providence served, and a few laity. We will join others from our diocese in a larger group from Indianapolis. I promise to pray for this diocese in Rome and offer Mass for all of you at St. Peter's. I promise to pray for more vocations to the consecrated life and the priesthood.

John M. D'Arcy
Bishop John M. D'Arcy

Rafael Guizar Valencia to become first Bishop/Knight of Columbus to be a saint

ROME — Bishop Rafael Guizar Valencia (1878-1938), who will be canonized in Rome on Oct. 15 by Pope Benedict XVI, will become the seventh Knight of Columbus and the first Bishop/Knight to be declared a saint.

"We welcome the canonization of our brother Knight, Bishop Guizar Valencia, and know that his life of courage and legacy of evangelization will be an inspiration to each of our 13 million members around the world," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who will attend Bishop Guizar Valencia's canonization in Rome.

Rafael Guizar Valencia was born in Cotija de la Paz, Michoacan, Mexico, on April 16, 1878. He was ordained a priest in 1901. In 1915, when the Mexican government issued an order that he be shot on sight, he escaped to the United States, and then went on to serve the church in

Guatemala and Cuba.

While in Cuba, he was consecrated Bishop of Veracruz, Mexico. The end of the revolution enabled him to return to Mexico in January 1920, and he joined Knights of Columbus Council 2311 in Jalapa, Veracruz on Aug. 16, 1923.

Bishop Guizar Valencia was forced to flee Mexico once again in 1927, during the persecution of the church under Mexican President Plutarco Calles. He returned in 1929, the year the church reached an accord with the Mexican government, reached in part because of successful lobbying by the Knights of Columbus. After his return to Mexico, Bishop Guizar Valencia continued his ministry, and became known as "the bishop of the poor." He died of natural causes on June 6, 1938, and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on Jan. 29, 1995.

Pope adds explanatory note to remarks on Islam

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has added an explanatory note to his controversial remarks on Islam, saying the text provoked misinterpretation and “understandable indignation” among Muslims.

The explanation appeared Oct. 9 in a footnote in the Vatican’s online version of the speech on faith and reason given by the pope in Regensburg, Germany, in mid-September.

In his speech, the pope spoke briefly about religion and violence, quoting the 14th-century Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologus, who said: “Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.”

In the new footnote, the pope re-emphasized a point he has made several times since delivering the speech — that he did not share the emperor’s views on Islam.

“In the Muslim world, this quotation has unfortunately been taken as an expression of my personal position, thus arousing understandable indignation,” the note said.

“I hope that the reader of my text can see immediately that this

sentence does not express my personal view of the Quran, for which I have the respect due to the holy book of a great religion,” the pope said.

“In quoting the text of the Emperor Manuel II, I intended solely to draw out the essential relationship between faith and reason. On this point I am in agreement with Manuel II, but without endorsing his polemic,” he said.

Part of the text of the papal speech has been retranslated in English and other languages. Originally the text opened the quotation by noting that Emperor Manuel spoke “somewhat brusquely” about Islam. That was changed to “with a startling brusqueness, a brusqueness that we find unacceptable.”

The pope has several times expressed regret that his words had caused Muslims to take offense, and he convened Muslim representatives and diplomats to offer a personal explanation.

While many Muslim leaders have said they consider the issue closed, other groups have insisted that the pope offer a full apology.

Vatican officials have pointed out that in his original speech the pope had been arguing in favor of religious values in modern cultures — a position which they say should be welcomed by Muslims.

Theologians: Unbaptized babies in heaven makes more sense than limbo

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To hope that babies who die without being baptized will go to heaven makes more sense than the idea that they go to limbo, says a group of papally appointed theologians.

While no one can be certain of the fate of unbaptized babies who die, Christians can and should trust that God will welcome those babies into heaven, said members of the International Theological Commission.

The commission, a Vatican advisory board, met Oct. 2-6 to continue work on a statement explaining why the concept of limbo entered the common teaching of the church, why it was never officially defined as Catholic doctrine, and why hope for their salvation makes more sense, said Father Paul McPartlan, a member of the commission and a professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

“We cannot say we know with certainty what will happen” to unbaptized babies, Father McPartlan said, “but we have good grounds to hope that God in his mercy and love looks after these children and brings them to salvation.”

Speaking the last day of the commission’s meeting, Father McPartlan said the 30 commission members were in agreement on the main thesis of the document, but they had not put the finishing touches on it. If they vote on the final version by mail, the document could be released in 2007.

He said that while affirming people’s hope, the document takes pains to explain the Christian belief that baptism is necessary to guarantee salvation and urges parents to baptize their infants.

The document “in no way means to lessen the urgency with which the church invites parents to have their children baptized,” Father McPartlan said Oct. 6.

“What we are trying to do is to say, ‘What does the church say when confronted with the situation of an infant who has died without being baptized?’ That and that alone is what prompted our document.

“The answer is not a simplistic, ‘Oh, don’t worry; everything is fine,’” but rather that God’s endless mercy, his love poured out in Jesus Christ and his desire to save all people gives a solid basis for hoping those children will be saved despite not having been baptized.

The commission began formal studies of the question in 2004 when Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, was president of the advisory body and prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Pope Benedict celebrated Mass Oct. 6 with the commission members; in his homily, he spoke about the role of theologians as listening to the word of God in order to help other’s hear the good news. But he did not mention the so-called limbo document at all.

Father McPartlan said the commission began considering the question because priests and bishops around the world had asked then-Cardinal Ratzinger for “an updated Catholic statement in response to the distressing human situation” of parents mourning the loss of a baby before baptism.

The commission also hoped to be able to respond to questions raised by those mourning the lives of babies lost through abortion. Because the Catholic Church teaches that human life begins at conception, the question applies to those babies as well, Father McPartlan said.

He also said the theologians felt called to articulate a Catholic expression of hope in a world where hope is often lacking and lives are often laid to waste by war and violence.

Realizing some people could misinterpret the statement as saying that baptism is unnecessary for infants because they are incapable of sinning, the document

reaffirms church teaching about the reality of original sin.

The church believes that with the exception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus, every human being is born marked with the stain of original sin, which distances them from God.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explained: “Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called.”

But the catechism, published in 1992, did not mention limbo.

In fact, regarding the fate of children who die without the grace of baptism, it said, the church entrusts them to the mercy of God.

Presenting the commission’s work to Pope Benedict last year, Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the doctrinal congregation and president of the commission, said the statement was important because “the number of babies not baptized has increased considerably,” and the church knows that salvation “is only reachable in Christ through the Holy Spirit.”

He also told the pope last year that he hoped the statement would be published soon.

Father McPartlan said there were “no hiccups” in the drafting process, but the commission’s work takes time.

In the 1985 book-length interview, “The Ratzinger Report,” and in the 2000 book, “God and the World,” the future Pope Benedict said focusing on hope made more sense theologically than upholding the idea of limbo, where unbaptized babies would enjoy “natural happiness” for eternity, but would not be in heaven in the presence of God.

Limbo, he pointed out, was never a defined article of Catholic faith, but rather was a hypothesis formed on the basis of the church’s belief in the need for baptism.

Mother Theodore artifacts on display at museum

INDIANAPOLIS — Organized religion played a significant role in shaping the Hoosier character during the pioneer period.

In honor of Mother Theodore Guérin’s canonization on Oct. 15, the Indiana State Museum will include artifacts on loan from the Sisters of Providence archives in the museum’s second floor core gallery, The Hoosier Way. The items on display include a rosary of St. Anne, sometimes referred to as St. Anne’s chaplet; shoes worn by Mother Theodore when working with the sisters in the gardens and fields; a hand-painted engraving in its original frame, Death of St. Joseph, which hung over Mother Theodore’s bed during her time at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and a wooden crucifix that belonged to Mother Theodore.

The items are to go on public display beginning Oct. 12 prior to the Oct. 15 canonization ceremony. They will remain on display at the museum through 2007.



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Ginny Kohrman from the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization shares a light moment as she moderates a small group from the diocesan-sponsored Women of Grace studies. Nearly 30 women participate at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. This enrichment explores the God-given gift and call of women.

Conference calls for Christian response to the death penalty

BY GEROGE P. MATYSEK JR

EMMITSBURG, Md. (CNS) — When Shannon Schieber was 18 months old, she already knew the alphabet. By the time she was 3, she was reading better than most 6-year-olds.

With perfect grades in school, Shannon was the president of her high school and president of her freshman class at Duke University, where she graduated in three years with a triple major in mathematics, economics and philosophy.

Vicki Schieber, Shannon's proud mother, described her daughter as "a gift beyond anything you could possibly believe," a young woman who lived her Catholic faith in every way.

That's what made May 7, 1998, such a terrible day in the Schieber family.

It was on that day when Shannon was raped and murdered in her apartment near the end of her first year of graduate school on a full scholarship at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Despite her overwhelming loss, Schieber, a Catholic, said she has forgiven the man who took her daughter's life. Not only that, she asked that he not be put to death for his crimes and that the death penalty itself be abolished.

Schieber, who lives in the Washington Archdiocese, was one of several death penalty opponents who spoke Sept. 30 at Mount St.

Mary's University in Emmitsburg for a conference called "Witness and Action: Christian Responses to the Death Penalty in Maryland." About 100 people attended the daylong event, which was designed to raise awareness within the religious community about the death penalty.

Schieber said she believes all life is sacred. When the state has the ability to protect other lives by applying life sentences without parole, it must do so, she said.

"Throughout Shannon's life, we taught her that we could not hate and have revenge," said Schieber. "Taking another life is not going to honor her."

Many conference speakers said there are inherent flaws in the way the death penalty is applied.

Ray Krone, the 100th exonerated death-row inmate, and Kirk Bloodworth, an Eastern Shore native who was the first death-row inmate exonerated by DNA, told of the pain they endured as innocent men on death row.

Since 1973, more than 120 people have been released from death row because of evidence of their innocence, according to a House of Representatives report.

"The death penalty cannot be applied in a situation where innocent people can die," said Bloodworth, who became a Catholic while he was on death row at Baltimore's Supermax prison.

In heinous cases, there is pressure to find someone guilty,

Bloodworth said. That can lead to innocent people, like him, getting trapped in the system.

"If it can happen to an honorably discharged Marine like me with no criminal record, it can happen to anyone," he said.

Dale Recinella, a Catholic lay chaplain for Florida's death row and solitary confinement, said there is a growing need for Christians to take action against capital punishment on moral grounds.

"We're not talking in the abstract about a death penalty system that works perfectly," he said. "It's a system that is fraught with imperfections."

Conference speakers noted that Maryland's state attorneys are 1.6 times more likely to ask for a death sentence for the murder of a white victim than for a black victim. Death is sought twice as often when the defendant is black and the victim is white than when both are black, according to Maryland Citizens Against State Executions. The system is unfairly applied on the basis of race and geography and must be scrapped, they said.

"We hope to broaden the abolition movement in Maryland," said Trudy Conway, a Mount St. Mary's philosophy professor who was the moderator of the conference.

Conway said she hoped participants would return to their parishes and educate members of their faith community about the "injustice" of capital punishment.



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Shari Rodriguez and student Sara Sabie look on as Bishop John M. D'Arcy blesses the ground for the new academic building at Saint Mary's College.

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Following remarks from SusanMcIlduff, student body president, there was a ritual of blessing led by Bishop D'Arcy who expressed gratitude to the early sisters who came from France. They saw the need and "turned almost immediately from being domestics to education."

After the ground was blessed, representatives of the administration, students and board, along with the bishop, donned white hard hats and with blue shovels broke the land. It was a momentous day for Saint Mary's College.

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Cardinal injured, priest killed in weekend car accident in Italy

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore suffered a broken ankle and a retired priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., was killed in an Oct. 7 automobile accident in Italy. Another Harrisburg diocesan priest, Msgr. Thomas H. Smith, who was driving the vehicle through the city of Terni, broke several ribs. Information about the accident was not released until Oct. 9 so that relatives of the deceased priest, Father Bernard Quinn, 78, could be notified. Cardinal Keeler and Msgr. Smith, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Lancaster, Pa., were hospitalized in Italy. According to an Associated Press report, Father Quinn was in the back seat of the vehicle and Cardinal Keeler in the front passenger seat when a car struck the passenger side. Baltimore archdiocesan communications director Sean Caine said the three priests were friends and vacationed together often.

Pope schedules 2008 Synod of Bishops on Bible in life of church

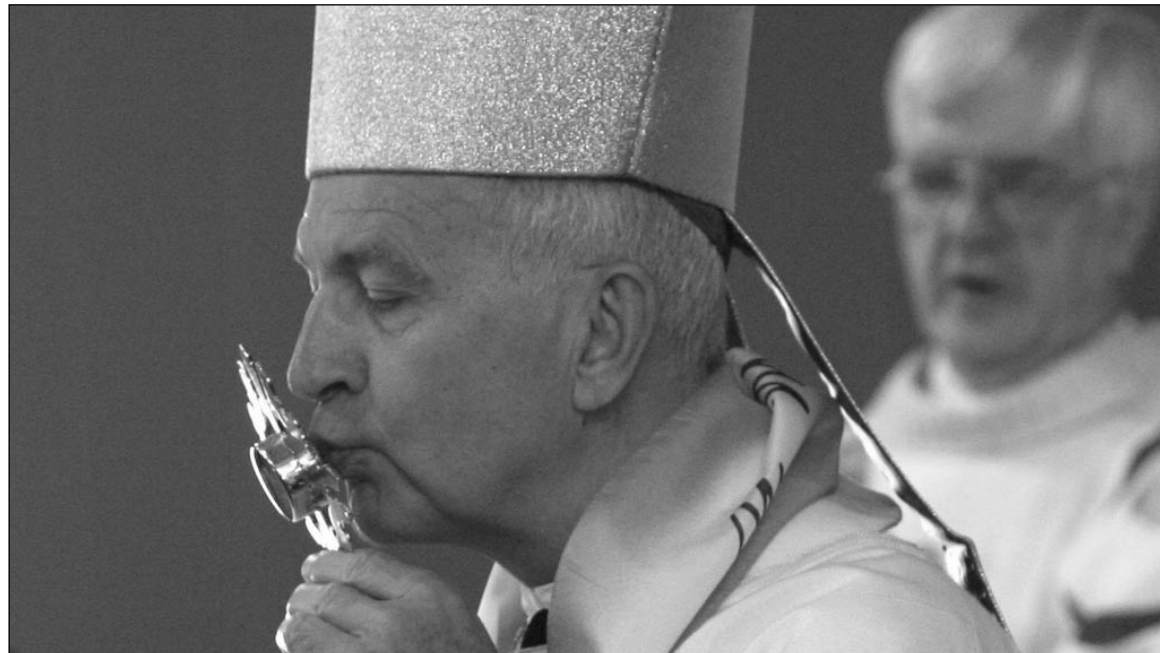
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has scheduled a meeting of the world Synod of Bishops for 2008 and has decided the synod will focus on the Bible in the life of the church. A brief announcement issued Oct. 6 said bishops from around the world elected to represent their peers will meet at the Vatican Oct. 5-26, 2008, to discuss the theme, "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." During the last synod, the 2005 gathering focused on the Eucharist in the life of the church, participants elected members to a council to follow up on the synod and prepare for the next session. Participants at the 2005 synod also offered Pope Benedict suggestions for topics to be treated; the importance of the Bible was one of the most popular topics. The synod council will prepare an outline and list of questions for bishops' conferences and individual bishops to consider, then use the responses in drafting a working document for the 2008 meeting.

Questions remain about Foley's claim of abuse nearly 40 years ago

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Much remains unclear about former Rep. Mark Foley's allegation through an attorney Oct. 3 that he was abused by a member of the clergy when he was a young teen. Foley, a Republican who had represented Florida's 16th district in the House since 1994, resigned his seat Sept. 29 following reports that he had sent sexually explicit e-mails and text messages to House pages who were minors. David Roth, Foley's attorney, said at a West Palm Beach, Fla., news conference Oct. 3 that Foley wanted to name the person who had molested him when he was 13 to 15 years old, but was advised not to until he completed a 30-day

NEWS BRIEFS

INDIANA BISHOP VENERATES RELIC OF CARMELITE NUN



CNS/KAREN CALLAWAY, NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary, venerates a relic of Blessed Mother Maria Tauscher of St. Joseph during a celebration of Mother Maria's beatification at Holy Trinity Church in East Chicago, Oct. 7. Carmelite nuns from Michigan, Wisconsin, St. Louis and Texas joined the Indiana nuns to celebrate the event. The German-born founder of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus was beatified May 13 in the Netherlands. She founded many children's homes, including one in East Chicago, which is in the Diocese of Gary.

treatment plan for alcoholism and mental health issues. "I cannot comment on whether the clergyman was a priest, a minister, an imam or a rabbi," Roth said. Alexis Walkenstein, director of communications for the Palm Beach Diocese, also declined to comment on the allegation. "It would be really inappropriate for me to comment on speculation at this point, especially not knowing what these allegations are or who they're being made against," she said. "We don't even know if it involved the Catholic Church or the diocese."

Pope accepts Austrian president's invitation to visit in 2007

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Austrian President Heinz Fischer formally invited Pope Benedict XVI to visit Austria next September for the celebration of the 850th anniversary of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariazell. "The Holy Father willingly accepted" the invitation offered during his Oct. 5 meeting with Fischer, said a statement from the Vatican press office. Fischer told the pope the Austrian people were pleased that he promised to visit the shrine next year, adding that he seconded the Austrian church's invitation "officially and very cordially in the name of the Republic of Austria." The Vatican statement said that during their 30-minute private meeting the pope and president also discussed "themes of particular importance in today's global context, such as the promotion of dialogue between cultures

and religions, particularly between Christianity and Islam," and the need to condemn terrorism.

Turkish Christian hijacks plane, asks pope's help

ROME (CNS) — A man claiming he was discriminated against as a Christian in Turkey forced a Turkish airplane with 113 people on board to fly to Italy, where he hoped Pope Benedict XVI would help him obtain asylum. The alleged hijacker, 28-year-old Hakan Ekinci, surrendered about two hours after the plane landed Oct. 3 in Brindisi, Italy. Ekinci apparently was unarmed and no one on board was hurt. Initial reports from Turkish television — widely rebroadcast, but denied by both Italian and Turkish authorities almost immediately after Ekinci surrendered — had identified the hijacker as a Turkish Muslim protesting Pope Benedict's plans to visit Turkey in November. Even before it was clear that Ekinci was not protesting the papal trip, the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told Catholic News Service that the incident had not prompted reconsideration of the trip scheduled for Nov. 28-Dec. 1.

U.S. anti-terrorism focus said to hinder work of Catholic aid groups

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two leaders of Catholic aid organizations warned Congress in late September that the "war on terror"

is having unintended consequences on the poorest of the poor around the world. Ken Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services, told a House International Relations subcommittee Sept. 28 that the government's narrow focus on anti-terrorism is diverting resources from long-term efforts to address the root causes of poverty and hunger, which can themselves contribute to political instability. Jesuit Father Ken Gavin, director of Jesuit Refugee Service USA, testified Sept. 27 before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee that his organization's work with refugee populations facing political or religious persecution was being compromised by a rigid interpretation of what constitutes "material support to a terrorist organization" under U.S. law.

Cardinal: Chinese Catholics are united in 'fundamentally one' church

LONDON (CNS) — Catholics in China are united in "fundamentally one" church despite government attempts to create divisions, said Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kjun of Hong Kong. Cardinal Zen called the division between Catholics loyal to the communist state and those loyal to the pope artificial. During a Sept. 29 press conference in London, Cardinal Zen said the Catholic Church in China had not been separated by "theological differences" but by the response of its own members to decades of persecution by athe-

istic communists. "The Catholic Church in China is fundamentally one," Cardinal Zen said. "They're separate ... but just in front of the policies of the government. The patriotic official church exists only as an instrument of the state," he said. When the state changes, church divisions will disappear, he added. Cardinal Zen visited London to speak on the situation of the church in China at an event in Westminster Cathedral. The event was sponsored by Aid to the Church in Need, a Catholic charity that assists poor and persecuted churches.

Russell, editor of diocesan paper in Lafayette, dies at age 59

LAFAYETTE (CNS) — Thomas A. Russell, 59, editor of *The Catholic Moment*, Lafayette's diocesan newspaper, died Sept. 30 at Home Hospital in Lafayette. He had been in ill health the past year. A funeral Mass was to be celebrated Oct. 4 at St. Ann Church in Lafayette, with burial at St. Mary Cemetery in Lafayette. Russell, a member of St. Ann Parish in Lafayette, was also longtime director of the diocesan Pastoral Office for Planning and Communications. Before beginning his tenure there, Russell was the Sunday editor at the *Messenger-Inquirer* daily newspaper in Owensboro, Ky. He relocated to Lafayette, where he was employed with the *Journal* and *Courier* daily newspaper as a reporter, copy editor, local news editor and copy desk chief. He was named editor of *The Catholic Moment* (then called *The Sunday Visitor*) by Lafayette Bishop William L. Higi in 1986.

Catholics urged to lead way in defeating stem-cell, cloning proposal

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (CNS) — Catholics have a moral obligation to treat the least among them the way they would treat Christ himself, Missouri's Catholic bishops said in a pastoral letter calling for defeat of a proposed state constitutional amendment on embryonic stem-cell research and cloning. The amendment, slated for the Nov. 7 ballot, would take away state and local governments' authority to regulate and ban human cloning and embryonic stem-cell research. Such research always results in the killing of innocent human life. "The stage of human life at which the killing takes place makes no difference," the bishops said in the letter, released Sept. 30 during the Missouri Catholic Conference's annual assembly at the Capitol in Jefferson City. "No matter how big or small we are, we all begin our unique journey of life as a human embryo," they said. "Killing is killing, no matter how young or old the victim. And no human life, at any stage of its development, may ever be taken for the sake of someone else's gain."

Bishop D'Arcy, local guests on Redeemer Radio Sharathon, Nov. 1-3

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio 1450 AM, will be airing its fall pledge drive on Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 1-3, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Known as "Fall Sharathon 2006", the event features an array of local and national on-air guests. The preliminary schedule of local guests, headlined by Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has been announced as follows:

- Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Friday 3 p.m.

- Father Bob Schulte, Diocesan Chancellor/Vicar General, Wednesday 3 p.m.

- Father Jim Shafer, advisor to Redeemer Radio and pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Friday 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

- Father Mark Gurtner, advisor to Redeemer Radio, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, and chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School, Friday noon.

- Deacon Tony Steinacker, who will be ordained a priest on Oct. 28, Wednesday, noon.

- Fred Tone and Mary Keefer, principals of Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools, respectively, Thursday, 2 p.m.

- Cindy Black, Diocesan Youth Director, Thursday, noon.

- Tim Johnson and Kathy Denice, *Today's Catholic* editor and business manager, respectively, Thursday, 2 p.m.

- Dr. Dominic Aquila, Dean of the school of Liberal Arts at the University of Saint Francis, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

- John Tippmann Sr., Advisor to Redeemer Radio and Chairman of The Tippmann Group, Thursday, 9 a.m.

- Dr. Andrew Landrigan and Ann Koehl, Women's Care Center president and executive director, respectively, Friday, 2 p.m.

- Bruce Summerfield, local artist, Wednesday and Friday, 8 and 9 a.m.

- Dorothy Sherman and Tracy Sines, St. Vincent Parish pastoral associate and youth minister, respectively, Wednesday, 10 a.m.

- Greg Diss, Knights of Columbus, state chair for Right to Life, Wednesday, 11 a.m.

- Doug Snowball, Opus Dei, Wednesday, 2 p.m.

- Jim Anderson, director of Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Thursday, 6 a.m.

- Jenny Murray and Liz Sanders, Encountering Christ catechetical associate and committee member, respectively, Thursday, 11 a.m.

- Nick Gray and Tom Kaough, Serra Club current and past presidents, Thursday, 1 p.m.

- Deb Meeks and Dave Gongwer, recent convert and RCIA candidate, respectively, from St. Therese Parish, Friday, 10 a.m.

- Frankie Strezlecki, XLT leader, Thursday, noon.

Fall Sharathon 2006 will be hosted by Jerry Usher at the stu-

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DON CLEMMER

Father Philip Widmann, pastor of St. Mary Church in Fort Wayne, Diane Doehring-Winkeljohn, Rita Jansen-King, Tony Henry, pastoral associate at St. Mary, and Diane Day, director of St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, gather at the parish grotto after Doehring-Winkeljohn and Jansen-King, both of Central Catholic High School's class of 1961, presented a check for \$4,500 for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. The money was raised at the class of 1961's reunion held in late September.

dios of Redeemer Radio. Usher is the national host of Catholic radio's most popular program, "Catholic Answers Live," heard on Redeemer Radio weekdays from 6 to 8 o'clock, mornings and evenings. Local co-hosts will include Mary Collins, morning television anchor for Fort Wayne's Indiana News Center, and Bob Hartenstein from the Knights of Columbus.

The pledge drive, along with Redeemer Radio's regular programming, can be heard on the Internet at redeemerradio.com. Redeemer Radio is a 501c3 non-profit group of lay Catholics, financially separate from the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and dependent on the generosity of listeners.

Bishop Luers offers scholarship exam

FORT WAYNE — The 12th Annual Bishop Luers High School (BLHS) Scholarship/Placement Exam will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The exam will be completed by 12 p.m. The test will be given in the school cafeteria.

Students are asked to bring \$10 to take the test and two #2 pencils. All eighth-grade students are wel-

come to attend. The test is to determine placement for the 2007-2008 school year and to test students on academic merit in order to award financial scholarships.

There will be a parent-to-parent meeting from 8 to 9 a.m. on Nov. 4 with coffee and doughnuts in the library for any parents interested. The makeup date for the test will be Dec. 2, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will no parent meeting on Dec. 2. Please call the BLHS development office at (260) 456-1261 for more information.

Fall "break" for Saint Mary's students means service and learning

NOTRE DAME — For many Saint Mary's College students, fall break is not a time to go home and sleep late. It is a week of learning, reflection, and — in some cases — hard physical labor. Regardless of the endeavor, these students are working to improve themselves and the lives of others.

About 15 Saint Mary's students and three faculty members will take a van to St. Tammany Parish in Louisiana to work with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity on their "100 houses in 1 year" project. One of the faculty members going is Karen

Chambers, a psychology professor who was stranded in New Orleans during the hurricane last year.

Now in its fifth year, the fall break Catalyst Trip brings together women from the Saint Mary's and Michiana communities for an educational weeklong experience aimed at enlightening their thinking and supporting their leadership.

Throughout the Catalyst Trip, there will be various workshops and discussions on topics such as racism and privilege, community organizing and development and poverty.

Five Saint Mary's students and one student from the University of Notre Dame will go to La Guadalupe in Mexico, where some Sisters of the Holy Cross are serving.

Participating students applied for this trip and were accepted last spring. They have been preparing for the pilgrimage since the start of the school year with weekly sessions of prayer, reflection and education about the culture and the social teachings of the church.

This is a collaborative effort by three offices at Saint Mary's: The Office of Civic and Social Engagement, Campus Ministry and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The trip is Monday, Oct. 16, through Sunday, Oct. 22.

Local drive time show premieres live on Redeemer Radio

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio 1450 AM, is now on the air with another locally-produced program. "Think on These Things" is hosted by Dr. Dominic Aquila, dean of The School of Liberal Arts at the University of Saint Francis. The theme of Dr. Aquila's show is faith, culture and current affairs.

The one-hour call-in program airs live weekly on Mondays at 4 p.m.

EARTHWORKS RECEIVES DONATED QUILT FOR BAZAAR



IDA CHIPMAN

Sally Gerstbauer is shown with her hand-quilted queen-sized quilt donated to Earthworks for their Whole House Christmas bazaar. The sixth annual bazaar will be held on Nov. 17-19 at Earthworks House across from Ancilla college and convent in Donaldson.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School partners with Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne to expand the horizons of stewardship, service

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Visit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne on Fairfield Avenue this fall and you will see smiles on the faces of the children there. Those smiles are shining in part because of the newly formed partnership the club has made with St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School (SJSE). What began as a simple volunteer mission has snowballed into a stewardship network that has already begun to benefit these underprivileged youth of Fort Wayne.

This past summer, Alex and Kris Andorfer, both students at Bishop Luers High School, volunteered their time at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne, where their aunt, Denise Andorfer, is executive director. During conversations with their parents, Mark and Jenny Andorfer, they spoke of the needs of the children at the club and the family wanted to do more to help.

The Andorfers' involvement with parents and teachers at SJSE School, where their two youngest children, Kaitlyn and Julia attend, led them to the idea of partnership with the club.

"We have very generous families (at school) and I thought that if we matched that generosity with a needy organization, then it would be a win-win situation for both," said Jenny Andorfer. After speaking with the club's director, she approached SJSE School Principal Lois Widner with a "list of needed items" for the club. Widner's excitement about the idea led to a school-wide project that was initiated before the first day of the 2006-2007 school year with a letter to the parents requesting donations to the club.

The supply drive had school children bringing in listed items needed at the club for weeks, including hygiene products such

as toothpaste, soap, and lotions, and school supplies, backpacks and games. Gift cards totaling \$120 were also donated for gifts and prizes for the children at the club. The donations were delivered Sept. 27, by Andorfer, Boys and Girls Club board member and parishioner of St. Elizabeth Parish, Kevin Burns and several students of SJSE School to a grateful group of children.

According to director Denise Andorfer, the donations will be used as incentives to complete the eight-week classes offered at the club, which include drug prevention, career education and job training. Additionally the Boys and Girls Club offers a "club store" with items that can be purchased by the children with earned "club bucks."

And this generous donation is just the beginning. Widner and Denise Andorfer are currently mapping out additional volunteer projects to benefit the children at the school and the club. Seventh and eighth grade SJSE students will have the opportunity to read to club children ages six to nine and assist them with homework and in the craft room. The after school volunteer hours will help complete the necessary service hours needed for seventh and eighth grade religion class and confirmation requirements. Future endeavors will include the fifth and sixth grade SJSE students as well. "It's important that the students are part of the broader community and helping to give back," says Widner. She adds that "it's a big deal at SJSE School to use the gifts and talents to help other kids."

The generous stewardship of the students and sponsors at SJSE School has indeed snowballed into a beneficial partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne. And it seems there's more to come.



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Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne board member Kevin Burns stands behind St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth students (from left) Kaitlyn Andorfer, Addie Reibold and Julia Andorfer holding donated items for the children of the club. These students are participating in a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club in which they collected items of need for the club in addition to volunteering after school to assist the children with homework and reading. The club is located at 2609 Fairfield Ave.



Addie Reibold (left) and Kaitlyn Andorfer assist a young girl at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne on Fairfield Avenue after school in the craft room. The girls are students at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School partnering with the club to assist with peer tutoring and reading projects.

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The traveling Jubilee Cross arrived at St. Patrick Catholic Church on Sunday, Aug. 20, and served as a reminder of the great love Jesus had for all of us. After a week of celebrating this great love with special services, the cross was delivered to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw on Aug. 26 by St. Patrick parishioners.

PROVIDED BY THE ADVANCE LEADER

Students, alumni and staff pay tribute to Saint Joseph's teacher

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — “California Dreamin,’ ‘Yesterday,’ ‘Blowin In the Wind’ — all popular songs that could be heard countless times from the basement of Saint Joseph’s High School over the past years will not be played during the passing periods this year. Sadly, the sound of silence will be heard in room 11 for some time,” wrote Susan Richter, principal at Saint Joseph’s High School in South Bend to the student body and their families in the September newsletter *Soundings*.

“Thomas A. Gerencher, a veteran teacher at Saint Joseph’s for 34 years, passed away on Aug. 14. The Saint Joe community suffered a tremendous loss on that day. Mr. Gerencher was a special teacher, a special person who made a difference in the lives of his students. He loved to teach, to challenge his students to achieve excellence and to make the world a better place in which to live. Tom lived his faith on a daily basis and helped his students to see Christ in others,” added Richter.

Gerencher, and three other teachers, walked each day on the track at Saint Joseph’s High School. During his usual morning walk, Gerencher unexpectedly died of a heart attack leaving behind a legacy at his alma mater that is unmatched.

Gerencher taught American literature honors and media for 34 years at Saint Joseph’s High School. He was a teacher that students (parents) will never forget. He not only taught his students how to write, he taught them how to learn. He encouraged them to be inspired, motivated, enthusiastic, persuaded, realistic, and most importantly to embrace life — “live to learn and learn to live.” He demanded excellence from his students and rejoiced in the number of them who achieved his or her dreams because he or she rose to that challenge. Gerencher’s passions were teaching, reading and collecting great literature.

“The number of e-mails and letters received by the school serves as a testament to the impact that Mr. Gerencher had on so many of his students. He embodied everything that is good about Saint Joseph’s,” stated Richter in her newsletter.

Senior Karen Sechowski was a student of Gerencher’s and also sang at his funeral Mass.

“I remember having my first after-school chat with Mr. Gerencher. He sat on his blue swivel chair behind his podium, and I was terrified. It seems so silly now that I could have been scared of such a loving person, but his class’s reputation of being tough frightened me. I was considering dropping one of my four honors classes, and it was between chemistry or American literature. Mr. Gerencher told me to pray to the baby Jesus for help. I do not know exactly what



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Front center is Tom Gerencher at a Saint Joseph's High School homecoming game where his 1963 winning football team was honored.

Jesus told me, but I dropped chemistry,” recalled Sechowski.

“I never have had so much fun in a class. My appreciation for literature grew tremendously because of Mr. Gerencher. For example, he made learning about transcendentalist authors like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau (and their dry works such as ‘Nature’ and ‘Walden’) quite interesting. ... There was no way to read all of the books we talked about during the course of the year, but I have made it my personal goal to read as many as I can in my lifetime,” said Sechowski.

“Mr. Gerencher was my teacher, but, more importantly, he was my mentor and my friend. I could talk to him about anything. He was always there to listen, whether it was for me to joke or to rant. The intimidation I felt at the beginning of my junior year turned quickly into admiration. I established a friendship with Mr. Gerencher — something I feel he did with each of his students. This relationship was something that I will always treasure,” said Sechowski.

The school received numerous e-mails and letters from parents, current students and past students that all talked about the lasting impact Gerencher made on their lives.

“I was in his class the first year he taught at Saint Joe and what a good fortune that was for me,” wrote alumnus Mary Pat Sapp in a condolence note to the high school. “I still remember one of those 66,000 essays and am grateful for the challenge.”

Graduate Abram Van Engen wrote a letter to the school that talked about his personal experiences with Gerencher, and how it affected his life.

“But then, of course, there is the greatest impression of all — the spiritual difference a person makes in another’s life. Tom taught students not only how to write but also how to think; and in thinking, he taught us that faith and thought are not opposed. Here was a man who

thought as deeply as he believed. Here was an inspirational teacher inspired and led by the Holy Ghost. And in that inspiration, there is a kind of in-breathing in students that cannot help but be passed on, even as Tom himself no longer breathes,” wrote Van Engen.

“I learned to write under Tom’s guidance — I and so many others. And now when we write, we cannot help but mark something of Tom’s passing wake, the words stirred a little differently for having passed beneath his care. Such words then carry on. They affect their readers and future writers who have read them and on and on. Like the McDonald’s ticker that kept spinning upwards as it counted how many it had served, the number Tom has served in his teaching is even now spinning wildly out of control,” Van Engen added.

At the end of the letter, Van Engen talked about how he sees Gerencher as he leaves this world and moves onto the next.

“I am a Christian, as Tom was, and so I believe that Tom has not been swallowed up, but rather that he has died into Christ and overcome the darkness with a brighter light. I imagine Tom finally leaving his basement room and passing through the dark halls of the high school until he emerges, with a wink and a smile, in the bright light of a perfect spring day. And outside, there is a feast, a great celebration. And as Tom approaches this great feast, with the music of the Beatles blasting from the stereos, he is joined by another man, a mysterious man whom Tom has always known, though never seen quite so closely as this. The man walks side-by-side with Tom, and at the entrance to the great feast, he stops, turns to Tom with approval and says just this, just this one line: ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.’ It is the just reward Tom deserves; it is a reward, I believe, that Tom has already received,” wrote Van Engen.

St. Michael parishioner donates hair to Locks of Love

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — “It was kinda hard to part with,” Maggie Morrow, 12, said, when her long, wavy dark-brown hair lay in ten and a half inch pigtails on her lap.

After all, she’d been growing her it long since the fourth grade. And now she was about to enter the seventh grade at Lincoln Junior High — with an entirely changed look.

“Actually,” her mom, Chris Morrow, said, “we’d been talking about making an appointment since June, but Maggie just wasn’t ready to have it done yet.”

She’d even toyed with the idea of cutting it off just before this year’s annual Relay for Life.

But then — it wasn’t time yet. It’s like giving up something that is a part of you.

And it is.

Maggie’d already made the commitment in her mind. Ever since Mary Ann Hickman, an agent in her dad’s insurance company had been diagnosed with cancer and lost her hair after chemotherapy, Maggie had decided to donate her own hair to Locks of Love.

“She was my inspiration,” she said.

An honor student, Maggie is very much involved in sports.

She plays basketball, soccer, softball and runs cross country.

She’s used to having her full pony tail bouncing around behind her.

No more.

Rio Hafke, the hair stylist at Alena Renee’s Salon in downtown Plymouth, first washed and dried Maggie’s long hair. She separated it into two pigtails and cut them off — one-by-one.

The scissors made a strange, heavy sound.

“This is the first Locks of Love I’ve done in Plymouth,” Rio, a recent resident, moving here from New Jersey, said.

The tresses will be carefully placed in a plastic bag, sealed and put into a padded envelope for shipment by Maggie’s mom.

“Locks of Love will fashion the donated hair into wigs for children,” she said.

As a special reward for her generosity, Chris is taking her daughter out for a pedicure.

Maggie, whose neck feels nothing if but a little naked, smiled.

A member of the Angels Girls’ Club of St. Michael Catholic Church, she is definitely following their tenets.

“I’ll do it again,” she said, happy with her new look. “As soon as it grows out long enough.”



IDA CHIPMAN

Maggie Morrow, 12, has her hair cut for the first time since she was in the fourth grade. She is donating her pony tails to Locks of Love. Rio Hafke, a stylist in Alena Renees Salon in downtown Plymouth, is doing the deed.

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GREGORIAN SCHOLA DEBUTS AT NOTRE DAME



ANN CAREY

The Notre Dame Gregorian Schola made its debut recently at a Mass in the chapel of Alumni Hall. The schola, which will chant at a monthly Mass throughout the school year, was formed by Notre Dame students interested in Gregorian chant. Pictured in the back row, left to right, are schola members Joseph Caudle, class of '09; Philip Carl Smith, class of '08 and director of the schola; Raymond Hain, graduate student; and Joseph Zepeda, graduate student. Garret Smith, a graduate student and other schola member is not pictured. Celebrating the novus ordo Latin Mass was Jesuit Father Brian Daley, a Notre Dame theology professor, center front row. The servers were Victor Saenz, class of '09, left front; and John Sikorski, class of '07, right front.

JUBILEE CROSS AWES PRESCHOOL CHILDREN



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Students in St. Dominic Parish preschool class taught by Kathy Aschenbrenner and Erin Eberle gaze in awe at the traveling Jubilee Cross. The religious education classes held a special service before the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Oct. 8, with all grades participating. The cross now travels to St. Michael in Plymouth.

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Family Faith

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Catholics unite in prayer for Amish community

BY JEN REED

HARRISBURG, Pa. (CNS) — In a demonstration of support for the local Amish community, Catholics in the Harrisburg Diocese filled St. Catherine of Siena Church in Quarryville and the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg Oct. 5 for prayer three days after the shootings at the Amish schoolhouse.

The Mass at St. Catherine's and the prayer service at the Keeler Center took place the same day the Amish community buried four of the girls shot in the schoolhouse. Burial of the fifth child was Oct. 6.

According to state police, 32-year-old Charles Carl Roberts IV entered a one-room Amish schoolhouse in West Nickel Mines Oct. 2 and shot 10 girls before taking his own life. As of Oct. 6, the five who survived remained in serious condition.

St. Catherine of Siena Church is located just seven miles from the scene of the tragedy. The Oct. 5 Mass was celebrated by Harrisburg Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and concelebrated by several diocesan priests. It drew an overflow crowd.

"As a Catholic community of

faith, we pray for our beloved Amish neighbors, our brothers and sisters in the Christian faith. We pray for the children who have died, so precious in the sight of the Lord," Bishop Rhoades said, praying also for the girls who remained hospitalized, for the victims' families, and for Roberts and his family.

"This past weekend, the Catholic Church throughout the United States celebrated Respect Life Sunday," the bishop remarked. "We affirmed and celebrated that all human life is a sacred and priceless gift from God. ... Our lives and the lives of all our children and of the Amish children whose death we mourn are a gift of God's love.

"We must learn to treasure that gift even more" in the aftermath of the school tragedy, he said.

The bishop said the readings for the Mass about God wiping away people's tears and Christ's resurrection making all things new should "strengthen our faith and hope during this time of tragedy and mourning."

"None of the evil, suffering or pain experienced in this world will find its way into the new world, the heavenly Jerusalem," he added.

The bishop also prayed that God would "bestow his healing and grace to this community united as his children in faith, hope and love."

As Bishop Rhoades celebrated Mass in Quarryville, several hundred people filled the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg for a holy hour of prayer with eucharistic adoration and benediction to pray for the Amish community, the safety of children and an end to violence.

Father James Lyons, diocesan vicar general and celebrant and homilist at the center service, said the presence of so many Catholics demonstrated the respect and concern for the Amish and for the families whose lives were so profoundly affected by the tragedy.

"I think it's a great sign of the presence of the church, in the sense that people of the church come together in prayer," Father Lyons told *The Catholic Witness*, diocesan newspaper of Harrisburg.

"It's almost instinctual for Catholics, and people who practice their faith, to want to come together in prayer to comfort each other but also to pray to God for strength and healing," he said.

Family turns tragedy into a field of dreams

NOTRE DAME — Four years after Melissa Cook was killed by falling scaffolding from the John Hancock Center, her family has donated \$3 million to the University of Notre Dame to build a softball stadium in her name.

The money comes from a lawsuit settlement reached in February. Four women died, and at least six people were injured in the 2002 scaffolding accident. Victims and family members received a combined \$75.2 million from the owner of the skyscraper, makers and operators of the scaffolding and other companies. The plaintiffs have declined to say how the settlement was divided.

Cook's mother and stepfather, Linda and Paul Demo, decided to give the bulk of their proceeds to educational causes, especially those that call to mind their daughter's days at Notre Dame and her love of learning.

Speaking publicly for one of the few times since the accident, the Demos said they also plan to donate several million dollars to send students from northwestern Indiana to college.

"From the beginning of the lawsuit, we didn't think that money belonged to us. Melissa paid the ultimate price for that money and that money actually belonged to her," said Cook's mother, Linda Demo, of Palm Harbor, Fla. "We wanted her memory to live on. We tried to think of ways that would do the most good."

They are in the beginning stages of setting up the Melissa Cook Memorial Foundation, which will direct college scholarship money to needy students from Lake County. The first scholarships are expected to be given out in fall 2007, said McMahon, a foundation co-director.

Cook's family also asked Notre Dame officials about the university's plans to build a softball stadium. They learned that a stadium was

ranked 94th on a list of building priorities, according to Paul Demo.

"We knew the girls were not going to have a stadium in our lifetime. We decided that is what Melissa would like," Linda Demo said.

Paul Demo said that Cook was sensitive to inequities between men and women, including that Notre Dame baseball players had a high-end stadium while the softball team played on a field and changed clothes in the equivalent of a storage room.

Since Cook's death, Linda and Paul Demo have stayed close with her friends from Notre Dame. They attended softball games and had dinner with the team. The stadium will be named the Melissa Cook Stadium.

Last month, Cook was reinterred at the university cemetery, which had been reserved for Notre Dame faculty and staff members. University officials said they will soon start a program, called "Coming Home," allowing alumni to purchase plots, said Dennis Brown, a university spokesman.

McMahon said her friend would be honored to be buried there and to have a facility named in her honor, but that she also would be embarrassed by the attention.

The stadium will be built on the southeast corner of campus. University officials said they've raised an additional \$500,000, and construction won't begin until the project, estimated to cost \$4.8 million, is fully funded.

Coach Deanna Gumpf said a new stadium, named after Cook, will inspire future athletes.

"Melissa loved Notre Dame and loved playing softball," said Gumpf, the women's head softball coach. "Being here at Notre Dame was such a special place for her, and her parents realized that. Every time someone walks through the Melissa Cook Stadium, they will know her name and learn her story."



CNS PHOTO/CHRIS HEISEY, CATHOLIC WITNESS

Father Daniel Mitzel, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Lancaster, Pa., distributes Communion at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Quarryville, Pa., as a reverent Amish girl looks on Oct. 5. St. Catherine of Siena is the closest Catholic church to West Nickel Mines Amish School where 10 children were shot Oct. 2. Three died at the scene and two others died after being hospitalized.

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Small school with big resources

Father Albert Seen, OFM, was the pastor of St. Therese Parish in 1958 when the school was built. It was Father Albert who gave the permission to its members to begin planning the unique semi-circular two-story building. Today, St. Therese School has 154 students in grades K-8 under the direction of Principal Michael Briggs. The staff consists of nine homeroom teachers, four aides in addition to special teachers of art, physical education, music, computer, and a full-time resource teacher.

St. Therese is located in the Waynedale area of Fort Wayne where students benefit from the caring neighborhood feel of a small town as well as the diversity and opportunity of a larger community. Within this warm atmosphere, students are given personal attention through a variety of resources offered at St. Therese School. We have a full-day kindergarten, Junior Achievement, family groups, a playground gym, full CYO athletic program and hands-on science lab. The school is located adjacent to the Waynedale Branch of the Allen County Public Library that students visit weekly.

St. Therese has daily rosary attended by students every morning before school. Students are very proud of the new church. The beautiful rose window is located on the north side of the church. Students make visits to neighborhood Kingston Senior Retirement Center to interact with senior citizens on a monthly basis. The upper grades publish a quarterly *Crusaders Times* newspaper. Students have access to a newly remodeled computer lab with Internet access and a SmartBoard. St. Therese eighth grade students publish their own personal yearbook composed of class memories since kindergarten. They also plan an



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Eighth grade students meet the *Crusader Times* Newspaper deadline.

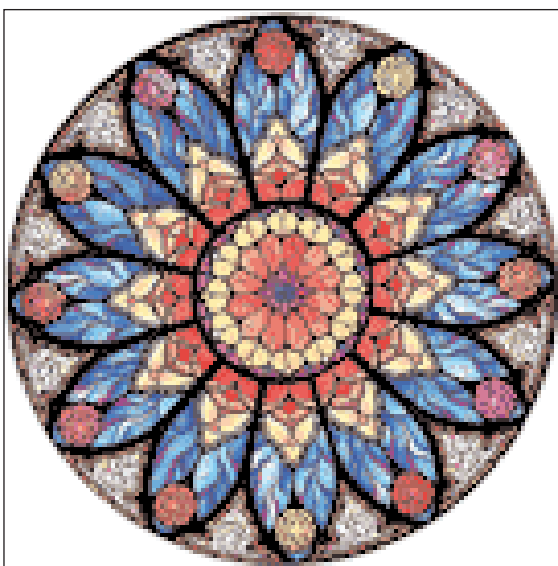
annual Midwest class trip for May. All middle school students participate in three service projects each quarter. This can be raking leaves or shoveling snow for handicapped individuals in the Waynedale area. Some students even provide free babysitting service for parents in need as well as reading/tutoring younger students. A big highlight before Christmas break is the Questival to raise money to send to our sister school in Honduras. The upper grades put together booths for the younger students and their

little siblings at home. Some of the booths are food, fun games with lots of prizes. All students participate in the annual "clean-up" day every spring. Students come to school with rakes, gloves and buckets to freshen up the parish and school grounds for the upcoming summer.

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Grade seven studies the skeletal and muscular system by cutting up chicken quarters.



The rose window adorns the sanctuary of St. Therese Church.

How I feel about St. Therese School

I am very proud to be a part of St. Therese School and parish. St. Therese has always seemed like my second home and I have always felt safe here and enjoyed the people and environment it's in. It is not the newly remodeled classrooms, or the beautiful new church, but it's the people that make St. Therese what it is and how special it is today. The teachers are phenomenal and they listen and understand you. My classmates are great and funny people to be around and the best thing is we all get along. Attending church has always and will always be a big part of my life, however having a small parish, it seems to be that much more special and spiritual. St. Therese has changed my perspective on life and I will cherish the memories I have had here forever!

ABBY BIRELEY
GRADE 8

St. Therese, in my opinion, has the best teachers. They give me a reason to come to school every day. They teach us the important things about life and help us students prepare for the upcoming years. They also inspire us in many different ways. For example, they remind us every day how smart and blessed we all are. Everyone doesn't learn at the same pace so, to help those who fall behind they provide more one-on-one time with those students and offer after school tutoring. The best thing about the teachers here at St. Therese is that they can relate to our everyday lives. They tell us about their mistakes and what they did to find a solution. The teachers here at St. Therese are like a second family to me and are always there for me when I need them.

ALYSSA SHAFFER
GRADE 8

Being a St. Therese student for more than eight years has shown me what true appreciation is. Although I have thought the rules here were too strict, I have learned that these rules were only for our best interest. I have also made some of my very best friends here and have always been able to turn to God without judgment here. Appreciation and gratitude are only a few words to describe my great thanks to this school. I have faced many hardships at this school that have made me stronger. I am going to miss these great teachers and this great spirit every student here has.

KATIE EASH
GRADE 8

St. Therese is an all around great school. It has caring teachers and good morals, many sports teams, creative arts, and it brings God into the classroom, etc. I appreciate these qualities in a school and they make learning more enjoyable. However these great attributes aren't really what makes this school so great for me. It's the students and friends I have here that make this school so great. Students leave St. Therese with a positive outlook on life and are intelligent and kind people. After all, students are the most important part of any school and the kids here are great people.

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Coughlin and the Red Mass

BY ANN CAREY

Franciscan Father John Coughlin, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School, will be the celebrant and homilist for the annual Red Mass in Fort Wayne at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 15 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He is standing in for Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who is in Rome for the canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin.

Father Coughlin is both a civil lawyer and a canon lawyer, and he teaches courses on canon law, legal ethics and professional responsibility. He told *Today's Catholic* that he is very happy that the tradition of the Red Mass has been revived:

"It's a wonderful time for lawyers — Catholic and non-Catholics alike — to gather in a faith context and to acknowledge the reality of God, the reality of the sacred," Father Coughlin said. "It's good for the church, but it's even more important in terms of the civic forum, and the sense that in the government we ought to have a recognition of God and of the sacred."

Father Coughlin has broad experience in the law profession. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his license and doctorate of canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He is a member of the New York bar and served as general counsel of St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., from 1990 to 1993. From 1993 to 1996, he was legal and



FATHER JOHN COUGHLIN, OFM

canonical counsel to the Holy Name Province of Franciscan Friars in New York. He was professor of canon law and spiritual director of St. Joseph's Seminary in New York from 1994 to 2001.

Father Coughlin also served the Archdiocese of New York as a judge in the appeals tribunal and as vicar of canonical and legal aspects of health care. From 1996 to 2003, he taught at St. John's University School of Law before coming to Notre Dame.

As a priest who also is a lawyer, Father Coughlin personifies a unique intersection between the religious profession and the legal profession, and he tries to show students how one's faith should inform one's work in serv-

ice to the law.

"The first way I relate to the students is as a priest," he told *Today's Catholic*. "I love being a lawyer, but being a priest is far more important, and I love it more. I try to show students that it's possible to live a life in accord with Catholic teaching and to be an instrument of justice in the world as an attorney."

Father Coughlin said that principle is embodied in something as broad as the requirement to tell the truth and not to make false statements. The truth requirement applies to every aspect of the law, but it is something that is reinforced by faith, and in fact comes from faith, he explained.

In teaching civil law classes, Father Coughlin said he brings in Catholic principles and examples from canon law. And in teaching canon law, he is able to bring the perspective of civil law. In fact, his doctoral dissertation in canon law is on the comparison between canon law and American civil law.

Father Coughlin told *Today's Catholic* that his homily at the Red Mass will be based on the day's Gospel about the rich young man who comes to our Lord and asks what he needs to do to be perfect. The homily will connect that Gospel to the legal profession by explaining that it is not enough just to obey the law. There is something deeper.

"For the Catholic lawyer, one's personal relationship with Christ is that deeper thing," Father Coughlin said.

Chief Justice to speak at Red Mass event

BY ANN CAREY

The chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court will be the featured speaker at a brunch after the Oct. 15 Red Mass celebrated in Fort Wayne's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard has been chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court since 1987. He was originally appointed in 1985 by Gov. Robert Orr. During his tenure on the Indiana Supreme Court, Chief Justice Shepard has received numerous awards for his service, including this year's Lifetime Achievement Award from Indiana Black Expo, the Professionalism Award from the American Inns of Court Foundation in 2005, and the Norma Wickler Excellence in Service Award from the National Association of Women Judges in 2004.

Just last month, Chief Justice Shepard received a Special Merit Citation from the American Judicature Society for the Indiana Supreme Court's Jury Pool Project. That project succeeded in creating a more diverse and inclusive jury pool by expanding state jury pool lists from 60-to-80 percent of eligible jurors to 99 percent of eligible jurors by combining data from the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Revenue. Thus, anyone with a driver's license or state identification card or who works or pays taxes is eligible for the jury pools.

A native of Indiana, Chief Justice Shepard graduated from



CHIEF JUSTICE RANDALL T. SHEPARD

Princeton University and earned his law degree from Yale University School of Law. He also holds a master of laws degree in the judicial process from the University of Virginia.

Before being named to the Supreme Court, he was a judge in the Vanderburgh Superior Court from 1980 to 1985. Prior to that, he had been executive assistant to Mayor Russell Lloyd of Evansville and a special assistant to the under-secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Chief Justice Shepard also is active in other areas, including the Boy Scouts of America and the Indiana Historical Society. He and his wife, Amy, are the parents of one daughter.

The present Indiana Supreme Court has four associate justices in addition to the chief justice. Incumbent justices are subject to retention votes every 10 years, with mandatory retirement at age 75.

Brownback tells audience he prefers to debate based on reason

BY CAROL ZIMMERMAN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., told an audience at The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law Sept. 28 that he does not use theology to debate issues on Capitol Hill, but instead uses reason.

The Catholic senator, speaking at a two-day forum titled "Roundtable on Religion in the Public Square" and sponsored by the law school, stressed that although he is not a person who "checks his beliefs at the door" he is convinced that people of faith should not "seek to impose their faith beliefs on anyone."

"We could argue all day on theology," he said, noting that he prefers to debate based on facts and science, which may be informed by theology, as a "way to move forward."

He said his faith-formed ideas about the dignity of human life and the need for laws to protect society's most vulnerable influence his views about public policy, but even in debates about embryonic stem-cell research he prefers to stick to scientific reasoning. That's why he said he asked participants during a recent debate on such research to discuss when human

life begins from a biological, not a theological, standpoint.

The senator also noted that he does not shy away from debate, even though for many the "tendency is to walk away

from conflict."

"We're better off to have a wholesome debate," he told the audience.

The senator said he is often accused on television talk shows of imposing his values on others and he finds that "people often try

"We could argue all day on theology."

SEN. SAM BROWNBACK

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to bait me," saying "that's your belief," despite his attempts to steer clear of such actions.

Brownback added that he has had to stand firm on his principles even if it has meant risking that his constituents could vote him out of office. That includes his pro-life stance, which was not initially popular with Kansas voters.

"I stood there and articulated my position and continued to," he said.

During a panel discussion after the senator's speech, participants from a variety of religious groups spoke of the challenges and successes they have experienced in attempting to influence public policy.

Several participants stressed the

importance of working together with members of other religious groups to make more of an impact. The Rev. Richard Cizik, vice president for governmental affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, said collaboration in this line of work is key because "we're not just helping ourselves."

Melissa Rodgers, a professor at Wake Forest University Divinity School in Winston-Salem, N.C., who worked for several years with the Baptist Joint Committee on Religious Liberty, said the government "shouldn't meddle in religion but that doesn't mean religion doesn't have a place in public life."

She said when diverse groups work together to promote single issues in federal policies, they are not only more successful, but they also could serve as a model for similar partnerships on the local level.

Rabbi Abba Cohen, director of

Agudath Israel of America, a group representing Orthodox Jews in Washington, said his faith tradition has followed a long custom of approaching political leaders from Pharaohs to prime ministers. His organization currently examines public policy issues that directly affect the Jewish community — specifically religious freedom and discrimination issues.

Another panelist, Nancy Wisdo, an associate general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted that the principles the U.S. bishops seek to apply to current legislation are often based on encyclicals dating back hundreds of years.

She said religious groups have a responsibility to "engage in public debate," but she noted that the process is not always easy.

"We agree on the principles," she said, "but as they apply to legislation, that's where the rub happens."

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Annual Fort Wayne Red Mass to be held October 15 at Cathedral

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will hold its annual Red Mass in Fort Wayne on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Father John Coughlin, OFM, of the University of Notre Dame Law School, will preside at this traditional liturgy in honor of members of the legal profession.

Following the Red Mass, at a brunch at the Grand Wayne Center, Randall Terry Shepard, Chief Justice of Indiana, will address members of the local legal community.

The brunch is not open to the public. However, interested individuals are welcome to attend the Red Mass, which is one of the three regularly scheduled Masses at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday morning.

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EDITORIAL

Providence brings us a local saint, faith model

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, placing our worries in the Lord's hands — that was the key, besides a holy life, that brings Mother Theodore Guérin to be recognized this weekend as a canonized saint.

Like us, she bore her struggles. She had poor health. She dealt with prejudice. She dealt with difficult personalities, sometimes from the Bishop of Vincennes. Yet she remained strong as a woman of grace. Notes tell us that Msgr. Julian Benoit recognized her saintliness when he met her.

We rejoice, with the rest of the state of Indiana, that one of our own has received this honor. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend owes a debt to the work of Mother Theodore. She is the foundress of our Catholic schools.

Here is some background on Mother Theodore's ties to the diocese.

The first Bishop of Vincennes, Bishop Bruté, whose own sainthood cause has been opened, sent his vicar general, the Very Reverend Celestin de la Hailandiere to France in 1839 to recruit sisters and brothers to establish schools in rapidly-growing Indiana. Bishop Bruté died while de la Hailandiere was in France. De la Hailandiere was consecrated as the bishop of Vincennes while in Paris.

His mission gained even more fervor to bring religious to the diocese. The Congregation of Holy Cross in LeMans gave him six brothers with their superior, Father Sorin, the founder of Notre Dame. Bishop de la Hailandiere also received a promise from Ruillé-sur-Loir that a colony of sisters would come to Indiana.

When Mother Theodore was presented with this request, she didn't outright volunteer to come to the wilderness of America to open a girls' school. But she humbly accepted her role as superior of the motherhouse and superior general of the other houses that would be established.

In many ways, her life resembles that of many of our own ancestors who came to Indiana. It took 40 days by ship to come to America. Seasickness, stormy seas and unscrupulous fellow travelers accompanied the sisters on their journey. When they arrived, they were faced with the challenge of learning English. And then they had to travel west to what was then the wilderness.

The Sisters of Providence, at the request of Msgr. Julian Benoit, opened a mission in Fort Wayne. That school would become St. Augustine Academy and located on the Cathedral Square. The sisters brought a strong faith and culture to their school and maintained their presence in Fort Wayne long after St. Augustine Academy closed — serving at parish schools, Central Catholic High School and various other ministries.

The foundation built by these pioneer sisters bolstered Catholic identity in the community. Today we celebrate the good mother for building the faith in our corner of Indiana, for showing us the path to saintliness and trusting in the providence of the Lord.

Echoing one man's appeal for peace

The recent claim by the North Korean government that it has detonated a nuclear weapon brings back to the fore the words of Pope John XXIII in his 1963 encyclical, "Pacem in Terris" (on establishing universal peace in truth, justice, charity and liberty).

Writing in the midst of the Cold War and in the wake of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Pope John noted, "Thus, in this age which boasts of its atomic power, it no longer makes sense to maintain that war is a fit instrument with which to repair the violation of justice." — Pacem in Terris, 127

John's words reverberate on numerous levels today.

One, nuclear weapons are a threat to all life on earth, and aggressive steps should be taken to secure their reduction and eventual abolishment. These weapons, with the carnage they are capable of creating, can never be used for the purposes of just war, the only warfare permitted in Catholic teaching.

And if the world persists in keeping and threatening to use nuclear weapons, then war itself can no longer be permissible. If this becomes the case, John XXIII argues, relations between countries "must be regulated not by armed force, but in accordance with the principles of right reason ... truth, justice and vigorous and sincere cooperation" (114).

With the United States refusing to dialogue with North Korea, the chances for right reason winning out seem slim. But perhaps the spirit of Pope John will continue to win over the hearts of individuals and remind them of the value of working toward peace.

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.

COMMENTARY

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Commissary of the Holy Land thanks diocese

Dear Bishop D'Arcy, God give you peace.

I am in receipt of your check in the amount of \$72,990.23, representing the gifts of the people of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to the Jerusalem Mother Church for the 2006 Good Friday collection. This gift will not only assist in the preservation of the holy places but will also help the people to whom the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land Custody minister.

In the name of the friars and those to whom they minister, I express our deepest gratitude to you, Bishop D'Arcy, and to our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who continue to give most generously to help those who are in need. May God bless and reward all of you.

The Good Friday Collection is a pontifical collection and is absolutely vital. News reports are received daily about the important challenges in the Middle East. The Christian community is urgently in need of our help. As you know, we are charged also with the protection, physical and pastoral care of the holy shrines, which we make accessible to pilgrims.

With deep appreciation, much gratitude and a promise of prayer for you and the people of God in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I am yours

Sincerely and gratefully,
Brother Joe Rogenski, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land
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Catholic-Amish interfaith dialogue encouraged

It seems to me that Providence has presented his church with a timely opportunity to promote an interfaith dialogue with the worldwide Amish Christian community. The tragic event of this past week with the killing of the little Amish girls in the Pennsylvania school house and specifically the heroic action of the 13-year-old child who begged the killer to shoot her and spare the others and then her little sister who asked to join her sister in martyrdom, can be the means by which the cause for sainthood for these two children could be initiated.

As a highway department "zone man," I work in an area heavily populated by Amish families and over the years have become well acquainted with some of these families. We have entertained them in our home, and they have had us out to their homes as well. Some of them have even attended our cathedral Christmas concerts and patriotic concerts. They are widely known to have retained a remarkable commitment to family, duty, work, modesty and a heroic detachment from modern day conveniences. These qualities sadly are to a great extent

widely lost in the modern rush in our western culture of consumerism and high fashion, which has reached the level of a world wide scandalous idolatry.

Our Holy Father's dialogue overtures to Islam and to the separated brethren in other Christian assemblies so much in the news today seems to offer an opportune moment in history to reach out in a unique display of solidarity with all peoples of faith, by putting forward these two Amish children as models of Christian love. Imagine the effects upon our westernized Christianity that an ecclesiastical investigation and canonization of a truly blessed non-Catholic would have on ecumenism.

In my opinion, the heroic act of these children in offering themselves in martyrdom in place of their schoolmates ranks alongside that sacrifice recently honored by the church when it canonized Father Maximilian Kolbe for giving his life in place of another in a WWII German concentration camp.

Let this Amish piece of the Catholic puzzle of Christian unity, and family values, lost to us for so many hundreds of years be illuminated now, honored now, held up as a worthy and achievable discipline now, and through the canonization process, spotlight those family virtues so uniquely preserved by this division of Christian faith possibly just for this moment in history as we all yearn for that time when all may be one in Jesus Christ.

Dan Federspiel
Fort Wayne

Police presents

BY FATHER WILLIAM PEIL

Strange, indeed, would it be if over 57 years of priesthood there would not be some encounters with police.

In the line of duty. Mostly, in the line of their duty.

As I scan down the years, first there was Tommy. He drove the night-duty shift and invited me to drive with him sometime. I did. More than once. It was an opportunity for him to get to confession more easily and not have to stand in line in the parish church. And it was an opportunity for me to see the real world outside the rectory as he patrolled the neighborhoods of this small city in which I was stationed for my first assignment as a priest.

Then there was a Wednesday night in Lent. I was hurrying down Ridge Road on my way to Munster to deliver a "sermon." We had an "exchange of pulpits" with several other parishes that Lent, and I was due at St. Thomas More. But I was a tad late. And it was raining. And

dark. And a bit foggy. So I had my "pedal to the metal" a bit too enthusiastically, arousing the interest of a local officer of the law who pursued and stopped me.

"I don't think I was exceeding the speed limit," I told him.

"You weren't," he said, "but you were driving too fast for conditions." He let me off with, "Well, we have a policy here to go easy on public servants like doctors, lawyers and priests. So, slow down."

Another time I was in the Chicago loop. My mother and father were in the back seat, I remember, and I was stopped at a red light, but the front end of the car was somewhat over the lines on the pedestrian crossing lane. Over walks a patrolman from across the street. He sees my collar, then takes out a pad of paper and says, "Sorry, Father. I'm going to have to give you a ticket for stopping in the crossing lane." He writes for a few minutes, tears off a sheet from the pad and hands it to me and walks away. I look down at the "ticket," and

there I read "Four Our Fathers and four Hail Marys. For me." I guess it was his way of getting revenge for all the penances he had received in confession.

The final present the police gave me was from a cop in Chicago who claimed he had been chasing me for two miles. When he saw the collar, he didn't look too happy and said, "Well, I'm not going to arrest a man of God. Slow down." And he walked off.

I've been happy with the presence of police over the years of my priesthood.

But I've been especially happy.

With their presents.

(That doesn't include the ticket I got two years ago here in Fort Wayne for driving without my seat belt on. Cost me \$25.)

Father William Peil is a retired priest of the Diocese of Gary. He lives in Fort Wayne.

Is interreligious dialogue slowing? Vatican emphatically says no

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue said the Vatican's commitment to interreligious dialogue not only continues, but "it is even stepping up."

For example, the council is promoting a November meeting in Assisi, Italy, that will bring nearly 100 young people from a variety of religious backgrounds together to talk about peace in education, said French Cardinal Paul Poupard, who also heads the Pontifical Council for Culture, in an interview with Catholic News Service Oct. 5.

In November, he is scheduled to travel to Jakarta, Indonesia, for an interreligious meeting. He is also scheduled to go to India to talk with religious representatives and to attend a gathering of people involved in Catholic cultural centers there.

The centers, run by local parishes all over the world, regularly hold cultural initiatives about a new book, film or social problem. The events give the church the opportunity to talk about values that are important to Christianity and draw people from

every faith or no faith at all.

The cardinal said in an earlier interview with CNS that these cultural centers have the most impact in countries that are predominantly Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist.

And in mid-October the council's secretary, Archbishop Pier Luigi Celata, was to meet with the head of Turkey's directorate of religious affairs in Istanbul and address some 400 Muslim representatives.

Cardinal Poupard told the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* the occasion "will be a unique opportunity to clear the air."

The controversy sparked by Pope Benedict XVI's September address in Regensburg, Germany, triggered condemnation and violence in recent weeks against Christians and their places of worship in several Muslim-majority countries.

Cardinal Poupard insisted that speculation that interreligious dialogue had been put on the back burner under the new pope is misguided. He denounced any assumption that the pope intends to weaken the interreligious council as a "complete lie."

VATICAN LETTER

CAROL GLATZ

Cardinal Poupard said despite their continued efforts, Vatican officials have had dialogue partners from other faiths "come to us convinced that the council (for interreligious dialogue) doesn't exist anymore or is about to be dismantled."

Those misconceptions grew from events starting in mid-February when the presidency of the Vatican's interreligious dialogue council was left vacant after the pope appointed its head, Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, as papal ambassador to Egypt and the Vatican's representative to the 22-member League of Arab States.

In mid-March, the pope merged the leadership of the interreligious dialogue and culture councils.

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Value of spiritual riches is wisdom



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 10:17-30

The Book of Wisdom is the source of this weekend's first reading. As the name implies, this ancient book was designed to convey the sense that believing in the one God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is not ridiculous but in fact the ultimate in wisdom and human logic.

In this weekend's reading, an interesting literary technique occurs. Wisdom is presented not as an abstract virtue or reality of the mind, but as a person. Christians long ago came to identify the most profound wisdom with the Holy Spirit.

Soon, Pope Benedict XVI will visit Istanbul, in the modern state of Turkey. Before 1453, the city was the capital of the once great, and thoroughly Christian, Byzantine Empire. Then, it was called Constantinople, and this name endured until the early 20th century.

Istanbul's architectural marvel is the Hagia Sophia, now a museum, at one time a mosque, but originally the chief church in the Byzantine Empire. It was dedicated to "holy wisdom," or to God, the "Spirit of Wisdom".

The Jewish scholars realized

that in the last analysis gold was of no greater value than sand. Yet people spent their earthly lives, and acted criminally, just to obtain gold. Such a lust for gold is the supreme idiocy. Understanding the eternal worthlessness of gold is true wisdom.

For its second reading, the church presents a section from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Knowing what God has revealed, and living accordingly, represent the greatest wisdom.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. Asked what is essential to possessing eternal life, Jesus answers that the person truly wishing to have life must obey the Ten Commandments, the great gift of God to the people of Israel through Moses.

Asked further, Jesus replied that a person must disregard the thirst for things so strong among humans, and in turn give to the poor.

The man asking the questions could not personally accept this last admonition. Greatly disappointed, he turned and walked away from Jesus. He could not remove himself from the belongings he had acquired.

Almost always, the story is called the passage about the "rich young man." It is interesting to note that the Gospel gives clear indication that the questioner in this exchange was a man, and a man of means.

However, nowhere does the Gospel imply that the man was young. What was his age? The Gospel gives no clue.

Reflection

In the long and eventful history of France, few leaders exceeded in power and influence upon the French culture than Cardinal

Armand Jean de Plessis, Duc de Richelieu, who served for many years as chief minister to the French king, Louis XIII.

As he was dying, Cardinal Richelieu supposedly said, "If I had exchanged my cardinal's red for the Carthusian white (habit), my palace for a (monastic) cell, I would not be afraid to die."

Realizing the true value of spiritual riches, and living in accord with this realization, is the greatest wisdom. As with Cardinal Richelieu, the reality that eternal life rests upon spiritual vitality, not earthly wealth, characterizes the genuinely wise.

Even among persons professing Christianity, and indeed even among those wishing to be devout and good disciples, the lure of things, of personal adulation and of the comfortable can be very alluring.

In these readings, the church calls us to true wisdom. To confirm its teachings as wisdom, we simply must look at reality and remember so many others who have found true wealth, the wealth of the spirit in finding God.

READINGS

28th week of ordinary time

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41

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

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23 Ps 82:7 Lk 12:8-12

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominić Camplisson

With the recent tragic death of naturalist Steve Irwin, this quiz looks to Australia, the country that will host the next World Youth Day.

1. Who were the first Christian clergy to reach Australia?

- Maori converts from New Zealand
- The Spanish Jesuits who were already active in nearby Japan
- Anglican clergy who worked in the penal colonies

2. Why did the British rulers also pay the clergy of other denominations in the early days of their Australian colonies?

- Religion tended to encourage the population to behave.
- It was impossible to distinguish between them in the chaos of the new lands.
- It helped isolate the colonists from Islamist influences.

3. Catholic convicts were at first tended by these

- high church Anglicans (Anglo-Catholics)
- convict priests
- Zen masters

4. This country was a prime source of Catholic convicts:

- Indonesia
- France
- Ireland

5. Catholics were served as well, after 1833, by these men:

- missionary priests
- deacons
- Orthodox bishops

6. The Anglican Church's de facto role as an established church was

- accepted by all, as England was the mother country.
- unknown, so not an issue until 1943.
- resented and opposed by Irish Catholics and Scots Presbyterians.

7. 19th century Missions by Spanish Benedictines to these people in Western Australia were not very successful

- Jewish immigrants
- Aborigines
- Vicuna herders

8. One of the Benedictines who had a big impact on Australia was William Ullathorpe. How did he get to Australia?

- He took a wrong turn at London's tower bridge and accidentally ended up there.
- He was a convict and was sent there as a punishment for dissent.
- He volunteered to go there as a missionary.

9. He was appointed to this office in Australia

- Vicar General
- Governor
- Primer minister

10. Father Ullathorpe was hated in England, why?

- He was a Catholic.
- He attacked the penal system, bedrock of colonization in Australia.
- His name was too hard to say.

11. When state schools were established in the 1850s, Australian Catholics

- joined in as the schools were pro-Catholic.
- retained their own separate school system.
- sent their children abroad to Catholic missions in Macau for education.

12. Most Australian Catholics rallied behind the British in WWI, with the notable exception of a large portion of this Catholic group:

- Italian Australians
- Spanish Australians
- Irish Australians

13. By the 1990s the biggest single Christian group in Australia were the

- Catholics
- Anglicans (Episcopalian Church of Australia)
- Mormons

14. Set in Australia, this fanciful novel and mini series includes an extremely lax Catholic cleric:

- Skippy the Bush Kangaroo
- The Thorn Birds
- Cardinal Dundee

15. This actor portrays the wayward Australian prelate in number 14:

- Richard Chamberlain
- Brian Brown
- Rock Ayers

ANSWERS:

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

Non-Catholic protests NFP

I am a practicing Catholic; my husband is not currently affiliated with any religion. We have been married for 13 years and have three children. Our youngest child is six years old, and we have used NFP successfully for those six years. Even though my husband is not Catholic, he has supported my decision to use NFP when we made the decision together to not have any more children — until now. My cycle is very irregular, and sometimes we have to abstain for a couple weeks, because of uncertainty of fertility. My husband is becoming agitated, and I try to explain why this method is the only one we can use. But he argues that it's a give-and-take relationship; that he has done it "your way" for our entire marriage so far. Now he wants me to do it "my way," which he is suggesting should be a vasectomy for him.

I have protested, but he says he is not Catholic and doesn't have to follow the same rules I have. I am at a loss as to what I should do. I need someone to help me. I can't forbid him to get a vasectomy, because I am so afraid it

will harm our marriage. But on the other hand, if he gets one, the guilt I will have over it will harm me. I do know that we don't want any more children, and we have valid reasons for making that decision.

I want to be a good Catholic and follow every teaching of my church. My faith has never been an obstacle in our relationship before. Our children are being raised Catholic, and my husband is usually so supportive of anything I do regarding my faith. Please help me. CF

Dear CF,

I commend you for your strong faith. You instinctively realize that something is wrong with sterilization. You also must have a good marriage, and three beautiful children. And your husband is a vital part of this.

God has a plan for human life, spousal love, marriage and family. It is his plan, not yours, not mine, and not your husband's. The Ten Commandments are not just for Catholics, nor is the moral wrongness of contraception

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

and sterilization meant only for Catholics. If you are a member of the human race, then they apply to you.

The question is: "What is wrong with sterilization, especially when so many people are doing it?" There are many things wrong with it. First of all, God is the author of all life. We are only stewards of the gifts of life and fertility, not masters. God wants us to be open towards, and to treasure, the gift of life and never turn against it as something evil. Secondly, we are not to mutilate our bodies or interfere with the integrity of our bodies, especially those sacred faculties that can procreate a new human person.

John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Islam

Throughout the recent controversy over Pope Benedict XVI's remarks on faith and reason at Regensburg University, attempts have been made to drive a wedge between Benedict and his papal predecessor.

The Arabic satellite TV network, Al-Jazeera, for example, ran a series of cartoons featuring a John Paul-figure releasing peaceful doves; the doves are then shot down by Benedict from the roof of the Bernini colonnades surrounding St. Peter's. The last images in the series have John Paul weeping, head in hands, while Benedict, holding a smoking shotgun, smirks. All of which is silly and vulgar, of course. But it isn't that far from the views expressed by some Catholics, lamenting what they allege to be the drastic difference between Wojtyla's and Ratzinger's views of Islam.

The 1994 international best-seller "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" was John Paul II's most personal statement, a summary of his convictions about faith, prayer, the papal mission, other world religions and the human future. As such, it has a special claim on our attention as an expression of Karol Wojtyla's views, which were honed by an acute intelligence and a long experience of the world.

One section of "Threshold" is devoted to Islam; in it, John Paul expressed his respect for "the religiosity of Muslims" and his admiration for their "fidelity to prayer." As the late pope put it, "The image of believers in Allah who, without caring about time or place, fall to their knees and immerse themselves in prayer remains a model for all those who invoke the true God, in particular for those Christians who, having deserted their magnificent cathedrals, pray only a little or

not at all."

But do these expressions of respect suggest, as NPR's Sylvia Poggioli did, that, unlike Benedict XVI, John Paul II put Islam "on the same plane" as Catholicism? Hardly. Here, again, is the authentic voice of John Paul II, from "Crossing the Threshold of Hope":

"Whoever knows the Old and New Testaments, and then reads the Koran, clearly sees the process by which it completely reduces divine revelation. It is impossible not to note the movement away from what God said about himself, first in the Old Testament through the prophets, and then finally in the New Testament through his Son. In Islam, all the richness of God's self-revelation, which constitutes the heritage of the Old and New Testaments, has definitely been set aside.

"Some of the most beautiful names in the human language are given to the God of the Koran, but he is ultimately a God outside of the world, a God who is only Majesty, never Emmanuel, God with us. Islam is not a religion of redemption. There is no room for the cross and the Resurrection. Jesus is mentioned, but only as a prophet who prepares for the last prophet, Muhammad. There is also mention of Mary, his Virgin Mother, but the tragedy of redemption is completely absent. For this reason not only the theology but also the anthropology of Islam is very distant from Christianity."

In other words, there isn't a millimeter of difference between John Paul II's substantive evaluation of Islam and Benedict XVI's. John Paul II was a master of the public gesture; but to read from his public gestures of respect for Islamic piety an agreement with Islam's understanding of God, man, and moral obligation is to



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make a grave mistake. John Paul II would have completely agreed with Benedict XVI's critique, at Regensburg, of a theology that reduces God to pure will, a remote dictator who can command the irrational (like the murder of innocents) if he chooses. And, like Benedict XVI, John Paul II knew that such misconceptions can have lethal public consequences, because all the great questions of the human condition, including political questions, are ultimately theological.

Benedict XVI bears the burden of the papacy at a historical moment in which religiously-warranted irrationality is a lethal threat to the future of civilization. He and his predecessor have the same view of the sources of that irrationality.

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These are serious violations of the fifth commandment.

I think you would find it helpful to read the stories of couples who have been sterilized, realized the wrong they did, and then decided to have a reversal. I suggest that you read "Sterilization Reversal — A Generous Act of Love — 20 Couples Tell Their Story." You can order it from One More Soul (www.OMSoul.com).

I am sending you an audio CD by the Mortons on this topic. Be sure to listen to it. They tell their story in a deeply human way.

You need to read up on the immorality of sterilization.

1) Go to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and see #2297, 2398, and 2399.

2) Go to www.OMSoul.com, which has a great selection of materials on contraception, sterilization and NFP. Purchase their pamphlets on Tubal Ligations and Sterilization.

3) Get their booklet "Recent Statements of Popes on Sterilization."

I can assure you that you and your husband will be called upon by other couples in the future to explain what you are now discovering for yourself.

Today's Catholic welcomes questions from readers. Please e-mail your questions to editor@fw.diocesefwsb.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.

Father Matthew Habiger, OSB, answered this week's question. He may be reached by e-mail at mhabiger@kansasmonks.org

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for October 15, 2006

Mark 10:17-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday, Cycle B: the story of the young man with much wealth. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JOURNEY	RAN UP	KNELT
TEACHER	MUST I DO	GOOD
STEAL	SHALL NOT	MY YOUTH
ONE THING	FOLLOW ME	WENT AWAY
EASIER	CAMEL	NEEDLE
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LETTER

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Although the two councils have one president, the councils "remain intact and autonomous," with neither being subordinate to the other, Cardinal Poupard said in an Oct. 5 interview with *Corriere della Sera*.

In no way does the pope wish to diminish the importance of working with peoples of other religious faiths, he said, "and it is

very grave" that speculation to the contrary "continues to resurface in spite of every correction."

At the Vatican, Cardinal Poupard routinely receives ambassadors to discuss interreligious relations and he told CNS that he recently met with Buddhist monks from China, Islamic representatives from Iraq and Sikhs from India.

He said the representatives he meets with are happy with the Vatican's efforts at dialogue and exchange, and they are all working "in a harmonious climate."

Starting off right: Tackling the issue of student debt levels

This column has previously addressed the subject of the responsible use of credit. Young people today have greater and more significant exposure to debt than any generation in our history. With the cost of college and vocational education rising at a pace that far exceeds that of overall inflation, borrowing for college has become a necessity for many students.

Two-thirds of all students in higher education now utilize student loans to some degree. The typical graduate of a state subsidized school will leave school with a diploma and \$17,250 in debt. This is an increase of more than 110 percent from just 10 years ago.

The numbers are even more dramatic for students attending private and religious schools. With higher education being the key to the jobs of the future, paying large sums for the requisite learning has become a simple fact of life. Repaying these obligations promptly and correctly is every bit as important when it comes to preparing a successful economic future.

Graduates should consider the following steps as they approach repayment:

- Make a budget. Early on

establish a realistic view of resources and obligations.

- Avoid taking on additional debt. Do not borrow further for autos or consumer items until a successful budget is in place.

- Consolidate multiple loans into one. Student loans are frequently tied to academic periods. It is probable that a graduate will have as many as three or four different loans. Consolidation will frequently result in extended terms and lower payments with due dates tailored the borrower's need.

- Investigate Income Sensitive Repayment Options. Not all graduates begin careers at the same pay. Business and technical grads often outearn social workers and educators. Income sensitive repayment programs are based upon a percentage of graduate's gross monthly income.

- Consider graduated repayment plans. These programs begin with lower payments as the student begins their working life and increase at a pre-determined rate that should coincide with a rising income.

- Stay in contact with your lender. Circumstances may arise, which put serious strain on the borrower. By maintaining contact with the lender and handling the

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BY KEITH E. DAVIS

obligation in a responsible manner, the borrower may find it easier to reach favorable accommodation if needed.

Student loan defaults are a problem for the individuals, lenders and taxpayers at large.

Resources exist to help individuals fulfill their obligations and start off on the right foot.

Sallie Mae, the student loan colossus, offers a Web site www.CollegeAnswer.com that provides tools for the graduate to succeed.

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Idolatry, rebellion caused split of Israel

What caused the kingdom of Israel to split after Solomon?

Solomon, the third king of Israel, was famous for his wisdom, wealth and fame. The problem came when he married many foreign wives who worshipped foreign gods, and then he constructed temples to these gods where the burning of incense and sacrifices could take place. These idols included Astarte of the Sidonians, Milcom and Molech of the Ammonites and Chemosh of the Moabites.

Sidon (modern Saida) lies on the Mediterranean Sea in Phoenicia (modern Lebanon). The word Sidon means fishing or hunting. S. Jenkins says much of Sidon's wealth came from trading murex, a mollusk that produced a highly valued purple dye. At Sidon today you can see its ancient garbage dump with the crushed remains of hundreds of thousands of murex shells. Sidon was built on a promontory with an offshore island that sheltered the harbor from storms and provided a safe haven during war. The people of Sidon became great shipbuilders, because of their access to the cedars of Lebanon.

Ammon is an area on the edge of the Arabian desert (now in Jordan) with its capital Rabbath Ammon at present-day Amman. P. Greenway says objects dating from the time of Solomon show this town was involved in trade with Greece, Syria, Cyprus and Mesopotamia.

Moab is an area east of the Dead Sea (now in Jordan) called

the Wadi Mujib valley. Here you can see the town of Dibon (modern Dhiban) where the Mesha stele was discovered describing the battles between the kings of Moab and Israel. At Aro'er (modern Ara'ir) you can see the ruins of a Moabite village with a fortress of King Mesha.

Besides this lapse into idolatry, political rebellion also led to the breakup of the kingdom. The people were not overjoyed by the heavy taxes imposed upon them for Solomon's building projects. Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, went to Shechem in B.C. 931 to be proclaimed king of Israel. Shechem (modern Balata) is 39 miles north of Jerusalem. It had an important sanctuary and was the chief city of the northern tribes. G. Grenville says excavations at Shechem show city walls, gates, a temple, a palace, a grain store and houses. The 10 northern tribes, however, revolted because Rehoboam would not lighten the yoke of Solomon. Instead they made Jeroboam, the servant of Rehoboam who had rebelled against him and sought refuge in Egypt, the king over the 10 northern tribes. That left Rehoboam to reign over the two southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin. So there was now the kingdom of Israel headed by Jeroboam (B.C. 931-910) and the kingdom of Judah headed by Rehoboam (B.C. 931-913) that carried on the dynasty of king David.

The idolatry, however, continued. Jeroboam feared that his people would return to the one



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temple in Jerusalem. So he set up two shrines at Bethel and Dan, the southern and northern boundaries of the new kingdom of Israel where sanctuaries had existed in the past. Bethel (modern Beitin) lies 14 miles north of Jerusalem. Here Abraham pitched his tent and Jacob dreamed of a ladder stretching from earth to heaven. K. Prag says Dan (ancient Laish) lies at the largest of the three sources of the Jordan River fed from Mt. Hermon. Here you can see a casement enclosure with a great high place of cult and sacrifice built by Jeroboam where he dedicated the statue of the golden calf.

During the reign of Rehoboam, Shishak (or Pharaoh Shoshenq I), the king of Egypt and the protector and patron of Jeroboam, attacked Jerusalem and carried off the treasures of the temple and the royal palace, as well as the gold shields made under Solomon. A bas-relief of the Temple of Amun at Karnak in Egypt commemorates his conquest of Palestinian towns. The towns are portrayed by rows of oval frames each topped with a bound prisoner.

Meet The Priest

Father Matthew W. Jozefiak, CPPS

Ordained to the priesthood:
Dec. 12, 1987

Pastor, St. Gaspar del Bufalo,
Rome City



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

It was Jesus. I fell in love with the Holy Eucharist in my junior year at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind. and started attending daily Mass and spent many hours on my knees before the Blessed Sacrament. I discerned Jesus' personal invitation to be a priest.

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

When Jesus uses me to bring people back to the practice of the faith. These are such powerful and humbling experiences.

What interests or hobbies do you have?

I used to be very athletic, but an old football knee injury has left me less mobile. I enjoy playing Scrabble and watching old movies. I enjoy Mickey Rooney in the Andy Hardy series.

Do you have a pet? If so, what is it? What is its name? etc.

"Butch" a.k.a. "Taurus" has been my pet cat for over five years. I found him as a kitten when I left my Ohio rectory to watch a Ford Taurus aflame after being towed from an accident. Butch jumped on my foot and has been my buddy ever since.

What do you do for relaxation?

I enjoy spending time with my family: my 84-year-old mom and my siblings. We still fight a lot, but were getting better as we age. I enjoy fishing. I caught my first walleye this spring.

What is your favorite reading material? Who are your favorite authors?

I enjoy Bishop Fulton Sheen. I

have read most of his books. He made my Catholic faith so very personal and uncomplicated, something that modern theologians and scholars have a hard time doing. His love for the holy Eucharist and Mother Mary has been an inspiration to me. Before my younger brother was ordained for the Diocese of Peoria, we went to St. Pat's Cathedral in New York City and prayed at his tomb.

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

The fullness of grace that is so readily available to us.

What is your favorite prayer?

After the Mass, the holy rosary.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

What our Blessed Lady said to the waiters at the Wedding at Cana in John's Gospel: "Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you."

What is your favorite food?

I enjoy Chicago pizza. Real Chicago pizza. Imitations not accepted!

What is something interesting about yourself that most people might not know?

I am afraid of spiders, bees, wasps and water that's over my head.

How do you prefer to be addressed by the laity?

Father Matt. No one can pronounce my last name.

Marguerite d'Youville

1701-1771

feast - October 16

The first native Canadian saint lived in poverty after her father died. She married in 1722 but her husband, who illegally traded liquor with Indians, caused her more suffering. Pregnant with their sixth child when he became ill, she cared for him until his death in 1730. She began to care for the poor by taking in a blind woman, and was joined by three women; they became the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, or Grey Nuns. She endured fires that destroyed her home and the hospital she directed, and saw her two surviving children become priests.



Sports

ICCL SOCCER PREPARES FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY-IN In its last week of regular play, the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) reports the following scores: St Thomas beat Mishawaka Catholic, 7-2.; St Thomas beat St. Anthony, 10-2; St Joseph South Bend 8 beat St. Jude 7-3; and Christ the King beat St. Michael, 1-0. The tournament play-in will challenge Mishawaka Catholic and St. Anthony at Marian High School's fields on Oct. 14.

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS CHEER WITH BISHOP LUERS



PROVIDED BY BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

The Bishop Luers High School cheerleaders invited all of their feeder school eighth grade cheerleaders to participate in cheering on the Knights at the Luers-Snyder game on Sept. 15. Fifteen girls came in and learned sidelines and did some tumbling and stunting with the Luers Varsity Squad two days before the game. It was a way for the Luers cheerleaders to give the eighth-grade girls a look into high school cheerleading and to encourage them to participate in cheering at Luers. Bishop Luers cheerleaders are planning another such night during basketball season and hope to have even more turn out for that night. To participate in this event call Anita Correll at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3117 or e-mail at cheerleading@bishopluers.org.

St. John's football Eagles remain unbeaten

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Like very few football teams at this point in October, the Catholic Youth Organization's (CYO) St. John Fort Wayne (7-0) remains "unbeaten, untouched, and virtually untested." In what could have caused a three-way tie for first place, the New Haven team wore down against the Fort Wayne running attack in the battle of the St. John's team.

Marquel Cooper put the Eagles on the board first with a 7-yard scamper. McCarthy answered back for the Raiders to make it a 6-6 showdown at the half. But it was all Eagles from there. Steven Kiermayer had a 1-yard plunge after a huge drive in which the Eagles controlled the ball and ate up over eight minutes on the clock in the third quarter. James Knapke scored the Eagles final TD on an 11-yard run. Alex Stroncsek was 2-3 on PATs in the 22-6 victory. Alex Wharton led the Raider defense in the loss with a fumble recovery (caused by Kevin Kohrman) and a blocked PAT.

The Eagles have allowed their opponents just four touchdowns,

outscored them 194-28 during the seven weeks of CYO regular season play.

In other games, Cardinals runningback Andy Magsum scored four times to lead St. Charles rout over Queen of Angels-Precious Blood in the 26-0 opening game as the CYO league finished their regular season last Sunday.

Sts. JAT quarterback Eric Sorg found James Wyss in the second quarter of a 6-0 victory over Holy Cross. "Our line continues to improve each week and our defense played an outstanding game. We are looking forward to the tournament and getting everyone healthy," said an excited Coach Jerry Niezer. The Knights improved to 4-3.

Finally, the 2006 second-place season finisher, the St. Vincent Panthers beat St. Jude, 32-16. Greg Kaiser caught four passes for close to 100 yards for the Panthers. Scoring came from Brian Bowers (1-yard run), tailback Russell Coonan (two 5-yard runs), and Greg German (25-yard pass from Patrick Ryan). Conner Friesner was flawless on his PATs (4-4).

The CYO tournament begins this Sunday, Oct. 15, at the University of Saint Francis. Third

place will play sixth place in the first game, first will face eighth at 2 p.m., then second matches up with the seventh spot and finally, the fourth-place finisher for the season will battle against the fifth-place seed in the late game.

Final regular season records

TEAM	RECORD
St. John Fort Wayne	7-0
St. Vincent	6-1
St. John New Haven	5-2
St. JAT	4-3
St. Charles	3-4
St. Jude	2-5
Holy Cross	1-6
Queen of Angels-Precious Blood	0-7

Sunday, Oct. 15, at the University of Saint Francis — first round of tournament play (unofficial)

12:30 p.m. — St. John New Haven vs. St. Jude
2 p.m. — St. John Fort Wayne vs. Queen of Angels-Precious Blood
3:30 p.m. — St. Vincent vs. Holy Cross
5 p.m. — Sts. JAT vs. St. Charles

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

ICCL coaches are requested to contact Elmer Danch at (574) 234-0687 or email editor@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

ICCL football thrust into playoffs

SOUTH BEND — The Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) football teams spent Oct. 8 vying for a spot in the tournament.

The fifth-place St. Matthew Blazers took a loss to the sixth-place Holy Family Trojans, 22-6, at the first placement game.

Dominick Romans scored on a 20-yard fumble recovery, and kicked two extra points. Tate Borlik threw a 22-yard pass to Alex Kohler, and Collin Skodinski scored on a 70-yard interception return in the win. Chase Parker scored for the Blazers.

In the second placement game, third-place Mishawaka Catholic defeated number-four-ranked Corpus Christi Cougars, 24-14.

Tim Wilson scored on runs of 3 and 44. Coley Schultheis also scored on a 40-yard run in the win. Andrew Davidson kicked three extra points. Mario Aversa and Jerry Alston scored for Corpus Christi. Cody Weber kicked an

extra point.

In the final placement game, top ranked Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders defeated the second-place St. Anthony-St. Joseph Panthers, 14-8.

Max Matthews threw a 45-yard pass to Colton Pulaski and Pat Kowalewski scored on a 20-yard run to lead the Crusaders. A.J.

Fitzpatrick kicked a 2-point conversion. Matt Canter returned a punt 35 yards for the lone Panther score. Tyler Sorocco added the 2-point conversion.

This weekend, the St. Matthew Blazers will play the Mishawaka Catholic Saints at 1 p.m. The Holy Family Trojans will play the Corpus Christi Cougars at 2:30 p.m. The games will be played at Marian High School.

The following results are from the fifth and sixth, boys B-team football games:

• The St. Anthony-St. Joe Panthers defeated the Holy Family Trojans 12-0.

Frankie Karczewski scored on a run of 13 yards and threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Tommy Favorite.

• Mishawaka Catholic Saints defeated the Corpus Christi Cougars 27-0.

Michael Whitfield scored on runs of 67, 35 and 40 yards to lead the Saints. Anthony DeBroka also scored, and Alex Schlemmer kicked an extra point.

• The Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders defeated the Granger Catholic Titans 28-0.

Pat O'Connor scored on runs of 20 and 15 yards to lead the Crusaders. Henry Turner also scored, and Mike Swift threw a score to Ryan Wobbe. Alex Brooks kicked two extra points.

This weekend the Mishawaka Catholic Saints will take on the St. Matthew Blazers. The Holy Family Trojans will play the Granger Catholic Titans. The Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders will play the Corpus Christi Cougars. The games will be played at Saint Joseph's High School.

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Notre Dame makes first offer of football season tickets in three decades; revenue to fund repairs to stadium

BY DENNIS BROWN

NOTRE DAME — To fund repairs to historic Notre Dame Stadium, the University of Notre Dame announced Sept. 28 the sale of 5,000 football season tickets beginning in 2007 — the first such offering in more than three decades. The university also announced that, in response to unprecedented demand, it is instituting changes to several policies that will increase ticket access for alumni in the general football ticket lottery.

The 5,000 season tickets will be sold first to people directly affiliated with Notre Dame and then to the general public. In addition to the face value of the tickets, the cost will include an annual ticket rights fee based on seat location: \$2,000 per ticket for sideline seats, \$1,500 for corner seats, and \$1,250 for end zone seats.

The revenue generated through the ticket plan will be used to assist in paying for repairs and ongoing preservation of the 76-year-old Notre Dame Stadium's original seating bowl. The exact cost of the project is yet to be finalized, but is expected to exceed \$40 million.

University officials studied other revenue-generating options — including the addition of luxury boxes — before deciding on the ticket rights fees.

“Notre Dame Stadium is a legendary landmark in American athletics, and we are committed to preserving and maintaining both its structural integrity and its historic look and feel,” said John Affleck-Graves, executive vice president of the university. “By providing a rare opportunity

to purchase Notre Dame football season tickets, we are developing revenue for this important project, giving fans a chance to invest in the future of ‘The House that Rockne Built,’ and protecting current and future resources necessary for our primary mission of teaching and research excellence.”

Engineering studies have indicated that the structural supporting frame of the stadium remains in good condition. However, freeze/thaw damage over three-quarters of a century has led to deterioration of the seating bowl concrete. Stadiums of the same vintage as Notre Dame's facility at the University of Michigan and Ohio State and Purdue Universities have faced similar maintenance issues in recent years. The repair project was to begin last spring, but the university put it on hold to conduct further engineering analysis.

Fans interested in purchasing season tickets can find information on the process on the Web at stadiumpreservation.nd.edu. A waiting list for the potential future sale of season tickets will be established after all of the current allotment has been sold.

Affleck-Graves emphasized that none of the new season tickets will be drawn from tickets currently available in the general alumni lottery. The 5,000 tickets will come from season tickets that have been returned over the past several years, as well as a reduction in internal university ticket allocations, he said.

Though unrelated to the season ticket offering, the university also has responded to the high demand for Irish football tickets in the 2006 general alumni ticket

lottery by revising policies that will reallocate tickets among several groups in order to increase opportunities in the general lottery.

“Notre Dame has the most inclusive alumni ticketing process of any high-demand program in the nation, and we remain committed to continuing that access,” Affleck-Graves said.

He added that when Notre Dame adds an eighth off-site home game in the near future, ticket opportunities for alumni will improve even more.

Affleck-Graves said that Notre Dame also is committed to actively monitoring and enforcing its ticket resale policy in an effort to curb resale for profit and ticket fraud. More than 3,400 tickets have been suspended or revoked in the past three years, including 1,700 this year. Suspected resale violation information can be sent to seller1@nd.edu.

MARIAN JV SOCCER WINS TRINITY TOURNEY



PROVIDED BY MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

The Mishawaka Marian Junior Varsity (JV) Girl's soccer team, coached by Mike Flynn and Chuck Martin, won the annual Trinity High School Girl's Soccer Tourney Sept. 29. In the morning contests, Host Trinity Varsity lost to Penn High School JV 4-2 in overtime. Mishawaka Marian JV defeated Saint Joseph's High School JV 2-1 in an overtime shootout. In the consolation game, Saint Joseph's defeated Trinity 2-0. In the championship game Marian defeated Penn 2-1. Marian upped their record to 12 wins against one loss.



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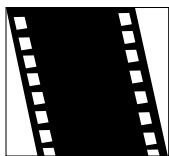
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MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) – Following are recent capsule reviews issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting.

"The Departed" (Warner Bros.)

Hard-hitting if overlong tale of two rookie cops in South Boston — one (Matt Damon) an informant for the mob, the other (Leonardo DiCaprio) secretly assigned by senior officers (Martin Sheen and Mark Wahlberg) to infiltrate the

crime ring run by a notorious mob boss (over-the-top Jack Nicholson) — with both young cops pushed to the mental breaking point in their double-dealing roles, and frantic to uncover the other's identity. Director Martin Scorsese has lost none of his flair for the genre, and DiCaprio and Damon are extremely good, but the setup seems far-fetched, and there's predictably a high quotient of violence, with the nonstop barrage of expletives excessive even for the underworld environment. Pervasive rough language, racial epithets, profanity, extremely crude expressions, heavy violence, grisly images, nongraphic sexual situations and encounters, irreverent remarks about the church. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is L — limited adult audience,

films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

"Employee of the Month" (Lionsgate)

Lightweight comedy about a slacker stock clerk (Dane Cook) at a Costco-style superstore where he tries to dethrone a cocky rival co-worker (Dax Shepard) — who's nabbed "employee of the month" honors for 17 months straight — in order to win the affections of a pretty new cashier (Jessica Simpson), sparking a madcap competition. Director Greg Coolidge blends slapstick, broad comedy and satire to uneven effect, and while the gamesmanship is intermittently

amusing, the general vulgarity undermines the story's sweet center. Much crude and sexual humor, gay innuendo, a racial joke, a use of the f-word, as well as recurring crude language and profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is L — limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

"The Guardian" (Touchstone)

Action drama about a veteran Coast Guard rescue swimmer (Kevin Costner) who, after losing a colleague, temporarily hangs up his fins to teach at a Coast Guard academy, where he locks horns with a

cocky recruit (Ashton Kutcher). Despite treading water for most of its first hour that plays like a commercial for the Coast Guard, director Andrew Davis' formulaic film is kept afloat by appealing performances, exciting rescue sequences and an admirable theme about sacrificing one's life for others. Intense scenes of peril, including a harrowing helicopter crash, implied sexual encounters and a tacit approval of casual sex, a brief bar fight, an instance of the f-word, as well as some crude language and profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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FUNDRAISERS

Vegas Night planned by Knights Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a Vegas Night on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at St. Pius X Church. Admission is \$10 and you must be 21. Food, beverages, silent auction and door prizes. Proceeds will go to the College Scholarship Fund.

Bake sale and flea market

South Bend — The St. John the Baptist Altar and Rosary Society, 3616 St. Johns Way, will have a bake sale and flea market on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 15, from 7 a.m. to noon. Homemade goodies, household items and miscellaneous treasures will be available.

Fish fry sponsored by Holy Name Society

South Bend — An all-you-can-eat fish fry sponsored by the Our Lady of Hungary Holy Name Society will be held at the school, 735 W. Calvert, on Friday, Oct. 13, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 day of sale, \$6.50 presale, \$4.50 children 6-12 and under 6 free.

Drive through fish dinner

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a drive-through only fish dinner on Friday, Oct. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

Casino night celebrates Halloween

Monroeville — A Halloween casino night will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Monroeville Park Pavillion, 421 Monroe St. at 5 p.m. Food and refreshments available. Must be 21. Call (260) 623-6816 for information.

Port-a-pit chicken dinner planned

Roanoke — St. Joseph's Church, 641 N. Main St., will have a port-a-pit chicken dinner Saturday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. Half chicken \$7, quarter chicken \$5. Carry-out available.

St. Aloysius scrapbook fundraiser

Yoder — St. Aloysius will have a scrapbook fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 7-10 p.m. at the parish. \$5 admission.

Tailgate party planned

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will host a chili and bratwurst dinner held Friday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Luers football field as part of the Bishop Luers vs. Bishop Dwenger football game.

DEVOTIONS

Day of reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Praying with Miriam, Deborah and Judith." The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Oct. 20, to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Mark Weaver, OFM Conv., will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7:15 p.m. Father Mark is pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Lagrange.

Women's prayer breakfast planned

Fort Wayne — A Christian Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held, Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Marriott, 305 E. Washington Center Rd. Tickets are \$15 and doors open at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast served at 8 a.m. Call Fran Dickenson at (260) 485-2649 for information.

Haunted Castle announces opening

Fort Wayne — The Haunted Castle sponsored by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts at 8965 Auburn Rd., is open every weekend from now until Oct. 31. For information visit www.haunted-castle.com

Rummage sale this weekend

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fill a bag for \$3 on Friday starting at 3 p.m. and on Saturday for \$1.

Bratfest assists St. Patrick organ

Wabash — A Bratfest sponsored by Friends of St. Patrick, Lagro will be held Saturday, Oct. 14,

from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights hall. Polka music provided by Stan Nicholson. Tickets are \$6. Children 10 and under are free.

CRAFT SHOWS

Holiday Bazaar

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Parish will have a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the corner of Spring and 3rd streets. Craft and household items, raffles and baked goods on 80 tables displaying Christmas and holiday gifts. Lunch available. Sponsored by the church adult choir.

Holiday craft show planned

Mishawaka — The St. Bavo Home and School Association will have a holiday craft show on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be 40 booths, a raffle and concession stand. For booth rental and information call Julie Voor at (574) 255-4360.

Fall craft show at St. Monica

Mishawaka — A fall craft show will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8 to 3 p.m. in the school gym, corner of Grove and Elizabeth streets. Donation of a canned food item will enter you for a door prize.

Fancy fair and cookie bar held

Rome City — A fancy fair and cookie bar will be held at St. Gaspar Church Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch available.

St. Charles plans craft fair

Fort Wayne — A craft fair will be held at St. Charles Parish Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 140 vendors will be on hand. St. Charles is located at the corner of Trier and Reed roads.

Rosary Society sponsors craft show

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1515 Barhold Ave., will host a craft show on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school gym.

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Holiday craft bazaar

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will have a holiday craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium, on the corner of E. Jefferson and Ironwood Dr. Lunch will be available.

Vendors needed for craft bazaar

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters will have a craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 11. Call Terry Luebke at (260) 483-5750 for information.

Queen of Angels seeking crafters

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 11. Call (260) 484-2035 or (260) 436-5172 for information.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Knights of Columbus Smokers at Sacred Heart Parish Center

Notre Dame — The Knights of Columbus, Santa Maria Council #553 will host a Notre Dame Smoker each Friday night of home Notre Dame football game, after the campus pep rally (approximately 8-10 p.m.), at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, St. Joseph Hall, to present several guest speakers and provide football camaraderie. At the Notre Dame vs UCLA Smoker, Oct. 21, speakers will be Jay Caponigro of the Robinson Center, Kevin Corrigan, coach of ND LaCrosse team and Bill Bilinski of the *South Bend Tribune*.

Coat sale at St. Vincent de Paul store

Fort Wayne — A coat sale will be held Monday, Oct. 16, through Wednesday, Oct. 18. All ladies coats 99 cents. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GAP singles meet Oct. 20

Fort Wayne — Singles between

the 40s and 60s: The GAP will host a chili and hotdog dinner on Friday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish. Enjoy cards, pumpkin carving contest and more. No costumes. Admission \$5. For information call (260) 432-73466 or e-mail gap4565@msn.com.

Hawaiian luau planned by Knights

Fort Wayne — A Hawaiian Luau will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Knights Hall, 601 Reed Rd. Dinner, dancing, prizes and drinks provided. Tickets \$25 per couple. Prize of \$25 awarded to best dressed and loudest shirt. Call (260) 493-1914 by Oct. 18 for reservations.

Travel to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

Warsaw — A pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City will be held from Feb. 12-19, 2007 with Father Paul Bueter. Registration needed by Dec. 2. Cost is \$1,699 for double occupancy. For information or reservations call (574) 482-8299.

Adult education series continues

Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish, located at State and Randalia streets, will host Rabbi Jonathan Katz of Achduth Vesholom Synagogue on Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the church hall. He will speak on the basic tenets of the Jewish faith.

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three sisters. They took a stage to Covington, Ind., where they shifted to the Wabash and Erie Canal for the remainder of the journey to Fort Wayne. The history book says "The trip consumed the greater part of a week of slow and wearisome travel and long delays ..."

From the canal, history records that the sisters arrived at their mission on covered wagon down Piqua Road, now known as Calhoun St.

The sisters arrived just in time to hear the bells of St. Augustine Church ring out across the frontier town of Fort Wayne for the evening Angelus. Traveling by covered wagon from the canal, the sisters passed an ensemble of log cabins, larger frame dwellings and an occasional brick house.

The school enrolled 60 students when it opened in 1846. Canal traffic brought many settlers to northeast Indiana. Soon additions to the school were necessary and built in 1867 and 1885. Gradually 150 students were enrolled.

Mother Theodore did not teach at the Fort Wayne mission. But her visits to the mission were described as "gala days for the sisters. Her all-pervading kindness and motherly solicitude, and her gentle gaiety when she presided at table and at recreation were a perennial source of joy."

Mother Theodore and the sisters were very grateful to Father Benoit, a fellow Frenchman, who Mother Theodore described as "our benefactor, good Mr. Benoit."

Until 1857, Fort Wayne was part of the Diocese of Vincennes. Both Mother Theodore and Father Benoit found themselves having difficulties with the bishop of



Vincennes at the time. At one time, the bishop said that he would replace the sisters at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Mother Theodore, as she would do often, stayed up all night and prayed before the Blessed Sacrament and "silently committed the issue to God." The sisters remained at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

And Father Benoit actually left Fort Wayne in 1852, after what was termed "a painful misunderstanding" in the history book. It was the prayers of Mother Theodore, the history book says, "which smoothed away his diffi-

culties," that Father Benoit returned to Fort Wayne where he remained until his death.

Meanwhile St. Augustine School prospered. "The school continued to develop in enrollment and in prestige," the history book says. "St. Augustine's is not only the oldest sisters' school in northern Indiana, the area afterwards cut off from Vincennes as the Diocese of Fort Wayne, but was all these years the only institution offering to children of the grammar grades the cultural advantages of music and painting."

Soon after the founding of St.



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The Cathedral Museum exhibits Msgr. Julian Benoit's desk. Also displayed are Msgr. Benoit's personal items such as the key to the cathedral, chalices, candle holders, a crucifix and photos of the French priest who wrote to Mother Theodore Guérin and requested the establishment of a mission in Fort Wayne. The Cathedral Museum, located in the lower level of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Augustine, Father Benoit also secured the Brothers of Holy Cross to operate a school on the Cathedral Square.

These schools were vital to the education and post-grammar school education through 1939. At that time, Central Catholic High School was opened and the academies and commercial schools were consolidated into one coed high school.

The Sisters of Providence legacy spread to other schools in the Fort Wayne area: St. Patrick, Cathedral School, St. Jude and St. John the Baptist. The sisters also staffed St. Catherine Academy, a

part of St. Patrick Parish and Central Catholic High School.

The Cathedral Museum, located in garden level of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center holds a wealth of information on St. Augustine Academy and has many personal belongings of Msgr. Julian Benoit.

Joining Pope Benedict XVI at the canonization Mass on Sunday will be all Indiana bishops, including Bishop John M. D'Arcy and diocesan pastors Father Robert Schulte, Msgr. J. William Lester, Father Michael Heintz, Father David Carkenard, Msgr. James Wolf and Father Thomas Shoemaker.

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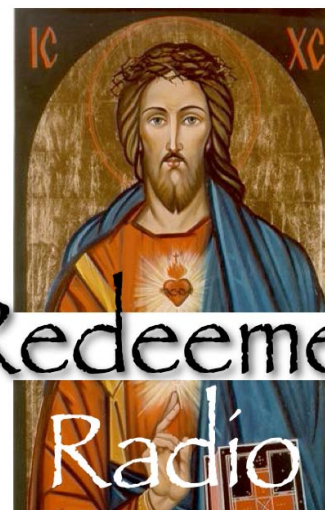
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