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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

The gift of vocation

Tony Steinacker ordained to priesthood



RACHEL WILSON

Father Tony Steinacker kneels before Bishop John M. D'Arcy moments after the prayer of ordination at his Oct. 28 ordination Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Father Steinacker's first assignment will be at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, where he has served as a deacon since June.

BY KAY COZAD AND DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — The nature of vocation came into crisp focus on Oct. 28 at the ordination of Anthony Paul Steinacker to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

"Praise and thanks to almighty God for the gift of this vocation to the priesthood," said the newly-ordained Father Steinacker in his remarks at the end of Mass.

After a decade of seminary work, many graces from God and the support of countless people along the way, Father Steinacker clearly had been gifted with the journey that was his vocation. And now that his calling has been realized with ordination, he will in turn make a gift of himself to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

In his opening statements at the Mass, Bishop John M. D'Arcy said that "The holy ordination of priest is a moment of love in Christ's heart for his church."

Bishop said regarding the priesthood, "It's a life of love or it's nothing. That love only grows through especially in the presence of the Eucharist." Praying for people in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, "that's what keeps priests humble."

The Mass was attended by a standing-room-only crowd of many St. Charles Borromeo and St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, parishioners, as well as around 60 priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including Msgr. William Faber, the senior priest of the diocese, whose ordination took place a little over 70 years prior to Father Steinacker's.

Betsy Ueber, of St. John the Baptist, Father Steinacker's home parish, said the ordination was a "beautiful ceremony from beginning to end," adding that "Tony has been like an adopted son since birth."

"For a vocation director, it's a great sense of fulfillment," said Father Bernie Galic, director of

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Serra Club hosts regional conference at Notre Dame

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Over 300 members of Serra International, whose mission is to promote religious life and priesthood, came from eight states to meet the last weekend of October on the campuses of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame. Sponsored by Regions 6 and 7 of the United States Council, the theme of the meeting was "Thirsting for Knowledge, Truth, Charity and Christ."

The conference began with a Mass at Saint Mary's in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. In his homily, Father Daniel Scheidt said that it was appropriate to celebrate the Eucharist there because legend has it that angels moved to the village of Loretto in Italy to the house where Mary said yes to her vocation to be the mother of Jesus.

Dick Dornbos, one of the conference

coordinators, in his remarks at the dinner following the Mass, spoke of the great faith it took to make the conference happen. He said that the primary motivation of the Serrans to promote priesthood and religious life is their love of the Eucharist. "Without priests there would be no Mass and no Eucharist," he said.

Saturday began with Mass again in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. Bishop Alexander King Sample, newly appointed bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan, was the celebrant. He said it was providential that they gathered on the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude. "The church is the instrument of evangelization and the successors of the apostles have a special role," he said. "We each have a role and a place in the body of Christ, and no one is least important, but some have a spe-

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BISHOP DWENGER GIRLS TAKE SOCCER TITLE



PROVIDED BY LIZ DELANEY

For the second straight year, the Bishop Dwenger High School girls soccer team took the state title. An assembly honoring the team has been scheduled Nov. 3 at 12:15 p.m. More news next week.

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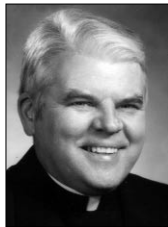
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Ordination of a priest is an act of love for the church



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Ordination of a new priest

There are few things more significant for a diocese or, indeed, for the soul of a bishop than the ordination of a priest. As the time I have been your bishop grows longer, and the time remaining ever shorter, the significance of an ordination and the privilege of conferring this sacrament grows ever more profound in my soul. It is a grace and a gift, which no man deserves, to lay the hands of ordination upon someone who, please God, will be celebrating Mass and preaching, teaching and being "a good shepherd after the heart of Christ" long after I have gone to God.

This is one of the reasons I always try to do what I can to see that a large number of people are present at the ordination. When there is just one being ordained, that is not easy. However, this year, as a year ago, we had the help of an exemplary pastor and parish. Msgr. John Suelzer, through a strong effort, turned out a large crowd from St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, where our newly-ordained Anthony Steinacker had served as a deacon.

I believe it was the largest crowd I have seen at the cathedral, with two exceptions. One was the Mass celebrated on All Saints Day by Cardinal Arinze, who celebrated Mass on the feast of All Saints while visiting the University of Notre Dame. Also, the dedication and re-consecration of the cathedral in 1998 after its restoration drew a very large crowd on a cold winter evening on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of our diocese.

At this ordination, they were standing four or five deep, and some people stood for the entire ordination.

The ordination ceremony was carried out with great dignity. An ordination is like a great catechetical lesson on the nature of the church, on the priesthood. The center of it is the imposition of hands by the bishop. It calls to mind the words of the Scripture in Paul's letter to Timothy, "Do not lay hands lightly on any man." And, in another place to Timothy himself, "Stir up the grace that is in you by the laying on of my hands."

Then there is the laying of hands in silence by the priests signifying the spirit of communion, which must be preserved among them with each other and with the bishop. The words of instruction, which go back centuries, "Pay attention to the concerns of Christ and not your own." "Understand what you are doing, imitate what you handle and model your life on the Lord's cross." The prostration of the young man on the floor of the cathedral showed

that he was making a complete gift of himself to Christ and that he must never take it back.

There were around 60 priests present, including the vice-rector of the Pontifical Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, Father Patrick Manning. How wonderful to see Msgr. William Faber, ordained 70 years, along with the other priests, imposing hands on Anthony Steinacker. It was also joyful that other young men who are preparing for the priesthood joined us for this service and took part in the ceremony; 18 in all, and six of them from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne. A joyful day. We can never thank God enough for it.

An act of love

That is what it is. An act of love, not primarily for the young man being ordained, but for the church. Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the church, makes it possible for another man to celebrate the Eucharist, preach the word of God, confer the sacraments and live his

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life as a shepherd for the people.

Let everyone pray every day that more young men of good quality offer themselves to the priesthood in our diocese, and more young men and women to the consecrated life.

A night at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne

I hustled over to St. Jude's for a penance service. This was the parish mission conducted in consultation with our Office of Spiritual Development. I joined a number of priests for dinner, and was privileged to join them also in conferring the sacrament of penance. It is in these times when they make themselves available, quietly, for this splendid sacrament that our people are most grateful to our priests.

Important meetings

There are a lot of meetings when you are bishop, and the most central thing is to see that, to the extent possible, they are about important matters. What is more important than our young people? This week, Cindy Black, our new director of youth ministry, joined our Council of Priests to lay out for them what she is proposing for our diocese. Her program is built on a number of things. She laid out the four pillars, which are central.

1. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist,
2. The importance of catechesis and

instruction for young people,

3. A sense of communion and closeness with one another, and

4. Elements of service to those in need.

Cindy also placed great emphasis on something she has already begun; namely, the training of laity in a parish. She has been in touch with about 15 parishes. Many are calling for her assistance. She knows the real desire and hunger on the part of laity for formation and assistance.

Cindy is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and will try to bring many of the core elements of that program to our entire diocese. She has a master's degree in communications from IPFW and is also well-launched on a master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame under the program sponsored by our Office of Catechesis, and funded by Our Sunday Visitor Institute. She is eager to see that the young people who meet in parishes receive the message of Christ. Our priests were impressed and offered their advice from their pastoral experience.

Good news in our high schools

Congratulations to Bishop Dwenger High School and Saint Joseph's High School, who were named two of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the country by the Catholic High School Honor Roll.

Congratulations also to St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, for being named a Blue Ribbon School, one of only 14 in the state of Indiana.

Speaking of high schools, congratulations to Bishop Dwenger Girls Soccer Team for winning the State championship.

Sports report

The World Series is over, and the Detroit Tigers pitchers could not play that portion so prominent in the National League game of fielding bunts and throwing to the proper base and getting an out. Time now for the annual presentation of the elegy of A. Bartlett Giamatti, distinguished scholar and former president of Yale.

"It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone. You count on it, rely on it to buffer the passage of time, to keep the memory of sunshine and high skies alive, and then just when the days are all twilight, when you need it most, it stops."

— "A Great and Glorious Game," A. Giamatti

Ah, but we know that the fall also has its blessings, and so does winter, which brings Advent and Christmas, and then Lent and Easter. To be a baseball fan is wonderful. To be a believer in Jesus Christ is to believe in a life to come, to know that the cold rains of our life turn to sunshine, darkness to light, and goodness will eventually overcome evil.

See you all next week.

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vocations for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. "I often say that I feel like a woman giving birth, only I carry the seminarians for nine years instead of nine months."

Martin Wheeler and wife Melissa carried their young daughter to witness the ordination. Wheeler, himself a former seminarian, said of the new Father Steinacker, "He's truly a gentleman. He's always friendly and open." Melissa added "I was excited to come. It was great to see the crowd in the aisles. There were so many people." A teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School, Melissa says the students have quite an affinity for Father Steinacker, who visits the school on a regular basis. "He's a lovely man," she says.

St. Charles parishioners Anna Martinez and Cynthia Hope felt that Father Steinacker's ordination was "cool." Martinez, a student at Snider High School, said, "Father Tony is pretty nice. The ordination was cool." Hope, Bishop Dwenger student agreed, saying, "Yeah, I'd never seen anything like this. It was really cool." They both are happy to have the newly ordained priest in the diocese.

Seminarian Jake Runyon believes the new priest is a great blessing to the church. "I've known Tony for five years. This is a wonderful day," he says. "He has helped me a lot and I am so proud of him. It's great."

"He's been a tremendous prayerful influence in all our lives in the seminary," said seminarian Kevin Bauman. "He's the most detailed person — that I really know. ... He's just a thoughtful, goodhearted man."

Deacon Bob Lengerich said, "It's been an honor to be in the seminary with Tony all of these years, and it was an honor to be the deacon to call him forth to ordination. But the greatest honor is going to be to serve as a priest — God and bishop willing — in this diocese for many years."

Father Steinacker's dad, Jim, said wistfully, "It's the most beautiful day of my life."

Father Steinacker's uncle, Father Adam Schmitt said it was a happy day for Tony, the family, church and of course, himself.

Mary Steinacker, Father Tony's mom, said simply, "Wonderful!" It was a doubly special day for her as she celebrated her son's ordination as well as her birthday. She was all smiles when, at the reception those in attendance sang "happy birthday" to her.

The joy of the day was evident on the face of the newly-ordained priest as he arrived at the reception in the Grand Wayne Center following the ordination. When asked how he felt, Father Steinacker replied, "Extremely joyful! It's been very humbling. I just thank God for this beautiful day."

Mass of thanksgiving

Father Steinacker's Mass of thanksgiving was held at St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne on Oct. 29.

Father Steinacker is a lifelong parishioner of St. John the Baptist and the first priestly vocation since Father William Sullivan who was ordained in 1972, recounted St. John the Baptist pastor Father Daryl Rybicki. But the parish has a strong tradition of producing religious and priestly vocations. Some of the parish's former pastors, many who made an impact on Father Steinacker, were also present for the Mass of thanks-

giving.

The parish was quick to embrace their native son and welcome him to priesthood with a packed church and a reception following the Mass.

Father Dave Ruppert, associate pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, and who was ordained last year, delivered the homily.

Father Dave began by recounting a recent event where a young child in the grocery store asked him, "Are you Jesus' friend?" Father Ruppert said "Yes" and asked the same of the 3- or 4-year-old child. Father Ruppert said being a priest is as simple as that. Father Steinacker is now commissioned to tell others that God loves them and to teach them how to be a friend to Jesus through the Mass and sacraments.

Father Ruppert reminded those in attendance that through baptism all are called to be priest, prophet and king to others. He suggested that we might do that by reflecting on our past, looking to the ways in which we encounter Jesus, and finally by looking at our lives today and the many blessings God has bestowed on us. For example, Father Ruppert lightheartedly suggested that Father Steinacker went from squeezing produce in the grocery, where he formerly worked, to discerning in the seminary and now giving and receiving hugs from those he serves.

On a more serious note, Father Ruppert reminded Father Steinacker that he is Christ to others as an ordained priest and challenged him to bring all of God's children to God by meeting them on their path in life and guiding them to God through his words and actions.

Deb Wagner contributed to this story.

Today's Catholic conducts digital subscription survey

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — *Today's Catholic* newspaper, the official publication of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is conducting a pilot study to explore digital distribution of the newspaper.

Digital distribution involves producing a PDF (portable document format) that is delivered through e-mail rather than mailed. The e-mailed version looks exactly as the printed mailed copy, but offers a few perks.

All the Web site and e-mail addresses within the document are hyper linked. This means, for example, if a reader would like to sign up for a seminar whose promotion appears in *Today's Catholic*, the reader would simply click on the e-mail address and sign up. The same applies to the advertisements. If a Web site is listed, such as www.diocesefwsb.org, a click on the line will lead the reader directly to the Web site for instant purchase, instant signup, etc.

One reader in Michigan contacted *Today's Catholic* with a grievance that the newspaper was arriving a week late to his home and wanted to participate in the study. With the receipt of the first digital version, he reported that he was very pleased with the delivery and the hyper linked Web addresses and e-mails.

Another pilot study participant receives the digital version in Iraq, where he serves in the U.S. military. Instead of waiting a week or longer to receive the paper, he receives the digital version before most receive it in the mail.

Another positive of the digital version is readers can adjust the size of the print to their satisfaction on their computer screens.

For those who receive the newsprint version, there are no plans to stop producing the hard-copy edition.

The pilot study began in cooperation with the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry. About 10 people are participating and the results have



Digital versions of *Today's Catholic* look the same as the newsprint version but have more flexibility for viewing.

been favorable among the group. And a few adults over 40 also participated with very favorable comments. A recent announcement in *Today's Catholic* added more people to the survey, but at least 100 participants are needed.

If subscribers to the print version would like to participate in the survey, they will receive the digital version as well as the printed mailed version. *Today's Catholic* also encourages non-subscribers, young people, people who live outside of the diocese, to sign up. On occasion, the newspaper will ask for feedback from pilot study participants. Participants must have a high-speed Internet connection. Most files are 3 to 5 MB in size.

The Catholic Press Association, which serves more than 750 Catholic publications, is also very interested in the pilot study results. Digital delivery, as well as the new podcast, are exciting new realms of evangelizing to all ages, and the *Today's Catholic* staff is excited about the opportunities offered through these technologies.

The survey will continue through January 2007. At that point, there will be a subscription fee to receive the digital version.

To be a part of the pilot study, contact Francie Hogan at fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org or visit the Web site for information at www.diocesefwsb.org



RACHEL WILSON

Father Adam Schmitt lays hands on Father Tony Steinacker during Father Steinacker's ordination Mass on Oct. 28. Father Schmitt is Father Steinacker's uncle and first suggested that he look into the priesthood over ten years ago.

Upcoming bishops' meeting at a glance

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A quick glance at the main items the U.S. Catholic bishops will have on their agenda when they meet in Baltimore Nov. 13-16:

- Concelebrated Mass Nov. 12 at the nation's first Catholic cathedral, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, marking the 200th anniversary of its dedication.
- Statement on "Married Love and the Gift of Life," reaffirming church teaching against contraception.
- Statement on receiving the Eucharist worthily.
- Statement on pastoral ministry to those with a homosexual inclination.

- "Directory for Music and the Liturgy."
- Reorganization of committees of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- 2007 USCCB budget.
- Reduced 2008 diocesan assessments for USCCB operations.
- Strategic plans and priorities for USCCB for 2008-2011.
- Revision of some Advent readings in the Lectionary for Mass.
- Release of \$335,000 for next phases of national study on causes and context of clergy sexual abuse of minors.
- Election of USCCB secretary and several committee chairmen-elect.

Mother Teresa helps physician find love and compassion

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — A successful career in medicine, wealth and prestige, a loving wife and daughter — that must be a recipe for success, right? Wrong.

Cardiologist Paul Wright discovered the way to achieve true fulfillment when he traveled from Youngstown, Ohio, to Tijuana, Mexico and began a five-year friendship with none other than Mother Teresa.

Dr. Wright, a 1972 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, returned to campus Oct. 26 and told students the story of his spiritual quest, and how Mother Teresa "cured" a man whose profession usually had him working to cure others.

The Steubenville, Ohio, native explained how in 1992, despite his success as a cardiologist, he was feeling a void in his life. Dr. Wright, then 40, said he tried to fill that void with more power and prestige, but all that did was bring on more stress.

"As a physician, I had no prescription for my own unhappiness," he said.

So Dr. Wright did what few of us would ever actually do; he found a way to meet with Mother Teresa in person to find the answers to his questions. Dr. Wright recalled his conversation with the sister who answered the phone at the Tijuana homeless shelter where Mother Teresa was recuperating from recent heart problems.

"I used the magic word," said Dr. Wright. "When I asked if I might come talk to Mother Teresa, I also explained that I was suffering and needed help." Unknown at

the time to Dr. Wright, he had hit upon the main tenet of Mother Teresa's order, the Missionaries of Charity: to alleviate the suffering of others. Despite Mother Teresa's poor health, Dr. Wright's request to visit was granted.

"With all my heart, I wanted to know what a perfect human being looked like," recalled Dr. Wright of that first visit with Mother Teresa. "I wanted to touch the hands of a woman so close to God. Then I asked the question that had been burning in my heart for so long: Could she tell me how Jesus would judge me at the moment of my death?"

Mother Teresa smiled and explained that the answer to the doctor's question was the very foundation and purpose of her Missionaries of Charity.

"She opened the Bible to Matthew, chapter 25," said Dr. Wright. "At the time, I didn't know Matthew from John from Frank."

Mother Teresa summed up the point of the verse as she took the doctor's hand. "Jesus said whatever you do for the least of our brothers and sisters," she touched each of his fingers with each word, "you ... do ... it ... to ... me."

Mother Teresa told Dr. Wright that God will judge all of us on how we loved and how much compassion we had for our brothers and sisters.

Dr. Wright called this moment his epiphany. He realized it was his responsibility to do whatever he could to alleviate the suffering of others, to be a compassionate physician.

Change did not happen overnight. Upon returning home four weeks later, Dr. Wright did



DIANE FREEBY

Dr. Paul Wright, a cardiologist from Ohio and a University of Notre Dame graduate, met Mother Teresa and gained a new perspective on his life and career after talking with her. Mother Teresa told Dr. Wright that God will judge all of us on how we loved and how much compassion we had for our brothers and sisters.

have a clear purpose of life, yet that sense of inner peace and happiness continued to elude him. He knew it would take work and he began by scrapping his plans to build a mansion. Instead, the doctor made modifications to his family's modest ranch home.

Dr. Wright also began a program that provided clothing donated to the poor in all parts of the world. He also modified his medical profession, not cutting back on the hours but by cutting out the

things that got in the way of his mission. Dr. Wright also realized he didn't always have to be in a church to be conversing with God.

"When I spend four hours seeing patients in my office," said Dr. Wright, "and I do it trying to alleviate their suffering, that work is prayer."

In addition, he also established several medical programs in his area designed specifically to help the poor and the underserved. Dr. Wright stressed the idea of com-

munity to the students in attendance at his talk.

"When you go out as professionals," he advised them, "be careful about the people and groups you're joining. Your life can become very complex and unfulfilling if you choose poorly."

He also urged students to assess their own God-given talents when choosing a profession. "Focus on a career that you enjoy, and that allows you to serve others."

Meanwhile, Dr. Wright's friendship with Mother Teresa continued to grow. He not only found ways to ship donated clothing to Tijuana and Calcutta, but he became her personal physician whenever Mother Teresa visited the U.S. As he monitored and helped treat the tiny nun, she continued to treat him spiritually as well. When Dr. Wright asked her how he could become a better physician, she gave him an answer he would remember forever.

"Don't ever forget who it is you are touching," she told him. Dr. Wright realized at that moment she meant God within humanity.

According to Dr. Wright, true wisdom is seeking (and finding) a purpose in life. He repeated the words Mother Teresa told him as he experienced his own search.

"If it's not for Christ, it's not worth doing."

Dr. Wright was awarded the Catholic Bishop's Voice of Hope Award in 2003, an award bestowed upon an individual who reveals excellence, creativity and leadership in charity and justice. The following year, the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association awarded him the Thomas A. Dooley Award.

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cial vocation." He pointed out that the work of the Serrans to promote these vocations is essential to the mission of the church.

The bishop commented on the need for role models in promoting religious and priestly vocations and said how much it pleased him to celebrate Mass in the church of the Sisters of the Holy Cross who taught him in elementary and high school in Las Vegas, Nev.

The first keynote speaker for the day was Charles E. Rice, J.D., professor emeritus of the Law School at the University of Notre Dame, who spoke of the importance of being grounded in our faith.

A panel discussed, "Everyone

has a Vocation — a Gift from God." Panelists included Sister Mary Ellen Johnson, CSC, Bishop Sample, Father Kevin Huber and Lisa and Fred Everett who spoke of their own vocations and answered questions from the audience. In his remarks, Bishop Sample recalled that one time, before he was a bishop, he gave a homily on vocations and a parishioner told him it was the best she had ever heard.

He responded that he thought her son, an altar boy, showed some of the gifts needed, and she said, "He has too much going for him."

He asked those in attendance to think about whether they would be willing to give a child to God. It is a contradiction to be a Serran and not support one's own children and grandchildren.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, was to be the second keynote speaker but was unable to

attend. In his place, five Franciscan friar novices told their vocation stories.

The next speaker was Dr. Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza Business School, whose son, Jason Barkas, a freshman at the University of Notre Dame, talked about vocations from a young person's point of view.

According to Jason, lots of kids think priesthood and religious life is "a great life but not for me. The idea is not even on their radar screen."

He went on to say that parents do not promote priest and religious as role models. Also, young people define their lives in terms of rules, what they have to give up, rather than seeing how freeing it can be.

He attributes his own openness to a priestly or religious vocation to Father Dan Scheidt who had a monthly discussion group about vocations at Marian High School



DICK WROBLEWSKI

Bishop Alexander King Sample, the youngest bishop in the U.S. and bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, Mich., was the celebrant of a Mass at the Church of Loretto on Oct. 28 during the Serra regional meeting held at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame.

where he was a student. "He makes it exciting. Something you can picture yourself doing."

Awards were given to several Serrans at a dinner that evening. The group also mentioned and prayed for those members who had died during the past year as well as the number of years each had

served. It came to thousands of years of dedication.

The conference concluded the next day with Mass at the Basilica at the University of Notre Dame. After concluding remarks and the recitation of the rosary at the grotto, members left with renewed energy to continue their mission.

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St. Adalbert celebrates being named Magnificat School

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — The University of Notre Dame and St. Adalbert Catholic School in South Bend have formed a five-year alliance.

St. Adalbert, named a Notre Dame Magnificat School, will be assured resources from Notre Dame to increase enrollment, student achievement and decrease faculty turnover, according to Aaron Wall, assistant director for ACE Educational Outreach at Notre Dame.

Currently, St. Adalbert serves 155 pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students, who are taught by 12 teachers.

"The Magnificat program uses current resources of a Catholic university to keep at-risk Catholic schools open," Wall said.

The primary resource Notre Dame is offering, according to Jeny Sejdinaj, principal at St. Adalbert School, is in the form of an instructional coach, Nancy Masters.

Masters, who is a teacher in residence at Notre Dame, will be putting in 20 hours each week with teachers at St. Adalbert. She will observe classes and they will observe her teaching style, while she helps set professional development goals for them.

Sejdinaj said teachers' time with Masters will not be evaluative; rather the goal is to develop individualized professional development plans for each of them.

Notre Dame will also provide St. Adalbert with \$45,000 over the next five years, with \$20,000 coming to the school this first year, Sejdinaj explained.

That money, she said, will be used to improve technology at the school. The rest of the money will be used after teachers and administrators meet to assess the school's needs.

Furthermore, said Sejdinaj, staff from Notre Dame will meet with St. Adalbert staff and school board members to discuss how the board can be more effective, increase the school's Catholic identity, coaching for middle school morality and ethical development programs.

"If you look at the big picture, this will help us to become more attractive, and that will help bring in more students," Sejdinaj said. "And if the teachers are supported they'll be happier."

According to Wall, the Magnificat program is an outreach of the ACE program, or Alliance for Catholic Education, at Notre Dame. ACE is a two-year service program that allows college graduates to teach full-time at Catholic schools. In return, students of the

ACE program receive a tuition-free master's in education degree from Notre Dame.

Magnificat schools must have an ACE-trained principal, like Sejdinaj, and have a number of ACE-trained teachers, said Wall.

John Gensic, an ACE-trained teacher who is teaching at St. Adalbert, said the Magnificat program is significant because more resources will be going toward schools that can be rebuilt for faculty and students.

"Students will receive an education from teachers who will be

learning at the same time," said Gensic, who fills a number of roles at the school including seventh-grade home room teacher, middle school science and math teacher, and boys physical education and health teacher.

Holy Cross Father Chris Cox, pastor at St. Adalbert Catholic Parish, said he's thrilled with the partnership.

"It gives us the opportunity to take the resources of a great Catholic university to help an inner-city school," Cox said.

And parishioners are just as

happy about the partnership.

"I think it's wonderful," said Irene Rybicki, a parishioner at St. Adalbert. "I think it will improve the school."

Karen Sikorski, a 1969 graduate of St. Adalbert School and a 1977 graduate of Notre Dame, said having the support of the university is a valuable resource.

"Notre Dame is so important to the community, and having them support us is really an encouragement," said Sikorski.



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Dionte Alexander, left, a sixth grader at St. Adalbert Catholic School in South Bend, thinks about how much money he'd like to make in the future. He was asked by former Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps, who told Dionte he could make more money as a college graduate than not. Phelps was keynote speaker at a reception Sunday announcing St. Adalbert School as a Notre Dame Magnificat School.



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Mexican cardinal calls fence along U.S.-Mexican border shortsighted

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Building a fence along the U.S.-Mexican border is a shortsighted move that may hurt the U.S. economy and shows a serious lack of respect for the dignity of Mexican workers, said a Vatican official. "This wall, together with the fact that this border is patrolled by thousands of armed men ready to shoot on sight those who try to cross it, certainly is not respectful of the dignity of the human person," said Mexican Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan. The cardinal, president of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry, spoke about the fence in an Oct. 29 interview with *Avvenire*, the Italian Catholic daily newspaper. President George W. Bush signed a bill Oct. 26 authorizing construction of the fence along a total of 700 miles of the U.S.-Mexican border. Cardinal Lozano told *Avvenire* the bill's passage and signing were a sign of a "lack of intelligence" in U.S. efforts to find solutions to its border problems as well as a lack of political courage to take a moral stand just before the November elections.

Commission looks for balance in English liturgical translations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Work on a new English translation of the Mass continues to seek a balance between a highly formal prayer language and preserving liturgical phrases that have become part of an English speaker's prayer tradition, said Australian Cardinal George Pell of Sydney. Cardinal Pell chairs the Vox Clara Commission, an international group of bishops who advise the Vatican on English liturgical translations. Vox Clara met Oct. 23-26 at the Vatican to study translations developed by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. Describing many of the texts as "outstanding," Vox Clara members also said they gave the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments an "extensive commentary on certain problems" found in the translations. Cardinal Pell told Catholic News Service Oct. 27: "It is important to be clear that they are small problems. They are not major problems at all."

Advocates demand better pay, conditions for U.S. farmworkers

ROMEVILLE, III. (CNS) — Consumers should pay more attention to the origins of the food they purchase, said the executive director of the St. Louis-based National Farm Worker Ministry. "I think for the average consumer it's really easy to forget. Out of sight, out of mind. It's easy not to pay attention" to how food gets to the consumer, Virginia Nesmith said in a telephone interview with the *Catholic Explorer*, newspaper of the Joliet Diocese. Nesmith said it is essential that consumers remember the estimated 2.5 mil-

DETROIT CARDINAL GREETES BISHOP-DESIGNATE FLORES



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Cardinal Adam J. Maida of Detroit greets Bishop-designate Daniel E. Flores in the chapel at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Oct. 28. Bishop-designate Flores, 45, is to be ordained a bishop Nov. 29 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. He will be the first Hispanic bishop to serve in the Detroit Archdiocese and the youngest bishop in the country.

lion farmworkers in the nation who harvest by hand about 85 percent of fruits and vegetables. She said a farmworker's annual wages range between \$10,000 and \$12,000, barely above the federal government's poverty level of \$9,800 for an individual. Farmworkers who get paid per bushel get no reimbursement for sick days, a rainy day or a bad crop.

Pope says Christians must heal divisions to be sign of hope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians have a responsibility to heal their divisions so that they can be a real sign of hope for the world, Pope Benedict XVI said. "Those who profess that Jesus Christ is lord are tragically divided and cannot always give a consistent common witness," the pope said during an Oct. 27 meeting with representatives of the world's major Christian communities. The Conference of Secretaries of Christian World Communions held its annual meeting in Rome. Since 1957, the conference has brought together top officials of the international offices of 18 Christian churches and denominations for informal discussions. The secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity has represented the Vatican at the meetings, which also include representatives of the Anglican Communion, mainline Protestant federations, the Salvation Army, Orthodox churches, Seventh-Day Adventists, Mennonites and others.

Metropolitan: Negative view of 'uniatism' not to be applied to people

MOSCOW (CNS) — A Russian Orthodox leader said Orthodox feelings about Eastern Catholic churches should not be applied to Eastern Catholics. "We should distinguish between the attitude to people and the attitude to the principle of 'uniatism,'" said Metropolitan Kirill, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations. "The negative attitude to 'uniatism' cannot be applied to people." "Uniatism" is a term primarily used by Orthodox for the model of church unity used in the formation of the Eastern Catholic churches in recent centuries. "The idea of overcoming the 11th-century schism between Orthodox and Catholic churches is an excellent one. But to restore unity with Rome, our own unity was broken," said Metropolitan Kirill, whose speech was carried Oct. 19 by Russia's Interfax news agency. "The existence of 'uniate' churches and communities is a fact that has to be accepted," he said.

Lay ministers may not cleanse Communion vessels, Pope Benedict says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — At the direction of Pope Benedict XVI, extraordinary ministers of holy Communion will no longer be permitted to assist in the purification of the sacred vessels at Masses in the United States. In an Oct. 23 letter, Bishop William S. Skylstad,

president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, asked his fellow bishops to inform all pastors of the change, which was prompted by a letter from Cardinal Francis Arinze, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The U.S. bishops had asked the Vatican to extend an indult — or church permission — in effect since 2002 allowing extraordinary ministers of holy Communion to help cleanse the Communion cups and plates when there were not enough priests or deacons to do so. Bishop Skylstad, who heads the Diocese of Spokane, Wash., said Cardinal Arinze asked Pope Benedict about the matter during a June 9 audience, "and received a response in the negative."

Synod council hopes to have preparatory document ready by January

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although the next world Synod of Bishops meeting is two years away, an international group of cardinals and bishops hopes to have its preparatory document ready by the end of January. In early October, the Vatican announced that Pope Benedict XVI had set the synod for Oct. 5-26, 2008, and had chosen the theme, "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." Members of the synod council, who are either elected by their brother bishops or appointed by the pope, met Oct. 10-11 at the Vatican to begin preparing for the 2008 meeting. They came up with a general plan for the "lineamenta," or outline, and questionnaire

that will be sent to bishops' conferences throughout the world for comment. The responses will be used to draft the synod's working document. An Oct. 24 Vatican statement said council members urged special attention to "the word of God in liturgy, in preaching, in catechesis, in theology, spirituality," public and private meditation, inculturation and ecumenism.

Cardinal Keeler discusses accident that took life of his friend

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore said he believes his longtime friend who was killed in an automobile accident in Italy had a premonition about his own mortality and was ready to be with the Lord. The 75-year-old cardinal made the comments during an Oct. 23 press conference, his first public appearance to specifically address the automobile accident in which his right ankle was broken and one of his traveling companions, Father Bernard Quinn, was killed. The driver of the car, Msgr. Thomas H. Smith, 75, broke several ribs in the Oct. 7 accident. Another vehicle struck the passenger side of the car in which the three vacationing American clerics were riding. Father Quinn, 78, mentioned at least four times during their trip to Italy that he was prepared to go to the Lord, Cardinal Keeler said at the press conference. "I found it strange, because we were having such a wonderful time," the cardinal said. "He must have had a premonition of it. He was ready. That gives us an enormous amount of consolation."

Catholic Workers urge bishops to demand new military law be rescinded

PANORA, Iowa (CNS) — At the first national Catholic Worker gathering to be held in 10 years, participants issued a statement urging the U.S. bishops "to demand the eradication of the Military Commissions Act," a new law governing how the United States detains and treats "alien unlawful combatants." "We Catholic Workers are outraged at the recent passage of the Military Commissions Act, which subjects noncitizens, including legal residents of the U.S. and foreign citizens living in their own countries, to summary arrest and indefinite detention with no hope of appeal," said the statement drafted by representatives of more than 50 Catholic Worker houses and more than 300 Catholic Workers and friends meeting in Panora Oct. 19-22. "The act allows abusive interrogation methods which clearly violate the Geneva Conventions, strips prisoners of habeas corpus rights and provides immunity to the torturers," it said. The Military Commissions Act of 2006 was signed into law by President George W. Bush Oct. 17.

St. Vincent de Paul Society to celebrate 60th anniversary

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Fort Wayne will celebrate its 60th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 11, with an open house at the thrift store, located at 1600 South Calhoun St. From 9 to 11 a.m. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. From 11 to 1 p.m., hot dogs will be served.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society seeks out the needy to bring Christ to them in human form. The first store opened in 1946 with additions added in 1950, 1971 and 2001.

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation established locally

SOUTH BEND — Every woman should have the opportunity to prevent and to treat breast cancer.

Based on that belief, members of Junior League and RiverBend Cancer Services joined together to bring the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to Northern Indiana.

The newly-formed Komen Northern Indiana Affiliate will cover a 27-county area spanning the entire upper third of the state. The purpose of the local organization is to increase awareness of breast cancer and the importance of breast health and to educate the public on the services that are currently available.

"In addition, Komen will generate funds that will be used locally," said Nancy R. Hellyer, president of the newly created Komen Board and CEO and president of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. "Through a grant process, we will distribute funds to organizations in Northern Indiana that work to prevent the incidence of breast cancer."

The Komen Affiliate and Board will work to ensure local women are aware of close-to-home breast health services. The affiliate will be able to provide grants to organizations that provide direct services, including mammograms, clinical breast exams, proper diagnosis and, if necessary, treatment.

The Komen Northern Indiana Affiliate office is located at 610 N. Michigan, Suite 108, South Bend, and can be reached at (574) 289-9828. For more information on the Komen Foundation, visit the Web site at www.komen.org.

Write a will, a guide to leaving a legacy workshops set

FORT WAYNE — Two workshops in Fort Wayne will bring in volunteer attorneys to assist participants in writing a will and how to include a charitable bequest in the will.

The first workshop is slated Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Bass Mansion on the campus of the University of Saint Francis.

The other is slated at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne on Nov. 6-10 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

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Saint Mary's College Music Department presents choral concert

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Department of Music presents its annual Fall Choral Concert featuring the Saint Mary's Women's Choir, Collegiate Choir and Bellacappella. The performance takes place on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium in the Moreau Center for the Arts. It is free and open to the public.

The Women's Choir is a select 40-voice ensemble that regularly commissions and performs new works for women's voices. They have appeared in concert at Carnegie Hall three times since 1999. The Collegiate Choir performs primarily on campus, giving at least one concert per semester and performing in the annual Service of Lessons and Carols. Bellacappella is a student-run ensemble started in spring 2006 and designed to entertain audiences with popular music for all ages.

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'Shop Fair Trade: Make a World of Difference' workshop offered in Huntington

HUNTINGTON — The Victory Noll Ministry Center, 1900 W. Park Dr., will offer a workshop for the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. entitled Shop Fair Trade: Make a World of Difference, with guest speaker Joanna Shenk on Saturday, Nov. 11. Day-of registration and light continental breakfast begin at 9 a.m.

The day will offer a chance to learn about fair trade and how to make a difference in the world by supporting fair trade artisans — especially during the upcoming holidays — and become a more conscious consumer.

Shenk, who is employed part-time at One World Handcrafts in North Manchester, will share her personal experience and knowledge about fair trade.

For information about the workshop or to register, please call Jan Parker at (260) 356-0628 ext.128 or e-mail at ministryctr@olvm.org.

Annual sisters recognition dinner

FORT WAYNE — The Serra Club of Fort Wayne celebrated their annual Sisters Recognition Dinner on Oct. 19 at the Tower Bank Lobby with a Classic Cafe catered meal and awards for the 36 sisters present.

Also present were 42 Serrans and guests. Special anniversary awards were given to Sister Leonore Cousino, OSF — 75 years; Sister Mary Ann Fox, CDP, and Sister M Corde' Miranda, OSF — 50 years; Sister Deborah Funfsinn, OSF — 40 years.

All sisters were given a gift certificate from one of the donating restaurants Halls, Casa or Bandidos, or a flower arrangement from Cottage Flowers. This recognition dinner is held annually to thank the sisters for their services to the faithful and to help the Serrans pray to increase the calling for priests, and sisters and the religious life.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School honor Great Lake Scholars

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School announced that 39 students have been named 2006 Great Lakes Scholars.

Great Lakes Scholars was established to inspire children to achieve with the hope that it motivates students at a young age level to show that achievement counts, hard work matters, and actively participating in school and community events is

important.

Lois Widner, principal of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, said "This is an increase from our previous year. The Great Lakes Scholars Award is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the achievement of our students."

The students receiving such designation are the following: Kris Andorfer, Claire Andrews, Claire Andrews, Anne Childers, Kasey Connolly, Alex Fletcher, Brooke Gabrek, Cameron Gallaway, Amanda Gigli, Sarah Gigli, Mitchell Gilbert, Taylor Gillie, Julia Hellinger, Drew Hentz, Emily Hentz, Bailey Hill, Tony Hoch, Cayley Hyder, Amy Krach, Emily Krach, Patrick Krach, Anesa Lazoff, Elizabeth Maxson, Anna McNamara, Nancy McNamara, Peter McNamara, Rachel Morgan, Andrew Morken, Colleen Quigley, Samantha Rahrig, Austen Rang, Kelson Reiss, Sam Scheer, Luke Scheer, Zach Schenkel, Holley Taylor, Jessica Tebben, Jacob Torkeo and Alexander Yaney.

Redeemer Radio gets a power boost

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne's Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio 1450 AM, recently announced that it has completed several major upgrades at its transmitter site, increasing the effective transmit power substantially. A new state-of-the-art solid-state transmitter has been installed, as well as a new AM processor. As a result, a much stronger signal is now being broadcast. This means that the station can now be heard in localities that could not previously receive the signal. For those areas that were previously receiving the signal, the station now sounds clearer and stronger.

According to Redeemer Radio President Chris Langford, "The station is sounding really strong. We have received reports that the signal can now be heard much more clearly in Huntington and in the counties outside Allen County. This is a wonderful opportunity for Redeemer Radio to reach many more listeners with the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith. We welcome everyone to tune in and hear how much stronger the broadcast sounds."

Lourdes pilgrims announced by Santa Maria Council 553

SOUTH BEND — For more than 49 years, the Santa Maria Council 553 of the Knights of Columbus has conducted a program of aiding physically handicapped people by sponsoring them as pilgrims to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

Funds for the trip are raised annually through the Lourdes Charity Ball, which the council holds each February.

Recipients of the pilgrimage this year were April Boughton, a student at Clay High School in South Bend, and Shirley Roushelang, a woman who has been confined to a wheelchair for years.

The pair were selected for the trip by a council committee headed by K.C. Poncius and eight other members. — EJD

Renovations are a community project at St. Casimir Parish

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — With many hands making light work, the congregation at St. Casimir Parish is renovating the church.

And, according to Ann Marie Sommers, who's on the pastoral council at St. Casimir in South Bend, the sense of community among parishioners has grown stronger.

"Catholic is community," Sommers said recently on a Saturday workday at the church, where she was covering wooden benches that were recently given fresh coats of paint. "We need to be a community for our worship."

Indeed, early on parishioners from St. Adalbert's in South Bend were also helping out.

Jesus Kujada, who owns a concrete business, is doing the concrete work on the church floor at cost, saving the congregation money. Members of his family were helping move pews and statues out the way. Some of his family members also attend St. Casimir, which is paired with St. Adalbert, sharing staff between them.

Kujada said it felt good to help. But he was also proud that his grandson, who attends St. Casimir, could one day tell his own children that his grandfather poured the floor in the church.

Jim Matthews, of South Bend, who was helping out too, said

many parishioners were worried that others in the church wouldn't be able to complete all the work that needed to be done.

"And they were worried we wouldn't get the help that was promised," Matthews said.

Bob Audenaert agreed that many parishioners thought "we bit off more than we could chew. But it's been work-



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Parishioners at St. Casimir in South Bend move pews Saturday before a work day. Parishioners are renovating the church, built in 1925 by Polish immigrants.

ing nicely."

Help arrived in the form of manpower, along with parishioners providing food for the others who are working.

"It's truly what God meant," said Sommers, who's great grandfather was one of the Polish immigrant members of the church in 1898 and helped dig the basement of the church when it was built in 1925. "These are truly all his people."

According to Paul Fujawa, an engineer who's a member at St. Casimir, hiring a contractor

would've cost the parish between \$80,000 and \$100,000 to complete the work. Instead, they're doing much of the work themselves, and so far they've spent \$24,000, said Fujawa.

The parish has been saving money for six years to make the renovations, the first since an overhaul in 1983, said Sommers.

Work on the church has and will include painted benches, new tile, concrete floor, new lights in the sanctuary, work on the bell and sound system. With the work, said Sommers, parishioners know the church will live on for generations to come.

St. Casimir was a humble man, and like their patron, St. Casimir parishioners try to take on that humility, said Sommers.

"We're humble, but we get things done," said Sommers. "We fight the good fight."

"We need to be a community for our worship."


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Apostolic nuncio visits Josephinum

COLUMBUS, Ohio — One hundred and fifty seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum experienced a landmark event in their journey to priesthood when Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, visited the seminary on Oct. 22-23. The visit was the archbishop's first since his appointment as apostolic nuncio in December 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Upon his arrival to the Josephinum, Archbishop Sambi was formally received in St. Turibius Chapel by the seminarians and the priest faculty who are responsible for overseeing the formation programs. Rector-President Msgr. Paul J. Langsfeld, STD, welcomed the archbishop.

The Josephinum's relationship with the Holy See began with founder Msgr. Joseph Jessing's petition to make the Josephinum a pontifical school in 1893, the same year that Pope Leo XIII named the first apostolic delegate to the United States. Since that time, each apostolic delegate and nuncio has played a significant role in the life of the seminary. Over the years the Josephinum has changed in many ways to meet the needs of the time.

"Through all of the change one of the constants has been the cordial relationship we have always had with the apostolic delegates and nuncios," said Msgr. Langsfeld.

"I am happy to be here." The archbishop's opening sentence became a theological theme of his first address to the seminarians. "Show you are happy to live," he told them. "It should be a great message — your smile is a message. The source of all happiness is our faith: Happy to live, because happy to believe. You know what you have to do — to feel that life is a gift and life is a lesson to continue in you with the qualities



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Seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend pose with Archbishop Pietro Sambi at the Josephinum. In the photo are the following, from left, Jacob Meyer, Andrew Curry, Benjamin Muhlenkamp, Kevin Bauman, Bob Lengerich, Archbishop Sambi, Gabriel Hernandez, Jason Freiburger, Matthew Coonan and Fernando Jimenez.

and the capacities that God has given you to continue the mission of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am happy, because you are the hope of the church."

On Sunday afternoon, Kevin Bauman, a second-year theologian from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, escorted the nuncio on a tour of the buildings and grounds of the Josephinum.

A welcome change to the schedule was made when Archbishop Sambi expressed his willingness to personally meet each seminarian.

The seminary community and invited guests gathered in the chapel on Sunday for solemn vespers. An evening reception in the Jessing Center was attended by the seminary faculty and more than 200 benefactors and friends.

Andrew Budzinski, president of the Student Senate in Theology, and Jon-Paul Bevak

(Youngstown), president of the College Student Council, also presented gifts to the nuncio. The Josephinum community was honored in turn by a gift from the nuncio — a papal blessing from Benedict XVI. "Archbishop, thank you for bringing us the Holy Father's blessings. Please convey to His Holiness the affection, admiration and loyalty of the students, faculty and staff of the Josephinum, and assure him of our constant remembrance in prayer," said Msgr. Langsfeld. "May the Lord give you strength and wisdom to carry out the important mission the Holy Father has entrusted to you."

The apostolic nuncio to the United States is also the chancellor of the Josephinum.

The apostolic nuncio's time at the Josephinum was a highly anticipated occasion that required attention to hundreds of details — all of which came together for a successful visit from Pope Benedict XVI's personal representative to the church in the United States, a visit that will long be remembered by the entire seminary community.

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KAY COZAD

Over 50 Catholic-Christian singles were in attendance at the GAP gathering at St. Elizabeth Church on Friday, Oct. 20. They enjoyed a chili dinner, cards and a pumpkin carving contest. The GAP is a social group for singles ages 40-60ish and meets the third Friday of every month.

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Passion and promise

BY LINDA FURGE

Opening Prayer

O God, I pray that I will find a sense of self that makes me glad to be who I am and yet restless for whom I will become. Make me simple enough not to be confused by disappointments, clear enough not to mistake busyness for freedom, honest enough not to expect truth to be painless, brave enough not to sing all my songs in private, compassionate enough to get in trouble, humble enough to admit trouble and seek help, and joyful enough to celebrate all of it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adapted from prayer by Ted Loder, "Guerillas of Grace")

Scripture: Mt 6: 9-15

Commentary

It's hard to escape the fact that I'm a child of the 1960s, given that I started high school in 1963 and got married in 1969... a Baby Boomer from the generation that rocked society, searched for meaning, burned bras and marched in protest. Within the Civil Rights movement, women found their voice, left their place in the home and declared themselves free and equal. And society was forced to struggle with women's issues like never before: sexual harassment and abuse came out of the shadows; the glass ceiling made its appearance, language became an issue. Feminist, as first a complimentary descriptor, quickly became a negative label as activists took the battle into homes and corporations, government and churches. Passion was the name of the game.

As a newly married woman, I was part of this passionate time and the cause of equal rights for

women. I passionately believed in the power of words and images — for good or bad. I became convinced that children were "socialized" into stereotypical roles from the moment they took their first breath and vowed that our children would be brought up gender-neutral: no pink and blue clothes; no dolls only for girls and trucks only for boys; tears were acceptable; violence was not. The guys did chores and learned to cook and iron; the girls mowed the lawn and learned to change oil and use tools ... likewise in school, no distinctions or exceptions based solely on gender.

Our church, on the heels of the Second Vatican Council, grappled as well with women's issues. Women began to question the patriarchal tone of our liturgies, our documents and teaching. Sensitivities were raised on all levels, and the limitations of the English language became clear as women — and men — struggled to express theological concepts in more inclusive language and images.

Here, too, I rebelled against my learned childhood image of God: an old man with long white hair and beard, dressed in white robes with a gold crown on his head, sitting on a throne on a cloud in the sky. I tried hard to find a new image that would be more inclusive of God's feminine aspects. I was passionate that the church needed inclusive terms to help women accept their God-given roles as equal members of the Body of Christ.

And then scientific studies began to show that, contrary to prevailing wisdom, men and women are not created equal in all respects and there are some limitations that have nothing to do with society's influences, that our thought processes are inherently different with men generally better

at logic and women generally better at language, that our bodies are naturally designed for different purposes in the evolutionary process, that our built-in hormones can profoundly affect how we act and that parents modeling an equal relationship may be more important than simply controlling words or toys.

Likewise, I've learned that imaging God as "Father" is as much about a relationship as it is a cultural term. Jesus lived his whole life modeling his loving relationship with the Father. The only prayer Jesus gave us begins "Our Father." So what was he trying to teach us? Trying to teach me?

Right from the very beginning of the prayer, Jesus teaches about relationship. By using the words "Our Father," Jesus helps us to recognize our relationships with other persons. Christ doesn't say "My Father," he says "Our Father."

And when we say the word "Father," we use another relational term that speaks of love and birthright, of life and connection. We know who God is and who we are. This powerful word does not signify simply a distant force or an ideal or an old man sitting on a cloud on a throne. It signifies an intimacy that is — or ideally should be — mirrored in our human experience of family.

When we say "Our Father," we take up the trusting stance of children, whom Jesus said we should imitate. We declare our love and dependence on God and our wish to please because of our love. We are comfortable turning to God because we know we are safe, secure and loved in return as we continue to pray to our heavenly Father for our earthly needs: daily bread, forgiveness of sins, protection from temptation and harm.

We know that as loving parents we have an obligation to instruct

our offspring as they grow and mature ... so, too is God's relationship with us as a loving Father. We must never use the word Father in regard to God cheaply, easily and sentimentally. God is not an easy-going parent who tolerantly shuts his eyes to all sins and faults and mistakes. This God, whom we can call Father, is the God whom we must still approach with reverence and adoration, and awe and wonder. God is our Father in heaven, and in God there is love and holiness combined. (William Barclay, "The Gospel of Matthew," pg. 204)

Now, getting back to my passion for language and images, I still believe in the power of words, just not with such militancy anymore. I still believe in the equality of men and women, but not without the complementary nature of men and women together. I still believe that women, each according to her gifts, are a vital part of our church as together men and women, ordained and lay, work to build up God's kingdom on earth. I still believe in passion as a force for transformation, but with honesty and openness to alternative visions and tempered with equal parts of humility and willingness to change.

And I try very, very hard not to "fall with the door in the house" anymore because I've learned (the hard way) that it can be ever so humbling to stumble and fall.

Examination of Conscience, Closing Prayer and Evangelizing Action Items

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- Am I willing to give myself time to be aware of God's presence in my life?

- Am I willing to hear God's voice over my own?

For spiritual renewal: Take time each day to praise and thank God for the person you've become and reflect on what God is asking of you.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us ...

- Do I trust God to be with me in good times and bad?

- Do I ask God for the things that I need, big and small, each day?

For reaching out to others: Offer someone your time to enjoy the nourishment of physical bread or spiritual bread.

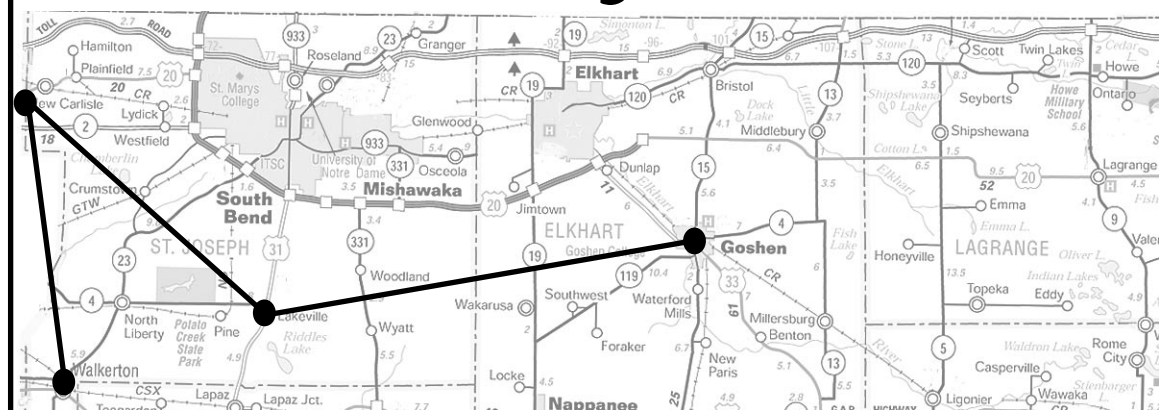
... and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

- Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts or actions towards others?

- Am I jealous of what other people have?

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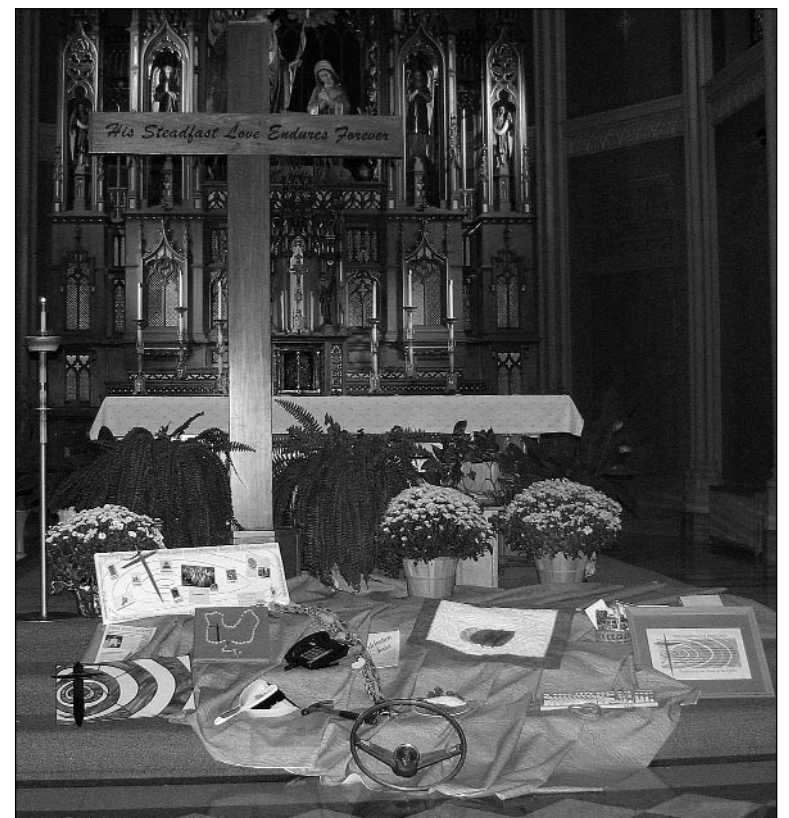
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There is life after death

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Don Brososky knew the moment he saw Mary in their freshman class at Monroeville High School that they would someday marry. The tall, blonde 14 year old swept her off her feet with roller skating dates, hayrides and movies. Mary, a twin, was the eighth of 13 children and devoutly Catholic. Don was the man of the house looking after his four siblings and ailing mother following his father's early death. Night shift work after school hours kept his family afloat.

Following high school graduation, Mary and Don began work at a local company, and after courting through five years of all that life had to offer, the two exchanged marriage vows in May of 1957. They were 19 years old, and together they created a wonderful life.

Now, two years following the death of her beloved Don, Mary looks back on her life with him and recalls her husband's innovative and insatiable thirst for knowledge. "Don was creative and intelligent. He loved to learn," she says with warm memory.

She quickly adds hardworking, dependable, trustworthy and loyal to her description of her husband, who was known to have a natural talent for fixing things. A jack-of-all-trades, Mary's soul mate of 47 years earned a living over the years as military serviceman, post office security officer, city park policeman, barber, locksmith, jeweler and coin appraiser. Even when illness confined him to bed, his resourceful nature had him at a sewing machine stitching bags to sell.

Death has not diminished Mary's love for Don as she says, "It was great living with Don. He treated me like a queen. It's a nice feeling that someone loves you like that."

She recalls wistfully how he would whistle at her as he flirted and says unabashedly, "And he was cute, too!"

A smile softens Mary's face as she remembers Don's humor and love of people. "He was a clown,

but underneath he was such a softy," she says. He was friend to all, including his beloved nephews and nieces.

But there was something else about Don that endeared him to Mary early on: his faith. "He was different than other men, wholesome. He didn't drink or swear. He didn't even tell dirty jokes," says Mary. Don was known as a thoughtful, compassionate man.

His faith grew out of a chance meeting with a minister in his eighth-grade year, when he committed his life to Jesus. Don began to study the Bible and evangelized at every turn.

Following his courtship with Mary, he enrolled in Catholic education classes and was welcomed into the Catholic faith a week before their wedding day. In the following years, several moves took the two to Indianapolis, Kansas City, Lenexa and eventually Fort Wayne, where in each city they became involved in parish activities from eucharistic ministry to retreat testimonies and more.

"Don read the Bible every day of our married life," says Mary, as she recounts the times when they would lay awake nights discussing some important spiritual topic. "He helped me become who I am today."

But life wasn't always easy for the devoted couple. Don's health became an issue early in their marriage with many challenges including heart attacks, diabetes and countless surgeries. Mary remained steadfast through it all and became the bread winner of the family saying, "God has blessed me so many times with jobs." And she adds lovingly, she was blessed in another way, "Don never gave up ... When I think back, how he retained his faith and humor through all this, it's amazing!"

Following Don's death, after years of caring for her ailing husband, Mary found herself alone. In need of support she joined a widows group that she says "felt like the right spot for her." She bonded with the women there and for several months mourned her loss as she created a new life for herself.

During that time, this humble

woman experienced fear, sadness, loneliness and even physical illness. Her antidote was prayer. "I sat in Don's chair and read his Bible. I have a prayer list of people I prayed for and I praised and thanked God for his blessings."

Some time after the first anniversary of Don's death, while praying for a direction in life, Mary discovered a job posting in her church bulletin at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. "Our church rarely posts job ads. It was for greeter at Covington Memorial Funeral home and was definitely God's work."

Following an interview and much prayer, Mary was hired at the funeral home and has found a ministry there that only Providence could have designed. As a greeter Mary ministers to the bereaved in a very personal way.

"I see their grief and can console them. I understand grief," she says. Many have returned weeks after to thank Mary for her kindness. She appreciates the opportunities there and feels her service benefits her own healing process as well.

Mary is learning to adjust to her new life after Don's death.

Her faith continues to offer her hope and her ministry gives her purpose. To others who mourn, this caring, spirited woman offers, "Pray and trust in the Lord. Even your smallest concerns can be given to him. He will answer."



KAY COZAD

Mary Brososky finds solace in her husband, Don's chair where she has prayed and read his Bible each day since his death in 2004. Brososky, who works for a local funeral home, finds reaching out to others who grieve gives her purpose and healing.



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Who can live and never see death? Ps 89:48

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Death is the great equalizer. Death is the endless mystery ... and death is always on personal stand by for those who are called to assist others as funeral directors or cemetery administrators.

Dick Koschnick, manager of the Chapel Hill funeral home and cemetery in Osceola and Larry Fisher, sales manager for the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne, are in agreement that although they deal with death on a daily basis, each funeral becomes a reminder of their own mortality and to live accordingly.

Members of a funeral home staff must be empathetic more so than sympathetic, insists Koschnick, and to get involved in a family's grief is a failure to serve. "We assist others at an extremely difficult time, but we are not counselors. We can recommend counselors if needed, but our job is to cover all details and to guide the family at a stressful time."

When asked about mistakes mourners sometimes make, Fisher and Koschnick were in further agreement that, in grief, there is a tendency to overspend to compensate for the failure to say goodbye to the loved one and that excessive spending denies funds, which may be needed for children or other needs of the family.

Dealing with death as a certainty of the future and dealing with it as a sudden reality presents an extreme contrast. When a funeral and burial are arranged by the individual or couple planning their own service, guesswork disappears, as do disagreements among survivors as well as lingering doubt about decisions made in haste and under stress. Advance planning also guarantees the cost of a funeral and burial.



LARRY FISHER



DICK KOSCHNICK

In his work at The Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne, Larry Fisher deals, for the most part, with Catholics, but continues to be impressed, in the case of mixed marriages, at how close non-Catholic spouses feel to Catholicity and how easy and comfortable they feel, knowing that there is a place for them in the Catholic Cemetery.

Koschnick, who plans funerals for those of all faiths, observes that all creeds have one thing in common, and that is a profound respect for the deceased.

Fisher and Koschnick share a similar characteristic. Neither can even come close to portraying the stereotype of brooding mortician; each is upbeat, outgoing and full of life as compared to one who has doubts about tomorrow.

Perhaps this is because that as a way of life they participate in the corporal work of mercy; burying the dead and that they believe that though death is the doorway to heaven, human language cannot express the joy that is found there.



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Speaker encourages Catholics to combat abortion rhetoric with truth and mercy

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — “Abortion may be legal in this country, but it is never safe.” That’s what attorney Amy McInerny reminded a crowded auditorium Oct. 25 at the University of Notre Dame.

At least one person dies when an abortion is carried out, and others are often injured. “Ninety-percent of abortions are done in clinics where nothing is regulated. Women are being injured on a daily basis. It is up to us as Catholics to combat the abortion industry’s rhetoric with truth and mercy,” said McInerny.

McInerny, a Georgetown University graduate with a law degree from the Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America, has put her legal skills to use in promoting the culture of life. After helping found a pregnancy care center and maternity home in Washington, D.C., during her undergraduate years, McInerny served for three years in the Reagan White House. Later, she became the assistant director of program development in the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities at the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops. There she was responsible for the production of the bishops’ annual pro-life educational campaign, the Respect Life Program.

With 4,000 abortions performed daily in the United States, other casualties continue to mount. In 1995, McInerny focused her attentions on all victims of abortion, founding Women’s Injury Network, Inc (or WIN for short). This non-profit organization helps women injured by abortion to seek justice in the courts through medical malpractice. In 2003, the volunteer attorneys and other professionals of WIN scored the group’s first victory in an abortion-breast cancer case.

“Women are also the victims,” pointed out McInerny. “They are victims of lies, abandonment, physical harm and even death from botched abortions.”

McInerny told the story of a client who was one of 17 women who received an abortion at a Kentucky clinic, all over the span of two hours and 20 minutes. That’s an average of eight-minutes and 23-seconds per woman. “My client was number 13. She suffered perforation and worse.”

Another woman who sought help from WIN was a 19-year-old married mother with two young children. Christine (not her real name) lived in a poor southern town, in a cramped trailer with no phone. She panicked when she became pregnant again and went to the local clinic. During the abortion procedure, she began to bleed to death. Peaceful protesters outside who saw her go in worried when she didn’t come out. They were able to get her to a hospital in time for doctors there to perform a lifesaving hysterectomy.

“The physical pain was nothing compared to the hole left in her heart after that,” said McInerny. But Christine overcame her deep shame, and with the help of WIN filed a medical mal-

practice suit, to spare others the same fate.

“Just filing that one lawsuit shut down that doctor,” recalled McInerny. “He had performed two-thirds of all the abortions in Christine’s state. A pharmaceutical

“If we’re going to stand in the public square and call ourselves Christians, we have to love these women.”

AMY MCINERNY



DIANE FREEBY

Amy McInerny, an attorney and founder of the Women’s Injury Network (for women injured by abortion) uses her legal skills to promote a culture of life. “Ninety-percent of abortions are done in clinics where nothing is regulated. Women are being injured on a daily basis. It is up to us as Catholics to combat the abortion industry’s rhetoric with truth and mercy,” said McInerny at a recent lecture at the University of Notre Dame. McInerny will speak Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in room 156 of the Doermer Center at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne on “Abortion and Women: Rhetoric vs. Reality” as part of the New Eve Project.

company provided Christine with her medications free of charge. Christine was able to begin to heal.”

McInerny explained that while we must tackle the injustice of legalized abortion, it is vital to

show mercy on the women who have bought into the rhetoric. “If we’re going to stand in the public square and call ourselves

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Family's faith legacy offers hope to others

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — John and Susan Gentry will be the first to tell you that God's grace and mercy are sufficient. This they know from experience. Over a year and a half after they lost their son in a tragic auto accident, they continue to praise the Creator while sharing their faith and hope with others.

The Gentrys have been married for 26 years and raised six beautiful children. Susan comes from a strong Catholic background while John converted to Catholicism following the birth of their first child, Stephanie. Together, as the family grew with the birth of their second child, Joshua, the Gentrys prioritized their lives; family first, God second. All was well over the next few years as they welcomed the addition of their son Zachary, then daughter Katelyn, to the family.

In 1996, a job change brought the family to Fort Wayne. Subsequently, the births of daughters Alyssa and Madison rounded the clan to an even half dozen. The close-knit family became busy and active members of the southwest community and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

Tragically, on Holy Thursday of 2004, Susan received a phone call that would change their lives forever. Zachary, their middle child, had been killed in an auto accident. He was only 16. John, Susan and

Zach's siblings were immediately surrounded by family and friends and clung to each other for strength as they planned the service for their beloved son and brother. "The world all but came to an end that day," recalls John.

The funeral Mass was standing-room only as the family recounted the blessing Zach had been to their family and so many others. Words like selfless, kind and humble were used to describe Zach as he was remembered as a champion for the underdog.

"Zach had so many friends, but if there was a kid sitting by himself, Zach would ask him to join the others," says John. Susan adds, "We never worried about him. He was full of life, always busy and had a peace about him."

As an active member of traveling baseball and soccer teams Zach "knew and cared about everybody," they say. The Gentrys feel God planned Zach's life, saying, "Sports let him touch so many lives. God was glorified through him with so many people." A special aspect of Zach's life in his adolescent years was his faith.

It all began in earnest about three years ago following a commitment to pray for 10 minutes each day. The couple began to experience faith growth that changed their lives while they attended a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreat, began to pray the rosary and read spiritually

directed books. The couple reprioritized their lives and their offspring followed as they encouraged participation in a variety of religious activities. Zach began to attend adoration on Fridays at his church and seemed deeply touched by it. Looking back, the Gentrys can see the hand of God preparing them for this change in life.

As the family mourns the loss of their faithful son, they continue to see the presence of God in their lives. "God showed early on his hand in this. We've had nothing but strength. God is kind and merciful," says Susan gently. But she adds, "It's always going to hurt. But Christ carries my cross. I keep being a witness by example. If people see faith through this, maybe it was worth it." They both agree they have seen many blessings in their lives since the death of their son, including many who have turned to their faith. "To this day people still want to talk about Zach," they say.

Coping with grief has the family honoring each member's personal expression. Joshua says the Holy Spirit is his buddy and finds himself in prayer more often now that "Zach is in heaven." A deeper sense of God's providence in her life guides Katelyn as she says Zach's death has strengthened her faith. Alyssa expresses her feelings in written form with baseball stories to share and periodically a drawing of Zach will appear on the



KAY COZAD

The Gentry family gathers with nearby photos of their son, Zachary, who at 16 was killed in an auto accident. In back, from left, Joshua, John and Susan; front, Katelyn, Madison and Alyssa. Daughter Stephanie was not available for the photo.

refrigerator, an expression of little Madison's grief. John and daughter Stephanie enjoy talking about Zach to family and friends alike, while Susan holds him quietly in her heart. Dinner conversations sometimes turn to stories of Zach's antics and each evening during bedtime prayer, the little girls pray that Zach is happy in heaven and eating his favorite buffalo wings.

And when the pain of grief overwhelms them, they pray. Zach's life and death have taught them and others to work toward eternal life.

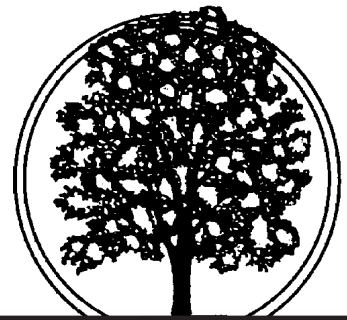
As the second anniversary of Zach's death approaches, life for the Gentrys goes on. Currently they are working with friends to kick off a community auction to raise money for area charities in Zach's name.

Susan enjoys her small catering business as well as volunteer work at the Women's Care Center. She and John teach religious education at St. Elizabeth Parish as well as participate in a Small Christian Community and Christ Renews His Parish.

The children are busy with school, jobs, church and wedding plans. And though each grieves in their own way, the family remains united in their love of God and belief that Zach now enjoys everlasting life.

John says humbly, "We pray to help others in grief because that's what God is calling us to." As they mourn their loss privately and minister to others publicly, the Gentry family is an enduring reminder that, as Susan assures, "God can make something good out of anything."

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Acceptance, new pastimes help overcome loneliness after loved one dies

BY LISA M. PETSCHÉ

When a loved one passes on, many older adults face the challenge of learning to live alone — some for the first time. If they were part of a couple, this is a particularly big adjustment. Loneliness may be profound and difficult to overcome.

If you are in this situation, following are some tips that can help:

- Give yourself permission to feel all of the emotions that surface, including resentment and frustration. Recognize that there will be good days and bad days, and be extra good to yourself on the bad ones. Prepare a list of things to do on such days — indulgences to give you a lift, as well as tasks or projects to tackle that will give you a sense of satisfaction (for example, de-cluttering various areas of your home).

- Accept the reality of your situation. Don't dwell on the past, as it fosters self-pity and prevents you from moving forward.

- Get out of the house every day.

- Look after your physical health: eat nutritious meals, get adequate rest and exercise regularly. This will help ward off depression. Consider joining a dinner club, fitness center or exercise class, which also combats isolation.

- Cultivate some solitary pastimes, such as doing crossword puzzles, woodworking, gardening, writing or sketching. Learn to enjoy your own company, recognizing that it's possible to be alone without feeling lonely.

- Sign up for an adult education course or lessons that interest you — for example, gourmet

cooking, pottery or modern jazz. (Check out the programs available at the local recreation center or senior center as well as educational institutions.) Learning something new can be energizing and confidence boosting, and in the process you might make new friends.

- Get involved in your community by volunteering — perhaps with a neighborhood association, church group, charitable cause, political campaign or environmental issue. Or look for a job if you're able-bodied and finances are a concern.

- Take the initiative in calling friends and relatives to talk or arrange to get together. Instead of waiting for invitations, extend them.

- Do nice things for others, especially those who are also going through a difficult time. This takes your mind off your own situation, boosts your self-esteem and strengthens relationships.

- Find at least one person you can talk to openly, who will listen and understand. Consider joining a community support group for widows, or an Internet one if it's hard to get out or you prefer anonymity.

- Write down your thoughts, feelings and experiences in a journal, chronicling your journey of self-discovery and growth.

- Nurture your spirit by doing things that bring inner peace, such as meditating, practicing yoga, reading something uplifting, listening to soothing music or communing with nature.

- Turn to your faith for comfort, whether it's through private prayer, reading the Bible, attending Mass more often or talking with your pastor. Pray for guidance and strength in dealing with

challenges.

- Take things one day at a time so you don't get overwhelmed. Plan your days so you don't have too much free time on your hands.

- If you don't like coming home to silence, leave the television or radio on when you go out.

- Get a pet. Cats and dogs provide companionship and affection, and give you a sense of purpose. Owning a dog also ensures you get out of the house and get regular exercise, facilitates socialization and offers security.

- If feelings of isolation persist, look into options such as taking in a boarder, sharing accommodation with a relative or friend, relocating to a condominium or apartment in a senior living community or, if your health is frail, moving into a retirement home. Don't make such a major decision hastily, though.

If you were a caregiver and put your personal life on hold, now is the time to reinvest in yourself, resuming former interests or pursuing new ones, and nurturing neglected relationships as well as expanding your social network.

Whether or not your loved one's death was anticipated, the reality of being on your own may initially seem overwhelming and perhaps frightening. However, with time, patience and trust in God's grace, you will be able to successfully adapt to your new circumstances. You may even end up growing in ways you could not have imagined.

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and after an unplanned pregnancy.

"When sophisticated premed Notre Dame students say this in my medical ethics class," replied David Solomon, director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, "you know a poor, uneducated young girl in high school might think it, too."

McInerny encouraged students to act out their faith if approached by a friend or acquaintance facing a crisis pregnancy.

"Even if you don't have the answers yourself, go with that woman to a place like the Women's Care Center where counselors are trained to help."

Lisa Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life, commented further on the many options in this area. "Women's Care Center provides an ultrasound. Ninety four percent of women who see their baby on an ultrasound don't have

an abortion."

McInerny recognized the different gifts we all bring to the table, and our individual circumstances. While we are all called to pray for an end to abortion, some are also called to work politically. Others might work hotlines, do research, write a check, or teach and take responsibility for proper formation of our children.

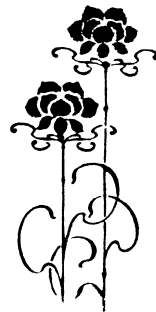
"This is what we need to do to build a civilization of love," McInerny added one more challenge. "How are you going to help Christ carry this cross?"

The talk was sponsored by the Office of Family Life and the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture. The same lecture is scheduled in Fort Wayne on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in room 156 of the Doerner Center at the University of Saint Francis as part of the New Eve Project.



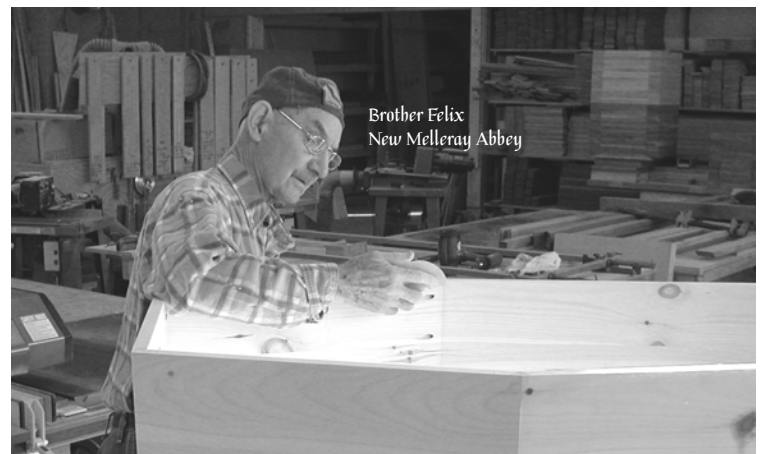
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Christians, we have to love these women." McInerny went on to quote Pope John Paul II's "Gospel of Life."

"The message there is forgiveness and mercy," said McInerny.

"We are all called to do something," McInerny told the students and faculty in attendance. "If we do nothing, we contribute to the conspiracy of silence."

During the question-and-answer period, a Notre Dame professor emphasized the need to counter the rhetoric of the abortion industry. His concern was for the myth that pro-lifers are concerned only with stopping abortion, and not with helping women during



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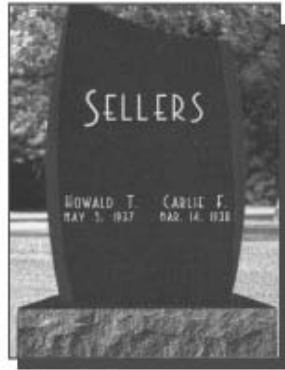
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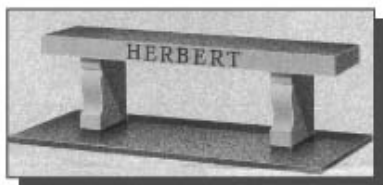
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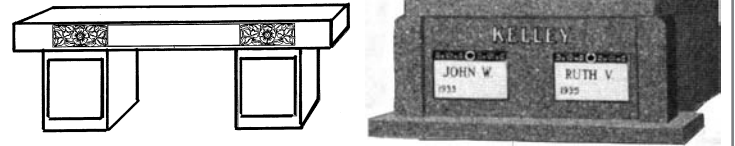
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EDITORIAL

The best contribution to society is to be truly Catholic

Almost from the moment the Emperor Constantine granted official status to the Christian faith in the beginning of the fourth century, there was among some Christians a hope — later discovered as misplaced — in the promise of a Christian Empire. One need only read Eusebius of Caesarea's orations on the person of the emperor in the divine plan to witness this remarkable yet ill-founded fervor: the emperor and his empire were myopically viewed by Eusebius and others, as well as chosen and privileged instruments of the divine will for the human race.

However, the sack of Rome by the Goths in A.D. 410 prompted a bishop from the provinces to undertake a serious and sustained reconsideration of the role of the church in society. Augustine's "City of God," a hefty tome, which nonetheless repays the reader's efforts, offered a much less sanguine view of the possibilities of a "Christian Empire." One of Augustine's clear purposes in writing was to convince believers that an alliance between the church and any political system, party or figure is dubious at best: a "Christian Empire" by its very nature lacks the capacity for critical self-reflection.

Remaining good citizens of the empire, Catholics are called to exercise a healthy suspicion of all political movements and movers, recognizing the fallen nature not only of individual but also of common life. Christians, Augustine stressed, live as peregrini (pilgrims or, more accurately, resident aliens) in this life and should recognize the limits inherent in human efforts to make this world "perfect."

The kingdom of God, initiated by the Incarnation and present but not yet in its fullness, cannot be produced or effected solely by human efforts, no matter how well-intentioned. Thus, Christians should understand the limitations of politics and the political enterprise in healing the deepest problems that vex the human heart and contemporary society.

Catholics then should be equally circumspect about all politicians, parties and movements, scrutinizing them carefully in light of the Gospel and the received tradition of the church. That is, they should be suspicious of politicians who can so blithely divorce *vita* from *doctrina* — their "personal views" from their public persona. It is, after all, precisely the unity of *vita* and *doctrina*, which offers the clearest witness of the truth and power of the Gospel; the saints and martyrs are evidence of this.

Political parties, driven by their desire to gain office (and, once there, to remain in office), are careful to cultivate particular constituencies and attempt to cater to the interests of various groups within society. This should force Catholics to be shrewd ("wise are serpents" was Jesus' actual advice) in recognizing the motives (often less than hidden) of candidates and parties in vying for office and in attempting to curry favor with constituents.

Catholics have a serious obligation to be good citizens and to participate in public life and discourse. Catholics who make the platform or agenda of any party or pundit — whether Democrat, Republican, Green, or Reform (the list goes on) — the standard by which elements of their Catholic faith are alternately highlighted or suppressed do neither their church nor their nation any service.

Too many Catholics have, in the course of history, uncritically and unwittingly brokered Faustian bargains with any number of political agendas and become mere instruments of some political machine, surrendering in the process the integrity of their faith. Rather, it is the reserve and independence of Catholics, their liberty from obligation to and refusal to privilege any one party or political ideology, which best serve both their church and their community.

The danger for Catholics is to presume that their Catholic faith is but one ideology among many others, all equally valid, from which one culls bits and pieces in accord with one's taste. Catholics must scrutinize cautiously the "signs of the times" and allow their faith to help clarify public debate.

The best contribution Catholics can make in society is to be thoroughly and unabashedly Catholic. For there are some principles, which cannot be sacrificed, and teachings, which cannot be compromised without weakening the very witness of Catholics, in a democratic society and, thereby, the vitality of the republic itself.

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

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Man rewrites the commandments to fit his needs

Well, it is less than two weeks until election and the war between our candidates is a bitter and ugly one. But, the issue is not just Iraq, the economy or health care; it is the controversies on issues that fall into the line of religious values and morals.

Reading over the Ten Commandments, I realized how man has already rewritten them to suit his or her own needs. Even in regards to laws, we have separated ourselves from God's laws.

God demanded that he be first in our lives. Yet, man has made himself a god. His self-centeredness is himself. His goal is for his needs and earthly desires.

God's name was once respected and now there are demands to have his name and everything that represents him, along with prayer removed from schools, inaugurations, money, the pledge of allegiance, etc. In fact, many are not

permitted to use his name, unless of course, it is followed by a four-lettered word.

There was a time when the Sabbath was respected and all businesses were closed. God tells us that we can work six days, but man, in his deliberate defiance, wants to make sure that he takes advantage of all seven.

No longer is there honor for mother and father, but parents are to honor their children. The control that parents used to have is denied, and as a result we now have children who have no respect for parents, anyone in authority or themselves. Children go to schools only to be taught contradictory to what their parents have taught them and to make matters worse, the laws gives them rights and protection from their parents.

Although we are told not to kill, we now have abortion, activists for euthanasia, etc. To make matters worse, there are those who wish to recycle human beings (embryonic-stem cells), to try to find cures for all of their illnesses so that they can live without any pain or suffering.

Adultery is prominent, and

although God tells us that he made man for woman and that sex outside of marriage is wrong, people now fight to defy that law, too.

Unmarried couples, gay unions are now demanding their rights and in many cases are being rewarded for their lifestyles.

There is no respect for the property of others and if man can find a way to cheat his neighbor or the government, he will.

We have slowly allowed our government to pander to the cries of anti-god religions and lifestyles. The only steps that we have left to make sure that there is a separation of church and state is to allow people to kill, steal, destroy other's property, etc.

I find it very sad that so many of our candidates will vote against their own consciences for the sake of winning an election. I find it frightening that someone is willing to compromise their soul to appease someone else. What would they compromise for our safety? Worse yet, how will they explain this to their Creator some day?

Kathrine Nisley
Mishawaka

Bishop Luers students take a stand for Darfur

BY ABBEY KRYDER

For several weeks, Bishop Luers' students had heard Aggie Pryor make announcements acting as an advocate for the new group that has made its way to the halls of the school. Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND) is the student response to the horrific situation occurring in Darfur, Sudan.

There, in northeast Africa, genocide is happening. Civilians have been driven out of their homes to neighboring countries to escape the horror of the Sudanese government. At least 100,000 people and as many as 400,000 have been unjustly murdered.

The Sudanese government has targeted the civilian population of many African tribes because of a rebellion that occurred in 2003. Government soldiers and members of a government-supported group called the Janjaweed have now begun to target innocent civilians in an act of retribution. The Janjaweed are also inflicting crimes against humanity.

STAND is working to end the genocide in Darfur with four main objectives: to increase awareness nationally and globally, to raise funds to support victims, to urge political action, and to organize student efforts to gain the effects mentioned above. It is a national organization that includes high school and college students.

Over 500 STAND chapters have been started throughout the nation since 2005 when the first national coalition Web site, www.standnow.org, was introduced.

There are numerous ways for

Luers students to "take action" in support of STAND's efforts. Begin by joining the school's chapter. It will make a huge difference for those who are dealing directly with this crisis. Already, over 30 students have committed to work to raise awareness, write to those who can make a difference, fundraise and commit to pray everyday. If this is not possible, support STAND in any way possible.

In Fort Wayne, STAND's efforts were supported by people's attendance at a rally on Sept. 17 at the courthouse, where an African band played, refugees from Darfur spoke along with other events.

On Oct. 5, there was a

DarfurFast to collect money for STAND. The money that would have been spent on an extravagance that day was donated to STAND. Last year, approximately \$1 million was raised, with over one million people participating in 20 countries.

"One of the simplest ways for us to aid the effort in Darfur is to offer it up in prayer. God is always listening to us, and he will grant us the strength we need to stand up for what we believe in and know is right," stated Pryor.

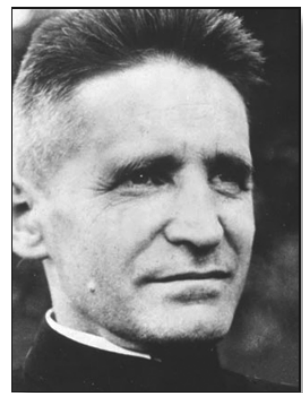
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In deference to his father, this German was ordained a diocesan priest first, then entered the Jesuits in 1900. He led parish missions in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, and was wounded as a chaplain in World War I. After the war, he worked in Munich with the poor and unemployed, directed a men's sodality, and spoke out against the rise of Adolf Hitler. The Nazis arrested him three times, imprisoning him at Sachsenhausen and in an abbey. He was freed in May 1945, but had a heart attack while saying Mass Nov. 1.



One constant in bishops' election messages: Catholics must vote

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the midterm elections near, some Catholic bishops are not finding any pressing moral issues to comment on in their dioceses, while others are jumping into the fray — especially about the moral content of referendum issues facing voters in 37 states.

But there is one constant in all their pre-election messages: Catholics have a moral obligation to vote.

"Catholics, like all other citizens, are bound by duty and responsibility to cast their vote," said Bishop Richard J. Malone of Portland, Maine, in a recent letter. "Voting is a right and responsibility we cannot forgo, even when confronted with moral dilemmas."

With 435 House members, 33 senators, 36 governors and hundreds of state and local officials to be elected Nov. 7, there are many races on which to comment. But most Catholic leaders are taking a greater interest in the more than 200 ballot questions facing voters.

Archbishop Raymond L. Burke of St. Louis said Missouri is facing "an unimaginably severe moral crisis" as it prepares to vote on an

initiative that could make embryonic stem-cell research and human cloning a constitutional right.

"The passage of Amendment 2 would be a moral disaster for our state" and the nation, Archbishop Burke wrote in a column for his archdiocesan newspaper, the *St. Louis Review*. "If Amendment 2 succeeds in the state of Missouri, which has the reputation of being pro-life, then the proponents of human cloning and the destruction of embryonic human life will surely be emboldened to undertake the same deadly initiative in other states of our union."

The Illinois bishops, in a joint letter, asked Catholics to help them "make elections more about fundamental moral choices than partisan bickering." One key, they said, is better education about Catholic moral and social teaching and greater involvement in the political process.

"Catholics should always vote for that person most committed to being a public servant dedicated to the common good," the 12 bishops said. "This being said, it should be noted that any candidate who supports a public policy where part of

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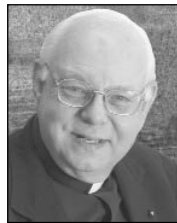
humanity (such as the preborn, the elderly, the handicapped or the sick) is excluded from the protection of law and treated as if they were nonpersons is gravely deficient in his or her view of the requirements of a just society."

Taking one of the most hands-on roles in educating his flock about moral concerns has been Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, who conducted a series of hearings on immigration around the diocese in the months before the election. He was to lead a panel discussion on "maintaining a Catholic perspective when traveling to the voting booth" at an archdiocesan conference just days before the election.

Archbishop Chaput and the

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God guides us to eternal life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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31st Sunday Mk 12:28b-34

The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of the first reading. One among the first five books of the Bible, or one among the books of the Pentateuch, Deuteronomy contains for Jews the basic rule of life, as it is the basic revelation of God about life.

Moses is central in these books. He led the Hebrews from Egypt, where they had been enslaved and oppressed, and guided them across the stark Sinai Peninsula to the Promised Land.

He led them not because they had chosen him, or because he somehow had assumed the role of leadership. Rather, God commissioned him.

Not only did Moses lead the Israelites to their own land, the land God had promised them and reserved for them, but also he taught them. Again, the teachings of Moses were not merely the thoughts of Moses himself, but the very words of God conveyed to humanity by Moses.

In this reading, Moses, speaking for God, reveals the central reality of existence. God, the creator, is everything. Moses, still speaking for God, further reveals that God is one. He is a person.

Nothing can stand apart from God. Thus, humans must love

God, and they must obey God. It is not a difficult task. God is loving, merciful, forgiving and good.

As its second reading, the church this weekend offers us a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

The loveliest and most powerful symbols and understandings of God and virtue in the ancient Hebrew tradition gleam in the verses of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The exact circumstances of its composition are unknown, but obviously it was first intended for an audience very aware of the traditions and beliefs of Judaism at the time of Jesus.

For the ancient Jews, from the time that Aaron, the brother of Moses, served as high priest, the central figure in Jewish society was the high priest. The high priest's role extended far beyond merely officiating at religious ceremonies or speaking theologically. He literally judged circumstances in life, and the performance of humans, right or wrong in the eyes of Jewish belief. Thus, when accused of blasphemy, Jesus was brought before the high priest of the time, Caiaphas, for judgment.

This epistle sees Jesus as the great, eternal high priest. While the memory of Caiaphas, and other high priests, was less than lustrous among Jews of the time of Jesus, because they allowed themselves to be tools of the Roman oppressors, the great high priest envisioned by Hebrews is holy and perfect.

The sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary was perfect. So, it completely and absolutely restored humankind, which Jesus represented and of which Jesus was a member, to friendship with God.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a familiar story. A scribe, an expert in Jewish reli-

gion, asked Jesus to capsule the commandments. Jesus responding by capturing them all in the mandates to love God above all else, and to love others as self.

Reflection

The church is moving forward to the feast of Christ the King, celebrated only a few weeks hence. In the joyful celebration of this feast, the church will conclude its year. Also, it will close its yearlong lesson, given us in part each of the 52 Sundays when we gather to hear God's word and to pray.

As it approaches this end of the year, the church, a good teacher, summarizes its teachings.

God is everything. Departing from God, disobeying God, brings chaos and finally doom. God guides us to eternal life, as once God guided the Hebrews to freedom.

He sent Jesus as our teacher and leader, as once came Moses. The teachings of Jesus are simple but profound: Love God above everything, and love others as self.

READINGS

31st week of ordinary time

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Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1-3 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26-32 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9 Lk 16:9-15

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

Around All Souls day, it is a good idea to what the church says about this most ethereal topic.

1. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church the soul can only have its origin in

- a. philosophy b. religion c. God

2. The very fact that humans can do these things points to the existence of a soul:

- a. be aware of truth and beauty, have a sense of moral goodness, possess freedom and a conscience
b. love and hate, hunt and gather, reap and sow
c. manipulate his environment, interact with other creatures

3. The Catechism of the Catholic Church warns teachers to not "... imagine that a single kind of soul has been entrusted to them." What does this mean?

- a. There are two types of soul, those of the average Catholic and those of the "perfecti" like saints.
b. Clearly humans have more than one soul each.
c. Teaching methods must be adapted to the student's situation vis-à-vis the topics taught.

4. Who produces a child's soul?

- a. The parents
b. God
c. The U.S. Department of Soul Security

5. What characteristic is basic to every human soul?

- a. It is white
b. It is immortal
c. It is corporeal

6. What, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is the treasure of a person's soul?

- a. the creed
b. their earthly treasure or accumulated wealth, minus debts
c. the esteem of the community

7. The church teaches that the soul is the essence of the person, and because of the soul

- a. the physical body can live
b. man is doomed to fail
c. everyone must be saved since the soul's destiny is to be with God

8. Christ took on this type of soul when he was incarnated as a human:

- a. The soul of an angel as a human soul would not suffice.
b. a fully human soul
c. a phantom soul, as he needed a soul on earth

9. In an analogy, the Catechism of the Catholic Church indicates that "What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to

- a. human mind"
b. the human body of Jesus"
c. the body of Christ, which is the church"

10. A person cannot receive some sacraments more than once because they do this to the soul:

- a. destroy it
b. imprint a spiritual mark or indelible character on it
c. make it divine like the soul of God

11. This type of sin impedes the soul's progress in the exercise of the virtues but does not sever the covenant with God:

- a. Serious b. Venial c. Mortal

12. What happens when a person dies?

- a. Their body dies but their soul continues to exist.
b. Their body goes on to be reincarnated but they get a new soul.
c. The soul is sent to the next human child conceived.

13. What ultimately happens to the soul in the Last Day?

- a. Each body and soul is reunited.
b. Each soul becomes a god.
c. Each soul finds a soul mate.

14. Who was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven?

- a. Isaiah
b. Mary, Mother of God
c. Judas

ANSWERS:

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

Drinking water does not break the Communion fast

Is it wrong to drink water during Mass? Is there any sort of fast for water? Many people in our choir have water with them. Is that fine? — H.F., Fort Wayne.

Water does not break the Communion fast, and therefore, there is no problem with drinking water during Mass. However, in the case of the choir, if the choir can be seen by the congregation, I believe that, for the sake of reverence, choir members should be surreptitious in their consumption of water during the Mass.

What is the meaning of the word "Catholic"? Why must there be a special name for Catholics when the basis is Christianity? — T.P., Fort Wayne

Jesus died and rose around the year A.D. 30. When Jesus then sent the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the apostles, the church was

born. By the power of the Holy Spirit, through the preaching of the apostles and other disciples, Christian communities began to spread around the Roman Empire. In the year A.D. 42, persecution of Christians by the Romans broke out in and around Jerusalem. Many followers of Christ fled to Antioch, which was a city in what is now the country of Turkey. It was here that followers of Christ were called "Christians" for the first time. However, the Scriptures never speak about the "Christian Church." They refer simply to "the church."

Soon after this, however, the church did acquire a proper name. Rival groups of Christians began to spring up during this time. Some of these groups, for example, began teaching that Jesus was God but not human. These were called Gnostics. Others taught

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that Jesus was neither human nor God but somewhere in between. These were called Arians.

Obviously, these groups were deviating from the true teaching of the church, which had been handed down from the apostles. So that there would be no confusion about who was teaching the truth, "the church" began to call itself "the Catholic Church" in order to distinguish itself from those teaching falsehood like the Gnostics and the Arians. This "Catholic Church" remained root-

ed in the teaching of the apostles and their successors, the bishops, in union with the Bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter.

The word "Catholic" itself means "universal." This means a couple of things.

First, the truth of Jesus Christ is not just for a few special people here and there. The name "Catholic" means that in and through the church, all people in every place and in every time are called to this truth.

Second, it means that in the Catholic Church resides the fullness of the faith of Jesus Christ. In other words, in the Catholic Church resides everything that Jesus wishes to give us in order to become holy in this life and go to heaven in the next (for example, the sacraments, the special role of Mary, the Scriptures, etc.).

We can see, then, that nearly from the beginning at Pentecost

down to our own day, the church that Jesus Christ founded on the apostles has been called the "Catholic Church."

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Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, answered this week's question.

Temperature differences

I don't think I've ever met a married couple who completely agrees about the temperature of the house. She thinks it's as hot as Tahiti while he covers on the sofa under a layer of fleece. She is silently thinking, "Well if he would just get up and do something he wouldn't be so cold." He's thinking ... well, what is he thinking? I don't know. I've got her perspective after all.

Often, it's a silent war of the thermostat. He saunters through the room and gives the thermostat a nudge up. She passes by and nonchalantly pushes it down. This dispute may go back to caveman days when Cavewoman Jane told Caveman John, as she turned the pterodactyl meat on the skewer in front of the open fire, "Boy, it's hot in here." When he countered that he was chilly, she may have retorted, "Well maybe you wouldn't be so cold if you took out the bones, fed the dinosaur and checked on the kids. I think they're into the skins I just folded."

I believe the groundwork for this interesting interplay is often set during pregnancy when a woman is hot from carrying the baby and extra weight around, and has increased circulation. Her metabolism speeds up. Maybe it never goes back. Having had kids myself, I may not be too far off from this phenomenon. I've already caught my husband sneaking the temperature up on our thermometer. (How dare he! I had just pushed it down.)

Why did God do this — make us so different, male and female? Why do I want to talk, and talk, and talk at the end of a hard day, and he wants to relax, "turn it off" and watch the news? Why do I vacillate and fret over choices to be made, and he decisively and confidently makes decisions? Part of me shakes my head in wonderment at this seeming mis-



EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Theresa A. Thomas

take. What was God thinking?

But then I remember the differences that have positively influenced our family's life. If it weren't for my husband's different disposition from mine, the spiders on our porch would go unkilld. New adventures would be passed by. (I am naturally cautious and reticent and he is not.)

Most certainly we would not enjoy spontaneous frolics in the grass, catching fireflies in the dark, well after bedtime and after the children have been bathed. There would be no ice cream for

physical work all day."

If I take a closer look at myself, too, I see that I have a few foibles myself. My dear husband has more than a few bumps on the forehead from cupboard doors I've unintentionally left open. I'm a bit of a grump in the morning, and I've been known to snap easily on a particularly hormonal day.

Married life is full of differences, and heat or the lack thereof, is only one small issue to be contended with. Money issues, in-law situations, child rearing ideas and division of labor are only a few of the many potential topics for disagreement. Maybe God believes these disagreements will enhance

our lives together or at least teach us the art of compromise. Maybe there's more to learn in our differences than in our sameness.

The next time my husband complains that he's chilly, and I'm scorching hot, I might, just might, nudge up the heat anyway. At least I'll invite him in the kitchen to cook. It is, after all, warmer by the stove. As a last resort I'll remind him of the age old quote, "If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen." Then I'll smile sweetly, toss him a sweater and suggest we go out for dinner. Now there's a cool idea we both can live with.

Theresa A. Thomas is the mother of nine children and a member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Bristol.

Why did God do this — make us so different, male and female?

the kids after their teeth are brushed if not for him. And I know my boys would never have played football if only I had been in charge. That would be a shame since it is something the boys all excelled in, enjoyed and learned from. The truth is, my husband's differences from me enrich our lives in oh-so-many ways.

Come to think of it, baking a bit in warm temperatures is the least I can endure for this guy. He does, after all, have an awful lot of good qualities. He may occasionally throw my clean clothes down the chute, true, but they were, after all, left on the closet floor. And besides, he'll take the next step and launder them. He did bring me ice cream on demand during my chemotherapy, and after the birth of our seventh child he commented, as he knelt on the kitchen floor scrubbing it, "Wow. You do a lot of

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for November 5, 2006

Mark 12:28b-34

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the scribe's question about the Law. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SCRIBES	HEAR O ISRAEL	LORD
LOVE	YOUR HEART	SOUL
MIND	SECOND	NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF	NO OTHER	COMMANDMENT
TEACHER	HE IS ONE	STRENGTH
BURNT	ANSWERED	NOT FAR
NO ONE	TO ASK	QUESTIONS

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LETTER

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other Colorado bishops also have been vocal in their support for a proposed state constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Similar proposals are before voters in eight other states this year.

"Anything less than a state constitutional amendment defending marriage this year will enable state judges and legislators to potentially redefine marriage — even against the will of the people,"

said the three Colorado bishops in an Oct. 21 letter.

In a commentary on the question, "How would Jesus vote?" Bishop John W. Yanta of Amarillo, Texas, said the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults has the answer.

"Catholics must participate in political life and bring to bear upon it — by their voice and their vote — what they have learned about human nature, human dignity and God's will for human beings from his self-revelation," Bishop Yanta said, quoting the catechism.

"The righteous, true Christians and faithful Catholics vote their faith as Jesus expects," the bishop added.



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Father Mark Gurtner: Meeting Pope Benedict a great blessing

BY FATHER MARK GURTNER

ROME, Italy — Having traveled to Rome, I had the opportunity to attend the Wednesday general audience with the Holy Father on Oct. 11. There were about 30,000 people in attendance in St. Peter's Square.

It was a glorious day. There was not a cloud in the sky. The husband and wife that I had traveled with and I had great seats very close to the place where the Holy Father was to speak. The pope gave his speech in five languages.

After his speech, the Holy Father slowly made his way around to greet some of the pilgrims. I was fortunate enough to

have made my way to the front of the barricade.

When the Holy Father came by, I was able to speak a couple of sentences to him, "God bless you, Holy Father. You are Peter."

He spoke back to me in English saying, "God bless you," and then I kissed his ring as is tradition when meeting the pope.

It was certainly the thrill of a lifetime to have met the Holy Father and to have spoken with him, even if only briefly. I was struck by his face, which was absolutely beaming with joy and love as he passed among the crowd.

I consider this meeting a great blessing in my life, and thank the Blessed Mother who I believe arranged this encounter for me.

Stewards — A faithful friend of God

A Christian steward lives by faith. What does it mean to have faith? To have faith in God is difficult to understand unless we consider what it means to have faith in another human being. The element of faith within the relationship of another human being involves propositions — what the other person says, explicitly or implicitly, about his or her intentions regarding the other person.

Certain propositions are necessary to initiate and fulfill a relationship. Whether or not the other believes the propositions is crucial to whether or not one believes the person making the proposition. For example, if one person says I want to be your friend, accepting that proposition as true will lead to a deeper relationship with that other person.

Consider a couple planning to marry. Each one's faith in the other sets up certain expectations that will carry out the roles within the relationship. The fulfillment of those expectations then leads to a mutual trust between them. That mutual trust then gives fulfillment to this common life in which each depends on the other to keep his or her commitments. Within that relationship, faith in the other evolves and that faith always promises and expects performance. As those promises are fulfilled through performance, it leads to hope which likewise leads to love.

Faith in God is based on the same principles of that interpersonal relationship. God initiates



STEWARDSHIP — A WAY OF LIFE

HARRY VERHILEY

the relationship by first of all putting us into existence and then sustaining our life with all the things that we need. Throughout our existence, he gives us certain revelations about his love for us. Most, if not all, of our experiences through life are revelations of God's love for us. Many are so common and basic to our needs that we take them for granted and we do not even recognize them to be connected to our Creator, like air, food, shelter, clothing, family and friends.

Our faith in God is the acceptance of this relationship that we have with him that he initiates. Of course, a nonbeliever may say that they do not accept the relationship, or even believe in the existence of God. That would be like completely ignoring another person's statement, "I want to be your friend." The response may even be, "I do not believe that you exist."

A person must recognize God's communication in order to enter into the relationship. That invitation comes in God's word in prayer, in the Gospel, through the sacraments, and the teachings of the church. To accept the invitation is to welcome God's promises and performances in the relationship in faith.

To live by faith does not mean

that we are passive recipients. This relationship with God, like any other relationships, promises and expects performance that leads to hope, which leads to love. God's promise to love and care for us is fulfilled by his performance of doing so. Through God's communication-prayer, Scriptures, sacraments, and church teachings, we can know what God expects of us and how we should live, in order to maintain our relationship with God. This is a relationship in some regard of give and take. Yet, the reality is that we will never "out give" God.

A Christian steward trusts God's communication, accepts his gifts gratefully, knows that God loves him or her, and then accepts his or her role within the relationship, especially making promises to God and fulfilling those promises in faith and love as a way of life.

Because we call ourselves Catholic Christians, we infer that we have made a choice. Because we claim to be believers, we have entered more deeply into this relationship with God. No one is compelled to enter into this relationship, just like no one is compelled to enter into any other relationship with any human — it is a choice.

Shechem can trace its history as capital of northern kingdom of Israel

What was the capital of the northern kingdom of Israel after it split from Jerusalem?

Jeroboam I (B.C. 930-910) was the first ruler of the northern kingdom of Israel. He erected his capital at Shechem. Shechem was the chief city of the northern tribes where Joshua c. B.C. 1190 had previously made a covenant of fidelity with God. A stone of witness had been erected in memory of the event. The mummified body of Joseph, the son of Jacob, which the Israelites took with them as they left Egypt was buried at Shechem, that was near the border of the two Josephite tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.

G. Freeman says about 39 miles from Jerusalem is the village of Balata, beyond which is the site of ancient Shechem. Modern Shechem or Nablus is a little farther on. Excavations at Shechem reveal a city from B.C. 2000 with walls and gates, a temple, a palace, a grain store and houses.

Eventually Jeroboam I erected his capital at Penuel and fortified the city. At Penuel the patriarch Jacob wrestled with an angel. Here Jacob's name was changed to Israel. Jacob named the place Penuel because he saw God face-to-face. Penuel is traditionally located east of the Jordan River on the north bank of the Jabbok River, called the blue river, that rises near Amman in Jordan and

runs through heavily wooded deep-cut canyons to the Jordan River.

Nadab, the son of Jeroboam I, then became king of Israel (B.C. 910-909), but was slain by Baasha who became the new king (909-886) and killed off the entire house of Jeroboam I. Baasha transferred the capital to Tirzah or Tel-el Farah, seven miles from Shechem. Father Murphy-O'Connor says Tirzah is watered by two powerful springs. Neolithic hunters settled here c. 7000 B.C. Excavations show an underground sanctuary where young pigs were sacrificed in possible rites of magic or exorcism. There are also rich private houses contrasted to the miserable hovels of the poor that evoked the condemnation of the prophet Amos. A palace has been uncovered, built in two phases, possibly by two different kings.

Baasha died and was succeeded by his son Elah (B.C. 886-885). Elah's general Zimri killed Elah, reigned for seven days and then committed suicide. So the people proclaimed Omri, the general of the army, the new king of Israel (B.C. 885-874) Omri reigned in Tirzah for six years and then bought a hill from Shemer and built his new capital on it in B.C. 876 and named the city Samaria after the former owner Shemer. Samaria or Sebaste is 7 1/2 miles from Shechem or Nablus.



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HIRE HISTORY

G. Grenville mentions that Samaria looked north to the kingdom of Tyre in Phoenicia or Lebanon and the Mediterranean Sea trade. The marriage of Omri's son Ahab to Jezebel, the princess of Tyre, emphasized this new alignment. Success in trade enabled the rise of a new aristocracy, whose life of luxury, with their couches of ivory, was regarded with disdain by the prophet Amos. Some of the ivories can be seen in the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem.

At Samaria or Sebaste you can see a beautiful colonnaded street from ancient Roman times, shops, a forum, law courts, a stadium, a theater and a temple in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus. One tradition says St. John the Baptist was beheaded at Samaria by Herod Antipas. The Crusaders built a cathedral here in A.D. 1165 over the reputed tomb of St. John the Baptist.

Meet The Priest

Father Robert D'Souza

Ordained to the priesthood:
March 19, 1973
Associate Pastor, St. Jude, Fort Wayne
Chaplain, Parkview Hospital



What was your primary influence in becoming priest?

the desire to serve God and his people

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

servicing the sick and dying

What are your interests or hobbies?

music, sports, reading, walking

Do you have a pet?

no

What do you do for relaxation?

go for walks

What is your favorite reading material?

news magazines and priestly magazines

What is the best part of being a Catholic?

the call to serve

What is your favorite prayer?

the breviary

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

"I am the light of the world...."

What are your favorite foods?

vegetables and fruits

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

After high school, I wanted to become an engineer. God had other ideas.

How do you want to be addressed?

Father Bob or Father Robert

Sports

USF PROMOTED TO NO. 1 IN NAIA TOP 25 RATING The University of Saint Francis has moved up to No. 1 in this week's NAIA Top 25 ratings for the first time in the eight-plus year history of the program. USF, 8-0 and winners of 49 consecutive regular season games, was the unanimous choice by NAIA coaches with all 16 first-place votes. And what a test in their first game as NAIA Top 25 No. 1 — No. 3 Walsh University Saturday, Nov. 4, at noon on "Senior Day" at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium.

Eagles soar to take CYO championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The 2006 championship game was truly a showdown featuring two of the CYO powerhouses: the Eagles from St. John Fort Wayne (9-0) vs. the St. Vincent Panthers (8-1).

In a hoarse voice after the game, Carroll credited the St. Vincent Panthers with playing an excellent defensive game. "We got to the 7-yard line and they'd hold us on a fourth down. It was a real dogfight. We'd hold them. They'd hold us." It was a lot of back and forth, back and forth as the minutes ticked off the clock. The entire game was a defensive battle. The half-time score was 0-0.

Carroll went on with the play by play, "In the third quarter, Eagle quarterback Alex Stronczek kept hitting our key receivers (Hunter Tobe, Marquel Cooper, James Knapke) to come up with a nice pass play to get us out of the next hole. We started on our own 15, mounted a real nice drive, which ate up most of the third quarter. With less than a minute, we scored on a 1-yard plunge by Steve Kiermayer. Alex hit the PAT." The score was now 8-0.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles drilled it to midfield, but penalties

stalled the drive. At fourth and eight St. John went for it. St. Vincent's tough defense stopped the drive with over three minutes left in the game. St. Vincent ball.

But Eagle Coach Hoch and his defensive front forced St. Vincent into a "3 and out" keeping the heat on the Panthers as they've done all year long. The feisty Panthers went on to score on a 40-yard pass from Patrick Ryan to Evan Fiechter. Russell Coonan made the PAT. At the end of regulation the scoreboard read 8-8. This created an overtime situation — each team got four plays from the 10-yard line.

St. Vincent won the toss and elected for St. John to take the ball first. On their second play, the Eagles ran a sweep to De'Angelo Fincher. Fincher was stopped but reversed course and scored a 9-yard touchdown. Stronczek once again made his PAT. 16-8 Eagles.

Now it was the Panthers turn to answer. In the first three plays, the Panthers were held by the Eagles. But Patrick Ryan managed to score on a quarterback sneak making it 16-14. The PAT was missed; game over. St. John Fort Wayne wins their 32nd straight game.

The role of the defensive line for each team was a huge factor in the championship game. It's always said that games can be won

or lost on the line of scrimmage. Lebamoff felt both teams did an extremely good job controlling the line of scrimmage.

"They stopped us from doing what we were trying to do offensively and we did the same to them with a gridlock at half time and at the end of regulation." He said he was proud of all 44 of his players. "We put the points on the board this season. We win as a team. We lose as team."

Carroll concluded, "I'm very proud of these young men. They've worked very hard to win this championship.

"The '06 Eagles broke the consecutive CYO win record early in the regular season and they have a piece of history," added Carroll. "It's very difficult for a football player to be part of an undefeated team and they deserve all the credit as well as the quality coaching that has guided them through. It has been a tremendous team effort."

Panthers claim first ICCL championship

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony's football Panthers now can proudly display their first Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) football championship in history.

They defeated a perennial challenger in the Holy Cross

Crusaders, 17-8, in the post-season tournament finals at Mishawaka Marian field. Along with their first outright ICCL crown in history, they can now also display their first co-championship of the regular season.

The Panthers spearheaded their victory

with Sean Hart's two spectacular passes for touchdowns. Peter Gillis snared one for 15 yards and a touchdown. Antonio Winn got the other one for another 20 yards,

with just over a minute left in the game. The play came on fourth down and 8 yards. The Panthers at the time were leading 9-8. It was a play that surprised everyone in attendance.

Tyler Sorocco started the scoring with a field goal and later booted the extra point after a touchdown.

Meanwhile, the feisty Panthers kept the Crusaders at bay for most of the game with their stout defense. A crucial goal line stand late in the third quarter, with the Panthers leading 9-0 was a key factor in the win. Connor Demarais scored for Holy Cross, with A.J. Fitzpatrick kicking the extra point. The Panthers finish 7-1, and the Crusaders finish 6-2.

In the junior varsity semifinal playoffs, Mishawaka Catholic defeated St. Anthony, 22-0, and Holy Cross swamped Holy Family, 44-6.

The annual diocesan playoffs with the Fort Wayne Catholic Youth Organization champions will be held Sunday, Nov. 5, at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

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Flicka explores family themes

BY DAVID DICERTO

NEW YORK (CNS) — "Flicka" (20th Century Fox) is a warm-hearted family film in the tradition of "National Velvet" and "The Black Stallion."

Based on the enduring children's book, "My Friend Flicka," by Mary O'Hara, the story has already been adapted twice before, first as a 1943 movie starring Roddy McDowall and then as a 1950s' television series.

Director Michael Mayer stays true to the spirit of O'Hara's tale, but makes some substantial changes, updating the setting from early 1900s' Montana to present-day Wyoming — lustrously photographed — and switching the gender of its young protagonist, Ken McLaughlin. The character is now a strong-willed girl, Katy (Alison Lohman).

She returns home to her family's expansive ranch after a semester at a prep school where her day-dreaming brought her precariously close to flunking.

While out riding in the mountains, she encounters a spirited wild mustang that she names Flicka (Swedish for "beautiful young girl"). She quickly bonds with the horse.

Defying her tough but loving dad, Rob (Tim McGraw), Katy is determined to tame the filly. Concerned for his daughter's safety, he sells Flicka to a rodeo. Katy responds with anger, which is fueled all the more when she learns that he is also contemplating selling the financially strapped ranch.

Katy and Flicka manage to reunite and what happens next ultimately



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Alison Lohman and Tim McGraw star in a scene from the movie "Flicka." The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

mately brings father and daughter closer together.

Lohman radiates precocious pluck and girlish vulnerability. McGraw is also very good, tempering his firmness with sensitivity. Maria Bello provides maternal warmth as supportive mom Nell and Ryan Kwanten is older brother Howard, who sweats over how to inform his dad that he'd rather go to college in Boston than be a

rancher.

The script avoids excess sentimentality, exploring — at times in an elegiac way — themes of family bonds, youthful ambition and the passing of the American West.

Some parents may find fault with Katy's blatant disobedience, but apart from some heated arguments it's good to see a positive portrayal of a stable and loving family headed by nurturing and

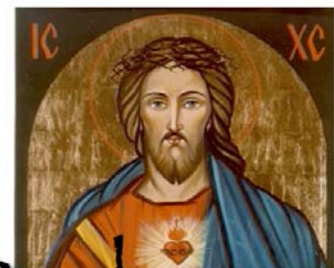
devoted parents. A wonderful film for all.

The film contains 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 — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

David DiCerto is on the staff of the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. More reviews are available online at www.usccb.org/movies.

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DEVOTIONS

Memorial Mass to honor deceased
 South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor deceased members with a memorial Mass on Monday, Nov. 6, at 5 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church. The celebrant will be Father Camillo Tirabassi. The monthly meeting will follow in the Peterson room.

Pre-Advent holy hour and evening of reflection at St. John's
 Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist, 4500 Fairfield Ave., will have an evening of reflection, Seeking Peace: Waiting Joyfully, on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Mary Pohlman, pastoral associate at St. Jude Parish, will give the reflection. Refreshments will follow.

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.

MISC. HAPPENINGS
Group planned on grief and holidays
 South Bend — The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. will offer Hope for the Holidays — Maneuvering Through Grief, a six-week support workshop designed to address issues and situations that come with the holidays and special days after the death of a loved one. The workshop will be Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 14 through Dec. 19 at 111 Sunnybrook Ct. Registration is requested by calling the Life Transition Center at (574) 255-1064 or (800) 413-9083.

Matthew Kelly to speak
 Huntington — Ss. Peter and Paul Parish will have Matthew Kelly as a guest speaker on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a reception and book signing by Matthew after his talk.

Choral evensong performed at Ancilla Domini Chapel
 Donaldson — The choir of St. Joseph Church of Mishawaka, directed by Mike Mittleman, and the Ancilla Domini choir, directed by Mary Lou McCarthy will join together to sing for a special choral evensong service Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. in the Ancilla Domini Chapel. For information, contact Mary Lou McCarthy at (574) 936-9936 ext. 164.

Faith at the Philadelphia
 South Bend — St. Joseph Parish, will host an ongoing series of talks that explore issues of faith in a relaxed, café environment

from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Philadelphia Café on Ironwood and Edison streets. Enjoy some delightful confections and spiritual connections. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, the topic will be: When is violence allowed? The Catholic response to war, economic injustice, and individual responsibility. On Wednesday, Nov. 29, the topic will be: What happens when we die? A look at our belief in the afterlife.

FUNDRAISERS

Sno Flake Bazaar
 Huntington — St. Mary Parish, 903 N. Jefferson St., will hold a Sno Flake Bazaar, Sat., Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sun., Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. Crafts, raffle, and bake sale. Homemade apple dumplings, sandwiches, ham and bean, potato or vegetable soup available.

Fall festival planned
 South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a fall festival on Sunday, Nov. 12. Chicken dinner served from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by advance ticket sale only. Adults: \$7, children (5-10) \$4. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office. Also featured will

be games of chance, raffles, prizes and a pastry booth. Dancing to music by the Jim Deka Trio from 2 to 5 p.m.

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

Fundraising dinner planned
 New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a ham and turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, coleslaw and homemade pie will be served. A silent auction, county crafts and raffles. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for children 5-13 and children under 5 free.

Spaghetti dinner planned
 South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council #5570 will have a spaghetti dinner, Thursday, Nov. 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. Adults \$7, children 5-12 \$2.50. The Council is located at 5202 Linden Ave., one block east of Mayflower Road.

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Albion Janetta M. McArdle, 39, Blessed Sacrament	Renetta F. Karlin, 68, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	South Bend Josephine M. Borsodi, 86, St. Hedwig
Elkhart Mary Barbaro, 93, St. Vincent de Paul	Eugene H. Johnson, 65, Queen of Angels	Magda Szabo, 81, Our Lady of Hungary
Fort Wayne Daniel J. Flynn, 65, St. Therese	Joe Sheibley, 64, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	M. Pauline Myers, 92, St. Joseph
Jerome P. Muldoon, 71, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel	Maria G. Zamudio, 1, St. Joseph	Delois Deitsch, 84, St. Mary of the Assumption
Leslie Gondos, 83, St. Jude	Granger Margaret Williams, 84, St. Pius X	Rita B. Nagy, 74, Holy Family
Dorothy M. Leffers, 80, St. Vincent de Paul	Huntington Clement M. Christman, 80, Ss. Peter and Paul	

Rosary Sodality plans craft, bake sale a raffle and silent auction
 Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Church, corner of Brooklyn and Hale Ave., will have a craft and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 18, noon

to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon in the church basement. Turkey bingo will follow in the school cafeteria.



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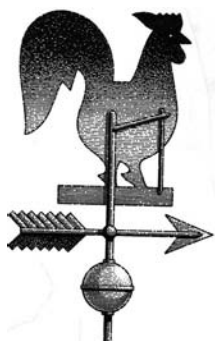
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