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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Author Scott Hahn shares 'grace of adult conversion'

BY KIM POHOVEY

FORT WAYNE — "They were enjoying the meal while we were just reading the menu," related noted Catholic author Scott Hahn as he spoke to a crowd of nearly 1,000 people gathered at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne to hear his personal story of conversion to the Catholic faith. Hahn was the featured speaker during a day-long retreat sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Church, Rekindle The Fire men's group and Redeemer Radio on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Hahn made the comment about the "menu" in relation to the Eucharist, which he felt was missing from his former Presbyterian faith life. It was through intensive study and teaching of Scripture that he came to the realization that he desired the Eucharist, and that led him to conversion.

In addition to being a nationally recognized author and speaker on Scripture and the Catholic faith, he is known for formerly having spent 10 years in pastoral ministry in Protestant congregations, before his amazing conversion to the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 1986. His talks have been effective in helping thousands of Protestants and fallen away Catholics to embrace or re-embrace the Catholic faith.

"I was extremely impressed by his willingness to lay everything on the line to do what God was calling him to do, which was to become Catholic," said retreat

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JOHN FAYLOR

Noted Catholic author Scott Hahn spoke to retreatants and to a general audience at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne on Feb. 17. Participants heard his personal story of conversion to the Catholic faith through intensive study and teaching of Scripture where he came to the realization that he desired the Eucharist.

### 1-800-MERCY4U



A "wrong number" was assigned to the diocese by a telephone company for the MERCY4U toll-free line for questions about the Catholic faith. The incorrect number was published in the February 18 edition of *Today's Catholic* you received last week. The correct number is **1-800-MERCY4U, 1-800-637-2948**. For counseling and help call toll-free Wednesday, Feb. 21, through Monday, March 19, for a confidential and anonymous venue for faith questions. The phone lines will be available 2-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Monday is for Spanish speaking. To stay current on all jubilee events visit [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org).

## Diocesan teams, athletes score regional, state, national accolades

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The richly endowed girls basketball tradition at Saint Joseph's High School added another championship trophy as the Lady Indians added their fifth successive Indiana High School Class 3A crown with a convincing 63-53 victory over Gary Roosevelt in the Twin Lakes regional at Monticello.

Now the Lady Indians will face Wawasee in the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) semi state this weekend. Only a week before, Saint Joseph's girls racked up its sixth straight sectional, also a school record.

The Lady Indians triumvirate of Becky Newsom, Kristen Dockery and Sydney Smallbone set a sizzling rebounding pace along with a torrid scoring drive. Newsome racked up 20 points in the regional final that also upped the Lady Indians record to 23-2.

Smallbone needs only two points against Wawasee to break the school's individual scoring record of 1,700 set by Melissa

Lechlitner, now a star on the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team.

### Fencing

Josh Dolezal, a Saint Joseph's High School student won the Junior Olympic championship in fencing last weekend in Denver, Colo. Dolezal is one of three in the nation named to the National Team. He could compete in the 2012 Olympics.

### Wrestling

Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School's wrestling team placed first in the Summit Athletic Conference, the school's seventh SAC championship team of the year. On an individual level, after a 34-7 season, 130-pound Ben Reifenberg placed seventh in the state in the state wrestling tournament in Indianapolis on Feb. 17. Reifenberg was also named First Team Academic All-State. Wrestlers Steven Cox and T.J. Charland made honorable mention.

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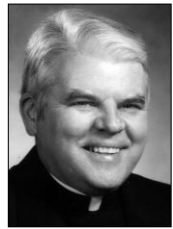
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# Lent, jubilee call us to behold the face of Christ



NEWS  
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## Another season of Lent

It can be said that Lent is a great gift to the church. It is always interesting to note that one of the Lenten prefaces refers to it as "the season of joy." In a way it is the church's retreat. It can also be seen as a preparation for Easter, that is for the great mystery of the Resurrection. In recent decades we have learned much from the Rite of Christian Election for Adults. Thus, in our two cathedrals the next few weeks we will pray together at the Rite of Election. This is one of the beautiful ceremonies in the life of the church. We honor what has happened in parishes and in hearts in each cathedral amidst music and prayer and reflection. Those who come forward first are the *catechumens*. These are people who have never been baptized and are to receive that sacrament in their respective parishes at Easter.

Then, those who have been baptized but now wish to enter full communion with the church, come forward. Through this ceremony we see the work of Christ going on in our parishes and in the hearts of our people. It is a special joy to see so many young people entering the church. At St. Matthew Cathedral, we will have many from the University of Notre Dame.

## A time of conversion

As you know, we are well launched into our Jubilee Year with its great emphasis on prayer and conversion and inviting people to return to the practice of their faith. Our staff has been preparing for this year, which I hope and pray will be a year of grace. As you know, from the pastoral letter I wrote to launch this year of grace, I have asked every parish to have a parish mission within a three-year period. A mission is both a time of prayer and also a time of evangelization, never one without the other. Wells of Hope is a golden initiative in which people going forth from Christ invite people to return to the practice of the faith. But conversion must mean returning to a person. As we prepared for the year, I was presented different possibilities for our Jubilee Image. They were all beautiful and well chosen. My eye was caught especially by an image taken and adapted from a beautiful sculpture in St. Patrick Church in Fort Wayne. It is that of Christ on the cross with Mary looking up to him. The first thought I had was that the jubilee is by its very nature a year of celebration and joy; was it

right to have an image of Christ on the cross as central to this year of grace?

## Behold the face of Christ

Then I recall the words of Pope John Paul II in his message for the new millennium. He urged that as we crossed the threshold of the millennium, which he said would be, "a new springtime for Christianity," we should contemplate the face of Christ, and we should contemplate it with Mary. I was reminded also that it is from the cross, indeed from the side of Christ, that all graces come. So if we presented this image, taken from one of our historic churches and if it was seen everywhere during this year, then we were responding to the request of Pope John Paul II, and we would be putting Christ on the cross and Mary his mother before our people as we proceed through the year.

Lent is the beginning of our Jubilee Year, and Lent is observed every year. What we must do in Lent is call our people to conversion to a person — to Jesus Christ on the cross.

## 'Deus Caritas Est'

The encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI is like no other encyclical I have ever read. It is really a spiritual conference.

I will also hold two press conferences,  
explaining our program of evangelization  
called Wells of Hope.

"The real novelty of the New Testament lies not so much in new ideas as in the figure of Christ himself, who gives flesh and blood to those concepts — an unprecedented realism.

"When Jesus speaks in his parables of the shepherd who goes after the lost sheep, of the woman who looks for the lost coin, of the father who goes to meet and embrace his prodigal son, these are no mere words: they constitute an explanation of his very being and activity.

"By contemplating the pierced side of Christ (cf. Jn. 19:37), we can understand the starting-point of this Encyclical Letter: 'God is love.' (1 Jn. 4:8). It is there that this truth can be contemplated. It is from there that our definition of love must begin. In this contemplation the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move." — Pope Benedict XVI, "God is Love."

This reflects some essays written by Joseph Ratzinger many years earlier. The contemplation of the pierced side of Christ is, for him, "the path along which our lives and our love must move." So Lent then is a conversion to the one who offered himself on the cross for us.

That is why Stations of the Cross have

been so important during Lent. I remember well climbing what we used to call "Presentation Hill" to my parish church every Friday to take part in the Stations of the Cross. I really think it affected my vocation, knowing that this Christ had taken upon himself my sins and the sins of all, so they could be lifted from our hearts.

When we say Lent is like a great retreat, it always points toward this person, towards his face, towards his love. In Lent, Jesus Christ comes in search of all of us. I pray that we all will respond by repentance of our sins, opening of our hearts and love to others as well.

## Parish missions

I have two parish missions coming up this week, one at Blessed Sacrament, Albion, and the other at St. Joseph, Fort Wayne. I always try to do one night during these missions, which are arranged by our Office of Spiritual Development. There is often an opportunity to hear confessions, as I will at Blessed Sacrament, Albion. I will also hold two press conferences, explaining our program of evangelization called *Wells of Hope*. I will explain to the press our efforts to call people back to the practice of the faith. I am also preparing for pastoral visits to three more of our high schools and a trip to Terre Haute with the other bishops to offer Mass for our new local saint, St.

Mother Guérin, foundress of the Catholic schools in this diocese. This trip to Terre Haute will also include a meeting of the bishops and major superiors of Indiana.

## A diocesan history

On top of this, I am trying to keep an eye on the completion of the history of our diocese.

Joseph White, PhD., is the author, and is nearing completion. I am trying to write a short memoir afterwards, so there is some record, hopefully objective, a few of the highlights of these past 22 years, as I have seen them. I will keep you updated on all of this.

## A word of correction from last week's citation of a Vatican II document

One should always quote accurately. "from divine choice, the laity have Christ for their brother, who though he is the Lord of all, came not to be served but to serve (cf. Mt 20:28). They also have for their brothers those in the sacred ministry who by teaching, by sanctifying and by ruling with the authority of Christ feed the family of God, so that the new commandment of charity may be fulfilled by all. St. Augustine put this very beautifully when he says: 'What I am for you terrifies me; what I am with you consoles me. For you I am a bishop; but with you I am a Christian. The former is a duty; the latter a grace. The former is a danger; the latter, salvation.'" — "Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*," Second Vatican Council.

I will see you all next week.



## St. Vincent pastor relates the impact of Hahn visit

FORT WAYNE — Scott Hahn's visit to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne on Feb. 10 "was a memorable event, one that I will always remember," related Father John Kuzmich, pastor, in a letter he shared with *Today's Catholic*.

"Dr. Hahn was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1982 and entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, 1986," noted Father Kuzmich. "He embraced the Catholic faith because he came to realize that the fullness of divine revelation subsists in the Catholic Church. His wife Kimberly became a Catholic several years later. They have six children."

Dr. Hahn received his doctorate in biblical theology from Marquette University in 1995 and is currently a professor of theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. He gives lectures as his schedule permits and is the author of many books.

Father Kuzmich said, "Prior to coming to St. Vincent's, I had heard much about Dr. Hahn but had never heard him speak, nor had I read any of his books. As I sat there in the parish hall during the morning retreat, with over 200 men and women of the parish, I listened intently to the story of his conversion to Catholicism."

"I was deeply moved by what he said," added Father Kuzmich, "particularly his love for and appreciation of the Catholic Mass. It was in a small university chapel, which he visited out of curiosity, that he experienced for the first time the beauty and power of the holy Mass. He described that moment in detail and said that he left that chapel more convinced that he was being drawn to the Catholic Church."

"In his talk, Dr. Hahn drew heavily upon sacred Scripture, particularly the Book of Revelation, in explaining how this liturgical ritual, old and yet

ever new, is the source and summit of the life of the church," Father Kuzmich explained.

"At one point he said that we Catholics don't have to die to go to heaven; we are in heaven when we are at Mass," Father Kuzmich wrote. "I smiled when he said this and thought to myself that it takes a convert to point out to us a truth that is often missed by many cradle Catholics."

At the early afternoon session with about 1,000 people in attendance, Scott Hahn "held our attention as he once again explained to us how the written word of God supports Catholic teaching and practice," added Father Kuzmich.

"It was a wonderful day with Dr. Scott Hahn, and I am very grateful to Rekindle the Fire for suggesting to me that we invite him to come to the parish," Father Kuzmich noted. "May we all grow in our appreciation of the beauty of our Catholic faith."

## HAHN

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team member Dr. Geoff Cly. "It reminded me of the story in the New Testament when the apostles leave everything behind — boats, nets and all — to follow Christ."

The genesis of the Scott Hahn retreat came more than a year ago when a group of men from the St. Vincent de Paul Parish, known as Rekindle The Fire, brainstormed an annual renewal retreat featuring an inspirational speaker. John Faylor, event organizer, suggested they contact Scott Hahn and the process began to take shape.

Rekindle The Fire was established nearly two years ago at St. Vincent's as a group of Christian men who, through Christ's love, want to become better fathers, husbands, friends and the leaders God intended them to be, through prayer, fellowship and service to their parish and community.

Their vision expanded to include a women's retreat and they enlisted the help of WINGS (Women in God's Service) group at St. Vincent's to organize the women's portion of the retreat.

The women and men simultaneously held separate retreats during the morning of Feb. 10, and then all joined together to hear Scott Hahn's amazing conversion story. Faylor recounted what an interesting experience it was to plan the retreat and to work toward bringing in such a renowned speaker as Hahn.

"There were a million details to handle regarding his schedule but everything came together, and the event unfolded beyond our expectations. It was a fantastic success, and we will soon be planning for next year," said Faylor. The men's retreat drew 128 participants; the women's retreat drew 136. An afternoon talk, open to the public, drew 1,000 people, several hundred more than what Hahn's representatives had expected, according to Faylor.

Lisa Craw, women's retreat organizer, related that the planning for the women's retreat was born

out of Hahn's work. "He came to Catholicism through Scripture, so we prayed about our approach, and, in the end, it was easy for us to focus the retreat on aspects of Scripture," she said. "The goal of the morning retreat was to 'open our hearts' to hear the words Hahn would speak to us later in the day."

Donna Abel, a retreat organizer who entered the Catholic Church through the RCIA program just last year, was touched by Hahn's cerebral approach to his conversion. "I was impressed because most conversion experiences are emotionally based, but his was intellectually based, yet it didn't take away at all from his sincerity of heart," she said. "It was as if he knew in his head from Scripture study that it (his conversion) was sound before his heart followed."

Following lunch, Hahn proceeded to offer the talk, which was open to the community at large, in the St. Vincent Church. This talk incorporated his conversion story but also focused heavily on his knowledge of Scripture and specifically on his perspective on how both Old and New Testaments stories are linked. He cited reference after reference of parallel stories within the books of the Bible in an exciting format that many in attendance had never before considered.

Craw admitted, for instance, that although she was raised Catholic, she never knew some of the coincidences between the Old and New Testament stories that Hahn referred to in his talk. "I have a fire now that makes me want to pick up the Bible and put it all together for myself," she said.

Perhaps the power of Hahn's message was best illustrated by the effect he's had on countless Protestants. Retreat participant Kristin Eby felt a particular kinship with Hahn's words, both written and verbal. While a participating Lutheran, Eby felt her own call to conversion after reading Hahn's book, "Rome Sweet Home."

A coworker of her husband's lent them the book and she and her husband, Carl, read the book together. After years of what she describes as "being poisoned by

non-Catholic churches," they were "blown away" by the truth in Scripture they discovered in the pages of Hahn's book. She remembers actually being scared to become Catholic, but eventually prayer led them in that direction.

After meeting with a St. Vincent's priest, Eby entered the RCIA program and entered the Catholic church in 2001. Considering his book was the impetus for her own conversion, the opportunity to hear Hahn speak in person was an emotional one for Eby.

"At the end of his talk, I told him that 'Rome Sweet Home' is the reason I decided to become Catholic, and he acted as if he had never heard that before. Although I'm sure he had, he acted so humbled, his eyes got big, he grabbed and shook my hand," related Eby. "I got so emotional I could barely talk, but I was so elated to have the experience of thanking him."

The retreat even spoke to longtime St. Vincent parishioners. Coach Terry Coonan joined the parish 59 years ago, and he can't recall a program he enjoyed more on the church's property during that time. "It was such an inspirational day, the speaker was outstanding, the table discussions and exchanges were great," shared Coonan.

Hahn himself was impressed with the commitment and intensity he experienced at St. Vincent Parish. According to Hahn, in some ways, the experience of speaking to Catholic congregations is virtually the same, but he admitted St. Vincent's was unforgettable because, although he was speaking to a majority of cradle Catholics, he experienced what he described as the "grace of adult conversion."

"There was such an ongoing and ever-deepening solid core of spiritual life in the parish," said Hahn. He was most impressed with the core team who planned the retreat observing their exhaustion and exhilaration as they grew closer together and closer to our Lord. "They grew apostolically as they collaborated on this retreat," he said.

## Polish archbishop retracts statement that he aided communist police

BY JONATHAN LUXMOORE

OXFORD, England (CNS) — A Polish archbishop who resigned after admitting collaboration with communist secret police has withdrawn his confession and asked a court to clear his name.

Lawyers for former Warsaw Archbishop Stanislaw Wielgus said he did not collaborate and that his secret police files were falsified.

"There was neither secret nor conscious collaboration — in my view, the archbishop acted in the interests of the church," said Marek Malecki, a lawyer acting for Archbishop Wielgus. He said a trial would allow "a different evaluation of the stance of clergy at the time."

Waldemar Gontarski, another lawyer, told the *Zycie Warszawy* daily Feb. 13 that the national appeal the archbishop delivered Jan. 5 was not his own and that "not just his signature, but the whole file covering his alleged cooperation with the secret services has been falsified."

Malecki filed a petition with Warsaw's Verification Court on behalf of Archbishop Wielgus, who resigned Jan. 7, two hours before his formal installation ceremony as archbishop of Warsaw.

In his Jan. 5 appeal to Catholics, Archbishop Wielgus said he had met with secret police agents on numerous occasions in the 1960s and 1970s and signed a collaboration pledge during a "moment of weakness."

Malecki told the Polish Catholic news agency KAI that passages had been added to Archbishop Wielgus' Jan. 5 statement without his knowledge, including the words: "I harmed

the church by the fact of my entanglement. I harmed it again when, in recent days, facing a heated media campaign, I denied the fact of my cooperation."

He added that the accusations against the archbishop had disregarded Polish law, which requires collaboration to be established by a constitutional court ruling, and said Archbishop Wielgus also had a right to have his case partly heard in secret.

"This is an absolutely exceptional situation — a member of the clergy has decided to submit himself to verification to obtain moral exoneration," said the lawyer, who has acted successfully for other high-profile clients. "I can assure you the archbishop is determined to defend his rights and present the truth about his activities in that period to public opinion."

In December Archbishop Wielgus, who has not spoken publicly since resigning, was named to succeed Cardinal Jozef Glemp as head of the Warsaw Archdiocese. However, the *Gazeta Polska* weekly accused Archbishop Wielgus of having been a "trusted collaborator" of Poland's secret police, the Sluzba Bezpieczenstwa, for 22 years.

The allegation was confirmed in early January by separate commissions appointed by Poland's civil rights commissioner and the bishops' conference; representatives of both said they had seen documents confirming the archbishop's "deliberate secret cooperation."

However, in a Jan. 9 Polish TV interview, Cardinal Glemp said the archbishop had fallen victim to an "organized media action" and urged him to take legal action.

## Pope warns that family in Latin America is showing signs of erosion

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI warned that the family in Latin America is showing signs of erosion, as evidenced by increasing divorce, cohabitation and adultery.

He said the church should help resist legislative lobbies that are advancing an anti-family agenda in the region and undermining the institution of marriage.

He made the remarks Feb. 17 to participants at a Vatican meeting of apostolic nuncios stationed in Latin America and other church officials. They met in a planning session for the fifth general conference of the Latin American bishops, which will take place in Brazil May 13-31.

The pope, who will travel to Brazil to personally open the conference, reviewed a long list of challenges to the church in Latin America.

He said the church needs to

underline that marriage and the family are based on truths about the nature of man, and that the human community must be built upon the strong foundation of "faithful and stable conjugal love between a man and a woman."

The pope said the church's strong social role in Latin America was one of its biggest assets and one reason why the people hold the church in high esteem.

The pope praised the church's long centuries of evangelization work in Latin America and rejected the notion that Christianity was a foreign religion imposed on native cultures.

"In reality, the encounter between these cultures and faith in Christ was a response that was internally awaited by these cultures. This encounter is not something to renounce but to deepen, and it has created the true identity of the peoples of Latin America," he said.

## Corpus Christi Holy Hour celebrates 25 years

SOUTH BEND — During the month of February, Corpus Christi Parish is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Holy Hour program. The Holy Hour program began under the direction of Father Denis Blank, former pastor of Corpus Christi. Several women of the Legion of Mary approached Father Blank with the request of beginning a Holy Hour program, especially since the parish name, Corpus Christi, means "body of Christ." It just seemed appropriate.

Father Blank and the women began a publicity campaign to get the message out. It started small — just a few hours a day — until it took on its present format: Monday through Saturday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.; the only day it is closed is Christmas Day.

"This program has been a wonderful grace-filled event in the lives of many people and still today brings peace and contentment to those who frequent our adoration chapel," Father Camillo Tirabassi, pastor of Corpus Christi, told *Today's Catholic*.

"I remember when Bishop D'Arcy asked me to transfer to Corpus Christi, he told me about this program and how I should do my best to keep it alive," he said.

"I soon learned that if I were to ask others to join, I myself must become a member as well," Father Tirabassi said. "Making Holy Hours was something I did occasionally; now I had to make it an everyday event. I now spend my daily time in chapel at 7 a.m., before my 7:50 a.m. Mass. I thank God for this special time, which I pray has strengthened my relationship with him."

Pope John Paul II was one who promoted adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He saw the relationship between the Mass and time spent before the

Blessed Sacrament in adoration as one — how one feeds off the other. In his encyclical, "Ecclesia De Eucharistia," he said this: "The worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass is strictly linked to the celebration. Christ's presence perdures in the species of bread and wine and is directed toward Communion, sacramental and spiritual. To foster this worship, pastors must encourage exposition of the Blessed Sacrament."

Father Tirabassi described how he encourages participation: "Every year to promote new participation I have initiated a three-week membership drive. I feel this is necessary because members move away, some can't make their appointed times and some go to meet the Lord personally whom they adored. In the first of the three weeks I speak at all the Masses on the value of the real presence; on the second weekend I place a pamphlet on the Eucharist and get members to write a few sentences on what the Holy Hour means to them and place these in the bulletin and on the third weekend lay members speak at all the Masses after holy Communion to get other parishioners to sign up."

The promotion paid off. "Last year was our most productive ever — 50 new people signed up," he said. "Thanks be to God after 25 years our Holy Hour program is healthy and strong."

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not just for Corpus Christi parishioners; anyone from the area parishes is more than welcome to come and pray.



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Pope Benedict XVI poses with seminarians during his visit at the major diocesan seminary in Rome Feb. 17. Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the papal vicar of Rome, to the left of the pope, and Msgr. Giovanni Tani, rector of the seminary, are also seen in this photo.

## Pope says life involves recognizing fragility, refocusing on God

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — The Christian life is a journey that involves moving forward each day, recognizing one's fragility, overcoming obstacles and continually refocusing on God and his love, Pope Benedict XVI told Rome diocesan seminarians.

The fact that Jesus repeatedly had to scold his apostles for their lack of faith and understanding "shows that none of us have reached the heights of this great 'yes'" to the Lord, the pope told the 120 seminarians during a Feb. 17 visit at the Rome seminary.

Pope Benedict spent the evening at the seminary, responding at length to questions about preparing for the priesthood and for a holy life and then eating dinner with the students.

One of the students asked how priests could fight the temptation of career climbing in the church.

"The Lord knew that from the beginning there was also sin within the church," the pope said. "In humility it is important to recognize this and to see not only the sin in others, in structures, in

high church offices, but also in ourselves.

"In that way, we will be more humble ourselves and learn that the position we hold does not count in the eyes of the Lord, but what counts is being in his love and making his love shine," the pope said.

Pope Benedict said that recognizing one's own weakness and sinfulness is an essential part of growing in holiness because that is the only way to recognize one's need for God's grace.

The attitude required of priests and all Christians is "to recognize that we need a permanent conversion, that we have not simply arrived, to accept our fragility but remain on the path, to not give up but go forward and, through the sacrament of reconciliation, to convert continually in order to start again and to grow," he said.

Pope Benedict told the students that one of the things he found most helpful in his own seminary training was having a very disciplined timetable for personal and communal prayer, Mass, study and Scripture reading.

Asked how priests should face

the pain and suffering they see around them, the pope said every Christian should do everything possible to alleviate the suffering of others, but also must learn to accept personal suffering and to see it as sharing in the suffering of Christ.

"We are always like Peter who said to the Lord, 'No, Lord, this cannot be. You must not suffer. We do not want to carry the cross. We want to create a kingdom that is more human, more beautiful on earth,'" he said.

"But this is completely wrong," the pope told the students. "Someone who promises a life that is only happy and easy is lying."

When an individual accepts suffering in his or her own life and uses it in order to grow closer to God and to others who are suffering, then his or her words of comfort will not sound "rhetorical or pathetic," he said.

Only a person who has accepted suffering can demonstrate to others that "the love of God exists even in the darkest valleys," the pope said.



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# Kidney-shaped Valentine

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — Named Valentina because she was born on Valentine's Day, Valentina Gutierrez is used to birthday presents and sweet nothings on Feb. 14.

But on this Valentine's Day, Valentina fulfilled Jesus' command in Jn 15: 12-13: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

She gave away a kidney to her friend of nearly 30 years, Juan Manuel Gutierrez.

Juan Manuel and Valentina's husband, Hugo Gutierrez, met at a retreat in 1979, according to Valentina.

And he quickly became a part of the family.

"Sometimes it's hard to find good friends," admitted Valentina, which is why the two Gutierrez families seemed to meld into one.

So when Juan Manuel experienced kidney failure two years ago, causing him to have to clean his blood up to five times each day through dialysis, Valentina found it more and more difficult to watch him suffer.

She asked herself what she could do to help?

"I think, 'I'm too old, and I'm a woman,'" said Valentina at the office of St. Adalbert in South Bend where she and Hugo are parishioners.

And as time wore on, Valentina also watched others offer up a kidney to her friend, but no one ever seemed to follow through.

"I saw him suffer through dialysis," said Valentina. "He's very active in his community, and he has to take his dialysis everywhere. I saw him depressed."

And so she made up her mind, and, Valentina said, when she makes up her mind to do something there's no changing it.

She called Juan Manuel in August and announced that he would be getting one of her kidneys if she was a match.

"He never asked," Valentina said.

And she knew he would never follow through if she herself didn't continue to take the initiative to follow through with her desire to give her kidney.

She said he even tried to convince her otherwise, telling her that she would suffer too much for him.

But she was adamant.

"I said I would do it, and I will," Valentina said.

Valentina said she went with him to his next doctor visit and knows if she had not he would not have said a word about her offer. That began the process of over 30 tests Valentina had to endure to find out if she was a match and to make sure she was physically and mentally ready for the sacrifice. Doctors determined she was. Over the year before offering to donate her kidney to Juan Manuel, Valentina began a new health regimen and lost 40 pounds.



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Valentina Gutierrez, who turned 53 Feb. 14, had surgery the same day to donate her kidney to Juan Manuel Gutierrez, a family friend she has known for nearly 30 years.

She said she's convinced that it was God's plan that she give her kidney to Juan Manuel. And her new healthy choices were part of that preparation even though she didn't know it then.

But even still Juan Manuel admitted he does not want his friend to be in pain, though he is thankful for Valentina and her family's sacrifice.

"I don't want to create any pain for them," said Juan Manuel, who lives in Warsaw and is a parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe. "Her life could be in danger. It bothers me, but I am very excited. There is no way to repay what she's doing for me."

And he was worried about the surgery, but not his own.

"It's hard for me to deal with her suffering because of me," Juan Manuel said. "I'm not scared for me."

But Valentina said she has no qualms about her choice.

"I'm not nervous for myself — only for my family when I see them cry," Valentina said. "But I tell them, 'I'm still alive.' I have faith everything's going to be okay. If I die? It's okay."

She tells her family that if something went wrong and she died, a small piece of her would live on with Juan Manuel.

"Don't be worried," she said

she told them. "If I die, you will see him with a piece of me. Always look at him with love because there will be a little piece of me."

Despite his own worry about Valentina, Juan Manuel said he was happy he received a kidney from someone he knows is healthy and who takes care of herself.

"I know it's special," Juan Manuel said. "There's no doubt about it. It's very special, very special."

But Valentina saw her gift to Juan Manuel as simply fulfilling what Christ called her to do and her loyalty to their friendship.

"I like to read the Bible a lot," she said. "And what touches me most is that Jesus died for us. We are all his friends. And he decided to do it on his own."

If God gave her two kidneys and she can still live with one, she said she asked herself why she shouldn't give one up?

Valentina added, "If I really want to love my neighbor, I can give anything."

The Feb. 14 surgery was successful. Valentina and Juan Manuel are both doing well, and Valentina was expected to be released from the hospital last weekend.

# Helen Riley took a stand on justice and the poor

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

After volunteering at a Catholic Worker House in New York, Helen Caldwell-Day-Riley was so impressed with Dorothy Day that she would later open a house of her own.

Helen was born in Marshall, Texas in 1926. After her parents separated when she was a young girl, she split her time between them in Holly Springs, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn.

After attending college in Holly Springs, she headed to New York to study to be a nurse.

Helen loved her job at Misericordia Hospital, where she was trained to baptize newborn babies of Catholic parents. This led her to join the Catholic Church.

At the suggestion of a friend, she started volunteering at the St. Joseph House of Hospitality, where she became friends with Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin.

She met and married George Day and they had a son. She became sick and couldn't continue her nursing studies. So saddled with sickness, a young son and a failed marriage, she headed back to Memphis.

Although down, she was not out. She moved to a housing project with her son, mother and stepfather.

Her dreams of a hospitality house was never out of her mind. Through a connection at the Catholic Worker, she met a white Notre Dame graduate from Memphis in 1950.

Their first meeting was broken up because they met in a "whites-

only park." The two later started a multiracial Catholic discussion group, called the "Outer Circle."

Helen experienced many injustices, which she later included in a column she wrote for the local black newspaper, *Memphis World*.

One terrible event sparked her into action. In 1951, two black children were killed when a fire broke out in a garage where they were living. This fire and Pope Pius XI's encyclical, "Reconstruction of the Social Order," inspired Helen to start her own Catholic Worker House.

In 1952, the Blessed Martin House of Hospitality was opened. The house provided day care to help children of working mothers who went out during the cotton harvest. The moms would be

picked up early in the morning by truck to go across the river into Arkansas, or some miles south into the delta region of Mississippi.

It also offered after-school care for single mothers' children. Helen supported the house with royalties from her book. She also

put out a newsletter and solicited donations.

Helen refused to be pigeon-holed into attending the "colored only" church of St. Augustine. She chose to go the nearby St. Patrick Church to show she didn't believe in two Catholic churches with one God.

In September 1955, Helen married Jessie Riley and he helped her run the house for a few months.

The Blessed Martin House closed in 1956 because of financial difficulties, and Helen and her husband moved to California where they started a new life.

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## Catholic-Buddhist dialogue enters second four-year cycle

WASHINGTON (CNS) — “Abiding in Christ; Taking Refuge in Buddha” was the theme of the first meeting in the second four-year cycle of dialogue between Catholics and Zen/Chan Buddhists on the West Coast. The meeting was held at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, a 488-acre Buddhist community and monastery near Ukiah, Calif. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington issued a press release Feb. 12 reporting details of the Jan. 24-27 meeting. Zen and Chan are the respective Japanese and Chinese terms for the meditation school of Buddhism. The dialogue began with a public session, attended by Ukiah religious leaders and by monastics, students and faculty of the city, at which panelists discussed unique features of the West Coast dialogue. During two days of spiritual exercises and closed-session dialogues, participants discussed the basis of Christian and Buddhist religious commitments.

## Officials say text will be open about tensions in Anglican Communion

ROME (CNS) — A Catholic archbishop and an Anglican bishop who lead work on a document about witnessing to commonly held points of faith said the document will be “very honest” about current tensions within the Anglican Communion and the problems that poses for ecumenical dialogue. Catholic Archbishop John Bathersby of Brisbane, Australia, and Anglican Bishop David Beutge of Highveld, South Africa, are the co-chairmen of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission. The commission was established by the Vatican and the Anglican Communion in 2001 to promote activities that would help Catholics and Anglicans demonstrate the results of four decades of ecumenical dialogue and take concrete steps toward full unity. “While it is encouraging that a document of this kind can be produced and that practical day-to-day cooperation between Catholics and Anglicans can be strengthened, talk of plans to reunite the two communions is, sadly, much exaggerated,” the two bishops said in a Feb. 19 statement e-mailed to reporters.

## New head of clergy congregation issues defense of priestly celibacy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Two months after taking over as head of the Vatican’s Congregation for Clergy, Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes has issued a strong and lengthy defense of priestly celibacy. “Priestly celibacy is a precious gift of Christ to his church, a gift that must continually be meditated upon and strengthened, especially in the deeply secularized modern world,” Cardinal Hummes said. The cardinal made the comments in a full-page article he wrote for the Vatican

# NEWS BRIEFS

## SEN. CASEY SPEAKS AT SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., makes a point while speaking Feb. 13 at the 2007 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering on Capitol Hill in Washington. Casey, a Catholic and one-time Jesuit volunteer, and Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., lauded the work of people in Catholic social ministry and asked for their continued support in working to improve the lot of the poor.

newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. It was published Feb. 14, under the headline “The importance of priestly celibacy,” to mark the 40th anniversary of “*Sacerdotalis Caelibatus*,” Pope Paul VI’s encyclical on priestly celibacy. Cardinal Hummes, formerly the archbishop of Sao Paolo, arrived at his new Vatican post last December, shortly after telling a Brazilian newspaper that priestly celibacy was a disciplinary norm and not a church dogma and was therefore open to change. Vatican officials were concerned, and within hours of arriving in Rome Cardinal Hummes issued a statement emphasizing that priestly celibacy was a long and valuable tradition in the Latin-rite church.

## Cardinal Zen says China, Vatican must work out bishops’ ordinations

HONG KONG (CNS) — Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kun of Hong Kong has reiterated the need for negotiations to resolve the issue of Catholic bishops’ ordinations in mainland China and to find a bilaterally acceptable way of normalizing relations. Cardinal Zen said illegitimate episcopal ordinations have created new obstacles for the dialogue between China and the Vatican and the normalization of their relations, and he called for an approach acceptable to both sides. However, Anthony Liu Bainian, vice president of the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association, Feb. 14 told UCA News, an Asian church news agency, that the church in China will continue to elect and ordain its own bishops as it has done in the past 50 years. Currently, Liu said, China is exam-

ining applications for episcopal ordinations in the Guangzhou, Guizhou and Yichang dioceses.

## U.S.-born priest named auxiliary bishop for Puerto Rican archdiocese

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Msgr. Daniel Fernandez Torres, a U.S.-born priest who is a pastor in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, to be an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Bishop-designate Fernandez, born in Chicago, had been pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Arecibo, the diocese for which he was ordained Jan. 7, 1995. His episcopal ordination was set for April 21 — six days before his 43rd birthday — at the cathedral in San Juan. At a Feb. 14 news conference in San Juan, Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez said Bishop-designate Fernandez is “very sensitive to spiritual and human needs” and “a priest who has distinguished himself in youth ministry and the formation of future priests,” according to a report in *El Vocero de Puerto Rico*. *El Vocero* also reported that the new bishop would serve as episcopal moderator for religious education, youth ministry and ecumenical and interreligious affairs for the Puerto Rican bishops’ conference.

## Blog writers resign from campaign amid continued criticism

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two employees of former Sen. John

Edwards’ presidential campaign have resigned amid a firestorm in the online community over anti-Catholic commentary they each wrote on their personal Internet Web logs. Amanda Marcotte and Melissa McEwan both operated Web logs, or online commentary pages known as blogs, before being hired by the Edwards campaign. Comments mocking elements of Catholic belief and crassly attacking other aspects of Catholicism became fodder for a campaign of another type, pressuring Edwards to fire Marcotte and McEwan. Edwards had said Feb. 8 that while he was personally offended by what the women wrote he would not fire them because he believes “in giving everyone a fair shake.” But in messages posted on their blogs Feb. 12 and 13, Marcotte and McEwan each said they had resigned because the attention to them was making it difficult to do their campaign jobs.

## Cardinal Herranz resigns; pope names Italian to top canon law post

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Spanish Cardinal Julian Herranz, the Vatican’s top expert in canon law, and named an Italian bishop to succeed him. Auxiliary Bishop Francesco Coccopalmerio of Milan, a 68-year-old with doctorates in canon and civil law, was named an archbishop and president of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, the Vatican announced Feb. 15. Cardinal Herranz, a member of Opus Dei, had led the office since 1994. The cardinal, who will celebrate his 77th birthday March 31, began

working at the Vatican in 1960, serving as a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law from 1963 until the 1983 promulgation of the new code. At that time, the pope named him secretary of the Vatican agency dealing with canon law issues. His successor, Archbishop Coccopalmerio, earned his doctorate in canon law from Rome’s Pontifical Gregorian University and his civil law degree from the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan. He is president of the commission for juridical questions of the Italian bishops’ conference.

## Portuguese archbishop criticizes nonbinding vote on abortion

LISBON, Portugal (CNS) — A Portuguese archbishop criticized nonbinding referendum results on abortion and encouraged pro-life movements to continue to fight for life. Archbishop Jorge Ferreira da Costa Ortiga of Braga, president of the Portuguese bishops’ conference, said, “Whatever the result, I’m cheered by the efforts made in this campaign and convinced the church can count on various movements for the permanent defense of life.” Nearly 60 percent of those who voted Feb. 11 supported a government-backed referendum that would have legalized abortion during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. However, only 43 percent of voting-age citizens turned out for the referendum, so the results were not legally binding. Currently, abortions in Portugal are legal up to the 12th week of pregnancy only if a woman’s life is in danger or in cases of rape, incest or fetal impairment. “What is lawful is not necessarily moral,” the archbishop said in a Feb. 11 statement on the bishops’ conference Web site. “There are situations in which lawful acts can be immoral.”

## Jack McBride, leader in adult religious education, dies at 53

MADISON, Wis. (CNS) — A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 10 for Jack J. McBride, associate director of the Madison Diocese’s Office of Evangelization and Catechesis since 1986 and a national leader in adult religious education. He died Feb. 1 at age 53 after a long battle with cancer. “Jack was a very faithful co-worker of the truth,” said Madison Bishop Robert C. Morlino, who presided at the funeral Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Madison. McBride was interred at Resurrection Cemetery. “Even when he was quite sick, Jack was determined to work hard so that people could receive the truth of Christ. His fidelity to the truth was a sign that he drew his strength from the truth,” the bishop told *The Catholic Herald*, newspaper of the Madison Diocese. In June 2006 McBride was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership in recognition of his dedicated and selfless service to the catechetical mission of the church.



## St. Jude School to host kindergarten open house March 1

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude Catholic School in South Bend will host kindergarten information night for future kindergarten students and their families on March 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. Free child care and refreshments will be provided.

"We would like to extend this open house invitation to any family seeking a faith-based kindergarten education for their youngster," said Stephen Donndelinger, St. Jude Catholic School principal.

St. Jude School's full-day kindergarten program includes religion and core academic instruction. Creative play is also an important part of the developmental kindergarten program led by instructor Eileen Cramer. Cramer is a wife and mother of three children with over 10 years of early childhood teaching experience.

St. Jude offers Catholic education through eighth grade. The school is located at 19657 Hildebrand St., off Johnson Road in South Bend.

For more information, contact principal Stephen Donndelinger at (574) 291-3820 or go to the Web site [www.stjudeschool.net](http://www.stjudeschool.net).

## Holocaust survivor to speak at St. Aloysius March 3

YODER — Doris Fogal, who survived the Holocaust, will be the speaker at St. Aloysius School on Saturday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Aloysius Activity Center. Admission is \$5 at the door and light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

Fogal, at the age of four, and her mother left Berlin in 1939. They arrived as "stateless refugees" in Shanghai, China. She spent the next eight years in the Hongkew Ghetto living in internment camps among the starving Chinese citizenry in a city without the benefit of running water and modern sanitation facilities. Through the work of the Joint Distribution Committee representative, Laura Margolis, Fogal, her mother and nearly 20,000 Jews were fed and cared for as they "existed" in the Hongkew Ghetto throughout the Japanese occupation of Shanghai for the balance of the war.

Children over 12 are welcome. Please make reservations by calling the school at (260) 622-7151. The event is sponsored by the St. Aloysius School Board.

St. Aloysius is located just south of exit 6, Interstate 469, on State Road 1.

## South Bend Serrans to host dinner with Holy Cross seminarians

NOTRE DAME — South Bend Serra Club's traditional dinner with the seminarians of Holy Cross Seminary on the campus of Notre Dame will be held Thursday, March 1, at Holy Cross Seminary.

Both groups will attend a Mass preceding the dinner at the seminary.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. THERESE CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OUTDOORS



PROVIDED BY JANE KELM

St. Therese, Fort Wayne, students celebrated Catholic Schools Week and managed to blend in the the winter season by creating large snowflakes. Barb Pinkerton of St. Therese School reports that the "snowflakes were huge and it was so much fun."

After Mass, a selected group of seminarians will express their views of discerning a religious vocation in a joint session with Serrans and their wives.

Meanwhile, the Serra Club is formulating plans for a 60th anniversary of its organization, which was the first to be chartered in Indiana in 1948. Deacon Ron Moser, Serra Club president, said a special committee will be selected to formulate plans for the observance. — EJD

## Students host Edith Stein conference to address healing in women

NOTRE DAME — A group of University of Notre Dame students is hosting a two-day conference to address healing for women who have been victimized in body and spirit and to discuss the manner in which contemporary culture imperils the dignity of women.

The conference, titled "The Edith Stein Project: Toward Integral Healing for Women and Culture," will be held Feb. 23 and 24 in McKenna Hall on campus, and is open to the public.

Seeking to address the way individuals are victimized, whether by sexual assault, rape, abortion, domestic violence or the way that both men and women are objectified by others, the conference will examine personal experiences with attention to the psychological, spiritual, societal and emotional aspects of hurt and healing.

Body image, Internet sexual addictions and family dynamics will be among the topics discussed by a variety of speakers, including Paolo G. Carozza, associate professor of law at Notre Dame and a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; Kathy Gibney, an assistant professional specialist in Notre Dame's Department of Psychology; Pia de Solenni, director of life and women's issues for the Family Research Council; Janet Smith, professor of philosophy at the University of Dallas; and Catherine Ruth Pakaluk, a doctoral candidate in economics at Harvard University.

For a complete schedule of speakers or to register online, visit [https://marketplace.nd.edu/cce/Th\\_e\\_Edith\\_Stein\\_Project\\_P216.cfm](https://marketplace.nd.edu/cce/Th_e_Edith_Stein_Project_P216.cfm).

Father are my brothers and sisters." This weekend retreat will focus on understanding God's will.

## Lindenwood holds women's retreat, 'Who is my Sister?'

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken for the women's retreat, "Who is my Sister?" In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus asks, "Who are my brothers and sisters?... Those who do the will of my

Facilitator Father Steve Gibson, CSC, is a Holy Cross priest who worked in East Africa for eight years and at Fatima Retreat Center for 27 years. He is currently director of Holy Cross Media Ministry. Also facilitating will be Chandra Johnson, who is the associate director of Campus Ministry at the University of Notre Dame. The program begins Friday, March 9, with check-in at 4:30 p.m. EST, and concludes Sunday, March 11, with lunch. The program fee is \$160 for single occupancy, or \$130 per person, double occupancy, and includes lodging and all meals. Sign up early. Registration deadline is Friday, March 2, 2007. For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1780 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e-mail [lw@lindenwood.org](mailto:lw@lindenwood.org) or visit [www.lindenwood.org](http://www.lindenwood.org).

Notre Dame tuition increases 5.4 percent

## Notre Dame tuition increases 5.4 percent

NOTRE DAME — Undergraduate tuition at the University of Notre Dame will increase 5.4 percent for the 2007-08 academic year to \$35,187, and average room and board rates will be \$9,290, for a total cost of \$44,477.

In a letter to parents and guardians of students returning for the next academic year, Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, wrote of the "fiscal challenges and constraints" faced by all colleges and universities.

"More specifically in (Notre Dame's) financial planning," he wrote, "the rising costs of health insurance and utilities, the wages of more than 4,000 university employees, the acceleration of technological change and the increase in the costs related to providing and maintaining the university's facilities, such as the recently opened Jordan Hall of Science, were major considerations. We strive to negotiate these obstacles while continuing to provide the unique educational experience so widely admired by our peers and so keenly cherished by our graduates."

While the financial challenges are of continuing concern to both parents and the university's officers and trustees, Father Jenkins pointed to the "success and satisfaction" of Notre Dame graduates as a measure of the university's performance.

Graduate and professional school tuitions also will increase by 5.4 percent, bringing total tuition to \$35,580 for the graduate school and \$35,490 for both the law school and the master's of business administration program.

## Marian High School to hold auction fundraiser

MISHAWAKA — "Oh, What A Knight." That is the intriguing theme of the Marian High School fund-raising auction to be held with a preview on Friday, March 9, and the general auction highlighted by a dinner-dance on Saturday, March 10.

This year's fund-raising auction replaces the joint auctions previously held with Saint Joseph's High School. Saint Joseph's will hold its auction a week later.

The Friday night preview at Marian will be from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person and will include complimentary refreshments. Top prize at the preview auction will be \$500 tuition credit.

The Saturday auction with both oral and silent bidding will take place in the main and auxiliary gymnasiums both decorated according to the Knight theme. The dinner and dance will be preceded by a Mass in the chapel at 4:30 p.m. Admission to the auction is \$100 per couple. Music will be provided by the Alter Egos.

General co-chairs for this first Marian auction are Rulan Asdell and Liz Ware. Honorary chairmen are Peter and Nancy Baranay. — EJD

## Correction to parishes that had missions

The number of parishes which have had parish missions is 76 out of the 82 parishes of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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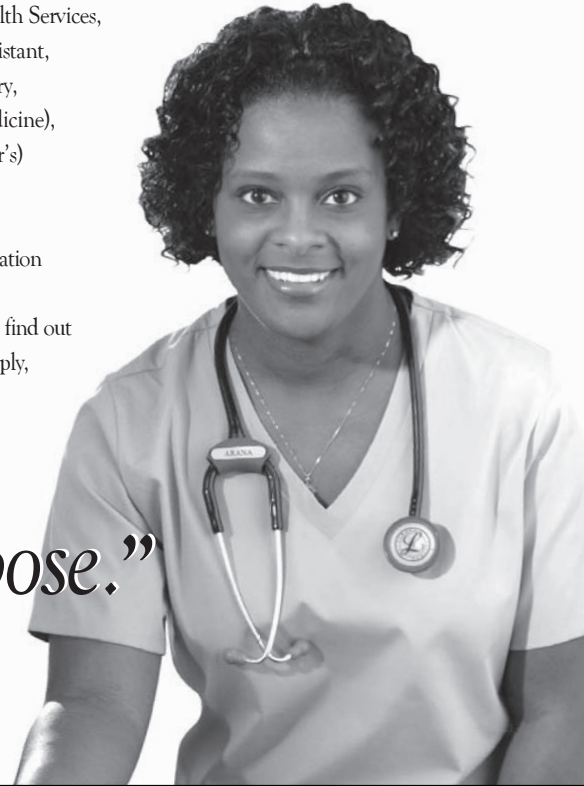
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# Indiana Senate passes marriage amendment

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

INDIANAPOLIS — Two days before Valentine's Day, 50 of Indiana's state senators cast their votes either in support of or against protecting the sanctity of marriage through a constitutional amendment.

Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 7, the marriage amendment, which passed the Senate 39-10, would amend Indiana's constitution to define that a marriage consists only of the union of one man and one woman. In effect, the marriage amendment would ban same-sex marriages in Indiana.

Sen. Brandt Hershman (R-Wheatfield) author of the resolution said, "The institution of marriage has been a foundational building block of our society for centuries, but it is under assault from radical groups and activist judges. SJR 7 will provide a great deal of protection on marriage — an issue which has always been a province in state law," said Sen. Hershman.

"The state has always regulated marriage based on age, family relation and number of persons," he said. "The idea that there is a fundamental civil right to marriage as some opponents of SJR 7 claim is simply not true," said Sen. Hershman. "SJR 7 also puts the question where it belongs in the hands of voters rather than activist judges," said Sen. Hershman.

Sen. Richard Young (D-Milltown) said he supports the resolution because "I believe that marriage is between a man and woman." Sen. Young said some of the opposition to the bill comes from a concern that employers would not be able to extend benefits to domestic partners, but Sen. Young said that the resolution doesn't affect what benefits businesses in Indiana decide to give. When asked if he thought the measure would pass the House, Sen. Young replied, "Yes, I think the measure will pass the House, but he said it's possible the House will amend it causing the whole process on the constitutional amendment to start over again."

If the Indiana General Assembly passes SJR 7 without an amendment, it will go to the ballot and Hoosiers will make the final determination if the constitution is amended. "On an issue of this magnitude, I think the citizens of Indiana need to hear the debate and then decide for themselves when they get to ballot box," said Sen. Young.

Sen. John Broden (D-South Bend) who voted against the measure said "I absolutely agree that a marriage should be between one man and one woman, which SJR 7 states in subsection 'a,' however, my problem is with subsection 'b' of the resolution. We heard testimony from very respectable legal scholars who gave divergent testimony as to what subsection 'b' means."

Subsection "b" states, "This constitution or any other Indiana law may not be construed to

require that marital status or the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon couples or groups."

The concern Sen. Broden and others have with subsection "b" is that public actors such as Indiana University or Purdue University could be banned from providing benefits to domestic partners, which could be interpreted as unmarried same-sex couples or unmarried heterosexual couples some of whom have children.

Sen. Broden said that an appellate court in Michigan, which has a similar constitutional amendment protecting marriage, recently ruled in exactly this way. "I don't think we want to pass a constitutional amendment which bans benefits, especially when we are unclear how and what benefits would be banned," said Sen. Broden.

Currently, Indiana law allows marriage between only one man and one woman. When the law was challenged, the Indiana Court of Appeals affirmed the state law and upheld Indiana's definition of marriage between one woman and one man in the case Morrison vs. Sadler.

Indiana Catholic Conference Executive Director Glenn Tebbe, who testified before a Senate panel in support of SJR 7, said, "Even though the Indiana Court of Appeals has affirmed current law, the debate and effort to redefine marriage continues in our nation and state. SJR 7 will strengthen Indiana's law to defend and protect the definition of marriage and the church supports that."

In a 2003 document published by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on "Considerations regarding proposals to give legal recognition to unions between homosexual persons," it concluded, "The church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions. The common good requires that laws recognize, promote and protect marriage as the basis of the family, the primary unit of society. Legal recognition of homosexual unions or placing them on the same level as marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior, with the consequence of making it a model in present-day society, but would also obscure basic values, which belong to the common inheritance of humanity. The church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women and for the good of society itself."

Nationwide, 27 states have passed constitutional amendments defining marriage.

SJR 7 now goes to the House for passage. It must pass the House in exactly the same form for the amendment to be eligible for a vote by Hoosiers in the 2008 election. If passed by a majority of Hoosiers, the amendment would become part of the Indiana Constitution.



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# Lent is learning to love like Christ

Sometimes it is easy to think of the season of Lent simply as a set of rules and requirements, days of fasting and abstinence, giving up the customary foods or habits. But the real depth of Lenten experience occurs when the season plays out in the lives of real people, when these practices affect them and play a part in calling them back to God, addressing issues like the sin and suffering in their lives along the way. This is the first of a series that will look at six very real and very different Catholics and how they experience Lent in their lives.



KELLY CARLSON

**Justin Aquila, 22, sees Lent as a time to reflect on the role of violence and evil in the divine plan and to respond as Christ did, with self-giving love.**

spiritual journey where I didn't so much doubt God's existence, but doubted his wisdom," he recalls, "in the sense that, you know, how the heck could he let Sept. 11 happen?"

One Lent, Aquila took a course on culture and the Holocaust at Eastern Michigan University, and after reading so many horrific

accounts of survivors, he found himself questioning even more deeply why God allows evil in the divine plan.

Aquila began to find answers in the writings of Walker Percy, who put suffering into perspective. He went on to read St. Augustine and other figures throughout the centuries who had struggled with the same epic questions.

"But the final fruition for me was Ratzinger," notes Aquila.

In the essay, "Wounded by the Arrow of Beauty," Joseph Ratzinger — now Pope Benedict XVI — describes the suffering of Christ as the person who is beauty itself displaying the most beautiful love imaginable because it is completely self-giving, a love that goes to the very end.

What Aquila found in all his reading was the basis for the theology of the cross, something that has played a key role in his spiritual life for several years.

"They talk about how Christ takes on the suffering in the world," Aquila explains. "The cross is the taking of violence and evil and conquering them."

The best image of this, Aquila says, is that when a sword is taken and planted in the ground, it forms a cross.

## REAL LENT

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But what, then, does this have to do with Lent? For Aquila, Lent is a sort of spiritual boot camp.

"It's that intense 40 days in the desert, like Christ," he says.

The focus is not on what a person gives up, but on taking stock of one's life over the past year and examining what spiritual flaws and deficiencies need attention.

Plugging in Ratzinger's image of the suffering Christ who represents perfect self-giving love, and suddenly the question of Lent becomes, "How can I better live a life of self-giving, Christ-like love?"

This, Aquila admits, is an uphill battle. In today's world, a person who tries to give self-giving love is probably going to get abused and hurt, especially in a culture that promotes self-indulgence rather than self-giving. But to turn the other cheek, he says, is still the

Christian responsibility.

"It's a daily struggle," Aquila notes, "and Lent's a yearly refreshment course on that for me."

But in the midst of dealing with suffering and the ugliness of the world, Aquila also keeps firmly in mind that Christians live in the post-Resurrection age, that the suffering Christ experienced has already given way to an explosion of grace that continues to illuminate the world.

On a practical level, this means he sees the value of taking Sundays off during Lent, of coming up to take a breath. The suffering of Lent is not meant to be morbid.

"You have to go through those dark times to get to the Resurrection," Aquila says. "Any experience we have in life will attest to that. You oftentimes have to hit rock bottom to bounce back up."

## The crucifix: More than just a cross

BY ANDREA VENDERLEY

Why do Catholics insist on venerating a crucifix? Although this a simple question, it sparks a debate between Catholics and various other religions. Even though the answer can be explained in multiple ways, the true answer is quite simple — Jesus gave his life for us, and the crucifix is the physical symbol that reminds us of his sacrifice.

The significance of the crucifix is more deeply explained through the importance of the paschal mystery, human suffering and the Eucharist.

What is the paschal mystery? The paschal mystery is the suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. The crown of thorns positioned on Jesus' head and the nails that were placed through his hands and feet are a clear indication of the suffering and death of Jesus.

With the paschal mystery as the heart of the Catholic Church, many other denominations may argue that it is cruel for us to manifest his suffering and dwell upon it. Although his death was cruel, his body sets an example for us of the love that we should have for others. While other denominations look upon the barren cross, they focus solely on Christ's Resurrection. If suffering is redemptive, then where is Jesus' suffering demonstrated on a barren cross? The wounded body of Christ is the true reminder of his love. We look upon this, hoping that we can have the same love for others.

Whether we accept it or not, human suffering is prevalent in our world. Suffering is usually negatively associated with loss. Whether suffering is caused by the loss of a loved one or the loss of a necessity in your life, it is essential in our lives for salvation.

By looking upon Jesus' suffering on the cross, we can relate our suffering to his. It helps us to realize that the crosses we bear in our lives do not even compare to those that Jesus had to bear for us. Realizing this is crucial for our salvation, because we begin to "offer it up" for others, making their suffering a part of our life.

The importance of the crucifix is most clearly shown in its relationship to the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we, as Catholics, believe that the bread and wine truly change into Jesus' body and blood. This transubstantiation helps us to relive Jesus' death every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. Also, the wine represents Jesus' blood that flowed from his side at his crucifixion. By having his body on the cross, his death is more clearly tied into the celebration of the Eucharist.

The crucifix serves as an icon



**A crucifix hangs behind the altar in the Queen of All Saints Chapel at Bishop Dwenger High School.**

to something greater; it is a physical reminder of Jesus' love that he has for us and the love that awaits us in heaven. Not only is it a physical reminder, but it is also a personal one that accompanies us through our suffering. Through our suffering, we strengthen our relationship with Jesus, knowing that he can relate to our situations. The crucifix also strengthens our belief in the true transubstantiation of the Eucharist and increases our love for the Mass. Through just one symbol of Jesus' love, we are all called closer to God and further our way on the path to heaven.

Andrea Venderley is a junior at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne.

## Lenten recipes

BY STACY VIERA

McLEAN, Va. — Lenten practices, such as abstaining from meat and giving them healthy alternatives, will help *Today's Catholic* readers adhere to the abstinence requirements.

What is good for the soul is good for the body, too. To that end, the National Fisheries Institute, found on the Web at [www.AboutSeafood.com](http://www.AboutSeafood.com), is pleased to be a resource on fish and seafood during this holy season.

### Tuna Noodle Casserole

A healthy twist on a classic comfort food recipe and a sure hit with all family members!

#### Ingredients

- 12 ounces dried medium shells (about 5 cups)
- One 1-pound bag frozen broccoli florets, or 1 1/4 pounds broccoli crowns, cut into bite-size florets
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups 1 percent lowfat milk
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups preshredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese (8-ounce bag)
- Two 6-ounce cans chunk light tuna, packed in water, drained and well flaked
- 1 1/2 cups corn flakes, coarsely crushed
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons ground flaxseed

#### Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 375°.
- Cook the pasta according to package directions. Add the broccoli to the pasta for the last four to five minutes of cooking. Drain, return to the saucepan and set aside.
- While the pasta is cooking, heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the flour and cook, whisking constantly, until the flour turns light golden, about two minutes.
- Raise the heat to medium-high. Slowly whisk in the milk, mustard, garlic powder and salt and bring to a simmer, whisking often. Reduce the heat and continue to simmer and whisk gently until the mixture thickens slightly, about two minutes.
- Remove from the heat and stir in the Cheddar cheese and tuna. Add the cheese sauce to the pasta and broccoli and stir gently to combine. Place the mixture in a 9 X 13-inch baking dish.
- Combine the corn flakes, Parmesan cheese and flaxseed, and sprinkle evenly over the top of the casserole. Bake uncovered until the mixture is heated through and the top turns golden brown, about 15 minutes.
- Makes 8 servings.

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# Senior Spirit

**TIPS FOR BEATING WINTER BLUES** Ten to 20 percent of the United States population may suffer from a mild form of winter blues, according to The Cleveland Clinic. The following tips help men and women discover the power of a positive attitude and achieve their best in all areas of their lives. Realize your best times are ahead. Stay positive – Achieving your dreams is possible.

## Dr. Michael Deery receives 'Catch the Spirit Award'

BY IDA CHIPMAN

CULVER — Dr. Michael Deery, M.D., is a little embarrassed to be named the number one reason (of the Top Ten) "To Celebrate the Marshall County Health Center."

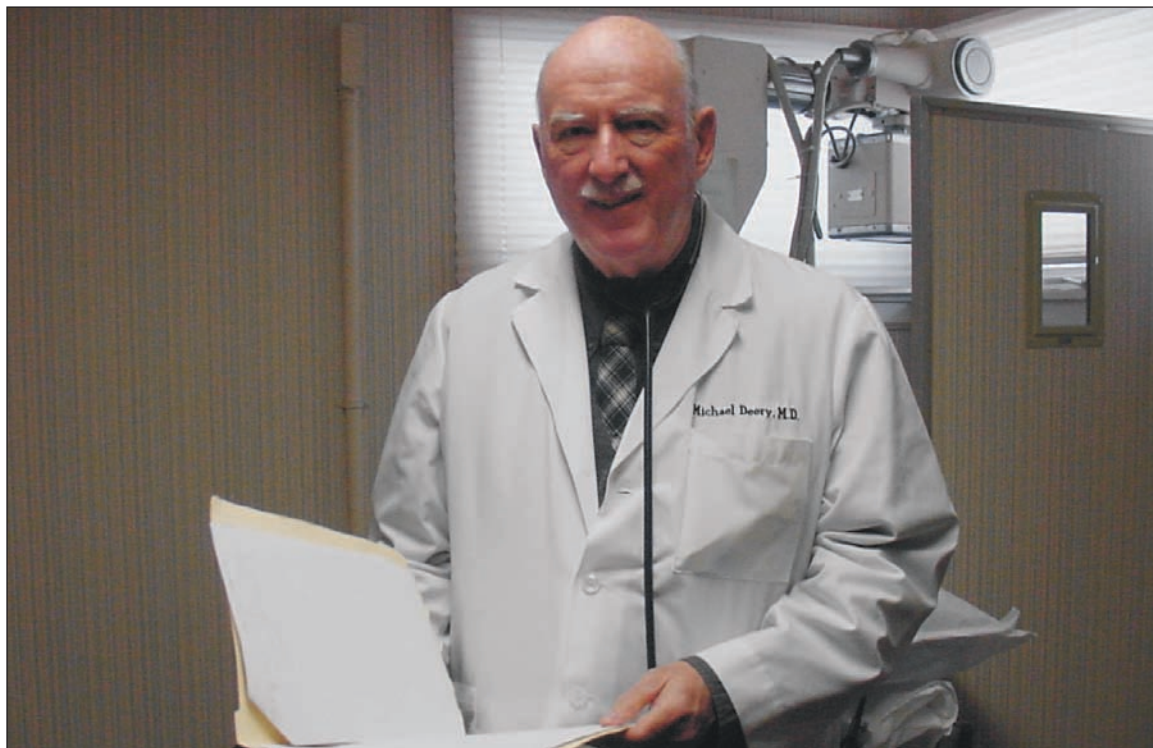
But he's a good one.

"There have been so many other people — starting with the Sisters of the Holy Cross — who have been instrumental in establishing the Health Care Center. I want to give them the credit," he said.

Named the recipient of the 10th Annual Catch the Spirit award by the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Dr. Deery will be honored at the dinner-dance Gala on Friday, April 20, at Swan Lake Resort.

All of the proceeds of the event go toward the Health Center in downtown Plymouth.

Michael Deery, 66, was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Secena High School in 1958. He went to Marian



IDA CHIPMAN

**Dr. Michael Deery, M.D., was the recipient of Catch the Spirit Award. He was named the number one reason (of the Top Ten) "To Celebrate the Marshall County Health Center." A member of St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Culver, Dr. Deery has a medical practice in Culver. He is active with the Health Care Center, which provides treatment to people who lack health insurance.**

young boy. I remembered riding the tour boat and seeing the academy."

Dr. Joe Howard was looking for a partner in his medical practice in Culver and in 1968, the Deerys came to town.

After eight years as a solo medical doctor, Warren Reiss, M.D., joined Dr. Deery in covering for Culver citizens. In 1976, they started treating Culver Academy students as part of their practice.

Board certified, Dr. Deery is also the medical doctor for Miller's Merry Manors in Culver and Plymouth.

A member of St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Dr. Deery is a lector and minister of the Eucharist.

The Health Care Center is very close to his heart. He pointed out that the clinic in Plymouth is pretty remarkable for a small community.

"There is nothing comparable in any other small town in Indiana."

He was familiar with the Chapin Street facility in South Bend and brought the subject up in staff meetings several times.

"Everyone supported the concept."

The Plymouth facility helps a large segment of society that have no health care.

"Once a patient is approved, they are eligible for all kinds of tests and treatments. We have had wonderful support from local physicians and specialists."

Dr. Deery hopes to expand the services into eye and dental care.

"We already have some of the equipment and local dentists and optometrists have offered their services."

He said that the clinic is also thinking about being able to help some children.

"Some of the children are falling through the cracks because they are not eligible for care."

"We need to do something about that."

And he will.

College in a premed program, graduating from there in 1962, and from Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, in 1965.

He and his wife, Judy, a Marian College nursing student, were married in 1961. They have six children and 11 grandchildren.

After a one-year internship at Marion County (now Wishard) General Hospital in Indianapolis, Dr. Deery was commissioned a Navy lieutenant commander in the United States Public Health Service. As a mission officer he served two years on Indian reservations in Minnesota and North Dakota.

He and Judy lived on the reservation. In North Dakota alone, he had 10,000 potential patients.

"There was a lot of poverty," he said, "and the diseases that go along with that. It was long before the days of the casinos."

Michael still enjoys going back on duck hunting trips every October.

After he finished his two-year obligation, he started looking around for a place to settle.

"My family was in Indianapolis, but I wasn't interested in starting a practice there."

In fact, he only looked at towns that had a lake.

"I'd been to Culver once as a

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# Friends of caregivers can provide needed help

BY LISA PETSCHÉ

In approximately one-quarter of American households, care is provided to one or more people age 50-plus. In most cases, no formal support services are in place, meaning all care is provided by family members and friends.

These unpaid helpers provide practical assistance and enhance the quality of life for chronically ill older people who might otherwise require placement in a long-term care facility. Typically, they are spouses or offspring, many seniors themselves.

The loved ones they care for have physical or mental impairment (sometimes both) caused by one or more chronic health conditions, stroke and dementia being most common.

The caregiving role involves physical, psychological, emotional and financial demands. It can be a heavy load, exacerbated by the limited availability of community support services. It can also be one of life's most rewarding experiences.

The caregiving journey is often a long one, though, and particularly challenging when the elder has heavy hands-on needs, a demanding personality, or mental impairment. A common phenomenon is caregiver burnout, due to the physical toll and emotional strain over time.

Following are some things that you, as a friend or relative, can do to help prevent a caregiver you know from wearing down:

- Keep in touch, recognizing that you may have to make most of the effort in maintaining the relationship. If you live at a distance or otherwise can't visit often, call to see how she is doing or send a card or letter to let her know you're thinking of her. Do this regularly, even if she doesn't reciprocate.

- Educate yourself about the care recipient's disease, to help you understand the kinds of challenges the caregiver might be faced with.

- Listen non-judgmentally, demonstrate compassion and don't give unsolicited advice. Provide words of support and encouragement. Let her know that she and the person she is caring for are in your prayers.

- Offer to accompany her to a caregiver support group meeting (some offer concurrent care).

Talking with other caregivers who have a firsthand understanding of their situation can be very therapeutic. Support groups provide an opportunity to vent frustrations, express concerns, brainstorm solutions, share successes and even share some laughs.

- Encourage her to practice self-care by eating nutritiously, exercising and getting sufficient rest in order to maintain good health. Do whatever you can to help make it possible. For example, bring over a meal or offer to sit with her relative while the caregiver exercises or takes a nap.

- Ask what kind of practical help she could use most; perhaps it's picking up groceries, running errands or doing laundry or yard work. If she initially declines assistance, continue to express your desire to help. Meanwhile, take it upon yourself to deliver a casserole or muffins or, if you're a neighbor, to shovel her walk or mow her lawn. Encourage her to ask for and accept help rather than go it alone.

- Surprise her with a treat, such as a rented movie, fresh flowers or a plant, or a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant that has takeout and delivery service. If you're on a limited income, sign out magazines, books, movies or CDs she would enjoy from the local library.

- When it comes to special occasions, keep in mind that the most valuable gift you can give a caregiver is the gift of time. Offer to sit with her for an hour while she goes to a hair appointment or to Mass, for example, or for a longer stretch so she can go on a day trip or to a cultural or social event. Time away from caregiving allows caregivers an opportunity to recharge their batteries. If you don't live close by and can't offer respite, find out if there is any special equipment the person could use to help make caregiving easier.

- Offer to get information about community support services — such as accessible transportation, home care, day care programs and residential respite care — if none are in place, and encourage their use as appropriate.

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# Charitable gifts can provide lifetime of income

**Question: What is the difference between a charitable gift annuity and charitable remainder trust?**

**Answer:** A charitable gift annuity is a contractual agreement between a donor and a charity where a sum of money or securities is given in return for fixed payments for life for one or two persons. An income tax deduction is allowed in the year the gift is made, and capital gain taxes may be reduced if appreciated property is used to fund the gift annuity. Payments can be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually.

The American Council on Gift Annuities, a qualified nonprofit association of organizations whose goal is to promote philanthropy, suggests and recommends gift annuity pay-out rates for charitable organizations. The recommended pay-out rates apply to both men and women; however, the older the donor is at the annuity's beginning date, the higher the pay-out rate. Age to the nearest birthday at the time of the gift is generally used to determine the rate of the annuity pay-out.

Example: Mrs. Johnson, age 80, has \$10,000 in a CD that will mature next month. She can get 4.5 percent interest on a new CD. Mrs. Johnson had been thinking about leaving a gift to her parish by making a bequest in her will for \$10,000.

She can establish a charitable gift annuity with the \$10,000 from her CD. She will receive an annual annuity pay-out of \$800, of which \$533 will be tax free, an income tax charitable deduction of \$5,204, and the immediate satisfaction of making a significant gift now for her parish.

A charitable remainder trust pays a fixed or variable pay-out (depending on the type of trust) to one or more beneficiaries for the rest of their lives or for a fixed number of years. An income tax deduction similar to the gift annuity is available when the trust is established, and capital gains taxes may be avoided or deferred on donated property that has increased in value.

A charitable remainder unitrust disburses a variable pay-out to its

beneficiaries based on the value of the assets in the trust at a specific time each year. Depending on whether the assets appreciate or depreciate, the pay-out can increase or decrease from year to year. The minimum pay-out according to IRS guidelines is 5 percent. The charitable remainder interest at the time the trust is created must be at least 10 percent of the value of the assets.

A charitable remainder annuity trust, on the other hand, pays a fixed amount to its beneficiaries each year. The trust is valued once, at the time the trust is created and never revalued. Annual payments remain the same, whether the assets increase in value or lose value. As with the unitrust, the charitable remainder interest at the time the trust is created must be at least 10 percent of the value of the assets.

Although both the charitable gift annuity and the charitable remainder trust are irrevocable gift commitments, they do have a number of differences.

The main differences are:

- The amount required to fund a gift annuity is typically much smaller (i.e. \$5,000) than the amount recommended for creating a charitable remainder trust (i.e. \$100,000.)

- Initial set up and ongoing administration can be more involved with a charitable remainder trust. An attorney is necessary for drafting the trust document to establish the trust, a trustee must be named to administer the trust and an investment advisor analyzes and makes changes to the portfolio.

- Tax compliance requirements for each vary. A charitable remainder trust must file IRS Forms 5227, 1041-A, and Schedule k-1 each year by April 15. These forms report assets, income and expenses and beneficiary distributions. A charitable gift annuity only files a Form 1099-R annually which reports the annuity pay-out.

- Taxes on payments from a gift annuity may be different than those for a trust. A portion of the gift annuity payment is tax-free for a period of time because it is deemed a return of the donor's



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BY ELISA SMITH, CPA/PFS

investment on the contract. The income from a charitable remainder trust, however, will be taxed on a four-tier system depending on how the assets in the trust are invested and the type of property used to fund the trust. The four-tier system is taxed first on ordinary income, then capital gains, tax-exempt interest and finally tax-free return of principal.

- A charitable remainder trust allows the donor flexibility to change charities that will benefit when the trust terminates. Once a gift annuity is established, the donor cannot transfer the remainder to another charitable organization.

**Note:** The Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana has adopted the charitable gift annuity pay-out rates set by the American Council on Gift Annuities.

This information is for educational purposes only and is not intended for tax advice. Please consult with your professional advisor before establishing a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.

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# Hip Hope



**DWENGER STUDENTS COLLECT COATS** Bishop Dwenger High School students model some of the many coats they collected for The Franciscan Center last Christmas season.

## Dwenger students promote chastity, other teen concerns, at junior high schools

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School senior Lea Fridley, is a participant in the school's Promise To Keep program. Here is her description: "A Promise to Keep is a peer-mentoring program directed to junior high students educating them on the different aspects of the teenage life. This program includes lessons on the media's influence, linking drugs to sex, life consequences, the differences between real love and 'pizza' love and other assertiveness techniques as well."

Fridley says the opening of her presentation usually goes like the following: "Hello, my name is Lea Fridley, and I am a senior at Bishop Dwenger. I am in marching band, winter drum line, liturgical choir, BD Ambassadors, Habitat for Humanity and A Promise to Keep. I decided to be a mentor because living a chaste life is obedient to God's plan for me, and it has helped me to surround myself with friends who have similar values. As I enter college next year, I know these morals will continue to support my decisions."

Fridley adds, "The great thing about teaching this program in a Catholic setting is the many references to Scripture throughout the

presentation. This gives a Catholic point of view and helps put the Bible into real life settings.

"I have been a mentor for the past two years here at Bishop Dwenger. I have had the privilege to be a part of this program and witness its lasting rewards," Fridley says. "During my presentation, Love in Action, my team and I describe what real love is and what it is not."

She adds, "We have gone to feeder schools around the city to share our stories as teenagers living a chaste life. The most rewarding aspect is hearing the students' questions and curiosity come out. I am so thankful to be a living teen example showing how a chaste life can work in today's world."

Jeanna VanHoey, a junior at Bishop Dwenger and A Promise to Keep participant since her sophomore year, says she was elated when she received a letter asking her to join and discusses why she became involved.

"I knew right away that this program was something that I wanted to be a part of," says VanHoey. "The mentors who spoke to me seemed to really believe in what they were saying about chastity and purity, and that

experience changed me by strengthening me. ... I reflected on what I gained from students teaching me, and I knew that I would love the opportunity to change the lives of my peers and hopefully strengthen their resolve to remain pure and chaste. This is how I became involved in this program.

"All of the mentors are split into groups of three or four students that focus on certain sections of the whole presentation," says VanHoey. "My group and I speak about Linking Sex to Drugs. The groups usually visit two or three schools a year.

"Since my sophomore year, my group and I have presented to several schools including St. Jude, St. John, New Haven, and Precious Blood," she adds. "All of the members take time out of the school day to present to the students and are responsible for all missed work. Everyone puts in a lot of effort to help this program run smoothly and hopefully touch those who hear our presentations."

VanHoey says that she grew even after joining A Promise to Keep. "My personal promise to remain chaste was strengthened because speaking about chastity is not enough; it must be lived," she



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**Bishop Dwenger High School's A Promise to Keep mentors Lea Fridley, Kristen Briscoe and Greg Svarczkopf make a presentation at Most Precious Blood School in Fort Wayne.**

says. "In a way, I am not only a teacher, I am a student. I have learned more about myself and my peers since joining A Promise to Keep, and that insight is invaluable.

"In looking at the program at Bishop Dwenger, I am awestruck

at the number of people who believe so strongly in this cause that they give their time, efforts and talents to change the world," adds VanHoey. "I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of A Promise to Keep."

## Bishop Dwenger students find rewarding fun at Euell Wilson Center

Help the center's children through tutoring, helping with homework, reading together or playing games

BY KELLY SPIETH AND AMANDA HUFFMAN

FORT WAYNE — It's 2:59 on a Monday afternoon at Bishop Dwenger High School. The kids are lining up at the door waiting for the last bell to ring. When it does, they burst into the halls, rush to their lockers and flood into the parking lot.

When most of the students and faculty are trying to get as far away as possible from the school, the Euell Wilson tutors are waiting for 3:30 to arrive. This is when they pile into the bus to take their usual Monday trip to the Euell Wilson Center. These Dwenger students dedicate their Monday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. tutoring the chil-

dren that attend the Euell Wilson Center.

As Dwenger students and Euell Wilson tutors, we enjoy going to the center. We help the children in many ways including tutoring, helping with homework, reading together or playing games. Our particular focus is on tutoring and helping with homework.

We typically help students in grades 1-5 with math, reading, science, social studies or spelling. However on some special occasions, we have a small party with them for the last half hour we are there. We typically make cards and decorate sugar cookies with the children. They have so much fun and it is amazing to see their eagerness and joy.

When the school year wraps up, helping out at the center does not. We have a summer camp during a week in June for the Euell Wilson children. This past summer it took place for one week, Monday through Thursday, in the afternoon.

Each day we were paired up with one or two children to be buddies with during the different daily activities. On Monday, we went to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. On Tuesday, we had a field day at Zollner Stadium. We had many relays for the children to participate in, and played softball and water balloon volleyball. On Wednesday, we enjoyed an

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**Katie Schenkel plays with students from the Euell Wilson Center during the seventh annual summer camp.**



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opportunity to play at Lawton Park before heading off to the Firefighter's Museum. We went to Solomon Farm on Thursday. We looked at llamas, goats and other animals, and played softball, kickball and parachute. We also decorated and ate sugar cookies.

We experienced the joy and the fun that the children had. We also realized how innocent they are and how wonderful they are. It was like looking at life through a child's eyes again. It was an amazing and truly gratifying experience for all of us involved.

Every day we spent at least a half hour on the bus to travel to our destinations and while on the bus we interacted with the children. Whenever one of us would bring out a camera, all the children would immediately want to use it and take pictures. Then on our bus ride back to Dwenger after dropping the children off, the cameras would have hundreds of interesting pictures.

Those children were fascinating people. The bus rides with the children were almost as exciting as the activities we did at the different locations throughout town.

The most rewarding aspect of helping out at the Euell Wilson Center is seeing how the students react to seeing us. Whenever they would come onto the bus at the beginning of each afternoon of summer camp, all of the children had big smiles and looked so happy and cheerful. It is amazing to see how much a little action can brighten someone else's day and even their life. Seeing joy on their faces is truly amazing. The same thing happens when we walk into the center on Monday afternoons.

Many students greet us before we even sign in and eagerly ask us to help them. When it is time to leave, they all give us hugs and wave goodbye.

Knowing the joy that we have made others feel by volunteering such a little amount of time is really rewarding. We have also had the opportunity to learn more about ourselves and grow in many ways.

Patience can be difficult to find at many times, but it is certainly something we have learned to have a little more of while working with the children.

Another great experience is being a role model. The younger children are always watching us and look up to us. We also are able to provide individual attention and help to the children there that do not always receive it from others.

All of the Euell Wilson tutors enjoy spending time with the children and find it very rewarding.

**Kelly Spieth and Amanda Huffman** are juniors at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne.

## Bishop Dwenger student finds hope in national March for Life

BY GREG BARRY

Traveling to Washington D.C. in the middle of January to stand out in the cold for hours may not sound like too much fun to most people. However, the Saints For Life, along with thousands and thousands of other concerned citizens don't have any problem making the pilgrimage to stand for what they believe in.

This year was my second March For Life in D.C., and it certainly won't be my last. Participating in the huge protest

against the horrific injustice in our country — abortion, — gives you a feeling of belonging to something bigger than you, bigger than your school, bigger than anything you normally see.

It makes you very hopeful for the future of our country, even when it looks a little dim sometimes. Throw in a couple days off school and a chance to see our nation's capital city, and who could say no?

**Greg Barry** is a sophomore at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne.

## Washington march inspires students for life

BY MONICA MURPHY

Why is it important to choose life? Don't all human beings have the right to life? In January, I had an amazing opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., with a group of girls from Saint Joseph's High School to participate in the Right to Life march. I was able to experience so many wonderful things during this journey. Seeing hundreds of thousands of people in the march was astounding to me. All of the people were pro-life, and we all came together as one body of Christ to help defend our nation from the tragedy of abortion.

This experience impacted my life in the sense that I can now speak out for those who do not have a voice, to those women who deserve better than abortion. Hearing the speeches given before the march, I learned one amazing thing that is essential for others to know — many women have an abortion because they feel as if they have no other choice, when in reality they do.

Is it fair to take any life even in the most difficult circumstances? Some feel that they have no choice because they cannot support their child. Some feel that they do not want their child to be given to some other family. Women deserve to know the truth. There are many support clinics in the area to help mothers and fathers in the need of caring for this amazing child. Because, as you know, men are

just as responsible for this precious child as the mother.

Another influential thing that I was able to see was the movie titled "Bella." This movie involves a young lady who gets pregnant and thinks that abortion is the ideal answer to solving her problems. By the grace of God and the love of her friend, she was able to see the importance of life. This movie has not yet been released in theaters but will be coming out in April.

I had the chance to meet the main actor in this movie, Eurado Verguazegui, who is a strong, faith-filled Catholic. He is one of many who lives out his faith by doing extraordinary works. I encourage everyone to go see this movie because it teaches the value of life and the meaning of human dignity.

My trip to Washington, D.C., was such a blessing because I know that through the grace of God, the voiceless will someday have a voice. My prayer is that women who have had an abortion and have experienced guilt and despair will one day know the mercy of God and seek forgiveness and healing.

We all have the capacity to rise to greatness. So I ask: God is pro-life; are you? I saw a sign during the march that I want you to remember: "When you kill a child, you are not un-pregnant; rather you are the mother of a dead baby."

**Monica Murphy** is a sophomore at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend.

## March in D.C. worth a few inconveniences

BY ALLISON JACKSON

At a Catholic school, it is not uncommon to hear abortion criticized and condemned. Catholicism teaches that abortion infringes on human rights that should be fought for

and upheld. While many of the students at Luers feel very strongly about the subject of abortion, most simply think, "What am I supposed to do about it? It is not like I can change the minds of the nation or anything."

In January, however, a group

of 20 students and three teachers from Bishop Luers, along with approximately an equal number from Marian High School, decided to try. On Jan. 22, they attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C., to protest against the horrors of abortion. The students and teachers left Bishop Luers on Jan. 20 on their pilgrimage and endured four days with no showers, no homemade meals and a shortage of sleep.

"The very first day wore me out so much that I almost didn't want to get up the second day, but I'm glad I did. The Mass and the march were so inspirational," commented Bishop Luers junior Kayla Godfroy.

All of the students who attended seemed to agree with Godfroy that the experience was worth giving up a few privileges and comforts that they are used to.

Junior Andrea Allphin explained, "The March for Life was the most incredible experience I have ever had. It made me feel like I was really making a difference. It was totally worth it."

The March for Life consisted of a vigil Mass on Sunday night, a youth Mass on Monday morning, and then the actual march itself Monday afternoon.

Junior Jeanne Gibson recalled a humorous moment from the vigil Mass, "A really funny moment happened when we were at the basilica Mass. This guy in

front of us completely hurdled a pew when he was coming back from Communion because people were in the way. I didn't know what to do."

Every student who attended was eager to tell others about what the March for Life meant to them.

"It was one of the most moving moments of my life, seeing so many people gathered together for the same cause," offered senior David Bryant.

"The reason we have the march in the first place is so sad, but the experience is something that changes you spiritually and emotionally forever," mused junior Elizabeth Clinger.

Senior Nikki Taylor chimed in, "I really had a great time on the March for Life. It was really cool to know that I was a part of something so huge. There were thousands of people from all over the country, all fighting for the same cause."

Senior Kristen Dirig summed up her feelings about the subject and sent out an invitation for next year, "The Right to Life trip is so amazing. It was the best experience ever, and I highly recommend that as many people as possible take advantage of this opportunity next year."

**Allison Jackson** is a senior at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.

## March for Life leaves indelible memories

BY CAITLIN CAMP

When I first signed up to go on the Right to Life March, I was excited for many reasons — reasons which I would later discover paled in comparison to the real reason for the march. I was expecting to go and show my support for a cause that I felt strongly about.

I went with many of my friends in the hopes of improving my relationships with them, while also creating many new friendships with the students from our traveling companions from Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. It was also an added bonus that the march took place in beautiful Washington, D.C., so I would also be able to fit in some sightseeing.

Little did I know what actually awaited me that weekend.

The march was one of the most life-changing experiences I have experienced. Around every corner, I met people who cared about innocent lives as much as I do. There were people singing, praying and chanting for life, people who were genuinely happy to be there. They were more than willing to sacrifice a day at work or school in the hopes that their efforts would be recognized and would, in turn, help to save the lives of the innocent.

And as we marched, I noticed that there were government offi-

cial gathered out in front of their respective buildings, observing what was going on. But, in a sense, I was prepared for that aspect because of the media coverage the march received.

What shocked me the most, however, was the great number of children who were marching.

There were kids of all ages everywhere, whether they were being pushed in a stroller, pulled in their wagons or walking hand in hand with their relatives. That was truly a beautiful thing for me to see because it made it evident that the future generations are being prepared to fight the injustice of pro-choice in all of its aspects. That was something that the media never covers — thus, my surprise.

So did the march live up to my expectations? No, it did not. Rather, it exceeded all of my expectations in the most unimaginable way.

My entire four-day experience can be summed up in one experience that I witnessed while marching. Someone who was protesting the march was saying various things to the marchers as they passed. To one gentleman, the protester shouted, "Get a life." The marcher turned to this man, and calmly said, "I have a life, and I am using it to save the lives of the innocent."

**Caitlin Camp** is a senior at Marian High School, Mishawaka.

## EDITORIAL

## The liturgy discussion continues

In the Feb. 11 issue of *Today's Catholic*, George Weigel calls for discussion on the topic of "orientation," that is, the direction in which the priest faces during the eucharistic prayers at Mass. Weigel urges discussion of this issue, noting that the idea of the priest facing with his back to the people — the common practice for centuries before Vatican II — should not be written off as an anti-Vatican II reaction, but should be seen as an appreciation of the ancient church custom of the priest and the congregation facing the same direction and praying as a community to God.

*Today's Catholic* appreciates Weigel's call for discussion and deeper understanding on the issue. In the spirit of this discussion, one should also consider that the practice of the priest facing toward the people at the time of the eucharistic prayer — the predominant practice since Vatican II — is reflective of an even more ancient tradition, the first Masses, when liturgy was celebrated in the homes of the faithful and the Eucharist was a shared meal. Rediscovered at Vatican II, this tradition has since been modeled in church architecture with the congregation seated "in the round," like people gathered around a table for a meal.

As for whether one approach is somehow better for the church is not the decision of this paper, Mr. Weigel or a good many others in the church, but what is important to remember is that it brings to light the richness of the church's ancient tradition and scope of beautiful practices that have been incorporated into the worship of God by his people. Currently, there are no plans of making the changes at the altar that Mr. Weigel referred to in his Feb. 11 column in *Today's Catholic*.

### Do not fear change

The question of liturgical reform is, of course, one that will play an ever greater role in the prayer lives of Catholics in coming years as preparations are made to implement the new English translation of the Mass. In the end, many things from the prayers of the priest to the spoken and sung responses of the congregation will be changed. And this was discussed at the recent Liturgy Day on Feb. 3 with Father Jan Michael Joncas as the presenter.

These changes are reflective of a desire by church authorities to use translations that use a more literal translation of Latin instead of the dynamic equivalence translations favored in the years following Vatican II.

We should not hesitate for a moment to welcome these changes. It shows the vitality of a living church, a pilgrim church finding its course in its traditions and beauty.

We are a pilgrim church of habit, and we will have to relearn some prayers that have become ingrained and familiar. The beauty of this upcoming change, at least at first, will be an attempt to actually think about what we say, how we respond to the prayers of the Mass. So often, we "rattle" off words without really thinking about their meaning. It will breathe new life back to our devotion.

To revisit George Weigel for a moment, Weigel has also argued in favor of the restoration of music gone largely untouched since Vatican II. Pope Benedict has also long been a proponent of appropriate liturgical music. Again, *Today's Catholic* would state that surely there is room — and enough Catholic Masses yet to be celebrated — to allow for the use of a broad spectrum of good liturgical music — one reflective of the culture of the parish, one congruent to church teaching — from the Gregorian chants and other preconciliar music, to the more folk-inspired hymns to gospel and even contemporary sacred music. The Catholic Church has been fortunate enough to have all of it crop up in the course of its history and tradition.

Music requires us to use both the right and left sides of our brains — therefore, when we sing, we praise God with our whole mind. Music indeed touches our senses and our emotions, and we can praise God more wholly.

### 1-800 MERCY4U

Due to a mixup at the telephone company, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has procured a new toll-free number, 1-800 MERCY4U, 1-800-637-2948, for those with questions about the Catholic faith or wish to return to the practice of the faith. The 1-877 phone number could not be activated for the diocese.

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# COMMENTARY

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## Writer wants more Biblical, liturgical explanation

Sixteen years of Catholic education taught this Catholic very little about the Bible. Yet the Mass consistently presents passages from Scripture, taken out of context, and read as if the congregation were able to say, "Oh, yes, I remember that excerpt from ... with a particular focus on ... and a particular meaning." Kind of like seeing a random five-minute clip of a movie and being expected to comprehend the whole plot and moral of the story. Equally ineffective is for the homilist to reflect on the readings after the fact, especially for a congregation that was largely inattentive to what was read in the first place.

Here's a suggestion. A priest at Notre Dame started each Mass with a brief orientation to the liturgy of the day. There was a little bit about the saint of the day, some background for each reading and a mention of how the music fit in with the theme of the Mass. By using such advance organizers to get the congregation's initial attention, everyone's understanding and involvement in the Mass was enhanced. Since we are also not liturgists, the same approach might similarly be used during the Eucharist to reorient the congregation to the sacrament that is transpiring on the altar.

Of course, it is also reasonable to expect Catholics to become more familiar on their own with the Bible and the liturgy. But in the meantime, and in the service of such a goal, it might help if celebrants would com-

municate more freely and effectively with us out here in the pew.

Tom Dorsel  
Florence, S.C.

## Smith's death is a reminder to us all

Anna Nicole Smith had it all. She had millions of dollars. She had millions of admirers. She had millions of opportunities. She was famous. She was young. She had children. She had comfort. She had all the things she could want. She was stunningly physically beautiful, and she let everyone know that.

Then she died. Suddenly. Unexpectedly.

Did she wake up on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, thinking this was her last day on earth? Had she lived a life of love of God?

With her passing, all of us are reminded that we know neither the day, nor the hour.

David A. Wemhoff  
South Bend

## Cardinal Bertone thanks diocese on behalf of pope

At the Holy Father's direction, I am writing to acknowledge the sum of \$49,723.92, which you kindly forwarded to the apostolic nunciature as the Peter's Pence offering of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the year 2006.

His holiness is most appreciative of the charitable assistance which you and your people have given to him for his service to the church

throughout the world. He sees in this gift a sign of ecclesial communion, motivated by faith in Jesus Christ and devotion to the See of Peter.

Assuring you and the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese of a remembrance in his prayers, the Holy Father cordially imparts his apostolic blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone  
Secretary of State

## Catholic Near East Welfare Association thanks diocese

Thank you very much for your check in the amount of \$4,703.49, representing CNEWA's share of the 2006 World Mission Sunday collection of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

May God bless and reward all the good people whose love and concern contributed to this generous assistance for the work of the Eastern churches.

As you may know, we regularly use our share of the World Mission Sunday collection to support the operations and good works of the Holy See's Congregation for the Eastern Churches on behalf of the peoples and churches under its jurisdiction.

Be sure that you have the gratitude of Cardinal Ignace Moussa I Daoud, prefect of the congregation, and Cardinal Edward Egan, president of CNEWA in addition to my own.

Msgr. Robert L. Stern  
Secretary General  
Catholic Near East Welfare Association

## Lent: time for prayer, reflection and giving

BY ELIZABETH MARTIN

After many years of work with Catholic Relief Services, Lent, and its seasonal period of reflection, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, grows more meaningful to me year after year. It's not just because of the stories I hear about the help that CRS provides to those who are suffering. It is the fact that with each season of Lent we are coming closer and closer to the realization of a global community — of one human family.

Each Lent we come together as a Catholic family to pray for those suffering from poverty and injustice. As we pray for peace this year, I think about our work with the world's refugees, our brothers and sisters who are enduring violence and civil strife in their native lands. They may not be in the news every day, but they are our companions. We should walk with them and pray for them this Lent.

We should pray for people like Jenita Lopessa, a 13-year-old girl who, because of continued fighting in her native Angola, did not receive immunizations for polio.

She contracted the disease in 2001. The Polio Project, a joint endeavor between CRS and the Angolan Ministry of Health, is helping to build polio vaccinations campaigns around the country to ensure others will not be infected with this crippling disease. We are also working with those like Jenita to help them live full, happy and healthy lives.

As we fast this Lent, we fast in solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough food to feed their families. We work to feed the hungry. We work to make sure farmers have enough water to grow their crops. Many of them will not be fasting out of sacrifice, but we will be with them as we do so during Lent.

We are also asked to give whatever we can to help those less fortunate during Lent. Every little bit helps — small sums can add up to provide significant help to those who need it overseas. Here at CRS, we work with our local partners to provide economic opportunities for women who need a source of income to support their families or to help farmers grow their crops and their farms. When we make a con-

tribution during Lent, we help men like Ek Sakhom, who participated in an agricultural improvement group sponsored by CRS and its partners in his Cambodian village. As a result of what he learned, he is now making enough money to not only grow crops for his family but to sell at the market. With the added income, he built a new home, paid for treatment of his wife's illnesses and is sending his children to school. Whether we make a small gift or contribute to a large collection, we recognize that helping people like Ek is the reason we all give.

As we enter Lent this year, I hope that we will be able to see and feel the powerful experience of global solidarity that comes with helping others. As somebody who is privileged to work with CRS, I see this connection every day. It is my hope that this season of giving will last well past Easter, and inspire us all to follow Jesus' example, to "love our neighbors."

Elizabeth Martin is the senior program manager for Operation Rice Bowl. For more information, please visit <http://orb.crs.org>.



# Catholic Church's social teaching backs up advocacy on climate change

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Climate change is an issue that not only has appeal to Catholics, but is one for which Catholics have a lot to back them up when they make their pitches to Congress, regulatory agencies or their counterparts at the state level for action on the issue.

Dan Misleh, head of the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, said there are several "Catholic assets" Catholics can call upon when pushing lawmakers or regulators for effective climate-change containment policies.

Among them are the church's size and scope. In the United States, there are 19,000 parishes, 195 dioceses and 63 million members, and organizations such as Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Catholic Health Association and Catholic Relief Services. And there is the universal church with its emphasis on serving those in need.

Misleh, speaking Feb. 13 at the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, also cited a "Gospel tradition" of discipleship and stewardship, and more than a

century of social teaching, including the U.S. bishops' 2001 statement, "Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good."

There is also the "human interest" in climate change, Misleh said, noting that "there are actually houses that are crumbling" in Alaska as a result of the permafrost melting. He also pointed to an increase in the number and severity of large-scale weather events and the "mass migration" that results from them — including 400,000 displaced from the New Orleans area and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast after 2005's Hurricane Katrina — as well as vector-borne illnesses.

"Malaria is on the increase where malaria had never been before," Misleh said.

Environmentalists point out that President George W. Bush reneged on a 2000 campaign pledge to reduce power-plant emissions, and in 2001 withdrew from the Kyoto Protocol that would have committed signatory nations to reducing greenhouse gases to 6 percent below their 1990 levels by 2012. The U.S. was a signatory but the

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MARK PATTISON

treaty has never been ratified by the U.S. Senate.

But federal officials recently called the polar bear a threatened species, noting its habitat was being reduced because of the effects of climate change.

In Canada, the House of Commons passed a bill Feb. 14 that gives the federal government 60 days to detail the measures Canada would take to meet its Kyoto obligations. The Canadian Senate was expected to follow the House of Commons' lead on the bill. Canada's greenhouse gas emissions are 27 percent above 1990 levels.

And Stephane Dion, leader of

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# Holiness requires faithfulness to God



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### First Sunday of Lent Lk 4:1-13

The Book of Deuteronomy provides the first reading for this first Sunday of Lent. Deuteronomy looks to the days when the Hebrews were feeling from Egyptian slavery and making an uncertain way across the treacherous Sinai Peninsula.

Even so, Deuteronomy is not a story of doom and gloom. It is hopeful. All will be well for God's people if they simply love God and follow the commandments. God already had proven to be merciful and protective. He would not change.

The decision to obey God, however, and truly to be God's faithful people rested solely with the people themselves.

For its second reading this weekend, the church provides us with a reading from Paul's powerful Epistle to the Romans. The apostle wrote this epistle, or letter, to the Christians living in Rome, the imperial capital and the center of the Mediterranean world in the first century.

As was the case with the other communities to which Paul sent letters, the Christian community of Rome was living in a culture that was utterly at odds with the letter and the spirit of the Gospel. Surely many of the Christian Romans had

doubts. Surely many were afraid since, after all, the popular mood and indeed the political order were against Christians.

Paul urged these people to be strong by uniting themselves to God through faith in Jesus. Paul expressly mentions the Resurrection, the miracle by which Jesus, crucified and dead, rose again to life.

Reassuringly, and strong with his own determined faith, Paul tells the Romans that if they trust in the Lord, none will be put to shame.

Finally, Paul insists, God's mercy and life, given in Christ, are available to all, Greeks, or foreigners, as well as to Jews, who were part of the Chosen People.

St. Luke's Gospel gives us a scene also seen in Mark and Matthew, namely a story of the temptation of Christ by the devil. The identity of Jesus is made clear. The Gospel says that Jesus is "full of the Holy Spirit." He is the Son of God. He also is human, because the devil used food to tempt Jesus. Fasting was a discipline for Jesus.

In the exchange, the devil, so often depicted at least in myth and lore as so very powerful, as indeed the devil is powerful, comes across as indecisive and struggling. The devil cannot grasp the full meaning of Christ's identity. The devil foolishly seeks to tempt Jesus not to be faithful to God but rather to worship Satan.

Jesus is serene and strong. He is in control.

Nevertheless, defeated for the moment, the devil does not relent but only lies in wait for another opportunity.

### Reflection

On Ash Wednesday, the church

invited us to use the season of Lent as a means to our great holiness.

In so doing, it is not asking us to begin a walk along an imagined primrose path. Rather, it is frank in telling us what holiness requires. It requires faithfulness to God in the midst of difficulties and of forces, very real in the world, that are absolutely at odds with the Gospel of Jesus.

In so many ways were are similar to the Hebrews as they fled from Egypt and slavery to the land of prosperity and peace God had promised them. We are in flight from the slavery and hopelessness of sin.

The reading from Romans, and certainly the reading from Luke, tell us a fact that we often would prefer to forget. It is the fact that evil attracts us, because selfishness attracts us. Furthermore, we are weak.

In God alone is strength and life. Lent gives us the opportunity to strengthen our own resolves to resist sin and to be with God.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campisson

In February we enter Lent, a season of repentance, self-denial and of restraint. This quiz looks at a Jewish group that exercised forms of abstinence, the Nazirites.

- The origin of the Nazirites is:**
  - clearly indicated in the Book of Job
  - somewhat of a mystery
  - known but withheld by the church as secret
- The origin of the name is most like the Hebrew term "nazir" meaning:**
  - an anti-Jew (later corrupted as Nazi)
  - a celibate
  - a vow
- In general, there were two types of Nazirites. These were:**
  - those who took Nazirite vows for a short time and those who took them for life
  - those who were lay Jews and those who were Temple Levites
  - those who were Nazirites for religious reasons, and those who were sentenced to it as an alternative to probation
- This man, mentioned in the New Testament, is the second type (q. 3) of Nazirite:**
  - Jesus
  - Paul
  - John the Baptist
- The regulations binding a Nazirite are:**
  - a matter of custom and tradition only
  - Biblical, being spelled out clearly in the Old Testament
  - only codified in the Christian era
- Years before the Volstead act, Nazirites had to avoid this:**
  - wine and grapes
  - vodka and blintzes
  - soap and rope
- Also they were not to use one of these:**
  - a razor
  - a chariot
  - a sword
- And also, they were forbidden to touch one of these:**
  - an animal
  - a tool or utensil
  - a corpse
- Unlike dedicated groups such as Christian monks, there was no requirement to:**
  - withdraw from society or become celibate
  - follow other rules applicable to their community
  - continue to worship and pursue a moral life
- This community is often linked to the Nazirites, but the evidence is still shaky:**
  - Masada
  - Galilee
  - Qumran
- St. Paul had very likely taken a Nazirite vow because Acts records that he did this, a normal act at the end of the vow period:**
  - had a Big Maccabee
  - had his head shaved
  - was branded on the cheek with an "N"
- Paul also gives us some insight when he asks Jews to pay for Nazirites' expenses at the end of their vow period. What were these?**
  - The Nazirite had to offer various sacrifices.
  - The Nazirite had to marry.
  - The Nazirite had to put a present for the local Roman officials.
- Despite his scant regard for religion, this king supported large number of Nazirites to maintain his popularity:**
  - Nero
  - Herod Agrippa
  - Pontius Pilate
- This information (q. 13) comes not from Scripture but from this famous Romanized Jewish historian, and possibly the only survivor of Masada:**
  - Simon the Zealot
  - Josephus
  - Hector Ptolemy
- The Nazirite with the most famous "bad hair day" in Scripture was:**
  - Paul
  - David
  - Sampson

### ANSWERS:

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

# Text of the eucharistic prayer says 'for you and for many'

I read in the Dec. 3 issue of *Today's Catholic* that the pope has asked that the words "for many" replace the words "for all" in the Mass when it speaks of Christ's blood poured out "for all." The article said that this was not to reflect a change in Catholic teaching — we still believe Christ died for all — but to reflect the Latin phrase "pro multis," the Latin phrase being normative. Is this well advised? For many Catholics, Sunday Mass is the only exposure we have to the official church. Why would we then deliberately compromise the accuracy of our teaching — and a very crucial teaching at that — in the name of a moral literal reflection of the Latin wording? The official church speaks of Latin uniting us, but aren't there deeper things that unite us — like salvation in a Christ who died "for all" — than a devotion to a dead language?

D.T., Fort Wayne

The Latin phrase in question, found in the Roman Canon or Eucharistic Prayer I (and which is reduplicated in the other

eucharistic prayers used at Mass), a prayer which dates from the fourth century (and elements within it are perhaps much earlier), is itself a conflation or combination of the words recorded by the evangelists in the synoptic gospels: the text of the eucharistic prayer actually says "pro vobis et pro multis" — "for you and for many": The Vulgate (Latin) text of Mark and Matthew together record "pro multis effunditur" (the Greek original is *peri pollon ekchunnomenon*) — "which is poured out for many," while Luke has the wording "pro vobis funditur" (the Greek original being *huper humon ekchunnomenon*) — "which is poured out for you." Some biblical scholars suggest that *peri pollon, pro multis* may in fact be a Semitic idiomatic expression compatible with "for all."

In any case, it is abundantly clear from the plain text of the Scriptures themselves that God "desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tm 2:4) and that "Christ

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died for all." (2 Cor 5:15) As the Holy Father pointed out, the change in wording is not meant to reflect a change in this belief. However, the Holy Father is demonstrating a concern that the liturgical texts of the church in translation be an accurate reflection of the original. While Latin may be considered by some to be a "dead language," it is a precious part of the patrimony of the church and is in fact one of the bonds linking us to our sacred past.

Finally, it is important to note that there has always been a distinction in the life of the church between liturgical rites, words and gestures and their explana-

tion: this is the origin of mystagogy, the explanation of the rites, words and gestures, which express the paschal mystery (we possess this type of preaching from fourth-century saints like Ambrose, Cyril of Jerusalem, John Chrysostom, and Theodore of Mopsuestia). It is precisely the work of catechesis, preaching and teaching to make clear what the words of Scripture and the sacred liturgy mean in the life of believers.

Incidentally, it is worth noting that the fourth Gospel does not, strictly speaking, have an account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper; in fact, Pope John Paul II observed in his encyclical letter, "Ecclesia de Eucharistia," that the pedilavium or washing of the disciples' feet in John's Gospel expresses the

same teaching — but in a different way — as found in the synoptic account of the Eucharist — the kenotic gift of self in service to others.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, answered this week's question. He may be e-mailed at [mheintz1@nd.edu](mailto:mheintz1@nd.edu).

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## Nancy and me: a lament

Nancy Pelosi and I grew up in the same Baltimore, in the days of May Processions and Forty Hours' devotions, of Baltimore Catechisms and nuns in starched wimples, of Catholic heroes like John Unitas and Gino Marchetti. Nostalgia is always suspect when judging the texture of a time and a place: in this case, a town of ethnic neighborhoods in which Catholic kids unselfconsciously identified themselves by parish. Yet it's hard not to feel a twinge of reverence for something that wasn't perfect — but, dang, it was great. Or, as another product of that period, Garry Wills, once wrote, "Not a bad ghetto to grow up in."

In the 1950s, Nancy D'Alesandro was the mayor's daughter — her father being "Big Tommy" D'Alesandro, as distinguished from Nancy's brother, "Young Tommy," who was mayor during riot time in 1968 and then left public life. After marrying Paul Pelosi in 1962, Nancy moved to San Francisco — and thereby missed one of the electric moments in the twilight years of the old Baltimore in which we were both raised.

It was January 1966, and the city council was considering an open housing bill — a key plank in the platform of civil rights leaders. "Young Tommy" D'Alesandro, then president of the council, invited Cardinal Lawrence Shehan to testify at a public hearing on the measure. The diminutive cardinal had barely gotten the first sentence out of his mouth when raucous jeers broke out, to the point where Young Tommy had the cops clear the room so the hearing could proceed. "The Jeering of the Cardinal" was the big story for days thereafter — a story from which some of us took an important lesson: the Catholic Church

stood shoulder-to-shoulder with those deemed outside the boundaries of society's protection and concern.

It's hard to imagine Young Tommy not telling his sister about that episode, but Nancy Pelosi doesn't seem to have learned the meaning of those heady days for the 21st century — that the legislative battles to protect the right-to-life of the unborn, the elderly and the handicapped, (not to mention the battle against treating human embryos as research material) are civil rights struggles in moral continuity with the civil rights struggles of the 1960s. The questions are the same: Who enjoys the protection of the laws? Who is inside the boundaries of the community's protection and concern? Who is safe, if some of us arrogate to ourselves the power to declare others of us outside those boundaries?

I wish my fellow-ex-Baltimorean had answered those questions in a way that does full justice to the Catholic upbringing of which she boasts. Alas, Nancy Pelosi is one of the most relentless supporters of the spurious "right" to abortion in the House: which means that she's on the wrong side of the great civil rights issue of our time, just like the people who jeered Cardinal Shehan in 1966.

NARAL Pro-Choice America went into paroxysms of adulation when Pelosi was elected speaker; Democrats for Life lamented that Pelosi put federal funding for embryo-destructive stem cell research near the top of her legislative agenda.

Then there was the carefully choreographed Jan. 3 Mass at Washington's Trinity University, where Pelosi had attended college. At the speaker's invitation, the celebrant and homilist was Father Robert Drinan, SJ, who



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would succumb to pneumonia a few weeks later. Father Drinan was the man who, more than anyone else, gave the moral green light for the Democratic Party to tarnish its modern civil rights record by embracing the abortion license; the man who, during his years in Congress, consistently defied the canons of public justice (and the church's settled conviction) on the great civil rights issue of the day; the man who helped turn Sen. Edward Kennedy from a potential champion of the pro-life cause into the desiccated, Wolsey-like specimen he is today. If Father Drinan's record provides insight into the Pelosi speakership, then Nancy Pelosi has betrayed the great public lesson of the Baltimore Catholicism in which we both grew up.

I pray that my fellow-ex-Baltimorean changes her mind, but I'm not holding my breath. I'm also praying that my skepticism is misplaced.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for February 25, 2007

Luke 4:1-13

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for First Sunday of Lent, Cycle C: Jesus' time in the desert with the Adversary. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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ATE NOTHING	HUNGRY	COMMAND
STONE	BREAD	WORLD
GLORY	GIVE IT	WORSHIP
YOUR GOD	SERVE	JERUSALEM
TEMPLE	ANGELS	GUARD YOU
HANDS	TEMPTATION	DEPARTED

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## LETTER

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the Liberal Party, Canada's main opposition party, had been the nation's environmental minister before the Conservatives took power last year. Dion has a dog named Kyoto, but greenhouse gases in Canada were not cut during his tenure. It is unclear whether, should Dion become prime minister after some future election, he would use federal power or work through private groups to achieve his environmental aims.

While the U.S. federal government has been accused of dragging its feet on the issue of climate change, most states have taken initiatives — some in tandem with other nearby states — to reduce greenhouse gases and promote alternative fuel sources. The United States accounts for 25 percent of the world's emissions.

Jeremy Symons, executive director of the National Wildlife Federation's Global Climate Change Initiative, said a significant shift in public attitudes has taken place on the subject. Even a 2003 poll among the federation's members had climate change ranked sixth. Today, Symons said, "it's by far the top issue."



# Sports

**BISHOP DWENGER HOSTS WRESTLING CAMP** The Bishop Dwenger Wrestling Camp for boys in grades 1-8 begins Feb. 26 and runs through March 8. Cost is \$15, and no special equipment is needed. First through fourth grade boys will wrestle from 6-7 p.m. and the fifth through eighth graders from 7-8 p.m. Checks are payable to John Bennett. For more information call Coach Bennett at (260) 496-4700 or e-mail at [jbennett@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:jbennett@bishopdwenger.com)

## Indians share championship

BY ELMER J. DANCH

**SOUTH BEND** — Admission to the Northern Indiana Conference a few years ago provided both Saint Joseph's High School and Mishawaka Marian High School boys basketball teams to set their sights on a championship goal. This week, coach Keith

Kurowski's Saint Joseph's Indians reached that pinnacle with a convincing 76-54 victory over South Bend Riley and a share of the conference championship with Mishawaka Penn. Both teams now share the title with 7-1 league records, but this time and on this occasion Saint Joseph's can claim a mythical edge. The Indians beat Penn late

in the season.

Jordan Alvarado, who nearly wanted to leave the team because of the lack of playing time, led the Indians' attack with 17 points along with Marcus Johnson, who also popped in 17. Saint Joseph's finished the season with a 14-5 record and now awaits the forthcoming IHSAA sectional. — *EJD*

## Decatur Lady Commodores place ambitions on CYO tournament win

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**FORT WAYNE** — This year's CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) co-league gold champs with St. Charles is the Lady Commodores from St. Joseph, Decatur. The No. 2 seed heading into this week's tournament, they have had an outstanding season with a 21-1 overall record. Coach Mike Stimpson said that one of his team's strengths this year has been that they can play uptempo or half court. "We have six very athletic girls, good height and good basketball sense," he added. One coach told him that he has four girls that can put up double figures in any given night. And that has been the case many times throughout this season.

The only loss for this team came Feb. 3 against St. Charles. The Cardinals and Commodores were tied up 11-11 at the half. St. Joe possessed a four-point lead by the fourth quarter, but Ashley Burkhardt took over for the Cardinals hitting three treys. This resulted in a 30-28 St. Charles win.

The Commodores would like nothing more than to repeat what they did in fifth grade — win the CYO tournament. They have the chance to do that this week during the 71st running of the CYO grade school basketball tournament at St. Charles.

The green and gold girls from St. Joe downed St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth in the opening round last weekend 37-19. St. Charles (No. 1 seed) also won their first round of the opposite bracket beating St. John, Fort Wayne, 36-21. Should both of these top seeds advance into the semifinals this week, St. Joe could get another chance at St. Charles in what will be a sizzling hot rematch for the championship this Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Commodores list four seventh graders on their roster — Sydnee Hake, Brianna Henkenius, Ariel Davidson and Kayla Girod. The 2006-07 eighth graders are Abby Stimpson, Dana Kaczmarek, Alex Fuelling, Madison Schultz, Jesse Brewer, Gabbie Weaver and Alexandria Division. Former Commodore, Stimpson, also cited his assistant coach, Dan Kaczmarek, as a huge asset to both himself and

the basketball program at St. Joe.

While coaching together, Stimpson and Kaczmarek's team has chalked up a 74-12 record. "What we have accomplished against much larger teams, says a lot about these girls. I feel so blessed to have been able to coach them for the past four years. It will be along time before another girls basketball team exceeds what these girls have done," Stimpson concluded. Stimpson's wife, Deb, is the team's scorekeeper.

### Gold League boys

1. St. Vincent
2. St. Jude
3. St. Charles
4. St. Joe, Decatur
5. St. John, Fort Wayne
6. St. Joe/St. Elizabeth
7. St. John, New Haven
8. Queen of Angels

### Gold League girls

1. St. Charles
2. St. Joe, Decatur
3. St. John, New Haven
4. Queen of Angels
5. St. Jude
6. St. Vincent
7. St. Joe/St. Elizabeth
8. St. John, Fort Wayne

## CYO FIFTH GRADE CHAMPIONS



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## St. Joseph, Mishawaka, ends regular ICCL season 10-0

BY ELMER J. DANCH

**SOUTH BEND** — The unbeaten basketballers of St. Joseph of Mishawaka were the only team to wind up with a perfect 10-game season in the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL), which also ended the 61st regular season.

St. Joseph defeated the St. Pius Raiders of Granger, 50-28, and also won the Martin De Porres East Division two games ahead of the second-place Raiders. Coley Schultheis drained the nets for a sizzling 22 points to pace the champions as well as snaring the top individual scoring honors of the day. Teammate Tim Wilson picked up 12 points for St. Joe. Jacob Burgess had 11 points for St. Pius.

The Corpus Christi Cougars bagged the John Bosco West Division only to have Holy Family

spoil their perfect record on the final day of the regular season by scoring a 44-39 upset. Colin Skodinski poured in 19 points to lead the upset, and Adam Kanczyzewski had 14 points to lead Holy Family.

The St. Joseph Eagles of South Bend stormed past the St. Anthony Panthers, 45-37. The winners were paced by Nick Pellegrino with 13, Greg Weaver with 13 and Tyler Sorocco with 12 points.

Three teams, St. Jude, St. John the Baptist and St. Michael, Plymouth, shared the Martin De Porres West pennant with identical records, 6-4.

St. Jude swarmed over St. Adalbert, 41-14, behind the 16-point performance of Chase Parker as his team led all the way.

St. Bavo defeated St. Monica, 31-28, with Lewie Rinard tossing in 12 points for the victors.

The Colors Division also wound up regular season.

St. Thomas Gold defeated St. Matthew Black, 24-17, with Parker Devenney scoring 14 points for the victors.

Christ the King Gold defeated St. Joseph, South Bend Gold, 39-20. T.J. Dockery was the high point man with 11 points for the winners.

St. Jude Green downed St. Anthony Maroon, 26-22, as Collin Hickey tallied 12 points for St. Anthony.

St. Anthony Gold swamped St. Pius, 46-17, as Danny Barnett led the victors with 15 points.

St. Joseph, South Bend, Blue edged Holy Cross Blue, 23-19 behind the 10-point scoring of Tom Byszewski; and Holy Family Blue beat Christ the King White, 34-31, with the winners led by Zach Fozo with 13 and Zach Zehender with 12 points.

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## Collection of Pope Benedict's 'essential writings' to be published

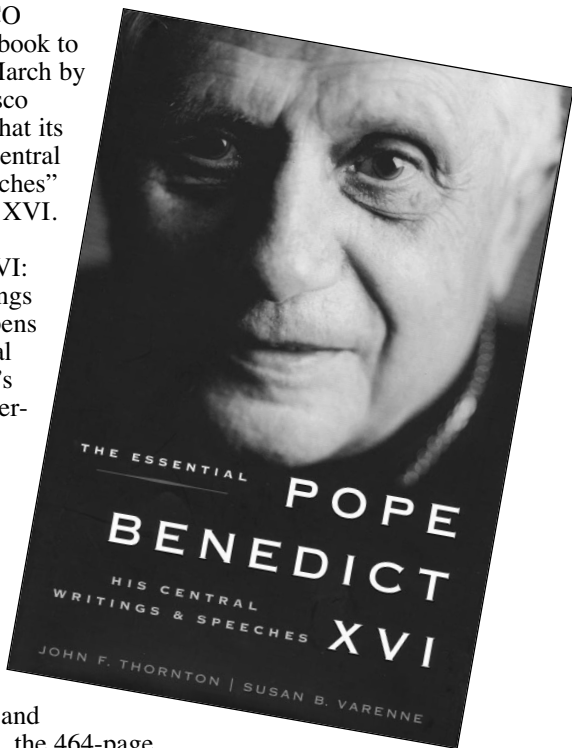
SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — A new book to be published in March by HarperSanFrancisco brings together what its editors call "the central writings and speeches" of Pope Benedict XVI.

"The Essential Pope Benedict XVI: His Central Writings and Speeches" opens with then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger's sermon at the funeral of Pope John Paul II April 18, 2005, and closes with his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" ("God Is Love"), dated Dec. 25, 2005.

Edited by John F. Thornton and Susan B. Varenne, the 464-page hardcover book will sell for \$27.95 in the United States and \$34.95 in Canada.

Major subject areas in the book include Christian relations with Islam, Christian values, birth control and abortion, sexual misconduct in the priesthood, the ordination of women, anti-Semitism and the Catholic Church, and ecumenism and interfaith dialogue.

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theologian has assumed office as pope, many are eager to get an overview of his theology," said Cardinal Avery Dulles in a back cover comment on the book. "The present selection, drawn largely from his shorter writings, gives an excellent sampling. It will provide a first orientation to beginners and will enable veterans to supplement their familiarity with this important thinker."

## MOVIE CAPSULES

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

### "Avenue Montaigne" ("Fauteuils D'Orchestre") (ThinkFilm)

Bittersweet, colorful French comedy-drama about a waitress (Cecile de France) in a popular theater bistro in Paris who proves a catalyst for several of the regular customers. Director and co-writer Daniele Thompson conveys a canny empathy with her characters, all searching to fill the emptiness in their lives. Subtitles. Sporadic rough and crude language and expressions, an implication of adultery, premarital relationships, sexual banter and the acceptability of divorce. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

### "Bridge to Terabithia" (Disney)

Coming-of-age fantasy based on Katherine Paterson's children's novel about a young loner (Josh Hutcherson) who befriends a new girl in school (AnnaSophia Robb), who's also an outcast, and together they create a magical world — Terabithia — where they can escape their real-life troubles. The young leads are charming and the sweet story gently imparts worthy messages about friendship, family

and the power of imagination, but director Gabor Csupo's faithful adaptation is a bit underwhelming, as the anticipated fantastical elements are minimal. Still, despite a plot twist that may upset sensitive young children, the movie is family-friendly. Mature thematic elements, including the death of a child, some minor peril and a few mildly crude language. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

### "Music and Lyrics" (Warner Bros.)

Likable, if featherweight, romantic comedy about a has-been 1980s pop star (Hugh Grant) commissioned to write a song for a reigning pop diva (Haley Bennett) and discovers that his plant lady (Drew Barrymore) has a talent for lyrics, so he enlists her help, and they fall in love in the process. The two leads are effortlessly charming; there's a refreshing absence of romantic conflict and nice message about real values and believing in oneself, but for all that and despite some funny barbs about the music business, the film could have used a bit more wit. Apart from a single implied premarital encounter, writer-director Marc Lawrence's film is mostly devoid of objectionable elements making this acceptable for older adolescents. Aforementioned tryst, some skimpy costuming and gyrating moves from the pop star, brief physical scuffle, mild sexual banter and innuendo. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

## 'Christy' series trailblazes onto DVD in March

CENTURY CITY, Calif. — Set against the sweepingly romantic and breathtakingly picturesque backdrop of the American frontier, "Christy" The Complete Series is a compelling story based on the best-selling novel from Catherine Marshall. Arriving for the first time ever as a four-disc DVD collection on March 20 from Fox Home Entertainment, "Christy" The Complete Series features an all-star cast, including Kellie Martin, as well as Emmy®-winning and Golden Globe®-nominated Tyne Daly.

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## FISH FRIES

**Holy Name Society fish fry**  
South Bend — A fish fry sponsored by the Our Lady of Hungary Holy Name Society will be held at the school, 735 W. Calvert, on Friday, March 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door, \$6.50 presale, \$4.50 children 6-12, under 6 free. Presale tickets may be purchased at the Our Lady of Hungary rectory (574) 287-1700.

**Fish Fry by Holy Name Society**  
New Haven — A fish fry sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society will be held Friday, Feb. 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children 5-12 \$3.50 and children under 5 free.

**Fish fry time**  
Walkerton — A fish fry will be held Friday, March 2, at St. Patrick School, 811 Tyler St.

from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults and carry-outs \$7, children 6-10 \$3.50 and children under 6 free.

**Knights plan fish fry**  
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 23, and every Friday during Lent, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7 and shrimp for \$8 will be available.

**Fish Fry**  
Fort Wayne — Knights of Columbus Father Solanus Casey Council 11276 will sponsor an Ed Fox fish fry Friday, Feb. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish hall located on the northeast corner of Homestead and Aboite Center Road. Adult meals will be \$8, children (ages 6-8) will be \$5 and children five and under free. Carry-out will be available at adult or children prices.

**Athletic boosters sponsor fish fry**  
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers athletic boosters will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 23, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Bishop Luers cafeteria. There will also be drive through service. Adults \$7, seniors \$6, children 6-11 \$5 and children 5 and under free.

**Fish Fry for first Friday of Lent**  
Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will have an Ed Fox fish fry on Friday, Feb. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6-8, \$5 and children under 5 free.

**Catholic women to meet**  
Fort Wayne — The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. in the lower level of St. Joseph Hospital. The speaker will be Dottie Carpenter from St. Patrick Closet. All Catholic women of the diocese are members of the DCCW.

## REST IN PEACE

**Elkhart**  
Kenneth L. Patterson, 71, St. Thomas the Apostle

**Fort Wayne**  
Eugene Francis Stein, 78, St. Henry

Sandra L. Treber, 29, Cathedral of the Immac. Conception

John P. Erb Sr., 82, St. Jude

Edmund J. O'Connor, 87, St. Vincent de Paul

Marilyn M. Cost, St. Therese

Daniel J. Wannemacher, 29, Our Lady of Good Hope

Gertrude G. Lebrato, 92, St. Joseph

Virginia Ann Scrogam, 80, St. Jude

Juan C. Betancourt, 40, St. Joseph

Joseph E. Kramer, 89, Most Precious Blood

Nancy L. Sheehan Lothamer, 61, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

James F. Phillips, 67, St. Peter

Samuel Bennett Louis Roussel, infant, St. Vincent de Paul

Eugene J. Sarrazin, 96, Most Precious Blood

**Granger**

Mary A. Collins, 76, St. Pius X

**New Haven**

John J. Maroney, 74, St. John the Baptist

Marie A. Martin, 91, St. John the Baptist

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Esmee M. Bellalta, 79, Sacred Heart Basilica

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Julius J. Szalay, 86, St. Adalbert

Anita Salazar, 64, St. Adalbert

Jerome E. Bauer, 73, Christ the King

Josephine M. Pruett, 87, Holy Cross

Manuel D. Fonseca, 88, Holy Cross

James R. Lincoln, 59, Corpus Christi

Nancy J. Hohl, 82, Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Warsaw**

Bertha Sisk, 104, Sacred Heart

Norman P. Lilly, 72, Sacred Heart

**First Saturdays call for prayer**  
Fort Wayne — Our Lady of Fatima asked for first Saturdays of reparation, the rosary, confession, holy Communion and 15 minutes of meditation upon the mysteries of the rosary. Parishes observing first Saturdays on March 3 are St. Joseph and St. Charles, Fort Wayne; St. Rose, Monroeville; St. Patrick, Arcola; St. John the Baptist, New Haven;

and in South Bend, St. John the Baptist, Little Flower, Our Lady of Hungary, St. Anthony and Christ the King. Call parishes for times.

**New students may register**  
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March 18	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Father Daryl Rybicki St. John the Baptist Fort Wayne	Father Brian Daley, SJ Granger	
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2 Queen of Angels Church	1500 West State
9 St. Aloysius Church	14623 Bluffton Road
16 Good Shepherd UMC	4700 Vance Avenue
16 Our Lady of Good Hope Church	7215 St. Joe Road
23 St. Rose Church	206 Summit ( <i>Monroeville</i> )
23 St. Henry Church	2929 East Paulding Road
30 St. Michael Lutheran Church	2131 Getz Road
<b>April</b>	
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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS SESQUICENTENNIAL

THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

BY MARK WEBER

## St. Patrick, Arcola, Est. 1862

A few miles west of Fort Wayne lies the small community of Arcola, and it was here that Father Julian Benoit, pioneer priest, builder of the cathedral in Fort Wayne and the man responsible for bringing Catholic education to the area through the Sisters of Providence, visited Arcola's early settlers in 1845 and held services in the home of Victor Munier.

As a matter of record, St. Patrick's as a parish was established in 1862 by Father P.J. Madden. The first resident pastor was Father Theodore Van Der Poel who arrived on Christmas Eve, 1867. He remained at St. Patrick's for five years and during this time, served Nix Settlement and Roanoke as missions.

Next came Father Theodore Wilken. It is not known how often he said Mass in Arcola, since his missions included Monroeville, Bluffton, Hartford City, Montpelier and Bles Settlement, going to all of these places on horseback.

Catholic education came to St. Patrick's in

December 1895 when three Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and set up housekeeping in a tiny convent they named "House of the Infant Jesus."

If heavenly rewards are based on earthly services rendered, one cannot begin to imagine the celestial rapture still enjoyed by Sister M. Bonaventure Heinsmann who, in addition to being supe-



St. Patrick's original baptistry, where countless souls have found the waters of salvation.

rior of this primitive outpost, taught music, took care of the sacristy, the church wash and nursed the sick in their homes.

The dedication of St. Patrick's present church on Oct. 29, 1899 was such a grand occasion that "The Hibernian Rifles" of Fort Wayne and nearly 400 others including "all Catholic societies" from Fort Wayne took a special train to Arcola for day-long activities beginning with a solemn high Mass at 10:30 a.m. and concluded with solemn vespers at 3 p.m. Nearly 1,000 were present to celebrate with the St. Patrick parishioners, which numbered about 100.



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The parish patron, St. Patrick, adorns the corner of the country parish. At left, the dedication of the second St. Patrick, Arcola, on Oct. 29, 1899, drew a crowd of 1,000. Four hundred came on a special train from Fort Wayne.

## St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton, Est. 1875

Timothy Enright watched his wife toss carrot chunks into a stew pot brewing in the fireplace of their home. He then left the house and stepped onto the dusty trail that ran past their place and looked heavenward. He was looking for a sign — nothing supernatural — just a cloud pattern that might tell him if Father Theodore Wilkin, the priest from Arcola may ride in on his big bay horse and offer Mass for the handful of Catholics who lived in Bluffton. The priest usually made the trip about once a month, depending on those cloud patterns.

By 1875, the Enrights and four other Catholic families put together \$1,300 and built a 30x50 foot church on Cherry Street in Bluffton, which was dedicated by Bishop Dwenger and named in honor of St. Joseph.

It would be another 45 years before Bluffton had a resident pastor; Father Nicholas Keller was sent by Bishop Herman Alerding to serve St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton and St. Margaret Parish in Montpelier. Each church had one Mass on Sunday.



The WWII postwar years brought rapid growth to St. Joseph's and a schedule of three Sunday Masses. It became obvious that eventually, the Cherry Street location would not accommodate the needs of the parish and when, in 1958, 10 to 14 acres of land north of the city were donated as a future site for a new St. Joseph Church, it sparked activity toward the move.

The establishment of a church building fund, which accumulated proceeds from entertainment nights, raffles, picnics, cookie jars and pledges from parishioners, received a benevolent increase from two generous parishioners who had the resources to provide matching funds for money raised. On June 26, 1966, Bishop Leo Pursley dedicated the handsome new church and rectory.

In 1999-2000, through the generosity of the estate of parishioner of E. J. Shaefer plus parish funds, a separate wing was added to the church, which includes nine classrooms, two conference rooms and a gymnasium.



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"God Bless the Beasts and Children" artwork in honor of Anne Balentine creates color and interest in the classroom wing of St. Joseph Church. It is from the brush of parishioner Nancy Wagner. At upper right the original St. Joseph Church in Bluffton built in 1875 at Cherry and Williams streets is now the Wesleyan Chapel and at right the current church.