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## A saint of our own

Pilgrims burst upon Rome to celebrate canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guérin



TIM JOHNSON

Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Congregation of Sainthood Causes at the Vatican, presents the sainthood petitions to Pope Benedict XVI at the Mass on Oct. 15. Sisters of Providence, the order of religious sisters founded by St. Theodore Guérin, can be seen in the background.

BY TIM JOHNSON

ROME, Italy — From the United States to France to Taiwan, pilgrims gathered from all points on the globe to celebrate the canonization of a saint, the first saint recognized by the Catholic Church who lived in Indiana. On Sunday, Oct. 15, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed St. Mother Theodore Guérin a place of special prominence in the church.

The Sisters of Providence, the order of Catholic sisters that Mother Theodore founded at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods near Terre Haute, reported that 1,200 pilgrims received tickets to attend the canonization. St. Theodore was one of four saints canonized Oct. 15. Others included Mexican Bishop Rafael Guízar Valencia and Italians Father Filippo Smaldone and Sister Rosa Venerini.

At the canonization Mass, Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Congregation of Sainthood Causes, presented the following summary decree to Pope Benedict XVI during the rite of canonization at beginning of the Mass:

"Go, sell everything you own, and give the money to the poor ... then come, follow me." These words have inspired countless Christians throughout the history of the church to follow Christ in a life of radical poverty, trusting in Divine Providence. Among these generous disciples of Christ was a young Frenchwoman, who responded unreservedly to the call of the divine Teacher. Mother Theodore Guérin entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in 1823, and she devoted herself to the work of teaching in schools. Then, in 1839, she was asked by her superiors to travel to the United States, to become the head of a new community in Indiana. After their long journey over land and sea, the group of six sisters arrived at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. There they found a simple log-cabin chapel in the heart of the forest. They knelt down before the Blessed Sacrament and gave thanks, asking God's

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## Red Mass receives Shepard, Coughlin as guests

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — The annual Red Mass received a touch of brown on Oct. 15 when Franciscan Father John Coughlin, OFM, from the faculty of the Notre Dame Law School stood in for Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who was in Rome for the canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Along with Father Coughlin as a guest at this tradition honoring members of the area legal community was Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard of the Indiana Supreme Court. Chief Justice Shepard spoke at the brunch in the Grand Wayne Center following the Mass.

After announcing at the start of Mass that he was "pinch hitting" for Bishop D'Arcy, Father Coughlin read a greeting prepared by the bishop for the lawyers, guests of honor and others present at the Mass. This, along with the inclusion of St. Mother Theodore

Guérin among the names of saints mentioned during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, provided a reminder of the bishop's momentous reason for being away.

In his homily, Father Coughlin addressed the Gospel story of the rich man who asked Jesus what he must do to follow him, saying that the man represents all of humanity and that Jesus calls people to follow the Ten Commandments but also to renounce that which is an obstacle to their relationship with God.

"It might be money. It might be something else," Father Coughlin said, noting that renunciation of self is not easy and that the Word of God pierces to the core of the human heart when it calls someone to be focused on God and others, not self.

"That might be the message for those of us who are privileged to be attorneys,"

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## LET THE FIRE DRILLS RING



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Captain Mark Claus, left, stands with Captain Dan Newport from the Fire Prevention Bureau and students Sean and Gareth Brouwer from St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, who were selected to pull the fire alarm during the WOWO city wide fire drill Oct. 11.

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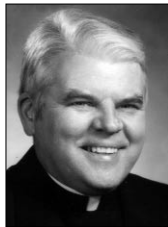
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# St. Mother Theodore Guérin canonization brings many to Rome



## NEWS & NOTES

**BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY**

### The pilgrims are everywhere

Rome is bustling with pilgrims from all over the world, and prominent among them are hundreds of Hoosiers. We have four new saints — two men and two women. Included among them is our own Mother Theodore Guérin, who walked the streets of our diocese and is one of the founders of our Catholic schools and a true missionary.

It was a joy and a privilege to celebrate the Mass of Canonization with Pope Benedict XVI and about 30 other bishops, and to my untrained eye about 30,000 pilgrims from around the world, including many Hoosiers. A large number of Sisters of Providence were there to honor their foundress, not only for her accomplishments in building schools, but especially for the holiness of her life. A canonization declares a person to be in heaven and affirms her life of holiness. What comes through, even in superficial readings of her life, was a woman of faith and extraordinary prayer. In her earliest days, and especially at her first holy Communion, she gave her life totally to God. It is interesting to note that by special permission, she was allowed to receive her first holy Communion at the age of 10, early for those times.

As a young Breton teenager, she found herself especially happy when she could leave the confines of school to go out into the hills and rocks overlooking the ocean and raise her heart to God. Little did she know that God would ask her to come across the great ocean in a frightening journey to the woods of Indiana, where she began her mission of faith and education.

### A saint for our jubilee

We are on the threshold of the observance of our 150th year. Already the

Jubilee Pilgrim Cross has progressed to about half of our parishes. Our jubilee will only be effective to the extent that it calls all of us to closer communion with Christ and the sacraments. Mother Theodore was a true evangelizer despite problems with her health and the harsh conditions of the frontier. Her close communion with Christ assured the success of her apostolic efforts. She was in Indiana for only 18 years, yet schools and vocations flourished. Within her own lifetime, many young women came forward to follow Christ through her inspiration. We were handed a booklet for the liturgy with much singing, mostly in Latin, along with prayers in French, Spanish and English. In this booklet, there was a summary of her life given so that people could understand the reason we were honoring this woman. We honor her because she lived close to Christ. Indeed, we are honoring what Christ did through her.

### The Sisters of Providence

It is unfortunate that I had to learn about the Sisters of Providence through others. Their presence here at parishes like Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick, St. Jude and St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne as well as Central Catholic High School, means that generations of young people learned from them. Among those with us on this pilgrimage is Msgr. Lester. It is no exaggeration that he is famous among the Sisters of Providence. Even when speaking with sisters who have served in Chicago or Indianapolis, they say, "Oh, Msgr. Lester!" He and many others tell me about this great group of women who prepared so many young people for the sacraments, for life and for heaven.

The sisters were excellent educators. Perhaps we can bring some of them back to help us, but we can still profit from their spirit.

### Rome revisited

I lived here for three years at one time for graduate studies and have returned five times for the "ad limina" visits. One never tires of Rome, and there is always something to see. I am impressed by the energy of the pilgrims. Rome for a priest must always include offering the Eucharist at special places. Celebrating Mass with our small group in the small chapel at St.

Peter's Basilica and at St. Mary Major was a highlight. Another great highlight for me, forever, will be some time spent in prayer at the tomb of our beloved Pope John Paul II.

We are staying at the Domus Sanctae Martae. There are so many pilgrims in Rome, it was difficult to find rooms for our little pilgrimage for the entire stay. There was a time when an important ancient pilgrimage to Rome involved considerable inconveniences, and the journey was difficult. In modern times it is important to find a comfortable place. So prayers were offered to the new saint, and we were able to secure a religious house — the place the cardinals stay when voting for the pope. This place is inside the Vatican, a few steps from St. Peter's. We have a beautiful chapel in our building. Staying and praying together were Father Bob Schulte, our vicar general, Msgr. Lester and Fathers Dave Carkenord, Tom Shoemaker and Msgr. Jim Wolf. Assisting us and facilitating our schedule of liturgies and communications, as well as documenting this historic event, were Tim Johnson and Maureen Schott.

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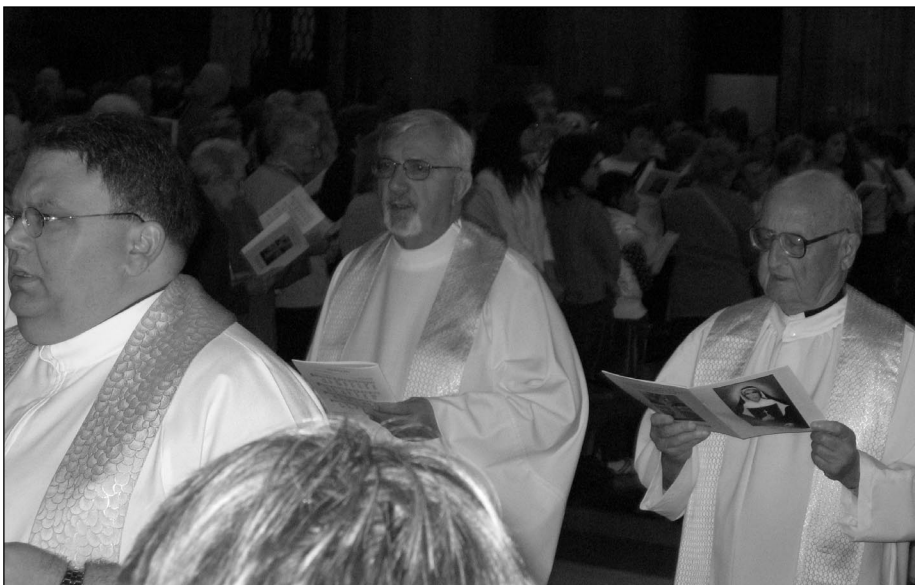
On Saturday, we attended a vigil service at the Church of the Gesu with the Sisters of Providence, where there were readings of Mother Theodore's life.

At this writing, we are preparing for the Eucharist at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. This is the church of St. Paul, a great missionary who was beheaded in Rome after spending two years in chains. Mother Theodore Guerin was also a missionary who knew suffering. The final event for me will be the audience with the holy father on Wednesday at St. Peter's. (As you know, our office is always happy to make it possible for anyone, Catholics and non-Catholics to be present at this extraordinary event, which takes place each week unless the pope is on retreat or traveling.)

Back home Thursday across the great ocean, but I hope richer spiritually and a better bishop for you from this time with our pilgrims and some time with this remarkable saint.

I have no sports report, because everything arrives here a few days late, but I will see you next week.

## PRIESTS PARTICIPATE IN MASS OF THANKSGIVING IN ROME



Father Michael Heintz, Msgr. James Wolf and Msgr. J. William Lester process into the Mass of thanksgiving at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.



Sisters of Providence attend the Mass of thanksgiving.

PHOTOS BY TIM JOHNSON

# Sisters of Providence celebrate canonization at home

BY MANY ANN WYAND

**SAINT MARY-OF-THE WOODS** — Providence Sister Agnes Pauline Meinert received a special birthday present this year.

St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Square in Rome on Oct. 15, which also was Sister Agnes Pauline's 90th birthday.

The canonization was "icing on the cake" for Sister Agnes Pauline, who couldn't believe that this historic and spiritual event happened on her birthday.

"In the summertime," she said, "when the Holy Father announced that the canonization would take place on Oct. 15, I hollered, 'That's my birthday!'"

It was a birthday wish and longtime dream come true, Sister Agnes Pauline said after the 11 a.m. eucharistic liturgy at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse, which began seven hours after the

formal canonization Mass at the Vatican.

The motherhouse church was filled for the liturgy, which included a brief message from Providence Sister Denise Wilkinson, general superior of the congregation, who called from Rome after the canonization.

Father Daniel Hopcus, chaplain of the congregation and celebrant for the Mass, began the liturgy by telling the sisters and guests at the motherhouse that Sister Denise said, "Everything (at the canonization) was beautiful, and she was holding everyone at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in her heart and prayers."

During his homily, Father Hopcus noted that the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time was an extraordinary day for the Sisters of Providence.

Mother Theodore dedicated her life to serving others because she loved God, he said, and never doubted that she was doing God's work.

"Faced with countless obstacles and setbacks, (Mother Theodore) founded this community in the

shadow of the cross," Father Hopcus said. "(She knew that) if this community that she was establishing was going to last ... it would be established on the cross."

He said Mother Theodore's canonization "serves as a reminder of her solidarity with all the Sisters of Providence, who God has called to live the life of a saint ... to the best of their ability."

Providence Sister Mary Beth Klingel welcomed the gathering at the start of the Mass.

"Words cannot capture in any way our great joy and the significance of this event," Sister Mary Beth explained. "Mother Theodore is now a saint of the universal Church, but what a unique privilege it is for all Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, for the State of Indiana and for the United States of America to claim her as our own."

The Mass was a prelude to the Canonization Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Founder's Day on Oct. 22 at the motherhouse

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**Father John Coughlin, OFM, gives the homily at the Fort Wayne Red Mass. A faculty member of the Notre Dame Law School, Father Coughlin stood in for Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who was in Rome for the canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guerin.**

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Father Coughlin added. "One of the characteristics of our profession is that we put self interest in second place to the service that we provide for others."

Chief Justice Shepard opened his remarks at the Red Mass brunch by noting that he has a tie to the Fort Wayne community. He was a classmate of Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard at Princeton, and he lauded Mayor Richard for the work he has done for the city and, Shepard predicts, will continue to do even after leaving office.

A graduate of the Yale Law School, Justice Shepard had, only the day before the Red Mass, received the Yale Law School Award of Merit, the highest honor bestowed by the school. But it was other lawyers whom Justice Shepard honored throughout much

of his remarks.

"Now, I suggest that among the historic professions, lawyers still have a good and decent claim on the conscience of their fellow citizens as leaders toward a better society," he said. "What do lawyers do? Prosecute the perpetrators of violence. Pursue claims on promises wrongly broken. Lead the fight for a cleaner environment and safe workplace. Seek out and combat racial discrimination."

The chief justice recalled some of his own experiences with some of these issues, touching on his own work toward affirmative action and other causes back in the 1960s.

He also noted that lawyers all over the country step forward as leaders to meet the needs of communities, from organizing fund drives to coaching Little League, stating that wherever good work is being done for people, there is usually a lawyer close at hand.

Chief Justice Shepard also echoed Father Coughlin's words and noted that lawyers answer the call of God to serve others.

## Indiana Pilgrims offer Mass of Thanksgiving

BY TIM JOHNSON

**ROME, Italy** — An estimated 800 pilgrims from across Indiana, France, England, China and Taiwan gathered at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside of the Walls in Rome, the legendary location where the Apostle Paul is buried, for a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of the canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guérin.

St. Mother Theodore Guérin, a native of Estables, France, came to Indiana in 1841 to found the Sisters of Providence in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and eventually Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, which is the first women's Catholic liberal arts college in America. She also founded St. Augustine Academy, which was the first Catholic school in Fort Wayne and was located on what is now the Cathedral Square.

With the excitement of the canonization still fresh, pilgrims were excited about the preceding day, when Pope Benedict XVI declared Mother Theodore Guérin a saint, a model of holiness, in the Catholic Church.

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, archbishop of Indianapolis, the diocese in which Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is located, celebrated Mass with the pilgrims. The Mass was concelebrated by all the Indiana Catholic bishops including Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Dale Melczek of Gary, Bishop William Higi of Lafayette and Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger of Evansville.

Sister of Providence, Sister Jane Marie Osterholt, a native of Fort Wayne could barely hold back tears as she described the canon-

ization of her order's foundress.

"There aren't words (to describe it)," she said. Sister Osterholt has spent 44 years in the Sisters of Providence community and 30 years in catechetics. She was recently elected to the religious order's council. Sister Osterholt writes catechetics and said people of faith don't really know Catholic heroes. And St. Mother Theodore serves as a hero.

Theresa Dirig, a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, is a sister to Sister Osterholt and was able to sit with the Sisters of Providence on the platform behind the bishops and near the altar at the canonization. "It was just electric," Dirig said, "to see the pope the first time," especially from that perspective.

Although the pilgrimage has captured a fast pace, Dirig said, the Sisters of Providence "energy amazes me. They are just so genuinely excited (about Mother Theodore's canonization) that they can hardly contain their joy." She said one of the sisters contacted the college and the motherhouse and almost all of the students and sisters awoke early on Oct. 15 to watch the canonization carried on television live at 4 a.m. Indiana time.

Linda Perry of St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne called the canonization day awe inspiring. "

To be right there in the (St. Peter's) square, pictures and post cards can't do it justice. It was a perfect day."

At the Mass of thanksgiving on Monday, the congregation erupted into applause to praise God for the Indiana saint. Pilgrims were greeted with a majestic choir from Sisters of Providence. Sisters from the order, college students from

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and board members of the school participated in the Mass.

In his homily, Archbishop Buechlein said that the canonization did not occur because Mother Theodore founded the order, or because "Mother Theodore was the virtual founder of Catholic education in Indiana and part of Illinois. ... Canonization was for Mother Theodore's all-consuming love for God. Canonization recognizes that she was a holy woman who obviously was a person of virtual prayer."

St. Mother Theodore's sanctity spurs us on to victory, the archbishop said. Saints of our time, "inspire us by their holy lives and help us by their constant prayers," Archbishop Buechlein said.

Mother Theodore lived a heroic spiritual life and "she is our friend," added the archbishop. "She prays for us." He said it was a joy that we have a local saint from Indiana to spur us onward to victory. Mother Theodore was a kindly gift from God to renew the church in its infancy in Indiana. The seeds of faith and holiness planted in our missionary territory through the agency of Mother Theodore have flourished. She continues to be a witness of God's unchanging love for us.

The archbishop added, "that God so loved our little part of the world that he gave us our remarkable Mother Guérin. He blessed her with extraordinary grace, a valiant missionary in primitive times."

He said that we have a spiritual communion with the saints in heaven who are our friends. This calls us to an exchange of prayer. "May Mother Theodore pray for us," the archbishop concluded.

## St. Paul Memorial to be dedicated, blessed on Sunday, Oct. 22

BY VINCE LABARBERA

**FORT WAYNE** — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Trinity English Lutheran Church have scheduled a dedication and blessing on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. of the St. Paul Memorial at the corner of Fairfield Ave. and Washington Blvd. in downtown Fort Wayne.

"This project was envisioned when Trinity English Lutheran Church purchased this property from the diocese a couple of years ago," said Father Robert C. Schulte, vicar general, representing the Catholic diocese. When the sale of the site of the former St. Paul Catholic Church at 416 West Washington Blvd. was announced jointly May 17, 2004, by Trinity and the diocese, Rev. Frederick E. Hasecke, senior pastor of Trinity, and Bishop John M. D'Arcy and Father Schulte, each expressed their happiness that the site will continue to be used for religious and spiritual endeavors rather than

for commercial or other secular purposes.

The Memorial consists of a garden area with pavers forming a patio, two benches and a pillar which is constructed of a similar brick material and style as St. Paul Church. A cross that graced the roof line of the original church has been placed at the top of the pillar. The cornerstone from St. Paul Church also is included on the pillar along with plaques noting the history of St. Paul, the ecumenical cooperation of Trinity and a prayer in English and in Spanish. It is meant to be a site of reflection, prayer and thanksgiving.

The dedication and blessing service, led by Rev. Hasecke and Father Schulte, is expected to last about 20 minutes. It will consist of appropriate Scripture readings and prayers with former St. Paul parishioners participating along with members of Trinity English Lutheran Church. A tent will be erected at the site for the occasion, and refreshments will be served after the service.

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guidance upon the new foundation. With great trust in Divine Providence, Mother Theodore overcame many challenges and persevered in the work that the Lord had called her to do. By the time of her death in 1856, the sisters were running schools and orphanages throughout the state of Indiana. In her own words, "How much good has been accomplished by the Sisters of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods! How much more good they will be able to do if they remain faithful to their holy vocation!"

The litany of saints was sung invoking the prayers of the saints who are examples for those in pursuit of holiness.

After the proclamation, relics of St. Theodore were presented by Sisters of Providence Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara, Sister Nancy Nolan and Sister Diane Ris.

At the offertory procession Sister Denise Wilkinson and Sister Kevin Tighe, both Sisters of Providence, and Philip McCord, the employee at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods whose eye cure provided the second miracle for the sainthood cause, were among the many who presented the gifts to Pope Benedict XVI.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was one of the Indiana bishops who concelebrated the Mass with Pope Benedict.

Bishop D'Arcy said of the canonization Mass, "This was a very joyful morning for all of us who journeyed from Indiana to be present in the Piazza San Pietro in front of the great Basilica of St. Peter for the canonization of Mother Theodore Guerin and three others. It was the first time I ever attended a canonization. And the fact that this sister lived out her life in our state and can be considered one of the pioneers (of our faith) and certainly one of the founders of our Catholic school system has profound meaning of this day for all."

Bishop D'Arcy discussed some of the preparations he and his entourage of priests and diocesan employees.

"We had prepared ourselves by

offering Mass together on Friday morning at the Polish Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica," Bishop D'Arcy said. "This was especially meaningful for us because this chapel was created by Pope John Paul II and dedicated to the patroness of Poland, Our Lady of Czestchowa and all the Polish saints. We noticed many of the patrons of our parishes on the west side of South Bend were depicted."

He added, "The following day we prepared by offered Mass in one of the side chapels of Santa Maria Maggiore. This ancient and beloved church honors Our Lady and is one of the four great basilicas in Rome."

Bishop D'Arcy was joined by Archbishop Daniel Buechlein of Indianapolis, Bishop Dale Melczek of Gary, Bishop William Higi of Lafayette and Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger of Evansville. Priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend assisted in the distribution of Communion. They included Father Robert Schulte, diocesan vicar general and rector of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne; Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend; Father David Carkenord, pastor of St. Michael, Waterloo; Father Thomas Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne; Msgr. James Wolf, pastor of Sacred Heart, Warsaw. Also in attendance from the diocese were Msgr. J. William Lester, vicar general of retired priests, and *Today's Catholic* editor Tim Johnson.

## A legacy

The influence of St. Theodore is particularly present today, 150 years past her death.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin ministered in Indiana and Illinois and is also the foundress of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute and her sisters staffed the first Catholic school in Fort Wayne, St. Augustine. Throughout the Fort Wayne area, the Sisters of Providence taught at several parish schools.

Many pilgrims representing the institutions founded or linked to St. Mother Theodore were present at the canonization.

Sister Joan Lewsinski, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who is president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College said, "The college



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**Bishop John M. D'Arcy is joined by Msgr. James Wolf, Father Robert Schulte, Msgr. J. William Lester, a Congregation of Holy Cross priest and Father Tom Shoemaker to concelebrate Mass in the chapel of Our Lady of Czestchowa in the lower level of St. Peter's Basilica. The chapel is dedicated to the Polish saints with many patron saints from South Bend's west side parishes.**

has always treasured its Catholic identity. It's an institution that obviously welcomes Catholics, but also welcomes people from all religious traditions. ... What brings them all together is the specialness of knowing Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence who have really given us the spirit we have at the institution."

"So this event lets us go deeper into an identity that we have always treasured," Sister Joan said that in talking with students at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College that they admire Mother Theodore for her strength, for her vision, for her courage. "She is a woman that shows them that they too can be strong, courageous leaders in our world who can make a difference wherever they are. And that's the spirit of Mother Theodore and her sisters."

These sentiments were echoed by Saint Mary-of-the-Woods seniors Colleen Hall, of South Bend, and Molly Cuff of Hanna in northwest Indiana. Both were thrilled to be present for the canonization ceremonies.

Cuff of Hanna said the canonization experience and being in Rome enhanced her faith. Although Cuff graduates this semester, she said, "I'm glad (the canonization) happened while we were still in college because it makes it just that much more special."

Cuff said, "Mother Theodore

was such a strong woman. She came from France with nothing and started this college. It's very inspiring."

A graduate of Christ the King School and Saint Joseph's High School, both in South Bend, Hall said, "Knowing that I go to a school founded by a saint, helps me know that I am part of this heritage of this faith that has continued for 2,000 years."

Being in Rome, Hall added, "made me realize just the vastness of the Catholic Church. You see people coming together from all over the world to celebrate this. It makes me very proud to be a part of that. I guess it reassures my faith in the Catholic Church."

"I am going to be feeling so excited during the canonization," Hall said. "I can't even put it into words how exciting it will be. I'm here with my friends, so many Sisters of Providence just everybody coming together to celebrate the lives of Mother Theodore and these three other people. It's just amazing that they lived such incredible lives and I am just happy the I can celebrate their lives with other Catholics."

Hall said Mother Theodore's influence is felt in the teachers and sisters at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. "You can see so much compassion in the school. you can't help but think that it goes back to the ideals that the school was founded upon."

Karen Magdich, who at one

time attended the St. Mary of Woods Aspirancy and now works in the Cathedral Bookstore in Fort Wayne, said the Sisters of Providence made a big impact on her life. She learned about Mother Theodore from the day she walked into first grade at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne, which was staffed by the Sisters of Providence.

"There were pictures of Mother Theodore all over the school," Magdich said. "Wonderful, wonderful memories," she added. "They were great, great teachers. ... From the time I was in first or second grade I thought, 'I want to be just like them.' ... I feel very close (to the Sisters of Providence)." Magdich said. She expected the canonization to be the highlight of the pilgrimage.

Sue Wolf of Fort Wayne said the Sisters of Providence, who taught her at Central Catholic High School, were very influential to her.

Wolf said, "I really wanted to be a part of this. I just thought it was so exciting. I just get goose bumps thinking about (the canonization), the highlight of our trip." Wolf is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne.

Wolf invited her friend, Bea Sawicki, who lives in Fort Wayne to accompany her on the pilgrimage. This wasn't Sawicki's first trip to Rome, but it was her first canonization, and she welcomed the invitation.



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# St. Joseph County Right to Life dinner and prayer breakfast

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Strong community support was evident in the turnout of about four hundred people at the group's 15th annual benefit dinner in South Bend Oct. 12.

Steve Camilleri was master of ceremonies and related how he easily could have been a victim of abortion 34 years ago as he was born with spina bifida, but his mother was passionately pro-life. His accomplishments include running two marathons.

Father Camillo Tirabassi, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, offered the opening prayer. St. Joseph County Right to Life president Tom Gill reflected on the sober reality that in America, statistically, a baby is aborted every 20 seconds, dramatizing the need to be ever dedicated to the cause of eliminating abortion. In St. Joseph County there were 755 abortions in 2004. However, the good news is that from 2001 through 2004, abortions dropped 30 percent.

One factor in this decline are two strategically placed billboards located on the only two approaches to South Bend's abortion facility. Andrew and Flo Krizman were instrumental in getting the billboards up. Tom Gill presented the Krizmans with the "Pillar of Life" award for their efforts. Funds

raised through past benefit dinners financed this last minute appeal to abortion-minded women.

Candy Gibbs and Jerry Little of Amarillo, Texas, a father and daughter team of pro-life advocates, shared their story of both the tragedy of abortion and the steadfast love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. It was also a story of how the evil of abortion can even reach right into the heart of the church with its deceptive promise of escape.

Candy was a fervent Christian even in childhood. Her father was a youth minister at the small Baptist church she attended. A very shy girl, her life took a turn when in junior high and high school she developed a strong desire to become one of the popular kids, to "fit in." She was very excited when she made the cheerleading team and elated when the captain of the football team and class president decided he liked her. Candy's parents opposed their dating, but she started dating him anyway, thinking it would only last a short while. The relationship soon became not only sexual, but also abusive.

When she discovered she was pregnant and shared it with her boyfriend, he said he was sorry and never intended it to happen. He wished her the best but immediately ended the relationship,



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**Jerry Little speaks at the St. Joseph County Right to Life Dinner. Little, currently the coordinator of the men's post-abortion ministry at the CareNet Crisis Pregnancy Center in Amarillo, Texas, shared his family's experience with abortion.**

leaving her to cope with the crisis. She and her family were opposed to abortion. But when her father, Jerry learned that the relationship had been abusive, that was all it took for him to rationalize that their situation was "different." He became determined that Candy should have an abortion, and even told her, "The best thing we can do is give the baby to Jesus." Candy cried uncontrollably on the way and right up to having the abortion, but when she came out afterwards, she was no longer crying but tersely said, "Let's go home." For the next two years she neither laughed nor cried. Her mother was depressed. The abortion was a family secret, and they did not talk to each other about it either.

The healing and reconciliation process began when a co-worker gave Candy a pamphlet about a post-abortion Bible study at a crisis pregnancy center. The Lord started to heal Candy and she convinced her father to go in for counseling, too. Finally admitting his

guilt, both tears and laughter followed as he experienced Jesus' forgiveness, something he did not think he would ever receive.

Today, Jerry is the coordinator of the men's post-abortion ministry at the CareNet Crisis Pregnancy Center in Amarillo, and Candy is the director of one of the center's branches and has been a facilitator of the New Dawn Post-Abortion Support Group. Pastor James Williams of Abundant Faith Family Ministries concluded the evening with a prayer.

The following morning, the first-ever prayer breakfast was held with about 40 attendees. Franciscan Father John Coughlin of the University of Notre Dame Law School opened with prayer and gave a reflection on how to overcome discouragement. Jerry and Candy shared again and Pastor Carl Evans of the Ardmore LaSalle Church of Christ closed the two-day event with prayer.

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church, which will include Providence sisters who journeyed to Rome for the historic ceremony.

Before and after the Mass, sisters and guests waited in line to venerate the remains of the French-born missionary sister who became the eighth U.S. saint and first Indiana saint earlier that day.

Providence Sister Eileen Ann Kelley, a retired sister who read the first reading for the liturgy, said after the Mass that Mother Theodore's canonization was "beyond description" and she feels overwhelmed by it.

"I never thought I would live to see it happen so I have shed more than one tear," Sister Eileen Ann said. "I think it's going to have such an impact upon us individually and as a community, and also upon many, many other people. She's such an inspiration."

Providence Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp, president of the new Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis — a work-study ministry of the congregation that will serve low-income students — dressed as Mother

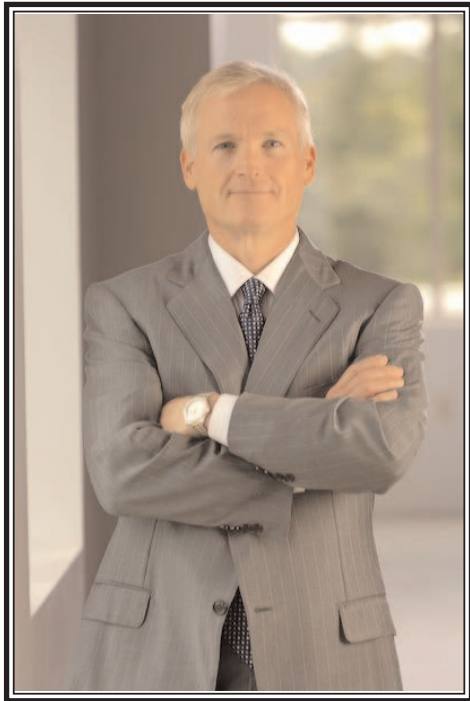
Theodore to greet sisters and visitors.

"Mother Theodore's mission, the reason she came to Indiana, was to work among the poor, particularly children," Sister Jeanne said. "It's particularly humbling for me to be here today and to know that I'm walking in her footsteps."

Sister Jeanne said many sisters got up at 4 a.m. on Sunday to watch the Eternal Word Television Network's live coverage of the canonization Mass then prayed together at the original gravesite of their foundress at the motherhouse cemetery.

Images and artwork of St. Mother Theodore were on display at the Providence Center and Shrine of Our Lady of Providence at the motherhouse, and new road signs decorated portions of U.S. 150 that Gov. Mitch Daniels recently renamed "St. Mother Theodore Guérin Memorial Highway."

**Mary Ann Wyand** is a senior reporter for *The Criterion*, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.



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## Vatican source says pope to expand use of Tridentine Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI is preparing to expand permission to use the Tridentine Mass, the pre-Vatican II rite favored by traditionalist groups, said an informed Vatican source. The pope is expected to issue a document “*motu proprio*,” or on his own initiative, which will address the concerns of “various traditionalists,” said the source, who asked not to be named. The source said the new permission, or indult, was a papal decision, but was being done in cooperation with agencies of the Roman Curia. He would not elaborate on the extent of the indult, when it would be established or how it would work. The Tridentine rite is currently available to groups of Catholics who ask and receive permission for its use from their local bishops. The old rite is celebrated in Latin and follows the Roman Missal of 1962, which was replaced in 1969 with the new Roman Missal.

## Italian cardinal tells Russians some missionaries acted improperly

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — An Italian cardinal told the head of the Russian Orthodox Church that religious and missionary activity had expanded in the 1990s, often at the initiative of well-intentioned individuals, and had “not appeared proper from an ecumenical viewpoint.” Milan Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi told Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II, “Christianization must be renewed from generation to generation, but there must be no room for confessional competition in the Gospel’s name.” In a speech Oct. 2 at Moscow’s Danilovsky Orthodox monastery, Cardinal Tettamanzi told Patriarch Alexy that proselytism was “condemned not only by Orthodox, but also by Catholics,” adding that he regretted some Catholics had shown a “carelessness toward the life of the Spirit.” The cardinal was part of an Italian church delegation that visited Moscow Sept. 29-Oct. 3 at the invitation of the patriarch. His speech was published in Italian and Russian on the Milan archdiocesan Web site.

## South Korean bishops say peace possible only with dialogue, patience

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Catholic bishops in South Korea have insisted that peace in the Korean peninsula can be achieved only through dialogue and patience, after North Korea announced it had conducted a nuclear test Oct. 9. The bishops issued their Message for Peace and Reconciliation Oct. 13, after discussing the nuclear test during their Oct. 9-12 general meeting. In their message, they said they “cannot but feel deep sorrow” at the North’s decision to conduct the test, and they stressed that North Korea “must cooperate with

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## BOSTON CARDINAL PRESENTS CROSS TO NEW BISHOPS



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Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston presents a pectoral cross and zucchetto, the symbol of the bishop's office, to Bishops-designate John A. Dooher, left, and Robert F. Hennessey during a press conference at St. John's Seminary Oct. 12. Pope Benedict XVI appointed the two pastors as auxiliary bishops of Boston Oct. 12. He also accepted the resignation of Bishop William E. Franklin of Davenport, Iowa, and appointed Auxiliary Bishop Martin J. Amos of Cleveland as his successor.

us to maintain peace.” The bishops also said that having a nuclear weapon “cannot be justified in any way,” even if it is for self-defense, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. “Peace can be achieved only through incessant forgiveness and reconciliation,” the bishops said, urging the international community to walk the path of reconciliation and peace through dialogue and negotiation. The message, published in Korean and English, was signed by Auxiliary Bishop Lucas Kim Woon-hoe of Seoul, president of the bishops' Committee for the Reconciliation of the Korean People, and Bishop Boniface Choi Ki-san of Incheon, president of the bishops' Committee for Justice and Peace.

## Pope says Christians must not let politics, social status divide them

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians are called to form a united community of faith where social status and politics do not divide them and where dialogue with the world does not mean hiding the truths of the Christian faith, Pope Benedict XVI said. “Certainly the path of understanding and dialogue, which the Second Vatican Council happily undertook, must continue with firm constancy,” he said Oct. 11 at his weekly general audience. “But this path of dialogue, which is so necessary, must not lead us to forget our obligation to recall and demonstrate with the same energy the principal elements of our Christian identity, which cannot be renounced,” he said. During the audience, the pope focused on the

figures of Sts. Simon and Jude, continuing his series of talks about the Twelve Apostles.

## Vatican confirms trip to Turkey, despite some Muslims' misgivings

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican officially confirmed that Pope Benedict XVI will travel to Turkey at the end of November, despite misgivings among many Muslims over recent papal remarks on Islam. The pope's Nov. 28-Dec. 1 trip, his first to a predominantly Muslim country, will include stops in Ankara, Ephesus and Istanbul, the Vatican said Oct. 16. The pope will travel at the invitation of the Turkish government and the Orthodox Church's Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. In Ankara, the capital, he is expected to meet with political leaders Nov. 28. The following day he is expected to say Mass in Ephesus, an important early center of Christianity in western Turkey. The pope will meet with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Istanbul in the evening of Nov. 29 and participate in an Orthodox liturgy Nov. 30. On Dec. 1, he is expected to celebrate Mass for Catholics in the city before returning to Rome.

## Cardinal Monduzzi, former prefect of papal household, dies at 84

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Italian Cardinal Dino Monduzzi, who died Oct. 12 at the age of 84, spent almost four decades shepherding the humble faithful and the

world's most powerful leaders into the presence of the pope. Pope Benedict XVI, who was to preside over the Oct. 16 funeral in St. Peter's Basilica, said the cardinal would be remembered for “the promptness and wisdom with which he organized the daily papal audiences and pastoral visits in Italy.” Cardinal Monduzzi's death leaves the College of Cardinals with 188 members, 116 of whom are under age 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. In a message of condolence to the cardinal's family, Pope Benedict praised his generous dedication to his tasks in the Prefecture of the Papal Household under Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II. From 1986 to 1998, he was the prefect of the office, organizing the pope's daily public schedule at the Vatican or on visits to Italian dioceses.

## U.S. bishops' president presses Bush to veto bill on border fence

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Extending the fence along the U.S.-Mexican border will lead to more deaths and violence, warned the president of the U.S. bishops' conference in a letter urging President George W. Bush to veto the Secure Fence Act. The bill, passed by Congress in the waning days of the session before the October campaign break for midterm elections, “could lead to the deaths of migrants attempting to enter the United States and increases smuggling-related violence along our border,” said Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., president of the

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Skylstad said the 700-mile fence authorized in the bill also “would send the wrong signal to our peaceful neighbor to the south, Mexico, as well as to the international community.” The letter, dated Oct. 10 and released by the USCCB Oct. 11, said the fence also will not solve the problem of illegal immigration. Meanwhile, Mexico's foreign secretary said his nation is considering taking the issue of the fence to the United Nations.

## Court won't hear case seeking to reverse landmark abortion ruling

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court Oct. 10 declined to hear the appeal of Sandra Cano, the Georgia woman who hoped the court would reverse her 1973 victory in one of two decisions that legalized abortion. Cano was the “Mary Doe” in the court's Doe v. Bolton, the companion case to the better known Roe v. Wade decision. Roe threw out most state restrictions on abortion, but the Doe decision permitted abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. Without comment, the court rejected Cano's appeal of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in January that said federal district and appeals courts lacked authority to overturn the decision in Doe or in Roe. In petitioning the court, Cano's attorneys argued that although medical science and technology have advanced, by refusing to reconsider the validity of the Roe and Doe cases, the Supreme Court has “frozen abortion law based on obsolete 1973 assumptions and prevented the normal regulation of the practice of medicine.”

## Construction of Ave Maria University, town well under way

IMMOKALEE, Fla. (CNS) — Driving south from Immokalee along Camp Keais Road, it's doubtful most travelers know a town and university are under development just behind the scrubby oaks and weeds that line the two-lane road. But tucked down a side road, on what were once pepper and tomato fields and areas with palmettos and wetlands, Ave Maria University and the surrounding town of Ave Maria are quickly rising. The future 5,000-acre community was conceived by Tom Monaghan, Domino's Pizza founder and chairman of Ave Maria Foundation, who wanted to build a major Catholic university. Ultimately bringing about \$285 million to the project, Monaghan partnered in 2002 with Barron Collier Cos., a major southwest Florida real estate and agriculture company, to build his dream in east Collier County, south of a farming town on land already owned by Barron Collier. For the first time since the official groundbreaking ceremony in February, Ave Maria officials invited the media to visit the university and town in the mid-stages of construction.

## St. Jude prepares for fall mission

FORT WAYNE — St. Jude Parish will have a mission "Behold the Face of Christ: His Steadfast Love Endures Forever," from Sunday, Oct. 22 through Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 7-8 p.m.

Speakers will include Mary Glowaski on the topic of faith; Sister Marilyn Ellert, OSF, SND, on prayer; Bishop John M. D'Arcy on Tuesday on reconciliation; and Father Gary Sigler will speak on the eucharist.

Ginny Kohrman of the office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization will lead morning sessions at 9 a.m. Monday-Wednesday. Childcare will be offered for all services.

## USF offers Mass in honor of Tom Jehl

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is offering a special Mass in honor of Tom Jehl, Fort Wayne businessman, founder of the Sports Academy and long-time supporter of the university's athletic programs. The university's football office complex is named in his honor. Jehl died in September after a long battle with cancer.

The Mass on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Chapel in Trinity Hall will follow the university's football game with Malone College. The public is invited to attend. For further information, phone Jan Patterson, director of Campus Ministry, at (260) 434-3260 or Doug Coate, athletic director, at (260) 434-7414.

## Students spend fall break in Europe examining issues related to nuclear weapons

NOTRE DAME — At a time when nuclear threats from North Korea and Iran have the world on edge, 17 University of Notre Dame students will spend their fall break — Oct. 14 - 21 — in Europe meeting with leaders of organizations committed to controlling the proliferation of nuclear arms and other weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The students are enrolled in a new seminar titled "(Non) Proliferation of WMD," taught by political scientist Luc Reydam, who will lead the European field trip.

Among the officials with whom they will meet is Ambassador Greg Schulte, the permanent U.S. representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations office in Vienna and other international organizations in Vienna. He is responsible for advancing U.S. policies regarding proliferation, terrorism, organized crime and corruption, while promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

The Notre Dame students also will meet with officials at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at The

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## ST. BERNARD PROCESSES WITH JUBILEE PILGRIM CROSS



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Father Sextus Don leads the procession of the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross from St. Bernard Parish in Wabash. After receiving it from Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, the St. Bernard community enjoyed a week of prayer and activities centered around the cross before taking it to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester.

Hague and Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna.

In Belgium, they will tour World War I battlegrounds, the cemetery at Flanders Field and the town of Ypres, where chemical weapons were first used in war.

In addition to the tour, the students are reading five texts on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, their proliferation, global efforts to reduce their numbers and the technology and politics related to WMDs. They also are viewing several documentaries and lectures, including talks delivered during a 2005 series at Notre Dame titled "Thoughts on the Unthinkable."

Reydams organized the seminar after serving as a guest lecturer in a course titled "Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Warfare." Taught by Michael Wiescher, professor of physics, the course examines the physics and technological aspects of nuclear weapons and associated ethical, legal and social issues.

Reydams earned degrees in law and in political and administrative sciences from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and Université Catholique de Louvain. He practiced law in Brussels, Belgium, before coming to Notre Dame to earn two law degrees through the University's Center for Civil and Human Rights. His book "Universal Jurisdiction: International and Municipal Legal Perspectives" was published in 2003 by Oxford University Press.

The European field trip is sponsored with a grant from the

Undergraduate Intellectual Initiative in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters.

For more information contact Luc Reydams at (574) 631-6954 or reydams.l@nd.edu.

## Relevant Radio's Dick Lyle is among speakers at Serra conference

NOTRE DAME — The South Bend Serra Club is pleased to announce that Dick Lyle, CEO of Relevant Radio, will be speaking at the Serra Club Regions 6 and 7 Conference that will take place Oct. 28 at Notre Dame. Relevant Radio was founded by Catholic businessman Mark Follett in response to Pope John Paul II's call to the New Evangelization. Starting with just one station in 2000, WJOK — With Jesus Our King — in northeast Wisconsin, the network now has 17 stations, five in the top 25 markets, and 15 affiliates that carry Relevant Radio programming. Relevant Radio, which is listener supported, is now the largest Catholic talk radio network in the U.S. and is available to a worldwide audience via streaming audio at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com). The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved Relevant Radio as a national media outlet in October of 2003.

Dick Lyle holds a B.S. degree from the U.S. Naval Academy, an M.A. in Human Behavior and a Ph.D. in business administration. He is an expert in leadership skills, management, customer

service and global business trends. He has authored five books including "Winning Habits: 4 Secrets that Will Change the Rest of Your Life" and "Winning Ways: Four Secrets for Getting Great Results by Working Well with People."

Dick Lyles promises to be a great speaker who will inspire Serrans in their work of fostering and supporting vocations to the religious life which will be a key part of the New Evangelization.

Relevant Radio was created in answer to a challenge from our beloved Pope John Paul II. The late pope encouraged American Catholics to seize the means and methods of modern communication to inspire the faithful with a deeper understanding and commitment to Christ and the church. This he called the New Evangelization.

Relevant Radio's founder, Mark Follett, rose to the challenge and answered the pope's call to action. Follett, a successful businessman and devout Catholic, prayed for guidance and assistance. He discerned that his new charge would be to begin the creation of a national Catholic radio network to "proclaim the wonders

of God," believing the local Catholic community would then support its growth and sustenance.

The FCC granted a transfer of license for title first station, 1050 AM, NJOK in Northeast Wisconsin on Dec. 12, 2000, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Relevant Radio network was born.

The Serra International USA Council, Regions 6 and 7 Congerence, hosted by the Serra Club of South Bend and Notre Dame, will also include: Bishop Alexander K. Sample of the Diocese of Marquette, Mich, Sister Mary Ellen Johnson, CSC, co-coordinator of vocations, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, Father Daniel Scheidt, associate pastor of St. Pius X Church, Granger, Fred and Lisa Everett of the Office of Family Life, and Charles E. Rice, JD, professor emeritus of the University of Notre Dame Law School.

## Deacon Steinacker to be ordained to priesthood Oct. 28 in Cathedral

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D'Arcy will ordain Deacon Anthony Steinacker, of Fort Wayne, to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Preparation for Deacon Steinacker's ordination to the priesthood are nearing completion. Recently, he spent five days at Gethsemani Retreat Center in Kentucky to draw close to God in quiet prayer as he humbly embraces his calling to the priesthood. "It was a time to reflect on where I've been and pray about the beautiful ministry I soon will be ordained into as I serve God's people and Church," he said.

Following the ordination Mass, the congregation is invited to a reception luncheon to be held at the nearby Grand Wayne Center.

Deacon Steinacker attended Ivy Tech and was employed at Scott's Food in Fort Wayne before entering the seminary in 1997 at St. John's Seminary College in Boston. He completed his theological studies for the priesthood at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. On Jan. 8, 2005, he was ordained a transitional deacon in the Cathedral. Since July 15 of this year, he has been ministering at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne.

## Correction

In the Sept. 24 issue of *Today's Catholic*, Sister Alice O'Brien was mistakenly identified as Sister Kathy O'Brien in the photo caption related to the article "Mom finds calling to religious life."

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# Catching the spirit at the youth rally

BY JENNY MURRAY

**NORTH MANCHESTER** — Eight hundred twenty students participated in this year's youth rally on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Manchester College. "Catch the Spirit" was the theme for this year, and it was evident that the Spirit was captured in the hearts of these youth as they continued to sing the communion song, "We Are One Body" even after the band Grace On Demand stopped playing the song. Visibly moved by their enthusiasm, Bishop John M. D'Arcy asked the musicians to play a few more verses of the song and the kids sang with all their might and all their heart.

The Mass was the culminating point of a day filled with music,

skits and activities designed to lead the students to a deeper awareness of their place in the church.

The day began with music from the Indianapolis-based Grace On Demand. The students were then entertained by a very humorous skit written by Bob Sedlmeyer and performed by Chris Loudon and high school teens from St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Good Hope about catching the Holy Spirit, which requires a steady diet of the Eucharist and exercising the faith through praise and prayer.

Then the students went to one of three round robin sessions named after different manifestations of the Holy Spirit: dove, wind and fire. In the dove session, students were given the opportunity to go to reconciliation with one of the 18 priests who were present

to hear confessions. To instill a prayerful atmosphere while they waited for their turn to go to confession, students could pray the rosary, read from the scriptures or write a poem for the Teen Book of Prayer which will be published during the diocese's Jubilee.

Mary Bielski, a volunteer youth minister from South Bend, led the wind session, which included her own faith story plus the witnessing of two high school students, Amanda DeRoche from Our Lady of Good Hope and Reid Leazier from St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. Particularly powerful was Reid's description of his conversion experience in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He said the priest carried the monstrance through a group of teenagers and asked them to touch the end of his

garments. When Reid did this, he "felt the floodgates of Heaven pour upon" him. After listening to these three talk about their experiences, the students moved into groups of four led by an adult and discussed their own experiences with the Holy Spirit.

In the third round robin, fire, the nationally known comedic and evangelist duo, APeX, entertained the young people with their heroic juggling, their amazing acting and their contagious humor as they led the students through a story of a poor man who wanted to thank the king for saving him from famine. But on his journey to take his toilet plungers, his most favorite possessions, to the king as a gift of thanksgiving, he came across three villagers played by students from the audience. Each villager had a great need and somewhat reluctantly the poor man gave away his plungers so they could stir laundry, shake fruit from a tree and go fishing. When he finally reached the king, he was empty handed. The king assured the man that each time he helped these villagers of the kingdom, the king himself received joy from the man's generosity.

After the skit, Brad Farmer of APeX, told the students, "God loves you so passionately that he brought you into existence. If he stopped thinking about you even for a second, you would cease to exist."

Referring back to the story they had just acted out, he asked, "How do you repay the Creator of everything? We make a gift of who we are. You give the gift of yourself back to God in the way you love yourself and love others."

The rest of the afternoon was spent in praise and worship as Grace On Demand led the students in singing to God and with another round of comedy and juggling by APeX. Gene Monterastrelli, the other half of the duo, allowed a student to put him in a strait jacket. As he tried to get out, he described some of his own struggles in life but he said the strait jacket did not represent these struggles; they represented his poor choices in life.



JANICE MARTIN

**APeX, a nationally known comedic and evangelist duo, give one the keynote reflections at the diocesan youth rally at Manchester College.**

Looking out into the audience of over 800 seventh and eighth graders, he said, "There is not much difference between you and me. I'm just another pilgrim on my way to my Father."

Gene did eventually find a way out of the strait jacket.

The day ended with the celebration of Mass. The readings chosen reminded students of their upcoming confirmation, of the power the Holy Spirit gives to the disciples of Christ. Bishop D'Arcy contrasted the fear of the disciples as they ran away from Jesus' crucifixion with their bravery after the Holy Spirit descended upon them during Pentecost. On that great day, the disciples received what was in Jesus. Bishop D'Arcy asked the students how they could get what was in Jesus. Their many answers included the Eucharist and confirmation.

With their upcoming confirmation, the students' initiation into the church will be completed and the grace of the Holy Spirit, received in baptism, will be strengthened. Bishop D'Arcy exhorted the students not to be afraid. "Don't be afraid of God, of Jesus, of the Holy Spirit. Don't be afraid of being good, of being different."



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# 'Your Vote ... Their Voice' is banquet theme

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

Fort Wayne — Numerous legislators were in attendance at the Grand Wayne Center recently for the ninth annual Banquet for Life co-hosted by Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Dr. Dean Wenthe, president of Concordia Theological Seminary. Other sponsors were the Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund and the Allen County Right to Life Committee.

The banquet's theme, "Your Vote ... Their Voice," was underscored throughout the evening as speakers outlined efforts to promote the pro-life agenda.

The annual Telemachus Award for outstanding volunteerism was presented to Susan Landrigan, longtime treasurer of Allen County Right to Life.

Bishop D'Arcy's opening remarks praised Fort Wayne as a "great center for life," citing the recent opening of a second Women's Care Center in the city to counsel and assist pregnant women. Dr. Wenthe offered support as well. "We applaud and appreciate your work," he said.

The theme, "Your Vote ... Their Voice," was further expanded by keynote speaker Dan Coats, former U.S. Senator from Indiana and Ambassador to Germany.

Coats recognized Allen County Right to Life members as "foot soldiers" in his initial senate campaign and emphasized his continuing support of pro-life issues. The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision was never intended to be as broad, as expansive or as sweeping as it has become today, he said. Those Supreme Court justices never expected their ruling to be interpreted as "abortion on demand" or the absolute right to abortion, he pointed out.

Coats heaped lavish praise on President George W. Bush for his

"heartfelt, deep commitment to life," and said the upcoming election is important to the president and his ability to lead this country in the next two years. He assured his listeners that pro-life opponents are excited at the prospect of reversing that trend if they win a majority in the Nov. 7 congressional races.

Coats described the struggle. "We travel a long and winding road and some of it is uphill" in the battle to change hearts and transform values, he said in conclusion.

Third District Congressman Mark Souder added passionately, "We're all in this battle ... our culture is under assault." If pro-life proponents lose control, the results will be catastrophic and far-reaching, he said.

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels added his voice to the chorus by praising Banquet for Life audience members and confirming that, beginning in 2007, a "Choose Life" Indiana license plate will become available. With the continuing effort of his listeners, he predicted, "One day the rights of the unborn will be fully protected."

**Editor's note:** As the elected officials in this story state, abortion is a great evil in American society, but the Catholic Church does not support any one political party or endorse one-issue voting. According to "Faithful Citizenship: a Catholic Call to Political Responsibility," the U.S. bishops ask that Catholic voters take into account an array of issues, including the death penalty, war, care for the poor and vulnerable, economic and social justice, the rights of workers, the environment, family life and global solidarity.

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# St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School prayer boat sails on peaceful sea

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Area clergy and religious from several denominations, students, parents, teachers and many others gathered together at the University of Saint Francis on Wednesday, Oct. 4, to participate in an interfaith peace service. The service, an extension of the dedication ceremonies for the new Pope John Paul II Center, hosted representatives from the Catholic, Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist faiths, who offered prayers and blessings unique to each religion.

Following the ceremony, a pilgrimage to the campus lake brought those in attendance to a unique finale. Student representatives from two Catholic elementary schools launched miniature hand-made sail boats onto the peaceful waters.

An invitation to participate in the boat launching was extended to area schools this past summer, reports Lois Widner, principal of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School (SJSE), encouraging the Catholic schools to participate in the dedication service. Specific guidelines required the boats to be hand-made, three-tiered sail boats where personal prayers and petitions would be included on the sails. Widner immediately took the invitation to Kristin Spoltman, the school's art



SARAH RAHRIG



Amelia Erlandson and Samantha Rahrig, middle school students of the art elective class at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, are joined by Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, as well as representatives from Campus Ministry and other members of the USF community as they participate in the boat launching, a unique close to the university's interfaith prayer service. Both the service and the launching were a part of the university's week of dedication ceremonies for the new Pope John Paul II Center.

teacher, who presented the idea to her art elective class. The class, comprised of 14 middle school students, meets twice each week and was delighted to design and create the boat. During each class the students paired off to develop the six sails needed for the boat. The young artists used color pencils to create colorful city and landscapes, rainbows, doves, ocean scenes and more. Each pair visited with underclassman to obtain the petitions that would be added to the sails. The prayer petitions included intentions for family members, peace and others.

The design of the body of the boat came from Spoltman's grandfather-in-law, John Spoltman. "John guided the design to float. He assigned tools and helped out," reports Spoltman. The students diligently worked on the project in every art

class since the beginning of the year. It became a bonding effort, says Spoltman, adding, "The younger kids in the school benefited from seeing the older kids work so hard on it and felt a part of it because of their offered petitions."

Two students were chosen to represent their school at the interfaith peace service boat launching. Amelia Erlandson and Samantha Rahrig, middle school students of the art elective class at SJSE, were both excited to participate and had faith that their boat would stay afloat as well.

Erlandson said, "It was cool. There were a lot of different people there. After prayers we went to the lake and the boat floated!" She and Rahrig were interested in some of the religious costumes of the clergy represented at the service as well as the unique prayer traditions.

"I liked that I could see people from different religions. It was cool how they dressed and the different prayers they did," said Rahrig. Her mother, Sarah Rahrig, the adult representative of SJSE, added, "It was a nice service, bringing different faiths together. The school had a nice boat and it actually sailed."

Of the chance to participate in the service, Principal Widner remarked of the effort, "It was an awesome opportunity for our school to be part of what's happening at Saint Francis. Our students were challenged creatively and spiritually and together they produced a beautiful boat with petitions. It was a tremendous experience for the school." Their boat and the floating petitions brought a beautiful symbolism to the interfaith peace ceremony that touched the hearts of many.

St. Charles School also participated in the boat launch.

# Senior Spirit

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## Hand-painted cards benefit Matthew 25

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Greeting cards have a way of blessing both the sender and the receiver. The verses and illustrations bring special meaning to the lives of so many every day. Rita and Scott Zehr know that well, as together they team to produce beautiful greeting cards they have recently dubbed "Joymark Cards."

Joymark Cards are specially designed watercolor abstracts and florals hand-painted by Rita, the artist of the family. She has loved watercolor her entire life and pursued art in college. Following her marriage to her beloved Scott in 1981 and subsequently adopting their two sons Jeremy and Jeff, she found herself with little time to pursue her passion.

"It has been a blessing and a gift to have these boys," says the artist, adding that while raising the boys she didn't feel free to work on her art. Now that the boys are grown all that has changed.

Zehr began to paint again in earnest about three years ago. Surrounded by the generous and talented people that make up the volunteer ministries at St. Mary Church, the parish Scott and Rita call home, Zehr, already a volun-

teer herself, searched for a venue in which her artwork might benefit the poor. Her inspiration came from an article she read on autism, where a musical CD was produced and sold for a donation toward autism research. But the greeting card idea was offered by a fellow volunteer at church.

"Someone suggested cards. They had confidence that I could do it, and I had encouragement from Scott," says Zehr. So began the production of Joymark Cards.

Initially Zehr began painting flowers in watercolor on pre-cut card stock. Other supplies purchased gradually over time include glue, colored paper, paper cutter, pens and a multitude of brushes in varying sizes and shapes. Birthday and sympathy were the first themes she chose to offer.

"I created a few to start. Friends ordered them, and it spread by word of mouth," she says. The first

six months of production, Zehr recalls asking only a donation for the purchase of the cards. Currently, each card is priced at \$2.50, a bargain at the price not only because of the beautifully unique artwork but because of how the proceeds are used. All earnings from the sale of the cards goes directly to Matthew 25, a full-time health and dental

All earnings from the sale of the cards goes directly to Matthew 25, a full-time, health and dental clinic that provides free primary healthcare services to the uninsured and low-income residents of Allen County.



KAY COZAD

Scott and Rita Zehr examine a recently-finished card, one of the many hand-painted original cards the couple creates for sale to benefit Matthew 25. The Zehrs have collaborated on this work almost three years.

clinic that provides free primary healthcare services to the uninsured and low-income residents of Allen County.

"I call it a win-win situation. You're giving to Matthew 25 and getting a beautiful greeting card," offers Zehr.

Nancy Schenkel, administrator at Matthew 25, says of the Zehrs' enterprise, "This is a perfect example of how we've been able to sustain Matthew 25 for 30 years. People like the Zehrs come and do things like the cards and give the proceeds to Matthew 25. It's been a community effort. I

never would have believed they would sell over \$2,500 worth of cards in such a short time."

The original water color cards, which initially included only stamped verses, are continually evolving with Zehr's creative inspiration. "There are no recreations. I love to create and do something different," she says. Currently she is developing abstract florals and the verses are now all her own, some of which include scripture. Scott assists in the printing of the original verses and says, "I just follow her lead. She uses art as a tool for expressing herself. She expresses the character of our Maker, nature and the world we live in. That creates a person I like to be around."

The couple has taken the cards to area churches for sale as well as to their own parish of St. Mary. Three large notebooks hold the cards that include birthday, sympathy, get well, best wishes, wedding, birth, and note cards and are available for perusal at any time. And of course, friends support this ministry with generous donations in exchange for the cards. "A friend in Goshen orders 20 cards at a time and donates \$100," reports Zehr. "We have consistent customers. It's encouraging to have folks continue to buy them." She has been delight-

ed to receive her own creations in the mail from friends on several occasions.

Each month the Zehrs visit Matthew 25 to offer their donation from the card sales. Walking through the crowded lobby amidst the area residents in need, Zehr says softly, "We are fortunate to be able to do this. There but by the grace of God go I."

This faith-filled duo works on the cards in their kitchen every spare minute they have. They are experimenting with tri-fold cards this season and are in the process of creating a children's line that will contain special poems that can be saved. The call to use their talents has the Zehrs devoted to continuing their ministry of giving for years to come, as long as their health holds up.

"It's our faith in action," they say sincerely. "We feel every one is in the body of Christ and needs love and care. If our cards will inspire people to make the world a better place it's worth it."

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# Senior Circle promotes friendship, senior health

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — Mass, friends, food, fellowship and a special guest or two all add up to a great time once a month for seniors at Little Flower Parish.

"We really enjoy the friendliness of the group and the activities we have had are just great," said Marge Smith of the Little Flower Senior Circle group.

Every Thursday, seniors are invited to come for Mass, lunch, a special guest speaker and fellowship starting at 11:30 p.m.

Attendance is not mandatory for every month's meeting, and numbers vary from season to season.

"Who knows how many we'll have! Sometimes we have 35 or more people and other times, much less," said Joe Meyer, one of the group's leaders.

Meyer said that everyone who comes brings their own lunch.

Drinks are provided along with cookies sometimes. Speakers vary.

"We have a steering committee that decides," Meyer notes.

Special guests have included a doctor who explained Medicare Part D, an antique appraiser who offered an "Antiques Roadshow" of sorts, a speaker on the history of the flag, with different flags to show, and a county policeman who spoke on how seniors can protect themselves. The senior's group even took a special trip to Shirk's Piano and Organ where they enjoyed a mini concert.

Recently, Tom Shafer, a

University of Notre Dame law professor, spoke to the group.

Once a year, the Circle has their annual summer picnic. Previously, they met in a local park but now hold the event behind the church in a grassy area.

Members range in age from 55 to 90 years old. It doesn't matter what age they are, just that they come to enjoy getting together, especially when it includes a sing-a-long, as it did at a recent meeting.

"It's great to get out and to see a lot of people you know and don't know," said Vi Pritzel, of the benefits of coming to the Senior Circle.

"It was a really nice way to get reestablished here (in the area)," said Smith, who noted that she and her husband, Bill, originally from the South Bend, had lived in Fremont for several years before coming back to the area.

Groups like the Little Flower Senior Circle are great for senior health. According to a 10-year longevity study of people aged 70 and older, researchers at the Centre for Aging Studies at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia found that having a connection with a group of good friends is more likely than close family relationships to increase longevity in older people. This report, based on the Australian Longitudinal Study of Aging (ALSA), was published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

# New legislation allows for lifetime gift from IRA

**Question: What is the IRA charitable rollover?**

**Answer:** Among the new tax provisions in the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which President Bush signed into law on Aug. 17, is the IRA charitable rollover. This allows donors who are 70 or older to transfer funds directly from their individual retirement account (IRA) to a public charitable organization without undesirable tax effects.

Previously, if a donor wanted to use IRA funds for a charitable contribution, he or she would have had to withdraw the funds from his or her IRA account and then contribute the money to the charity. The amount withdrawn was taxable income and reportable on the individual's income tax return. Depending on whether the donor qualified to itemize deductions, he or she could take a charitable deduction for the amount given to charity, but only up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.

Now, under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, charitable gifts from IRAs can be accomplished simply and without tax complications. In addition, with these tax benefits, you can make gifts from your IRA while you are living and witness the good works which your gifts can provide now to your parish, school or other diocesan agency. You can also make gifts from your IRA to satisfy pledges from the Legacy of Faith campaign and/or the Annual Bishops Appeal campaign.

Certain limitations apply to these non-taxable IRA charitable distributions. First of all, a donor may contribute IRA funds if he/she is age 70 or older on the date of the distribution, the gift is \$100,000 or less each year, and funds are transferred directly from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA to the public charity. In addition, these tax-free transfers can

only be made in 2006 and 2007.

Moreover, these gifts can only be transferred to one or more public charities but not private foundations, supporting organizations or donor advised funds. Also, the gifts must be outright; for instance, they cannot be used to establish a gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust. And the transfers cannot be from employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as Simple IRAs, 401(k)s and 403(b)s.

Example: Pat, aged 80, has \$450,000 in an IRA and has pledged to give \$75,000 this year to her parish. If Pat transfers \$75,000 from the IRA, she will avoid paying income tax on that amount. She cannot, however, claim a charitable deduction — it is a pure "wash."

If she desired, Pat could give more. The law allows a maximum \$100,000 gift in both the 2006 and 2007 tax years. So Pat could give \$100,000 each year. If her spouse has an IRA and is 70 or older, he can also give up to \$100,000 each year.

Another benefit of this new legislation is that the funds transferred from your IRA to a charity count toward your mandatory withdrawal or required minimum distribution you must take each year after reaching age 70.

Example: Suppose Mary has \$700,000 in an IRA and will be required to withdraw approximately \$35,000 this year. And suppose that Mary wants to contribute \$10,000 to her parish school this year. She can authorize the trustee of her IRA to transfer \$10,000 to the parish school and \$25,000 to her. The \$10,000 distributed to charity will not be subject to tax.

Donors who may find this new provision of making charitable contributions from an IRA especially appealing will be those who do not itemize deductions, would not be able to deduct all of



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their charitable deductions because of deduction limits, may have a phase-out of their itemized deductions because of their income level, or are required to take minimum distribution withdrawals even though they do not need them for living expenses.

The IRA charitable rollover can also benefit donors who receive social security and are taxed on these benefits depending on how much taxable income they receive from other sources, including withdrawals from IRAs. Accordingly, money in an IRA that is rolled over to a charity, rather than first withdrawn and then contributed to the charity, can have the effect of reducing taxes on social security payments.

The first step in making a charitable gift from your IRA is to contact your IRA custodian to transfer your desired gift amount directly to your parish, school or other diocesan agency. If the funds are distributed to you followed by a contribution to the charity, you will still have to report the withdrawal as income.

Note: This information is for educational purposes only and is not intended for tax advice. Please consult with your professional advisor.

Elisa M. Smith, CPA/PFS, is vice president and director of financial planning for STAR Wealth Management, and director of planned giving for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Joe Meyer smiles as he hands out song books at a recent Senior Circle meeting. The group that meets monthly recently had a sing-a-long as part of their activities following Mass, lunch and a speaker.

## Elder Law show on Redeemer radio

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio 1450 AM, is now on the air with another locally-produced program. "The Elder Angle," hosted by local attorney Otto Bonahoom, is broadcast live on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

The one-hour program discusses a wide range of topics which relate to the elderly and the law, from a Catholic perspective. Listeners call in live on the air with their questions. Subjects include advance directives for medical care, estate planning, wills, power of attorney, living trusts, nursing home care and how to pay for it, Medicaid and Medicare and much more. The show is of interest to seniors, the rest of the population who will become seniors one day and anyone caring for the elderly.

"The Elder Angle" and all of Redeemer Radio's regular programming can be heard on the internet at the station's Web site, [redeemerradio.com](http://redeemerradio.com).

Redeemer Radio's lineup includes a variety of programming of interest to a broad audience. Through local and national programming, the station proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith, shows how it applies in everyday lives and provides vital answers to the problems of modern culture:

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## EDITORIAL

## 'Dictatorship of relativism' alive in the U.S.

In his homily before the Sacred Conclave to elect a new pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) spoke of the "dictatorship of relativism" plaguing the Western world. By the word "relativism" he was speaking of a philosophical attitude by which people live as if there are no absolute truths. Rather, according to this attitude, truth is only what a person or a group of persons decide that they want it to be. By "dictatorship," he means to add that this philosophical attitude is being forced by those who hold it on the entirety of society.

That the "dictatorship of relativism" is alive and well in our country can be seen in the following examples. First is the heinous attitude in our country concerning a baby in the womb. On the one hand, if a person attacks a pregnant woman and her baby dies as a result of this attack, in most jurisdictions, the attacker can be charged with homicide, and rightly so. However, if a mother decides that she does not want the child in her womb, the law of the land gives her the freedom to murder that child. In other words, the given situation in our country is that if the baby in the womb is wanted by the mother, it is a child; if it is not wanted by the mother then it is simply a bunch of cells that can be discarded. This is the relativistic view that has been forced on our country, and this view is simply an evil smokescreen used to discard unwanted humans. The truth is that what exists, exists outside of our opinion of it. A tree is a tree no matter what else you might think that it is, and a child is a child whether the mother wants that child or not.

A second example of the "dictatorship of relativism" in our country is the continual push in areas to redefine marriage as an institution that can be entered into by two men or two women. The push for gay marriage, as it is called, is an attempt to decide according to our own whims what marriage is. However, marriage is what it is apart from what any of us might think that it should be. God has given us marriage to be the partnership of the whole of life between a man and a woman which is meant to be procreative and unitive. "Gay marriage" cannot be either. It cannot be procreative for obvious reasons, and it cannot be unitive because those of the same sex were not meant to be joined together in this way by the Creator. This relativistic view is in the process of being forced on our country from some quarters. However, again, a tree is a tree no matter what else you might think that it is, and marriage is what it is no matter how we might try to redefine it.

Catholics have a responsibility to be formed in the truth, and then to use our rightful political power to keep society from the continual march of the dictatorship of relativism, lest our country continue to fall prey to these distortions of reality.

### Only God is absolute

The week after Pope Benedict's election, Cardinal Carlo Martini, SJ, himself a contender for the papacy, said in a homily in Milan, "Only God is absolute. All human efforts are relative to the end of time. Then all human works will appear in their true value, and all things will be made clear, will be illuminated, and will be pacified" (quoted from "A Church in Search of Itself" by Robert Blair Kaiser).

This does not change what then-Cardinal Ratzinger said. It merely embellishes it by reminding us that, as the Scriptures say, God causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, that Christians are called to exercise charity and mercy as they seek to correct the errors of their time and trust that, no matter what happens, God is in control and will make everything right in the end.

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.

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## Editorial oversimplifies North Korea situation

There needs to be a factual correction in your editorial of Oct. 15, "Echoing one man's appeal for peace." The sentence, "With the United States refusing to dialogue with North Korea, the chances for right reason winning out seem slim" is a gross misrepresentation of the truth. The U.S. is not refusing to dialogue with North Korea. In fact the U.S. has been urging North Korea to return to the negotiating table with the U.S. and the other appropriate countries (China, Russia, Japan, South Korea) of the

region.

Simply stating that the U.S. is refusing to dialogue with North Korea lacks the fullness of truth and reeks of petty political propaganda. Please clarify this error.

Tim Eakin  
Fort Wayne

## World Mission Sunday serves to deepen awareness of missionary work

World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated in the context of the Eucharist on Sunday, Oct. 22,

affords us the opportunity to nurture the missionary spirit of our parishioners, while at the same time, encouraging them in their prayerful and financial support of the church's worldwide missionary work.

It also offers an excellent opportunity to tell the faithful about the great work being done in the missions to make Jesus known and loved. Your voice can and will make a difference to the poor of the world who long to come to know the peace and love that only Jesus can give.

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## Pope supports family policies

BY CHARLES E. RICE

Are you trying to decide how to vote this November? Benedict XVI can help, whatever your religion or lack thereof.

In a little-noticed March 30 address to European parliamentarians, Benedict spelled out three "non-negotiable" principles for the public arena. They are not "truths of faith," but rather "are inscribed in human nature" and are therefore "common to all humanity," including candidates and voters in the United States. Achieving a "just society," said Benedict, is the job of "politics, not of the church." As he said in his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), the job of the Church is "to help form consciences in political life." She does not seek to impose "ways of thinking and... conduct proper to faith" but argues "on the basis of reason and natural law" so as to reawaken "spiritual energy."

The first principle stated by Benedict requires "protection of life in all its stages, from the first moment of conception until natural death." That recommendation was dead-on-arrival in the United States. Abortion and euthanasia are moving beyond the practical reach of the law. Early abortion technology is making abortion-by-pill a private event. At the other end of life, the legitimate technique of palliative care can be misused with the intent to kill a patient. The law also permits in some cases the intentional killing of a patient by starvation and dehydration where family and caregivers agree.

In abortion the law authorizes, but does not require, a mother to kill her unborn child who is defined by the Supreme Court as a nonperson. In the Terri Schiavo case, Judge George Greer took legalized murder to a new level. He did not merely authorize

Terri's killing. He ordered that Michael Schiavo "shall cause the removal of nutrition and hydration from Theresa Schiavo, at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2005." That was as much a scheduled execution as the ones they do at the Florida state prison in Raiford. This is the first time ever that an American court ordered the execution of a conceded innocent person accused of no crime. On this the pope, to say the least, is out of sync with American law and culture. But, regardless of what the law says, "all Catholics," as the American bishops said last March, "are obliged to shape their consciences in accord with the moral teaching of the Church." And vote accordingly.

Benedict's second principle

### Abortion and euthanasia are moving beyond the practical reach of the law.

requires "recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family—as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage — and its defense from attempts to make it juridically equivalent to radically different forms of union." In the United States as well as the European Union, a homosexualization of culture results from the acceptance of contraception which separates sex from any connection to procreation. The main political issue is whether to confer the name or legal incidents of marriage on same-sex unions. In 2003, then-Cardinal Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, described the family as "the primary unit in society" and said "married cou-

ples ensure the succession of generations and... therefore... civil law grants them institutional recognition." Putting homosexual unions on the same level as marriage would approve "deviant behavior ... making it a model (and would) obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity." You won't hear anything like that on the Sunday morning talk shows.

Benedict's third principle requires "the protection of the rights of parents to educate their children." Parents, and not bureaucrats, are the primary educators of their children. "(M)ore than in any other historical period," said John Paul II, "there is a breakdown in the process of handing on moral and religious values between generations." The Supreme Court promotes that breakdown by imposing a religion of secularism on public schools. Justice requires that the law must protect the religious freedom, including freedom of expression, of students in public schools as well as the freedom of parents to choose home-schools or authentic religious schools for their children.

Benedict works at his job, taking stands on many issues, including war, migration, globalization and others. But, as John Paul II said, "a family policy must be the basis and the driving force of all social policies." The three principles noted here relate to the family. Since they are "common to humanity," Benedict's teaching is addressed to "all people." That includes politicians and voters in the United States. Benedict is counter-cultural. And he is serious about it. But so was his boss.

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# School safety issues affect public, Catholic schools alike

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Recent deadly school shootings, in particular what occurred in the one-room Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania, shattered an illusion that some schools are immune from violent attacks.

The incidents, two of them involving intruders, sparked an Oct. 10 summit convened by the White House. The Conference on School Safety took place after the latest school shooting victims had been buried but while the issue was still top news with the Oct. 9 arrest of a 13-year-old student for firing an assault weapon in a Missouri middle school.

Summit participants, who included educators, police officers, White House officials and students, discussed ways to combat school violence, but they were leery about offering any sweeping solutions. Speakers emphasized the need to have crisis plans in place and to practice them, to take bullying and threats seriously and to have open communications with school parents.

The daylong event in Chevy Chase, Md., highlighted local prevention programs and called atten-

tion to online resources available for schools, but did not introduce any new policies or program funding and was criticized by some for failing to mention the role of guns in school shootings.

One participant, Michael Caruso, assistant superintendent for secondary schools and government relations in the Washington Archdiocese, said a key part of the meeting was "identifying the best practices" in place for violence prevention. Catholic school officials need to be part of this discussion, he said, because their schools are just as vulnerable to external attacks as any other school.

Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy, a Sister of Charity and an education professor at Spalding University in Louisville, Ky., said she was invited to a similar discussion several years ago with then-U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley. Talking about school violence is at least a starting point, she said, particularly since these incidents don't show signs of abating.

In fact, Sister Shaughnessy has been talking about school safety for the past 20 years. The nun,

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who is a lawyer and legal consultant to many Catholic schools and dioceses, has written several books and articles on school safety and frequently lectures on the topic across the country.

"For the first 10 years, no one took me seriously," she told Catholic News Service in an Oct. 12 telephone interview recounting her pleas with Catholic school administrators to prepare for worst-case scenarios. But that changed in the past decade, particularly after the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and a shooting five years ago at a Catholic school in the Diocese of Scranton, Pa.

Today, she said, most dioceses mandate that their schools have

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# Be true to God in material world



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 29th Sunday Mk 10:35-45

The first reading for this weekend is from the Book of Isaiah, precisely from its third and last part. Isaiah on several occasions describes, or refers to, a loyal and devoted servant of God who endures outrageous insults and severe misfortunes. Yet this servant never desponds, nor does he ever rebel against these unhappy events as they come to him.

Furthermore, through, and from, these sufferings, good prevails. It prevails in his own faithfulness. And, the glory of God shines through all that happens.

While these verses were written many years before Christ, pious Christians always have seen in them a prefigurement of their gentle Savior, the innocent lamb of God, sinless and merciful, good and perfect, but the victim of viciousness and of the indifference of so many.

As its second reading for this weekend, the Church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Typically throughout Hebrews, the reading is strong in its Old Testament imagery, especially in the symbolism of the ancient rituals of the Jewish temple.

In A.D. 70, the Romans destroyed the temple, as a reprisal

after the Jews unsuccessfully attempted to revolt against Rome. The priests were killed or scattered. The old rituals came to an end. They have not yet been restored.

However, for the first two-thirds of the first century A.D., these ceremonies, in which priests, a high priest, sacrifices and victims of sacrifices, figured, the rites of the temple were familiar to young and old, great and small, among the Jews.

Hebrews is more than a chronicle of Jewish custom and history. It sees Jesus as the great high priest. The sacrifice is the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. He is the victim. His sacrifice affects true reconciliation with God.

The reading also reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, also was human as are we. He never sinned. He was tempted, however. He loves us. He understands us.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies the last reading. In this reading, two Apostles approached Jesus. They are James and John, the sons of Zebedee. The forecasts by Jesus of the coming of a new kingdom to the world, namely the kingdom of God, have intrigued them. Yet they misunderstand the true meaning of the kingdom of God. Presuming it has earthly properties, they want to have privileged places in this coming, glorious kingdom. They ask the Lord to give them these high places.

Jesus replies, reminding them that the path to the new kingdom will be neither swift nor smooth. To progress along this path, any disciple must identify with Christ in the fullness, abandoning self, self-interests, and comfort to be like Jesus was, to sacrifice self and indeed to give all of self in the sacrifice.

## Reflection

The Lord came into the world as the Redeemer. His mission was to redeem, or rescue, humanity from its own plight, a plight created by willful sin and voluntary rejection of God.

Sin had disordered and weakened human nature. In many cases, sin reigned supreme in the world.

To follow Christ with sincerity means the determination to be true to God despite human weaknesses pointing the other way, and it means resisting sin and its effects throughout earthly life.

These readings call us to face all these realities. We live in a material world. As disciples, we look to the spirit. We live in a world in which sin is strong, and sinners are many. It is a world with little love, and with little justice.

So, we must swim upstream. It will be difficult, accomplished only with God's help. But, if we ask for it, God's help will come. We can, and will, succeed in our purpose to be with God in the great new kingdom of peace and life.

## READINGS

### 29th week of ordinary time

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:2-5 Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

## THE CATEQUIZ'EM

by Dominic Camplisson

This quiz looks at an aspect of Catholicism almost as old as the Church, the Catholic press.

### 1. When did Catholic publishing begin?

- during the Apostolic Age, in the first century A.D.
- in the fourth century when Christianity was legalized
- in the 16th century after the invention of the printing press

### 2. What is the most widely disseminated example of Catholic writings?

- Dick and Jane's liturgy reader
- the Romanish Catechism of 1266
- the Bible (including of course much Jewish writing)

### 3. During the Middle Ages, what was the normal way for Catholic writings to get reproduced?

- They were copied by hand, most often in monastic communities.
- They were duplicated in the lost wax process.
- They were copied by Arab converts, as they were usually the only literate people.

### 4. In the Americas, when did Catholic writings first appear?

- in the 3rd century when St. Brendan sailed here from Ireland.
- possibly with the Vikings in Vineland, but definitively with the Spanish
- 1776 after the declaration of Independence made it legal

### 5. One of the most significant modern organizations in the field of Catholic writings is the "CPA." What is that?

- It is the Communist Party of America, a sad but true symptom of politics in the church.
- It is the Catholic and Presbyterian Alliance, which focuses on ecumenism.
- Catholic Press Association

### 6. Where is the CPA headquartered?

- New York State
- the Vatican
- the exclave of Baltimore in Washington D.C.

### 7. Although headquartered there, what two countries does the CPA serve?

- the Vatican City and Italy
- the U.S. and Canada
- the U.S. and Mexico

### 8. Who are members?

- newspapers, magazines, writers, other businesses and individuals
- former or retired priests who are also journalists
- no one knows, it is by Canon Law a secret society

### 9. The CPA represents

- only (by Canon Law) Roman Catholic publications.
- Roman and Eastern Catholic Publications.
- only Reformed and Orthodox publications.

### 10. Among publications in languages other than English they list

- Australian, Irish and Creole.
- French, Spanish and Slovak.
- Yiddish, Arabic and Punjabi.

### 11. Among prizes awarded each year by the CPA are:

- Newspaper, Magazine, Combination, Spanish and Book Awards.
- The best looking quiz writer award.
- First with the Worst, for the least tasteful Catholic story of the year.

### 12. According to the CPA, what is the true mission of a Catholic publication?

- to generate revenue from any legal method, knowing that the money will be put to good use
- to tell the public what they want to hear and avoid controversial topics
- to inform and to form public opinion in conformity with truth and the pursuit of truth

### 13. In regards to advertising, what principles does the CPA lay down?

- Be mindful of economic diversity of readers and ensure ads match the publication's mission.
- Remember that dollars are color blind and agnostic.
- Adverts should only be for artifacts and books as otherwise it is too misleading.

**ANSWERS:** 1.a, 2.c, 3.a, 4.b, 5.c, 6.a, 7.b, 8.a, 9.b, 10.b, 11.a, 12.c, 13.a.

# 'Lost tribes of Israel' were deported to what is now Syria

## Whatever happened to the ten lost tribes of Israel?

Saul (B.C. 1020), David (B.C. 1000) and Solomon (B.C. 970) were the three kings of all Israel. Then this kingdom split into two parts: the southern kingdom of Judah (B.C. 930-586) and the northern kingdom of Israel (B.C. 930-721). Eventually King Omri (B.C. 885-874) made Samaria the capital of his kingdom.

K. Prag says at this time the Israelites were warring with the Syrian kingdom of Damascus over commercial advantage and territorial gain. King Ahab of Israel (B.C. 874-853) withstood a siege of Samaria by King Ben-Hadad II of Damascus, regained some Israelite cities and won the right to have a trading quarter in Damascus. Under Ahab's son, King Joram of Israel (B.C. 852-843), Hazael, the new king of Damascus, besieged Samaria, which was reduced to famine. Then Jehu (B.C. 843-816) slaughtered the royal family but lost Israelite territory east of the Jordan to Damascus. King

Jeroboam II of Israel (B.C. 786-746) regained Israel's boundaries and reconquered the Transjordan.

The more significant enemy to Israel, however, was Assyria (northern Iraq), which was expanding westward from the ninth century B.C. King Ahab of Israel was a member of the coalition against Assyria at the Battle of Qarqar in western Syria in B.C. 853 where King Shalmaneser III of Assyria claimed a great slaughter. King Jehu paid tribute to Assyria, as did King Menahem of Israel (B.C. 745-737) to prevent the new king, Tiglath-pileser III, from seizing Israelite land. But Tiglath-pileser returned in B.C. 734, under the new Israelite King Pekah, and incorporated half of the kingdom of Israel into the Assyrian province. He also deported the inhabitants of this newly-acquired land to Halah, at the Habor, a river of Gozan.

In B.C.726 the new Assyrian King Shalmaneser V imprisoned the new Israelite King Hoshea (B.C. 732-724) and besieged Samaria for three years. The town had been set up like a fortress by

## THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

King Omri. Finally the kingdom of Israel came to an end in B.C.721 under the new Assyrian King Sargon II. At the ancient site of Samarian today you can see the royal enclosure and palace built by Omri. Ahab strengthened the fortification of the acropolis with a casemate wall. Fragments of Ahab's ivory house were found.

The Israelites were then deported to also settle in Halah and likewise in the cities of the Medes. We call all these deportees the ten lost tribes of Israel. Father John McKenzie says Halah is in Mesopotamia near the river Habor, northwest of Nineveh, the royal residence of many Assyrian kings, on the left bank of the Tigris River across from the modern city of

Mosul. The river Habor (modern Khabur) flows into the Euphrates River from the east between the modern Syrian town Deir ez Zor and the ancient Mesopotamian town of Dura Europos. The ancient and heavily fortified Mesopotamian town Circesium stood at the confluence.

The cities of the Medes are situated on the plateau of Iran. King Sargon II of Assyria (B.C. 721-705) claims to have detached several districts of Median territory and incorporated them into the Assyrian kingdom.

The Assyrians then brought in new people to resettle Samaria from Babylon, Cutha, Avva, Hamath and Sepharvaim. Babylon is in southern Iraq on the left bank of the Euphrates River where the Tigris and Euphrates approach each other most closely.

It is 55 miles south of Baghdad. The Assyrians ruled Babylon from B.C. 722-626. Cutha is 19 miles

northeast of Babylon in Iraq. These people worshiped Nergal, the ruler of the abode of the dead. Hamath (modern Hama) lies in western Syria, 130 miles north of Damascus, on both banks of the Orontes River.

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**Father Richard Hire**, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, answered this week's question.

# Living in an I, me, mine world

As I prepared to close our 2006 spring baseball season with a team gathering at a local pizza establishment, I went over my notes, brushing up on the talk that I would give to the parents and players recapping our season.

"Try not to say I. Say we instead," reminded my wife as we were walking out the door.

She was absolutely right. Rather than talk in all-inclusive terms, I have a tendency to say, well, I. I thought this and I think that. I decided to do this and I decided to do that. I told him this and I told him that.

It's really a very bad habit. Not even a habit, per se, but a way of looking at life and the world I live in. See, I did it again. It's not the world I live; it's the world we live in. The world doesn't revolve around me; it revolves around God and his creation.

It's a disease that afflicts many of us. We tend to be so self-centered in our view of life that everything is measured by how it affects numero uno.

Quite frankly, it's no wonder we tend to view life in "I, me, mine" terms. Everything we do is measured and recorded. Every salesman has a quota. Every trial attorney has a won-lost record. Every baseball player has a batting average. Every student has a grade-point average. In fact, you can go on-line and find out what your up-to-the-minute grade-point average is right at this very moment.

It's even worse in the world of sports. College football has rankings. People input statistics into a computer program to come up with an even better rating. The NFL doesn't have ratings. They have divisions and records. So what do sportswriters do? They rank the teams one through 32.

That's life in America. It's all

one big competition, and secularly speaking, it comes down to how you, I and everyone else handles their individual competition against the rest of the world.

How can we avoid looking at life through our own eyes and our own eyes alone?

That's the beauty of team sports. In a team sport, you are still placed in an environment where everyone is accountable for his or her own actions, to be sure. But within a team sport, there is an environment conducive to putting your selfish needs aside and devoting all of your attention to the well being of the team.

This is a difficult concept to master in an "I, me, mine" world. A parent or a classmate is just as likely to ask, "How many hits did you get?" or "How many points did you score?" before inquiring about the outcome of the game.

This is one of the greatest challenges facing a coach. While you certainly want each individual to benefit from the experience, to live up to his individual goals and aspirations and perhaps even earn a college scholarship in the process, coaches must ask their players to put their individual needs aside for the betterment of the team.

There are many forces working against a coach in a team sport. I can stand in front of a group of parents before the season and preach the need to put the team in front of the individual. But that sentiment is quickly forgotten when little Jimmy gets just one at bat through the first four games. Suddenly, the well-being of the team doesn't mean nearly as much as Jimmy's lack of playing time. And when Jimmy sits down at the dinner table later that night, the dramatic 5-4 come-from-behind victory isn't nearly as important as the



## FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

fact that Jimmy spent the entire afternoon sitting on the bench.

I don't know if a single person beyond my wife noticed the night of our little gathering that I never did use the word I. I spoke in terms of how the outcome of the season affected us. I talked about how we had weathered a five-game losing streak, battled as a group and overcame adversity to reach the sectional championship game.

I'm sure nobody noticed, but I felt much better about myself. For a brief 20-minute talk, the Marian baseball program was not something that had a direct bearing on me, but rather, a collective group of young men and their parents who had tried very hard to put their selfish attitudes aside to focus on one goal — the team.

Based upon the talent we have coming back in our junior and senior classes, we have an excellent chance to achieve several goals this spring.

I — excuse me — we are planning on it.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for October 22, 2006

Mark 10:35-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the request of James and John. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JAMES	JOHN	SONS
ZEBEDEE	TEACHER	ASK OF YOU
GLORY	DRINK	BAPTISM
RIGHT	PREPARED	HEARD
RULERS	LORD IT	GREAT ONES
AMONG YOU	SERVANT	FIRST
SLAVE OF ALL	SON OF MAN	SERVED

## MY BAPTISM

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

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crisis-management plans in place detailing what they would do in the case of an intruder or in an emergency evacuation.

Sister Dale McDonald, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and director of public policy and educational research for the National Catholic Educational Association, said Catholic school administrators must also establish connections with local public school administrators and local fire

and police departments to ensure open communication during emergencies.

Caruso likewise stressed the need for Catholic school administrators to work with their public school counterparts. And along that line he cannot understand why nonpublic schools have been excluded from some of the emergency assistance the federal government provides to public schools.

As Caruso sees it private schools are just as susceptible to local and national emergencies and should not be shut out from tools that might enhance their safety simply because they are not government-funded.

# 'Animal Rights' vs. Human Rights

Sometimes sincere people concerned with protecting innocent human life will express sentiments along these lines: "Animal rights advocates are eager to protect all kinds of animal life, but seem to ignore the most important animal of all, the human animal. They are willing to save the whales, but abort the humans. Protecting animals can never be as important a task as protecting young humans from abortion, embryonic stem cell research or other forms of experimentation." Such a viewpoint, though fundamentally correct, should not be taken to signify that animal abuse in our society is an ethical issue that we can forget about. Rather, concern for exercising proper stewardship over animals ought to be a balanced part of a broader concern to avoid exploiting the vulnerable, wherever they are encountered.

The Catholic Church recognizes how man holds a special place in creation, while remaining an integral part of that creation. Made uniquely in God's image and likeness, he still belongs to the animal kingdom. Feet on the ground, head looking up to the stars, man exercises a limited dominion over the world and over the remainder of creation, including the animal kingdom. He perennially faces the question of how to properly exercise that dominion, which is not an absolute right of domination over God's creation.

He is called to reasonably use, rather than abuse, the powers he has received.

To be precise, we should not speak of animal rights but of animal welfare. Animals do not have rights in the way that humans do. Animal welfare means that we recognize that animals can be used for reasonable purposes, but should not be abused.

I was recently invited to participate in a press conference on a particular form of animal abuse. Rows of TV cameras assembled at City Hall in downtown Chicago to hear a panel of speakers encourage city council members and the mayor to uphold a recently passed ban on serving foie gras in Chicago restaurants. The production of foie gras involves the repetitive forced tube-feedings of ducks and geese. These animals have a pipe inserted into their throats to pump large quantities of food into their stomachs. This causes the animals (and especially their livers) to balloon to many times their normal size. From the enlarged livers, a delicacy in the form of a creamy paté can then be prepared for customers in upscale restaurants. As liver function and other organ systems become compromised, the bloated animals become diseased and experience considerable suffering. I was asked to give a statement about the ethical concerns raised by the mistreatment and industrialization of these animals. Speaking alongside a Jewish

rabbi, the president of the Humane Society, a representative from a group called Farm Sanctuary and several others, I found myself in the midst of an unusual gathering of people from widely different political and religious perspectives. The experience reminded me of how the Catholic Church is uniquely poised to speak across many societal strata and participate in many interrelated levels of ethical exchange in our culture. In my comments, I stressed that the proper care and stewardship of animals should sensitize us not only to their weakness and vulnerability, but also to the vulnerability of our brother human beings.

Interestingly, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, once addressed the subject of foie gras explicitly during an interview with a journalist: "We cannot just do whatever we want with them. ... Certainly, a sort of industrial use of creatures, so that geese are fed in such a way as to produce as large a liver as possible, or hens live so packed together that they become just caricatures of birds, this degrading of living creatures to a commodity seems to me in fact to contradict the relationship of mutuality that comes across in the Bible.

"Animals too," he stressed, "are God's creatures and even if they do not have the same direct relationship to God that man has, they are still creatures of his will, creatures we must respect as compan-

ions in creation."

When I gave my statement at the press conference, I mentioned that when I had trained as a research scientist at Yale, I often had to deal with questions about research ethics, and about the use of animals in laboratory settings. I pointed out that while animals may be sacrificed or used humanely for legitimate purposes, such as obtaining food and clothing or advancing serious scientific research, the use of animals to produce foie gras is clearly in another category altogether. It is neither a humane nor a reasonable use of animals.

The production of foie gras is instead oriented toward the satisfaction of a disordered desire, a disturbing desire to satisfy the human palate to the point of promoting serious animal mistreatment. Some old Catholic manualists might even advert to the term, "morose delectation" to describe the root problem of a disordered palate that promotes other disorders. Animals are an important part of God's creation, and we must live in an ordered way with them, exercising a responsible stewardship of the gift that they really are. Even those animals used for legitimate purposes ought to be treated humanely with reasonable housing, care, food, companionship and pain control if needed.



## MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

Animals are a vulnerable part of creation, and that vulnerability should continually prompt us to examine our decisions on how we relate to them: are we exercising a reasonable and ordered stewardship, or are we exploiting their vulnerability for selfish and disordered ends? To the extent that we are attentive to the weakness and vulnerability not only of our brother human beings, but even of our friends in the animal kingdom, we decide the sort of society we will become: either a society marked by respect, kindness and reason; or one that is marked by various forms of barbarism.

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## What is inter-religious dialogue?

Pope Benedict XVI's academic talk at Regensburg, Germany, on Sept. 12, though now delivered over a month ago, is still very much in the news. That our pope is so closely listened to testifies to the weight of his words in our fractured world and to the Catholic Church's importance today. It also emphasizes the importance of religious dialogue, especially inter-religious dialogue.

Toronto's *The Catholic Register* ran a piece by Michael Swan titled "Canada's Catholic-Muslim dialogue continues forward in wake of pope's remarks." One line was especially significant: "The official dialogue between Christians and Muslims in Canada ... unanimously passed a resolution calling for continued dialogue, 'whatever the subsequent apologies have achieved or failed to achieve.'" Where dialogue has begun, the world of good will, mutual understanding and esteem that it creates is not easily dismantled. Difficulties and movement backward certainly are not unknown in this work; knowing how to deal with them and how to continue to move forward are integral to this work.

Inter-religious dialogue is part of the evangelizing mission of the church, according to the 1991 document "Dialogue and Proclamation." The word "evangelization" refers to "the mission of the church in its totality. ... It means 'to bring the Good News into all areas of humanity, and through its impact, to transform

that humanity from within, making it new'" (DP 8, quoting *Evangelii Nuntiandi* 18). This evangelizing mission is "a single but complex and articulated reality," comprised of these principal elements: "presence and witness; commitment to social development and human liberation; liturgical life, prayer and contemplation; interreligious dialogue; and, finally, proclamation and catechesis" (DP 2). Each of these elements has "its own place"; each is a "component element and authentic form of the one evangelizing mission of the church."

"Proclamation," the final element in the list, "occupies such an important place in evangelization that it has often become synonymous with it; and yet it is only one aspect of evangelization" (DP 8). Proclamation, then, a more specific word that evangelization, is "the clear and unambiguous proclamation of the Lord Jesus" (DP 8, quoting EN 22).

The goal of inter-religious dialogue is greater understanding and esteem between religions. This goal is reflected in the "dispositions" (DP 47-50) needed for dialogue. The first disposition is for "a balanced attitude."

Dialogue requires openness and receptivity, "the will to engage together in commitment to the truth and the readiness to allow oneself to be transformed by the encounter." This means that one can study the texts of another religion, but until one sits down and actually engages in a real discussion with a believer in



## ALL WHO WORSHIP

NANCY CAVADINI

the other religion of what the text means, and understand it as the other faith understands it, you have not been engaged in dialogue.

Second, dialogue's disposition requires not only this openness to others, but also a well grounded, strong commitment to one's own tradition. "The sincerity of inter-religious dialogue requires that each enters into it with the integrity of his or her own faith."

Third, the disposition of "openness to truth" is required. Through dialogue we may be moved to give up ingrained prejudices, to revise preconceived ideas, and even sometimes to allow the understanding of their faith to be purified."

And fourth, these dispositions allow for "the fruits of dialogue." "They will discover with admiration all that God's action through Jesus Christ in his Spirit has accomplished and continues to accomplish in the world and in the whole of humankind. Far from weakening their own faith, true dialogue will deepen it.

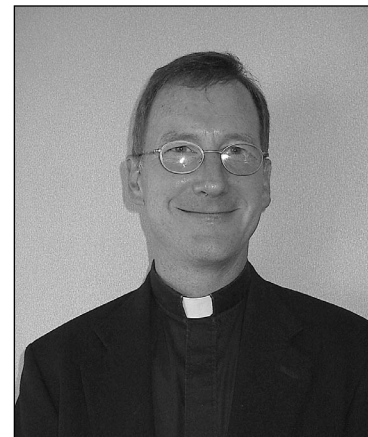
Nancy Cavadini directs the South Bend branch of the Diocesan Ecumenical Office.

## Meet The Priest

### Father Thomas Shoemaker

Ordained to the priesthood:  
Nov. 19, 1990

Pastor, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



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

After two years of practicing dentistry, I didn't think that I was making enough of a difference in the world with my life. When I started thinking in those terms, God began to pull me in this direction.

#### What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

Celebrating the sacraments. We are privileged to touch people and touch God in profound mystery.

#### What are your interests and hobbies?

Woodworking, oil painting, travel, gardening, biking, piano, skiing.

#### Do you have any pets?

No.

#### What is your favorite reading material?

Russian novels and "Calvin and Hobbes" comics.

#### What is the best part of being Catholic?

Our connection through the sacraments with the church around the world and through the centuries.

#### What is your favorite prayer?

Thomas Merton's prayer: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going ..."

#### What is your favorite Scripture passage?

The Beatitudes in Matthew 5.

#### What is your favorite food?

Whatever is in front of me. I have not yet found a food that I don't enjoy.

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

I once recited Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" while standing on my head.

#### How do you prefer to be addressed?

"Father." I find that to be a beautiful and humbling acknowledgment of a beautiful role in the church.



# Sports

**IN THE FIRST WEEKEND OF ICCL VARSITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT PLAY**, the St. Michael Crusaders beat St. Joseph South Bend seventh grade with a score of 2-1. Scoring for the Crusaders were Gabe Vervynckt and Tim Jeffirs. Scoring for St. Joseph was Danny Rensbarger. The Crusaders finish the regular season with a 3-2-1 season. Ranked fourth in the league, St. Michael Crusaders advance in the tournament to play top-ranked St. Matthew on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. on the Marian High School soccer fields.

## Field drops to four

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**FORT WAYNE** — With the CYO football season coming to a close, just four teams remain after the first round of the tournament, St. John, New Haven, St. John, Fort Wayne, St. Vincent and St. JAT.

St. John, New Haven upped their record to 6-2 after beating St. Jude in the first game of the day 24-16. The Raiders jumped out to a 16-0 lead at the half with touchdowns from Michael and Nick McCarthy. Michael McCarthy had another run in the second half, this time for an eight-yard touchdown. St. Jude mounted a late comeback with their passing game to make it 24-16 and then recovered an onside kick late in the final quarter. Their comeback was ended when Nick McCarthy intercepted their pass with 39 seconds in regulation. Greg McCarthy converted 3-3 kicks and Leighton Painter had two interceptions for the Raiders, while Alex Wharton and Tim Tippman had one each.

St. John, Fort Wayne, remained unbeaten for yet another week after a 48-0 win over Queen of Angels/Precious Blood. Alex Stronczek threw two TD passes for the Eagles — one to Steve

Kiermayer for 25 yards and a 40 yarder to James Knapke. Dave Kiermayer had two interceptions for touchdowns. Alex Stronczek had a 30-yard touchdown reception from James Knapke and Devon Caufey had a 15-yard run. Alex Stronczek was 2-2 on PATs while Brian Nichter was 4-4 to round out the scoring for the 8-0 Eagles. Coach Jim Carroll summed up the season to this point saying, "So far, I'm very happy for the Eagle ball players. This is a close team, a great group of young men and they're all buddies."

Evan Feichter's 66-yard punt return for a touchdown and 18-yard catch from Patrick Ryan put St. Vincent on the board twice in their 36-0 shut out over Holy Cross. The Panthers' Brian Bowers also scored twice — both on runs. Russell Coonan raised the score another six with a 49-yard touchdown run. In the victory, Conner Friesner was 3-5 on extra points, Greg German had three interceptions and recovered a fumble. St. Vincent improved to 7-1 and will face St. John, New Haven, in the semifinals this weekend at 3 p.m.

Finally, St. JAT downed St. Charles by a score of 14-6. Scoring came from a spectacular kickoff return touchdown by Dan

Rodenbeck at the start the second half and a pass from Eric Sorg to "Mr. Byrd" at the end of the game to clinch the win.

Defensive assistants and Bishop Luers graduates, Andy Niezer and Andy Jackson and the St. JAT defense held the Cardinals at the three-yard line in the final minutes of the game to prevent a possible overtime situation. The Knights advance to the semifinals and will face the number 1 seed, the undefeated Eagles of St. John, Fort Wayne, in a 1 p.m. match up at the University of Saint Francis Sunday, Oct. 22..

### Raiders stay undefeated

In CYO sixth grade action, St. John, New Haven, won the "battle of the unbeaten" by holding off a tough Holy Cross team, 12-6. Holy Cross scored on their first offensive play of the game taking advantage of great field position following a missed punt snap. But it was all St. John's after that. Adam McCarthy scored on a 15-yard run and Graham Renbarger on a 50-yard sprint to seal the victory. Dillon Carey had an interception for the Raiders who finished with a perfect 7-0 record.

## ICCL regular season winds down in final match ups

BY ELMER J. DANCH

**SOUTH BEND** — The football teams representing Mishawaka Catholic and Holy Family moved into the final rounds of the post season Intercity Catholic League tournament with hard fought victories.

The Saints of Mishawaka Catholic nipped St. Matthew Blazers, 8-6, as Andrew Davidson booted the winning extra point, following Tim Wilson's 13-yard run in the first period.

Chase Parker of St. Matthew rifled a short pass to Lee Henry a short time before the Saints scored, but the try for the extra point failed and the young teams fought on even terms after that.

Holy Family had a tough scrap before downing Corpus Christi, 16-8, in a west side club rivalry. Tate

Borlik fired two touchdown passes for the victors, the first being 66-yards in length, to Alex Kohler and another 46-yards to Collin Skoinski. Dominick Romans booted the two extra points.

Sunday's games at Marian will send Mishawaka Catholic against regular season co-champ Holy Cross and Holy Family against co-champ St. Anthony. Winners will clash a week later for the championship and the K of C trophy.

In the Junior Varsity final regular season games, Mishawaka Catholic defeated St. Matthew, 25-6, Holy Family beat Granger Catholic, 18-6, and Holy Cross romped over Corpus Christi, 38-0.

Semifinal pairings on Sunday will pit Holy Cross against Granger Catholic, Holy Family against St. Matthew and Corpus Christi against St. Anthony.

## SOCCER ALUMNI GATHER FROM BISHOP LUERS FOR SOCCER MATCH



PROVIDED BY BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

The Bishop Luers soccer team alumni joined together for a match on Sept. 30 at the Fort Wayne Sports Club. Pictured alums are front row left to right, Steve Vanderbosch 1979, Brandon Hire 2002, Vasil Chapla 1989, Jason Wisniewski 1989, Ken Harkenrider 1980, Jeff Brooks 1981, David Donovan (Husar) 1979 and Brett Freiburger 2002. Back row left to right, Ken Huth 1989, Clint Wisniewski 1991, Chris Charais 1980, Steve Bernes 1984, Joe Strack 1984, Mike Diettrich 1984, Joe Hannan 1981, Ryan Proegler 2004, Rob Kruse 1994, Kent Giant 1983 and Blake Freiburger 2005.

### Royals take second at volleyball invitational

**FORT WAYNE** — The eighth-grade girls' volleyball team from Queen of Angels is off to an outstanding start according to Coach Tim Houser. In his 14th season, Houser and his Royals recently competed in the fourth annual Lakeside Middle School Volleyball Invitational at Taylor University. The all-day tournament took place on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Of the five teams participat-

ing, Queen of Angels was the only CYO school on the program. The Royals won four out of six matches to earn a runner-up title. Miami Middle School beat the Royals 15-8 in the championship tiebreaker after splitting the first two games.

Liz Jones, Theresa Hilger, Laura Merz, Alana Richardson, Sydney Spurgeon, Brianna Flotow, Victoria Myers, Emily Hanic, Angelina Aquirre, Chelsie Cady, Sara Weldon, Alex Haag and Aggie Nicholson make up this year's roster.

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# A fresh look at the Mass

Kenneth W. Peters, "The Mass: Our Life's Journey" (New York: Alba House, 2006, 117 pages, \$12.95)

REVIEWED BY JILL BOUGHTON

In this slim volume, South Bend author Ken Peters gives Catholics a fresh way to look at the Mass. His meditative reflection juxtaposes the progression of the Mass to an individual's spiritual journey from purification through illumination to union with Christ.

Peters takes one section or phrase at a time from the Mass, and suggests how to enter into

each more attentively, experiencing purifying formation through the penitential rite, illuminative reformation through the Liturgy of the Word and unifying transformation through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. He concludes by showing how the dismissal empowers us to remain in Christ so we can act contemplatively in the world.

I found particularly inspiring Peters' meditations on the Eucharistic prayers, including such phrases as "take away the sins of the world" as applied to us in our union with Jesus Christ.

In just over 100 pages, Peters can only hint at the richness of the spiritual masters. He draws

heavily from the work of Father Adrian VanKaam, CSSp, and Dr. Susan Muto, occasionally leaving the reader floundering in jargon such as "self-alienation" and "pre-transcendent natures," which would have been made more comprehensible by real-life examples. I would have appreciated as an appendix the entire text of the eucharistic prayers.

However, this is a powerful little book, providing a fresh perspective on rituals we too often take for granted.

A retired editor with Ave Maria Press, Peters and wife Ellie are active members of St. Joseph Church, South Bend.

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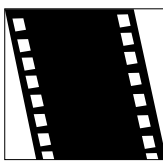


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## MOVIE CAPSULES

### "Alex Rider: Operation Stormbreaker" (Weinstein)

Adequately entertaining action adventure based on the first volume of the popular children's book series by Anthony Horowitz, about a London teen (Alex Pettyfer) who, after learning that his recently deceased uncle (Ewan McGregor) was a secret agent for the British government, is recruited into the spy biz to investigate a shadowy American billionaire (Mickey Rourke) who's planning to use his high-tech "stormbreaker" computer to unleash global death. Despite a lightweight script padded with chases and explosions, director Geoffrey Sax keeps the action fast-paced and the tone amusingly campy, though some of the story elements may be a bit grim for some young viewers. Some non-graphic action violence and scenes of peril. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

### "Infamous" (Warner Independent)

Author Truman Capote (a bravura turn by Toby Jones) travels to Kansas with his friend, "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Nelle Harper Lee (Sandra Bullock), after the brutal murder of the wealthy Cutter family in 1959, and decides to write the nonfiction novel that became "In Cold Blood" by interviewing the townspeople, the authorities (Jeff Daniels), and the killers themselves (Daniel Craig and Lee Pace). The similarities and differences between this version (by writer-director Douglas McGrath), with more humor and greater scope, and director Bennett Miller's "Capote" (made at the same time) are interesting. It also boasts a starry supporting cast (Gwyneth Paltrow, Sigourney Weaver, Hope Davis, Isabella Rossellini and Juliet Stevenson) as his high-society friends back in New York. Some gay elements involving Capote and one of the killers, innuendo, discreet but strong re-creation of the murders, some grisly images, two hangings, rough and crude language and expressions, an irreverent remark, domestic violence, and abortion and suicide references. 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.

### "Jesus Camp" (Magnolia)

Fascinating and frightening documentary about an evangelical summer camp where children are trained to lead the fight in "reclaiming America for Christ" through a militant

Christianity which critics claim has little to do with the Gospel. Co-directors Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady give voice to both those who charge that what is being done is harmful indoctrination and those who see it as instilling passionately held religious values. While it's understandable that many of the evangelicals interviewed earnestly feel alienated by the increasingly secular, materialistic and immoral culture — and many of those same concerns may resonate with Catholics — the picture painted is nevertheless sobering. Some emotionally intense images and mature discussions. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "Man of the Year" (Universal)

Political satire about an idealistic comedy TV talk-show host (Robin Williams) who runs for president and wins, eventually falling for a software analyst (Laura Linney) on the lam after discovering that the unlikely election results were due to a program glitch in her company's computerized voting machine. Director Barry Levinson never decides what movie he wants to make (a light farce or something darker); while Williams' performance is basically a stand-up routine and the script soft-pedals on issues of personal morality, the film make some valid observations about the increasingly blurred distinction between entertainment and news, and the alarming preference of many to be amused rather than informed. Sexually crass humor, innuendo, a mildly irreligious joke, brief violence, a use of the f-word and some crude language. 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.

### "The Queen" (Miramax)

Absorbing British drama about the days following the death of Princess Diana, as new Prime Minister Tony Blair (Michael Sheen) tries to convince Queen Elizabeth (Helen Mirren) to express public remorse about her former daughter-in-law, as public grief reaches fever proportions. Stephen Frears directs beautifully, and even if Peter Morgan's script is mostly speculative, what we see on-screen plays convincingly, with a fine cast (including Alex Jennings, Helen McCrory and Roger Allam) and Mirren whose crusty yet vulnerable impersonation softens the anti-monarchist tone of the screenplay. A couple of instances of mild profanity and a few crass expressions. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. 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

**Dinner benefits Christmas project**  
Fort Wayne — The St. Martin de Porres Society of St. Mary Parish will have a Finger-Lickin' barbeque dinner on Sunday, Oct. 29, at St. Mary's Oechtering Hall following the 10:45 a.m. liturgy. Menu of barbeque ribs, tips or chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverages. Adults \$8, children (3-10) \$4, children under 3 yrs. free. Proceeds benefit the Christmas Family Charitable Project.

**Fish fry**  
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children 5-12 \$3.50 and children under 5 free.

**Spaghetti supper and country store**  
South Bend — Corpus Christi church and school will have a spaghetti supper and country store on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Adults: \$8, children (5-12) \$3 and children under 3 free. Spaghetti dinner includes: all-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Country store will have holiday items, candles, home

decor, homemade apple butter and more as well as second hand treasures. Tickets available at the rectory or at the door. For information, call (574) 272-9982.

## 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.

**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.

**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.

**Craft bazaar held at BD**  
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 plans bazaar**  
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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
Fort Wayne — The Nov. 17-19 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held at the Signature Inn. Call the registration Couple, Mike and Julia Roszkowski (574) 243-0743 or register directly at [www.wwme-ni.org](http://www.wwme-ni.org).

**Encountering Christ offers presentation on St. Mother Theodore Guerin**  
Fort Wayne — Sister May Ann Phelan, SP, of the Sisters of Providence, will be speaking about the miracles leading to the Oct. 15 canonization of this first Indiana saint. The presentation will take place at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 1 p.m. For information, call Jenny Murray at (260) 422-4611.

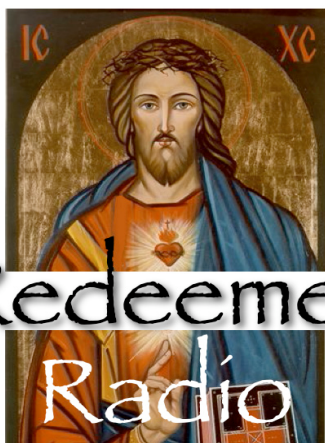
**Local author signs books**  
Fort Wayne — Raquel Hanic, author of "My Daddy Never

Died" (Queenship Publishing Company), will hold a book signing at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Abba House Christian Books and Gifts, 3209 North Anthony Blvd. Hanic is a parishioner of Queen of Angels Parish.

**Fall concert at Bishop Dwenger**  
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger music department will have a fall concert on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. in the gym. The band, orchestra, choir and show choir will perform. Admission is free.

**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](mailto:gap4565@msn.com).

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