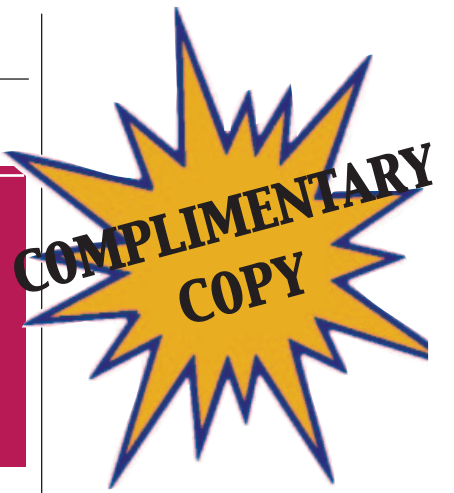




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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC



## Diocese to host Eucharistic Congress at Notre Dame

BY LINDA FURGE

The entire Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will come together in an exciting and prayerful pilgrimage to the University of Notre Dame for a Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, Aug. 18. This day of pilgrimage will be filled with inspiring presentations, educational workshops (see pages 13-21 of this week's *Today's Catholic*), numerous opportunities for prayer and sacraments, and many other avenues for nourishing one's faith and spiritual growth. There is truly something for everyone in this celebration.

In addition to spiritual opportunities, there will be time for families to share lunch, either by bringing a picnic or purchasing food and beverages on the campus of Notre Dame.

The day will culminate in a very special Mass at 4:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center at Notre Dame. The prelude will begin at 4 p.m. and will celebrate the magnificent artistic, musical and cultural heritage of our diocese.

In an assembly of thousands, supported by a large diocesan choir, the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross will lead the procession of bishops, priests and deacons from every parish in the diocese. The prayers, readings, music and environment for this closing liturgy will contribute to a celebration of praising in many languages, incorporating many cultures, singing music people know and can participate with as one voice and with all their heart.

Everyone in the diocese is invited to come in pilgrimage to this Eucharistic Congress — "Behold the Face of Christ: His Steadfast Love Endures Forever." Mark your calendars and register soon to be a part of this historic occasion.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy kneels before the Blessed Sacrament at one of four stations of prayer during the Eucharistic procession at the University of Notre Dame on April 22. Notre Dame will host the Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, Aug. 18.

ALEX SCHEIDLER



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## This special jubilee year issue

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — This is the third of four gift issues that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and *Today's Catholic* is sharing with all registered Catholic households in the diocese.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is celebrating its 150th anniversary — or its Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year — in 2007. One of the hallmarks of the year is a Eucharistic Congress, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 18, at the University of Notre Dame.

For those who attended the diocesan Eucharistic Congress in the Great Jubilee 2000, the spirit and format of the day will be very similar.

In the center of this week's edition of *Today's Catholic* is the registration guide for the August 18th Eucharistic Congress. These pages contain the day's schedule, numerous choices for two workshop sessions, and the workshop registration form itself. You are encouraged to register at the diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org.

Registration for the workshops is necessary to reserve adequate meeting room space for each workshop. Some workshops are expected to fill quickly. We encourage readers to sign up as soon as possible so they receive their first choices. Registration for the Mass is strongly recommended, but not required, so that the diocese can plan for seating.

The next time that *Today's Catholic* will be delivered to all registered Catholic households is Aug. 12. That issue will feature the Eucharistic Congress program, complete with detailed information about all the various events of the day, maps, workshop locations and much, much more regarding this special event.

Subscribers of *Today's Catholic* will continue to be updated with news about the Eucharistic Congress and other Sesquicentennial Jubilee events throughout this historical year. Non-subscribers to *Today's Catholic* can find subscription information on page 5 of this week's issue.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON HUNGER



DON CLEMMER

Tony Henry of St. Mary's Soup Kitchen speaks at an April 24 panel discussion on hunger at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne. Jane Avery from Community Harvest Food Bank listens.

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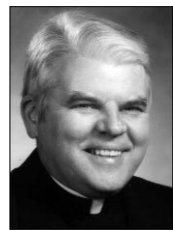
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# A perfect day at Notre Dame, an intense period of prayer and adoration



## NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

### A weekend to remember

Perhaps we should start on Sunday even though it was the final event of an intense four days. I celebrated the 11:45 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame. The church was filled with many standing. And the music, always so prayerful and beautiful, was under the direction of Steve Warner and the Notre Dame Folk Choir. I spoke on the beautiful Gospel where the Lord puts the triple question to Peter, responding to his triple denial: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these do?"

After Mass, it was my privilege to lead a procession of the holy Eucharist. Corpus Christi would be the perfect day for this, but when that feast comes, the students will be on vacation. Following liturgical rules, benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated at each of four altars: The statue of the Sacred Heart, the statue of Our Lady (Notre Dame), the statue of Father Sorin, and finally, high on the steps of the administration building.

On one of the first truly spring days we proceeded around the campus with a number of Holy Cross priests and sisters and the Franciscan sisters of Mishawaka whose charism involves eucharistic adoration. Many students followed, as did people from South Bend. A perfect day at Notre Dame, an intense period of prayer and adoration. At each of the stations of altars, there were very brief readings by the young men and women — students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. It was a reading of Scripture, then followed a short reading from the writing of Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Then came short prayers of the faithful. I carried the monstrance out the door of the basilica and the first few steps, and blessedly it was carried after that by young, strong Holy Cross priests in the full vigor of youth. Among those walking in the procession was the provincial, Father David Tyson, CSC.

### Thursday evening

The weekend had started the previous Thursday when I celebrated Mass at Alumni Hall for a group at the Notre Dame University Law School called the St. Thomas More Society. I first spoke to this society 20 years ago, and this custom start-

ed again these past two years at the invitation of the law students. We prayed for those killed in the terrible massacre at Virginia Tech University and their families. I also reflected on the Acts of the Apostles, which present the accounts of the early church and show that struggle and opposition will always be present in the church. But so will grace and love and faith and hope, and "this is the victory which overcomes the world: our faith." I reflected on the Scriptures and, as is always important for law students, the example of St. Thomas More, the patron of lawyers and also politicians. We went to the lounge at the law school where I had a delightful discussion along with tasty sandwiches. It is certainly encouraging to meet so many young men and women, some of them married with babies and all of them so intent on serving Christ and his church in some way.

After a busy Friday and celebrating Mass in our downtown chapel in South Bend, I was off to a delightful dinner with two devoted priests, Fathers Bill Schooler and Dan Scheidt, at St. Pius X, Granger. In the evening, under the direction of Cindy

**Alas, the miles sped by swiftly as the Red Sox came from behind with five runs in the eighth, to win. Fort Wayne seemed to arrive very quickly.**

Black, diocesan director of youth ministry, I was part of something called XLT. This is a program of prayer and adoration of the holy Eucharist. It includes songs of worship, times of silence, a short catechesis and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. One had to be impressed by the devotion of the young people. On the way home, I received an enthusiastic call from Cindy whose spirituality and devotion to the young people will certainly have a great effect on our diocese.

### The drive home

I took a look at the television before leaving and noticed that the Yankees were leading the Red Sox by 5-2. I was sure it was over. As I drove on this moonlit night 331 to 30, I was able to find the New York station and their somewhat prejudicial announcer. Alas, the miles sped by swiftly as the Red Sox came from behind with five runs in the eighth, to win. Fort Wayne seemed to arrive very quickly.

### A splendid priest

Saturday morning, off early to Hessen Cassel to celebrate the funeral Mass and the rite of Christian burial for Msgr. Robert

Contant, surely one of the most beloved priests in our diocese. Msgr. Contant could talk about anything at great length and could tell you much you wanted to know and probably a few things you didn't really need to know. There was a large number of priests present, and the beautiful country church was full. Here you found a place where the priest was truly father, shepherd and spouse of the parish. He had served there for 33 years and was truly beloved.

In preparing his homily, I found a note that he sent to me after the restoration of the church under the excellent guidance of Father Robert Van Kempen. Msgr. Contant returned for the dedication and later wrote that "I wanted you to know how much I appreciated the credit you gave me at the time of the restoration of the church at Hessen Cassel. I always thought of the devotion and love of the people there shown to me simply mirrored the love of God for them. I saw myself simply as the mirror of that love."

He was a thoughtful, caring, highly intelligent, knowledgeable priest. He also was very humble, which is important for all of us. It was a joy to be around the people and priests who loved him.

The weekend was not over. After a short rest, I went to Bishop Luers where I took up my usual responsibility to lead the auction in which people give funds for tuition grants for those who cannot afford to attend Bishop Luers. Remarkably, in this auction alone we received \$100,000 in grants for tuition.

The next morning I drove to Notre Dame for Mass and an inspirational eucharistic procession on a Sunday where the weather mirrored the spirit of joy and worship. Back then to Fort Wayne at 6 p.m., in time for dinner and to tune in to Fenway Park to see what would happen.

What happened was a sweep of the Yankees, the first time at Fenway in many years. But the games were close, and it will be battle all year long. The dreaded New Yorkers will not go quietly. Still, a sweep of three games in April gives great hope.

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let everyone beseech God our Father to grant this blessing to our diocese, that more young men of good quality would come forward to study for the priesthood here and join the other fine young men who are already in the seminary. Blessedly, we will ordain two young men to the diaconate at St. Matthew co-Cathedral Parish on June 2.

See you all next week when I believe the intense battle between Boston and New York will heat up again, this time at the big ballpark in the Bronx.

# Partial Birth Abortion Ban upheld; abortion opponents laud court

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Supreme Court upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act in a 5-4 decision April 18. The ruling was lauded by abortion opponents, including President George W. Bush, who called partial-birth abortion an “abhorrent procedure” in an April 18 statement from the White House.

“Today’s decision affirms that the Constitution does not stand in the way of the people’s representatives enacting laws reflecting the compassion and humanity of America. The partial-birth abortion ban, which an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress passed and I signed into law, represents a commitment to building a culture of life in America,” said Bush.

He signed it into law in 2003, but because of court challenges it never went into effect.

“The Supreme Court’s decision is an affirmation of the progress we have made over the past six years in protecting human dignity and upholding the sanctity of life. We will continue to work for the day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law.”

Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing the majority opinion in the *Gonzales v. Carhart* and *Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood* cases, said the law’s opponents “have not demonstrated that the act would be unconstitutional in a large fraction of relevant cases.”

Also voting in the majority were Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

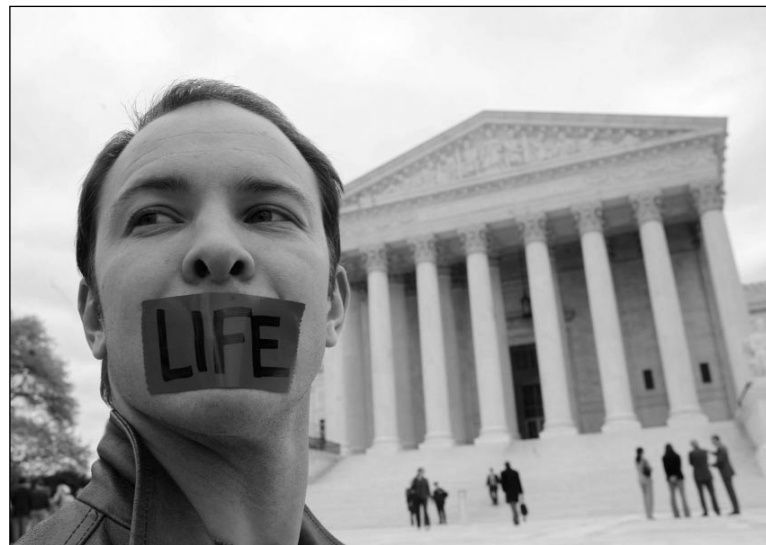
Voting in the minority were Justices Paul Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David Souter and John Paul Stevens.

In her dissenting opinion, Ginsburg said the decision “tolerates, indeed applauds, federal intervention to ban nationwide a procedure found necessary and proper in certain cases by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.” She added the decision “refuses to take ... seriously” previous Supreme Court decisions on abortion.

Six federal courts had ruled the act had unconstitutionally restricted a woman’s legal right to an abortion. In October the Supreme Court accepted cases from California — the *Planned Parenthood* case — and Nebraska — the *Dr. Leroy Carhart* case. The high court conducted oral arguments in November.

In what the law calls partial-birth abortion, also referred to as an “intact dilation and extraction,” a live fetus is partially delivered and an incision is made at the base of the skull, through which the brain is removed, and then the dead body is delivered the rest of the way.

In the 1990s, Congress had twice passed a ban on partial-birth abortions. Both times the



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**Josh Alcorn, a pro-life activist, demonstrates in front of the Supreme Court in Washington April 18 after the court upheld the nationwide ban on the partial-birth abortion procedure. In its 5-4 ruling, the high court rejected a challenge to the constitutionality of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act that President George W. Bush signed into law in 2003.**

bills were vetoed by President Bill Clinton.

In 2000, the Supreme Court struck down a Nebraska ban on partial-birth abortions. Writing for a 5-4 majority at that time, Breyer said the law imposed an undue burden on a woman’s right to make an abortion decision. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who died in September 2005, and now-retired Justice Sandra Day O’Connor were both on the high court at the time this ruling was issued. O’Connor sided with the majority, and Rehnquist with the minority.

In 2003, Congress again passed a ban on partial-birth abortions, and the bill was signed into law by Bush.

Kennedy’s majority opinion said there was “medical disagreement whether the act’s prohibition would ever impose significant health risks on women” — a prohibition based in significant part on the finding that the procedure was never medically necessary — and that other procedures exist to abort late-term pregnancies.

During the November oral arguments, Solicitor General Paul Clement, who argued for the federal government, said Congress had sufficient evidence that “partial-birth abortions were never medically necessary, and that safe alternatives were always available such that no woman would be prevented from terminating her pregnancy. As a result, Congress was entitled to make a judgment in furthering its legitimate interests that they were going to ban a particularly gruesome procedure that blurred the line between abortion and infanticide.”

A brief separate opinion written by Thomas and joined by Scalia said they wanted to reiterate their view that “the court’s abortion jurisprudence ... has no basis in the Constitution.”

In statements issued April 18, abortion opponents rejoiced in the decision.

“Granted this is a very small

step, but it is the first step away from a society that looks at the life of an unwanted, unborn child as nothing more than a problem that needs to be disposed of, and the first step toward a society that respects and values all human life,” said a statement by former Republican Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, author of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

“When drafting this legislation, we were confident that it would withstand constitutional scrutiny and today’s ruling confirms that belief,” said a statement by Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, who sponsored the bill in the House. “Our legislation was supported by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress, signed into law by the president and has now been upheld by our highest court.”

In praising the decision, Father Frank Pavone, president of Priests for Life, said: “Congress and the vast majority of state legislators and American citizens have made it clear over the last decade that this procedure — by which a child is killed in the very process of delivery — has no place in a civilized society.”

“Finally,” said National Right to Life Committee legislative director Douglas Johnson, “it is illegal in America to mostly deliver a premature infant before puncturing her skull and removing her brain, which is what a partial-birth abortion is.”

“I am encouraged by the important strides made by the court today,” said Mailee Smith, staff counsel of Americans United for Life. “The court sent the message that it will not strike down abortion regulations simply because they are abortion regulations.”

“We are waiting for the anti-Catholic bigots to go bonkers over the fact that all five of the justices who voted against infanticide are Roman Catholic,” said a statement by William Donohue, head of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.

A STATEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY

## On Supreme Court partial-birth abortion decision, *Gonzales vs. Carhart*

April 18, 2007

Today marks an important step not only in the legal recognition of the dignity of every human being, including the unborn, but also in a more sound constitutional jurisprudence.

This close 5-4 decision simply recognizes that the U.S. Constitution does not protect the grisly procedure known as partial-birth abortion. This procedure that is performed on children that are viable or nearly viable, is both barbaric and horrific. This procedure has no place in a civilized society, and the fact that some would argue that it is protected by the U.S. Constitution — a document that does not mention or even come close to dealing with the issue of abortion — underscores the work that has yet to be done.

This decision is also an important victory for democracy. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act passed Congress overwhelmingly in 2003. Members of the court in the majority acted responsibly in recognizing that our government is one where judges should limit themselves to applying the law impartially and not revising it to suit their own agendas or personal preferences.

Let us pray that our beloved country will continue to build a culture of life and a greater respect for every human being from conception until natural death.

## Catholic Home Missions Appeal collection set May 5-6

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are so blessed in this diocese to have dozens of vibrant parishes, flourishing schools and religious education programs and outreaches to young people, families, the poor and the sick. But we know that this is not the case in many parts of our country, where the percentage of Catholics is very small and priests and their coworkers struggle to meet the pastoral needs of their people in isolated parishes and remote missions. In places like Appalachia and the Deep South, the Southwest, the Mountain West, and the remote island dioceses of the Caribbean and Pacific, our brothers and sisters in the faith depend on us for financial support.

On the weekend of May 5-6, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which is sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This collection enables Catholics in more prosperous parts of the country to help the missions in poorer areas. It pays for travel expenses for priests to celebrate Mass in remote towns so people can receive regular nourishment from the Eucharist and the word of God. It helps pay for the education of seminarians, deacons and lay ministers. It supports religious education programs aimed at deepening youth and young adults’ knowledge of our faith. Some 90 dioceses, in fact, rely on the support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. In addition, this appeal provides funding to the global Archdiocese of Military Services, which sends close to 1000 chaplains to offer Mass, the sacraments, counseling and a comforting presence to American Catholic soldiers and their families throughout the world.

On behalf of our brothers and sisters, then, with whom we share the same homeland and the same faith, I ask you to be as generous as you can with this important collection.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D’Arcy

# Vatican commission: Limbo reflects 'restrictive view of salvation'

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After several years of study, the Vatican's International Theological Commission said there are good reasons to hope that babies who die without being baptized go to heaven.

In a document published April 20, the commission said the traditional concept of limbo — as a place where unbaptized infants spend eternity but without communion with God — seemed to reflect an "unduly restrictive view of salvation."

The church continues to teach that, because of original sin, baptism is the ordinary way of salvation for all people and urges parents to baptize infants, the document said.

But there is greater theological awareness today that God is merciful and "wants all human beings to be saved," it said. Grace has priority over sin, and the exclusion of innocent babies from heaven does not seem to reflect Christ's special love for "the little ones," it said.

"Our conclusion is that the many factors that we have considered ... give serious theological and liturgical grounds for hope that unbaptized infants who die will be saved and enjoy the beatific vision," the document said.

"We emphasize that these are reasons for prayerful hope, rather than grounds for sure knowledge," it added.

The 41-page document, titled "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," was published in *Origins*, the documentary service of Catholic News Service. Pope Benedict XVI authorized its publi-

cation earlier this year.

The 30-member International Theological Commission acts as an advisory panel to the Vatican, in particular to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Its documents are not considered expressions of authoritative church teaching, but they sometimes set the stage for official Vatican pronouncements.

The commission's document said salvation for unbaptized babies who die was becoming an urgent pastoral question, in part because their number is greatly increasing. Many infants today are born to parents who are not practicing Catholics, and many others are the unborn victims of abortion, it said.

Limbo has never been defined as church dogma and is not mentioned in the current Catechism of the Catholic Church, which states simply that unbaptized infants are entrusted to God's mercy.

But limbo has long been regarded as the common teaching of the church. In the modern age, "people find it increasingly difficult to accept that God is just and merciful if he excludes infants, who have no personal sins, from eternal happiness," the new document said.

Parents in particular can experience grief and feelings of guilt when they doubt their unbaptized children are with God, it said.

The church's hope for these infants' salvation reflects a growing awareness of God's mercy, the commission said. But the issue is not simple, because appreciation for divine mercy must be reconciled with fundamental church teachings about original sin and about the necessity of baptism for salvation, it said.

The document traced the development of church thinking about the fate of unbaptized children, noting that there is "no explicit answer" from Scripture or tradition.

In the fifth century, St. Augustine concluded that infants who die without baptism were consigned to hell. By the 13th century, theologians referred to the "limbo of infants" as a place where unbaptized babies were deprived of the vision of God, but did not suffer because they did not know what they were deprived of.

Through the centuries, popes and church councils were careful not to define limbo as a doctrine of the faith and to leave the question open. That was important in allowing an evolution of the teaching, the theological commission said.

A key question taken up by the document was the church's teaching that baptism is necessary for salvation. That teaching needs interpretation, in view of the fact that "infants ... do not place any personal obstacle in the way of redemptive grace," it said.

In this and other situations, the need for the sacrament of baptism is not absolute and is secondary to God's desire for the salvation of every person, it said.

"God can therefore give the grace of baptism without the sacrament being conferred, and this fact should particularly be recalled when the conferring of baptism would be impossible," it said.

This does not deny that all salvation comes through Christ and in some way through the church, it said, but it requires a more careful understanding of how this may work.

The document outlined several ways by which unbaptized babies

might be united to Christ:

- A "saving conformity to Christ in his own death" by infants who themselves suffer and die.

- A solidarity with Christ among infant victims of violence, born and unborn, who like the holy innocents killed by King Herod are endangered by the "fear or selfishness of others."

- God may simply give the gift of salvation to unbaptized infants, corresponding to his sacramental gift of salvation to the baptized.

The document said the standard teaching that there is "no salvation outside the church" calls for similar interpretation.

The church's magisterium has moved toward a more "nuanced understanding" of how a saving relationship with the church can be realized, it said. This does not mean that someone who has not received the sacrament of baptism cannot be saved, it said.

Rather, it means that "there is no salvation which is not from Christ and ecclesial by its very nature," it said.

The document quoted St. Paul's teaching that spouses of Christians may be "consecrated" through their wives or husbands. This indicates that the holiness of the church reaches people "outside the visible bounds of the church" through the bonds of human communion, it said.

The document said the church clearly teaches that people are born into a state of sinfulness —

original sin — which requires an act of redemptive grace to be washed away.

But Scripture also proclaims the "superabundance" of grace over sin, it said. That seems to be missing in the idea of limbo, which identifies more with Adam's sinfulness than with Christ's redemption, it said.

"Christ's solidarity with all of humanity must have priority over the solidarity of human beings with Adam," it said.

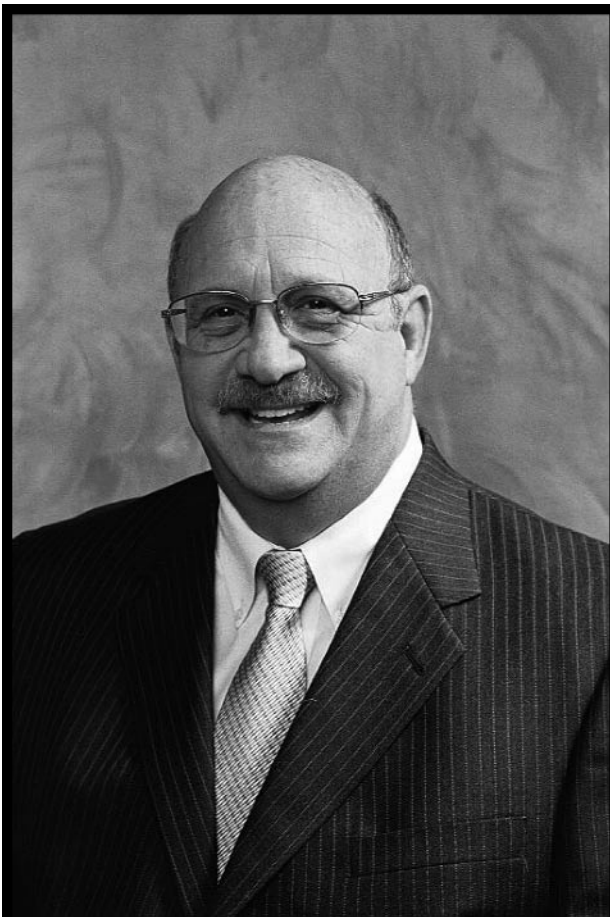
Liturgically, the motive for hope was confirmed by the introduction in 1970 of a funeral rite for unbaptized infants whose parents intended to present them for baptism, it said.

The commission said the new theological approach to the question of unbaptized babies should not be used to "negate the necessity of baptism, nor to delay the conferral of the sacrament."

"Rather, there are reasons to hope that God will save these infants precisely because it was not possible to do for them that what would have been most desirable — to baptize them in the faith of the church and incorporate them visibly into the body of Christ," it said.

The commission said hopefulness was not the same as certainty about the destiny of such infants.

"It must be clearly acknowledged that the church does not have sure knowledge about the salvation of unbaptized infants who die," it said.



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# Msgr. Robert Contant dies

BY DON CLEMMER

CARTHAGENA, Ohio — Msgr. Robert W. Contant, retired priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and pastor of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish for 33 years until his retirement in 1997, died Monday, April 16, at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen, Ohio. He was 86. Msgr. Contant had suffered from Parkinson's disease for years and spent his last years in the care of the Precious Blood Priests in Carthagen.

Born Dec. 5, 1920 in Fort Wayne to the late Henry Francis and Ruth Louise (Wells) Contant, he attended St. Patrick School and Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, graduating from Central Catholic in 1939. He attended college at St. Joseph Rensselaer and seminary at St. Gregory and Mount St. Mary in Norwood, Ohio.

Father Contant was ordained to the priesthood on Sept. 21, 1946 by Bishop John F. Noll at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. His first assignment was as assistant at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart. In 1949, he assumed administration duties at a mission parish in Bristol. In 1951, he was appointed assistant at both St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne, and St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur.

In 1962, Father Contant was appointed diocesan director of Catholic Cemeteries. In 1963, he was appointed diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, as well as administrator of St. Paul Church, Fort Wayne. In March of 1964, Father

Contant became diocesan director of Catholic Rural Life. On June 1 of that year, he was invested as a Papal Chamberlain and, on June 15, received his first and only assignment as pastor, to St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish, Fort Wayne. He would serve at Hessen Cassel for 33 years, becoming a beloved figure to generations of parishioners.

"You could call the rectory at any time, and he was always available," notes Loren Nichter, a lifelong parishioner at Hessen Cassel.

Ginny Kohrman of the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization also recalls the ever-present feel one got from Msgr. Contant, saying, "I would drive by the old rectory at night and see the parish office light on. There was a real sense of warmth in seeing that light and knowing that our spiritual father was home."

Lois Widner, principal of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School in Fort Wayne taught at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel from 1983 to 1991 and served as principal from 1991 to 2002. She recalls, "Working with Msgr. Contant was such a joy. He was so knowledgeable about schools, finances, history — everything. Msgr. truly cared about the students and wanted the best programs for them."

Msgr. Contant is said to have contributed to many scholarships from his personal funds and was at the forefront of promoting parish improvements including the school gymnasium, which now bears his name. While he was always open to ideas for bettering the parish, Msgr. Contant was also known for his personal asceticism and his vigilance with funds, making the parish budget go as far as it could. "He lived modestly, spending



MSGR. ROBERT CONTANT

little on food, clothing or necessities," recalls Gina Bodette, a Hessen Cassel parishioner who worked with Msgr. Contant often over the years and served as his secretary during his final year at the parish, when he was struggling with many health issues.

"He had cancer and needed hip surgery," says Bodette. "But anytime someone would ask him how he was doing, he answered 'I can't complain about the little things.'"

Roger Bubb, another lifelong parishioner and a teacher at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne also notes that Msgr. Contant never complained. An aunt of Bubb's once put it in perspective by observing, "You know, it's a real privilege to have him as a pastor, because we're seeing a saint in the making."

Msgr. Owen Campion, associate publisher at Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., celebrated Mass on weekends at Hessen Cassel the last

10 years of Msgr. Contant's time there and assisted in other ways during his hospitalizations.

Campion recalls, "He never forgot anything. I recall talking to him about the lynching of two black men on the public square in Marion, Ind., in 1930. He recalled every detail he had heard and the reaction of every major American figure at the time. He was a marvelous priest, the quiet kind that they write books about, the kind that instills faith, and confidence, and strength, and peace. No greater tribute to his superb service as pastor exists than in the love and esteem in which he was held by parishioners. He was completely dedicated to them, to his priesthood and to the church. I shall remember him as an inspiration."

In 1981, Msgr. Contant was appointed chaplain of the Fort Wayne area Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

In 1996, the year of his golden jubilee as a priest, Msgr. Contant traveled to Rome at the invitation of Pope John Paul II to celebrate Mass with the pope and priests from around the world who had been ordained in 1946 and were

celebrating 50 years as priests.

By this point, Msgr. Contant also shared something else in common with Pope John Paul, his deep desire to serve even as the progression of Parkinson's disease made it more and more difficult to do so.

In July of 1997, he retired in residence at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne. It was said that it was very hard for him to leave Hessen Cassel, as he regarded the parish as his family. When he left Hessen Cassel, his possessions reportedly fit into one car. In November of 1998, he moved again, this time to the infirmary at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen, where he received continuous nursing care from Brother Dennis Rumschlag.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated Msgr. Contant's funeral Mass with about 30 priests from the diocese on Saturday, April 21, at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Church. At the Mass, Msgr. J. William Lester praised Msgr. Contant as a "priest's priest," noting that his life, servanthood and dedication to the people of St. Joseph Parish was a living example to all who knew him.

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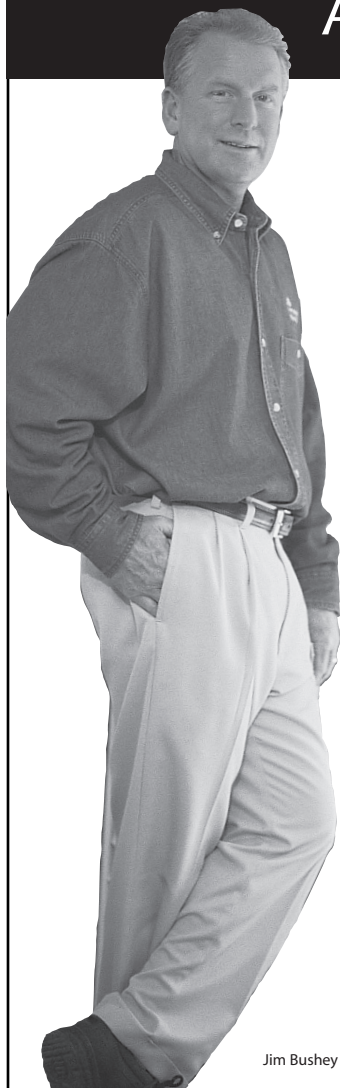


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## After journey of sorrow, look to Resurrection, Virginia bishop urges

BLACKSBURG, Va. (CNS) — Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo of Richmond told an overflow gathering of students, faculty and families April 22 at Virginia Tech that rushing to experience the joy of the Resurrection while they are actually feeling pain and confusion “would be terribly unrealistic.” In his homily during Mass on the university campus in Blacksburg, the bishop said, “We as a community have not quite caught up to the joy of the Resurrection yet, because of the tragedy we are living. People’s emotions are anything but joyful.” He reminded the faithful assembled at Memorial Chapel that the message of Christ’s resurrection would be there to answer their questions when the community emerges from its grief over the April 16 tragedy that left 33 people dead. “We need to start the journey of Jesus’ passion over,” Bishop DiLorenzo explained, noting “the fog of emotion” that surrounds the community in facing “the senseless act of violence where so many have passed away.” The bishop also celebrated an evening Mass April 21 at St. Mary Church in Blacksburg.

## Ethics code to bring posh London hospital in line with church morals

LONDON (CNS) — A revised code of ethics will prevent doctors from providing contraceptives and abortion referrals at a London Catholic hospital popular with celebrity mothers. The finalized code, which is expected to be passed by the hospital board May 16, will encompass all staff and resident practitioners at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth. A draft of the code says that services will not be provided if they conflict with Catholic teaching regarding the value of life or sexual ethics. This includes the provision of the morning-after pill, amniocentesis to detect Down syndrome and in vitro fertilization. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor of Westminster ordered the code to be revised after doctors admitted to prescribing the morning-after pill and referring women for abortions at other hospitals. The cardinal wrote a letter in March 2006 to Robin Bridgeman, chairman of the hospital, that said a newly revised code would be produced and that the hospital would have to abide by it.

## Mexican bishops express concern over Catholics’ ‘life-faith divorce’

CUAUTITLAN IZCALLI, Mexico (CNS) — Mexican bishops expressed concern over a growing disconnect between Catholics’ beliefs and daily life — an issue they pledged to raise at the fifth general assembly of Latin American and Caribbean bishops. “Our culture leads us to say we’re Catholic, but our social environment leads us to live our lives as if we weren’t believers,” said

# NEWS BRIEFS

## POPE PRAYS BEFORE REMAINS OF ST. AUGUSTINE



CNS PHOTO/STEFANO RELLANDINI, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI prays before the remains of St. Augustine during an evening liturgy in the church of San Pietro in Ciel d’Oro in Pavia, Italy, April 22. The pope stood in prayer before a crystal urn that holds the 226 bone fragments of St. Augustine, then lit a new votive lamp for the tomb. The pope called St. Augustine a “model of conversion” for all Christians.

Bishop Carlos Aguiar Retes of Texcoco, president of the Mexican bishops’ conference, at an April 20 press conference. “This is what we call the life-faith divorce.” In a weeklong meeting at a walled compound on Mexico City’s northern outskirts, the Mexican bishops discussed the shrinking role of religion in modern society, growing individualism and the deterioration of traditional communities. The bishops concluded that they face a critical task in re-energizing Catholicism and Catholic virtues in Mexico and Latin America. The bishops listed a number of Mexico’s ongoing social woes, such as drug-related violence and rampant corruption, as the most extreme evidence of the disconnect from Catholic virtues.

## Audrey Santo dies; she could not speak or move but inspired thousands

WORCESTER, Mass. (CNS) — In silence, Audrey Santo witnessed to the world, preachers and participants said at an April 17 wake for her at St. Paul Cathedral in Worcester and at her funeral Mass there the following day. Santo, 23, who died April 14 at home, was in a comalike state, unable to move or speak, because of an accident when she was 3 years old, but people had flocked to her bedside at her family’s home, where she was cared for. Unexplained phenomena that seemed to happen in her presence

drew thousands of visitors over the years. Many felt she could heal others. More than 100 people attended her wake and about 300 were at her funeral. People came from several states, including California, said John Clote, spokesman for the family. Media included ABC’s “20/20” and the local television news. Santo fell into her family’s pool Aug. 9, 1987, at age 3. She was overmedicated at the hospital, lapsed into a coma that lasted three weeks and was left in a state called “akinetic mutism,” according to information from the Apostolate of a Silent Soul, which since 1996 had coordinated activities involving her.

## Beijing Bishop Michael Fu Tieshan, 75, dies

BEIJING (CNS) — Bishop Michael Fu Tieshan of Beijing, the top leader of the registered Catholic Church community in China, died April 20 after a long battle with cancer. His death was announced in Beijing by the Xinhua news agency. Bishop Fu, 75, had led the diocese covering the Chinese capital since 1979. At the time of his death, he served as chairman of the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association and acting president of the government-recognized Bishops’ Conference of the Catholic Church in China. Anthony Liu Bainian, vice chairman of the patriotic association, told UCA News, an Asian church news agency, April 19 that Bishop

Fu wanted to “see his priests, whom he hasn’t met for a long time” because of his long illness. Bishop Fu’s last public appearance was at the March 4 preparatory meeting for the annual session of the National People’s Congress, China’s parliament, of which he has been a vice chairman since 2003. People holding positions of vice chairman or higher are ranked as state leaders.

## Catholic immigration advocates head to Hill to push for reform bill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A workable comprehensive immigration reform bill on the table, more sympathetic leadership in Congress and a “this year or maybe never” incentive are prodding immigration advocates to action. After a day and a half of briefings and strategizing with advocates who work on immigration every day, activists from more than 66 dioceses took their campaign for immigration reform to Capitol Hill April 19. “It is terrifying, the prospect of a bad bill or no bill happening, considering the number of people who are involved in this,” said Frank Sharry, director of the National Immigration Forum. Sharry was keynote speaker for the April 17-19 Justice for Immigrants national gathering organized by the U.S. Catholic bishops’ migration awareness campaign of the same name. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has said he

plans to bring immigration legislation to the floor for debate and a vote the last two weeks of May. As of mid-April, there was no Senate legislation in the mix, but a House bill, H.R. 1645, had the backing — at least as a starting point — of many in a vast coalition of business, agriculture, union, civil rights, ethnic and religious organizations. It is called the Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act, or STRIVE Act.

## Secretary-general invites pope to visit U.N. headquarters

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon invited Pope Benedict XVI to visit the United Nations headquarters in New York during a private meeting at the Vatican. The two leaders discussed global trouble spots and cultural tensions during a 20-minute encounter in the pope’s private library April 18. It was the first papal audience for Ban, a former South Korean diplomat who took up his U.N. post at the beginning of the year. A Vatican statement said the pope and Ban had discussed the need for a “restoration of multilateralism” in international affairs and the strengthening of the dialogue between cultures. The Vatican confirmed that, as expected, Ban had officially invited the pope to visit the United Nations. Vatican sources have said the pope would like to make the visit, and that one possible time frame was in late September, for the opening of the U.N. General Assembly. To date, no firm plans have been made for such a visit, the sources said. It would be Pope Benedict’s first visit to the United Nations and his first visit as pope to the United States.

## Nuncio says by living simply Catholics can help protect the earth

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CNS) — Every Catholic can do something about climate change by adopting a life of voluntary simplicity, the Vatican’s U.N. nuncio believes. It comes down to “working less, wanting less, spending less,” thus reducing the impact each person has on the environment, Archbishop Celestino Migliore told participants gathered in Columbus for the second in a series of regional Catholic conversations on climate change April 14. Citing Genesis’ call to humanity to oversee creation while protecting it and the church’s social doctrine, the Vatican diplomat outlined the Holy See’s position on the need for Catholics to heed the environmental dangers the planet faces. “The denigration of the environment has become an inescapable reality,” the archbishop said. “There is no doubt that the latest assessment has established a strong connection between human activity and climate change,” he said, referring to a February statement by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

## Cancer and spirituality panel discussion slated at Fort Wayne library

FORT WAYNE — Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana will present a panel discussion called "Mere Mortals Facing Cancer" on Tuesday, May 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library. The Allen County Public Library is located at 900 Library Plaza in downtown Fort Wayne.

"Mere Mortals Facing Cancer" is a sensitive, thought-provoking conversation about cancer and spirituality. Panelists will share their personal experience and insight about how a cancer diagnosis changed their life perspective.

These panelists include the following: Bishop R. Sheldon Duecker, retired from United Methodist Church; Dr. Richard Frazier, pastor emeritus of Trinity English Lutheran Church; Dr. Gary Gize, medical oncologist; Rebecca Harding, a mental health counselor; and Father Bill Kummer, pastor of St. Michael Church, Plymouth.

For information call (260) 484-9560 or visit [www.cancer-services.org](http://www.cancer-services.org).

## Redeemer Radio completes record on-air appeal

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, has completed its third on-air appeal, held April 11-13. Over \$191,000 was raised toward funding the station's growth and operating expenses, nearly doubling the total from the previous fall 2006 pledge drive. An array of local and national guests, including Bishop John M. D'Arcy, appeared on the air.

Known as "Spring Sharathon 2007," the event was hosted by Jerry Usher at the studios of Redeemer Radio. Usher is the national host of Catholic radio's most popular program, "Catholic Answers Live," heard on Redeemer Radio weekdays from 6 to 8 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

## University of Saint Francis requests stories about the Bass Mansion

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is preparing a booklet with memories of the Bass Mansion and is inviting the public to contribute any reminiscences from their own lives or those of family or friends that involve the university's landmark building.

Stories may be edited for the booklet, and there is no guarantee that all stories will be included. Submit stories to Sister Marilyn Oliver, University of Saint Francis, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808, no later than May 15, 2007 or e-mail [molivier@sf.edu](mailto:molivier@sf.edu).

For more information call Sister Marilyn at (260) 434-7587.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## MARY HILGER SPEAKS AT GAP FUNCTION



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The GAP, a social group for single Catholic men and women who are in the 40-60ish age range, hosted Mary Hilger, artist and speaker, on April 20, for the gathering at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Hilger did a chalk drawing of Jesus while listening to inspirational music as the group of over 40 looked on. Following the drawing she gave a testimony of her experiences as an Christian artist.

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## Universe Story banners displayed at Saint Mary's College

NOTRE DAME — The Sisters of the Holy Cross hosted a public exhibition of 31 hand-embroidered banners depicting the Universe Story on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, in Saint Mary's Convent. The Universe Story banners were made by the Kopanang community, a group of HIV positive South African women who have developed their artistry as a means of supporting their families.

Designed by Kopanang founder Sheila Flynn, a Dominican Sister, these intricate banners take their inspiration from The Universe Story by Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme. Through the progression of each panel, the observer witnesses the unfolding of earth's life, from the emergence of galaxies to the birth of the world, from the inception of life to the modern threat to earth's stability.

The Kopanang-Sithand'zingane organization was founded in 2001 as a means of addressing the poverty, disease and lack of education that are prevalent in today's post-apartheid South Africa.

In the Sotho language Kopanang means "gathering together, building bridges." Sithand'zingane is Zulu for "We love the children."

Each piece produced by the Kopanang women, whether embroidered, sewn or paper-crafted is beautiful and unique. Each artist adds her personal touch

through choices of color and stitch. The exposition, sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross Justice Committee, will benefit the Faithful Fools Street Ministry, a social arts organization, through which the Universe Story exhibit was originally commissioned.

This traveling exhibition will be at Saint Mary's through May 3. Those who wish to view the exhibition can call the Congregation Justice Office at (574) 284-5303. — SML

## First Annual Indiana Catholic Family Conference in Kokomo

KOKOMO — The first annual Indiana Catholic Family Conference will be held in Kokomo on May 19-20 announced Father Theodore Dudzinski, moderator of the local Catholic community of Howard County.

"Building the Domestic Church through God, Family and Love" is the first statewide event to be sponsored jointly by the two Catholic parishes in Howard County: St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 3122 South 200 West, and St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1229 N. Washington St.

"The idea of a family conference has been a recurring theme in my prayer for years. The family is a concern for all who minister in the church. Daily we see the struggles and breakdowns within families. Using the wisdom of Holy Mother Church, this conference is intended to supply the 'domestic church' — the basic family unit — with the necessary knowledge to be the Holy Family they are called to be

through God, proper family relations and a love which binds all things together," Father Dudzinski said.

Nationally known Catholic speakers scheduled to address adults and teenagers include: Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy priest William Casey, syndicated Catholic radio hosts Gregory and Lisa Popcak and Janet E. Smith, who holds the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Mich. Also scheduled to appear are Father Jonathan Meyer, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and the international performer Tatiana.

"This conference will provide families with some very relevant information to help strengthen their families and even be life changing for them," Father Dudzinski said.

"We have found that families struggle, not because of bad motivation, but rather because they are constantly being bombarded with the subtle diversions of the devil. When God and his church's teachings are placed at the heart of the family, the family is able to prosper and grow. We believe that God is giving us the necessary grace to witness his love and build the domestic church today," he said.

The Catholic Family Conference will be held at Kokomo High School, 2502 South Berkley Rd., Kokomo. Special activities will be planned for adults and children of all ages, with programs specifically directed towards teenagers, along with celebration of Mass on both days of the event.

Registrations are being accepted for the conference through St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on the

church's Web site [www.saintjoan.org](http://www.saintjoan.org), or by contacting the church office at (765) 865-9964. Admission tickets are: \$75 single adult, \$100 married couple, and \$125 per family.

## Tatiana to perform in Fort Wayne area

FORT WAYNE — A Croatia singer Tatiana, who grew up in communist Yugoslavia and gave her life to Christ, will be in concert at several parishes in Fort Wayne during May.

Tatiana will share her story through her powerful vocals and instrumental talents.

She lives in the U.S. and has performed in over 1,000 Catholic churches throughout the U.S. and other countries.

She will be performing at the following parishes:

- May 16, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-5535
- May 17, St. Joseph, Garrett, (260) 357-3122
- May 18, St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, (260) 482-2186

The concert will be at 7 p.m. at each parish. A free will offering will be collected. Contact the parishes for additional information.

## Associated Churches holds annual meeting, Szymczak honored

FORT WAYNE — The Associated Churches held their 2006 annual meeting and honored retiring board members. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Executive Pastor Vernon Graham with a message concerning, "The State of the Church in Fort Wayne and Allen County."

President Charlie Hatten acknowledged the following retiring board members: Thomas Szymczak of Queen of Angels Parish; Rev. Alycia Smith of Community of Christ Church; Mary Turner of Union Baptist Church; Walter Hayden of Faith United Methodist Church; Dr. James Wooten of First Presbyterian Church; and Father Cyril Fernandes of St. Patrick Church, Arcola.

Rev. Graham also introduced the new board members, who are the following: Rev. Amy Beitelchees-Albers of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan; Rev. Peter Janzen of First Mennonite Church; Earl Robinson of Union Baptist Church; Rick Stevenson of Pilgrim Baptist Church; Doris Mather of First Presbyterian Church; and John Hilger of St. Patrick Church, Arcola.

The Associated Churches Ecumenical Service Award went to Thomas Szymczak who is a pastoral associate at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Szymczak was the first Roman Catholic board president in the 63-year history. He served two years as president, and during his tenure a total of 17 new member congregations from the Catholic and evangelical community became members of Associated Churches.

# Negotiations for healthier Indiana plan heighten statehouse final days

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

INDIANAPOLIS — With only a few days left to meet the April 29 adjournment deadline, lawmakers have shifted into high gear to finalize a legislative initiative to curb smoking and fund health care for uninsured families and children in Indiana.

The governor's Healthier Indiana Plan originally included four components: to provide healthcare for the uninsured; to fund the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (ITPC) program at the Center for Disease Controls recommended level of \$34.8 million annually; to provide funding for the immunization of children under age two; and to raise the cigarette tax to fund the programs.

Sen. Patricia Miller (R-Indianapolis) author of SB 503, the measure that contained the primary components of the Gov. Mitch Daniels' Healthier Indiana Plan, said she is "optimistic" that a final agreement can be made before the April 29 adjournment deadline.

"First (through this plan) we will be helping people get health insurance so they have access to health care in the most cost effective, efficient and appropriate way," Sen. Miller said, and added that currently the uninsured receive healthcare in the "least effective" and costly manner through emergency room visits. Sen. Miller also said that right now people in Indiana pay higher insurance premiums and higher health care costs to compensate for the amount of charity and indigent care that hospitals provide.

"It's a win-win plan and a much better system both for those who

need health insurance and for those who pay for the uninsured through higher premiums," said Sen. Miller.

Because bills including a tax increase must originate in the House rather than the Senate SB 503 was amended into HB 1678 and has entered the conference committee negotiations.

Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary) author of HB 1678 who has become one of the lead negotiators of the Healthier Indiana Plan said, "We are very, very close to reaching a report all the conferees agree with and can sign. I'm very optimistic, overly optimistic," said the Gary lawmaker about the success of this proposal. "We all agree something needs to be done this year for the uninsured and for children in our state," said Rep. Brown. "What we still need to decide on is the level and the kind of tax."

Rep. Brown said that they have narrowed the range of the debate on the cigarette tax from a 35 cent increase to a 44 cent increase. The increase would bring Indiana more in line with the \$1 cigarette tax most other states across the country collect. Another possible tax increase being considered is one that Rep. Brown said is "a relatively new tax called a bed tax for hospitals, which would raise millions of dollars."

Karla Sneegas, executive director for the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (ITPC) said almost all of the major health organizations including the American Cancer Society, The American Lung Association, The Heart Association and ITPC the group, which Sneegas represents, agree the cigarette tax should be raised by \$1 not just raised up to a

dollar.

"The beauty of the governor's four-point plan is that each component has a positive impact, but by putting it all together it has the opportunity to drastically impact and reduce tobacco use in Indiana as well as reduce other diseases across the board for Hoosiers," said Sneegas.

Dan Gangler, Co-Convener of the Hoosier Faith and Health Coalition, a group whose primary purpose is to help reduce tobacco use in Indiana, said their organization agrees with the major health organizations in raising the cigarette tax by \$1 to bring Indiana's total cigarette tax to over a \$1.55 per pack. "We have found a marked decrease in teen smoking when the cigarette tax increases," said Gangler. "We want the tax to act as a deterrent for teens and adults, and to help fund programs which help them quit, or prevent them from starting."

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference who testified at the April 19 hearing on the HB 1678 conference committee report in support of the bill, said, "We need to find ways to fund health care for working families and for families and children living in poverty who are uninsured or under insured. Access to basic health care is necessary to one's dignity.

"This bill is good for families, children and the common good of all people in Indiana. That's why the church cares and is involved," said Tebbe.

Once the conference committee report on HB 1678 is agreed upon by the four conferees and signed by them, it will go to the House and Senate for a final vote.

## The uninsured in Indiana

According to the governor's Plan for a Healthier Indiana included in the fact sheet on the uninsured in Indiana, there are 561,000 Hoosiers without health insurance. Costs of the uninsured are passed on to Hoosiers with health insurance. The same report noted that each family in Indiana with health insurance paid an additional \$953 in premiums in 2005 to cover the costs of the uninsured. By 2010 the premiums are expected to be nearly \$1,500 higher for families to compensate for the cost of the uninsured.

A 25 cent cigarette tax increase would provide coverage for approximately 120,000 Hoosiers: a 50 cent increase would cover 200,000 people.

(SOURCE: GOVERNOR'S PLAN FOR A HEALTHIER INDIANA)

The cigarette tax in Indiana currently is 55.5 cents per pack, and ranks 38th nationally having one of the lower cigarette tax rates in the country. The cigarette tax in states that border Indiana are Kentucky at 30 cents; Ohio at \$1.25; Michigan at \$2; and Illinois at 98 cents. However the city of Chicago and Cook County also collect a cigarette tax making the total tax on a pack of cigarettes purchased in Chicago \$3.66.

(SOURCE: KARLA SNEEGAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INDIANA TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION)

According to the Indiana Department of Health's Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, 49 percent of high school dropouts are smokers and 49 percent of uninsured Hoosiers are also smokers.

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# 'God has a plan for your love life'

Jason Evert, national chastity speaker, addresses young people at Bishop Dwenger, diocese

BY KIM POHOVEY

FORT WAYNE — In the midst of modern teenage dating, few young people probably take the time to consider their future spouse, but that is exactly what they were asked to envision while listening to nationally-acclaimed chastity speaker Jason Evert at Bishop Dwenger High School on Tuesday, April 17. "God has a plan for your love life," shared Evert.

Evert was hosted by Bishop Dwenger's A Promise To Keep program and spoke to junior high and high school students and their parents. He is affiliated with "Catholic Answers," the nation's largest lay-run apostolate for apologetics and evangelization; he has authored several books and has spoken worldwide on the subject of chastity. His tour in the diocese included two public appearances and a visit to the four diocesan high schools.

Evert's captivating presentation was humorous, blunt, factual and highly relatable to the teen audience. He described the beauty of remaining chaste for your future spouse in order to offer the "priceless gift of your body" to the one you marry. During his talk, Evert challenged teens to a "better kind of love" stressing the need to respect members of the opposite sex while maintaining one's own dignity.

He discussed in detail the challenges facing teenagers today. Specifically for boys, he guarded them against giving into pornography and treating girls as sex objects. To girls, he addressed concerns of false body images and dressing modestly. He shared shocking statistics regarding teenage sexual activity rates, sexually transmitted diseases and little-known facts about the effects of contraceptives.

Though his presentation was, by design, entertaining and teen-friendly, Evert's message also clearly embraced the teachings of the church. "I would tell you that there are three important things that you need to do (to maintain chastity)," said Evert. "Go to reconciliation, go to Mass, and devotion to Our Lady — say the rosary." He stressed that "purity is a gift from Jesus Christ" and chastity should be a given. "God wants you to set your standards high," he said.

He also had a message for young people who have already sacrificed their virginity. "Seek out the sacrament of reconciliation and start over even if you're not a virgin anymore," Evert encouraged. "When you fall away, God wants to welcome you back. Forgive yourself and write a love letter to your future spouse."

Casually dressed in blue jeans with an untucked oxford shirt, he looks just a few years older than the teens he's addressing, but he's actually a 31-year-old married father of two with a master's degree in theology and undergraduate degrees in counseling and theology.



KIM POHOVEY

Evert began his career in crisis pregnancy counseling and leading teen retreats but soon felt the need to address teens earlier to help prevent crisis situations. Thus began his career in chastity speaking engagements.

He and his wife Crystalina are on the board of advisors for the National Abstinence Clearinghouse and are frequent guests on radio and television programs throughout the country and have authored several books on the subject.

Through his work, Evert addresses approximately 100,000 teenagers each year but the one-on-one time he spends with them is what he finds most rewarding. "It's the personal influence I've had on someone who lets me know years later that I find extremely rewarding about this ministry," shared Evert.

In fact, Ben Becker, a senior at Carroll High School in Fort Wayne, came to his talk on this night to thank him. Becker heard Evert speak three years ago when he attended school in Florida and has remained chaste ever since. Wearing a chastity ring on his finger, Becker brought his girlfriend, Kristi Brooks, along to hear Evert's message.

"His whole message of chastity changed my scope of thinking and now I'm trying to share that message with others," said Becker.

Bellmont High School freshman Andy Weaver gained fresh perspective from Evert's talk on this evening. "His talk was so interesting, and I have more perspective now," he said. "I especially liked what he had to say about girls dressing more modestly. I don't particularly like the belly buttons showing all the time."

Dana Kaczmarek, an eighth-grade student from St. Joseph, Decatur, enjoyed his unique approach. "He kept me laughing the whole time, it was really great, it definitely wasn't the usual have-sex-and-die talk."

According to Nancy Yorke, director of A Promise To Keep, the program started at Bishop Dwenger High School and is funded by a grant from Our Sunday Visitor. A Promise To Keep is a peer mentoring curriculum meant

Chastity speaker Jason Evert chats with several home school students from Huntington following the presentation at Bishop Dwenger High School on April 17.

to equip adolescents with the knowledge of God's gift of sexuality through education and affirmation.

The goal is to strengthen their commitment to a chaste life. Since its inception three years ago, the program has flourished to the 48 students who have been trained as mentors. This year, these high school mentors have given team presentations to 700 area seventh- and eighth-grade school students on subjects such as peer pressure, assertiveness and consequences.

For more information on Evert's efforts, visit his Web site at: [www.pureloveclub.com](http://www.pureloveclub.com). For more information about Bishop Dwenger's A Promise To Keep program, contact director Nancy Yorke at (260) 496-4742.



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# St. Vincent School families learn lesson of service

BY KIM POHOVEY

FORT WAYNE — The Lord ensured the beautiful weather, volunteers provided the elbow grease when more than 200 moms, dads and their children tackled painting projects, dirty windows and yard clean up as part of the first-ever Family Service Day at St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, April 21.

Sponsored by St. Vincent's Home and School Association (HASA), the Family Service Day was a great way to help celebrate the school's 50th anniversary, according to Lisa Morr, HASA president. "It amazed me how everything fell into place for this event — the weather was perfect, we would receive donations when funds were running low, and whenever we would receive a call

with a request, the very next call would take care of that request — it was as if it was all meant to happen," said Morr.

The event started at school with a prayer service during which pastor Father John Kuzmich said a blessing over the workers before sending them off to their respective work sites. Morr indicated that volunteers fanned out to 18 different sites throughout the community including the Women's Care Center, Sacred Heart Church and Head Start as well as many residential homes.

Donations from local businesses allowed for t-shirts to be distributed to all volunteers and Home Depot generously donated a gift card to help pay for materials needed at the work sites. At the conclusion of the projects, families gathered for 5 p.m. Mass at St.

Vincent's dirty from their day's work and still dressed in their green service day t-shirts.

Principal Sandra Guffey shared that during Mass, Father John explained about the Family Service Day and why the volunteers were wearing their green shirts, and workers received a round of applause.

"It was a wonderful testament to the families who chose to participate in the event," she said. A cookout then followed Mass for all the families who volunteered.

"The true beauty of the day was in the feeling of community and service present from the very beginning of the day, and the stories people brought back from their work sites when they were finished," said Guffey.

Keith Burns and his wife, Sheila, had a story to share when



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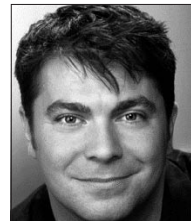


**Father Giordano Belanich** (Father Gio) is the founder of Croatian Relief Services, an outreach that feeds and clothes the poorest of the poor in many different countries of the world. He is also well known for his evangelization and healing ministry work throughout the United States and Canada. Father is a priest in the archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

**Immaculée Ilibagiza** is the author of *Left to Tell*, a gripping story of survival of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. She has appeared on Public Television and major network programs. Dr. Wayne Dyer, a renowned speaker, says "she not only talks about unconditional love and forgiveness, she radiates it wherever she goes." Her testimony will touch you deeply.



**Matthew Kelly** is an internationally acclaimed Catholic lay evangelist. His talks and retreats have entertained and inspired Catholics at conferences and retreats throughout the country. Matthew is the author of ten books, some of which were New York Times best sellers. Originally from Australia, he now resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.



**Moirá Noonan** was raised as a Catholic, but for a period of time became deeply immersed in New Age practices and ideas. After a series of powerful conversion experiences, she returned to the Church and is now a popular speaker telling her story via religious cable and radio stations throughout the world. Her most recent book is titled *Ransomed from Darkness*.



### Conference Schedule

#### Friday, May 25

5:00 pm... Doors open  
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Guest speaker  
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#### Saturday, May 26

7:15 am... Doors open  
8:00 am... Morning session  
Holy Mass  
Guest speakers (all sessions)  
1:30 pm... Afternoon session  
6:30 pm... Evening session  
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

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Procession and Consecration  
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**Father and daughter duo, Eric and Elizabeth Parlin, wash windows as part of the first-ever Family Service Day at St. Vincent de Paul School on Saturday, April 21. The Parlins worked at CANI Head Start in Fort Wayne.**

they returned from painting a couple's front porch on Hugh Street in downtown Fort Wayne. "As we were busy painting, two young Mormon missionaries came by dressed in full suits and asked what we were doing," he said.

"I explained that we were participating in a family service day with St. Vincent's and they asked if they could help. I told him 'sure but you're not exactly dressed for this type of work.'" Burns said they returned a few minutes later sans suit coats, rolled up their sleeves and worked hard alongside them for the next several hours. "This was definitely

an example of community in action," he added.

Another family made a connection with a 95-year-old woman they were sent to serve. Three

on Decatur Road on the south side of town, they found in her a woman full of spirit and appreciation.

"We signed up for the event to give back to the community and to show our children a sense of helping others," said Mary Kinniry. "What was so wonderful was that this 95-year old woman was so happy and content in her life that she just touched the hearts and souls of our kids."

All students who participated in the Family Service Day earned a free "dress down" day on Monday to show off their new service day t-shirt.

... they returned a few minutes later sans suit coats, rolled up their sleeves and worked hard alongside them for the next several hours.

families of Kinnirys, whose collective 10 children all attend St. Vincent School, gathered to experience the opportunity of service together as a family and in doing so forged a new friendship. While taking care of the lady's yard work

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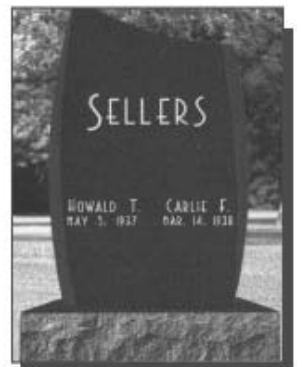
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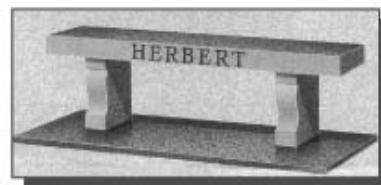


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# Alderding years marked with Catholic population growth

BY ANN CAREY

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with a grant from Our Sunday Visitor, has commissioned Dr. Joseph M. White to write a history in celebration of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year.

The following is excerpted from "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ: A History of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend," by Joseph M. White:

"Through the early 20th century, the United States experienced a high tide of European immigration, with northern Indiana receiving a substantial share — especially Catholics from southern and eastern Europe. These newcomers transformed life in northern Lake County adjacent to Chicago and expanded the Catholic presence there and in Fort Wayne, South Bend and several other communities. As Catholic immigrants arrived and made their livelihoods and homes, Bishop Herman J. Alderding presided over the founding of parishes where their faith was nurtured and ethnic culture preserved. ...

"Through the 24 years of Alderding's leadership, 1900-1924, the diocese's Catholic population increased from an estimated 72,000 in 1900 to 162,586 in 1924. The diocese's urban and multiethnic dimensions became more striking, while Catholic life progressed steadily among established communities large and small across the rural stretches of northern Indiana, but without the social transformation of massive immigration. ...

"In the 1920s, after World War I had created renewed fears of foreigners, immigration restriction achieved a wider political consensus despite Catholics' opposition. Congress enacted an emergency restriction law in 1921. In 1924, ... the Immigration Reform Act, imposed a system of annual quotas by country, taking effect in 1927, reducing to a trickle the immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe. ...

"In the last year of Alderding's life, then, the legal barricades

went up to curb further European immigration, especially of Catholics, though Mexican immigration would continue to increase slightly the diocese's Catholic population. During his years as diocesan ordinary, 1900-1924, the influx (of immigrants) resulted in the sharp rise in the number of 'sacred places' — parish churches with resident pastors — from 102 to 148, while mission churches in rural areas without resident priests declined from 39 to 31. Thereafter, the Catholic ethnic communities were cut off from additional immigrants from Europe. The Catholic community of the diocese was then left to develop largely on the basis of the natural increase of its population. ...

"Through the early 20th century, the vitality of Catholic life ... was revealed through a wide range of events and activities. Within the Catholic Church, the Holy See launched initiatives that touched on devotional, liturgical and intellectual life that bishops and clergy were expected to implement. Concurrently, growing women's religious communities under their own direction expanded their institutional commitments in staffing parish schools. The same religious communities responded to opportunities to expand their service in health care by enlarging existing hospitals and opening new ones. Meanwhile, the laity initiated and supported societies to expand their influence in new directions.

"Some trends of the times stimulated responses that reminded Catholics of their separate status in Indiana society. In the early 20th century, the inherited hostility to Catholics was renewed through new anti-Catholic publications that stirred Rev. John Francis Noll (to found Our Sunday Visitor in order) to bring vision, creativity and energy to address the need for Catholics — locally and nationally — to be better informed about their religious faith and to combat the formidable tradition of anti-Catholic prejudice."

## World and diocesan timeline 1900-1924

1900  
St. Stephen, South Bend; closed June 2003

1903  
St. Bavo, Mishawaka

1910  
St. Andrew, Fort Wayne; closed June 2003  
St. Hyacinth, Fort Wayne; closed November 1995  
St. Adalbert South Bend

1913  
St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

1915  
St. Monica, Mishawaka

1921  
Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend

1922  
St. Matthew, South Bend; made co-cathedral 1960

1924  
St. Anthony of Padua, Angola

### World events

- 1901
- U.S. President William McKinley shot in Buffalo, N.Y. Dies eight days later. Succeeded by Vice President Theodore Roosevelt.
- 1902
- Jan. 1: First college football bowl game played; Rosebowl: Michigan and Stanford
- 1903
- Aug. 4: Pope Pius X succeeds Pope Leo XIII as 257th pope
- 1908
- May 10: Mother's Day is observed for the first time
  - Sept. 27: Henry Ford produces his first Model T automobile
- 1910
- Oct. 11: Theodore Roosevelt first president to ride in airplane
- 1912
- April 15: RMS Titanic sinks
- 1913
- March 4: Woodrow Wilson succeeds William Howard Taft as president of U.S.
- 1914
- The beginning of World War I rages in Europe
  - Pope Benedict XV succeeds Pope Pius X
- 1915
- Jan. 31: (born) Thomas Merton, American monk and author
- 1918
- Sept. 11: Boston Red Sox defeat Chicago Cubs to win World Series. Their next win would not be until 2004.
- 1920
- June 13: The United States Postal Service rules that children may not be sent via parcel post
- 1921
- U.S. formally ends World War I. Declares peace with Germany
- 1922
- Jan. 22: Pope Benedict XV dies; Pope Pius XI elected
- 1924
- Feb. 22: Calvin Coolidge becomes first president of the U.S. to deliver a radio broadcast from the White House

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The highlight of our jubilee celebration will be a Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007. It is my fervent hope that all the faithful of our diocese will pilgrimage to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend for a day of spiritual joy and renewal. A plenary indulgence will be given to all those who make this pilgrimage if they fulfill the usual obligations.

On the beautiful campus of Notre Dame, a place dedicated to Mary, the mother of God, families, single persons, religious and clergy will enjoy a day marked with inspiring talks, catechesis and instruction, the rosary, Stations of the Cross, reconciliation, music, art from the parishes, high schools and colleges, eucharistic adoration and much more. There will be something for everyone to renew hearts and spirits in Christ whose “steadfast love endures forever.”

I have requested there be no Masses, weddings, funerals, reconciliation or athletic/school activities in the parishes and high schools of the diocese that Saturday, Aug. 18, in order that everyone will be free to come together for one magnificent liturgy at the conclusion of the day in the Joyce Center at Notre Dame. Naturally, all regular Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, Aug. 19.

I personally invite each and every one of you to join me for this wonderful event, a day of the highest significance in our diocese. Let us all come together, Aug. 18, to “Behold the Face of Christ: His Steadfast Love Endures Forever.”

With every best wish and prayer, I remain  
Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

# ADULT WORKSHOPS

## SESSION I: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### 1. The Call of the Disciple to Prayer and to Growth in Faith

**Bishop John M. D'Arcy**

This catechesis will examine the nature of the life of faith. What is faith and how does it grow. What are the challenges, which are always present to the believer and what are the challenges to faith, which are especially strong at this time.

### 2. The Mission of a Catholic University

**Father John Jenkins, CSC**

Father Jenkins will speak about the mission of a Catholic university, some of the challenges it faces in the 21st century, and the hope it provides for the church and the world.

### 3. Archbishop John Francis Noll:

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**Msgr. Owen Campion**

Archbishop Noll, as pastor, editor, publisher, bishop of Fort Wayne, and active member of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, faced issues not unlike many experience today, and his responses still have effects on the ways American Catholics think and act today.

### 4. God is Love:

#### Understanding Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical

**John Cavadini, Ph.D.**

This workshop will present an overview of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical letter and will consider such issues as: Why this topic for an encyclical? What is the background of the letter? What direction does it set for us in various ministries of the church, especially in teaching ministries (such as catechesis) and ministries of social justice? The thesis of the workshop is that "Love alone is credible" (to quote a famous 20th century theologian). That is, the Christian doctrine of the primacy of love provides the best foundation for persuasive articulations of the meaning of Christian faith in our time.

### 5. Looking at the Charism and Rules of Our Religious Orders

**Anthony Henry**

Around the world are religious orders of men and women who have fallen in love with their founder's vision of living the Gospel. There are hundreds of religious orders that serve the universal church. To name a few: the Franciscans, Jesuits, Dominicans, Marinists, and Benedictines. How do each of these religious orders find their God? How do their rules differ from each other? Why do some choose to live the solitary life while others desire to be placed in urban settings to preach the Gospel? Join Anthony Henry, a former Franciscan, as he sheds light on the charism of some of these different religious orders and on how they find God in this world of ours.

### 6. The Franciscan Eucharistic Heritage

**Sister Anita Holzmer, OSF**

Francis and Clare of Assisi were at the forefront of the 13th century revival of eucharistic devotion in the wake of the Fourth Lateran Council. In our own time we find ourselves in a similar situation historically as we continue to understand and implement the reforms of Vatican II. In this workshop we will examine the lives and writings of the founders of the Franciscan movement in light of the 13th century need for religious renewal to discover how their legacy can inform our 21st century eucharistic spirituality and practice.

### 7. Secrets of Happiness: Faith, Family and Forgiveness

**Father Miles O'Brien Riley, Ph.D.**

People who are dying — a very important moment in this life — talk about two things, only and always: their faith (why they get out of bed in the morning) and their family (blood, love, spiritual, extended). And the key to both faith and family is being able not necessarily to pardon but to forgive.

### 8. What the Scriptures Teach About Forgiveness

**Greg Doyle**

What does Scripture tell us about God's mercy and forgiveness? How can Scripture inform our own experience of reconciliation with God and one another? This workshop will provide reflections on some insights Scripture gives us on God's mercy and forgiveness, and offer suggestions for how Scripture can help us in our experience and celebration of forgiveness. Participants are welcome to bring a Bible, though it's not required.

### 9. Christ's Love for Sinners

**Father Chris Young**

Using the Scriptures as a guide, we will reflect upon Christ's love for sinners and then explore the human response to God's mercy. The jubilee theme "Behold the Face of Christ" will be central to this reflection, which will seek a practical and dynamic response to Christ's love.

### 10. Living Christ's Life Through the Sacraments

**David Fagerberg, Ph.D.**

What in fact is a Christian? Another Christ, is the reply given by tradition. The sacraments are not just rituals that bestow grace from afar, they are contacted through the Holy Spirit with Christ's own divine-human life so that we can "become by grace what he is by nature." In the Eucharist especially, Christ's divine life is shared with us. This workshop will explore the eucharistic doctrines of sacrifice and transubstantiation from the perspective of deification.

### 11. Take Part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Today!

**Father Jim Shafer**

Goal: Immediate preparation to receive the sacrament of reconciliation TODAY! This workshop will focus on "the why and the how" of celebrating the sacrament today. Included will be an examination of conscience. Hopefully, this will make it a joyful celebration of the Lord's love.

### 12. Mary, Mother of God

**Father Ronald Reider, OFM Cap.**

God gave the simple, humble girl from Nazareth the incredible privilege of being the mother of his son, Jesus the savior of the world. Jesus, in his dying breath, gave Mary to the church, to all of us, to be our mother. What does this mean to us today as Christians and Catholics?

### 13. Loving the Church

**Father Jim Stoyke**

A brief discussion of the modes of love from the natural to the supernatural, the human to the divine, and how this understanding can help us to live more deeply in the mystery of Christ's love — revealed and lived in and through the church — in her structure, message, ministry and mission.

### 14. Inviting non-Practicing Catholics Back to the Church

**Mary Pohlman**

This workshop will help participants identify reasons that Catholics move away from the practice of their faith, suggest practical ways to share your own faith with non-practicing family members and friends, and offer gentle helps to break down the apprehension and fears someone might have about returning to the church. We will also discuss resources that are available through the diocese and parishes to foster a return to active participation in the church.

### 15. Revitalize Your Catholic Faith: Adult Catholic Formation

**Jim Kitchens**

This workshop will explore how our parish communities can create an evangelical spirit that generates energy and passion to enrich adult faith formation. We will discuss what programs are successful from small to large parishes to ignite a fire of faith in adult Catholics and then share knowledge about the wonder and majesty of our 2000 year old church. Topics include: Conversion of the Heart; Strengthening Personal Communion with Jesus

Christ; Church — Sacrament — Prayer; Adult Catechesis: Faith plus knowledge — the Wealth of Catholic History and Tradition.

### 16. Going on Pilgrimage: Learning Lessons about the Church as God's Pilgrim People

**Father Bill Schooler**

Since the eighth century, pilgrims have walked across the north of Spain on pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. James in Santiago de Compostella near the western coast of Spain. Seeking the intercession of St. James the Apostle, whom Spaniards credited with ousting the Moors, countless pilgrims have walked the Camino de Santiago throughout the centuries. In the summer of 2005, Father Bill Schooler served as a chaplain, along with Father Chris Young, to a group of pilgrims who rode bicycles on the Camino. So struck by the experience, he and Father Young served as chaplains to another group this summer, accompanying 20 pilgrims on the Camino Frances from France to Sarria, Spain, and then walking with members of St. Pius X Parish youth group for the final 100 kilometers to the tomb of St. James. This session will apply the lessons learned from the pilgrimages to deepen our understanding of the church as God's pilgrim people, walking together on pilgrimage to the kingdom of God. Slides taken during both trips will help participants connect one of Europe's oldest pilgrimage routes with our diocesan celebration of 150 years.

### 17. The Book of Revelation

**Father John Pfister**

Father Pfister will place the Book of Revelation in its historical context, talk about the background and influence on the book and the apocalyptic style of writing, reflect upon some of the main sections of the book, and give an overview of the message of the book.

### 18. The Joseph Story in Light of the Passion

**Gary A. Anderson, Ph.D.**

The church has frequently seen in the story of Joseph and his brothers (Gen. 37–50) many narrative patterns that have very close parallels to the life of Jesus. Indeed, Joseph was often depicted as a "type" of Christ. We will see how a "typological" reading works and how the Old Testament can shed light on the new.

### 19. St. Mother Theodore Guérin – Valiant Woman of the Church

**Sister Mary Ann Phelen**

This workshop will deal with the topic of the virtues that can be seen in the life of St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Foremost among these virtues was her practice of the virtue of faith. The life of this holy woman at a time when the role of women was seen as secondary can be attributed in large part to her faith that God would be with her at all times. Although she had poor health she trusted God to help with any difficulty she would encounter if she answered the call of her superiors to lead the mission to Indiana. In this workshop we will see how this faith was rewarded and how her life became an inspiration not only to those who knew her during her lifetime but to many generations of Sisters of Providence and people of God not only in Indiana but throughout the world. There will also be some information about the miracles attributed to her intercession.

### 20. Prayer and the Spiritual Life: Essence and Obstacles

**Father Michael Heintz**

A discussion of the basics of the spiritual life, including prayer, encountering Scripture, and the sacramental life, as well as a frank discussion of the obstacles to genuine progress and growth.

### 21. What the Mystics Teach Us about Prayer

**Lawrence S. Cunningham, Ph.D.**

A presentation on the meaning of the term "mystic" and how the tradition of mystical prayer, alive in the Catholic tradition for nearly two millennia can be an aid for every person who wishes to pray well. The presentation will have two emphases: the correct understanding of "mystic" and some concrete examples of such prayer utilizing notions found in Thomas Merton's "New Seeds of Contemplation."

# ADULT WORKSHOPS

## 22. The Rosary and Father Peyton, CSC: Encouraging Family Prayer

Father John Phalen, CSC

The rosary as “Contemplating the Face of Christ with Mary at our Side” (Pope John Paul II) will be explained, as well as the story of Father Peyton who spent his life encouraging the family rosary. This is a dynamic look at the rosary as contemplative prayer which can lead to an understanding of how God is present in our family lives. It treats the rosary not only as an instrument (sacramental) of popular religiosity, but as related to the testimony that we can give of the Christian life rightly lived. See how personal testimony can be combined with popular religiosity to make for strong evangelization. Some DVDs will be sampled as produced by Family Theater Productions.

## 23. Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina

John Clabeaux, Ph.D.

This will be a session on the classic discipline of reading the sacred text. I will present a specific method along with important guide questions developed from a careful reading of the Vatican II document on divine revelation. We will begin with an introduction to the dynamic understanding of the word we see in Genesis, in John and in the liturgy.

## 24. Prayer: A Vital Part of a Catholic's Life

Father David Voors

This will be a “beginner’s guide” in learning how to pray. We will look into the “why of prayer,” what prayer can be in its simplest terms, along with the need for developing the habit of daily prayer, styles of prayer and how prayer can be seen as going on a “date” with God, approaching it with expectation for the lover and the loved.

## 25. Praying as a Couple: Can We Do It Together?

Sister Jacinta Krecek, OSF

Learning to pray together as a couple is a process. It can seem awkward at first, but married couples who pray together daily find remarkable blessings in happier, healthier relationships. Is God inviting you to take your relationship to a deeper level? Come explore “how to” in a simple format. This workshop is for couples who are married, engaged or contemplating marriage. The session will include: reasons for praying as a couple; rewards and difficulties; praying with Scripture; blessings: continuing to pray together. Other sessions may be offered in the future for continued couple prayer support.

## 26. Affirming Our Catholic Identity

Gerard F. Baumbach, Ph.D.

Faith formation through the dynamics of sound catechesis supports and enriches our Catholic identity. Come and explore dimensions of Catholic identity that enliven the living faith we proclaim — whether at home, at work, or in a school or parish program. Faithful discipleship is not beyond the horizon, it is ours to live and share as we embrace and hand on our identity as this new century unfolds.

## 27. The Three Sources of Morality – Object, Intention and Circumstances: Why all Three Are Important

Deacon Jason Freiburger

This workshop will explore the various elements that make up a human act. We will see how all three are relevant in making good moral decisions. The various ends of a moral act will be explained, as well as, why some acts are considered intrinsically evil. Moral acts will also be seen as human acts because of the use of reason and the will that are a part of them. Time will be given for questions and answers.

## 28. Introduction to Marital Love as Portrayed in John Paul II's Theology of the Body

Adrian Reimers, Ph.D.

In his audiences on the theology of the body, Pope John Paul II taught that the human body in its sexual differentiation as male and female has a “spousal meaning.” This is to say that we are created to give ourselves generously to each other in love and that the marital relationship is to be one of total self-gift. Furthermore, this complete gift of self, body and spirit, between man and woman in marriage, is a sign of God’s love for and delight in his creation and of Christ’s redeeming love for

his church. It is in this parallel that we can understand and live out the sacrament of marriage, for the husband and wife realize between them the creative power of God and the saving grace of redemption. As they do so, their union stands as a living sign of God’s faithful and saving love.

## 29. An Introduction to Catholic Social Thought

Joseph Incandela, Ph.D.

An exploration of the theological foundations of the church’s social teachings: 1) the dignity of the person; 2) community or solidarity; 3) the preferential option for the poor. Attention will also be given to the relationship between charity and justice.

## 30. The Death Penalty and the Call to be “Unconditionally Pro-Life”

Fred Everett

Just what does the Catholic Church teach about the death penalty, and is it consistent with what has always been taught? How does the death penalty relate to other pro-life issues like abortion, euthanasia and warfare? These and other issues will be dealt with in connection to Pope John Paul II’s call to Americans in 1999 to be “unconditionally pro-life.”

## 31. Can Ethics be Taught: Reclaiming Moral Character

Carolyn Y. Woo, Ph.D.

In the development and education of adult professions, there is an ongoing debate as to whether ethics can still be taught. This workshop takes up this topic and illustrates how ethical behavior can be cultivated within organizations through formal actions and the leadership approach at the top. It addresses the factors that mitigate judgment and disconnects knowledge from doing what is right.

## 32. Does Your Estate Plan Include Your Gift to God?

Elisa Smith

Estate planning is a spiritual act as well as a part of a total life of stewardship. In this workshop, you will learn how a proper Catholic estate plan can benefit your family and your church. By discussing the estate design process including tools and documents available, overview of tax ramifications and various types of planned gift arrangements for charitable giving, we will consider God’s overall plan of stewardship for your estate.

## 33. Understanding Annulments

Father Bruce Piechodki

Perhaps the least understood aspect of Catholic life and teaching is the requirement that persons previously married obtain a declaration of nullity before marrying within the church. Many find the process daunting and emotionally draining, especially since applying for an annulment does not bring with it a guarantee that it will be granted. Others have found healing. This workshop will present a basic outline of what the annulment process is. Time will be left for participant questions.

## 34. The Jesus in Me Loves the Jesus in You: Loving the African American Face of Jesus

Brother Roy Smith, CSC and Mel Tardy

Reflecting upon Mt 25:34-40 as well as examples like Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) and St. Josephine Bakhita of Africa, Brother Roy Smith and Mel Tardy will present ways in which Catholics can begin to see Jesus within the faces (particularly brown faces) of the poor, the needy and the oppressed in America. We will then explore ways in which Catholics can be the face of Jesus to those suffering the effects of poverty or injustice in the U.S.

## 35. God Doesn't Waste Our Sorrows

Mary Glowaski

Life as a Christian promises eternal life as we follow Jesus Christ. To follow the path of Jesus means we will experience many challenges and much joy. It also means that we will, as Jesus did, experience times of deep sorrow and suffering. Our lives are filled with faithful witnesses who carry their pain and trials with dignity and trust. This workshop will explore how we find meaning in our suffering, who God wants us to be, where God is in our pain and how we discern what God is asking of us as we walk with our burdens and carry our crosses.

## 36. Through the Desert of Grief: Grief and Transformation

Jim Tighe

A look at grief and mourning and one’s relationship with God through a period of great loss. Presenter Jim Tighe will talk about grief, its symptoms and its manifestations, and our responses to it, and how a time of loss can become a time of spiritual rebirth. Comparing the journey through grief to Biblical desert narratives, Tighe will demonstrate through his own grief experiences, how working through grief and mourning is also a very spiritual exercise that can deepen one’s relationship with God. A parishioner at St. Jude in Fort Wayne, Tighe is the former co-leader of the Fort Wayne chapter of “The Compassionate Friends,” an international support organization for parents who have lost children.

## SESSION II: 2 – 3 p.m.

## 37. St. Theodora Guérin and Bishop Simon Bruté: Eucharistic Devotion of our Pioneers

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

A historical reflection on the primacy of the Holy Eucharist in the life and devotion of our Indiana pioneers of our Catholic Church.

## 38. The Eucharist: The Greatest Spiritual Gift

Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC

“Jesus Christ is present in many ways to his church: in his word, in his church’s prayer, in the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But ‘he is present...most especially in the eucharistic species.’” (CCC 1373)

## 39. Holy Men in the History of Notre Dame

Father Richard Warner, CSC

Father Warner and two seminarians, who are currently editing a book on the writings of Blessed Basile-Antoine Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, will offer insights into the lives of holy men from the Congregation over Notre Dame’s 165-year history. These holy men religious will include Father Moreau, Father Sorin, Cardinal O’Hara, Father Dujarie and Brother Columba, among others.

## 40. The Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend: Highlights of a Unique History

Joseph White, Ph.D. and Janice Cantrell

A Catholic diocese has diverse dimensions: a community of Catholics, bishops and clergy, religious orders of women and men, and the myriad of ways Catholics express their faith and identity. These dimensions form a unique story against the background of the times, a geographic area, and a general population. This workshop stresses the diocese’s ongoing characteristics and what makes its history unique.

## 41. God is Love: Understanding Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical

John Cavadini, Ph.D.

This workshop will present an overview of Pope Benedict XVI’s first encyclical letter and will consider such issues as: Why this topic for an encyclical? What is the background of the letter? What direction does it set for us in various ministries of the church, especially in teaching ministries (such as catechesis) and ministries of social justice? The thesis of the workshop is that “Love alone is credible” (to quote a famous 20th century theologian). That is, the Christian doctrine of the primacy of love provides the best foundation for persuasive articulations of the meaning of Christian faith in our time.

## 42. Major Themes of the Splendor of Truth (Encyclical of Pope John Paul II)

Father Glenn Kohnman

“Veritatis Splendor” was published on Aug. 6, 1993, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Literally the name of the document is the Splendor of Truth. The workshop will attempt to share the contents of the document and its attempt to provide guidance to the moral trends of the day. Truth never leads to enslavement but rather liberty. Truth is humanity’s only hope, as is filled with splendor!

# ADULT WORKSHOPS

## 43. So, We're Created in God's Image — What is God's Image?

**Father Miles O'Brien Riley, Ph.D.**

If St. John is right that "God is love," then we are created in and called to love. Divine holiness and human wholeness require health for body, humor for the heart, hope for the mind and healing for the soul. You will know you are spiritually alive when you experience enthusiasm, creativity, peace, laughter and grace.

## 44. Faith and Culture

**Dominic Aquila, Ph.D.**

The real presence in the Eucharist is an extension of the Incarnation, which is something utterly unique among the religions of the world. It signals a new creation — the introduction of a new spiritual principle in the world, a principle that has real consequences for actions in the world. The real presence inspires and underlies not only Christian humanism, but what Father John Courtney Murray called an incarnational humanism, which urges us to work diligently to cooperate with God's grace to restore and perfect all that is good in the world. In St. Paul's words we think and improve all that is noble in humanity, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report." This workshop will explore the meaning of incarnational humanism and offer concrete ways in which we participate in the building up of the body of Christ in the world and the restoration of creation, a project that we will hand over to Christ at the end of time for its full perfection. He in turn will return it, perfected, as a gift to the Father.

## 45. The Sacrament of Reconciliation as Gift

**Father Jim Shafer**

Goal: Deepen our appreciation of this ancient sacrament. Refocus our attention on God's action and off ourselves. We will examine reconciliation using the story of the prodigal son and older brother.

## 46. Conscience Formation

**Mike Hamann**

This workshop will begin by defining what a conscience is — that innate sense that we ought to do good and avoid evil (even if we are sometimes confused as to what the true good is) and that part of the intellect where we are able to judge as to whether our human actions are right or wrong. Participants will be lead to a discussion about the kinds of consciences: true, false, certain, doubtful. The three duties that we have towards our conscience: forming it correctly (through prayer, studying morality and avoiding sin, which darkens the conscience); following a certain conscience and never acting on a doubtful conscience will also be discussed.

## 47. Our Jewish Roots

**John Clabeaux, Ph.D.**

Understanding Judaism is important for understanding who we are as Catholics. Many of our distinctive beliefs, practices and convictions have their roots in Judaism and can be better understood by a deliberate effort to learn, not only from the Scriptures, which we share, but also from the way Judaism has developed since the time of Jesus. We will focus on Jewish prayer and the celebration of the Sabbath.

## 48. Scripture through Art

**Father David Ruppert**

Philosophy's three "transcendentals," beauty, truth and goodness, all have a home in the Catholic Church. The church's presentation of truth and goodness may be better known through efforts such as the "Catechism" and "Lives of the Saints," however, the church has always appreciated and incorporated the use of beauty to communicate the good news through art and architecture such as statues and stained glass windows. In a letter to artists in 1999, Pope John Paul II said, "In order to communicate the message entrusted to her by Christ, the church needs art... Art has a unique capacity to take one or other facets of the message and translate it into colors, shapes and sounds which nourish the intuition of those who look or listen." The focus of this workshop will be the use of sacred art to illustrate and educate on Christian doctrine and Catholic teaching based on sacred Scripture. Several examples will be presented including a portion of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel.

## 49. Living the Sacramental Life

**Father William J. Kummer**

This workshop will have three parts: 1) a brief review of the basic elements of Catholic sacramental theology; 2) the canonized saints' lives will be used as an example of how the sacraments contribute to and build holiness; and 3) a group dialogue discussing how we in the contemporary church integrate sacramental practice with daily living.

## 50. The Art of Prayerful Discernment

**Sister Marybeth Martin, PHJ**

This workshop will explore ways of listening to the movements of God in our lives. We will use a variety of methods of prayer and reflection. This workshop can be helpful in day-to-day decisions as well as the bigger decisions of our lives.

## 51. Loving the Church

**Father Jim Stoye**

A brief discussion of the modes of love from the natural to the supernatural, the human to the divine and how this understanding can help us to live more deeply in the mystery of Christ's love — revealed and lived in and through the church — in her structure, message, ministry and mission.

## 52. Stewardship Spirituality

**Harry Verhiley**

The spirituality of stewardship is often restricted to terms like time, talent and treasure. This workshop will address issues of our individual existence as God's stewards. Four core values of a Christian steward will be examined: identity, trust, gratuity and love.

## 53. Going on Pilgrimage: Learning Lessons about the Church as God's Pilgrim People

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Since the eighth century, pilgrims have walked across the north of Spain on pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. James in Santiago de Compostella near the western coast of Spain. Seeking the intercession of St. James the Apostle, whom Spaniards credited with ousting the Moors, countless pilgrims have walked the Camino de Santiago throughout the centuries. In the summer of 2005 Father Bill Schooler served as a chaplain, along with Father Chris Young, to a group of pilgrims who rode bicycles on the Camino. So struck by the experience, he and Father Young served as chaplains to another group earlier this summer, accompanying 20 pilgrims on the Camino Frances from France to Sarria, Spain, and then walking with members of St. Pius X Parish youth group for the final 100 kilometers to the tomb of St. James. This session will apply the lessons learned from the pilgrimages to deepen our understanding of the church as God's pilgrim people, walking together on pilgrimage to the kingdom of God. Slides taken during both trips will help participants connect one of Europe's oldest pilgrimage routes with our diocesan celebration of 150 years.

## 54. Making Mary Part of Your Everyday Life

**Father Daryl Rybicki**

By God's loving will Mary played a tremendously significant role in the life of Jesus, and in our salvation. She continues to play a most significant role in our lives down through the centuries. She is a model of how we should live as followers of her Son. By making Mary part of our everyday life, we continue to stand beside her as we behold the face of Christ, whose steadfast love endures forever.

## 55. The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart — Reflections from the Book of Judith

**Deacon Bob Lengerich**

A presentation of Our Lady's role in history, particularly the triumph of her Immaculate Heart as promised at Fatima, from the perspective of sacred Scripture, the Gospels, Revelation, Esther and, in particular, the Book of Judith may be interpreted in a spiritual sense, in keeping with the church's tradition established by the fathers and evidenced in her liturgical life, that reveals the special mission God has given to Mary. A special emphasis will be placed on the means by which we all are called to cooperate with Our Lady as she cooperates with Our Lord.

## 56. The Priesthood of Mary

**Kaitlin Dudley Curtin**

In this workshop we will explore the ways that Catholic women live out the sacraments of baptism in today's world. Taking Mary as the model of Christians, we will reflect on the many lessons the church has learned from the mother of God.

## 57. St. Edith Stein and the Eucharist

**Sister Marie Morgan, OSF**

Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (St. Edith Stein) had a deep love for our eucharistic Lord. After an intense intellectual, spiritual and emotional struggle, Edith converted to the Catholic faith, joined the Carmelite order and died a martyr at Auschwitz. It was through the mystery of the cross, this same sacrifice of our Lord made present to us in the Eucharist, that Edith found the strength to give her entire self to God and others. Through her life and writings, Edith has much to teach us in order to help us better love and serve our eucharistic Lord. This workshop will help us to explore some of her profound teachings and thus deepen our love for the eucharist.

## 58. Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of America

**Timothy Matovina, Ph.D.**

The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is the most visited pilgrimage site in the Western Hemisphere. Pope John Paul II recently acclaimed Guadalupe as the Patroness of the Americas. This presentation examines the ever-expanding writings on Guadalupe down through the centuries and her influence in both church and society. This workshop is recommended both for those who know little or nothing about Guadalupe as well as those who have had some experience of her and want to deepen their knowledge and appreciation.

## 59. The Catholic Church and Immigration

**Father Christopher Cox, CSC**

Since the founding, the United States of America has received immigrants from around the world who have found opportunity and safe haven in a new land. The labor, values and beliefs of immigrants from throughout the world have transformed the United States from a loose group of colonies into one of the leading democracies in the world today. From its founding to the present, the United States remains a nation of immigrants grounded in the firm belief that newcomers offer new energy, hope and cultural diversity. In this session, we will talk about immigration from a theological perspective as well as addressing some of the common misconceptions about immigrants. Our common faith in Jesus Christ moves us to search for ways that favor a spirit of solidarity. It is a faith that transcends borders and bids us to overcome all forms of discrimination and violence so that we may build relationships that are just and loving.

## 60. Welcoming Our Neighbors: The Gift of the Hispanic Presence in Our Diocese

**Sister Joan Hastreiter, SSJ**

We (plural) will study the Indiana Bishops' document. We will hear (life stories) histories of these gifts. We will pray in solidarity with immigrants of all ages. We hope to live in gratitude for a diocese where the values of the kingdom are proclaimed.

## 61. Delivering the Pastoral Response to Individuals Enduring Alzheimer's or Related Cognitive Disorders

**Anthony Henry**

Religious tenets of faith, prayers of old, images or religious engravings, etc. seem to remain intact in one's long term memory in persons wrestling with Alzheimer's. By utilizing innovative pastoral tools, one can help persons with dementia reconnect to his or her religious traditions or prayer devotions. In doing so, it can help "calm the storm" for both the caregiver and the receiver of care. Anthony Henry, a former chaplain in a long-term-care facility, has presented workshops to clergy throughout the Midwest and the East Coast on how to more effectively deliver the pastoral response to those afflicted with Alzheimer's. Come share time with Anthony to learn how you can help care for those affected with Alzheimer's as both the clergy and the laity will benefit from his knowledge and approaches.



# ADULT WORKSHOPS

## 62. Embracing People with Disabilities in Parish Life

Sister Mary Therese Harrington, S.H.

What are signs of belonging to a parish? These signs would include being nourished by the sacraments, participating actively in the liturgy, and being accepted and welcomed by the parish community. Sister Mary Therese will discuss how to open our hearts and our parishes to our brothers and sisters with disabilities.

## 63. The Biblical Foundation of Catholic Moral Theology

Father Edward A. Malloy, CSC

The Christian tradition embraced the moral foundations of Jewish teaching (the law, the prophets, the wisdom literature) while introducing unique elements in the teaching and public ministry of Jesus (the parables, the Sermon on the Mount, the call to conversion and holiness). This workshop will provide an overview of this biblical material.

## 64. Prayer and the Spiritual Life: Essence and Obstacles

Father Michael Heintz

A discussion of the basics of the spiritual life, including prayer, encountering Scripture, and the sacramental life as well as a frank discussion of the obstacles to genuine progress and growth.

## 65. Growing in the Life of Prayer

Michelle Kriss

Prayer is God's invitation to us to talk and listen to God in all aspects of our life. It is the food of life. What prompts us to pray? Perhaps it is time at a child's bedside, an unexplainable inner emptiness, a hurt caused by a disagreement with a spouse or friend, attempting to deal with illness, grieving the loss of a loved one, or the depth of love of God that draws us to spend time adoring and praising him and thus loving him more and more. Father Thomas Dubay, SM, says that "learning to pray is really learning to fall in love... with supreme beauty." This session will address vocal prayer, contemplation, praying with Scripture, praying as a family and prayer in the midst of a busy life. Questions one has about where to begin, how to get started, how to assess progress, and how to grow in depth of prayer

will be addressed. This is a refreshing opportunity to examine your life of prayer and give yourself a boost to begin to build a deeper relationship with God.

## 66. Catholic Social Theory for the Laity:

### Mother Teresa meets Donald Trump

Father Leonard Chrobot, Ph.D.

Catholic social theory conceives society as an interdependent organism rather than a social contract between isolated individuals, as our secular culture views it. Rights and duties flow from the sacredness of every human being, justice seeks the common good, and the state ensures public order. Catholic lingo speaks of "social solidarity" in matters of public policy. The moral community balances individual goods with those of civil society and the state. We are indeed our brothers' keepers.

## 67. The Eucharist: Food for the Journey

Carl Loesch

In Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est (God is love)," he focused on the love of God for us and our response in charity. In this session we will reflect upon this encyclical as well as themes from Scripture, church history and our diocesan history including St. Mother Theodore Guérin, in regards to the Eucharist in our daily lives.

## 68. Liturgy and the Peace of Solidarity

Margaret Pfeil, Ph.D.

This workshop will explore the context of liturgy as fruitful ground for cultivating peace in its personal, communal and societal dimensions. In *Sollicitudo rei socialis* (1987), John Paul II noted that peace emerges as the fruit of solidarity. What does solidarity entail? And how does it engender peace? This session will encourage participants to engage these and other questions in dialogical fashion.

## 69. Understanding Islam

Marilyn Fech

This session will cover the origins of Islam, with particular emphasis upon the differences between Sunni and Shi'ite sects and the Muslim presence in the modern world. Since there are now as many Muslims living in America as there are Jews, as citizens we are called upon

to understand this growing presence. Is it a threat, or is there brotherhood? How does geopolitics figure into the spread of this monotheistic faith? Who are the Wahabists, and why should we care who they are? Be part of our workshop and dialogue on these topics.

## 70. The Jesus in Me Loves the Jesus in You: Loving the African American Face of Jesus

Brother Roy Smith, CSC and Mel Tardy

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## 71. Evangelization through the Media

Tim Johnson, Vince LaBarbera, Don Clemmer and Francie Hogan

Whether your job is promoting the parish fish fry or the activities of the parish school, you are assisting the church in its ongoing work of evangelization. The staffs of *Today's Catholic* and the Office of Communications want to help you explore the tools they use to "get the word out." From writing a proper press release, taking and sending photos, to updating your parish Web site, this workshop will discuss a few ways you can promote your parish activities to the public.

## 72. Holy Reading and Spiritual Growth: A Book Club in Your Parish?

Cindy Turner

This workshop will give you the "in and outs" of beginning a spiritual book club in your parish. We will cover the first steps in getting organized, discuss the spiritual benefits and provide recommendations on books and materials. We will also cover suggestions on where and how to order books. If your parish does not have any adult education classes at this moment, a book club is a great beginning toward spiritual growth through personal reading and discussion with others in your parish family. We will respond to other typical questions you may encounter in starting a spiritual book club in your parish.

# HISPANIC WORKSHOPS

## TALLERES EN ESPAÑOL PARA ADULTOS SESION I: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### 73. Todos Somos Misioneros

Fr. Paul Bueter

Nuestra primera experiencia profunda en los primeros años de nuestra vida es el sacramento del bautismo, por medio de este sacramento somos todos llamados por Cristo a "ir y anunciar el evangelio a todas las naciones." Ven compartir este llamado con el Padre Pablo.

### 74. El Rol de la Mujer Latina en la Iglesia de Hoy

Lourdes E. Silva

Todos hemos oído hablar de muchas mujeres que han contribuido grandemente en la misión de la Iglesia, pero ¿que sabemos del quehacer de la mujer en la Iglesia Católica de hoy? Hoy más que nunca, la Iglesia necesita de las mujeres para continuar su misión pastoral y evangélica. Escucha a Lourdes relatar su llamado y jornada al servicio de la Iglesia.

### 75. La Misericordia de Dios

Fr. Eloy Jiménez

Alguna vez has pensado, yo ya no me confieso, si al cabo a saber si Dios me va a seguir perdonando mis andadas. ¡Pues sí mijito!, Dios te perdona todo pecado del que tu te arrepientes totalmente, y te invita cada día a volver a su casa donde puedes encontrarte nuevamente. El Padre Eloy te explicará como. Ándele, no sea miedoso!

### 76. El Sacerdote: Santo y Pecador

Fr. Constantino Rocha

Como buenos hispanos, la mayoría de nosotros tenemos la tendencia de pensar que el sacerdote es un ser extraordinario, más cerca de Dios que ningún otro ser humano, intachable, santo e irreprochable. Bueno, la realidad es que los sacerdotes son como todos nosotros, seres humanos que luchan cada día con su humanidad y con su entrega al servicio de la comunidad de creyentes. Deja que el Padre Tino te explique en sus propias palabras la humanidad del sacerdote de hoy.

### 77. Ahora que nacieron, ¿Qué hacemos con ellos?

Grupo de Mentores de ICLM

Este grupo de líderes de nuestra diócesis tiene una idea de cómo ayudarte a comunicarte más efectivamente con tus hijos y como crear un mejor ambiente de familia en la que todos tiene algo que aportar. Ven y acompáñanos en esta discusión familiar.

## SESIÓN II: 2 – 3 p.m.

### 78. Iglesia: Identidad y Vocación

Fr. Eloy Jiménez

¿Sabes que es la Iglesia o quién es la Iglesia? ¿Cual es el llamado que tenemos los católicos y en donde se nos hace este llamado? Si te interesa este tema no te pierdas al Padre Eloy explicarnos nuestro rol como bautizados en la Iglesia de hoy.

### 79. La Eucaristía como Centro de Nuestra Fe

Diácono Ramiro Reyes

El regalo más grande que Cristo nos ha dejado es el saber que él se hace comida y bebida cada día en las

misas del mundo entero para que todos podamos tener acceso a él continuamente. Remítenos compartir contigo este gran misterio de la Fe Católica.

### 80. La Teología del Cuerpo para Matrimonios

Fr. Manuel Evangelista

En el sacramento del matrimonio el hombre y la mujer se hacen uno en todo el sentido de la palabra, mente, espíritu y cuerpo. Pero cuando hablamos de poseer el cuerpo del otro, ¿Qué significa esto realmente? ¿Qué derechos y que responsabilidades tenemos el uno con el otro? Venga con el Padre Manuel a hablar en confianza sobre este tema tan delicado.

### 81. La presencia Hispana en la Historia de Nuestra Diócesis

Enid Román de Jesús

¿Sabías que esta diócesis tiene 150 años de fundada? ¿Sabías que la mayoría de los sacerdotes y obispos de aquellos tiempos eran inmigrantes? ¿Sabías que en esta diócesis ha habido presencia hispana por al menos 70 años? Ven y aprende con nosotros un poco del camino del pueblo hispano en la diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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# FAMILY WORKSHOPS

## SESSION I: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### 83. Family concert with Amanda Vernon

**Amanda Vernon**

Join recording artist Amanda Vernon for an hour of music and storytelling for parents and children ages preschool through grade 8. This 19-year old young woman has developed a vibrant music ministry to share the Catholic faith with young people and has performed at many youth rallies in the midwest. (Children preschool to grade 8 are welcome to attend this workshop with their parents.)

### 84. Catholic Parenting: Encouraging Priestly Vocations

**Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, STD**

Parents and families are the most important “vocation directors” for their children. Christian formation and encouragement of a positive attitude toward service to the church are indispensable in helping young people discover their vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will look at some of the major challenges to encouraging church vocations and what parents and families can do to help inspire their children to consider a vocation to ecclesial service.

### 85. Catholic Parenting: Encouraging Young Girls to the Consecrated Life

**Sister Lois DeLee, OSF**

Participants will discover a deeper awareness of their call to holiness as Catholic parents. Ideas will be shared how they can foster an awareness of God’s call in the life of their daughter as a religious sister. Young Sisters and their parents will share their stories.

### 86. Catholic Parenting: Preparing Your Children for First Eucharist

**Meg Hanlon**

How beautiful is the day our children receive Eucharist for the first time. As with all things, the more we understand, the more deeply we can perceive the mystery. Come and see what the church teaches about the Eucharist and what you can do as parents to guide your children to develop reverence and stay faithful to Christ and his church.

### 87. Catholic Parenting: Theology of the Body for Teens

**Mike Hamann**

This workshop will present a brief overview of Pope John Paul II’s theology of the body with an emphasis on how parents can present the material most effectively to their children and the young people around them.

### 88. Catholic Parenting: Teaching Your Children to be Socially Just

**Vicki Schwab**

The Eucharist, while an individual act of communion with God also includes an act of communion with our neighbor, as love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated. So too, the Eucharist and social justice cannot be separated. In the Eucharist, Jesus becomes the bread of life for us, so that we can become the bread of life for others. Therefore, our membership in the mystical body of Christ has far reaching social implications once we walk out the doors of the church. Participants will gain insights on how to better understand and live out the social implications of the Gospel in today’s world, as an individual and as a family. Tips and plans for teaching the virtue of justice to even the youngest of children will be emphasized.

### 89. Companions in Prayer (Preschool- Kindergarten)

**Ginny Kohrman**

The “Companions in Prayer” program helps children develop the habit of speaking to Christ from their hearts and listening to him speak in their hearts in return. Ginny Kohrman of the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development will use storytelling to lead young children to learn about Jesus and help them to have a personal conversation with

him, a method which parents can learn to do at home. A simple craft will be included for the children to take home. (Children preschool – kindergarten are welcome to attend this workshop with their parents.)

### 90. Companions in Prayer (Grades 1-3)

**Lisa Everett**

The “Companions in Prayer” program helps children develop the habit of speaking to Christ from their hearts and listening to him speak in their hearts in return. Lisa Everett of the diocesan Office of Family Life will use storytelling to lead children in grades 1 through 3 to reflect on their relationship with Jesus and help them to have a personal conversation with him, a method which parents can learn to do at home. A simple craft will be included for the children to take home. (Children grades 1 – 3 are welcome to attend this workshop with their parents.)

## SESSION II: 2 – 3 P.M.

### 91. Family concert with Amanda Vernon

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Join recording artist Amanda Vernon for an hour of music and storytelling for parents and children ages preschool through grade 8. This 19-year old young woman has developed a vibrant music ministry to share the Catholic faith with young people and has performed at many youth rallies in the Midwest. (Children preschool to grade 8 are welcome to attend this workshop with their parents.)

### 92. Catholic Parenting: Leading Your Teens to Christ

**Father Mark Gurtner**

Do you feel that your teen is losing touch with the faith? Do you wish your teen was closer to Christ? Tips for parents from a priest’s perspective for leading teens closer to Christ.

### 93. Catholic Parenting: The Spiritual Life of Pre-Schoolers

**Teresa Oross**

In this session we will look at the developmental stages of young children and the impact these stages have on a child’s spiritual development. We will explore practical ways that parents can enhance, foster and develop the spiritual growth of their child based on these developmental stages and how you can help them develop a relationship with Jesus.

### 94. Catholic Parenting: Teaching Your Children Catholic Traditions

**Tami DeLucenay**

“The General Directory for Catechesis” states that parents are the primary educators in the faith of their children. It also defines the family as a “domestic church.” This workshop will aid parents with primary and intermediate aged children how to enhance the lessons learned in the child’s school or parish religious education classes. We will take a journey through the liturgical year with hands on fun and activities you can do at home, in the car, or in the backyard. (Children in grades K - 5 are welcome to attend this workshop with their parents.)

### 95. Companions in Prayer (Grades 4-6)

**Ginny Kohrman**

The “Companions in Prayer” program helps children develop the habit of speaking to Christ from their hearts and listening to him speak in their hearts in return. Ginny Kohrman of the Office of Spiritual Development will use storytelling and discussion to lead children in grades 4-6 to reflect on their relationship with Christ and help them to have a personal conversation with him, a method which parents can help them continue at home.

### 96. Companions in Prayer (Grades 7-8)

**Lisa Everett**

The “Companions in Prayer” program helps young people develop the habit of speaking to Christ from their hearts and listening to him speak in their hearts in return. Lisa Everett of the diocesan Office of Family Life will use real-life stories and discussion to help young people in grades 7 and 8 to reflect on their relationship with Christ and help them to have a personal conversation with him, a habit which parents can continue to encourage at home.

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## BISHOP D'ARCY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Stop by and greet Bishop John M. D'Arcy as he celebrates his 75th birthday on Aug. 18. Cake and light refreshments will be available for everyone at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse after the closing liturgy.

# TEEN AND PRETEEN

## HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS SESSION I: 1:30 – 2:10 p.m.

### 100. Heroes

Mark Hart a.k.a. The Bible Geek

The Bible Geek retells his favorite action-filled stories of Scripture that reveal how ordinary people can be empowered by God to save each other and save the world.

### 101. SURVIVOR: Winning the Dating Game

Father Dan Scheidt

Rise to the challenge with "Father Dan's Top 10 Dating Tips" as he shares how to foster immunity and form strong alliances in your romantic relationships.

### 102. Who is Mary?

#### Dignified Mother NOT Desperate Housewife

Deacon Drew Curry

Many Christians deny Mary's perpetual virginity and sinlessness. Deacon Drew shares insights into Mary's role in God's plan for salvation and as our mother how she tenderly guides us toward Jesus.

### 103. God's Anatomy:

#### Understanding the Language of our Bodies

Seminarians Kevin Bauman and Andy Budzinski

Join seminarians Kevin and Andy as they connect all the parts of John Paul II's theology of the body on the beauty of human sexuality.

### 104. Deal, No Deal or the Real Deal?

Seminarians

Gabriel Hernandez, Fernando Jimenez and Jake Runnion

In this introduction to Catholic apologetics, third-year seminarians Gabriel, Fernando and Jake demonstrate how you can make the case for your Catholic faith. A question-and-answer format allows you to ask questions you have or need help answering about our Catholic faith.

### 105. Extreme Makeover: For Girls Only

Mary Bielski

Make an appointment with Mary Bielski who will share how Jesus, our divine surgeon, can mold you with a nip of your conscience and a tuck of your concupiscence into the woman of God you were created to be.

### 106. Lost?

Bob Kloska

You are never lost and alone when it comes to making decisions great or small. From whether to stay in a relationship, to where to go to college, to your vocation, Bob of Holy Cross College will show you how to seek and discern God's will in every situation.

### 107. My Name is Earl (and Tyler and Emily and...)

Seminarian Matt Coonan

We should not simply try to become better persons, like TV's Earl, but holy persons. Seminarian Matt explains that holiness is God's desire for each of us and, even amid all the noise and distractions in the world, we can hear his voice and respond to his grace to grow ever more holy.

### 108. MSI: Mass Scene Investigation

Seminarians Terrence "Tink" Coonan and Chris Lapp

Join seminarians Tink and Chris as they investigate the evidence that the Mass is not only the highest form of worship but it allows us to experience heaven on earth.

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## TALLERES EN ESPAÑOL

### PARA ADOLESCENTES

#### SESIÓN I: 1:30 – 2:10 p.m.

### 117. Esperando por la vida de mis sueños

con Humberto Delgado

El compartir la vida con alguien más no solo requiere bailar, cantar, o actuar y así ganar la vida perfecta como si estuvieran en un concurso. Requiere de respeto, de valentía, de paciencia y sobre todo el amor a si mismo y a su pareja. El mundo nos llama a un "reality show" de muéstrame ahora como me amas, pero Dios nos llama a un VIDA entregada al AMOR verdadero y no a un "reality show" lleno de mentiras.

### 118. Mundo de Fieras

con Rosa Isela Hernández

El mundo de fieras que los jóvenes viven, esta lleno de engaños, mentiras, odio, venganza, envidia, egoísmo, y maldad. Los jóvenes se tratan como fieras salvajes el uno al otro, aplastando, rasgando y destruyendo los sueños, reputaciones, metas, y esperanzas de ellos mismos y de los demás. Entierran el cuchillo en la espalda pero fallan en ver la cara de Cristo en ellos mismos y en la de sus compañeros

## SESIÓN II: 2:20 – 3 p.m.

### 119. Otro Rollo

con Pbro. Wilson Corzo

Como jóvenes el trabajar con y para Dios es Otro Rollo. Muchas veces no queremos oír el "Monólogo" del llamado de Dios en nuestra vidas y discernir los "Puntos

de nuestra vocación" para así aprender y aceptar el camino a donde Dios no llama. Preferimos seguir "los reportajes de Yordi" en la tele, que la voz de Dios en nuestras vidas.

### 120. Despierta Juventud de América

con Humberto Delgado

¿Te encuentras dormido? Ven y despierta con Dios todos los días. Tomate un café de esperanza y toma una ducha de fe, para que así vivas tu día a la plenitud y esperes lo mejor de ti y del mundo. No dejes que se te peguen las sabanas del conformismo y del aburrimiento. NO TENGAS MIEDO de esperar lo mejor del mundo para ti.

## Eucharistic Congress Schedule for Youth

10:45 a.m. Praise & Worship for High School  
Teens- Washington Hall

11 a.m. HIGH SCHOOL Key Note  
MARK HART — Washington Hall

Noon Procession to Grotto with Image of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe for Rosary

Noon-1:30 Various Choices:  
Rosary, Lunch, Confession, Adoration

12:30-1 p.m. MIDDLE SCHOOL Keynote  
MARK HART — Washington Hall  
*Middle School youth are encouraged to attend the Family  
Session in the afternoon.*

1:30-2:10 p.m. High School Workshops Session 1  
2:20-3 p.m. High School Workshops Session 2

High School teens  
will pass out worship aids for Mass.

Direct questions to Cindy Black, Office of Youth Ministry director at  
cblack@fw.diocesefwsb.or or call (260) 422-4611 x3348.

## About the Keynote Speaker



Mark Hart is a man on a mission: spreading the Gospel. Affectionately known as the "Bible Geek," Mark passionately echoes the good news to all he meets. He reaches tens of thousands of people weekly in his "Spread the Word" e-mails as he breaks open the Scriptures with humor and relevance, showing how they still apply to our modern lives. His fun-loving and comedic personality help him open teens up to Scripture in a unique way, while bringing to light the depth of what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Mark is a former teen, CORE member, and youth minister, and now proudly serves as Vice President of LIFE TEEN, overseeing Evangelization and Media. A graduate from the University of Notre Dame, and an author of three books, including "T3 Bible Study," Mark's creative work on videos and written resources are known internationally. In his free time, Mark travels the globe leading conferences, retreats, missions and trainings for teens and adults alike.

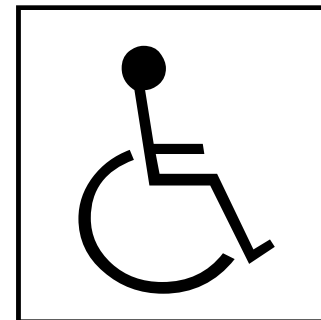
### Schedule of Days Events

- 9:30 - Noon Information Table — Joyce Center
- 10 a.m. Ecumenical Prayer Service — Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Workshops and forums — Session I
- 11:30 - 2 p.m. Lunch on your own (picnic or food for purchase)
- 2 - 3 p.m. Workshops and forums — Session II
- 4 p.m. Prelude for Celebration of the Holy Eucharist — Joyce Center
- 4:30 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Joyce Center.  
Doors open at 3:30 pm.  
Overflow seating available in the adjacent fieldhouse where the Mass will be televised on closed-circuit TV.
- 6:30 p.m. Bishop D'Arcy's Birthday Reception — Joyce Center Fieldhouse

(See youth section for senior and junior high sessions.)

#### Ongoing events:

- 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament in Alumni Hall
- 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Continuous Rosary** at the Grotto led by various groups.  
The last rosary will begin at 3 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** can be prayed on your own throughout the day, either in the Basilica or around St. Mary Lake.
- 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Tours of Snite Museum** — Each 30-minute tour accommodates 25 people.  
The last tour begins at 3 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Catholic Art Exhibit** — Joyce Center. Photographic exhibit of diocesan parish artwork with exhibits from diocesan high school and college art departments.
- 11 AM - 3 p.m. **Reconciliation** — There will be 45 reconciliation sites located throughout the campus. Five sites will be located in the Basilica. Bilingual confessors will be available.



### What if I have special needs?

**We hope you can join us for the Eucharistic Congress.** Notre Dame is a "walking campus." There will be shuttle buses available primarily to assist those who, for any reason, have difficulty walking. The buses will travel around the perimeter of the campus on a regular schedule, stopping as close as possible to campus buildings hosting jubilee events and activities.

Shuttle bus stops will be clearly marked. Walking will still be required from the shuttle bus stop to the jubilee event. Shuttle bus transportation will also be provided from the parking areas to the shuttle bus stops closest to the campus buildings hosting jubilee events and activities.

Accessible seating will be available at the basilica for the Ecumenical Prayer Service and at the Joyce Center for the closing liturgy.

#### **Wheelchairs can be reserved/rented for the day by calling:**

Alick Home Medical  
17187 State Road 23  
South Bend, IN  
(574) 273-6000

Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but Alick Home Medical has enough on hand to accommodate those needing wheelchairs for Notre Dame football games. Individuals calling Alick Home Medical can make arrangements with them concerning delivery of rental wheelchairs.

If you require additional assistance, please contact your local parish community.

## Registration Form

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Number in Family \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
**Catholic Communications**  
**915 S. Clinton St.**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46802**

**No registration fee:** A free-will donation will gladly be accepted. Make checks payable to: Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Registration is necessary for us to plan for the workshops.  
Online registration is preferred and may be done at [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org)  
Los formularios de inscripción en Español estan disponibles en su parroquia.

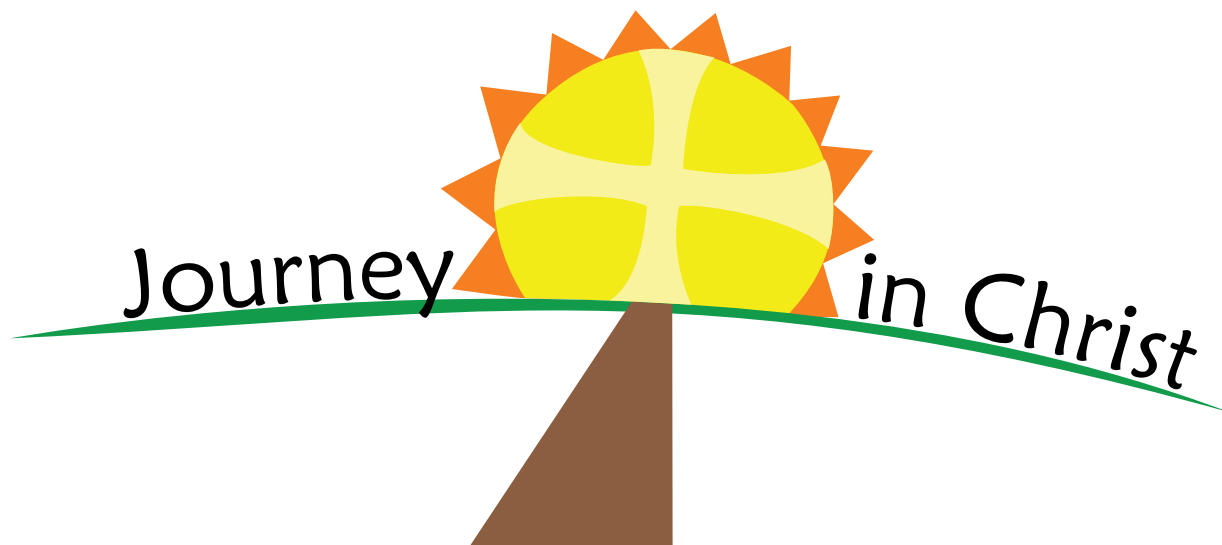
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 How many will attend Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration for Mass is strongly recommended, but not required, so that we can plan for seating.*

Please indicate workshop choice from each session and place in order of preference for each person attending.

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### Workshop registration deadline is June 24, 2007



# Walk the miles with the seminarians

Pilgrimage-retreat for men invites participants to journey in Christ to holiness

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Walking in prayer, worship and fellowship of Jesus Christ being led by seminarians, Catholics across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be walking nine days from June 9-17 from St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the diocese. A Catholic pilgrimage-retreat for men, ages 18 and older, "Journey in Christ" participants will be praying for the growth in holiness of all the faithful of the diocese as well as for growth in priestly and religious vocations.

Seminarian and organizer Drew Curry hopes that anyone who wishes to participate will do so in any way that they can whether they are interested in religious life or are simply interested laypersons.

"This is definitely a journey to be made in the love and joy of Jesus Christ," says Curry. "Our hope is that as many people show up as possible. We know there will be at least 14 seminarians walking. Although the focus of the pilgrimage is for men over 18 years of age, all faithful men and women are invited to walk with us during the day trips from morning prayer to evening prayer. So if anyone would like to meet with us for morning prayer and then walk with us during the day and then say evening prayer at our final destination, we definitely will welcome all to join us on this great pilgrimage."

The concept for the over-100-mile walk was born last summer while the seminarians met at a local lake as they do every year.

"The guys (seminarians) were

interested, and we had another priest who said he was interested in helping out," says Curry. Diocesan Vocation Director Father Bernard Galic and Bishop John M. D'Arcy approved it within a matter of days.

"The idea for a pilgrimage comes from looking at the life of Christ whose life as you read in the Gospel is a pilgrimage as Son of God becoming man," says Curry. "His first destination is in the arms of Mary and the house of Joseph where he lives for 30 years. Then he moves on and he heals and gathers disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then he moves on to the crucifixion where he accepts death. His next movement is to the Resurrection, which St. Augustine considers to be God's greatest work. To that movement, he ascends to the right hand of the Father."

Curry notes that in the course of Christian history, pilgrimages have been held as a sign of the condition of the disciples of Christ in this world, journeys that are assigned by God that not only bring a person to a physical place, but into the presence of God.

"Now pilgrimages are usually considered a drive or flight to a holy site where you spend a week praying. We are, instead, walking," notes Curry.

The South Bend to Fort Wayne walk will be longer than a typical drive between the two cities. "It's 90 miles by car to Fort Wayne from here (South Bend). You have to add to that because we are walking, and we aren't following the normal driving route."

The walk will begin at the St. Matthew Cathedral on Miami Street in South Bend the first day with the pilgrims spending the

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**Seminarians, Andy Budzinski and Drew Curry look over the possible schedule and information to be released for the Journey in Christ pilgrimage-retreat that will be held June 9-17, which will have pilgrims walking from the St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.**

night as guests at the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration facility on Dragoon Trail. During the remaining eight days of the pilgrimage, the group will be visiting at least 25 parishes along the route, which will travel east to Elkhart, south to Warsaw and east again to Fort Wayne.

Each day, while the schedule has not been set down in stone,

Curry said that they will be having morning prayers and Mass and will be stopping for prayers along the way. At noontime they hope to have guest speakers each day lined up.

"When we pull in (walking) each evening, we will be having Evening Prayer and then will go back to our host family's home overnight," notes Curry.

**Those who would like to learn more** about the pilgrimage should contact the Office of Vocations of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at (574) 546-0687 or visit the Web site at [www.diocese-fwsb.org](http://www.diocese-fwsb.org).

# 'You might get affirmation for religious or married life'

## Novices find peace in their community and service to others

BY DENISE FEDOROW

MISHAWAKA — Driving up the hilly, tree-lined drive towards the grotto at St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, one senses the serenity surrounding the property. So, it's easy to relate when the novices at Sisters of St. Francis say they were drawn to the peace of the convent.

Sister Mary Michael and Sister Gianna Marie, both second-year novices, will profess temporary vows in August. They will profess those temporary vows for three years and renew them for another two for a total of five years as a "junior sister" as Sister Mary Michael said.

Sister Veronica and Sister Lisetta are both first-year novices. Sister Lisetta is originally from Missouri and was led to

St. Francis via Purdue University. While attending Purdue, she met the sisters at St. Boniface in Lafayette, which Sister Lisetta explained was the first foundation to the United States when the sisters came over to America. She said, while in college, she didn't really know her faith though she went through the motions.

"I had to come back to my faith first," Sister Lisetta said. "I met a strong pastor, and he gave it to me straight."

Sister Lisetta said she didn't visit any other convents before deciding on St. Francis and said God's will led her to stay. Sister Veronica said she was very involved in her home parish of St. Joseph in Hammond and worked in homeless ministries and volunteered in a free clinic run by a Franciscan priest. She said her decision to enter religious life was a long process that

"didn't happen overnight" and began with growing closer to the Lord and developing a closer relationship with Jesus.

Sister Veronica said her calling came out through eucharistic adoration and through "walking among the poor."

"One challenge for me was seeing religious life as a married state, but you're espoused to Christ," she said. Once she was able to see that she said it gave her strength to take the next step — becoming a sister is "a state in life people don't talk a lot about. I knew about the married state. The thing I needed to see was that it (becoming a sister) is a motherhood — it's a spiritual motherhood. We have spiritual children. God sends you a lot of kids!"

Sister Veronica said she was attracted to the Franciscan order because "the poor have always

had a deep place in my heart."

Other reasons Sister Veronica chose the Franciscans is because of their eucharistic order, loyalty to the magisterium, faithful to the teachings of the church and the fact that they wear habits — something all the novices agreed was important to them.

Sister Gianna Marie's calling to religious life also came with a return to the faith. Although a baptized Catholic, she hadn't received the other sacraments. She said as she got older she wanted to know more about the religious life "beyond 'The Sound of Music.'"

"I was looking for truth," Sister Gianna Marie said and was unable to find it in nature or relationships. "The only thing that can fulfill it is God."

Sister Gianna Marie, who is originally from Ohio, went through Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and received the sacraments of Communion, confession and confirmation and joined a parish with a Dominican order. She said she began watching EWTN and "the whole Catholic world opened up to me and I began learning about the lives of the saints, especially the religious saints."

Sister Gianna Marie said through God's plan, the liturgy and Eucharist, she received affirmation that continued to lead her to religious life. She visited four convents, her first a Dominican order community.

"But this is the first one where when I drove up the hill I felt that I was home," she said. "I prayed to St. Dominic and I prayed to St. Francis, asking for one to step forward and one to step back."

Sister Gianna Marie explained that a difference between the Dominican order and the Franciscan order is the Dominicans are called to study and to preach and the Franciscans "preach the Gospel every day using words when necessary" by serving the poor and by example. But she said, "All orders are serving the same body."

Sister Mary Michael pointed out one common thread between the novices is their calling to religious life came from growth in relationship with the Lord. Sister Mary Michael, who is from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen, said she grew up in a "beautiful Catholic home" so the option to join religious life was always there. She said she felt her calling growing strong in



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middle school, "But in high school, the idea was not going away, although at times I wanted to fit in and be 'normal,'" she laughed.

Meeting one of the sisters on a mission trip in Mexico made a lasting impression on her. "She was such an example of joy and of love. Loving you and others because she first loved Christ. It was something so beautiful; you really wanted that — that singular love for Christ."

Sister Mary Michael said she didn't want to go visit other communities, and the second time she visited St. Francis, "I felt a great sense of coming home — a familiar peace in a place that I wasn't that familiar with."

The joy and peace that is apparent among the sisters was also attractive to Sister Veronica who mentioned a sister she met while working at a hospital, who she said "had a joy and peace about herself."

"Even the older sisters, the joy and the peace that they have even when they've been in religious life over 50 years, they still have that," Sister Veronica said.

One other commonality among the novices is that they all had a close relative, a mother or an aunt who almost entered religious life. And for those young women who might be having similar thoughts, the novices encourage they seek it out.

"Search it out, don't be afraid, just do it. And don't get discouraged," Sister Veronica encouraged.

Sister Lisetta's advice was simple, "Pray."

Those interested in learning more about the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration community are invited to visit during these special events:

• **Young Adult Women's 'Come and See' May 24-27**

• **High School Girl's 'Come and See' June 21-23**

• **High School Girl's Retreat Oct. 27-28**

• **and Young Adult Women's Retreat Nov. 2-4**

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"Be brave enough to check it out," Sister Gianna Marie said. "It's an eight-year formation process, so even if you feel 51 percent, don't hold back. You might get affirmation for religious life or for married life."

The novices said especially the first three years the community is also looking at the young women. "Because it is a family and they want you to be happy too," Sister Gianna Marie said.

Putting in that contemplative time will determine a calling or a discernment that one is not being called to religious life and Sister



DENISE FEDOROW

The novices at St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka pose on a beautiful day beside a statue of the patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. In front left is Sister Veronica, Sister Mary Michael on the right. In back left is Sister Gianna Marie and back right is Sister Lisetta.

Gianna Marie said that those who do leave probably feel at peace about it. "It's a beautiful time of growth."

Sister Veronica agreed, saying her aunt left St. Francis many years ago and felt her time there

prepared her better for married life.

Sister May Michael said, "Don't be afraid. You have to trust the Lord is guiding you, whether it's to religious life, married life or single life. The Lord

will open a door or close a door. His guidance of you will never fail if you trust him."

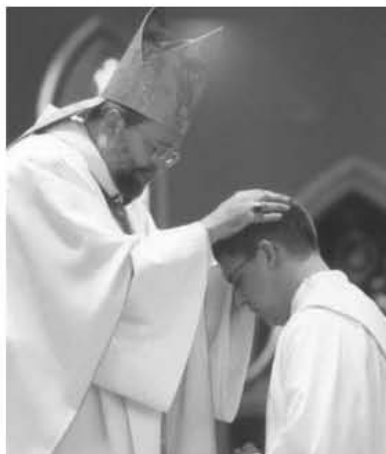
"It's a real adventure," Sister Lisetta said. "A life to look forward to."



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# Designer finds call in brochure's design

BY ALEX SCHEIDLER

NOTRE DAME — Michael Lewis, a first-year professed seminarian with the Congregation of Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame, was not even considering joining the order.

"I remember picking up a brochure once on a lark," he said.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, it was during a visit to see the football team compete.

"I wanted to see how they designed their stuff for vocations," Lewis continued, "because I was thinking of redoing some of our brochures down in Florida."

Lewis was living in a parish in Naples, Fla., taking classes at Barry University in Miami and considering the diocesan priesthood. He was also the page editor and Web site designer at a local paper there.

"It was shortly thereafter," Lewis recounts about his parish experience in Florida, "that I realized, 'Wait a minute ... I don't think this is the place where I'm supposed to be.'"

Although Lewis enjoyed the diocesan formation and parish

life, it was missing camaraderie. He knew of Notre Dame, but up until that point it was but a mythical land.

Then a coworker and friend introduced him to Notre Dame, and he later discovered the Congregation of Holy Cross through the brochure he had accidentally happened upon. After scheduling a visit to the congregation, he found the kind of fraternity that had been missing from his experience in the diocesan formation.

"Holy Cross has a very specific and intentional way of living in community," said Lewis, "and it's that community life, which brought me here."

"It's not perfect," he continued. "It's just like any other family. You've got good times. You've got bad times. ... But it's a family. It's a brotherhood."

Lewis has completed three years of formation, beginning with a year of candidacy, which is a phase in which to discern the call as well as prepare for the second year novitiate.

The novitiate, or second year of formation, is in Colorado Springs, Colo. — near Pike's Peak. Lewis described it as "a year apart — a yearlong retreat." During other phases of formation, or later in priestly life, much of the focus may be dedicated to apostolic work.

However, in the novitiate at Holy Cross, the hardest work is done on one's own interior life.

"It's an incredibly introspective year where you spend 12 months looking inside yourself," Lewis explained. "So it's a lot of prayer, and a lot of spiritual reading, and a lot ... of interior

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ALEX SCHEIDLER

Michael Lewis is a seminarian discerning a vocation to the priesthood with the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is shown in the Lady Chapel in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

work."

Now in his third year, or first year professed, it will likely be another three to four years before he is ordained to the priesthood.

Lewis first began thinking of priesthood in grade school, but it was not until high school that he strongly considered it. His dad was in the Army, and an Army chaplain came to Fort Bliss to give an impassioned homily looking for young men to become army chaplains. This homily struck him deeply.

From then on, it was a roller coaster ride where he would wrestle with thoughts of married life, the idea of having children, working with the newspaper and the life of priesthood.

After high school, Lewis worked at the *Herald Post* in El Paso while attending the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) where he was studying communications. He envisioned himself as editor of the *Herald Post* one day, although he continued to wrestle with the possibility of a call to the priesthood.

"I was forced into a decision when they closed the newspaper," Lewis said.

"At that point, I had a couple options."

He referred to choosing between attending school full time, joining the seminary or working with another newspaper. Lewis chose to work for the *Naples Daily News* in Naples, Fla., where he was online editor and Web page designer.

Lewis also got involved with parish life in Naples at St. Ann's Parish, primarily through youth ministry. This involvement led him to wonder how he could

become more involved with church ministry, which eventually steered him toward becoming a diocesan seminarian.

Now at Notre Dame, Lewis will finish earning his master's degree in divinity before making final vows. While studying, he balances a life of prayer and studies as well as ministry. He rises each day for morning prayers with his community at 7:10 a.m. during the week. Breakfast follows, then classes and ministerial duties, which he currently performs at the Women's Care Center. The seminarians come together for Mass at 5:05 p.m. each evening before community dinner. They also pray vespers together in the evening. Later at night they pray night prayers together before ending the day.

Religious in Holy Cross do personal prayers on their own — especially time before the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual reading, contemplation and other devotions.

The congregation looks for people who are well grounded, as well as people who love the church and love working in the church. "People who are looking to become active in the church should not be thinking, 'I should become a priest first,' said Lewis. "It should be, 'What's out there that I can help with now in my parish?'"

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# Are they out of their minds?

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Being a vocation director for a religious congregation these days is like being a publicist, a marketer, a coach, a recruiter, a cheerleader and Dear Abby. To say it is a challenge is to put it mildly. It is also a challenge to the one who discerns a call to the religious life.

A reaction many discerners get is "Are you out of your mind?" How could anyone, especially in this great land of opportunity, desire to be a sister, brother or a priest? Why, in some people's estimation, would they want to throw their lives away?

Let's think about it. Why would a young woman or man trade a spouse and a family for the whole human family? Why would a person exchange a good-paying job with lots of perks for the freedom and support to work with the poor and needy? Why would anyone choose the playground of the world for the relative stability of familiar surroundings? Furthermore, why would one exchange a carefree life of independence for a community where the members are interdependent and rely on one another?

Also, who in his or her right mind would give up a life filled with constant busyness and action for a life that provides time for reflection and prayer? Lastly, why would a person leave a comfortable life for the challenge to make a difference in the church and in

the world? It might be because God is calling them.

Religious life today is by no means passé. It takes energetic, open people with a spirit and desire to make God and God's work the center of their lives. It is an opportunity to be part of something bigger than oneself. It is to be caught up in the mission to bring Christ and the values of the Gospel, especially love and justice, to a world that sorely needs them.

Religious life is not a place for those who cannot find a significant other to share life together. Those consecrated persons who live religious life have found their man — Jesus Christ. To become deeper and deeper in love with him and his people is their quest. He is the center of their lives.

The life of a sister, brother or priest is not for wimps or rejects. God chooses the cream of the crop to live this life and gives them what they need for ministry. He calls people who are willing to discover and use their gifts for his agenda.

When we focus on church vocations I ask all those who are contemplating God's call to keep their options open. Don't pick one way of life without at least considering the others. Most of us are meant to follow the vocation of marriage, but not all.

Listen to the deepest desires of your heart and if you want to give yourself totally to God, contact the nearest vocation director. Take that step. You will be glad you did.

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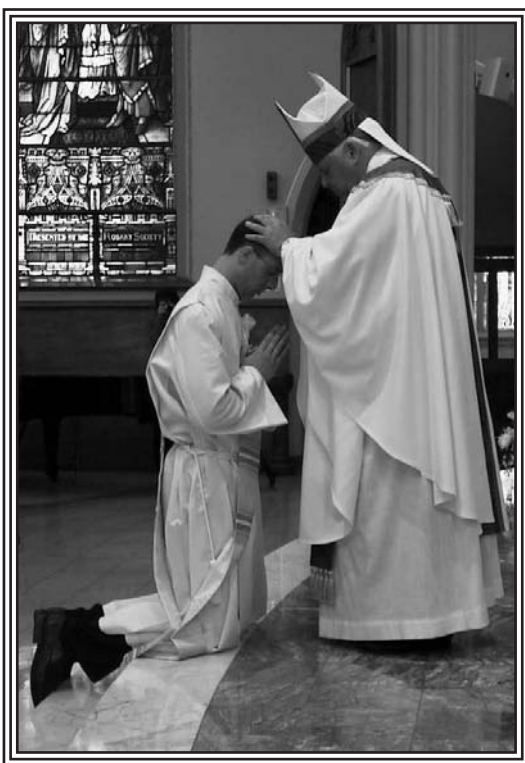
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## EDITORIAL

## A pro-life win and a model for the future

Chances are, prior to the recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a federal ban on partial-birth abortion, Anthony Kennedy was not a hero to the pro-life movement. The most moderate of the conservative justices on the court, he was more likely held in suspicion as the unreliable swing justice — in the role recently held by Sandra Day O'Connor — who could gum up the whole works by providing a fifth vote to the justices who wanted to overturn the ban.

But he instead cast the swing vote with Justices Scalia, Thomas, Roberts and Alito — all of them Catholic — to uphold the ban. Many pro-lifers would credit this long-overdue victory for their cause to Roberts and Alito, the new conservative voices on the court. But the decision itself came from Kennedy, a moderate conservative. And it is significant that he would be the person who would truly make a difference on this issue.

For instance, reports are already circulating that both the pro-life and pro-choice communities have been fired up by this decision. The pro-life movement will push on, seeking a complete overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, and pro-choice advocates will push all the harder for their agenda, which would probably include one day reversing the partial-birth decision.

Depending on who controls the Congress, the White House and, subsequently, the Supreme Court, this struggle could go on for decades, with both sides competing to ram through legislation, stack the Supreme Court and essentially do, undo and redo their own and each other's work.

One look at this frustrating and endless cycle should make it clear how important a moderating figure like Justice Kennedy could become in the abortion debate. Perhaps it is time for both sides to stop competing and discuss with one another workable solutions to stamp out the evil of abortion in American society. Only through dialogue and cooperation will this issue continue to move forward rather than in circles.

### Reach out early and often

In the wake of the tragedy of the Virginia Tech massacre, stories have filtered into the media about how the killer, Cho Seung-Hui, had long exhibited anti-social behavior that had many convinced he was a threat to others on the Virginia Tech campus. Now that the tragedy is over, some would say that there is nothing to do except be more vigilant in looking for these warning signs in other people in the future.

But there is more that can be done — and at the root of the problem. For instance, other news stories have surfaced that suggest that Cho was not only a brooding and isolated figure in college, but in high school and middle school before that. Accounts have surfaced of Cho being teased and shunned by his middle school classmates. They didn't have anything to do with him because he seemed different and odd. This early treatment could have been what began Cho on his path of anger, withdrawal and destruction.

One can only wonder if tragedy could have been avoided if someone had reached out years ago and become his friend, providing both the human contact and the compassion to stave off the isolation and anger that seemed to serve as a catalyst. Christians have the example of Christ reaching out in love to those considered different and undesirable.

Vigilance and watchfulness are good. But stopping the isolation and anger that played a part in the destructive behavior of Cho Seung-Hui could be one effective Christian response to this tragedy.

### Eucharistic Congress will be a highlight

If you attended the Eucharistic Congress in the Great Jubilee Year 2000, you will remember the day as a special highlight of the year. This year's celebration on Aug. 18 at the University of Notre Dame promises to be just as grand and a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually as well as pray with parishioners from all across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Please utilize the registration and workshop information to plan your day. We expect most people to register via the Web site, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org). If you do not have access to the Internet, please fill in the registration form and return it as soon as possible. Throughout the summer, *Today's Catholic* will provide updates on the congress for our subscribers.

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## Immigration is strangling the U.S.

Regarding the article in the March 18, 2007 edition of Today's Catholic, "St. Adalbert Parish responds to immigration raid," another view is provided. I wonder if the Catholic Church and Father Chris Cox have ever pondered the following thoughts:

What do people expect who are in the United States illegally? A red carpet to be rolled out at their feet?

While big business (Janco Composites) recruit, train and deeply love closed-mouthed cheap labor — who ends up paying for people who are in the United States illegally and drawing a paycheck? Who ends up paying for their health care and dental care?

What kind of strain is being placed on our public school systems due to the high number of students who arrive with little (if any) English language skills?

Do illegal immigrants pay any money towards vehicle registration fees and driver license fees?

I blame big business and their constant hunger for cheap labor. But I have no sympathy towards anyone who is currently living or working in the United States illegally. It is newsworthy of the Catholic Church to come running to the aid of these people. Who is really paying for them while they live and work in the United States? My answer: the taxpayers and current residents are paying for these people. Ever wonder why health insurance costs are ever increasing? Ever wonder why our public schools are stumbling daily? Immigration (legal and other-

wise) is strangling the United States. I am Catholic and a registered parishioner (just for the record).

Timothy R. Price  
Fort Wayne

## Father Cox responds to immigration concerns

The writer, Timothy Price, raises some common concerns about illegal immigration. They are born of, I believe, a justified anger that is misdirected.

Mr. Price asks: "who ends up paying for people who are in the United States illegally and drawing a paycheck?"

The net benefit of immigration to the U.S. is nearly \$10 billion annually. As Alan Greenspan points out, 70 percent of immigrants arrive in prime working age. That means we have not spent a penny on their education, yet they are transplanted into our workforce and will contribute \$500 billion toward our social security system over the next 20 years (Andrew Sum, U.S. Department of Labor, 2002).

Mr. Price asks about healthcare costs. According to a study released by the Rand Corp. and published in the November/December edition of the journal *Health Affairs*, the nationwide cost of healthcare for illegal immigrants between the ages of 18 and 64 at \$1.1 billion in 2000 — or about \$11 per household. Other research points to the native-born uninsured as what drives up our healthcare costs.

As for educational costs, the

Government Accounting Office rendered in 2004 that there is no reliable method yet for obtaining precise figures on the cost, until new data is gathered by the U.S. Census.

Undocumented immigrants could pay for licenses, registrations and insurance until the REAL ID Act of 2005 restricted it. Subsequently, certain states have adopted public safety measures that provide for driver's certificates and mandate insurance and registration.

The reality, according to most independent research, is that undocumented immigrants subsidize the lifestyle of U.S. citizens. Their presence subsidizes produce costs in grocery stores. Their labor subsidizes the costs of eating out or staying in hotels.

The theological questions are: what do we owe the least of our brothers and sisters? What responsibility do we have to welcome the stranger?

The anger and frustration with immigration is misdirected at immigrants and their employers. The outrage should be directed at politicians and media who turn this into what a friend calls "political theater." Illegal immigration is much like prohibition was in the last century: nice for media, nice for politicians, but it ignores reality.

Mr. Price and I would surely agree that the current system is broken. The federal government has not enacted meaningful immigration law since 1986. The federal government must act this summer before immigration is swept up into the circus of the 2008 elections.

Father Chris Cox, CSC  
South Bend

## Consecrating our whole lives ...

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

I had the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for most of my grade school years, and every day we said the Morning Offering and consecrated ourselves to Jesus through Mary. As a child, I am not sure I fully understood what I was doing, but I did know that I offered all I did that day to God. Little did I know that I would later give my whole life to Jesus as a Sister of the Holy Cross.

There is much ignorance about religious life, especially among the young. Fewer young men and women are answering the call to live a consecrated life as a sister, brother or priest. I think one of the major reasons for this is a lack of understanding of priesthood and religious life. Worse yet, the possibility of living the Christian call we receive at baptism doesn't even cross their radar. It is logical to say that a person cannot choose a way of life he or she knows little or nothing about.

What is religious or consecrat-

ed life? In my early years, I thought being a religious was chiefly about ministry and serving others, but Jesus calls all Christians to serve his people. Religious life is also a call to make Jesus the center of one's life. It is to consecrate or give one's whole self to God. It is truly about loving God above all. One important way to show this love is through ministry or service, but that is not what makes one a religious.

Men and women religious consecrate themselves to God by professing the three vows or promises of chastity, poverty and obedience. It is a lifetime commitment.

Christians are also called to live the virtue of poverty and to live simply. Those in consecrated life strive to live in radical dependence on God and try not to be weighed down by material goods and other attachments.

The baptized are also called to follow God and obey God's word. Consecrated religious strive to do God's will in conjunction with the mission of their particular community. As a husband and wife

give themselves to each other and to their children. Family is their primary focus. Those who commit themselves as religious give their entire lives to Christ and to the church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Let us pray that those to whom God is calling will respond with a generous "yes." Let us also do our part to invite the young to consider this option when they are discerning life choices.

Sometimes it only takes the sentence, "Did you ever think God might be calling you to be a priest, brother or sister." Your question just might plant the seed of a religious vocation. Just as the church needs good marriages, it also needs sisters, brothers and priests to extend the reign of God in our world.

Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC, a former campus minister and vocation director, works for the Sisters of the Holy Cross communications department.

# Minority view: Participants publish their side of brain death debate

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Breaching normal protocol, several participants in a 2005 Vatican-sponsored conference over the ethics of declaring someone brain dead have published the papers they delivered at the debate.

Many of the papers reproduced in "Finis Vitae: Is Brain Death Still Life?" argue that the concept of brain death was devised mainly to expand the availability of organs for transplant and claim that some patients who had been pronounced brain dead continued to live for months or even years.

Publication of the papers, which the Vatican had decided not to publish, is evidence of the strong feelings about brain death held by a minority of the members of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Roberto De Mattei, vice president of the National Research Council of Italy who is not a member of the academy, said he edited "Finis Vitae" in order "to expand the debate and bring it to a wider audience."

While differences of opinion among theologians, philosophers and scientists, especially on ethical issues, are nothing new, it is

unusual that participants in a Vatican conference published the papers that the Vatican specifically decided not to publish.

"The concern of many is that the Vatican has not taken the appropriate position when doubts exist about the end of human life," De Mattei told Catholic News Service April 20.

"The moment of the separation of the soul from the body is shrouded in mystery, just as the moment of when a soul enters a person is," he said.

But when faced with questions about the moment of ensoulment at the beginning of life, the church's position always has been to assume the soul enters at conception in order to ensure the greatest possible defense of human life, he said. Those who question whether brain death is really death are simply asking that the church extend its defense of human life if there is the minimal possibility that the soul remains in a body that has a heart beat, respiration and blood circulation, even if those are supported artificially, De Mattei said.

Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., whose paper from

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the 2005 meeting is included in "Finis Vitae," asked how the Catholic Church can accept a lack of brain function as a definition of death yet still oppose the willful destruction of human embryos, which have not yet developed a brain.

The question was part of the discussion at a 2006 Vatican meeting; the Pontifical Academy of Sciences decided to publish the 2006 papers and transcripts of the discussion, while it decided not to publish those from the 2005 meeting.

"The embryo has a potential brain under development," said Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, chancellor of the science academy.

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# Word of Jesus and salvation continues



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 4th Sunday of Easter Jn 10:27-30

The Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading. This reading gives a glimpse into the *modus vivendi* of St. Paul as he moved across Asia Minor in his proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus.

He evidently first went to synagogues. It is not surprising. After all, he was of Jewish descent and background, and he was well educated in the Jewish culture and religion of the time.

Quite likely, he would have been more comfortable, but also more likely to be heard, in such surroundings as synagogues.

It also is clear that he was not always met by universal acceptance, although it would not be accurate to say that he attracted no converts from among the Jews whom he met. He drew many of them into the ranks of Christians. He also attracted gentiles.

However, these details are only secondary to the story. The point of this reading is that the word of God, pronounced by Jesus, continued to be spoken, and received, long after the Ascension.

Moreover, it was proclaimed by an apostle, and by Barnabas, a disciple of an apostle.

Salvation went on, and goes on. Through the apostles, Jesus still spoke.

The Book of Revelation furnishes the next reading. It is very symbolic, but its meaning is clear. Among those saved by Jesus are people from every nation. Their number is great. They are baptized, wearing the white robes of baptism. They carry the palm branches of martyrs. They have kept their faith despite persecution. Their sins have been washed away from Lord, precisely by the sacrificial blood shed by the Lord on Calvary.

The Good Shepherd leads them. He rescues them from the heat of the day and the dryness of earthly life.

St. John's Gospel provides the last reading. This Gospel reading, read immediately after the passage from Acts, also presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd. For an audience overwhelmingly agrarian, as was the audience to which Jesus preached, imagery built on sheep herding and shepherds was very familiar and well understood.

This reading states that the sheep know the shepherd. In turn, the shepherd knows them. It implies a relationship of closeness and of trust. Moving beyond the symbolism, the readings say that this shepherd gives eternal life. Possessing this life, the sheep will never perish.

Furthermore, no one can snatch them away from the shepherd. The reason is that they belong to the shepherd because of the will of the Father.

Then, in a great testament of self-identity, Jesus proclaims oneness with the Father.

### Reflection

This weekend, the church calls us to celebrate the Resurrection once again. It begins the fourth week of proclaiming the excited news that it first pronounced at

Easter. He lives!

With the readings this weekend, and with those of the preceding weeks of Easter, the church essentially makes two points.

The first point is that Jesus lives, literally, and that in the sublime act of Resurrection is evidence that Jesus is God, the Son of God, the eternal Father. As risen, Jesus is totally unique among humans. As God, Jesus is the bearer of life, truth, peace and joy. There is no substitute for the Lord.

The second point, made this weekend and in past weeks, is that the word of Jesus, and the salvation given by Jesus, continue. They did not cease with the Ascension. Jesus lives in the preaching and the good works of the Apostles, and of their followers and successors.

Through Paul, and then through Barnabas, Jesus touched people needing hope and salvation, needing to know God.

By emphasizing these points, the church presents us with its basic belief, Jesus is God. In Jesus is truth and life. It also reassures us. Jesus is with us still.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

This quiz looks at doctors of the church.

### 1. What is a doctor of the church?

- a. a bishop who has a doctorate
- b. any cleric who is an MD
- c. a saint with this special title

### 2. What (amongst other things) do you have to be to be a doctor of the church?

- a. licensed
- b. a male
- c. dead

### 3. What does the designation "doctor" actually mean?

- a. The person lived a saintly life.
- b. Their teachings or writings are determined by the church to have value.
- c. They are known to have performed miracles.

### 4. How does time play a factor in the process of being named doctor of the church?

- a. The person must have been declared a saint at least 50 years before becoming a doctor of the church.
- b. It does not, as time is relative, and many clergy have no relatives.
- c. Their writing or preaching is determined to have value to any age of the church.

### 5. How infallible are the writings of a doctor of the church?

- a. They may include infallible teaching, but the status of doctor does not confer that.
- b. As infallible as the pope's, only harder to prove.
- c. Not at all, in fact the writings contain hardly any truths at all.

### 6. Are there doctors of the church who are not saints?

- a. no
- b. yes
- c. only if they are so voted by acclamation by the College of Cardinals

### 7. In the Middle Ages only this many doctors were recognized:

- a. four
- b. six
- c. twelve

### 8. Which of these men were amongst them?

- a. Jude the Obscure
- b. Augustine
- c. Julian the Apostate

### 9. Which of these men were not included in the medieval doctors?

- a. Abelard
- b. Ambrose
- c. Jerome

### 10. When other doctors were added, this third to fourth century apologist was added:

- a. John the Evangelist
- b. Justin Martyr
- c. Athanasius

### 11. Which doctor is referred to as the Syrian?

- a. St. Assad
- b. St. Ephraem
- c. St. Joppa

### 12. This doctor is named for the birthplace of the church:

- a. St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- b. Jeffrey of Nazareth
- c. Francis of Rome

### 13. This doctor even has his own adjective:

- a. Carlus Theis (theistic)
- b. Thomas Aquinas (Thomistic)
- c. Leo the Munificent (Leonine)

### 14. Catherine of Siena is part of a minority among church doctors; why?

- a. Most are gentiles.
- b. Most were single.
- c. Most are male.

### 15. Despite dying very young and living a mostly sheltered life as a nun, this saint was named doctor of the church in the 20th century:

- a. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- b. Maria Young of Salt Lake City
- c. St. Thérèse of Lisieux

### ANSWERS:

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

# Clergyman encouraged to speak of spousal love

**"Talking about contraception and sterilization would scandalize the children in the congregation. Thus, I can't deal with them at the pulpit."**

— Anonymous Clergyman

Dear Anonymous Clergyman,  
But Jesus didn't have such reservations. When he was addressing large crowds he talked about sexual sins. Recall the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:27). Children are not offended by a teaching on God's plan for spousal love. Rather, they are the victims of silence at the pulpit. People get hurt when there is confusion about right and wrong, and there is a great confusion today about the moral evil of contraception and sterilization. Children do not understand the language we use when discussing capital punishment, euthanasia or experimentation on human embryos. They take from a homily what they need. If they have questions, they can ask their parents for an explanation suited to their level of comprehension. Refusing to address major moral issues at the pulpit, in effect,

makes infants of the entire congregation, who often do not know that contraception and sterilization are wrong, and do not understand why they are wrong.

**"It's okay to talk about these matters in RCIA, marriage preparation classes and to provide pamphlets on these issues in the vestibule, but not at the pulpit."**

But this approach misses the point. "These times call for people who will look the truth in the eye, and call things by their proper names, without yielding to convenient compromise or to the temptation of self-deception" ("Evangelium Vitae" 57). Important issues cannot be censored from the pulpit. If a message does not happen at the pulpit, it doesn't happen. There is great ignorance among Catholics about the morality of contraception and sterilization. Very few understand why these choices and acts are immoral. RCIA classes, marriage prep classes and the pamphlet rack are good ways to supplement

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teaching from the pulpit, but can never replace it.

**"These issues are contentious. They will produce strife and discord."**

But this means that the priest, as a moral guide, cannot provide moral guidance where it is most needed. If people already understand an issue, like slavery for example, and do not dispute it, then there is no need to address it from the pulpit. But if many people are violating the fifth and sixth Commandments, do not know it, and can't understand why these acts are sinful, then we priests must address the issue. Not to address them is reprehensible neg-

ligence on our part. We must inform conscience by proposing moral truth. The approach we use is that of Jesus: we speak the truth in charity, and with conviction and forthrightness. If we allow the Gospel to be silenced because we refuse to accept criticism from those who reject Gospel values, then we fail in our priesthood. It is not our Gospel. We are not at liberty to decide what parts of the Gospel are "too hard to accept," and can be ignored.

**"Collections will go down."**

This is factually untrue. But beyond that, we members of the clergy must anticipate the criteria our Lord will use to evaluate our pastoral care of the flock entrusted to our care. The main criterion will not be "Did you get all the bills paid and have a smooth running operation?" Rather, it will be "Did you guide my people into a knowledge of my ways, my Gospel and into a love for the splendor of the truth?"

Paying bills is not high on the list of pastoral success criteria. The

qualities of a CEO are not those of being a priest. Bringing people to the person, heart and mind of the Lord is what is essential. God does not demand success from us in terms of our people's response to good moral teaching. He does demand that we faithfully propose and teach the values that comport well with our dignity as bodied persons. God's plan for human sexuality, marriage and family are an essential part of the Gospel of Life in these times.

Priests who have consistently proposed the values of "Humanae Vitae," "Familiaris Consortio" and "Evangelium Vitae" will tell you that their collections have not collapsed. Instead, the parish has learned the meaning of generosity reflected in parish contributions as well as volunteer service to parish organizations.

**Father Matthew Habiger, OSB,** answered this week's question. He may be contacted at [Mhabiger@kansasmonks.org](mailto:Mhabiger@kansasmonks.org).

## More than academics, football

On June 13, 1979, the "good" envelope from Notre Dame arrived. It was the "good" envelope because it was distinctly different than the "bad" envelope that had arrived one year earlier.

The good envelope was slightly larger than an unfolded 8 1/2 x 11 letter. The bad envelope was the size of a threefold letter.

The bad envelope said the student couldn't enroll at Notre Dame in the fall of '78, so he packed his bags and headed to Indianapolis for a year of higher education.

The good envelope said that the student could attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall of '79 for his sophomore year.

On March 30, 2007, another one of those good envelopes arrived at my home, some 28 years after the last one. The joy I felt that day back in '79 was nothing compared to the pride associated with the news that our son, a senior at Mishawaka Marian High School, had been accepted for freshman year of studies at Notre Dame.

Some of the students who are accepted to Notre Dame have other options that offer more than the small Catholic school in South Bend, in fields of study that fit their personal interests and needs better. Not everyone who is accepted at Notre Dame ends up there. That is a perfectly understandable alternative for some.

In our home and within our extended family, we chuckle at this notion, not because choosing a school other than Notre Dame is wrong. Everyone should take advantage of the marvelous educational experiences that exist worldwide. For some, South Bend, Ind., isn't the right setting. For some, Notre Dame isn't the right environment.

But for my family, Notre Dame is more than just a college with impeccable academic credentials and the most storied college football program. It's not about the cachet of a Notre Dame diploma,

which, undoubtedly, carries considerable weight when entering the job market. That's important too.

But it's not about that, or at least, it's not about that alone.

As Catholics, it's about the journey. It's about placing one's self in an environment that fits our goals and the means to an end. It's about deriving satisfaction and contentment being in the setting that makes us feel complete-spiritually, academically and, yes, even athletically.

So when a Marian student asked after hearing the news of our son's acceptance, "So, will Eric be attending Notre Dame?" I couldn't help but blurt out a laugh. Not because there's anything wrong with choosing a school other than Notre Dame, but because anyone who really knows my family knows we would never consider bypassing this opportunity.

As our son was growing up, I frequently told him that he could attend any college he'd like. We wouldn't force Notre Dame upon him, and we never did.

But as time passed, his academic standing grew, and he began to think about continuing his education, he gravitated toward Notre Dame and its environment. He applied to just one school.

A friend of mine works security at Notre Dame, and one of his responsibilities encompasses the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. During Holy Week, he ran into dozens of people who had come from great distances — Texas, California, Florida. They simply wanted to be around Notre Dame and in the basilica for Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

To be sure, some knew that the Irish were in the midst of spring practice, and perhaps hoped to get a glimpse of Charlie Weis and his football players. That's part of the Notre Dame experience as well.

But there was no football game to be played that weekend. The NBC cameras were nowhere to be found. ESPN's "GameDay" was



## FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

on hiatus.

These people were at Notre Dame to be close to its/their Catholicism and/or Christianity and/or spirituality.

Make no mistake, Notre Dame football is important to us and it is a big part of our lives. I've made a nice life for my family while riding on the coattails of Notre Dame football and the journalistic coverage that goes with it.

But it wouldn't have the same significance to us without the spirituality that accompanies it.

Education and athletics are integral parts of our lives. But ultimately, they are not what define us. That's not what keeps us here. That's not why my mom and dad scraped together every penny they could find to send me to school there, and it is not why the tears welled up in my eyes on March 30, 2007 when that "good" envelope arrived from Notre Dame.

Education helps us succeed in our day-to-day existence. Notre Dame football is great entertainment. But in the grand scheme, those things are not that important, particularly football/sports.

Notre Dame — the institution and everything it stands for — represents the way we choose to live our lives. That's why we're here. That's why our son will be a freshman at Notre Dame this fall.

**Tim Prister** is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

For April 29, 2007

Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Following is a word search based on the second reading and the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: promises about the fate of Jesus' followers. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

MULTITUDE	THRONE	THE LAMB
WHITE	PALM BRANCHES	WASHED
WORSHIP	SHELTER	SHEPHERD
SPRINGS	WATER	WIPE AWAY
TEAR	THEIR EYES	MY SHEEP
MY VOICE	FOLLOW ME	ETERNAL
PERISH	MY HAND	THE FATHER

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He insisted there is a difference between an embryo with "the potential development of the complete body with the brain" and a situation in which there is "only the body without the brain."

De Mattei said the Pontifical Academy of Sciences' position is not surprising, given that most of its members and consultants are experts in the hard sciences, but not philosophy and theology.

If a brain-dead person weren't really dead, then the removal of vital organs for transplant would be synonymous with homicide.

Still, Bishop Sanchez said the academy had "invited those who are critical" of the Vatican's position to the 2005 meeting in order to hear their arguments and determine whether there was enough new material to warrant another more formal gathering.

The formal gathering was the one held in 2006, which ended with the publication of a nine-page statement titled, "Why the Concept of Brain Death Is Valid as a Definition of Death."

# Divorce is not the only option: Retrouvaille can help

BY CYNTHIA DeCOOK

Someone once said marriage is a 50-50 proposition. They were so wrong; it is so much more. It is giving, taking and compromising, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. I can think of many adjectives to describe it, especially when it's a troubled marriage. Time can seem like an eternity when you're not happy in your marriage.

First, let me explain why the 50-50 thing rubs me the wrong way. I remember back when my husband and I were preparing for marriage in 1985. We had several required meetings with the priest from our parish. He told us that marriage must be worked at 100 percent to be effective and successful. It is based on trust, respect and honor. I'll buy that.

At the time I assumed that was the 50-50 everyone was talking about. Several years into our marriage, I began looking at the 50-50 thing and it seemed to me, I was giving 90 percent, and he was giving 10 percent, and our marriage was still falling apart.

The years continued to pass. We weathered many setbacks. I wanted to believe these setbacks were making us stronger. Still years later, trying to keep the 100

percent thing going, I considered filing for a separation because the 10 percent I was getting just wasn't fulfilling my needs. I was burned out trying to fix our marriage, trying to fix everything.

If we were going to survive this union, we were both going to have to give 100 percent. That meant a combined effort of 200 percent.

The trust was gone as well as the respect. The only thing left was honor. Did I have anything left to give? What were those words used in our ceremony? Do you promise to love, honor and cherish? I remember saying, "I do." Some part of me didn't want to fail that promise. I didn't want to be part of the divorce statistics I'd heard so much about.

There are approximately 1 million married couples who divorce each year in the United States. In a recent newspaper article The National Center for Health Statistics reported that 20 percent of first marriages break up within the first five years and 33 percent break up within 10 years. The staying power of second marriages is even less.

When I went on the Internet to look up divorce statistics, I found more Web sites for easy steps to divorce than I found for divorce statistics alone. What has happened to the, "for better, for

worse," "for richer, for poorer," "until death do us part"? We made that commitment with God as our witness. How can a mere piece of flimsy paper dissolve the marriage? After 10 to 20 years of marriage, the assumption is that couples know what they are doing and are happily married. Unfortunately, this is not

always true. Some couples flounder through it until the kids are gone. Then they split.

My husband and I admitted we needed help. We read about this weekend for struggling couples in our Sunday bulletin. When my husband pointed to it in the bulletin — he could only point because we weren't speaking again — I just shook my head. Why would I want to spend a precious weekend going to a program about failing marriages? I didn't want to hear everyone else's problems; I had enough of my own. I finally gave into his prodding and said if he was serious about saving our marriage, then he had to make the call. I was giving up. Confidentially, I never believed he would do it. He really surprised

me. The ministry was called Retrouvaille. He had called and registered us to attend.

We attended our Retrouvaille weekend in February 2005. We would be celebrating our 20th anniversary that April. Twenty years of marriage that I didn't really want to give up on. I often wondered why, why me Lord? Why my marriage? I was so in love; we were so in love, or so I thought. We had two children, one who had serious medical problems early in life. We struggled to make a

home, a real family, better than the one I grew up in. I didn't want to be one of those couples who stayed together just for the sake of the children. We seemed to weather so many adversities.

We arrived at the hotel for our weekend. I wanted to turn around and leave after the first 15 minutes of the program. I was convinced

being there was a mistake.

The presenting couples talked about their struggles, and for the first time I realized that there were others who had problems like ours. We were never asked to share our story that weekend. We were given the opportunity to focus on us as a couple and share with each other and begin the healing process.

Retrouvaille was a lifeline to our marriage. It didn't fully heal us or fix all our problems, but it sure opened our hearts to the love we once shared, taught us to communicate with each other on an intimate level I didn't know existed and made us realize that we could save our marriage.

Please, if there is one tiny ounce of something worth saving in your marriage or a friends' marriage — point them to Retrouvaille. It's nationwide. Visit [www.helpour-marriage.com](http://www.helpour-marriage.com) or call (800) 470-2230 for more information.

Cynthia DeCook and her husband are members of Retrouvaille of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Some couples flounder through it until the kids are gone. Then they split.

## What happened to the Jews after the death of Alexander the Great?

After the death of Alexander the Great, who had no heir, in 323 B.C., his vast empire was split between his three generals, Ptolemy, Seleucus and Seleucus in a meeting at Triparadisus in northern Syria in 321 B.C. This site may be the same as Paradisus on the upper Orontes River.

Ptolemy ruled over Macedonia, Ptolemy over Egypt and Cyrenaica (now the eastern portion of Libya in northern Africa), and Seleucus over Asia or Syria and Mesopotamia (in Iraq). The first Book of Maccabees mentions this breakup of the kingdom. "So Alexander the Great's officers took over his kingdom, each in his own territory, and, after his death, they all put on royal crowns and so did their sons after them, for many years, causing much distress over the earth."

At first the Ptolemies, with their capital at Alexandria in Egypt, held dominion over Palestine from 305-285 B.C. The Ptolemaic kingdom lasted from 323-31 B.C., at the death of Cleopatra and the defeat of Marc Antony, when Egypt became a Roman province.

Father John McKenzie says the relations between the Jews and the Ptolemies were perhaps more cordial than the relations of the Jews with any other foreign imperial power. This may have been a period of tranquil prosperity. During this period the great Jewish communities at Alexandria were founded and the translation of the Old Testament into Greek was undertaken.

O'Neill says Ptolemy I of



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Egypt (305-283 B.C.) built a library of 500,000 volumes and a university at Alexandria that made the city a hub of the Greek world. He adorned Alexandria with sphinxes, obelisks, statues, palaces, pavilions and parks. Alexandria developed into a major port between Europe and Asia, because it could accommodate large ships of this time. Ptolemy I even established elephant-hunting base camps along the northeast African coast to capture beasts for his own army. M. Grant mentions that Ptolemy I buried Alexander the Great first at Memphis and then at Alexandria when a worthy tomb could be erected. The Jews in Alexandria had an independent organization directed by elders under a president.

Ptolemy II (283-246 B.C.) further increased Egypt's prestige with the Pharos lighthouse at Alexandria, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In 283 B.C. he instituted a form of Olympic games. Here a Greek elite enjoyed wealth and luxury. Native workers formed a heavily taxed underclass. The Ptolemies spread Greek lifestyle, language, and culture among their subject

peoples, including the Jews.

J. Pritchard says the Jews had settled in Egypt after the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. The Elephantine Papyri even reveal a Jewish colony down south near Aswan acting as a Persian frontier garrison. During the reign of Ptolemy III of Egypt (246-221 B.C.) many Jews appear settled as farmers, artisans, soldiers, policemen, tax collectors and administrators. Jewish synagogues are known at Alexandria, Arthribis in the Nile delta, and Crocodilopolis on a large oasis 24 miles west of the Nile River.

S. Jenkins says at Alexandria today in the Graeco-Roman Museum you can see three carved heads of Alexander the Great, the city's founder. There are also pink granite statues of Egypt's Greek Ptolemaic kings with Pharaonic dress and crowns in an attempt to legitimize them as heirs to the rule of the pharaohs. There are coins from Alexander's time, and two wall-hung mosaics portraying Queen Berenice, the wife of Ptolemy III. There are two carvings of the god Serapis, a god part-Egyptian and part-Greek that Ptolemy III invented as a way of bringing together his Egyptian and Greek subjects in shared worship. There is even a mummified crocodile, which would have been carried in processions devoted to Sobek, the crocodile god. Then there are historical depictions of the Lighthouse at Alexandria in the several small terracotta lanterns dating back to the third century B.C. that show the three stages of the tower.

## Meet the Priest

**Father Bernard J. Galic**  
Ordained Aug. 30, 1970  
Pastor, Holy Family Parish,  
South Bend  
Director of Vocations



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

Without a doubt, it was the example of priests whom I knew as a child growing up in our small parish, particularly the pastor I had through most of my years in school, Msgr. Joseph Schmidt.

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

The privilege of being closely involved in a meaningful way in the lives of my people at key moments for them — marriages, baptisms, family crises, illness and death.

**Do you have a pet?**

No, I don't. But my associate does, so I have the pleasure of having a good dog in the house with none of the responsibilities.

**What is your favorite reading material?**

For relaxation, I enjoy reading historical fiction and good fiction in general. One of my favorite fiction writers is John Grisham. I also enjoy reading church history and some of the saints' biographies. A favorite author is Thomas Dubay.

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

It is possessing the gift of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

**What is your favorite prayer?**

The celebration of the Eucharist, of course, but also the Angelus.

**What is your favorite Scripture passage?**

Mk 2:1-12, the cure of the paralytic, because I believe it teaches us the essence of true friendship — bringing another to Jesus, where all healing can take place.

**Who is your favorite pope?**

Pope John Paul II, because of the profound influence he had during his long papacy on the priesthood and on the youth of the church.

**What is your favorite food?**

Believe it or not, it is beef liver and onions.

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

I was a high school teacher for 10 years before becoming a parish priest. And for many years I was a registered emergency medical technician and worked for a community ambulance service.

**How do you prefer to be addressed by the laity?**

Father Bernie or Father Galic

# Sports

**RUN FOR THE RAMS BENEFITS HUNTINGTON CATHOLIC** This year's Run for the Rams benefiting Huntington Catholic School will include a 5K run and a one-mile fun run, both beginning and ending in the Huntington Catholic School parking lot at 820 Cherry St. Runners will compete the morning of May 12. Registration will take place at 8 a.m. in the school gymnasium, where water and restrooms will be available. Runners will be divided by age. Trophies will be handed out in both events after the race, and participants will be treated to ice water, bananas and cookies. Registration for the Run for the Rams race is \$15. To register or for more information, call (260) 358-1570.

## New Haven team dominates CYO track and field

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In their first Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field meet of the 2007 season, St. John New Haven totally dominated the field sweeping both the boys' and girls' competition. The meet was held on Monday, April 16, at Bishop Luers.

In girls' action, the Raiders took first place in eight out of the 12 events including the hurdles, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, shot put, high jump, discus and both relay races and finished with 142 points. The St. Charles team

came in second with 100 points while St. Jude tallied up 61 points and St. John Fort Wayne finished with 54.

The final scores for the boys' were the following: St. John New Haven 165; St. Jude 89; St. John Fort Wayne 72; and St. Charles 41. The Raiders placed first in nine events while St. Jude grabbed the other three.

Led by triple crowns from Holley Taylor, Jacob Torkeo and Nick Deiser, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth won both the boys' and girls' meets over St. Therese, St. Vincent and Queen of Angels at Bishop Dwenger on Monday, April 16.

## St. Thomas, St. Anthony retain winning streaks

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — Spring-like weather provided spirited baseball action for all teams in the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL), and as a result, St. Thomas of Elkhart and St. Anthony Maroon were able to keep their records unblemished in the John Bosco Division.

St. Thomas went on a slugfest by pounding out a 14-0 victory over Holy Cross and St. Anthony Maroon followed up with the whitewashing of Holy Family, 9-0.

St. Thomas followed its early shutout by tipping Christ the King, 11-1, with Jordan Grise twirling a

two hitter. Taylor Krugh smashed out a triple with two on and later followed up with a single to lead the victorious Elkhart team.

Coley Schultheis turned in a sparkling three-hit performance for St. Joseph of Mishawaka as they downed Holy Family Blue, 8-2.

Michael Hoffman and Corey Samuels cracked out three hits each in leading St. Jude to a 13-3 win over St. Joseph, South Bend.

Dylan McMahon and Andy Klimek combined their pitching efforts for a one hitter as Corpus Christi defeated Christ the King, 10-0.

In another free for all slugging match, St. Matthew beat St. Anthony Gold, 25-16.

## Saint Joseph's girls' lacrosse finds Marian teammates a nice blend

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Two great Catholic high schools separated by 5.8 miles of asphalt battling year in and year out for the coveted Bishop's Trophy, an honor constantly tallied on laminated score sheets, colored ribbons and etched in bronze, it is not surprising the biggest rivalry in St. Joseph County brings passion and resolve to both the Saint Joseph's and Marian high school communities.

To put all of the traditions and fanfare of the two unique institutions on one field together may seem like trying to put a jigsaw puzzle together with eyes closed.

That is not the case, looking at the Saint Joseph's girls lacrosse team, whose numbers are split between the Knights of Marian and the Lady Indians.

"The lines between the two schools are completely blended in practices, the warm up before the games and during the contests," explained Coach Scott Lietz. "The only times when I can tell the difference is when we have practice close to Saint Joe, the Saint Joe girls are there first, and when we practice at Marian, the situation is reversed.

"For the girls it really doesn't matter what school they attend, they play as a team and work for each other," commented Lietz. "The whole program has seen a substantial growth in the last couple of seasons and especially this one with 32 girls on the squad."

The fastest growing sport in North America is starting to take root in the Midwest and has accelerated at both schools.



SUE MASON

**Saint Joseph's lacrosse team player #39, Maria Thuruthiyil, catches a pass from #20, Katie Schmitt.**

"Putting the schools together has worked out wonderfully," exclaimed senior captain Maureen Brown from Saint Joseph's. "Last season we had very few seniors and learned and held the team together knowing this could be our break out year.

"The struggles last season have brought all of us closer," Brown added. "Our weekend trip to Indianapolis had girls from each of the schools sharing rooms and enjoying the fellowship, you couldn't tell who was who."

The cohesiveness seems to be the recipe for success with the only miscue for the Lady Indians has come from the hands of the number one team in the state, Culver Academies.

"They aren't Saint Joe girls to me, they are my teammates," said

Sara Booher, Marian senior captain. "It was interesting to adjust and get used to the different quips about classmates, teachers and schools.

"I have classmates that I talk to about the team and they say that they remember when they played with one of my teammates in grade school in other activities," Booher said. "We may razz each other when we are at the Saint Joe and Marian football and basketball games, but it is always in good fun.

"We have a good mix, two of the four team captains are from Saint Joe," added Booher. "Even though we are from different high schools, we are committed to each other, our squad and the Saint Joe Lady Indian lacrosse team."

Popularity of the sport is catching on at the corners of Logan and Dagoon Trail as well at Michigan and Angela, so much so Lietz sees the potential of a junior varsity program in the future.

"I really like having the two schools together learning the game and competing," Lietz said. "I would like to see the institutions continue to grow together in their passion for lacrosse."

While it's hard for the coaches to tell the difference where the girls study academically, for the parents it seems it can be even more difficult.

"We were having one of our regular pasta dinners and we were joking about our schools and a second-year mom hosting the shindig was surprised that there were Marian girls on the team," Brown commented. "She said she would have never guessed by how great we treated each other."

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## DEVOTIONS

**Tatiana coming in concert in May**  
Fort Wayne — A Croatia singer who grew up in Communist Yugoslavia and gave her life to Christ will be at three parishes in May. On Wednesday, May 16, Most Precious Blood, call (260) 424-5535; On Thursday, May 17, St. Joseph, Garrett, call (260) 357-3122; and on Friday, May 18, St. Charles Borromeo, call (260) 482-2186. All performances will be at 7 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

### First Sunday and Monday rosaries planned

Fort Wayne — First Sunday rosary for families will be Sunday, May 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel. A first Monday rosary for all the souls in purgatory will be Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel.

### Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Msgr. William Lester will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:15 p.m. Msgr. Lester is serving as administrator of St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne. Join in praying for priests and for vocations.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Chicken dinners support Luers

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will sell Nelson's carry out chicken dinners on Saturday, April 28, at the Apple Glen Wal-Mart from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner includes BBQ chicken, potato chips, roll and butter. Dinners are \$6.50 each and can be purchased by calling Bishop Luers High School at (260) 456-1261.

### Daughters of Isabella plan sale and silent auction

South Bend — A white elephant sale and silent auction will be held by the Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572 on Monday, May 7. The event and meeting will start at 6 p.m. in the Peterson Room at Corpus Christi Church. Guests are asked to bring a couple of items to be bid on or to sell.

### Most Precious Blood School to present spring musical

Fort Wayne — Precious Blood School will present "Guys and Dolls Jr." May 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$2.75 for students, \$4.75 for adults and a family pass is available at the school office through May 1 for \$13.25. The family pass will not be sold at the door.

### Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7 and shrimp for \$8 will be available.

### Garden club hosts sale

Fort Wayne — The Trillium Garden Club will sell perennial plants Tuesday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the parking lot of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Proceeds benefit the landscaping at Matthew 25.

## RUMMAGE SALES

### Annual rummage sale

Bremen — St. Dominic Church will hold a rummage sale in the parish hall at 803 Bike St. on Thursday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Rummage sale

New Haven — A rummage sale will be held at St. Louis Besancon Parish, 15529 Lincoln Hwy. East, on Friday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Fill a bag for \$1 on Saturday. Fill a bag for \$3 beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday.

### Rummage sale at PB

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will have a rummage sale May 10-12 in Mohr Hall. Hours are May 10-11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Christ Child Society holds garage sale

South Bend — The Christ Child Society will have a garage sale on Thursday, May 3, at St. Patrick's Parish Center, 308 South Scott St. Lunch will be available. The sale opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m.

## Executive Director

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Virginia Yoder, 80, Queen of Angels

Constance Y. Sutton, 81, St. Vincent de Paul

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Jeff Nallenweg, 44, Queen of Angels

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## THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

### St. Michael, Plymouth, Est. 1865

Just as Jesus, in his time, entered a village quietly and began to preach, so did the faith arrive in Plymouth, Ind. With no flourish or fanfare, about 10 years before any kind of a church building was even a consideration, St. Michael's was a mission post, where visiting priests arrived quietly by horseback or railroad and said Mass in a private home, and in Plymouth, sometimes in a cleared area of a lumber yard.

If the visitor bought news from the outside, it was probably about spotty conflicts between pro-slavery forces and abolitionists; events which would lead to the Civil War.

The first St. Michael Church was a wood-frame building at the northwest corner between Madison and Monroe streets where St. Michael School now stands. It was dedicated by Bishop John Henry Luers and the first permanent pastor was Father Gabriel Volkert.

The first parish organization was The St. Boniface Benevolent Society, reflecting the

large number of parishioners of German heritage with devotion to their homeland's patron saint.

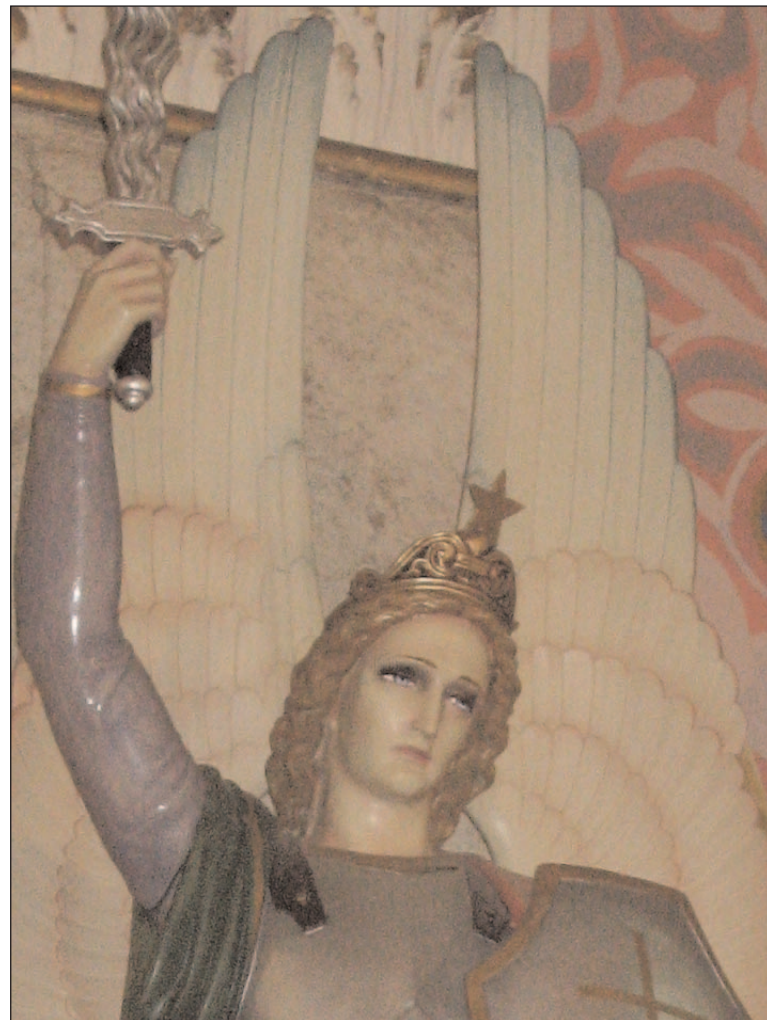
Under the leadership of Father George Zurwellen, the first St. Michael's Academy was built for \$12,000 with a faculty staffed by Sisters of The Holy Cross. Originally it was for boys only, and later, girls were admitted.

Father Zurwellen, anticipating the growth of the parish, arranged in November 1872, to buy three lots across the street, now the present site of St. Michael Church.

Another grand step in the history of St. Michael's came under the 25-year pastorate of Father John Tremmel, who in 1910, undertook the building of the present church.

In 1953, the State Fire Marshall dropped a virtual bomb on the parish with a finding that the students and the sisters in the living quarters in the rear of the school were at high risk because of the age and conditions of the school building. The pastor at that time, Father Lawrence Eberle, was in failing health and unable to handle the full responsibility of this crisis. However, with the combined efforts of the parish trustees and parishioners, plans were made, funds were raised, and under the direction of a newly arrived pastor, Msgr. Adrian Brandehoff, a new school was built and dedicated in September of 1954.

In 2000, more refinements were made to this building including enhancements such as broadcast capabilities and 15 laptop computers in the student computer lab.



MARK WEBER

Statue of St. Michael Archangel

### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw, Est. 1972

Consistent with the lowly status of Juan Diego, who was seen as a pest by the Mexican clergy but as a messenger by the Blessed Mother, the origins of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish began with a stepchild status.

In Milford, Ind., at the corner of Fourth St. and Main, a former Chevy garage honored the Queen of Heaven as a humble home for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Parishioners came from Elkhart, Goshen, Ligonier, Bremen and Warsaw.

The first expansion plans called for a church to be built on a seven acre plot on State Road 15, south of Milford, and for years, a



At left is a reproduction of the tilma (garment) worn by Juan Diego with a miraculously imprinted image of the Blessed Mother. The original tilma was a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years, but shows no sign of decay 475 years later. At upper right, Our Lady of Guadalupe's first church at Fourth and Main Streets in Milford was originally a Chevrolet garage.

sign there announced that it was the future home of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

That project changed, however, with diocesan plans to celebrate the millennium and the building of a shrine to Our Lady in a central location.

It could be said that at this point, Providence turned another page in the history of the parish, with the announcement that Jerry and Savina Kralis, longtime members of Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw, wished to donate land in Warsaw for a church, which could accommodate the growing parish.

This exciting news was followed by more. To celebrate the Jubilee Year 2000, the diocese sponsored an international church design competition open to all designers, architects, liturgists, theologians, artists, students and more.

First prize was a contract for complete architectural services for design and construction of the new church. More than 256 designs were entered from throughout the world for the competition. The winning architect was Ruben Santos from Oakland, Calif.

Ground was broken for the new church on May 2, 2004, and it was dedicated on Oct. 23, 2005 in a three-hour ceremony with a standing-room-only crowd of awed worshipers from throughout the diocese with many from Bremen, Warsaw, Ligonier, Elkhart and Goshen.



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