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## St. Pius X breaks ground for educational center

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

GRANGER — Rain on Sunday afternoon was a blessing, said Father Bill Schooler, pastor at St. Pius X Church in Granger.

Through it God showed he would rain down his blessings on a new parish education center at St. Pius, Father Schooler predicted.

The parish gathered Oct. 22 for a groundbreaking ceremony with Bishop John M. D'Arcy presiding, parishioners turning shovels of dirt to mark the occasion.

Father Schooler said construction on the estimated \$10-million project would officially begin Oct. 23.

The 58,000-square-foot St. Pius Parish Education Center is an expansion to accommodate the growth of the church, according to Betsy Quinn, director of evangelization and stewardship. She said the project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2008.

With 1,200 children enrolled in religious education classes and seven classrooms in which to teach them, the center is necessary, she said.

"We have the happy problem of growing from 1,500 families to over 2,700 families since 1992 when the church was dedicated," said Father Daniel Scheidt, associate pastor.

The education center will also include a kindergarten through eighth grade parochial school, adult education and athletics.

According to Scheidt, the parochial school is the first newly-built kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school to be constructed in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since the Second Vatican Council.

A second, larger gym will be added as well as a new outdoor football practice field. Later outdoor basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields will be added as well as a half-mile path for jogging and Stations of



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Father Dan Scheidt, associate pastor at St. Pius X Church, left, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, center, and Father Bill Schooler, pastor at St. Pius X Church, are the first to break ground for the new St. Pius Parish Education Center. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2008.

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### MEMORIAL TO ST. PAUL CHURCH DEDICATED



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A memorial to St. Paul Catholic Church stands at the corner of Washington and Fairfield in Fort Wayne after its dedication on Oct. 22. The ground where the old church stood from 1864 to 2003 now belongs to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

### POPE BENEDICT XVI AND BISHOP D'ARCY MEET



FELICI FOTOGRAFIA

Pope Benedict XVI greets Bishop John M. D'Arcy after the Oct. 18 Wednesday audience. See story of Rome pilgrimage on page 3.

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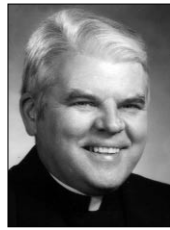
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# While in Rome Bishop D'Arcy meets Pope Benedict



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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## The last few days in Rome

The Mass of thanksgiving offered at St. Paul's Outside the Walls was certainly a highlight of our time in the Eternal City. It was another one of those 75-degree days in Rome, warm and pleasant followed by a delightful evening. This particular Mass focused entirely on our new saint. Everywhere one could see the Sisters of Providence with their white crosses. Here we discovered that Father Michael Heintz was also in Rome, having come with another group. We were able to arrange for his transfer to Domus Sanctae Marthae, where we were staying and where the cost was more reasonable and we were only a few steps from the sacristy of St. Peter's Basilica.

On the last days in Rome — Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — I celebrated Mass at St. Peter's. How special to enter St. Peter's early in the morning before any pilgrims arrived. If you are celebrating Mass there, you must arrive between 7 and 8 a.m., but you are well taken care of. Here again, we met pilgrims in Rome for the canonization.

On Tuesday, I had a number of appointments with different cardinals, including Cardinal Arinze, a good friend of this diocese and of Notre Dame, where he received an honorary degree. He invited Father Robert Schulte and me to his home for lunch.

One of the great things for me in Rome was the opportunity to walk every day. Living in the Vatican meant that you walked on cobblestones. There is no question that this was a physical activity and, while draining, was profitable.

## Arrival of another guest

During the last 48 hours of our visit, we were joined by Professor John Cavadini, chair of the theology department at the University of Notre Dame. John remained at Notre Dame because of his responsibilities of teaching, including an all-day session with students of Columbia, Harvard and other great universities who had joined the Notre Dame theology department over the Internet. This is a great responsibility of Notre Dame and other Catholic universities — to present the great tradition of Catholic theology to places where there is little or no reflection on religion and on revealed truth. It was a joy to have Professor Cavadini with us even for this short period.

## The papal audience

At this time of year, the papal audiences are held in the great piazza, or square, outside of St. Peter's. Pope Benedict XVI has been giving catecheses on the apostles, talking about them and sharing from the Scriptures the vocation of each apostle.



FELICI FOTOGRAFIA

Pope Benedict XVI shares a few words with Bishop John M. D'Arcy after the papal audience.

Alas, the catechesis given to us was on Judas, his temptation, his fall and the reason for it. It is given at length in Italian and then in the pope's native German, in Spanish, in French and in English. Another priest gave it in still another language, Portuguese, I believe.

Then, it was the privilege of each bishop to meet with the pope. It is necessary, out of consideration of Pope Benedict who is 79 years of age, to be very brief. He gave his blessing for our diocese, and told me he remembered me from my meetings with him at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith during the "ad limina" visits, when he was Cardinal Ratzinger.

Many of our visitors left on Wednesday. Msgr. William Lester and I remained until Thursday when we flew home together. A long trip across the great ocean and a lengthy wait in the Atlanta Airport. Finally, I dropped Msgr. Lester off at his residence at 12:15 a.m. He was due to celebrate Mass at St. Therese Church in Fort Wayne at 7:30 that morning.

## A holy woman

What remains from this trip is the remarkable life and spirit of our new saint, Mother Theodore Guérin. We must think of ways to honor her. Her feast day will be observed in early October. She experienced the cross in many ways. Like Father Edward Sorin, of whom she was a contemporary, she had an extraordinary sense of the Providence of God. She was a joyful person, warm, affectionate and very giving to others. What we learned from her is that the cross of Christ is an instrument of salvation and that our cross and suffering, when joined with his, advance the work of redemption.

An unforgettable week in Rome. Thanks be to God.

## Off to South Bend

The next evening, not fully recovered from the famous jet-lag, I was off to South Bend. On Sunday, I was pleased to preside at the official installation of Father John Delaney as pastor of St. Jude Parish and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, South Bend. St. Jude's is a vital parish with a

strong school, but many decisions lie ahead for the diocese and the bishop in the southern part of the city. Father Delaney has been well received and will be an excellent pastor at his parishes.

After a gracious reception, I was off to St. Pius X Parish, Granger for a groundbreaking for a new catechetical center, which will be a place for instruction of adults and children, and a new school. This important parish now has about 2,700 families and is well cared for, from a priestly point of view, by Father Bill Schooler and Father Dan Scheidt. This school represents a major undertaking. St. Pius has already raised over \$6.5 million in pledges toward this effort. It was a joy to meet some of the young families who hope that their children will be in this school in a few years.

## Some visitors

Four classmates, my friends of a lifetime, who, like myself, are living the 50th year of their priesthood, were in for the weekend. In fact, three of them, Msgr. Peter Martocchio, Father Tom Foley and Father Paul McPartland, took care of all the Masses at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish for the weekend. Father McPartland has been helping there for several months. Also with them was Father Ed O'Brien, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. Each one has been a faithful priest and all are still working 50 years after that day when hands were imposed upon us, consecrating us and extending to us our priestly mission. It was a joy to be with them for a few hours along with four other priests from the Archdiocese of Boston who come to a game every year. We certainly saw an exciting one this year.

## A coming event

I am preparing now for the ordination of Anthony Steinacker at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. After Anthony is ordained, we have 18 young men studying for the priesthood. It remains our greatest pastoral challenge. As always, I count on your prayers asking God to send us more such fine young men for the work of Christ. See you all next week.

# Diocesan pilgrims mix prayer time with sites of Rome

BY TIM JOHNSON

VATICAN CITY — Bishop John M. D'Arcy's entourage in Rome found that a pilgrimage could bring unexpected perks along with the excitement of the canonization of Indiana's first saint, St. Mother Theodore Guérin.

*Today's Catholic* editor Tim Johnson and Bishop D'Arcy's secretary Maureen Schott were invited to follow along documenting the historical moment for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. St. Mother Theodore Guérin is considered the foundress of Catholic schools in Fort Wayne. Her sisters staffed the first school, St. Augustine Academy, which was a part of the Cathedral Square in Fort Wayne. Mother Theodore accompanied the sisters to Fort Wayne and made sure they were settled in their new comfortable mission before returning to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

A pilgrimage group consisted of Father Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and diocesan vicar general, Msgr. J. William Lester, diocesan vicar for retired priests; Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne; Msgr. James Wolf, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw; and Father David Carkenord, pastor of St. Michael, Waterloo. Later, Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend and Professor John Cavadini, chairperson from the theology department at the University of Notre Dame, joined the pilgrimage.

Here is a day-by-day roster of the pilgrims:

The pilgrims left Fort Wayne on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 11, and flew to Cincinnati. From there, some traveled to Paris and then to Rome. Others flew directly to Rome.

The arrival in Rome was around noon on Oct. 12. From there, the group was escorted to Domus Sanctae Marthae, a reli-

gious house in Vatican City that is the hotel for cardinals during a conclave. The rooms are simple with polished wood floors. Each room had an office area. Behind pocket doors was a simple bedroom with a nice, firm mattress and the bathroom. The rooms had no television. Those who asked which cardinal lodged in their room during the conclave were kindly told that was kept secret. The pilgrims had a taste of living like a cardinal for a week. The lodging is much more comfortable than the cots that the cardinals slept on in the Sistine Chapel in previous conclaves.

After touring St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square the first afternoon in Rome and after a brief rest, the pilgrims joined in Mass in the lovely chapel at Domus Sanctae Marthae. After Mass, a venture to the wonderful Italian foods that made Rome famous was in order as they were every evening in outdoor cafes on streets called Borgo Pio or in the Piazza Navona.

Security in Vatican City was very tight: first with the Swiss Guards and then with two other Vatican Police checks.

Friday was a busy day picking up tickets for the canonization, checking in with the Vatican Press Office and testing the Internet capabilities, which proved to be a bit challenging. Some of the pilgrims visited the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. A highlight of the morning was an early Mass in the Chapel to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Many of the Polish saints, whose names are familiar at many of the west side South Bend parishes, were featured there. Near the chapel was the tomb of Pope John Paul II. A stop there was moving and prayerful for the pilgrims.

Saturday was defined by a gathering of Mother Theodore pilgrims in the Church of the Gesu, the church known as the mother church for the Jesuits. Like St. Peter's Basilica, the size, magnitude and artwork of the

church is impressive.

Some of the pilgrims had Mass at St. Mary Major that day and had grand views of the city of Rome. Some toured the city's ancient ruins.

Sunday activities revolved around the canonization Mass. Reporters were placed on the upper portion of the colonnade with the statues of the apostles and saints. The view to the audience and the altar was grand. And the Mass celebrants including Bishop D'Arcy and the pilgrim priests who helped with distribution of Communion were easily found from the colonnade.

Monday's activities included another Indiana gathering, this time a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Paul Outside of the Walls. Taxis and buses dropped off the pilgrims for the Mass celebrated by Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB. Besides the burial spot of St. Paul, the church is legendary for its paintings of all the popes including Pope Benedict XVI, whose painting is spotlighted. Some claim that when the blank frames are filled, it will mark the Second Coming. *Today's Catholic* counted 12 frames after Pope Benedict, by the way.

Tuesday and Wednesday morning Masses were celebrated at an altar in St. Peter's Basilica around 7 a.m. These intimate Masses offered a quiet, peaceful retreat before the tourists arrived. It was quite impressive to see multiple Masses in multiple languages simultaneously.

Tuesday also afforded the pilgrims an opportunity to visit the Vatican Gardens. Besides spectacular views of the Vatican, the ancient gardens were a quiet retreat from the surrounding business of Rome.

After Mass and breakfast on Wednesday, most of the pilgrims headed to the airport to return to Fort Wayne, via Atlanta first. But for Professor Cavadini and Bishop John M. D'Arcy, the day would include a special word with Pope Benedict XVI. The photo can be found on page 1.



CNS PHOTO/REUTERS

Masked insurgents hold their weapons as they patrol a road in Al Ramadi, Iraq, 60 miles west of Baghdad, Oct. 22. Pope Benedict XVI called on religious and political leaders in Iraq and around the world to help the Iraqi people rebuild their country.

## Pope urges world leaders to help Iraqis rebuild troubled nation

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called on religious and political leaders in Iraq and around the world to help the Iraqi people rebuild their country which is so troubled by insecurity and "savage violence."

The pope expressed his deep concern for Iraq's Christian community as well as all victims of the increase in violence and intimidation throughout the country.

After praying the Angelus Oct. 22 with thousands of the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope first sent his "cordial greetings" to Muslims around the world who were about to celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan, wishing them all "serenity and peace."

This "joyous atmosphere" of celebration, however, has been clouded by the "very serious situation of insecurity and savage violence" faced by so many innocent people in Iraq solely "because (they are) Shiites, Sunnis or Christians," he said.

The pope said he was aware of the tremendous worry running through Iraq's Christian communities, adding that his thoughts and prayers for "strength and consolation" were with them as with all victims in the conflict.

The pope prayed that God would grant Iraq and the world's religious and political leaders "the needed faith and courage" to help Iraqis rebuild their country and reach reconciliation between factions by realizing "that the plurality of its components is an integral part of (the country's) wealth."

Church leaders in Iraq have expressed concern about a marked increase in violence, especially against Christians.

Since the U.S.-led invasion of

Iraq, numerous churches have been bombed, and Christians have been kidnapped, killed or threatened.

Half of all Iraqi Christians have fled their country over the past three and a half years, according to Chaldean Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Andreos Abouna of Baghdad. Before the invasion there were about 1.2 million Christians in the predominantly Shiite Muslim state; since then the overall number has dropped to about 600,000, he said.

Chaldean Patriarch Emmanuel-Karim Delly of Baghdad has said that violence, persecution and instability together with the world's apparent indifference to the plight of the country's Christians have forced them into exile.

In an Oct. 16 interview with the Rome-based missionary news agency AsiaNews, the patriarch criticized the "role of the international community that is unable to control the dramatic situation in the country."

He said Christians and Muslims had lived harmoniously in Iraq for more than 1,000 years and, "like Lebanon and Syria, (had been) a model of peaceful coexistence."

Losing Christians to emigration would represent "a big loss not only for Iraq, but for the cause of humankind, and it will have serious consequences for Muslims, too," he said.

Catholic patriarchs of the Eastern churches said their churches have always been an invaluable link between Christianity and Islam. During an assembly in Lebanon, the Catholic patriarchs said their churches help make dialogue possible, and this link between religions should not be broken.



Pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are shown at the dinner table in the Piazza Navona on Oct. 17. They include from left front, Tim Johnson, Father Michael Heintz, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Msgr. J. William Lester; right side of table, front to back, Maureen Schott, Father David Carkenord, John Cavadini, Msgr. James Wolf and Father Robert Schulte.

TODAY'S CATHOLIC PHOTO

# Rejecting teaching precludes receiving Communion, draft says

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Catholic who “knowingly and obstinately” rejects “the defined doctrines of the church” or its “definitive teaching on moral issues” should refrain from receiving Communion, according to a document that will come before the U.S. bishops at their Nov. 13-16 fall general meeting in Baltimore.

The document, “‘Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper’: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist,” requires the approval of two-thirds of the members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for passage.

In an introduction, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, said the draft document was the result of a proposal to the bishops in November 2004 by Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J., for a statement on how Catholics should prepare to receive the Eucharist.

“He envisaged this document as applying to Catholic faithful, not just to politicians or those in public life,” Bishop Serratelli said.

Archbishop Myers’ request came after a presidential campaign in which some bishops had criticized the Democratic candidate, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and said he and other Catholic politicians who supported abortion should be refused Communion under canon law.

But a footnote to the draft says that it is not intended “to provide specific guidelines” to the provi-

sion in canon law that says that Catholics “obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin” should not be allowed to receive Communion.

“In order to receive holy Communion we must be in communion with God and with the church,” the document says. “If we are no longer in a state of grace because of mortal sin, we are seriously obliged to refrain from receiving holy Communion.”

Among examples of such sin, the document cites “committing deliberate hatred of others, sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, or physical or verbal abuse toward one’s family members or fellow workers, causing grave physical or psychological harm; murder, abortion or euthanasia.”

Other “serious violations of the law of love of God and of neighbor” listed in the draft include swearing a false oath, missing Mass on Sundays or holy days without a serious reason, “acting in serious disobedience against proper authority,” sexual activity “outside the bonds of a valid marriage,” stealing, slander or involvement with pornography.

The document criticized those who “give selective assent to the teachings of the church.”

But Catholics who have “honest doubt and confusion” about some church teachings “are welcome to partake of holy Communion, as long as they are prayerfully and honestly striving to understand the truth of what the church professes and are taking appropriate steps to resolve their confusion and doubt,” the draft says.

“If someone who is Catholic were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY A. SHERITZ, LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC

**A priest distributes Communion during a Mass in Hicksville, N.Y., in this file photo from June. The U.S. bishops’ draft document on the reception of Communion says that a Catholic who “knowingly or obstinately” rejects church doctrines or definitive church teachings on moral issues should refrain from receiving Communion. The document, which was proposed following the 2004 presidential campaign and election, goes before the bishops at their Nov. 13-16 meeting in Baltimore.**

the church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues,

however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the church,” it adds. “Reception of holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the eucharistic celebration, so he or she should refrain.”

If a person who “is publicly known to have committed serious sin or to have rejected definitive church teaching and is not yet reconciled with the church” receives Communion, it could be

“a cause of scandal for others,” giving “further reason” for the person to refrain, the bishops said.

The document says Catholics should get ready to receive Communion through both “remote preparation” — prayer, Scripture reading, frequent confession and other steps — and “proximate preparation.”

The bishops said elements of proximate preparation include maintaining “reverent silence” before Mass begins; refraining from food and drink for an hour before receiving Communion; dressing “in a modest and tasteful manner” at Mass; listening attentively to the Scripture readings and homily; and actively participating in the Mass “with our whole hearts and minds and bodies.”

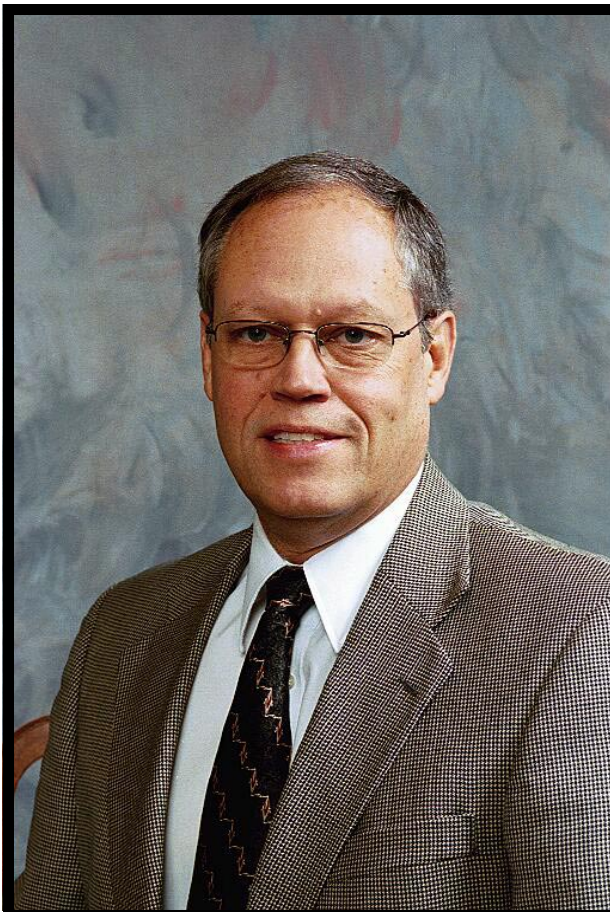
The bishops also urged Catholics to make “a reverent bow of the head” before receiving Communion.

“If we perform these simple actions, we will enter more profoundly into the eucharistic celebration, receive the Eucharist more worthily, and thus obtain more fully the grace of communion with the risen Lord Jesus and with one another,” the document says.

The draft also includes two appendices explaining church teaching on when non-Catholics can receive Communion in a Catholic church and when Catholics are permitted to take Communion at a non-Catholic service.

“When participating as guests in worship services in other Christian communities, Catholics are encouraged to join the community in the shared responses and in the singing of hymns,” the document says. “It would be inappropriate, however, for Catholics to take communion in other Christian communities.”

The document also reminds Catholics who join in non-Catholic services on a Sunday that “the obligation to participate at a Catholic Mass still remains.”



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# Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates one-year anniversary

BY DENISE FEDOROW

WARSAW — The weather might have dampened some of the plans for the one-year anniversary celebration at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Warsaw, but it didn't dampen the joy felt by its pastor and parishioners.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Shrine was dedicated Oct. 23, 2005, and on that day parishioners started a procession from the former church in Milford to the new, expanded facility in Warsaw.

This year they also began with a procession, but because of the cold wet weather, they followed Father Paul Bueter, pastor, in a procession around the inside of the church.

Father Bueter also re-lit the four candles on the crosses hanging on the walls that represent north, south, east and west. Those candles were lit for the first time a year ago by Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the dedication. Those who arrived early watched the video footage of last year's dedication ceremony.

Father Bueter spoke to parishioners about the growth of the parish in the past year and how grateful he was for the generosity of our Blessed Lady and our Lord.

The church and shrine have been used regularly in the past year for diocesan events and groups. The jubilee committee, educational groups, catechists, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Consulado Mexicano, Cursillo movement, diocesan retreats, liturgy day and prayer groups



PHOTOS BY DENISE FEDOROW

Father Paul Bueter leads his congregation in a procession around the church in celebration of the one-year anniversary of the church's dedication.

have all met at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Other groups such as the National Kidney Foundation, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon have utilized the facility. High school Spanish students and pilgrims from across the U.S. — from as far away as Florida and New Mexico — have visited the shrine.

As Sister Joan Hastreiter, SSJ,

said, Our Lady of Guadalupe has truly become a universal church. "When we were in Milford, many of the parishioners were from Mexico, now that we are in Warsaw we have people also from Honduras, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Brazil (and others)."

Sister Joan spoke of a Sacred Heart parishioner who brought her mother who was visiting from Massachusetts to the shrine. Sister Joan heard the woman say the church was almost like a symbol of appreciation for what the Hispanics have brought to the area. Sister Joan also said many in the Warsaw community have commented on the beauty of the "very visible church" and how they enjoy seeing the parking lot full and not just on Sundays.

Our Lady of Guadalupe now has approximately 240 children in the religious education program — a tremendous expansion in the past year. In addition, they now have a very active youth group and a delegation of eight participated in the first encuentro at Notre Dame.

Sister Joan said many older people are still coming to the church and in fact that number is

from Granger, said he plans to send his three and six-year-old children to the school when the time comes.

"I'm very excited that this is where my children will go to school," Troester said. "The parish needed it, and it's perfect for our family."

But he's also pleased that the education center will benefit the entire parish through athletics and adult education as well.

"That's the key — that it will benefit the whole parish," Troester said.

Parishioner Nancy O'Connor, of Granger, said people never stop learning and growing closer to Jesus and their walk of faith, which is why the education center is needed.

"I think it's a blessing," O'Connor said. "With the growth of our people and the growth of the Catholic community, it will be a gift to the entire community."

growing as well. She mentioned that during the building project an elevator was discussed but it was decided that was something that could wait; now with several more people attending in wheelchairs it has become a necessity. She feels the bigger church and more space have allowed the seniors to feel more comfortable.

The parishioners have also recently joined together to raise over \$1,000 to help a fellow member with medical expenses.

Father Bueter said the spirits of the parishioners are good and they continue to build a committed group of caring people who love to serve God and others.

"More people are coming back to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays, more children and youth are involved in doctrinal programs, more volunteers are helping more in the parish. We have more catechists, more eucharistic ministers and two choirs," he said.

Sister Joan also said they are drawing more people back into the church. "The number that have come back — it's a modern miracle in one sense. Our Lady keeps leading us to her Son."

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church received a grant and has started a San Juan Diego Resource Center and Catholic Bookstore. The center has educa-

## KEEP (Kidney Early Evaluation Program)

Free Screening will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 225 Gilliam Dr., Warsaw on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 11:30-3:30 p.m. To make an appointment call the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at (574) 722-5640 or (574) 267-5324. Walk-ins are also welcome.

tional material in English or Spanish, along with bilingual materials. It also has rosaries and other items. The resource center is located in the lower level of the church and is open following Mass at this time. After the celebratory Mass, parishioners stayed on to enjoy a meal — a tradition that started in the little

church in Milford. "The gathering together after Mass meal continues to be a success," Father Bueter said.

"The number that have come back — it's a modern miracle in one sense.

Our Lady keeps leading us to her Son."

SISTER JOAN HASTREITER



Parishioners at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw work preparing the meal in the church's kitchen. Sharing in a meal after Mass is a long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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the Cross for prayer and meditation. Also with the project, staff office space will be expanded and other outdoor spaces for spiritual renewal will be built. A Mary garden, meadow and future organic garden and Courtyard of Our Lady are expected.

After parishioners broke ground for the education center, Father Schooler said it was a relief to get the project started.

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## Pope urges university students to help heal culture, identity crisis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI urged university students to help heal “the crises of culture and identity” by searching for truth and meaning in their studies and their lives. Inaugurating the academic year in Rome, where university classes begin in October, Pope Benedict visited Pontifical Lateran University Oct. 21 and met students and professors from all the city’s pontifical universities after an Oct. 23 Mass. In speeches to both groups, the pope said education should hone a student’s thirst for truth and for meaning, especially when his or her studies are taking place at a Vatican-chartered university. When the student bodies and staffs are combined, the pontifical universities in Rome make up a group of about 15,000 people from all over the world.

## Participants discuss increases in human trafficking, modern slavery

VILNIUS, Lithuania (CNS) — The increase in human trafficking is connected to poverty and an increase in women migrating under dangerous circumstances, said participants at an international conference. Torsten Moritz, project secretary for the Conference of European Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe, said that “more and more people are migrating under increasingly dangerous circumstances because more and more rich countries are closing their borders. More women are migrating nowadays, and we know that for a variety of reasons women are those often most desperately affected by poverty and those most in danger when they migrate, becoming an easy target of the traffickers,” said Moritz, whose organization represents Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic churches. Some 50 experts from 11 countries met in Vilnius to discuss “New Challenges in the Area of Human Trafficking: The Spread of Information.” The conference was organized by the Commission for Migrants in Europe and included foreign experts, local governmental agencies and police, as well as representatives of Caritas Lithuania, the Catholic Church’s charitable arm in the country.

## Pope’s affirmation of Christianity transcends politics, topical notes

VERONA, Italy (CNS) — Navigating the murky waters of Italian ecclesial politics is no easy task, so interest was high when Pope Benedict XVI addressed the country’s most important Catholic gathering in 10 years. The 2,700 delegates to the Fourth National Church Convention would carefully weigh the pope’s words to find winners and losers — among bishops debating the church’s social and political role, among

# NEWS BRIEFS

## GUITARS DISPLAYED IN WINDOW OF FRANCISCAN CENTER



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A selection of finished custom-made guitars, built by Sam Grosvenor, sits in a window display at the Franciscans’ Assisi Center in Syracuse, N.Y. Grosvenor has a burgeoning guitar-making business called Franciscan Guitars, but selling the instruments doesn’t produce a dime for his own wallet. He is a salaried employee of the Franciscans and all the proceeds go back into financing the order’s ministry.

pastors proposing strategies for parish renewal, and among lay movements looking for a sign of papal approval. But when the pope finished his hourlong speech in the northern Italian city of Verona Oct. 19, it was clear that his agenda did not fit the “winners and losers” model. Like many of the most important talks of his pontificate, this one was striking not for its political arguments or topical commentary but for its eminently religious affirmation of the Christian faith. It said very little about church factions and a lot about the church’s most fundamental purpose, saving souls. At 20 pages, the papal talk resembled a miniencyclical. At its core was an explanation of Christ’s resurrection as the motivator of all Christian witness.

## Vatican says controversy shows importance of dialogue with Muslims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Relaying Pope Benedict XVI’s best wishes to Muslims around the world, the Vatican said recent controversy over a speech he made in Germany shows just how important it is to continue dialogue. At an Oct. 20 press conference, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue released its 40th annual message to Muslims set to celebrate the end of their monthlong Ramadan fast. French Cardinal Paul Poupard, who signed the message, said the discussion surrounding the pope’s message and especially an Oct. 15 letter to the pope from 38 Muslim scholars demonstrated not only the importance of Catholic-Muslim dialogue, but also the willingness of Muslims to engage

in the process. The Muslim scholars’ letter offered a critique of Pope Benedict’s remarks in Regensburg, Germany, and pointed out Islamic teachings they felt he misunderstood, but praised his commitment to dialogue, specifically on the relationship between faith and reason. “An exchange of views and a reflection on the fundamental theme of the speech — the relation between reason and religion — has begun,” Cardinal Poupard told reporters.

## Cardinal says eucharistic congress to help Canada remember its roots

CORNWALL, Ontario (CNS) — Canada has lost the memory of its Christian roots, and the same thing is happening in Europe and the United States, said Quebec Cardinal Marc Ouellet. The cardinal, presenting the theological document for the 2008 International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, said the memory of those Christian roots was the main concern of the document, which will focus on the eucharistic mystery as a living memorial of Christ’s passion. Titled, “The Eucharist: God’s Gift for the Life of the World,” the document’s text has been in the works for the past year and has gone through three drafts, Cardinal Ouellet said told the general meeting of Canadian bishops Oct. 16. He said the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses has approved it. The theme also resonates with the province of Quebec’s motto, “Je me souviens” (I remember) and Quebec City’s motto, “God’s gift I will treasure,” because the congress will coincide

with Quebec City’s 400th anniversary June 15-22, 2008. The city’s founding also marks “an important entry point for missionary activity on the entire continent,” said the document’s introduction.

## N.Y. priests’ council issues statement of support for Cardinal Egan

NEW YORK (CNS) — The New York Archdiocesan Priests’ Council Oct. 16 declared its confidence in New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan and said it was “appalled” at an anonymous letter circulating “among some of the priests and in the media” that denounces the cardinal. Cardinal Egan called a special meeting of the council and met with it for two hours Oct. 16, five days after the critical letter became public. “We are appalled that the letter was sent anonymously and that it can and has been used by those who seek to damage the church,” the priests’ council said in a statement it issued after meeting with the cardinal. The letter said priests’ morale in the archdiocese was the worst in living memory and urged priests at their next deanery meetings to hold formal votes of “no confidence” in the cardinal. It said his relationship with his priests has been “defined by dishonesty, deception, disinterest and disregard.” The council added, “We are also upset and dismayed that our archbishop has been personally vilified in this manner. At today’s meeting, the members of the priests’ council reiterated their support for His Eminence. We stand with him in confidence and look forward to his continued ministry.”

## Italian Cardinal Pompedda, former Vatican court official, dies at 77

ROME (CNS) — Italian Cardinal Mario Pompedda, an influential church figure serving in the Vatican’s top tribunal, died in Rome Oct. 18 at the age of 77. Pope Benedict XVI offered his prayers for the late cardinal, saying in an Oct. 18 telegram that he was an able and “prepared collaborator” at the Vatican who showed a much-appreciated loyalty to the Gospel. The late cardinal, retired head of the Apostolic Signature, the Vatican’s top tribunal, died of unspecified causes after he had been hospitalized earlier in the month. Pope Benedict was to preside over the Italian cardinal’s funeral in St. Peter’s Basilica Oct. 20. Named an archbishop in 1997, the cardinal was appointed by Pope John Paul II to the Apostolic Signature in 1999, making him the Vatican’s second-highest legal authority, after the pope.

## Archbishop calls denial of human rights wrong way to fight terrorism

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — “Counterterrorism strategy must not sacrifice fundamental human rights in the name of security,” the Vatican’s ambassador to the United Nations said Oct. 16. The ambassador, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, spoke at a U.N. committee session deliberating on a proposed Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. “It is fundamental to affirm from the very outset that effective counterterrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals,” he said. “Indeed the former must serve the latter, because the protection of human rights is the primary objective of any counterterrorism strategy. The absolute unacceptability of terrorism lies precisely in the fact that it uses innocent people as means to obtain its ends, thus showing contempt and utter disregard for human life and dignity.” When states fail to protect human rights it only diminishes their own moral standing and lets terrorists “dignify in the eyes of some the grievances” that the terrorists cite to “justify their aberrant behavior,” Archbishop Migliore said.

## Papal nuncio remembers work of Italian slain nun

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — More than a month after Consolata Sister Leonella Sgorbati was gunned down in Mogadishu, Somalia, she was remembered for her missionary work. Archbishop Alain Lebeaupin, the Vatican’s nuncio to Kenya, celebrated a memorial Mass for her Oct. 21, the day before World Mission Sunday, in Nairobi’s Flora Hostel chapel. During his homily, the archbishop said it was sad that Sister Leonella died at the hands of the people to whom she had dedicated her life, but he added that religious life was simply a sacrifice for others.

## Holy Cross College sponsors trip to Rome

NOTRE DAME — In the spring of 2007, Holy Cross College will again offer its students an interdisciplinary course entitled "Rome through the ages." The course ends with an eight-day trip to the city of Rome during spring break. This spring's course, however, will have an added attraction. Holy Cross will offer to interested parents, alumni and other friends of the college the opportunity to travel to Rome at the same time, March 9-16, 2007.

Patricia Adams, director of continuing education at Holy Cross, will accompany the adult group, limited to 15 persons. They will travel with the students although stay in a different, but close-by hotel and have their own itinerary.

Adults, wishing to take the trip, will have several options. They can follow the student itinerary in its entirety, which consists of daily formal guided tours of different parts of Rome led by Father Michael Sullivan, CSC, who instructs the course.

Another option for participants is to pick and choose the parts of Sullivan's tours that are of interest to them. Others can explore parts of Rome informally with Adams, who will focus on some historic and religious sites, popular places to shop and well-known places to eat, have coffee, etc. Finally, some people may want to arrange their own schedules independently of those of Sullivan or Adams.

"The focus of the excursion to Rome," says Adams and Father Sullivan, "will be visits to some of the most important and interesting religious places of worship, as well as historical and artistic monuments of one of Christianity's most important and beautiful cities, but adapted to the various needs and interests of adult participants."

Father Sullivan knows Rome. He lived in the city and taught high school. He led his students on extensive tours so he knows many interesting details about the place and its history. He also speaks Italian.

About the trip he says, "It gives me the opportunity to share with others those things that I find interesting and attractive about that city (Rome), which I consider to be one of the most important cities-cultures-in the Western world..."

Anyone interested in learning more about the trip or signing up for it can contact Pat Adams at padams@hcc-nd.edu or (574) 239-8364. — ML

## St. Patrick prepares for fall mission'

LIGONIER — St. Patrick Parish will have a mission, "Faith unites us in Christ," Nov. 5-8.

Each session will begin at 7 p.m. with guest speakers addressing the group in both Spanish and English. Sunday's topic will be faith; Monday, prayer; Tuesday, reconciliation and Wednesday, Eucharist. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate Mass on Wednesday evening to close the mission and a carry-in meal will be shared following Mass.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## BESANCON SETS AIM AT GOOD HEALTH



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Louis Academy students found out "just how healthy they are — or aren't — during a health fair" Oct. 18 aimed at young people. Besancon Hall was the host site for the big event, where over 600 students from nine different area parochial schools attended. Fifth through eighth grade students from both St. Louis Academy and St. Joseph School manned the different areas. Stations testing blood pressure, vision, flexibility, height and weight, as well as information booths on organ donation, drug and alcohol abuse and the fat content of fast food favorites filled the recreation hall during the all-day event. Above, Mitch Castleman checks Conner Sheehan's vision.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society plans blanket drive

SOUTH BEND — To help those in need of warmth, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is planning their 15th annual Blanket Drive in Michiana. Starting Oct. 30 and running through the month of November, St. Vincent's will be collecting new and slightly-used blankets and bedding to give to needy families.

"The blanket drive is a way for people to help those families facing a long, cold winter. We invite everyone to donate new or gently used blankets, quilts, warm bedding, sheets, etc., so they can be shared with others who need them to stay warm during the cold months ahead. It gives us a chance to focus attention on the plight of many families in Michiana, and it gives people an effective way to respond," said Sean Wendlinger, executive director, about the purpose of the blanket drive.

People can donate blankets to the blanket drive by organizing a blanket collection in their churches, neighborhoods, social organizations or schools. The blankets can be collected by the home pick-up department. Another option is individuals can drop off their blankets and bedding to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store at 3408 Ardmore Tr., in South Bend.

"Many of the families we serve turn their heat off, or keep their houses cold during the winter because they don't have the money to pay the bill and they want to avoid being disconnected," Wendlinger said. "Many people who are underemployed, working and poor, or living on a fixed income have to choose between warmth and food, or warmth and medicine, or warmth and fixing the car — not easy choices. Our volunteers visit families every week where the parents and children are wearing their winter coat inside to stay warm so they can keep the heat down to 60 degrees. Many families live in drafty houses with cold air coming in, they don't have the resources to fix the doors and windows."

All collected items will be given out through the emergency assistance program at St. Vincent's.

"The blankets and bedding are given to the people we serve through our emergency assistance program and Christmas basket program. These are families who we assist with emergency food, clothing, beds and financial assistance. We also try to give a blanket to each family that receives a Christmas basket. When our volunteers make a home visit they can give the family a voucher to pick up a free blanket at our thrift store," Wendlinger added.

"We hope to collect more blan-

kets and warm bedding items than last year when we received about 1,000 items. That was a great response, but we need more," said Wendlinger. "We will serve 1,400 families for Christmas, we give away 40 beds every month, and when our volunteers visit a family and give them a voucher for a free blanket we want to have them available at our thrift store to take." — LK

## Bishop D'Arcy to bless Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel

NOTRE DAME — Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, will be blessed on Monday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. The chapel blessing will be a by invitation only, because of the size of the chapel. A reception will be held following the blessing in Schubert Villa.

The chapel is the first of four buildings currently being constructed at Holy Cross Village to be completed. The project began last March. The chapel will serve the residents of both Schubert Villa and Dujarie House. The chapel of Dujarie House, the infirmary of the Brothers of Holy Cross since the late 1960s, was demolished recently to provide a space for a new 12-person memory care unit. The capacity of

Schubert Villa will nearly triple when the current addition is completed next spring.

The new chapel features a 30-foot ceiling, stained glass windows by South Bend craftsman Mary Szymczak, and sacred artwork from LeMans Academy and Holy Cross High School, both of which the brothers operated for many years. Stations of the Cross and a crucifix above the altar will be added soon.

The Brothers of Holy Cross and generous donors are paying the \$700,000 cost of the chapel. The primary contractor of the chapel, along with other additions to Holy Cross Village is Panzica Construction of Cleveland and South Bend.

## Saints Alive to bring 'Late Nite Catechism'

FORT WAYNE — For those looking for a good laugh and wholesome fun, Bishop Dwenger Saints Alive will bring "Late Nite Catechism" to Fort Wayne on Thursday, Nov. 9.

"Sister," played by actress Diana Carl, leaves the audience in stitches as she engages the audience in hilarious banter. The irrepressible "Sister" teaches class to a roomful of "students," taking them back to their youth.

The performance will take place at Bishop Dwenger High School, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., and show time at 7 p.m. For more information or to reserve tickets — ranging in price from \$25 to \$40 — contact Saints Alive at (260) 483-7001. Seating is limited.

## International Serra conference updated

SOUTH BEND — Dick Dornbos of the South Bend Serra Club has announced that Relevant Radio's Dick Lyle will not speak at the upcoming regional conference slated Oct. 26-29 at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame.

Carolyn Y. Woo, the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business and the Ray and Milann Siegfried Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, has recently been added to the list of speakers at the conference. Dr. Woo assumed the deanship of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame in 1997. Before then, she served as associate executive vice president for academic affairs at Purdue University.

Dornbos reports that over 300 people from eight states have signed up for the Serra International USA Council Regions 6 and 7 conference.

Other speakers include Bishop Alexander K. Sample from the Diocese of Marquette, Mich.; Holy Cross Sister Mary Ellen Johnson, coordinator of vocations; Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame; Father Daniel Scheidt, assistant pastor of St. Pius X in Granger; Fred and Lisa Everett from the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; and Dr. Charles E. Rice, professor emeritus of the University of Notre Dame Law School.

For more information, contact Dick Dornbos at (574) 271-7853.

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## Health clinic celebrates 20 years of service to the poor

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

SOUTH BEND — Holy Cross Sister Maura Brannick worked at Saint Joseph Hospital, as it was called then, for many years. She had a deep concern for the poor, especially on the west side of South Bend, who were getting little or no healthcare. In 1986 she decided that it was time to take action and do something about it. And she did. Twenty years ago she found an abandoned garage on Chapin Street, recruited some interested physicians and financial backers, and a place of healing for the poor was born.

“What started out in 1986 as a small, two-person operation in a 400-square-foot converted garage,” said Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center President Nancy Hellyer, “has grown to an over 10,000-square-foot facility that houses bilingual medical, dental, psychological and social services.”

On Oct. 15, volunteers, staff, Sisters of the Holy Cross and many others connected with the center, gathered at the South Bend Center for History to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center also used this momentous occasion to rename the center, still known as the “Chapin Street Clinic” by many.

In a short program during the celebration, Hellyer declared, “For her dedication, commitment, joyful spirit and wonderful love of the community, we are pleased tonight to announce that we will be renaming the health center after its founder and most diligent servant, Sister Maura Brannick.” The new name is the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center.

Physician John Jenkins, chairperson of the center's board, said Brannick never has trouble getting volunteers or the financial resources she needs. He quoted former Indiana



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Holy Cross Sister Maura Brannick and Nancy Hellyer show their joy at the renaming of the Chapin Street Clinic to the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center.

Gov. Joseph Kernan as saying, “After Sister Maura finished stating her case, there was nothing else to say.”

This brought chuckles from those assembled, many of whom were recruited by her persuasive personality to work in the center or to donate money.

Jenkins stated that it was “a privilege to be a part of this extraordinary place.” He proclaimed Sister Brannick as a tireless advocate for the poor who has never taken any credit for the success of the clinic. He went on to say, what most

present already knew, “She really loves people.”

Sister Brannick thanked God and all present at the celebration. She pointed out that nothing would have happened without Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center and the dedicated physicians, nurses, many healthcare professionals and others who have volunteered and give dedicated service throughout the years. “I trust it will continue,” she said.

Today about 44 doctors and 11 dentists donate their services at the center, along with many other healthcare professionals. Sixty more physicians accept referrals to their offices. Besides medical care, the center offers many other services, including counseling, support groups and helps the poor with other basic needs.

“After Sister Maura finished stating her case, there was nothing else to say.”

FORMER INDIANA GOV. JOSEPH KERNAN

## Pro-life Writing Seminar

Saturday, November 4, 8:30-11:30am, in the Cathedral Hall, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. All are invited. Refreshments served.

Jeff Bruewer, newspaper columnist, and Annemarie Muth of Allen County Right to Life will offer tips on writing to newspaper editors and Congressmen about life issues.





## Notre Dame offers Catholic authors' series

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Beginning on Oct. 24, and for three subsequent weeks, University of Notre Dame students and area residents will have a unique opportunity to learn about four brilliant, but obscure Catholic authors who created masterpiece novels in the 20th century:

- Oct. 24, Michael Foley, a theology professor at Baylor University, will discuss the novel "Kristin Lavransdatter" (1920-1922) by Sigrid Undset.

- Oct. 30, Baylor theology and literature professor Ralph Wood will lecture on "A Canticle for Leibowitz" (1959) by Walter M. Miller, Jr.

- Nov. 7, Notre Dame philosophy professor Ralph McInerney will talk about "The Diary of a Country Priest" (1936-1937) by Georges Bernanos.

- Nov. 14, Notre Dame philosophy professor and director of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture, David Solomon, will speak on "Lord of the World" (1907) by Robert Hugh Benson.

All lectures will take place at 8 p.m. in room 155 of DeBartolo Hall. The lectures are part of a series entitled "Shining in Obscurity: Rediscovering Four Catholic Authors."

According to Elizabeth Kirk, associate director of the center, the featured authors were famous in their own day, but are not well known today, so "The center hopes to promote writers such as these for both the quality of their works and the uniquely Catholic dimension of their literary perspectives."

Ethics and Culture Center Director David Solomon told *Today's Catholic* that the series was created to address a deficit in the knowledge of many students about 20th-century Catholic culture, especially Catholic literary culture.

"We're trying to fill that gap, and at the same time we thought this would be a community service for local people who have an interest in the kind of rich engage-

ment of Catholic thinkers with the arts," Solomon explained.

The first author to be discussed on Oct. 24 by Michael Foley is Sigrid Undset, a Danish convert to Catholicism and 1928 winner of a Nobel Prize in literature — the third woman to earn the honor.

Foley told *Today's Catholic* that Undset's three-volume novel, *Kristin Lavransdatter*, is a "literary masterpiece" that brings Norwegian myth, history and language together into "a unique synthesis." The three volumes are historically accurate, giving readers an "outstanding insight into medieval life," Foley said.

In the Oct. 30 lecture, Ralph Wood, professor of theology and literature at Baylor, will speak on "A Canticle for Leibowitz," the most famous work of Walter M. Miller, Jr. The three-volume work grapples with the concept that humanity is doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past if it does not learn from the past. Wood is the author of several books about Christian writers and is considered to be an expert on J.R.R. Tolkien and Flannery O'Connor.

Ralph McInerney will discuss the drama of the spiritual life contained in "The Diary of a Country Priest" in his talk on Nov. 7. McInerney, the author of numerous novels himself, told *Today's Catholic* that he admires the depth with which French author Georges Bernanos examines the spiritual life in this novel.

"It's like you're right inside people's souls; it's dramatic, ethereal," McInerney said. "The stakes of life are right there on the table."

David Solomon's lecture on "Lord of the World" on Nov. 14 will be entitled "Apocalypse Anticipated." This Robert Hugh Benson novel was written before World War I, Solomon said, but anticipates the world wars of the 20th century and the horrors of abortion and euthanasia that are invading modern society. Benson also was a convert to Catholicism and gave a famous guest lecture at Notre Dame in 1911.

The lectures are free and open to the public.

## Blue Mass at Notre Dame honors public safety officers

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Police officers, firefighters and rescue personnel were honored at a "Blue Mass" at Sacred Heart Basilica at the University of Notre Dame on Oct. 11. The Mass, named for the blue uniforms worn by many public safety officers, has been an annual event at Notre Dame since October 2001 when the tradition was instituted to honor the first responders who gave their lives after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 of that year.

Public safety personnel from South Bend, Mishawaka and surrounding communities — all attired in their dress uniforms — lined up outside Sacred Heart Basilica in a light rain before filing into the church to join the entrance procession. The officers filled several of the front pews in the basilica for the Mass, which was celebrated by Notre Dame president, Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, and several other Holy Cross priests. In front of the altar were symbols of police and fire personnel, along with paintings of St. Michael, patron of police officers, and St. Florian, patron of firefighters.

In the homily, Holy Cross Father Richard Warner noted that it is easy to take for granted the care and concern other people have for us until we are touched by an act of love and kindness. The horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the enormous loss of life among the selfless and courageous public safety officers reminded us of the "debt of gratitude" all citizens owe to the people who protect us day in and day out, Father Warner said.

"We have a deeper appreciation for the dedication of each of you, and we won't take your courage and presence among us for granted ever again," Father Warner told the officers.

Father Warner compared the work of the officers to the message of the day's Gospel by Matthew, which related how Jesus taught the beatitudes. Father Warner noted



ANN CAREY

Police officers, firefighters and rescue personnel lined up outside Sacred Heart Basilica to the music of a bagpiper. The uniformed officers participated in the entry procession for the "Blue Mass" honoring public safety officers.

that the work of public safety officers is at the heart of building the society of peace and justice depicted in the beatitudes. He thanked the officers for their service, courage and generosity and assured them that such gratitude is present to them every day.

During the prayer of the faithful, public safety officers who had died during the past year were remembered, especially South Bend Police Officer Scott Severns, who was killed during an armed robbery. A portrait of Severns was displayed in the sanctuary.

After Communion, former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan gave a brief reflection. He told the officers that they perform the "most fundamental" of government services each and every day.

Kernan, who also is a former Indiana lieutenant governor and a former mayor of South Bend, added that the most important responsibility of government is to provide for the safety and security of its citizens. He said that current world events attest to the fact that when the citizenry is not safe and secure, even the most basic services are not available to the people.

"We face no such challenges" because of the dedication of the

men and women who serve as public safety officers, Kernan said, but he warned that maintaining safety and security requires "constant vigilance."

Kernan agreed with Father Warner that police and fire officers had been taken for granted, but Sept. 11, 2001, changed that attitude.

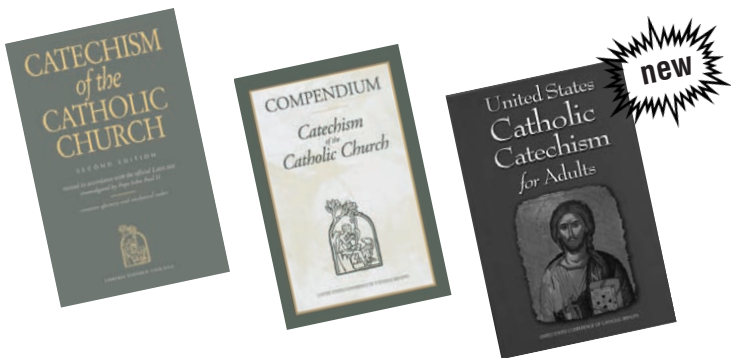
"As we tend to forget, we get slapped in the face," he said, alluding to the accident that occurred in New York that same day when a small airplane crashed into a condominium building just hours before the "Blue Mass."

The first responders going into fight the fire in that high-rise building surely were reminded of all the officers who lost their lives trying to help victims of Sept. 11, Kernan noted, but "Firefighters rushed into the building today, and they did so unhesitatingly to preserve and protect the lives of people they didn't even know."

"We hold you in the highest regard, and we admire you to the highest degree, and you have our deepest admiration," Kernan told the officers.

After the Mass, a reception for the public safety officers and their guests took place in the Coleman-Morse Center.

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# Deacon Steinacker to be ordained to priesthood Oct. 28

BY VINCE LABARBERA  
AND DEB WAGNER

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.

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

Preparation for Deacon Steinacker's ordination to the priesthood is 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. Before leaving on retreat, there was the typical planning associated with any ceremony of this magnitude. The invitations had to be sent, the food menus confirmed, the ordering of vestments for a 6-foot, 5-inch man purchased and the ceremonies planned. The St. Charles Borromeo Parish community also has been praying for the future Father Steinacker as they anticipate his being assigned to their parish.

The youngest of six siblings who all were educated at St. John the Baptist School and Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Deacon Steinacker credits his par-



DEACON ANTHONY STEINACKER

ents, James J. and Mary A., who sacrificed in many ways to provide a Catholic education for their children: George, Jeffery, Stephen, Andrew, Angela and Tony. Their love for family and church inspired his family members to live their lives as best they could in accordance with God's will and church teachings, he related.

In a recent note to his parents, Deacon Steinacker wrote, "They helped to shape my thoughts and values and in countless other ways they have been a wonderful example of Christian love and charity."

Deacon Steinacker said he remembers considering the

priesthood as early in fourth grade when he was an altar server. Priests were influential in his life from the very beginning, he related, including the late Father Christopher Hinckley, Msgr. James Wolf, Father Bill Kummer, Father John Delaney and Father Jeff Largent, who also taught him at Bishop Luers.

In addition, Father Adam Schmitt — a retired priest in residence at St. Joseph Parish who has been a priest for nearly 50 years and is an uncle to Deacon Steinacker — was a "wonderful example of what it means to be a faithful and holy priest," he continued. "Just having him being close to our family was what further led me to consider being a priest. He planted the seed, which encouraged me to pursue this calling. In many ways, he was my first vocation director," Deacon Steinacker concluded.

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 of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Since July 15 of this year, he has been ministering at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne.

## St. Charles Parish prepares for ordination of Anthony Steinacker

In preparation for the ordination to the priesthood of Anthony Steinacker, St. Charles Parish, where Steinacker serves as deacon, will hold the following prayer services, novenas:

- Announcements about the ordination were made.
- An invitation to attend the ordination was placed on the front of the bulletin.
- A prayer card will be made available.
- There will be a nine-day novena and holy hour prior to ordination.
- Sunday, Oct. 22, the presider of the Mass asked for God's blessings upon Deacon Steinacker.



### Father Anthony Steinacker

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# Family says priesthood is the place for helpful son

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — If you'd have asked them 50 years ago what they would be doing this month, Jim and Mary Steinacker would have been surprised to say, preparing for their son's ordination into the priesthood. But preparing for the ordination is exactly their focus this month.

Saturday, Oct. 28, is shaping up to be a big day for the entire Steinacker family. Their youngest son, Tony, will follow in his uncle Adam's footsteps and be ordained into the holy order of priests at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11 a.m. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will preside.

The Steinacker family began in 1957 when Mary Schmitt and Jim Steinacker were married on June 1, Jim's birthday. Mary's brother, Father Adam Schmitt was ordained into the priesthood the week before. After setting up housekeeping, the Steinackers, longtime members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, started their family with a son born the next year. Six children would eventually make up this close-knit, faith-filled family with five boys and one girl.

The Steinackers are proud of their son and recall his childhood demeanor as helpful, saying, "He was doing good for people all his life." Mary adds that he would rather be with people than any-

thing else. As the youngest of the clan, Tony worked hard to keep up with his siblings. He developed close relationships with his older brothers and their neighborhood friends.

"Tony was friends with the older boys; there were 17 in the neighborhood that played together. Then he had his close friends, too," said Mary.

Steinacker's parents chuckled as they relate his place in the family. "They called him 'Little Mary' because he was always making sure everyone was doing the right thing," they said. And if memory serves, they add, their son showed an interest in helping others at age three.

Deacon Steinacker and his siblings all attended St. John the Baptist School and graduated from Bishop Luers High School, with a solid religious formation. Steinacker, a student who worked for what he earned, always went the extra mile for those in need.

At the tender age of four, Steinacker helped his brothers carry papers on their neighborhood route. He was also known to visit the older residents along the neighboring block. "Tony would visit a lady down the block. They would chat and she would make him lunch," recalls his mother.

Jim recounts when his son, at age 10, would use his lunch hour in grade school to visit his dad at the old Lutheran Hospital on Fairfield to feed him lunch as he

recuperated from an illness. At home, Jim, a 50-year veteran of glass work at City Glass, spent time with his youngest son teaching him the trade.

The young Steinacker worked the paper route, his folks recall, in addition to his job at Scott's Grocery store throughout high school. Following graduation, while still employed at Scott's, he enrolled in Ivy Tech School where he studied business part time. His parents were surprised when one day he announced that he wanted to pursue the priesthood.

The Steinacker family has always been devoted and faithful, involved in their church community, attending Mass and participating in the sacraments. Tony has a strong faith, they say, and spent much of his time on weekends with his beloved grandmother, taking her to Mass at St. Peter Parish. He also attended the Andrew Dinners, offered by the diocese, for young men interested in religious life.

"Having a priest as an uncle was an influence, too," says Mary, adding that her son would spend school vacation with his uncle at his parish in Garrett, where he would serve at Mass and help Father Schmitt in other ways.

The Steinacker's daughter, Angie Rectans, says of her brother's vocation, "I always thought he would be in a line helping people. It's great. I'm excited for him, and I think he did find the right calling



KAY COZAD

Jim and Mary Steinacker stand in the living room of their home in Fort Wayne where they raised six children. Their youngest son, Tony, has completed his theological and formation studies and will be ordained into the priesthood this Saturday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

for him."

Deacon Steinacker has been away studying for the priesthood for nine years now, but the Steinackers say he remains a helper. On home visits throughout the years, Tony continues to help with the yard work, babysits his nieces and nephews and even paints the kitchen. He is one of the children that sets up the Nativity scene each year at Christmas time and is a generous gift giver as well they say, spending hours choosing just the right gift for everyone.

And though their son is very busy with his current assignment

at St. Charles Parish and preparation for his ordination this month, the Steinackers stay in close contact. "He is so busy, talks so fast and then is on to the next thing. But he always calls home," says Mary.

"Great" and "wonderful" are words the Steinackers use with enthusiasm when they speak of their youngest son's vocation. They seem pleased to announce that he is the first vocation out of St. John Parish in 40 years and know that their helpful son will serve God well wherever he goes.



*Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
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# Making clear the call

Friends, mentors shaped Tony Steinacker's journey

BY DEB WAGNER

When Deacon Tony Steinacker's uncle, Father Adam Schmitt, asked him to consider the seminary and priesthood, he responded and attended an Andrew Dinner at the age of 25. Father Schmitt was one of a number of influential priests in Deacon Tony's life. They, along with family, friends and others, have shaped Deacon Tony's journey to the priesthood. Msgr. James Wolf, now at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw, was Deacon Tony's pastor when he received first Communion at St. John the Baptist, and the two remain friends. Father John Delaney and Father Jeffery Largent also served at St. John the Baptist while Deacon Tony was growing up, and he cites their presence at the church and school as a

source of great learning and growing closer to the church.

Deacon Tony says that some people were surprised when he told them that he was going to be a priest because he lives such an ordinary life. Others were not so surprised because of the giving spirit, care and concern for others that grounds him. Many people have already commented on his deep sense of compassion.

Deacon Tony also firmly believes that there needs to be balance between seriousness and appropriately displayed humor. For example, when asked if he ever considered a religious community such as the Franciscans, he remarked, "No, I don't like the color brown!"

Many have seen fine qualities in this man. Mrs. Mary Bueter, who has known him many years, thought so highly of his humor that when asked to complete a refer-

ence for Deacon Tony when he was applying to the seminary, she added the additional category of "good sense of humor" to the standard reference form and gave him a perfect score of 10. Deacon Tony

Mrs. Jean Hahn, his eighth-grade teacher, recently reminded him never to forget the heart of the person whether rich or poor, prominent or ordinary, because those are the ones who will help

Jeannine Nix and Ann Lantz from Parkview Hospital's Pastoral Care remarked, "He has gifts and talents that are unteachable."

These qualities were instilled in Deacon Tony by his parents who sacrificed in many ways in order to provide for their children a Catholic education. Their love for family and church inspired his family members to live their lives as best they could in accordance with God's will and church teachings.

Father William Kummer was pastor of St. John the Baptist when the young man first made the decision to attend seminary.

"My recollection back in the old days was of his curiosity of whether or not he had the academic skills to achieve seminary work," says Father Kummer. "And I along with some of his instructors in school in those days — from St. John and from Bishop Luers High School — indicated that, yes, this is not going to be an easy road, but that he has what it takes."

"Tony deserves this. He worked very, very hard to get here," says Mary Szymczak, associate director

"He was afraid that he might be too old

(to enter the seminary). I said, 'Tony, you're never too

old. ... If you're dedicated and you're really called,

then you'll really make it.' And he did."

FATHER JEFFERY LARGENT, PASTOR, ST. MONICA, MISHAWAKA

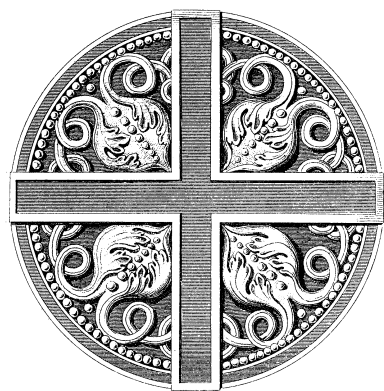
never considered himself a class clown, but rather the quiet guy in class.

you in the parish. In other words, never forget where you came from.

Ms. Marian Ehle, a longtime neighbor of the Steinacker family, also saw the makings of a future priest way back when Deacon Tony was 5 years old. She often reminded him about this and was overjoyed when she heard of his entrance into priestly studies.



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**Father Tony Steinacker**

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of the Office of Vocations. "He's going to make a wonderful priest. He's very caring, very sincere. He's a sweetheart."

While Ms. Ehle, Szymczak and countless others saw the potential for an ordination to the priesthood, Deacon Tony feels that God has watched over him and guided him along the way through his spiritual directors and the faculty and staff of the seminaries he attended. In addition, the camaraderie and fellowship of his diocesan brothers and other seminarians from dioceses across the nation have been so uplifting for him.

"These are the people I'll be working with for the rest of my life," Deacon Tony says. "They've been there for me as I have tried to be there for them at very joyful moments and also at times of great loss." In addition to providing the sacraments of the church to the faithful, it is these types of real-life experiences that Deacon Tony finds most attractive about being a priest.

While Deacon Tony is stationed at St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, his home parish, St. John the Baptist, is still marking the occasion with a novena, as well as a vigil in the parish adoration chapel on the eve of the ordination.

"I think there is kind of a sense of excitement," notes Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of St. John the Baptist. He adds that Deacon Tony has already made a return trip to St. John the Baptist, participating in an all-school Mass and encouraging the students to give thought to the possibility of a religious vocation in their lives.

In early October, Deacon Tony received a letter from Bishop D'Arcy, issuing his official acceptance or call to ordination. The letter closed, "... you should approach this day with peace and joy. It is not about you. It is about Christ. You are giving yourself to him for his people."

"I've reread that bottom paragraph every day," Deacon Tony says, clearly moved.

When asked about what qualities make a good priest or religious, Deacon Tony feels that while academics are important, the

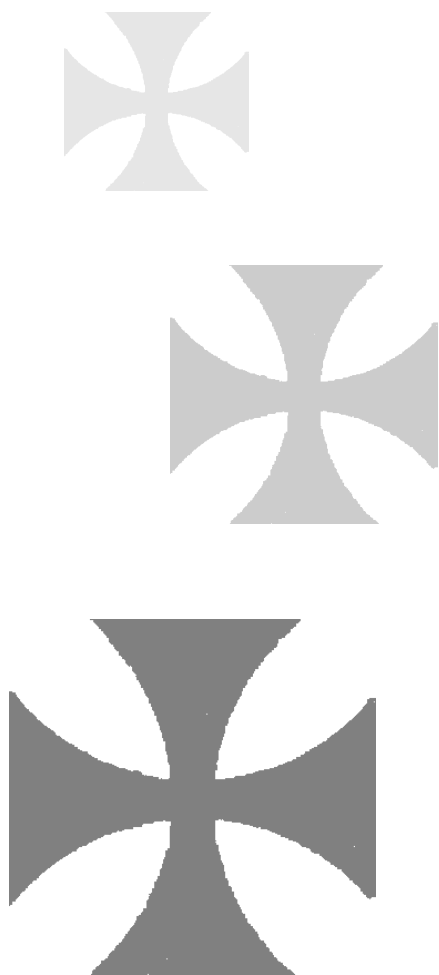
attributes of being a good listener, the ability to meet people where they are in their life journey and being very connected to God through prayer and the sacraments are of equal value. Having a call to the religious life or priesthood is deeply personal and has to be validated by the people of God and by those who are charged with the formation of the candidate. Those who do feel this calling should pursue it and then continue to be deeply rooted in their prayer and participation in their local church activities because our faith — no matter who we are, whether the

faithful person in the pew, a priest or bishop, or member of a religious community — our faith must constantly grow. Deacon Tony's wish for everyone is that we pray for each other and help each other to grow in our faith and love of Jesus Christ.

Don Clemmer contributed to this story.


**"I've given Tony little bits of encouragement all along the way. ... It's just a happy day for all of us, a happy day for Tony, for the bishop and for all of us."**

FATHER ADAM SCHMITT, UNCLE OF TONY




we are pleased to share the joy and spirit of the occasion with one whom embarks upon a journey to prepare the way of the lord.

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*The parish promises prayers for Tony and asks his, for them*



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## EDITORIAL

## St. Mother Theodore Guérin, a hero to call on

Perhaps Indiana can now change its motto to "Land of Saints and Sinners," as Indiana has its share of both, including a canonized saint, St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Canonized Oct. 15 in Rome, St. Mother Theodore can be a faith-affirming role model. She was not a famous athlete or a pop singer known across the globe. What St. Mother Theodore offered was a life of trusting in Providence and finding joy in the day-to-day journey of life.

She wasn't the first to stand up and volunteer to start a mission in Indiana. Like St. Mother Theodore, how often do we let our illnesses or weaknesses stand in our way of offering to be the first to speak up? We hide in the back of the crowd, hunched low with an attitude of, "please, don't call on me." But St. Mother Theodore accepted the task that others felt she was well suited.

Difficult journeys ensued across the ocean. What is now an eight-hour flight was a 40-day journey across the ocean plagued by rough seas, seasickness, storms and no Communion.

St. Mother Theodore and her sisters yearned for the Eucharist. When they came to port, confession and Communion were her highest priority. How often do we take the Eucharist for granted, neglect confession? And Mother Theodore went before the Blessed Sacrament with her difficulties in life. She sometimes would stay up all night praying before the Eucharist for strength, understanding and accepting God's will.

She had her share of difficult people. She was once locked in a room by the Vincennes Bishop Celstin de la Hailandière, who caused her much anguish. The bishop would resign, but the mission of Mother Theodore would eventually impact generations of Catholics, including our own Fort Wayne Catholic educational system.

We have a lot to learn from our Indiana saint. For starters, may we all come to know her so we can lead a life of holiness dedicated to an all-providing God.

### Faithful citizenship

Every election year, *Today's Catholic* receives letters from readers endorsing candidates running for office. Neither *Today's Catholic*, nor the diocese, nor our parishes endorse candidates. We are also asked about voting guides and if the newspaper could publish a guide. The only guide that *Today's Catholic* refers its readers to is "Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility," a guide distributed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Web site for the guide is [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/index.htm](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/index.htm). We highly recommend that voters read over the document.

In the "Faithful Citizenship" document, it is written: "A Catholic moral framework does not easily fit the ideologies of 'right or 'left,' nor the platforms of any party. Our values are often not 'politically correct.' Believers are called to be a community of conscience within the larger society and to test public life by the values of Scripture and the principles of Catholic social teaching. Our responsibility is to measure all candidates, policies, parties and platforms by how they protect or undermine the life, dignity and rights of the human person, whether they protect the poor and vulnerable and advance the common good."

Some readers have asked that *Today's Catholic* concentrate on the church's stance on moral issues. Providing a voting guide in a nutshell would not be possible or comprehensive enough to address all moral issues. Through the course of the year, however, *Today's Catholic* provides a broad view of the issues of our time and reports how the church and our diocese address these issues. We trust our readers to be informed on the candidates and to cast their votes as faithful Catholics and faith-filled Americans.

We live in a political atmosphere where our Catholicism is oftentimes shaped by television news commentators, talk show hosts and others in the media. In reality, our Catholicism should be based on the Gospel — love for one another. When we look at the Gospel, we find that the teachings of Christ offer what could be construed as both liberal and conservative. But again, the truth is that the revelation of God in Christ transcends all ideologies and calls the whole human race to something higher: love.

Adding to the significance of love for God and love for neighbor, Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical was on love.

So when we head to the voting booth, let us think how each candidate will answer the call to love of neighbor and of humanity in general, and then cast our votes as faithful Catholics and faithful citizens of this great country.

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## Diocesan teacher recounts journey to the Promised Land

BY GREG BERCAW

As a history major and religion minor at Butler University, the idea of a trip to Israel intrigued me. Israel is such a small country, yet it has so much history. All the ancient superpowers had something to do with the Promised Land and the three major monotheistic religions all have a connection to Israel. There are no shortages of reasons why to go to Israel. However, the modern political conflicts in Israel provide many with a reason not to go. Israel continues to be a contested land and is always in the world's spotlight.

I have an old friend who I used to backpack with who has been going to Israel annually. Last January my friend presented the opportunity I was looking for. He had read an article about the Israel National Trail and was planning to hike it with his brother.

The trail zigzags 550 miles through Israel from the Red Sea to Lebanon. I was sold immediately.

We hit the trail on May 30 in the south and ended on June 27. As we walked our last six miles that last day we skirted the Lebanese border. We could see the lush green of Israel sharply contrasted with the drab brown of Lebanon. We were a few hundred yards away and joked about how if we were not careful we might end up on the mythical "Lebanon National Trail" and how we were fortunate not to be getting shot at. It was all said in jest but had our trip ended two weeks later the humor would have been lost due to the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers by Hezbollah militants based in Lebanon.

I arrived in Tel-Aviv on May 28, and on May 29 we rented a car and headed south to the trail head. This is when we got our first look at the Negev Desert. It was big and it was dry.

On May 30 we turned our backs on the Red Sea and headed north. Our plan was to hike during the cool parts of the day and rest in the shade during the noon hours. Our lightweight packs were now weighed down with an additional 19 lbs. of water. We remained optimistic as we hiked the first few miles. We took an afternoon break and checked the thermometer we packed. It read 115 degrees Fahrenheit. We con-

tinued our descent to the wadi below, rested in the shade. We were well short of our day's goal and next water pickup so we decided to hike out early the next morning before the heat began.

To put it simply, after six hours of hiking on day two, we ended up right back where we started due to a poorly marked trail and three stubborn hikers. Our situation was suddenly dire. It was noon and we had 36 ounces of water between the three of us. God provided us with the best natural shade we had the entire trip; and we rested during the afternoon before making our way out. The first two days of the desert humbled us. We decided eight days in the Negev would be all we had time for. The desert prepared us for the rest of the trip; it was our

Israel National Trail did not go through some of the most important parts of Israel, namely Judea and Samaria. Judea and Samaria is how the West Bank is referred to by hard-liner Israelis who believe it should not be returned to the Palestinians.

One Sabbath we wandered into the Orthodox town of Meron, six miles from the Lebanese border. Here, I felt like a complete outsider. As the citizens of Meron headed to synagogue in their black pants, coats and hats; we stuck out like a sore thumb with our dirty tee-shirts and backpacks. Despite our appearance we were invited in and provided with a place to stay, drink and more than we could eat.

Two miles from the Lebanese border in Qiryat Shemona we took a break with a veteran of the 1967 and 1973 wars who described his memories of the Syrians invading the Hula valley in the north and how after he fought off the Syrians he was sent to the Sinai to defend Israel

They showed me more hospitality in one night than any of my neighbors in Indiana have showed me in three years.

initiation into what would become our Israel experience.

The trail introduced us to a multitude of people. Israel is not defined by landmarks but rather by her people. The generations who have lived the history and have fought and suffered through the wars. They provide the real picture of what modern Israel is. All the history and natural beauty sets an amazing stage for their tragic story.

We stayed with Bedouin, who after knowing us for 30 minutes, insisted on cooking us dinner. They told us of the family members they had in Jordan who they have not seen in years because they are not allowed to travel there. They even provided us with beds to sleep in. They showed me more hospitality in one night than any of my neighbors in Indiana have showed me in three years.

Young soldiers in the midst of their three years of service were everywhere. While I was at Butler preparing for my future my counterparts in Israel were doing their mandatory service. Watching the many soldiers snoozing on the bus ride home to their families with their M-16 slung over their shoulder provided a major contrast to the relaxed atmosphere experienced at Butler.

We were able to talk to a man forced from Gush Katif, the Gazan settlement bloc that was removed. He informed us that the

against the Egyptians.

He then in complete seriousness wanted us to petition our congressmen to allow Israel to become part of the United States. His logic was that Israel's government was so corrupt that it would no doubt bring punishment from God as it did countless times in biblical history. He figured being ruled by the gentiles would be better than punishment from the Almighty.

Thinking back to that last day on the trail is overwhelming. Yes, we were ecstatic to complete our trek but now I look with hindsight at where I was. After the soldiers were kidnapped; tensions between Israel and Hezbollah erupted. Now I am reminded daily about the places I saw not because I look at my photographs; but because I see them on the news: Haifa, Meron, Tiberias, Qiryat Shemona, Nahal Amud. All fired on by Hezbollah.

I never felt threatened once while in Israel, however just days after the hike was complete the country was at war. It goes to show that in the Middle East there is never more than a delicate balance of peace, a peace that can break very quickly.

**Greg Bercaw** is a teacher at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne.

# When building St. Peter's, great minds did not always think alike

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the outcome invokes awe, the construction of St. Peter's Basilica was not a smooth project that brought together hundreds of artists and artisans thinking only holy thoughts.

Backbiting, criticism and running to the pope to tattle occurred repeatedly during the 120 years it took to build the world's largest church.

Letters relaying gripes and a stinging satire written in 1517 are on display at a Vatican exhibit marking the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the basilica's construction.

The modest exhibit housed in a gallery in St. Peter's Square opened Oct. 12 and is scheduled to continue through March 8.

Of course, the story of the basilica's construction is not mainly one of controversy, even though a building project so massive, so expensive and involving Italy's greatest Renaissance artists was bound to hit some snags.

The exhibit offers visitors a tiny hint of what the site's fourth-century basilica looked like; a sampling of drawings for projects

dropped, changed or realized; a brief look at how other artists paid homage to St. Peter; and a short reflection on the basilica's importance in the lives of three well-known Catholics.

A well-worn pair of sandals belonging to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a tattered habit belonging to St. Francis of Assisi and a facsimile of St. Therese of Lisieux's handwritten autobiography are part of the exhibit's final section, "Devotion to the Apostle Peter."

St. Therese, writing from her Carmelite cloister at the age of 22, recalls a pilgrimage she made to Rome with her father and other French pilgrims when she was 14 years old. She recounts her emotion at finding herself in the city where Sts. Peter and Paul preached and were martyred.

Mother Teresa's sandals are sitting next to her 1948 handwritten letter to the Vatican asking to be released from the Sisters of Loreto in order to devote herself to "complete poverty" in serving the sick and the dying. After founding the Missionaries of Charity, she would come to Rome each year to visit

## VATICAN LETTER

CINDY WOODEN

the pope and pray at the tomb of St. Peter.

St. Francis' rough woolen cloak and hood give the exhibit an opportunity to recount one of his many visits to the old Basilica of St. Peter, where he sat and ate with the poor who gathered outside the church each day.

The church St. Francis visited was built by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; it was almost completely demolished by Donato Bramante after the cornerstone for the current basilica was laid by Pope Julius II in 1506.

The satire on display in the exhibit is a work called "Simia," a play on the Italian word for "ape."

In the satire, Bramante, who

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# God still comes to our aid



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### 30th Sunday Mk 10:46-52

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend's first reading. A few facts about Jeremiah are known from the book itself. He was from Anathoth, a village only a few miles from Jerusalem, and he was the son of Hilkiah, a priest. He acted as a prophet for over 40 years.

Being the son of a priest, he in all likelihood was quite familiar with the traditions of the ancient Hebrews. He would have been particularly aware of the importance of the Exodus, the flight from Egypt and slavery, that molded the Hebrews into one distinctive race, and that resulted in their settlement in the Holy Land.

The tradition was clear. The Hebrews did not escape Egypt simply because they were lucky, or because they were clever. To the contrary, they succeeded in fleeing the miseries they had endured in Egypt only by the mercy and power of God.

Jeremiah saw events in his lifetime as threatening, or as awful, as the plight of his people centuries earlier in Egypt. He lived to see Babylonia completely overtake the Hebrew homeland, and he saw the coercion brought to bear upon his people by Babylon and other imperialistic neighbors.

He addressed these threats, and the humiliation and destruction of being overtaken, with faith that the merciful God of the Exodus again would rescue the people. This weekend's reading is a powerful and expressive acclamation of God's power and goodness, and in the assurance that once more God will protect and lead the people.

As is typical of this book, this reading literarily is moving in its eloquence and feeling.

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

This New Testament Scripture is abundant in its references to ancient Jewish beliefs and customs. Its author is unknown, but obviously the author knew Judaism and Jewish life in the first century AD very well.

Supreme in Jewish cult, and in many other aspects of Jewish life, in the first century AD was the high priest, descending in office from Aaron, the brother of Moses. The high priest acted for the entire nation as he offered the sacrifice in the temple.

The Epistle to the Hebrews sees Jesus as the great high priest of the new era of salvation, the era of Christianity. Jesus acts for all humankind in sacrificing to God, causing reconciliation and a new bonding after sin tore humanity away from God.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the story of Bartimeus, a blind man who begged by the roadside in Jericho. It is no wonder that Bartimeus had to beg in order to survive.

At the time of Jesus, persons with severe physical challenges, such as blindness, were reduced to begging unless their families assisted them.

Blindness, as all other bodily difficulties, had a spiritual component for the ancient Jews. God willed

nothing evil or heartless. Disease and incapacity were signs of a heartlessness that came from sin.

Thus, when Jesus healed, the effects and power of sin also were overcome.

The key to Bartimeus' being healed was his faith.

## Reflection

Jeremiah was hardly the only ancient Hebrew writer who concentrated on the mercy of God as seen in the Exodus. God's mercy is everlasting, because God is eternal and unchanging.

God is not forgiving and blessing in one instance, but punitive and angry in another.

Just as hardships and worries troubled the ancient Hebrews after they had left Egypt, so sadness and difficulties confront us today.

We cannot do everything ourselves, but the loving God of the Exodus, with us because of the reconciling death of Jesus, still comes to our aid. The key is that we, as Bartimeus, love God and trust in the Lord.

## READINGS

30th week of ordinary time

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6

**Monday:** Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday:** Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 11:17-27

**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, 5 Lk 14:1, 7-11

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campion

When we get close to Halloween, it is inevitable that our thoughts run to ghouls and witches. This quiz takes a not so sinister look at the latter.

### 1. What is witchcraft?

- anything inexplicable
- the alleged exercise of magical powers by beings other than God or those he authorizes, usually with an evil intent
- it is anything that can produce a result not anticipated in nature.

### 2. Was witchcraft a medieval invention?

- Yes, of course, the popes made it up as a way to control the gullible.
- No, it has antecedents in most ancient religions including shamanistic faiths.
- Yes, we know this because it is not mentioned in the Bible.

### 3. What does Exodus tell us about witchcraft?

- Nothing, because it is not mentioned in the Bible.
- It is okay so long as the people have the right intentions.
- The penalty (at least for a female) witch or sorceress was death.

### 4. In Deuteronomy sorcerers and witches are

- not mentioned.
- described as acceptable only if they are gentiles.
- on the same level as people who sacrifice their children.

### 5. In Galatians the followers of Jesus are informed that

- belief in witchcraft is simply a result of too much cheese.
- witchcraft is an evil work of the flesh.
- Christians should not judge, so they must allow people to practice sorcery.

### 6. What ancient groups were so associated with witchcraft, magic, that their name was often synonymous with sorcerer?

- Chaldeans
- Oregonians
- Greeks (Gentiles)

### 7. Amongst the church fathers opinion was divided. Some like Augustine

- believed that there was (black) magic.
- rejected the notion as purely Manichean.
- thought it was purely a remnant of the pagan influences of ancient Rome.

### 8. Others like Chrysostom in the East thought it was

- basically fiction or misunderstanding.
- the true stairway to heaven.
- like sushi, okay if you like that sort of thing, bad if you don't.

### 9. In Europe early, writings such as the "Canon Episcopi"; in the age of Charlemagne suggested that claims of witchcraft

- were likely untrue.
- were canonical fact because Peter had opposed Peter Magus.
- were proof of the influence of tainted bread in the diet.

### 10. Despite its overblown reputation, this judicial body did not, at least for a long time, deal directly with witchcraft.

- The Star Chamber
- The U.S. Supreme Court
- The Inquisition

### 11. Why was there a shift in 1398 to allow the jurisdiction of the Inquisition to extend to witchcraft?

- The Vatican was overrun with them and the Swiss Guards could not control all the cats.
- It was argued that making a pact with the devil was de facto heresy.
- The average witch was a Protestant, so the church did not need to defend them.

### 12. Two of the most famous witch hunters were Spenger and Kramer in Germany. They published a book called, "Malleus Maleficarum." What is that in English?

- "Evil be to Him Who Evil Thinks"
- Do unto to others before they do to you
- "Hammer of Witches"

### 13. Although the "witch craze" was actually more a series of local incidents and purges than a concerted effort, its victims were usually:

- women
- former Muslims (Moriscos)
- Former Jews (Conversos)

### ANSWERS:

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

# Peter is the rock on which the church is built

**How do we know that Jesus wanted a pope to head the church? S. N. South Bend**

Jesus himself made St. Peter the apostle the head of his church. Jesus promised to do this at Caesarea Philippi in Palestine when he told Peter "You are rock and on this rock I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it. I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The "rock" refers to the firm foundation on which Jesus will build his church. Peter becomes the keeper of the keys, the one with the power to allow and to forbid.

The New American Bible says that Peter's responsibility with the keys is compared to the disciplinary and doctrinal authority of the Jewish rabbis who in Jesus' time interpreted the Old Testament for the faith and life of the people. The exact nature of the extraordinary power here conferred became clear

through the historical development of the Christian community in terms of the primacy of Peter, namely his supreme authority in teaching, governing and sanctifying the people of God.

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and asked Peter three times if he loved Jesus. Peter said three times that he did love Jesus. This may be a way of Peter making up for his threefold denial that he knew Jesus during the passion. Jesus then tells Peter three times to feed his sheep. The First Vatican Council (1870) cites this episode in defining that the risen Jesus gave Peter the jurisdiction of supreme shepherd and ruler over the whole flock, the church.

The leadership of Peter is shown in the fact that his name is at the head of the list of apostles. Along with James the Greater and John, Peter shared a special closeness with Jesus, as in the case of only these three witnessing the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. At Caesarea Philippi when Jesus asked the apostles "Who do men say that I am?," Peter spoke up: "You are the Christ, the son of

## THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

the living God." The threefold denial of Christ by Peter during the passion was given special prominence in the preaching of the apostles. Peter is shown at the head of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament.

The historian Karl Baus says: "Among those holding the office of apostle, Peter displayed an activity, which shows that he, in this turn, occupied a leading place among the Twelve, which could have been given him only by a higher authority. ... Even though James, as local leader of the Jerusalem congregation, presided at the council of the apostles, Paul clearly gives us to understand that Peter's attitude was the deciding factor in the dispute as to whether

the gentile Christians were subject to the Mosaic Law or not."

The First Vatican Council explains the rationale for Jesus placing Peter at the head of the church. "Jesus placed St. Peter at the head of the other apostles that the episcopate might be one and undivided, and that the whole multitude of believers might be preserved in unity of faith and communion by means of a well-organized priesthood."

The new Catechism of the Catholic Church adds that the pope is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful. The pope has full, supreme and universal power over the whole church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered.

The word "pope" simply comes from the Greek "papas" and the Latin "papa" meaning "father." In the early Western church, the word

"pope" was used for any bishop, and in the Eastern church it was confined to the bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. Then in 1073 Pope Gregory VII, in a council at Rome, formally prohibited its use by any other bishop, than the bishop of Rome.

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

## Catholics with consequences

Two of the most influential Catholics in American public life mark important milestones in their lives and careers this month. The nation owes both men a large debt of gratitude.

For the first time in a very long time, Henry Hyde's name will not be on a ballot in this election cycle: one of the greatest Catholic legislators in U.S. history is retiring, full of years — and not a few pains — but unbroken and unbowed. It's hard to imagine the U.S. House of Representatives without Henry Hyde, whom a television journalist of decidedly liberal views once described to me as "the smartest man in Congress." During 20 years in the House minority, Hyde, the undisputed leader of Congressional pro-lifers, had, by force of argument and personality, an influence on politics and law that few in the majority could match. During his 12 years in the House majority, chairing the Judiciary Committee and then the International Relations Committee, Henry Hyde demonstrated that principle and robust argument can go hand-in-hand with courtesy and respect. Hyde leaves the Congress with thousands of friends and very few detractors, with the possible exception of Bill Clinton, whose praise the Congressman would likely find ... unsettling.

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to have worked with Henry Hyde since 1984, in good times and in bad, when we were winning and when we were losing. Those 22 years of collaboration and friendship are chock-full of memories, but perhaps my fondest recollection of Henry involves, not a great public moment, but a hospital bed. It was the late '80s, if mem-

ory serves, Henry's prostate was acting up, and he'd had surgery at Georgetown University Hospital during the Thanksgiving season. Late Thanksgiving morning, I went to visit him and there, in a hospital gown, with tubes coming in and out of this and that, was the quintessential Henry Hyde: larger than life, smoking a huge cigar, watching the Bears and the Lions on TV, reading a biography of William Wilberforce (the British parliamentary reformer whose agitations finally put an end to the slave trade), and cracking jokes about a would-be successor, back in Illinois, who had suddenly become solicitous for the Congressman's health.

That was, and is, Henry Hyde: a man of intelligence, conviction, courage, and unbounded good humor, who took on fights that others deemed unwinnable because it was the right thing to do. We'll probably not see the like of him again, and the Republic will be the poorer for it.

Justice Antonin Scalia has also just marked the 20th anniversary of his appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States.

When Justice Scalia joined the Court, the idea that judges should attend to the text of the Constitution, and the public meaning of its provisions at the time it was ratified and amended, was not, to put it gently, well established. Results-driven judging was the order of the day. Get the result right, proponents of this view argued (and there were both liberals and conservatives among them); then figure out a plausible argument to support that result. Justice Scalia begged to differ. In his settled opinion, judging that wasn't anchored in the text, in its original public meaning, amounted to the judicial hijacking of politics, with judges doing what



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legislators are meant to do.

It was a lonely view, then, if a highly principled one: a jurisprudential application, some might say, of Chesterton's famous observation that tradition is the democracy of the dead — that is, paying attention to the wisdom of our ancestors. But Justice Scalia stuck to his intellectual guns, and now finds himself as one of the senior figures in a movement that is having a marked influence on both the courts and the law schools. If the actual text of the U.S. Constitution means anything today, no small part of the credit for that must go to Justice Antonin Scalia.

A salute, then, to two Catholics of consequence, Henry Hyde and Antonin Scalia, men of faith who brought faith and reason together in the service of America.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for October 29, 2006

Mark 10:46-52

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the healing of Jericho's blind beggar. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LEAVING	JERICHO	BARTIMAEUS
BLIND	ROADSIDE	NAZARETH
SON OF DAVID	ON ME	MANY
CALL HIM	GET UP	CLOAK
SPRANG	CAME TO JESUS	WANT ME
TO DO	FAITH	IMMEDIATELY
SIGHT	FOLLOWED	THE WAY

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## LETTER

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died in 1514, stands before St. Peter at the gates of heaven making suggestions for improvements, including adding a grand spiraling staircase leading to the entrance and the complete destruction of the current heaven so he could design something more "modern, elegant, comfortable and functional."

St. Peter vetoed Bramante's plans, but also told him he would have to wait outside the pearly

gates until construction on St. Peter's Basilica was complete, which would happen a mere 112 years later.

While money and materials were a problem, the delays were increased by a succession of chief architects who, with papal approval, dramatically changed their predecessor's blueprints.

Inaugurating the exhibit Oct. 11, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, thanked the cardinals, bishops, priests, architects, artisans, plumbers, masons, ushers and cleaners who continue to work to ensure that the basilica is not only structurally sound, but inspires prayer.



# Sports

**CHILI DINNER FARES WELL FOR BISHOP LUERS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS** The Bishop Luers High School Athletic Booster Club (ABC) reports that volunteers served over 35 gallons of Hall's chili, 175 hot dogs, 200 brats and over 220 cups of coffee along with pop and water at its first fall chili dinner served Friday Oct. 13 before the Luers vs. Dwenger football game. The dinner raised approximately \$1,200 for the ABC's general fund, which supports all sports programs at Bishop Luers.

## Stage is set for CYO football showdown

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The number one seeded St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Eagles downed St. JAT (Sts. Joseph, Aloysius, Therese) Knights in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) semi finals at the University of Saint Francis last Sunday by a score of 28-0.

The Knights managed to stay with the Eagles somewhat in the first half allowing the Eagles just a pair of touchdowns. The Knights had some key injuries and just couldn't hang on after that. Coach Jerry Niezer was very proud of the Sts. JAT players, coaches and families. "We finished fourth place this season with a winning record (5-4) in a very competitive league," he said.

Touchdowns for the Eagles came from Stephen Kiermayer on a one-yard plunge. Next Alex Stroncsek hit Hunter Tobe with a 12-yard pass. Marquel Cooper had two runs to round out the scoring for the undefeated Eagles. Stroncsek was 1-3 on PATs and Brian Nichter was 1-1.

Coach Jim Carroll said, "JAT played us tough and fought hard the whole game." The Eagles (9-0) will go on to play St. Vincent (8-1) in next week's championship game.

The Panthers got their semi final victory by beating a determined St. John the Baptist, New Haven, team 14-0 in the second game of the day in not-so-hot weather conditions. "It was a dog fight," said Raider Coach Joe Wharton after a 0-0 half time

score, "a real defensive battle."

St. Vincent came out and held New Haven on their first possession of the second half then had a 50-yard drive that ended with Russell Coonan scoring on 18-yard isolation up the middle putting the Panthers on top 6-0. Then with about five minutes to go in the game, Patrick Ryan found Greg German for 22 yards and Conner Friesner made the point after. The Raiders threatened but Greg German intercepted the ball to secure the win and the Panthers took a knee to watch the final seconds tick off the clock.

In his final game before "retirement," Coach Joe Wharton was very proud of his team who finished 6-3. "We fought hard the whole game and had a great group of kids this year. With just one 'X' on our whole team, we didn't always match up size wise with the bigger teams. But we had a lot of great athletes and great speed." Coach Wharton will pass the whistle on after 11 years in youth football. His wife is expecting their eighth child.

### Grade 5-6 action

The CYO fifth and sixth grade teams continue in tournament play. On Tuesday, Oct. 24, Sts. JAT were to face St. Vincent on the turf at Homestead Field and the undefeated Raiders from St. John, New Haven, will play the Cardinals at St. Charles for the semi finals. Their championship game will be played at 1 p.m. this Sunday before the 3 p.m. seventh and eighth grade game.

### Grade 5 season finishes for '06

It's just a game. Unless, perhaps, you are playing the Panthers from St. Vincent, then it becomes the game of your season. The fifth graders from Sts. JAT had the game of their season, this year when they beat St. Vincent.

Sources believe that the Panthers had not been beaten for the past five years. Game after game, season after season, CYO teams gear up to play St. Vincent, yet they have remained unbeaten and many times not scored upon. The Panthers have totally dominated CYO football at this level for this millennium. Until the Knights from Sts. JAT marched on to Miller Field and put the Panthers' long-standing winning streak to rest, once and for all.

They deflated the Panthers on their home grass in an incredible battle on Saturday, Oct. 14, by a score of 12-6. Coach Dan Morken gave much of the credit to his offensive line, "They have been the heart and soul of our offensive efforts all year." The Knights went on to beat a tough St. Jude team in the final game of their season last Saturday to finish with a perfect 7-0 record.



## ICCL football powers battle for championship

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The two Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) football regular season co-champs — the Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders and the St.



Anthony-St. Joseph Panthers — will battle it out this weekend at Marian High School Field in Mishawaka for the post season championship of the ICCL.

Both teams had to exert usual power to edge their foes in the semifinals. St. Anthony-St. Joseph defeated Holy Family 16-0, and Holy Cross edged Mishawaka

Catholic 12-0.

Pete Gillis and Sean Hart each plunged for touchdowns and Tyler Sorocco booted two conversions for the Panthers in their scrappy win. Holy Family was held at bay most of the tilt in the stirring defensive struggle.

Joey McCombs and Nick Matthews each tallied second half touchdowns for the Crusaders despite a stout defense set up by the Mishawaka Catholic Saints.

In the B-team tournament, Holy Cross downed Granger Catholic, 37-0; Holy family nipped St. Matthew, 6-0; and St. Anthony swamped Corpus Christi, 32-7.

The ICCL championship game will be played Sunday at 4 p.m. and feature Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders against the St. Anthony-St. Joseph Panthers.

## Cardegles reports cross-country results and award winners

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the final weeks of the Cardegle cross country season, the boys and girls both won a four-way meet at Jefferson Middle School. In a three-way meet at Memorial Park School, the boys beat Blackhawk and Memorial Park while the girls beat Memorial Park, but lost to Blackhawk. At the New Haven Classic, the boys finished second of 13 teams and the girls fifth of 14 teams. The boys were fourth and the girls seventh at the Carroll Invite.

And in the season finale, their own Cardegle Invitational, both teams finished an impressive first place overall. Individual champions were Andrew Eckrich and Jennie Colone. The Cardegles final season record for 2006 based on all teams ran against were 62 wins 17 losses for the boys and 62-24 for the girls.

The awards presented for the 2006 season were as follows:

- Top seven girls, from first place — Kate Kinley, Jennie Colone, Natalie Kocks, Karen Eckrich, Emma Satterthwaite, Melanie Venderley and Gabriel Ferro

- Top seven boys, from first place — Andrew Eckrich, Phil Schroeder, Billy McManus, Luke Offerle, Josh Underwood, Luke Miller and Jacob Malmstrom

- Most valuable runner award — Andrew Eckrich and Kate Kinley

- Most improved runner award — Luke Offerle and Natalie Kocks

- Mental attitude award — Billy McManus and Jennie Colone

- Cardegle award — Melanie Venderley

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# Our struggles, and the struggles of old, are not that different

REVIEWED BY YORK YOUNG

Tackling a guide to the doctors of the church may sound imposing. After all, there are 33 doctors of the church, most lived in the first millennium, and their magnificent contribution includes scriptural commentary, spiritual direction, moral theology, defense of heresy and more. Nevertheless, in our quest to lead a holy life, we should not be afraid of these great teachers of the faith. They often are much more accessible than we might think. But where to find their writings, especially that which can speak to us?

A recent book by Emmaus Road Publishing brings together words that provide spiritual guidance from seven of these doctors — Francis of Assisi, Bernard of Clairvaux, Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, John of the Cross, Catherine of Siena and Thérèse of Lisieux, the last of these the most modern and perhaps most spiritually focused — in “The Fulfillment of All Desire,” by Ralph Martin (\$16.95 paperback). Providing a capsule of each of these great saints would easily run us past the length of a normal review here. Suffice to say that there are more than a few gems from each of these saints in Martin’s book.

“The Fulfillment of All Desire” is an interesting title. Standing alone, it looks like a selfish clarion call of the modern age. However, when considered in its spiritual tone, it makes sense because that is the goal of all us aspiring saints. Reading about the trials and tribulations these saints went through on their path to holiness sounds very much like the struggles we go through today.

“What was venial sin they said was no sin at all, and what was serious mortal sin they said was venial. ...” That rationalization, which hints at the notion that sin is not that big a deal if we try to be good people, sounds

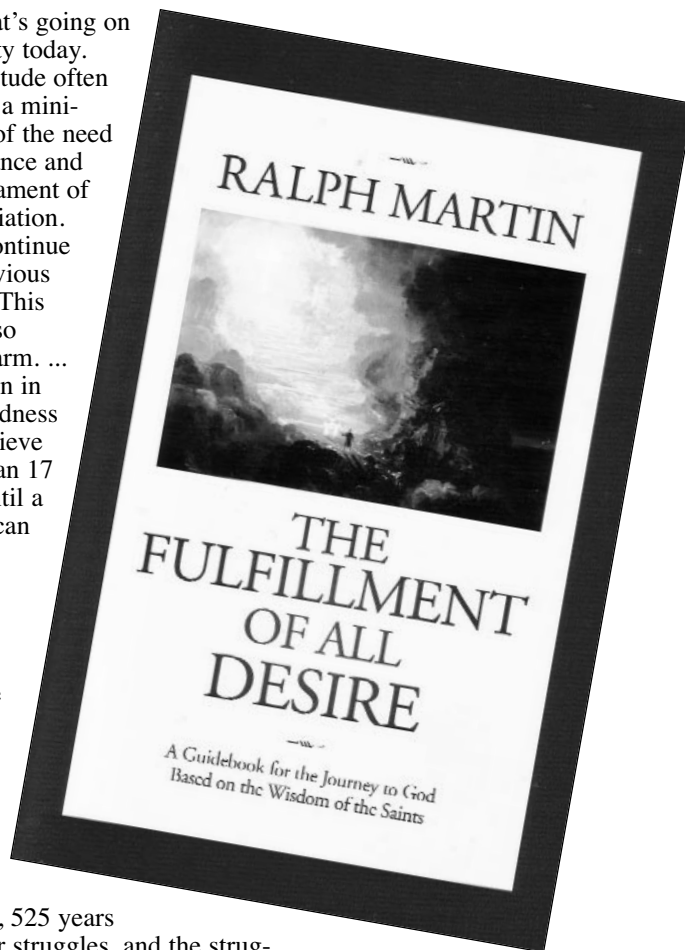
like what’s going on in society today. This attitude often leads to a minimizing of the need for penance and the sacrament of reconciliation.

To continue that previous quote: “This did me so much harm. ... I went on in this blindness for I believe more than 17 years until a Dominican father, a very learned man, enlightened me about many things.” That all comes from Teresa of Avila, 525 years ago. Our struggles, and the struggles of old, are not that different.

To be sure, much of the writing from these saints is challenging. Martin points out: “Certain teachings of the saints in this book will strike one as impossible, disturbing, unreasonable, imbalanced, unrealistic, or even untrue — very much like the response of many to some of the teachings of Jesus.” But that doesn’t mean we don’t need to hear it.

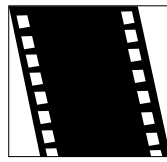
Martin’s explanation of how we need to approach the beginning of our transformation toward a more holy life comes across as fairly practical and as a call to taking a serious approach the quest for holiness, all while not laying on a lot of guilt. This is especially true if we approach this as, “Yes, I’m a sinner, and I’m ready to try harder at not sinning.”

As the 400-page book pro-



gresses, the quoted material became longer and sometimes harder to relate to. (Caveat: This may be an indication of where this reviewer is in his spiritual life and not an indication of a change in quality of the latter half of the book.) In addition, this would be a great book to have available to slowly — very slowly — thumb through, focusing intently on the spiritual advice proffered.

It’s nice to see a contemporary explanation on some of the most important writers in our church history. Hopefully, we can admit that we can learn from those who wrote centuries ago.



## MOVIE CAPSULES

The following are capsule reviews of movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. **“Flags of Our Fathers”**

(Paramount) Compelling World War II drama that tells the story behind the iconic photograph of six U.S. servicemen raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, recounting both the battle to capture the Pacific island from the Japanese and the home-front experiences of the three surviving flag-raisers (Jesse Bradford, Adam Beach and Ryan Phillippe) recruited into using their new celebrity to help sell war bonds and boost national morale. In adapting James Bradley (the son of one of the men in the photo) and Ron Powers’ book, director Clint Eastwood combines intense battle re-enactments — horrifying in their realism — with outstanding performances to explore themes of heroism and the power of images to exploit and inspire. Graphic images of combat violence and gore, as well as recurring rough and crude language and profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

**“Flicka” (20th Century Fox)**

Warmhearted story set in contemporary Wyoming about a strong-willed teen (Alison Lohman) who, defying her tough but loving dad (Tim McGraw), determines to tame a spirited wild mustang, ultimately bringing father and daughter closer together, even as the former contemplates selling the financially strapped family ranch. In adapting Mary O’Hara’s book, director Michael Mayer makes some changes but remains faithful in spirit, imparting a sentimental message about family bonds, youthful ambition, and the passing of the American

West. Minimal mildly crass expressions and some minor peril involving a marauding mountain lion which may upset very young viewers. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

**“Love’s Abiding Joy” (Fox)**

Fourth installment in the “Love Comes Softly” series where pioneer rancher couple (Erin Cottrell and Logan Bartholomew), circa 1885, cope with financial hardships and the sudden loss of their child. The villainous mayor (John Laughlin) makes the husband the sheriff but only to manipulate him for his dastardly purposes, while thwarting the budding romance between his own daughter (Mae Whitman) and the sheriff’s adopted son (Drew Tyler Bell). Michael Landon Jr. directs the leisurely tale capably; the production design, cinematography and musical score are assets, but the script and performances are bland and often anachronistically contemporary, while the faith elements, though admirable, are heavy-handed. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

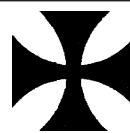
**“The Marine” (20th Century Fox)**

Empty action adventure about a Marine (wrestler John Cena) fresh from battle in the Middle East whose homecoming gets off to a rough start when he must track down the gang of cold-blooded felons (lead by Robert Patrick) who are holding his wife (Kelly Carlson) hostage. Director John Bonito piles on the explosions, chases and ammo rounds, all strung together with a B-movie script. Intense action violence, sexual situations, as well as some rough and crude language and profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is L — limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-1.



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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

**SAJES plan Thanksgiving feast**  
 South Bend — The SAJES of St. Matthew Cathedral will have a Thanksgiving gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral will be followed by a home cooked Amish meal at Mullet's in Nappanee. Reservations needed by Nov. 8. Cost is \$10 (includes meal, tax, tip and transportation). Call Sister Agnes Marie at (574) 289-9439 or (574) 259-5427.

**Shopping in Chicago supports Luers**  
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a bus trip to Chicago Saturday, Dec. 2, to benefit LuersKnight. Depart from Luers at 7 a.m. and return by 10 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. Coffee, juice and pastries served in the morning and soda, spirits and snacks served on the way back. Limited seating available by calling (260) 456-1261.

**Knights plan fish fry**  
 South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7 and shrimp for \$8 will be available.

**St. Joseph School plans benefit**  
 Monroeville — St. Joseph School will have a benefit auction and dinner dance Friday, Nov. 10, from 6-11 p.m. at Quixote Hills reception hall. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call (260) 623-2205 for information.

**Hannah's House seeks volunteers**  
 Mishawaka — Hannah's House will have a Holiday Happening dinner and auction Saturday, Dec. 2. Volunteers are needed to help solicit and organize donations, set-up and tear down the event. Call (574) 254-5309 for information.

**Turkey Trot Knight**  
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have "Turkey Trot Knight" Sunday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Columbia Street West. Tickets are \$20 and include hors d'oeuvres, snacks, draft beer, soft drinks and dancing to the Junk Yard Band. Purchase tickets by calling Bishop Luers at (260) 456-1261 or Bob and Laura Sweigert at (260) 484-5416. Must be 21 to attend. All proceeds will benefit LuersKnight and the athletic program.

**Luers announces open house to prospective students**  
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have an open house on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 2-4 p.m. Families are invited to tour the school, visit classrooms, meet teachers and students. Representatives will address financial aid and tuition issues, guidance programs and athletic activities.

**Mystery dinner theatre**  
 Fort Wayne — St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus will be having a Mystery Dinner Theater, Saturday, Nov. 11, in the parish hall. Dinner at 7 p.m. will be a choice of prime rib, cornish

hen or seafood pasta. At 8 p.m. Bower North Productions will present "Dead in the Water." Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact Darryl at (260) 637-2018. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Care Center.

**Spaghetti dinner served by eighth grade class**  
 South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua eighth graders are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat Papa Vito's spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. for carryout and 5 to 7:30 p.m. for dine-in. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students K-8 and available at the door. St. Anthony School is located at the corner of Jefferson and Ironwood.

**Chili supper, children's carnival and open house planned**  
 Monroeville — St. Rose Church will have a chili supper on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 4-7:30 p.m. A children's carnival and open house will be at the school from 4-6 p.m. Call (260) 623-3447 for information.

**DEVOTIONS**  
**Little Flower holy hour**  
 Fort Wayne — Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, Culver, will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:15 p.m.

**First Saturday devotions**  
 Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will hold devotions of reparation Saturday, Nov. 4 at St. Joseph Church, corner of Brooklyn and Hale. Confessions will be heard at 7:15 a.m., meditation at 7:30 a.m., and the rosary at 7:45 a.m. with Mass at 8 a.m. First Saturday devotions are also held at St. Patrick, Arcola; St. John the Baptist, New Haven; St. Rose, Monroeville.

## REST IN PEACE

<b>Decatur</b> David R. Kline, 77, St. Mary of the Assumption	Dorothy M. Leffers, 80, St. Vincent de Paul	Charles H. Shindollar, 75, St. Matthew Cathedral
<b>Elkhart</b> Maria Marquez, 89, St. Vincent de Paul	<b>Garrett</b> Franklin R. Cole, 90, St. Joseph	Donald J. Daniels, 81, St. Anthony de Padua
<b>Fort Wayne</b> Catherine P. Fischer, 74, St. Charles Borromeo	<b>Granger</b> Clement Michael Winde, St. Pius X	Florence B. Bella, 84, Holy Family
Thomas J. Kelly II, 83, St. Mary	<b>New Haven</b> George E. Gerardot, 87, St. Louis-Besancon	Eileen B. Sandeen, 92, Little Flower
Herman Patrick Klug, 86, St. Therese	<b>Plymouth</b> Harold Gantz, 94, St. Michael	Lucille W. Regan, 83, Holy Cross
Grace P. Kintz, 77, St. Vincent de Paul	<b>South Bend</b> Irene T. Zeithammer, 78, St. Joseph	Thomas M. Gillen, 81, St. Matthew Cathedral
David G. Aldin, 33, St. Therese	Wilmer A. Berndt, 83, St. Anthony de Padua	Thomas J. Bajdek, 58, St. Stanislaus
Helen E. Christen, 96, St. Peter	Jerome C. Borlik, 88, Holy Family	<b>Waterloo</b> Bernadette L. Schlink, 82, St. Michael the Archangel

**First Sunday rosary for families**  
 Fort Wayne — The first Sunday rosary for families will be Sunday, Nov. 5, at MacDougal Chapel from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. with Father Edward Fernando and Sister Jacinta attending. All are welcome.

**CRAFT BAZAARS**  
**Holiday bazaar**  
 Bristol — St. Mary Church will have a Holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served.

**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.

**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.



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		CHANNEL 33 - WISE 10:30 A.M.	CHANNEL 16 - WNDU 10:30 A.M.	
Nov. 5	31st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father Jim Shafer Elizabeth Ann Seton Fort Wayne	Father Michael Mathews, CSC Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus South Bend	
Nov. 12	32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father Cyril Fernandes St. Patrick Arcola/Fort Wayne	Father William Kummer St. Michael Plymouth	
Nov. 19	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father John Cramer St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne	Father Kevin Rousseau, CSC Old College Notre Dame	
Nov. 26	Christ the King	Father Adam Schmitt St. Joseph Fort Wayne	Father Robert Dowd, CSC Corby Hall Notre Dame	

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# A challenge to live like saints

BY MARY ANN WYAND

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — “We must live like saints.”

That spiritual advice from St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, was artistically displayed on a banner in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 22 as a reminder to people to strive for holiness in daily life.

Providence Sister Denise Wilkinson, general superior, echoed St. Mother Theodore's words in a reflection during the congregation's celebration of their Foundation Day on Oct. 22 and the canonization of their foundress by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 15 in Rome.

Mother Theodore and five other Sisters of Providence began the local congregation's history 166 years ago, Sister Denise explained during the Mass, after enduring three months of arduous travel from France to Indiana.

“Succeeding generations of Sisters of Providence have found enough good to do across the United States, in South America, Taiwan and China, and so followed in the footsteps of our foremothers,” she said. “It is this spirit — this legacy — we have celebrated each Oct. 22, our Foundation Day, since 1840.”

This year, she said, the Sisters of Providence “add a new, rich and complex pattern to our history as a congregation — the experience of the institutional church's official recognition of our foundress as a saint of God.”

During the weeks before the canonization Mass at the Vatican,



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**Jack Kelly, 8, of Indianapolis touches a relic of St. Mother Theodore Guérin following Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Oct. 22. Sisters of Providence, alumnae of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and other friends of the religious order gathered that Sunday to honor the 166th anniversary of the founding of the Indiana congregation and the Oct. 15 canonization of Mother Theodore in Rome.**

Sister Denise said, she was often asked what Mother Theodore's sainthood means to the people of Wabash Valley, the citizens of Indiana, non-Catholics, former students, friends of the sisters and members of the women's religious

order.

“They're good questions and deserve thoughtful conversation among all of us,” she said. “... I'd suggest you read or reread Mother Theodore's story. Ponder her observations about life,



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**Cars travel past a sign along a portion of U.S. highway 150 near St. Mary-of-the-Woods, which was renamed St. Mother Theodore Guerin, in honor of the state's first saint. Mother Theodore, who founded the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, was canonized Oct. 15 in Rome. According to the Sisters of Providence, Mother Theodore likely traveled a path similar to that of U.S. 150 on her way to this wooded region of Indiana by stagecoach in 1840.**

Providence, education, creation, women, the family, justice, prayer, the church (and) ministry.

“Then let's find ways to talk with one another, not only about this remarkable woman, but about our hopes and aspirations and deep-seated convictions about issues important to her,” she said. “Let our conversations be marked by respect for one another, a desire to be in community with one another.”

Sister Denise said when Gov. Mitch Daniels dedicated a portion of Highway 150 as “St. Mother Theodore Guérin Memorial Highway” on Oct. 10, he told her, “‘As you know, I have Mother Theodore's portrait hanging in my office. We converse with each other frequently — usually in the evening at the end of my day. I need to tell you that it is impossible to knowingly do anything wrong with her looking over my shoulder.’”

Challenging her sisters, the general superior asked them, “Will our love of God, love of one another and life of service with others look like that of Mother Theodore? ... What, sisters, must we say and do so that others see in us her unshakable trust in the Providence that never fails? ... Will we, as a congregation, so respect her deepest hopes for us that we do ‘lean with all our weight on Providence,’ and thus abandon ourselves totally to the demanding and loving mission of the God of Providence?”

The assembly in the packed church responded to Sister Denise's remarks with a standing ovation, and some of the sisters wiped away tears.

Before the liturgy, Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, the congregation's promoter of St. Theodore's cause, said returning home to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods after participating in the canonization felt like walking on holy ground.

“I really believe that this place is a sacred place,” Sister Marie Kevin said, “and made sacred by the wonderful work and the spirit of ... St. Mother Theodore.”

For many years, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods has been the home of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, she said, and now the motherhouse is also the shrine of St. Theodora.

“I hope that more and more people will discover the life and the spirit of St. Mother Theodore Guérin,” Sister Marie Kevin said, “and that other young women will have the same courage that she had in leaving her country, her home, her native land (and) her language to come to the wilds of Indiana to establish a congregation and a school.”

“I hope that many people will come here to deepen their own prayer life,” she said, “and their own understanding of their call from God — their relationship to God — and that God is calling all of us to sainthood.”

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States,” she said. “We have a long tradition of education, beginning with our foundress, St. Mother Theodore, who was decorated by the French government ... in France for her work in education there, and she brought that gift to America.”

Father Daniel Hopcus, chaplain of the congregation, celebrated the Mass and Father Bernard Head, a retired diocesan priest who formerly served as chaplain for the sisters, was the concelebrant.

After the Mass, Father Head said he feels a lot of gratitude for the years he served in ministry with the Sisters of Providence.

“This (canonization) is just the culmination of the wonderful gifts that they all have,” he said. “I feel very privileged to have been assigned here and to have worked with them for over 20 years.”

St. Theodora placed her trust in God's loving Providence, Father Head said, which sustained her throughout her life and led to her canonization.

“Providence was her whole life,” he said. “I think that people who need to be enriched spiritually, if they can turn themselves over to God like she did, that's a great lift for them and a great direction for their lives.”

Our Lady of Providence also “plays a great role in the lives of all the sisters along with St. Mother Theodore,” Father Head said. “I think Mary's trust in God, in her Son, is a pattern by which the sisters have tried to live. ... They're very lucky to have two great (spiritual) models like that.”

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