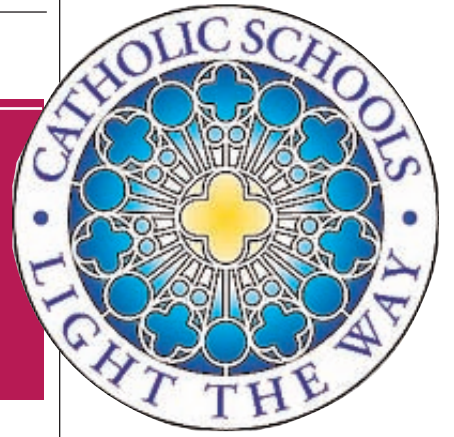




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## In WYD message, pope calls on youths to evangelize, be missionaries



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The World Youth Day cross is carried by youths at a rally in Sydney, Australia, July 1, after it arrived in the country the same day. The cross will travel throughout Australia in advance of the July 2008 World Youth Day in Sydney. Pope Benedict confirmed July 4 that he will attend World Youth Day celebrations in Australia. A group of young adults from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are also making plans to attend.

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When adults have so much difficulty bringing young people to faith, it probably is a sign that God is calling youths to evangelize their peers, Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for World Youth Day 2008.

The struggle adults have in making the faith convincing "can be a sign that the Spirit intends to push you young people to take charge of this," the pope wrote in his message, released in Italian July 21.

Pope Benedict also said he hoped a huge crowd of young people would join him in Sydney, Australia, for the July 15-20 international gathering, which will include a renewal of the promises made at baptism and confirmation.

"Together we will invoke the Holy Spirit, asking with trust in God for the gift of a new Pentecost for the church and for humanity in the third millennium," the pope said.

The theme of World Youth Day 2008 is: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses."

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of love, the source of Christians' strength and the power that helps them be coherent and attractive witnesses of Christ, the pope said.

Pope Benedict said he knows many young people have worries and questions about their lives and their futures. They are concerned about their place in a world marked by "serious injustices and sufferings" and about how they can make a difference when there is so much selfishness and violence around them, he added.

Young Christians, he said, ask themselves how they can bring into the world the fruits of the Holy Spirit —

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## Benedict's summer splash

Diocesan priests react to recent documents

BY DON CLEMMER

If one thing can be said about Pope Benedict XVI, it's that he knows when to take his vacation. As the pope left the Vatican to spend most of July in the Italian Alps, he left behind him the publication of two documents, the "motu proprio" ("on his own initiative") allowing greater usage of the Tridentine Mass and the declaration by the Congregation on the Doctrine of the Faith affirming the Catholic Church as the one true church. Both documents made a splash in the media, and with the pope away, it has been up to area bishops and priests to respond to the fallout and explain just what the church is saying. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, however, priests seem to be remarkably calm.

Regarding the document on the Tridentine Mass, Father Larry Kramer, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City, says "This is kind of a non-item for Americans,"

noting that there isn't any sort of groundswell in the diocese for wider use of it. He adds, "Where people want it, they have it."

"In our diocese, it's not going to have an impact, really, at all," agrees Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne. "There is a small number of Catholics who might be interested in this. There are very few priests who know how to say this Mass."

Father James Seculoff, who regularly offered the Tridentine Mass while at St. John the Baptist Parish in South Bend, notes that, even though greater usage of it is allowed, offering the Tridentine Mass in more churches would be detrimental to the already small community of believers who gather for it.

"I wouldn't want to split that," he says.

Apart from its small size, Father Seculoff notes that the group of Catholics who worship at the Tridentine Mass

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## ATLANTA ARCHBISHOP PRESIDES AT MASS



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Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory presides at the July 15 closing Mass for the 10th National Black Catholic Congress in Buffalo, N.Y. The theme of the four-day event was "Christ Is With Us: Celebrating the Gifts of the Sacraments."

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# Cardinal Keeler retires; Archbishop O'Brien succeeds him in Baltimore

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Baltimore Cardinal William H. Keeler July 12 and named Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the Archdiocese for the Military Services to succeed him.

The changes were announced in Washington by Msgr. Martin Krebs, charge d'affaires of the Vatican nunciature.

Archbishop O'Brien will be formally installed as archbishop of Baltimore Oct. 1.

Cardinal Keeler, 76, had been beset with health problems in recent years, including a total knee replacement in 2005, a broken ankle resulting from a car accident in Italy in 2006 and brain surgery in June, believed to be related to head trauma during the accident.

He has been a bishop since 1979 and had headed the Baltimore Archdiocese for more than 18 years.

Archbishop O'Brien, 68, was named an auxiliary bishop of the New York Archdiocese in 1996 and coadjutor archbishop of the U.S. military archdiocese in 1997. Less than three months after his installation, he became head of the archdiocese when Archbishop Joseph T. Dimino resigned for health reasons.

As a priest he worked as a civilian chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; a military chaplain in Vietnam and at U.S. Army posts; vice chancellor and director of communications for the New York Archdiocese; secretary to Cardinals Terence Cooke and John J. O'Connor of New York; and seminary rector in New York and Rome.

Despite his health concerns, Cardinal Keeler remained active in leadership of the archdiocese and in a wide variety of church apostolates and social justice issues. He is known nationwide for his longtime role as episcopal moderator for Catholic-Jewish relations and also worked to improve relations with Muslims and Orthodox Christians.

But one of his proudest accomplishments in recent years was completion of the \$32 million restoration of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, which was the first Catholic cathedral in the United States when it opened in the early 19th century.

At a morning press conference with Archbishop O'Brien in the historic basilica July 12, Cardinal Keeler said another high point of his tenure in Baltimore was "the wonderful response of so many people who wanted to assist in Catholic school education" through the Partners in Excellence program, which has provided more than 16,500 schol-



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Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, left, and Cardinal William H. Keeler answer questions during a press conference in Baltimore July 12. Archbishop O'Brien, who currently heads the Archdiocese for the Military Services, will be installed as the 15th archbishop of Baltimore Oct. 1. The pope appointed Archbishop O'Brien, 68, to the position after accepting the resignation of 76-year-old Cardinal Keeler.

arships to Catholic schools since 1996.

But he said Archbishop O'Brien would continue to face challenges "making known the benefits of our Catholic schools." More than 35,000 children in prekindergarten to 12th grade attend 86 Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

Archbishop O'Brien said he was told of the papal appointment July 3 and was "bursting" to tell family and friends during the July 4 holiday and the following weekend, but was sworn to secrecy. "The song that was running through my head was, '(Don't) Ask Me No Questions, I'll Tell You No Lies,'" he said. "Luckily, no one asked."

He said he immediately said yes when Msgr. Krebs asked if he accepted the appointment. "I guess that's one thing I take from the military," he said. "When you're given an order, you accept."

But the archbishop's voice broke with emotion as he spoke of the "deep sadness" he felt over leaving the military archdiocese,

which includes 1.5 million Catholics serving in military installations around the world or at Veterans Affairs hospitals in the United States.

He called members of the U.S. military "a shining example of generosity" and said the approximately 300 Catholic priests in uniform were "a sterling example of the priesthood and a splendid credit to the Catholic Church."

"I love the military. It has taught me so much," said Archbishop O'Brien, who earned the rank of captain while serving as a chaplain in the Army from 1970 to 1973. "I hope to bring some of the gifts I've gained as a result of that to the Archdiocese of Baltimore."

Cardinal Keeler deflected most of the attention at the press conference to Archbishop O'Brien, but did respond to a question about how he felt about the pope's acceptance of his resignation, submitted when he turned 75 in March of last year.

"I'm grateful," he said. "It's about time."

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love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

"Only Christ can fulfill the most intimate aspirations of the human heart; he alone is capable of humanizing humanity and leading it to its divinization," the pope said.

Pope Benedict told young people he knows some people suspect Christians of intolerance when they try to share the good news of Christ with those who do not believe, but sharing the Gospel is not the same as trying to impose a faith on others.

The world needs young people who have allowed the love of Christ into their lives and are ready to respond to God's call to share that love with others, he said.

The pope asked the young people to commit

their lives to sharing "the truth of Christ, to respond with love to the hatred and disdain for life; to proclaim the hope of the risen Christ in every corner of the world."

"Be holy. Be missionaries," he said.

Pope Benedict told the young people that the most carefully planned and efficiently executed programs will not bring people to Christ; a missionary outreach requires prayer, active participation in a Christian community and personally sharing God's love with others.

"The effectiveness of mission also presupposes that the community is united, that all have one heart and one soul, and that they are ready to witness to the love and joy that the Holy Spirit infuses in the hearts of the faith-

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ful," he said.

In the final year of preparation for World Youth Day 2008, Pope Benedict asked young people to learn about the Holy Spirit and to trust that God has sent the Spirit into their hearts to fill them with love, joy and strength.

Fund raising is under way with young adults from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who wish to attend World Youth Day activities in Australia. The Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry will have a table with informa-

tion in the exhibition area of the Joyce Center at the Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 18.

# Panel at Notre Dame promotes Natural Family Planning

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — A member of the Pontifical Academy for Life was one of two speakers at a July 15 program at the University of Notre Dame on the topic of Natural Family Planning (NFP). NFP teaches couples to identify the fertile days in a woman's cycle so that the couple can avoid or achieve pregnancy.

Dr. Maria del Pilar Calva Mercado of Mexico is a physician who teaches genetics and bioethics at the university level. She also serves on the Commission for the Family for the Bioethics Council of the Mexican Episcopal Commission. She and Judith Leonard, director of the Office of Family Life and Natural Family Planning for the Diocese of Wichita, had been on a trip to teach NFP in the Diocese of Gaylord, Mich., and in Chicago for the Missionaries of Charity. The women accepted an invitation to include a South Bend visit at the end of their week-long trip.

Mercedes Arzú Wilson, president of the Family of the Americas Foundation, also had participated in the week of NFP instruction with the two women, but could not join the Notre Dame program because of illness in her family.

Dr. Calva Mercado talked about the relationship between bioethics, NFP and contraception. She said that faulty bioethics bases decisions on the central value of freedom, and thus anything that is a free choice is determined to be correct. Another faulty kind of bioethics considers anything that advances science to be acceptable.

She criticized those faulty points of view because "The dignity of the individual is reduced to extrinsic: The person is valued according to what she has, not because she's a person." This kind of reasoning makes people argue that it is acceptable to abort an unborn child who may have abnormalities because her birth would make her parents and society suffer, Dr. Calva Mercado said.

In deciding a correct course of action, she continued, a person must determine not just whether a means is efficient, but more importantly, whether it respects the dignity of the person and natural law. NFP not only provides efficient family planning without side effects, she explained, it also is ethical because it respects both the unitive and procreative purposes of marriage.

The contraceptive culture began in 1960s, she continued, because of the erroneous theory that contraception would reduce the rate of both abortion and divorce. This goal was laudable, but the means incorrect, she said. Because the unitive and procreative aspects of sexual union were separated by contraceptive use, the result has been increases in divorce and abortion, as well as an increased rate of infidelity and sexually-transmitted disease.

Furthermore, this philosophy has made acceptable and even commonplace the creation of new human life in a laboratory, with the human embryo being treated like a mere commodity, Dr. Calva

Mercado said.

Judith Leonard, who has taught NFP for over 20 years and has directed NFP for the Diocese of Wichita since 2000, reported on a test market study in her diocese to see if people wanted to learn NFP and would come to a class. The tagline for the campaign was: "99% effective. 100% natural. Your body knows.™"

A publicity campaign created for the study included print, radio, television and billboards, and it nearly quadrupled the number of calls inquiring about NFP, Leonard reported. About 12 percent of the callers were men, and most callers indicated an interest in NFP for a healthier lifestyle and concern about the side effects of hormone birth control pills.

A connected survey found that 97 percent of the people contacted were aware of some kind of family planning, 68 percent aware of natural alternatives and 20 percent aware of NFP. However, half of those who were aware of natural methods tended to think of NFP merely as calendar rhythm, and only about 10

percent of them were aware of the newer, more effective Ovulation, Temperature and Sympto-Thermal NFP methods.

About half of those surveyed were interested in learning more about the new natural methods, and over one-third found NFP appealing, leading Leonard to conclude that interest in NFP will grow as more people learn about its benefits and come to realize that the newer methods are 99 percent effective.

Leonard encourages other dioceses to use the publicity campaign developed for Wichita. She may be contacted about that possibility at (316) 685-6776, or msjudy@nfpwchita.org.

## The July 15 program at Notre Dame

was sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Natural Family Planning Program of St. Joseph County and Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture.

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exhibits supreme reverence, a quality he would like to see more often in the practice of the English Mass.

Father Larry Kramer says that the church could benefit from greater usage of Latin in general.

"It is regrettable that Latin has become unpronounceable to our choirs," he notes. "That was never intended."

"I love Latin," says Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, but he notes that, as a priest born after the Second Vatican Council, the Tridentine Mass is not part of his experience as a Catholic. "I have no yearning or longing to learn how to celebrate it. I find the novus ordo Mass perfectly acceptable."

Father Mark Gurtner says that what he finds disappointing about the document on the Tridentine Mass is how it is being depicted in the media as Pope Benedict rolling back the reforms of Vatican II.

"There is absolutely no ideological agenda from the pope by doing that," Father Gurtner insists. "His reason for doing this is strictly for reconciliation."

The reconciliation to which Father Gurtner refers is twofold. First is reconciliation between traditionalist Catholics and the rest of the church, affirming that there are different ways to express the liturgy. Second is reconciliation between the Catholic Church and the Society of St. Pius X, the schismatic group that broke away from the church in opposition to the reforms of Vatican II.

It is the outreach to the Society of St. Pius X that Father Gurtner suspects is behind the publication of the other document on the nature of the church.

"They have some theological problems with the church seeming

to be so open to other Christian denominations and so forth," notes Father Gurtner. "So I see the documents as related."

But it isn't the relationship to the Society of St. Pius X that received media attention in the wake of the document. It was expressions of confusion and hurt from Protestants and other Christian groups amid headlines that the pope had said they "weren't real churches" and that the Catholic Church was the "one true church."

"It doesn't seem to me that it's saying anything differently than what Vatican II said," Father Heintz says of the document. "It's defining church in a very precise way, and perhaps that what the media people have played up. But it's certainly not to suggest that there's no salvation outside the Catholic Church for anybody or that they're all somehow in darkness outside of Catholicism."

The document says simply that the closest to what Christ intended is found in the Roman Catholic Church.

"If I were to say that isn't the case, then I'd be a fool to be a Catholic," Father Heintz adds. "I don't think it was meant to be insensitive to non-Catholics, but it does show the ground we have to cover, quite honestly, in terms of ecumenism. We can't pretend that those different divisions aren't serious and significant."

Father Bruce Piechocki says a statement such as this is meant to promote not just a feel-good dialogue, but an honest dialogue.

"We are coming to the dialogue with this understanding," he says. "And I know it's hoped that the other Christian groups that are coming into these various ecumenical dialogues will also come to the table with their understandings of themselves, not because we want to squabble and fight, but so that we can start from the truth and we can work towards a growth to a greater understanding of the truth."

## Musicians gather to reflect on their ministry, worship together

BY SEAN GALLAGHER

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Nearly 3,000 liturgical musicians from across the country gathered in Indianapolis July 9-13 to improve the skills of their craft, ponder the relationship of their ministry to the broader life of the church and grow in their life of faith through concerts and common worship.

The event was the 30th annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, commonly known as the NPM.

Many of the people who traveled to Indianapolis have been involved in pastoral music for decades.

One of them was Steven Warner. He has ministered in liturgical music at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana for more than 25 years, most notably as the leader of its folk choir.

On the convention's first day, Warner, in a keynote address, invited his vast audience to consider how they, through their music ministry, will lead "generations yet to come" to an encounter with Christ, which he said can occur in a "life-giving song."

One way that he suggested pastoral musicians do this is to deliberately focus on Christ in their ministry.

"We must tell the story of Christ," Warner said. "The song we pass along to future generations must not be about us. It must point to someone else: the person of Jesus Christ."

Warner acknowledged that this is a challenge in a culture that, with its high value on celebrities, often puts more focus on the messenger rather than the message.

"Do our musicians know that they need to be icons, so that

members of the assembly can see the face of Christ — not the face of a performer — calling them to prayer?" Warner asked his audience. "This aspect of pointing beyond ourselves is a critical part of the song we need to leave the next generation."

His effort to form the next generation of pastoral musicians was displayed the following night in a concert of the Notre Dame Folk Choir at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Warner's work was not only demonstrated through the young adults' musical performance, which was taken in by nearly 1,000 people who filled the cathedral. It also came through the comments of two young men from the Indianapolis Archdiocese who are members of the choir.

A member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, Geoffrey Mooney will be a junior next year at Notre Dame, majoring in mathematics and theology.

"(Being in the choir) just helped me grow closer to Christ and also helped me figure out what I want to do with my life," he told *The Criterion*, newspaper of the Indianapolis Archdiocese. "Hearing all of the stories from previous choir members and people that are in the choir right now, I think I do want to do something service-related after I finish at the university."

In between songs during the concert, Warner acknowledged the many parish music directors in attendance who helped shape the musical skills of his choir members.

One of those was Susie Naville, coordinator of music ministry at St. Mary Parish in Navilleton.

While Mooney was a student at Our Lady of Providence

Junior/Senior High School in Clarksville, Naville volunteered to organize liturgies and liturgical music at the school.

"I know that when he (Mooney) gets out of college, wherever God takes him, he's going to remember that (music) ... and he's going to do that at whatever parish he's at," she said.

Mike Deer graduated from Notre Dame in 1991 and was in the folk choir during his senior year. A lifelong member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, he has put his talents — honed in the choir — to use in the parish's service for the past 16 years.

As a member, the choir "just touched my heart and (has) given me a gift that I really can't put into words," said Deer, who sang with the choir at the concert. "It's just something that I'll always have with me."

The music that the choir sang was diverse. It included traditional hymnody and a contemporary setting of a poem by Cardinal John Henry Newman, as well as songs inspired by Hispanic and African musical traditions.

Under Warner's direction, the choir seeks to foster unity among the faithful's diverse musical traditions.

"As much as possible, I wish to alienate no one," Warner said. "The song from the loft should be the leaven for the song from the pew."

"Young and old, left and right, traditional and contemporary — we consciously strive to become one as we sing the mystery," he said.

# President, Lady Bird Johnson had long association with Catholics

BY KAITLYNN RIELY

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Lady Bird Johnson, an Episcopalian, died just after a Catholic priest finished reciting the litany of the saints with her family at her bedside in Austin, Texas.

This ecumenical interaction July 11 was not unusual for the former first lady or for her husband, former President Lyndon B. Johnson, a member of the Disciples of Christ.

Their closest Catholic relationship was with their daughter, Luci Baines Johnson Turpin. It was Turpin who called Paulist Father Robert Scott, a senior minister at St. Austin's Parish in Austin, Texas, and at the University of Texas Catholic Center, to come to the LBJ Ranch when it became clear her mother was close to death.

In an interview with Catholic News Service July 12, Father Scott said he has known Turpin and her family for 25 years. He said Johnson attended every first Communion, confirmation and graduation for her Catholic grandchildren. And when Turpin's daughter, Nicole Nugent, was preparing for her confirmation, Johnson invited the whole class out to the LBJ Ranch for a retreat.

In the shock and confusion following the assassination of the nation's first and only Catholic president, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson took the oath of office as chief executive Nov. 22, 1963, placing his hand on a Catholic Bible aboard Air Force One. Johnson asked for God's help in performing his duties in his first public statement follow-



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**The Rev. Richard Elwood addresses family and friends at a private burial for former U.S. first lady Lady Bird Johnson in Stonewall, Texas, July 15. Johnson died in Austin, Texas, July 11 at the age of 94.**

ing his swearing in.

Like Kennedy before him, Johnson seemed to be popular among Catholics. A Gallup Poll in 1963 said nine out of 10 Catholics questioned said they would vote for President Johnson, a Democrat, over Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater in a presidential election.

National Catholic News Service coverage of Johnson's association with Catholics dates back to his vice presidency, when he met with Pope John XXIII.

NCNS, the precursor to CNS, enthusiastically followed Luci Johnson's conversion to Catholicism at age 18, a decision her mother praised as sincere and serious.

Luci's marriage to Patrick John Nugent in 1966 was widely covered, as she was the first daughter of a president to marry in a Catholic church. Her marriage at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception also marked the first time a president had visited the church. (The

national shrine was named a basilica in 1990.)

The Nugents, who had four children, divorced after 13 years of marriage. The marriage was annulled in 1979. Now 60, Luci has been married to Canadian financier Ian Turpin since 1984. Her sister, Lynda Bird, 63, is married to Charles S. Robb, a former Virginia governor and U.S. senator.

According to the 1982 book "The Politician: The Life and Times of Lyndon Johnson" by Ronnie Dugger, daughter Luci encouraged her father to pray to her "little monks" at St. Dominic Church in Washington when he was worried about the progress of the war in Vietnam.

President Johnson was known for making nocturnal visits to Washington area churches, such

as St. Dominic, during his presidency. He also occasionally attended Mass at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Stonewall, Texas, when he was at his ranch. He would typically attend a second, Protestant service on the same day, NCNS reported.

Dugger said that Johnson, who had a close relationship with Baptist evangelist the Rev. Billy Graham, prayed about a dozen times a day. At a prayer breakfast in 1968, Johnson said, "America never stands taller than when her people go to their knees." On several occasions during his presidency, Johnson established national days of prayer for causes such as peace and racial harmony.

When President Johnson met with Pope Paul VI, he asked him to pray for U.S. efforts for world peace. The pope did so, and also prayed for the U.S. leader's quick recovery after his 1965 gall bladder operation.

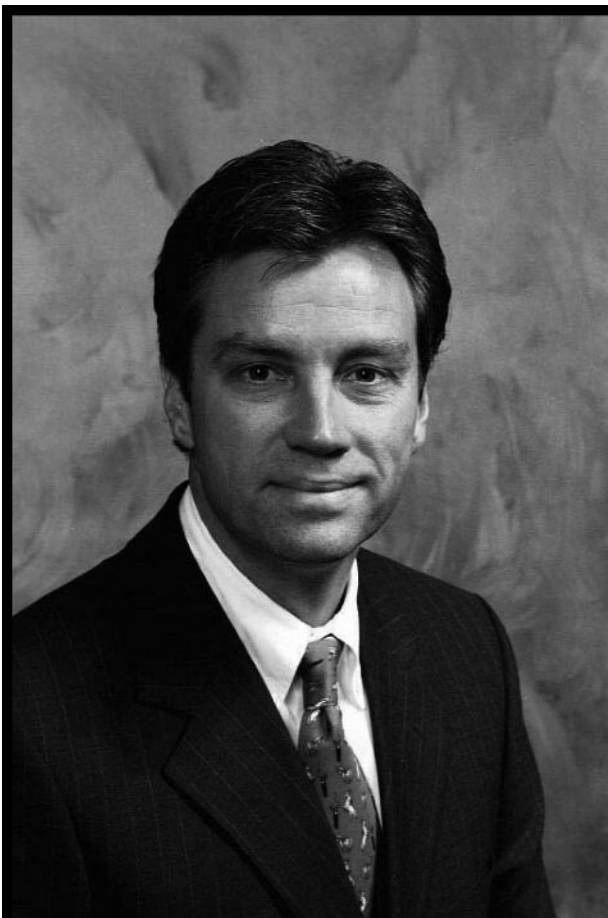
When he died, several Catholic leaders spoke highly of the former president.

NCNS ran a story Jan. 23, 1973, the day following Johnson's death, that included quotes from Cardinal John J. Krol of Philadelphia.

Cardinal Krol, then president of what is now called the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called Johnson a "dedicated American whose leadership of our country, in years of conflict and controversy, manifested his deeply held personal commitment to the well-being of our nation and to the achievement of human rights."

Upon hearing of Lady Bird Johnson's death, Austin Bishop Gregory M. Aymond honored the lifelong environmentalist by saying she was "truly a Texas treasure."

"She found and spread God's beauty in the simplicity of wildflowers and nature," he said. "In faith, we trust she is resting in comfort in the Lord's garden."



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# Beloved Goshen deacon, Art Bleau, dies

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Deacon N. Arthur "Deacon Art" Bleau, 80, of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen died in his sleep at his residence on July 10. Deacon Bleau recently celebrated his 80th birthday and continued to serve as deacon until his last days, serving at Mass on the Sunday before his death.

Born on May 14, 1927 in Burlington, Vt., to Juan T. Bleau and Benigna (St. John) Bleau, he moved to Maine where he met and married his 'beloved Vickie' Vivian A. (Levesque) on Sept. 9, 1950 in Brunswick. The couple had three children: a son, David, who preceded him in death, a son Mark of Wilmington, Ohio and a daughter, Geri Ann Eash of St. Charles, Ill. Vickie preceded her husband in death June 29, 2004. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy and was discharged in 1946.

Bleau graduated from the University of Maine in 1950 with a degree in parks and recreation, history and English. He worked for the parks and recreation departments in Brunswick, Maine, Gloversville, N.Y., Westbury, N.Y., Onkers, N.Y., Westport, Conn., and director of parks and recreation in Goshen, retiring from that position in 1992.

Bleau often told the story of what clinched his decision to move to the Goshen area in 1978. A Goshen attorney, Gordon Lord, was on the parks and recreation board at that time. When Bleau received a message stating, "Call Lord back," he said he knew that was a sign he should come to Goshen.

Deacon Art was ordained June 11, 1983 to the diaconate of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Several fellow deacons who attended the class with him were present at his funeral, which was held Saturday, June 14, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen. Deacon Bleau also served on committees with the diocesan Office of Worship.

Deacon Bleau was a 4th-Degree Knight, trained the eucharistic ministers and, with his wife, was responsible for starting a Monday evening prayer group and Bible study 20 years ago at St. John the Evangelist.

Longtime member of that group Patricia Turco spoke of Deacon Bleau: "He was a very special man. He always had a smile on his face and was always ready to listen."

Harold and Joan Wakefield were longtime friends with the deacon and his late wife and shared many memories. Joan said

she would miss Deacon Bleau's "great big bear hugs, because sometimes you needed one."

Harold said Deacon Bleau had a lot of respect for the priest who trained him to be a deacon. He said of Deacon Bleau, "He was an individual who lived, rather than just preached his faith."

Father Ed Krason came to know Deacon Bleau when he became pastor of St. John's in 1990. Krason retired in 1999, but the two men continued their friendship, meeting for lunch when the opportunity presented itself. Father Krason said, "In those nine years he was my guardian angel so to speak ... he had a way about him, he was a good listener and was always available to do whatever I asked of him. He was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor. I admired his spirituality and the prayer life he led."

Parish secretary Veronica Gouker said of Deacon Bleau, "I just adored him. I feel like so many of us were so blessed that God put him in our path to show us how to live our faith. He was an inspiration and he carried his cross so bravely and with such grace and dignity," she said. "He was a servant in every way, a living saint, we were totally in his prayers and he taught us how important it is to live a prayerful life. 'Pray, pray, pray', he'd say. We don't know how our prayers were answered because he was praying for us."

Father John Delaney, pastor of St. John's from 1999-2006, described Deacon Bleau as "a gentle man who was, above all else, kind to people. He was immensely devoted to his beloved wife and closest friend, Vickie."

Father Delaney also spoke of the deacon's great love for his children and said though Deacon Bleau was very easygoing; he could be firm in matters of importance. "Art did not compromise his personal beliefs, most especially on matters of church teaching. Art was one who deeply believed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and is probably one of the most ardent believers I knew in turning to the Holy Spirit in prayer and asking for the guidance of the Spirit in important matters."

"In so far as his own personal gifts of the Spirit, he certainly was a man with a healing touch. He brought so much comfort to so many people at some of the most difficult moments, just by his being with them and truly caring.

His sincerity in his caring could never be mistaken," Father Delaney added.

At Sunday Mass following the funeral, Father Christopher Smith, pastor, had a tribute that was read in place of the homily that Deacon Bleau was scheduled to give that day.

"Our parish family has been blessed for many years with the fatherly care, love, and devotion of a simple yet exceedingly holy man, Deacon Art Bleau. Deacon Art has been a constant at St.

John's since 1978, and I believe that we are a better parish because of his steady, quiet presence. He was truly a man of deep prayer and one need only to spend a little time with him to sense his close relationship with God."

Father Smith said he reflected on the words of the Gospel, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

"The words of the greatest commandment seemed to jump out at me as I reflected on what Deacon Art has meant to me and for our parish and at the risk of offending the deacon's humility, I cannot help but feel that he has modeled this for us all. I think that

it would be impossible in talking with him to not feel his great love of God, everything in his life was a reflection of his relationship with the almighty," Father Smith said. "One would only need to receive one of his great bear hugs and see the twinkle in his eye to know that Deacon Art loved his neighbor."

Deacon Bleau will be laid to rest at Long Island National Cemetery, Pine Lawn, N.Y. Memorial contributions may be made to the Retirement Fund for the Religious, c/o St. John the Evangelist Church.

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## New York Archdiocese says pope to address U.N. next spring

NEW YORK (CNS) — The Archdiocese of New York said it was delighted that Pope Benedict XVI “will be addressing the United Nations here in New York this coming spring.” A statement issued July 16 by Joseph Zwilling, New York archdiocesan communications director, was apparently the first official indication that such a visit would take place in the spring. Earlier reports only had the pope possibly coming sometime next year. Zwilling told Catholic News Service July 16 that unnamed sources said the pope would be visiting in the spring instead of late September, when the new session of the U.N. General Assembly opens, because of next year’s presidential elections. The mid-July news reports on the possible papal trip to New York were triggered by comments by the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi. He told reporters in Lorenzago di Cadore, Italy, where the pope was vacationing in July, that in addition to the planned papal trip to Australia next summer for World Youth Day, the Vatican also is looking at other possible trips next year, including a U.N. visit.

## Archdiocese reaches agreement with more than 500 abuse claimants

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — The Los Angeles Archdiocese July 15 announced the largest church settlement of sexual abuse lawsuits to date, agreeing to pay more than 500 alleged victims a total of \$660 million. Before noon the next day, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Haley Fromholz had approved the settlement, calling it “the right result.” He said settling the cases was “the right thing to do.” Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony again offered his personal apology to every victim of sexual abuse by a priest, religious, deacon or layperson in the archdiocese. “It is the shared hope of everyone in our local church that these victims, many of whom suffered in silence for decades, may find a measure of healing and some sense of closure with today’s announcement,” he said in a statement July 15. “Although financial compensation in itself is inadequate to make up for the harm done to the victims and their families, still this compensation does provide a meaningful outreach to assist the victims to rebuild their lives and to move forward,” he said.

## Cardinal wants Vatican to reveal Chinese bishops united with Holy See

HONG KONG (CNS) — The Vatican should consider disclosing the names of Chinese bishops who are in communion with the Holy See, said Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kiun of Hong Kong. “The names of those Chinese bishops in communion with the pope could not be too open in the past; otherwise, they would be imprisoned,” the cardinal

# NEWS BRIEFS

## SERVICE HELD AT CRASH SITE IN SAO PAULO



CNS PHOTO/RICKEY ROGERS, REUTERS

An airplane takes off above a group of priests and clergy of different religions as they hold a July 20 ecumenical service in memory of the victims of the TAM Airlines flight that crashed in Sao Paulo, Brazil, July 17. The service was held near the crash site where as many as 200 people were killed.

said at a July 16 meeting with about 200 Hong Kong Catholics. “Now, the Vatican should consider disclosing their names.” The cardinal was meeting with the group to promote Pope Benedict XVI’s June 30 letter to Catholics in mainland China. The letter established new guidelines to favor cooperation between clandestine Catholic communities and those officially registered with the Chinese government. In the past, some clandestine Catholics were hesitant to participate in sacraments or Masses with bishops registered with the government, since they did not know if those bishops were in communion with the Holy See. Cardinal Zen said fewer than 10 Chinese bishops were not in communion with the Holy See.

## Families, human rights report tell stories behind deportations

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Children wearing T-shirts reading “Born in the USA, Don’t take my mommy, daddy away” talked knowledgeably about deportation to reporters on the plaza at the Supreme Court July 17, explaining what happens when family members are sent away to another country. The same day, Human Rights Watch issued a report estimating that 1.6 million children and adults, including perhaps 540,000 U.S. citizens, have had a family member deported since a 1996 law reclassified many minor crimes as deportable offenses and eliminated judicial discretion in waiving the penalty. Others at the event urged Congress to pass legislation such as the Child Citizen Protection Act, which would give immigration judges more discretion in deciding when deportation is not in the best

interests of children who are U.S. citizens. They also asked the Bush administration to stop immigration raids and deportations. The Supreme Court and the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights both have pending cases about the rights of U.S. citizen children of immigrants who are in deportation proceedings.

## Polish priest faces possible jail time after controversial remarks

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — A Redemptorist priest who runs Poland’s largest Catholic broadcast agency faces possible jail time after describing Polish President Lech Kaczynski as “a crook subservient to the Jewish lobby.” Prosecutors in Torun, where Radio Maryja is based, said they would consider charges against Father Tadeusz Rydzek under a criminal code clause calling for three years in jail for insulting the head of state. The priest denied making the remarks and insisted he was the victim of “another provocation.” The Redemptorist province in Warsaw said July 9 it had set up a team to make a “proper analysis of the existing situation” after the *Wprost* weekly published a transcript of Father Rydzek’s alleged statement to a student meeting, during which he also called Poland’s first lady, Maria, a “witch.” The British news agency Reuters reported July 10 that the priest is heard on a tape of the meeting criticizing the president, his brother and his wife for supporting limited abortion rights. “The first lady with this euthanasia. ... You witch, I’ll let you have it. If you want to kill people, do it to yourself first,” Reuters reported the priest as saying on the tape.

Kaczynski urged the church July 10 to take action against Father Rydzek, saying insults aimed at Poland’s leaders were a matter of government-church relations, reported Reuters.

## Pontifical College Josephinum establishes institute for diaconate

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CNS) — The Pontifical College Josephinum, the only pontifical seminary in North America, has announced the establishment of the Institute for the Formation and Ministry of the Permanent Diaconate at its campus in Columbus. Father Christopher J. Schreck was named the founding executive director of the institute. Ordained in 1977 for the Diocese of Savannah, Ga., Father Schreck served as vice rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia from 2002 to 2004 and before that was vice rector for educational administration from 1996 to 2002. Since then he has been a distinguished professor of sacred Scripture there. His programs and retreats for deacons have been popular for many years. The Josephinum also will introduce a distance-learning program in September, which was developed in cooperation with the National Association of Diaconate Directors.

## Pope appoints Bishop Zubik of Green Bay to head Pittsburgh Diocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop David A. Zubik of Green Bay, Wis., to head the Diocese of Pittsburgh, where he once was an auxiliary bishop. The appointment was

announced in Washington July 18 by Msgr. Martin Krebs, charge d’affaires of the Vatican nunciature. Auxiliary Bishop Paul J. Bradley has been administrator of the Pittsburgh Diocese since June 2006. He was elected to the post after then-Bishop Donald W. Wuerl was installed to head the Washington Archdiocese. “I was truly honored to serve the wonderful people of Green Bay,” Bishop Zubik said in a statement. “Green Bay became my new home. Now Pittsburgh is my home again,” he said. “I love the church of Pittsburgh. I love being a part of the presbyterate of Pittsburgh once again. I love the people of Pittsburgh. It is a wonderful church — very much alive in Christ.”

## Catholics to celebrate feast of St. Patrick two days earlier in 2008

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — Catholics worldwide will celebrate the feast of St. Patrick two days earlier next year after the Vatican gave permission to move the feast day to avoid a conflict with Holy Week. Traditionally St. Patrick and all things Irish are celebrated March 17. However, in 2008, March 17 falls on the Monday of Holy Week and, according to church law, the days of Holy Week and Easter rank above all others, so the solemnity of St. Patrick must be moved to another date. When the conflict became apparent, officials from the Irish bishops’ conference wrote the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The congregation approved the move earlier this year, but it only was made public in mid-July. A source at the Irish bishops’ conference who did not wish to be named told Catholic News Service that the bishops were “keen to keep a link with the civic celebrations by moving the feast to the nearest Saturday, in this case March 15.”

## Vatican accepts donation to make it first carbon-neutral state

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling for “a new culture, new attitudes and new lifestyles that make people aware of their role as custodians” of the earth, Cardinal Paul Poupard accepted a donation designed to make the Vatican “the world’s first carbon-neutral sovereign state.” The U.S.-based Planktos Inc. and its Hungarian partner, KlimaFa, will designate part of a reforestation project in Hungary as the Vatican Climate Forest. Cardinal Poupard, president of the Pontifical Council for Culture, accepted the gift on behalf of the Vatican in early July. The council and the two companies announced it publicly July 12. In the meantime, Pope Benedict XVI, vacationing in the northern Italian Alps, sent a message to Italian forest rangers celebrating the July 12 feast of St. John Gualberto, their patron saint. “It is an appropriate occasion to express my appreciation and affection for forest rangers, certain that they want their work to be marked by a spirit of service, to be close to the people and to better safeguard natural resources, which are a gift of God for everyone,” said the papal message.

## Lend a HAND to benefit The Franciscan Center

FORT WAYNE — It's time again to lend a HAND on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. In partnership with Star 88.3, The Franciscan Center will be holding its seventh Annual Help A Neighbor Drive, or HAND, to benefit those in need with donations of much needed nonperishable food and personal healthcare items.

"This event has provided a great deal of assistance to our programs over the past six years," explains Sally Ley, founder and CEO of The Franciscan Center, "we are very grateful to the staff and listeners of Star 88.3 for their support of our work on the south side of Fort Wayne. We operate a weekly sack lunch program, a food pantry and a medicine cabinet; with over 1,500 clients every week needing our assistance, this boost from Star 88.3 is immeasurable."

Star 88.3 on-air personalities will be broadcasting live from the following drop sites from 9 a.m. to noon; please note that two of the three sites are new this year:

- Sunrise United Methodist Church, 10125 Illinois Rd.
- St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Rd.
- The Anchor Room Bookstore and Café, 4530 Lahmeyer Rd.

Volunteers will be on hand to help collect donations of food, over-the-counter medicine, paper towels, diapers, toothbrushes, etc. Collection trucks will be provided by Citywide Delivery.

This year the HAND event is also introducing the first annual Youth Group Challenge. The rules are simple: local Youth Groups can start raising cans of food, tubes of toothpaste, rolls of toilet paper, etc. as soon as possible. They then bring their total collection to one of the drop sites (making sure to mark their Youth Group name on each box), and the group with the most items will win an "End of Summer" pizza party.

For more information or to register your Youth Group for the Challenge, please contact Kris at (260) 744-3977 or visit the Web at [www.thefranciscancenter.org](http://www.thefranciscancenter.org).

## Families encouraged to welcome foreign exchange students

SOUTH BEND — Every year a group of foreign teens are welcomed to diocesan high schools to be guests in the High School Foreign Student Exchange.

In partnership with the DMD Private High School Program, Saint Joseph's and Marian high schools have witnessed the success of welcoming foreign teens into their schools for a number of years. A \$350 per month stipend is offered to host families as well.

The foreign students have their own spending money and health insurance and are screened and speak English. The love of a home, a place to sleep and study and meals at home are the primary requirements. All types of families are invited to inquire. Folks with small children to those with high school-age students to families without

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children to retired folks as well are invited to open their home.

As a coordinator of foreign exchange in northern Indiana, Warren Feece offers students and their hosts a wealth of enriching opportunities that educate and introduce the foreign guests to America. Monthly social gatherings, field trips and optional trips to destinations from Washington, D.C., and New York City to California and Hawaii are also offered.

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## Holy Cross College adds teacher education program

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College will add a teacher education program to its growing list of baccalaureate degree options this fall. The new program, which is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) program, will prepare elementary school teachers with a dual license and special focus in English language learning and bilingual education.

The new program will lead to an elementary-level Indiana state teaching license. It is the 41st teacher education program in Indiana to receive state approval.

"There's a lot happening in education right now from a national perspective," says Susan Devetski, Ph.D., chair of the education department at Holy Cross College.

"One of the reasons that I went into higher education was because I was really excited about the changes and working with future teachers to have an even greater impact on children."

True to the college's mission, the new program is dedicated to "serving the increasing population of English as a second language — those in greatest need," says Devetski.

Holy Cross College is now accepting applications for the teacher education program for the fall 2007 semester. For more information, contact Susan Devetski, Ph.D., at [sdevetski@hcc-nd.edu](mailto:sdevetski@hcc-nd.edu) or (574) 239-8355.

## A hot job market for 2007 graduates

NOTRE DAME — A remarkable 88 percent of the University of Notre Dame's class of 2007 graduated with plans in place for employment or further education, according to the annual survey of graduates conducted by the Office of Institutional Research.

The job market has been hot for Notre Dame's new grads, says Lee Svete, director of the Career Center.

"Only 12 percent are still seeking employment. That's the lowest (percentage) in years," he says. "Last year we had 14 percent seeking at this time, the year before that, 18 percent."

Job activity was strong in financial services, health care, consulting

and investment banking, he says. "Technology came roaring back, and advertising, communications and media were strong." Hiring was also up in the field of homeland security.

Starting salaries are up as much as 8-10 percent over last year as well, Svete notes. Engineering graduates received the highest median salary offers at \$57,500, followed by business (\$55,000), science (\$53,000), architecture (\$45,500) and Arts and Letters (\$45,000).

Thirty-five percent of graduates have accepted employment offers, and another 34 percent plan to attend graduate or professional schools, according to Svete. Of those who were surveyed, 17 percent will go on to graduate school or other advanced education; 11 percent will be attending law school, and another 5 percent medical or dental school.

The quality of Notre Dame's graduates is reflected in the high rate of acceptance into graduate and professional programs. In business, 96 percent of grads were accepted into at least one program of their choice, while 92 percent of arts and letters graduates were accepted. Engineering (93 percent) and science (87 percent) also had high acceptance rates.

In addition, about 200 students (11 percent) have chosen to do one or two years of service rather than accepting a job offer. "It's incredible in this economy for 200 students a year to give up a lucrative

career to make a difference in the world or in people's lives," Svete says.

The pace of job activity came as no surprise to Svete — things have been busy at the Career Center all year, with the office handling a record-breaking 4,600 appointments with students and young alumni. The annual Career Fair at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center also broke records, with 171 employers and 375 recruiters attending.

## Joseph Moorman to perform at Sacred Heart

WARSAW — Joseph C. Moorman returns from New Zealand to present "Songs of Praise and Devotion," a benefit concert for World Youth Day pilgrims from Sacred Heart, Warsaw, on Sunday Aug. 5, at 2 p.m.

Moorman has been performing professionally since 1985, doing concert, light opera and musical theater throughout the world. His recordings have made their way into homes in each of the U.S. states, and across each of the seven continents.

As part of the concert, songs may be purchased as a tribute to a loved one, living or deceased. A short tribute will be read by Moorman before each song is sung. The song list includes "Humbly We Adore Thee," "The Lord's Prayer," "Mary's Little Boy Child," "Tys Maria Nasa Radost," "St. Joseph's Lullaby," "Immaculate Mary," "The Virgin's Slumber Song," "Gloria," "Be Not Afraid," "On Eagle's Wings," "You Raise Me Up," "O Sanctissima," Schubert's "Ave Maria," "Panis Angelicus," "Prayer of St. Francis," "Shepherd Me, O God," "Via Dolorosa," "You Are Mine" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." To reserve a song contact Ida List (574) 376-0046.

A freewill offering will be taken up during the concert. Intermission will feature refreshments and many silent auction items will be available for bidding on. Proceeds from the event will help offset the costs of pilgrims attending World Youth Day in Australia in 2008.

## Serrans to announce 60th anniversary plans

SOUTH BEND — Plans for a special observance of the 60th anniversary in 2008 of the Serra Club of South Bend will be announced at the annual reception for priests, religious brothers and sisters on Sunday, July 29, at the Ave Maria Council on South Ironwood Drive.

The club has issued an open invitation to all priests and their associates as well as deacons, seminarians, religious brothers and sisters in the South Bend area.

President Ronald Moser, a deacon at St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka, said, "Serra's focus is on fostering religious vocations, which is the goal of all Serra clubs in the United States. We also have a dedicated program of daily prayer for vocations as well as attracting new members for Serra."

The South Bend Serra Club was the first to be chartered in Indiana. Today there are nine Serra clubs in the state, including the two largest in South Bend and Fort Wayne.

— EJD

# St. Joseph Community Health Foundation announces \$541,949 in local grants

FORT WAYNE — The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, operated by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, announces \$541,949 in grants to local organizations to improve health and health care access for the low-income, underinsured and uninsured in Allen County.

The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation was re-organized as an independent Foundation in 1998 with proceeds from the sale of St. Joseph Medical Center to maintain the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ 139-year commitment to help everyone in the Allen County Community access quality medical care.

## Unrestricted funds

- AIDS Task Force \$9,000
- Allen County Council on Aging \$25,000
- Allen County Department of Health \$55,195
- Allen County Department of Health \$4,500
- Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc. \$32,500
- CANI — Community Action of Northeast Indiana, Inc. \$8,500
- Catholic Charities \$25,000
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- Catholic Charities \$15,000
- CTN — Community Transportation Network, Inc. \$40,000
- Easter Seal ARC of Northeast Indiana, Inc. \$20,000
- Fort Wayne African-American Cancer Alliance, Inc. \$27,600
- Fort Wayne Clubhouse, (Carriage House) \$30,000

- Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Ministries \$2,880
- Franciscan Center, Inc. \$1,500
- Healthier Moms and Babies \$15,000
- IPFW — Dental Hygiene Program \$950
- Junior League of Fort Wayne, Inc. \$1,300
- Mental Health America in Allen County \$15,000
- Midwest Alliance for Health Education \$40,000
- Purdue Cooperative Extension Service \$6,114
- Society of St. Vincent DePaul \$25,500
- True Life Choice, Inc. \$10,000
- YMCA/Youth Service Bureau Branch \$5,000
- YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne \$16,000

## Schneider Fellowship:

- Children's Autism Center, Inc. \$2,000
- East Allen Family Resource Center, Inc. \$2,000
- IPFW — Personal & Professional Department \$2,000
- Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home \$2,410

## Burn Care and Prevention Restricted Fund:

- Allen County Juvenile Firesetters Task \$5,000
- Public Safety Foundation of Northeast Indiana, Inc. \$50,000

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- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeast of Indiana \$1,500
- Children's Hope, Inc. \$1,500
- Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, Inc. \$1,500
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## Serrans and Knights partner on dinners, announce activities

SOUTH BEND — Partnerships create success, and many hands make it easy.

A perfect example was the Archbishop John Carroll Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club of South Bend, which collaborated on two spaghetti dinners and raised over \$3,000. More than 300 persons attended the successful fundraising dinner.

The proceeds will help the Knights sponsor Catholic education scholarships and the Serra Club will continue their efforts towards religious vocation programs.

On Sunday, July 29, the Serra Club will sponsor their time honored traditional program to host area priests, religious sisters and brothers and area seminarians with an outing and reception at the Ave Maria Council of the Knights of Columbus on South Ironwood Drive beginning at 2 p.m.

Then on Aug. 18, the Serra Club of South Bend and the Fort Wayne club will participate in the diocesan Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame.

Both clubs will have a combined display of Serra artifacts that will highlight the many programs conducted by the two organizations.

One of them will be a huge wall display of the 19 missions founded on the California coast by Father Junipero Serra, the Franciscan priest after whom the clubs were named. This rare display is the property of the South Bend Serra Club. — EJD

## Santa Maria Knights elect officers, plan roast

SOUTH BEND — South Bend's first and oldest Knights of Columbus Council, known as Santa Maria Council 553, has reelected Kevin Large as its grand knight for the forthcoming year. He along with other elected officers were officially seated July 1.

Large has served in many capacities to lead the council in a spirited program of Catholic activities. He

has also served as Color Corps captain of the Father Nieuwland Assembly, Fourth Degree.

Other officers elected were the following: Robert Zelinski, deputy grand knight; Brian Masterson, treasurer; Joseph Mauck, recorder; John Shanley, warden; Fred Everett, advocate; Jenario Morgan, lecturer; John Ryal, chancellor; Ron Collins and Charles Slomski, guards; Art Leinen, Bob Schultheis and Gerald Patrick, trustees.

Holy Cross Father Charles Lavelly, pastor of St. Augustine Church, will continue to serve as chaplain.

The council was the fifth to be chartered in Indiana on Jan. 6, 1901.

The council's annual family corn and sausage roast will be Aug. 19 at the council headquarters in downtown South Bend. — EJD

## Lehner installed as faithful navigator

SOUTH BEND — John J. Lehner was formally installed as faithful navigator of the 10-council Father Julius A. Nieuwland Assembly, 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus at a colorful installation in the auditorium of the Santa Maria Council.

Lehner was the 43rd navigator of the assembly, which is one of the largest in Indiana. Although the assembly was originally established in 1904 as the South Bend Assembly, it was reorganized in 1943 when it adopted the name of Father Julius Arthur Nieuwland, then the pastor of Sacred Heart Church on West Thomas Street and a professor of organic chemistry at the University of Notre Dame.

Father Charles Herman, associate pastor of Holy Family Church, celebrated the Mass. Indiana Master of the 4th Degree Robert Lynch, of Indianapolis, conducted the installation ceremonies.

Other officers installed were the following: James R. Berger, captain; Stephen Elek, Jr., admiral; Kevin Large, pilot; Raymond Sommer, comptroller; Larry Landy, purser; William C. Wright, scribe; Charles Baumgartner, Jr., Joseph Ortega and William G. Walmsley, sentinels; Thomas Arata, Thomas A. Lesniak and William E. Szajko, trustees. — EJD



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# Sister professes final vows as a Sister of the Holy Cross

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Sister Amy Cavender will never forget July 21, 2007. In the presence of her parents, other family members, friends and members of the Holy Cross family from around the world, she consecrated herself to God forever as a Sister of the Holy Cross at a beautiful liturgy in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame. She made her final commitment to live the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Everyone was moved when at the closing of the ceremony all the professed Sisters of the Holy Cross stood and promised to "live and die" with her.



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

**The congregation applauds Sister Amy, left, after she professes her perpetual vows. Ghanaian sister, Margaret Mary Nimo, serenades her with her drum.**

It wasn't that I was against the idea, but I had never thought about it!"

From that day on she could not stop thinking about it. Finally, she got up enough courage to talk about her desire with a friend who is also a Holy Cross priest. He encouraged her to do some investigating and put her in touch with one of the sisters he knew at Saint Mary's. From that time on, she took advantage of "Come and See" opportunities and got to know the sisters and began a serious process of discernment.

On Aug. 15, 1999, she was welcomed into the candidacy program of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

After her year as a candidate in South Bend, Sister Amy was then a novice for two years in the congregation's novitiate formation program in Los Angeles and made her initial profession in July 2002 in Ventura, Calif. She then spent 20 months in Jinja, Uganda, East Africa, where she taught at the Queen of Apostles Philosophy Centre. After this apostolic experience she returned to Saint Mary's where she is currently an assistant professor of political science at Saint Mary's College.

Sister Amy is grateful to be ministering in an area where there are so many sisters, brothers and priests of Holy Cross. This concept of a Holy Cross family made up of priests, brothers and sisters was a great desire of the congregation's founder, Father Basil Moreau, who will be beatified on Sept. 14, 2007, in Le Mans, France. Sister Amy in her dedication to Holy Cross is a true daughter of Father Moreau.

**The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross** is an international community of women religious located at Saint Mary's in Notre Dame. Founded in 1841 in Le Mans, France, the congregation numbers more than 500 members worldwide and has sisters ministering in the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Uganda, Ghana, Bangladesh and India.

For information go to [www.cscsisters.org](http://www.cscsisters.org).

Sister Amy's journey to Holy Cross is an interesting one. When she began her graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, little did she know she would eventually become a Catholic and a member of a religious community, but God is full of surprises.

Sister Amy was born in Del Rio, Texas. About her religious background, she says, "I was raised as an evangelical Protestant, with no formal denominational affiliation, though my parents were raised in the Reformed Church. I had contact with a number of different churches because we moved frequently during my early childhood, but I never once thought I might one day be a member of the Roman Catholic Church."

That all changed during her undergraduate days at Gustavus Adolphus College, a small Lutheran school in southern Minnesota where she was challenged to own her own Christianity as a young adult.

In her search for a permanent church affiliation and a conviction of Catholicism's intellectual coherence, she discovered in herself a strong attraction to the sacraments and the liturgy. She was open to the spirit and declared, "I was determined to enter the Catholic Church my first year of graduate school. And, as if in confirmation of that choice, the two programs that best suited my interests and offered me the best financial aid packages were Loyola and Notre Dame."

She chose Notre Dame. In her first semester she got involved in the RCIA program and was received into the Catholic Church in April 1991.

Amy enjoyed her life at Notre Dame. She liked her studies, and her work as a teaching assistant was fulfilling, but down deep she still was looking for something more. However, at the time she did not name it as "religious life."

That all changed when a good friend of hers, who was discerning a vocation, invited her to accompany her to a final profession ceremony at Saint Mary's in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. Later her friend asked her if she had ever thought about religious life for herself.

Amy said, "My immediate response was to laugh and say no.



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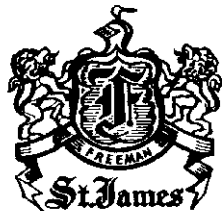
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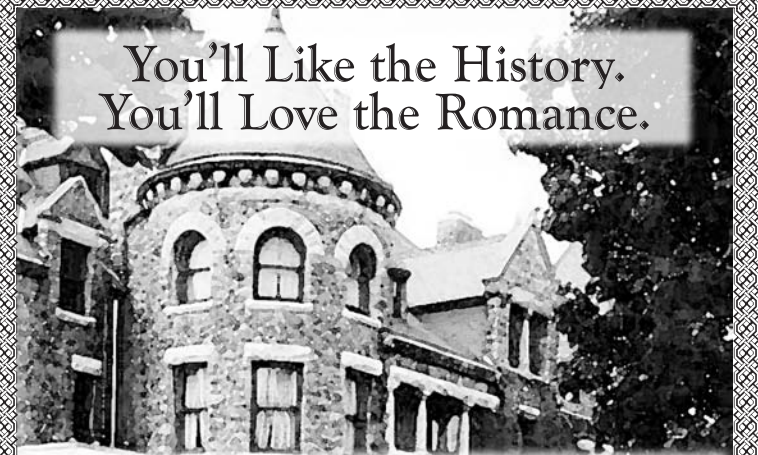
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# A wish fulfilled

She wanted to be just like her Aunt Dorothy, and look what happened ...

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — When Dottie Carpenter was a little girl, she had tremendous admiration for her Aunt Dorothy, who was a generous and caring person who helped others in any way she could. These acts of kindness so influenced Dottie that eventually she began to take food to people's homes and helped others in small ways when the needs arose.

Dottie's frequent visits with her Aunt Dorothy, who was a parishioner at St. Mary's in Fort Wayne, led to Dottie's becoming a volunteer at St. Mary's clothing bank. In reward for her unpaid efforts, Dottie was asked to become director of the clothing bank in 1992.

In the fall of 1993, with the need for winter clothing looming, the unforgettable fire that destroyed St. Mary Church set the future of the clothing bank in another direction.

As all activities at St. Mary's underwent recovery, the clothing bank set up temporary quarters in a basement room a block away from St. Mary's, but after a new church was in place, Father Tom O'Connor announced that the clothing bank would be discontinued.

For Dottie, this news was an unwelcome fallout of the fire. She knew that the needs of her clients would not be discontinued with a sudden announcement.

The search for a new location was difficult and included barriers that conflicted with Dottie's formula for charity, which followed as closely as possible the example of our Savior when he was on

earth — to heal and walk on, to give and forgive, to assist and look for the next need.

Dottie Carpenter sees herself as a "charity broker." What she received was given to her because she knew who needed it, so she saw no need for markup or paperwork, which was held to a minimum. Dottie preferred a handshake or a blessing to a receipt.

The search for a new location led only to more dead ends and then came a call on heaven's hotline. Jean Streicher, from St. Patrick Parish, called with the message that Father Jim Koons was open to the idea of having the clothing bank at St. Patrick's.

Dottie was elated when Father Koons said that she could have the entire first floor of the vacant school. It was everything she wanted; well lighted classrooms, restrooms and plenty of parking.

The clothing bank now became St. Patrick's Closet, assisting an average of 100 families per week that received baby clothing, baby formula, baby beds, books, clothing, household accessories, games, toys and miscellaneous items.

Dottie, with her legion of volunteers, built a Christmas gifts program, which eventually provided presents for nearly 1,000 children.

Although it was known as St. Patrick's Closet, Dottie Carpenter emphasized that most of her volunteers and contributors were from every part of Fort Wayne and some from Ohio and represented a variety of faiths.

After 24 years of helping others, 13 years at St. Mary's and 11 at St. Patrick's, Dottie could no longer be a full-time director of a

mission, which began as a part-time assistant to Aunt Dorothy, so this spring saw things wind down at the closet and concluded with an appreciation banquet for volunteers on June 29.

Odds and ends left at St. Patrick's were given to another local charity, and Dottie announced that she was ready for a long rest, and then added, "but I do think it would be cool to be a volunteer at the Embassy Theater."



MARK WEBER

Dottie Carpenter, a member of St. Mary Parish, Fort Wayne, who has given a quarter century of volunteered service as director of St. Mary's Clothing Bank and St. Patrick's Closet, holds one of the last items left at the Closet, which closed on June 30.



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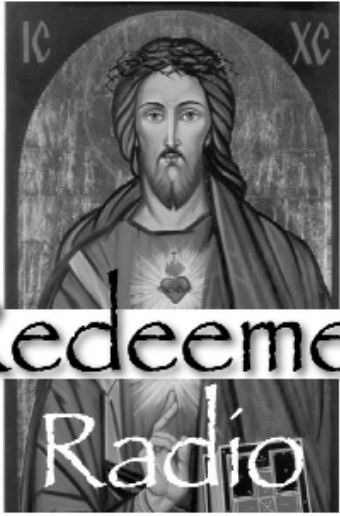
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## There's no place like home at Villa of the Woods

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

FORT WAYNE — No work. No cooking. No cleaning. No laundry. These are just a few of the many benefits of living at Villa of the Woods, a retirement center that developed as one of the many programs of Catholic Charities.

For three residents — Jeanette McArdle, Sandy Rhoades and Nancy Bartlett — the Villa of the Woods has been home for 20 years or more.

You might expect that in 20 years, these three women have seen a lot of changes taking place at the Villa. And they have.

In February 2001, remodeling and an expansion began. Nancy can still remember how excited she was on the day of the groundbreaking. She was part of the "crew" that took the first shovelfuls of dirt out of the ground so the construction could begin.

Nancy took her role very seriously, especially because she was holding one handle of a double-handled shovel, and on the other side was none other than Bishop John M. D'Arcy. Nancy remembers she started shaking a little.

"I was so nervous because bishop was on the other side, but he said it will be all right, Nancy." Together they dug into the ground and scooped out the soil.

The residents were very much the active participants of this construction project. The Villa of the Woods belonged to them and they wanted to oversee things. They became known to the construction workers as "sidewalk supervisors." And the residents even chose the color of paint for their rooms.

When it was all said and done, the facilities had an improved kitchen, a larger patio, a nice activity room, a beautiful lobby and individual bathrooms so that each resident would have a private shower and no longer had to share with the others. This was a definite



JENNIFER MURRAY

Jeanette McArdle, Sandy Rhoades and Nancy Bartlett have resided at Villa of the Woods in Fort Wayne for 20 years. Operated through Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne, Villa of the Woods provides residential housing, meals and planned activities for independent seniors and offers a room and board assistance program.

**One thing that hasn't changed so much in the past 20 years is the staff. Surprisingly, many of the faces that greeted these three women when they first arrived 20 years ago are still there.**

improvement, at least for most of them. Nancy admits to missing the camaraderie that came with sharing the bathroom with the other ladies. But she has adjusted and overall she is very pleased with the changes.

One thing that hasn't changed so much in the past 20 years is the staff. Surprisingly, many of the faces that greeted these three women when they first arrived 20 years ago are still there.

"Employees become part of your family," Nancy said.

It is easy to see how true that is as the residents interact with the administrator, Cheryl Smith, who knows them so well. They have many fond memories of the family picnics and holidays spent with the staff and other residents.

There was an "out of this world" hog roast that Cheryl's

husband put together one year, which is still remembered with happiness.

Of course, residents form strong friendships with each other also. Jeanette and Sandy arrived within one year of each other.

Sandy says, "We are like sisters" and they have been from nearly the beginning. When they are not doing needlepoint and crocheting, they love to walk outside.

The Villa of the Woods is located across from Bishop Luers High School. Within walking distance, they have a park, a library

branch and a shopping center.

Because Villa of the Woods is not a nursing home but a retirement facility, the residents maintain their independence. They take walks on their own whenever they want. They do volunteer work and go to their own churches. They are free to come and go, and yet they know they are not completely alone.

Jeanette likes to know there are people there to help when she needs it, but she loves her independence too. "I can go to my room when I want or come talk to others when I want."



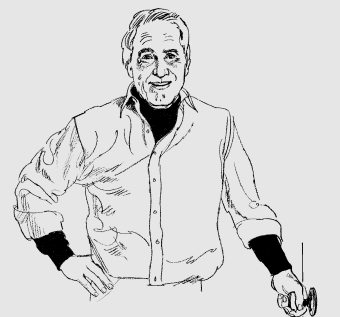
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# Sister Marita Stoffel — carrying on the mission of Francis

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

**SOUTH BEND** — The charism of St. Francis of Assisi is to work with the poor. Sister Marita Stoffel, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, has dedicated her life to promoting justice and eradicating the poverty of being uneducated. At 93, full of energy and spirit, she continues this work by teaching adults; especially those who seek to get their GED or improve their basic reading, writing and math skills.

Sister Marita's education center is located in the old St. Augustine rectory on Thomas Street in South Bend. She can be found there between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Some often question her presence in this rough part of town. To this concern she responds, "One of my students from the neighborhood was murdered, and I had to decide whether or not I was going to be scared." Her decision was that she wasn't. She wants to be where her services are most needed and accessible.

Her story is captivating. Born in Huntington, Sister Marita was the eldest of nine children. Her parents were third order Franciscans and helped serve soup with Venerable Solanus Casey, a Capuchin priest noted for his work with the poor.

"I actually shook his hand," she says proudly.

While very young she was quick to figure out that no black people were allowed to live in Huntington. They could work there, but not stay overnight. This

bothered her immensely. Thus was planted the seed her of life-time quest to fight racism.

Sister Marita entered the Sisters of St. Francis in 1931. When asked what she would like to do for her ministry, she said she wanted to be a cook. Not granted her wish, she was soon sent out to teach. Like so many of her peers at that time, she continued to minister while taking college classes and eventually received her doctorate from Purdue University. Afterwards she landed a position at Marquette University in Milwaukee where she received a government grant to develop a conceptual education program in the public schools.

After eight years in Milwaukee, she came to this area hoping to get her program into the inner city public schools of South Bend. Many stumbling blocks were put in her way so she decided to start her own school. Thus in 1969 was born the Primary Day School. It was a three-year private school for "bright children who failed," for those "written off" by the public schools.

She was offered space, rent free, on the second floor of school building in St. Stephen's Parish. With little or no money and a lot of faith, she began with 30 students she recruited by knocking on doors in the neighborhood. "By November all of them could read," she says with twinkle in her eyes.

One time Bishop Leo Pursley came to see what she was doing and was so impressed by the



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Sister Marita Stoffel, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, is shown with a student at the Center for Learning in South Bend, located at St. Augustine Parish.

progress of the children that he took out his wallet and wrote her a check for \$1,000. She is quick to add, "The diocese has sent me \$1,000 every year since to help support my ministry."

After 15 years of operation, the Primary Day School closed in 1986. The next year she went home to take care of her aging parents, and a year later she was

back in the same neighborhood where she then began her adult education program where she has been ever since. There she has helped many people who would otherwise be trapped in the poverty of illiteracy.

When asked what gives her the most satisfaction in her ministry, she declares, "I want to help people who need help. I don't

want to sit around in a rocking chair all day."

One can be sure that she does not spend much time in a rocking chair. She is too busy doing the Lord's work and helping people improve their lives.

Anyone wishing to help or find out more about her program can call St. Augustine Parish at (574) 234-7082.

## Our Lady of Hungary alumni dedicate legacy walkway

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

**SOUTH BEND** — Tom Mauro wants to help other kids have the same experience he did.

And seemingly some of the best times he had were when he was a student at Our Lady of Hungary (OLH) Catholic School. The 1955 graduate recently traveled from DeWitt, Mich., to help dedicate a Legacy Walkway in front of the church.

Alumni purchased personalized bricks for the walkway and landscaped the area around it. Tassie Jaques, who helped organ-

ize the a new OLH Alumni Association as well as the walkway, said the group is still tallying how much it raised from this latest fund raiser.

Our Lady of Hungary Catholic School alumni can't forget the past.

"We want to give back what they gave to us," said Gail Laskowski, a member of the OLH Alumni Association committee.

Last year OLH graduates organized a reunion at the school for several graduating classes. When all was said and done, more than 600 alumni attended,

according to Jaques, who helped organize the event and is a member of the alumni committee.

"After the turnout at the reunion, we decided to keep it going and keep all the connections," said Kristi Richard, another member of the alumni committee.

And while keeping those connections is important to them, it's paramount, they said, to support the school and parish in a tangible way, which is why they decided to form the OLH Alumni Association.

The reunion raised more than \$6,000 for the school last year,



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Father Lawrence Teteh, CSSp, pastor of Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, blesses the Legacy Walkway at the church, donated by the Our Lady of Hungary Alumni Association.

according to the OLH Web site.

And along with the Legacy Walkway fund raiser and future fund raisers, the alumni association hopes to help the OLH congregation keep the school and parish around for a long while.

"This is a way to remember the past and the future," Laskowski said of the Legacy Walkway.

Jaques said while the alumni association will benefit both the parish and the school, their main

focus is the school.

"It has an enrollment of about 100, but the association has given the school a shot in the arm," Jaques said.

Richard added that enrollment is now growing.

She said Bishop John M. D'Arcy saw the turnout last year for the reunion and was impressed and supportive. Worries that the school might close gave alumni motivation to help out.

Tom Mauro said, he wouldn't have missed the Legacy Walkway dedication, even if he did have to travel over 170 miles to get to South Bend.

A high school teacher for 35 years and now retired for seven, Mauro said of all the places he taught, students at OLH not only learned tangible ABCs, but they also learned something else.

"I had polio," Mauro explained, who bought five bricks for the Legacy Walk for various family members. "And they never let me know I was a cripple. I made something of myself because of the love of the parish."

He added later, "If I can help other kids have the same kind of experience I did, it will be worth it."

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# Back-to-school

## Diocesan Catholic schools 'Light the Way' through faith and knowledge

BY FATHER STEPHEN KEMPINGER, CSC

The summer vacation for our students is quickly coming to an end. Back to school sales are in full swing. On behalf of the over 1,000 teacher and administrators, we welcome you to the 2007-2008 school year.

It is truly our honor to assist you in teaching your children and above all sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ. This year our theme is "Light the Way." As our students learn about Christ, they truly "light the way" with their faith and knowledge that are developed in our schools.

It is always good to review who we are and how our schools make a difference in our diocese. Last year 13,186 students were enrolled in our 44 schools, which ranks us 15 among the 300 school districts in Indiana. Our schools represent multiple cultures: 88 percent white, 5 percent Hispanic, 3 percent multiracial, 2 percent black and 2 percent Asian. Eleven percent of our students qualify for the federal free-reduced lunch program and textbook assistance from the state. Many of our students receive some form of assistance in tuition from their parishes or the diocese.

For the past six years, the new word in education has been accountability. More than ever schools are under the microscope on how they are improving. All of our schools are accredited through the state and have to follow the same legal standards of all other schools. Part of those legal standards is participating in

the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP). Our students continue to perform better than the state average. Last year 83 percent of our students passed both the English/language arts and mathematics tests. The state average is 64 percent.

No Child Left Behind, the federal law that was passed in 2001, requires schools to focus on improvement and mandates that all schools strive to reach 100 percent on state exams by 2014. Every year schools are placed into categories on how they are improving. Our schools continue to "Light the Way." Last year 33 of our schools out of 44 received the highest rating of "exemplary" improvement. This is a reflection of students, teachers and parents working hard to strive for the best that our schools offer.

These statistics are very important for the diocese. Some would say that we as Catholic schools receive no government money, this is false. Each year we receive funds from both the state and federal No Child Left Behind funds. Even though they are a fraction of what public schools receive, they are very important to our programs for school improvement. This school year, our Catholic schools will receive more than \$215,000 from the state for teacher professional development that is now required by law. We will also receive more than \$1 million in federal funds under the No Child Left Behind Act. These funds are used for instructional needs of students on free-reduced lunch, professional development of teachers, safe and

drug free schools, library and technology needs.

So, how are our schools "Lighting the Way" this year? It will be a year filled with many things. The wonderful thing will be growth. If you visit St. Pius X in Granger you will see a construction site where a new school will open its doors next year. Holy Cross School continues its expansion of its addition. St. Vincent School in Fort Wayne is studying the expansion of their school with a vibrant kindergarten program. Full-day kindergarten has and will become an integral part of an elementary education with new state standards for reading, math, social studies and science at the kindergarten grade level. Planning for the future and school improvement continue to be a focus for us.

Our teachers will continue to focus on curriculum and instruction. In 2000, the state introduced standards for each grade level. Schools should send these standards home at the beginning of the year. The ISTEP tests mastery of these standards. Textbooks and curriculum had to adjust to these new standards. To help us, teachers have been working on mapping our curriculum. Completed over the Internet, teachers track their lessons and are able to view other lessons taught by teachers across the diocese. We are committed to not just being satisfied with the minimum standards but to challenge our students to their levels of ability. We also want to ensure that our curriculum is infused with our faith and beliefs.

Sharing instructional strategies between teachers will increase our ability to be the best we can in the diocese.

I hope this short writing shows the wonderful things that are going on in our schools on a daily basis. We invite you whether you are a parent, friend or parishioner to come and see how our students learn and grow.

"Catholic Schools Light the Way" highlights the special role Catholic schools play in the positive growth of our students. Our schools light the way by providing a faith-based education that supports the whole child in improved learning and in leading a fulfilling, balanced and meaningful life.

Have a great school year.



Father Stephen Kempinger, CSC, is the superintendent of diocesan Catholic Schools.

# New jobs bring changes for Warsaw, Walkerton principals

BY DON CLEMMER

Among the new diocesan principals this year, two of them, Mary Ann Irwin of Sacred Heart, Warsaw, and Jerry Garrett of St. Patrick, Walkerton, are experiencing a change of pace, as they come from work as a superintendent and college professor, respectively, to embrace the challenge of running a Catholic grade school.

This challenge was something Mary Ann Irwin deliberately sought. After four years as superintendent of Mount Pleasant Township Schools in Yorktown, Irwin was ready for a change, as well as something closer to her home in Warsaw, where she and Jim, her husband of 42 years, have lived for most of their lives.

Naturally, she was excited when the position at Sacred Heart became available. It seemed like the perfect place to spend a few good years on the heels of an eventful career.

"I've been very, very fortunate to have a lot of wonderful opportunities to work in education," Irwin notes. She started an administrative career at St. Ambrose School in Anderson in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. She was then director of adult and community education at Ivy Tech State College for five years and has spent over 20 years in public education. In that time, her jobs have included teacher, principal, director of curriculum, assistant superintendent and superintendent-



MARY ANN IRWIN

ent.

"I think I've held just about every job there could possibly be in administration in a school corporation," Irwin says.

Along with this wealth of experience, education is also a family affair for Irwin. Six years ago, her husband Jim retired after 37 years of teaching. All four of their children are now teachers and are all married to teachers. Irwin has 13 grandchildren.

Being principal at Sacred Heart also feels like a natural fit to Irwin because Sacred Heart is her home parish. This gives her a feel for the parish that will only deepen as she becomes more familiar with the school and builds a relationship with teachers and students.

"I'm gradually meeting the young people and their families as

they just happen to stop by church or here while I'm in my office," she says. "I think it's going to be fun, and I look forward to the experience of finishing out my career here at Sacred Heart."

Jerry Garrett comes to his job as principal of St. Patrick School in Walkerton after six years as a professor in the education department at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

A native of Indianapolis, Garrett's experiences as a foster child instilled in him a concern for the care of children. He is interested in education and psychology, having nearly completed a second masters in counseling and a second doctorate in clinical psychology.

Garrett brings to St. Patrick a background of experience as a teacher, principal and professor in both Catholic and public schools. This includes work as a principal in Hammond and in the Columbus area. He worked as an elementary teacher for five years.

On the Catholic side, he has served as a principal at St. Stephen School in East Grand Rapids, Mich., and as a professor at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer.

Garrett and Becky, his wife of 34 years, also spent their first year teaching at a Catholic school in Minnesota.

"Our best years have been in the Catholic settings," Garrett notes.

Garrett's wife is a teacher for

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# Elaine Holmes maps uncharted territory with St. Pius X School

BY KAY COZAD

GRANGER — Each year staffing needs of schools around the area are reevaluated. Teachers retire or move to a different grade level and new principals are hired. St. Pius X has hired a new principal this year, but interestingly, they as yet have no school.

Elaine Holmes has been named the new principal of the yet-to-be-built St. Pius X Elementary School. She and husband Larry have been parishioners there for the past eight years, and she comes to the position with the heart and the experience for this new adventure.

This 30-year teaching veteran began her career at the elementary level earning her graduate level teaching degree from Ball State University. After teaching in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, Holmes received her license to teach gifted and talented students after attending Purdue University. She, along with two other teachers, was offered the opportunity to develop a gifted and talented program for the Penn-Harris-Madison School District. She then moved on to become the coordinator of the Career Development Options Program (CDOP) where she says "teachers teach teachers."

As her two daughters went off to college and Larry was deeply involved in his work, Holmes returned to advance her education at Indiana University of South Bend where she earned her administration license. She is also a graduate of the two-year Indiana Principal Leadership Academy Program.

Her first experience as principal was a two-year commitment at Mary Frank Elementary, followed by five years as administrator of Prairie Vista Elementary. The past three years Holmes has enjoyed holding the position of principal at Schmucker Middle School.

When asked why she became interested in an administrative position of St. Pius X School, Holmes says, "Father Schooler approached me after Mass one Sunday and told me he was interviewing for principal for the year before the school opened."

Following much thought and prayer Holmes decided to seek the position. "It's always been a dream of mine to be on the ground floor of opening a school. I think I



ELAINE HOLMES

could use the talents of mine to open the school," she says enthusiastically, adding, "It's my parish school, too!"

Father Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X, says "a good principal is critical," as he oversees the construction of the parish education center that will contain the school. He is "thrilled" to be working with Holmes as they prepare throughout this year for the August 2008 opening of the school.

"Elaine is highly respected in the education community. I have respect for her as a parishioner. She knows the local school system and understands the vision and philosophy of the parish. She's got faith, experience and vision. She's the right person for this job," he says.

Ground has been broken west of the present building there where the sewer and water lines are in place and pouring the foundation has begun.

Five years ago a parish committee was formed to address the needs of the entire parish. After much study, a recommendation was made for a parochial school. "The recommendation was accepted by the diocese as part of a broader effort to meet the parish educational needs," says Father Schooler.

The parish boasts the largest religious education program in the diocese with 1,200 students enrolled and is developing an RCIA program as well as addressing the needs of preschoolers, teens and adults alike. "Right

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# New principals for Queen of Peace, St. Adalbert enrolled in ACE Leadership program

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND— Chad Berndt is the new principal of Queen of Peace School in Mishawaka. He will lead a growing school of 260 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8. Berndt comes to Queen of Peace from St. Thomas School in Elkhart, where he taught computer classes for all grades for the past four years and was sixth grade homeroom teacher. He is a member of St. Monica Parish, Mishawaka.

Berndt grew up in Mishawaka and attended Mishawaka High School, where he played football. He attended Earlham College in Richmond where he also played football while pursuing a degree in history, with the intention of becoming an elementary school teacher.

While teaching at St. Thomas, Berndt earned a master of education degree from the University of Notre Dame through the university's Alliance for Catholic



CHAD BERNDT

Education program (ACE). He presently is enrolled in the ACE Leadership program, which trains people to be principals of Catholic schools while earning administrative certification from the State of Indiana. He will receive a master of educational administration from Notre Dame next year.

Berndt told *Today's Catholic* that he was encouraged to enter Catholic school administration by his mentor at St. Thomas School, Principal Fred Stump. Berndt is looking forward to the opportunity to lead Queen of Peace School along with the parish's new pastor, Father Daniel Scheidt.

The new principal won't be idle on his days off, either, for on Notre Dame football Saturdays, Berndt will be in the press box at Notre Dame Stadium, where he is a statistician for home football games.

In addition to starting a new job, Berndt will be starting a new life with his fiancée, since the couple is planning a Dec. 1 wedding.

Elizabeth Bridge is the new principal of St. Adalbert School in South Bend. St. Adalbert presently has 138 students and also is a growing school.

Bridge is a native of Texas, where she was a teacher for 11 years, mostly in Catholic schools. She recently moved to Indiana to



ELIZABETH BRIDGE

be near her grandchildren and was encouraged by her educational mentor in Texas to go into Catholic school administration.

For Bridge, being a Catholic school principal is a dream-come-true and an opportunity to put her Catholic faith into practice while providing children with a strong

faith foundation and a feeling of security and love.

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas and her master of education degree from Indiana University at South Bend. Like Chad Berndt, she is enrolled in the Notre Dame ACE Leadership program, leading to administrative certification and a master of educational administration.

Principal Bridge told *Today's Catholic* that the ACE program has made her more aware of the mission and vision of the Catholic Church and the role of Catholic schools and teachers in Catholic identity. She is pleased that the majority of faculty at St. Adalbert are graduates of the teaching segment of ACE, and thus share this vision.

St. Adalbert is located in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood, but Bridge looks upon that fact not as a challenge, but rather an opportunity to participate in the Catholic Church's mission to help the poor.

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now," says the pastor, "there's not enough space for our present needs."

The school will offer two sections of kindergarten and one section of first through eight grades the first year, according to Father Schooler. Subsequent years will grow each grade into two sections so as not to have an immediate negative effect on other area schools.

Following the setting of the tuition, enrollment will begin. With numbers of students will come hiring of staff in which Holmes will

be involved.

"I'm a hands on teacher. After staff is in place, we'll develop a program for staff development. It is the key to the success of the school," she says.

What will the principal without a school be doing for the next year? As tuition and curriculum are established, Holmes will plan parent-parishioner information meetings, meet with Father Schooler and attend new principal and policy meetings.

She is excited about the mentoring program the Catholic school system offers, where she will work directly with Suzanne Wiwi, principal of St. Joseph in South Bend.

Principal Holmes has an exciting vision for the new school. "I want to provide a strong Catholic

identity program for the school as well as an exemplary academic program that is differentiated and meets the needs of the academic child," she says.

Her collaborative style of leadership will lend itself to the process of opening a new school, as she works with others in sharing ideas and seeking advice. She is grateful to have the opportunity to have an entire year to prepare as she looks forward to administering the parish vision for its youth.

"Everyone is so excited about it. We're anxious to see the structure come up," she says. "Not too many people open a brand new school and have an entire year to prepare. The fact that I have a year to be in the developmental stages is extremely exciting."

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East Allen County Schools. The Garretts have three sons, one daughter and six granddaughters.

In a Catholic setting once more, Garrett is optimistic for his time at St. Patrick, Walkerton. A graduate of the Indiana Principal Leadership Academy and trained in school improvement, Garrett would like to see long-term plans and goals developed for the school.

He says, "I really see a lot of potential for growing and developing this school."

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# St. Anthony teacher reflects on years teaching, looks ahead to retirement

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

GRANGER — Joan Stanley isn't quite sure yet that retired life is for her, but she says it's time.

The petite 73-year-old physical education teacher has taught kids at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School in South Bend for more than 35 years.

"I think it's time" to retire, she reflected. "I'm scared of it, but I think it's time. I'm not exactly sure what I'm going to do yet, but I'll probably do work at the hospital."

At this point, she's simply confident she wants to help people.

"But it's scary," said Stanley, who darts around her home like a woman half her age. "I'll have been teaching 50 years."

She'll officially retire after the 2007-2008 school year.

Since her sophomore year in high school growing up in Chicago, Stanley said she knew she was going to be a physical education (P.E.) teacher. She was active in sports at a time when girls weren't supposed to like sports or even be active. Sweating was seemingly a faux pas.

But it was the boys who were always playing the games she wanted to play while the girls sat on the sidelines seemingly looking pale, winded and tired. She wanted none of that.

As a child, her beloved mother seemed out-of-sorts with her. Stanley's mother would try to make her sit still and work on her stitching.

"I wasn't interested," Stanley remembered. "I'd sit for a half hour, and then I'd be long gone."

All she really wanted to do was run and play ball.

"That was my life," said Stanley, who had a sister who acted more like girls of the time were supposed to.



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Joan Stanley, 73, has been teaching at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School in South Bend for more than 35 years. She plans to retire after the 2007-2008 school year.

But she had a brother who didn't think there was a thing wrong with her being a "tomboy," and if she wanted to play ball he was right by her side.

Turned out she was able to make a career of the activity that was always bursting to get out of her as a child.

In college at De Paul University in Chicago, Stanley's

sport of choice was volleyball, though she did play some basketball. But in the early 1950s, a girl in college had little opportunity to play organized sports as we know them today.

"Girls didn't do that," Stanley said.

So they organized themselves into intramural volleyball and basketball teams. They played competitively, but mostly for themselves and not on the scale available to women today. And over the years, Stanley said she's welcomed the realization that women are capable of playing sports and are competitive.

Girls were thought of as fragile, not able to handle the rigors of sports.

And when she began her first

## Joan Stanley's tips for a successful school year:

"Always have breakfast," she advises.

Breakfast is the most important and should be the most nourishing meal of the day.

She says she even thinks breakfast is even more important than dinner. But she doesn't discount the importance of lunch either.

"They should have good fruit for lunch," she says, adding that people don't eat nearly as much fruit as they should.

Apart from good eating habits, Stanley says students should go to bed at reasonable hours.

And a part of being able to go to bed at a reasonable hour is not spending so much time in front of the computer.

Instead of spending so much time on the computer, Stanley suggests getting outside and playing.

"They should be able to use their body; go out and get their body's moving," she says. "That's why so many kids are so heavy because they don't get off the chair."

year of teaching, girls and boys were separated during P.E. because people didn't think girls could do all boys could do.

But over the years, she said, society has come to realize that women can be just as tough as men. And these days P.E. classes are mixed with both boys and girls both playing and learning different sports together on mixed teams.

"The girls are tough, too," she said.

And, she confided, those tough, competitive girls "are my kind of girls."

When Stanley graduated college, she went on to teach at several different schools in and around Chicago and later in Iowa. During that time, she began to have children of her own and took a few years off here and there to give them a good start. Eventually, her husband was transferred for his job to South Bend, where she taught at Saint Joseph's High School for two years and then took time off to have another child. When she did go back, she was hired at St. Anthony de Padua.

"I've been there ever since," she said. Even her four children — two boys and two girls — all passed through the halls of St. Anthony.

"I like it so much," Stanley said of why she's stayed at the school for so long. "It's a comfortable place to work, and the kids are great. It's just a really good environment."

She appreciated her own children's education at the school so much that she often tries to recruit others to send their own children.

"Kids come out of there know what they need to know for high school," Stanley said.

But school has changed, she said.

"I think we're giving them a better education now than we ever did," she said, adding that kids are learning things today she was learning in college. "Children are learning a whole lot more than I ever did."

Kids today, she said, are pushed to be more intelligent, to excel and go deeper into their studies.

And she likes that all kids now are able to participate in sports.

But the kids have also changed in other ways.

"There's so few, but some of them just have bad attitudes," Stanley said.

And she's noticed that those who are negative often come from families who've had to deal with divorce.

All in all, though, Stanley's had a good run.

Despite the changes families have undergone, she said she'll miss the kids the most when she retires after this year.

"I really like being with the kids," Stanley said. "They keep you full of vim, vigor and vitality. You have to be on your toes. They keep you alive."

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## EDITORIAL

## An ugly activity

Atlanta Falcon Quarterback Michael Vick's recent indictment on federal charges relating to dog fighting enterprises dating back six years has brought the ugly blood sport into the headlines. And animal-rights activists say the practice is nothing new. It is, in fact, growing in popularity along with other forms of animal cruelty, such as cock fighting within our diocese, and even dog racing.

Dog fighting is illegal in all 50 states and a felony in every one but Idaho and Wyoming.

The illegal yet multibillion-dollar activity is increasing nationwide, partly because it's glamorized in the entertainment industry in hip-hop, rap and professional sports. Dogs trained for fighting can be worth thousands of dollars to their owners, who sometimes sell videotapes of the bloody matches.

We don't need to provide the ugly details describing what goes on before, during and after a typical battle. Suffice it to say, hundreds of dogs are either killed or injured so severely they're "scratched" from the match. What's left of their life usually is beyond rehabilitation and socialization, so they either are destroyed by their owners or have to be euthanized at a local shelter. Many urban animal shelters, including Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control, often are overrun with pit bulls, the most popular fighting breed.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it states "animals are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. Thus men owe them kindness." (2416) Recall the gentleness with which saints such as Francis of Assisi and Philip Neri treated animals. Furthermore, "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." (2418)

Vick deserves a fair trial, but he was expected to face a stern federal judge this week in Virginia not impressed with his celebrity status. If convicted, the gifted NFL competitor could face up to six years in prison and fines exceeding \$300,000. Hopefully, the allegations against Vick will be untrue, and he will be able to continue his football career. If found guilty, however, we hope the penalties against this professional sports superstar will not be diminished due to his lofty status.

## Our Catholic education never stops

Although there are a few weeks before students head back to the classrooms, this week's special section, Back to School, only serves as a reminder of how quickly time passes.

Soon our young people will be back in school learning the basics and the more complex studies. Our Catholic school students will be learning about their faith, even taking a part in school liturgies, which often acts as a catalyst to prompt our young people to think about their role in the church — perhaps even a religious vocation.

For the rest of us who have completed school, we may be reminded that our education and formation in the faith does not end at confirmation, or with the Baltimore catechism.

Our Catholicism can be vibrant and our holiness enriched when we continue to grow in the faith and teachings of the church. Our faith is never meant to become stagnant or even worse, lethargic, where one makes no attempt to deepen it.

Parishes throughout the diocese offer adult educational opportunities, shared-faith communities, Bible study, spiritual book clubs and many other opportunities.

The Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame will also offer great workshops that will provide catechetical opportunities. Although many have registered, there are still some openings in many of the offerings. And what better setting to grow in our love of the Eucharist than at the University of Notre Dame, the university of Our Lady! Register at the diocesan Web site, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org).

And the diocesan Office of Catechesis will begin its two-year adult faith formation program, Education for Ministry, in late August. These classes follow the school calendar, and the program is built on a foundation of Scripture study and the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: creed, sacraments, morality and prayer. Additional areas of study include liturgy, church history, catechetical methods and theology of ministry. It is intended for adults involved in church ministry, but for adults also interested in growing in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Second year courses will continue in Fort Wayne and South Bend, and a new class will begin in South Bend only. Call the Office of Catechesis at (260) 422-4611 for more information.

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## Finds hope in the relaxation of Tridentine Mass

As one of 14 sons and daughters raised in the 1940s and 1950s by parents who treasured the Tridentine Mass, and who have desperately hoped for the day when they could once again freely express their loving devotion to Our Lord in this beautiful traditional Latin liturgy; I say with all my heart, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

And even though my own personal liturgy of choice is celebrated in the vernacular, my observation over the past 40 years of some very rash liberties taken with the sacred liturgy, the little personal stamps of individual identity applied by overzealous presiders, and in some cases, the flagrant improvisational additions by others, which will now cease to be the scandalous distraction that many of us in the pews have had to tolerate these past four decades.

Hopefully many of those devoted to the "Old Mass" who were "piped" away from the sacraments by the siren calls of agenda-driven extremists over the past four decades will take heart from this remarkable pastoral initiative, rejoin us in our wonderful divine worship and begin the long-awaited healing process that this gift of our dear Holy Father shepherd has given back to us who at times have felt besieged by the excesses of "progressives."

What I have said will be on the minds of the many as in the next few weeks the "motu proprio" receives wider coverage in the Catholic press. This is just an exciting great sneak peek at what Christ's new vicar has in store for his flock.

**D. L. Federspiel**  
Fort Wayne

## Ponders pew potatoes

When I was considering coming back to the Catholic Church and leav-

ing the evangelistic church I loved, I would think about all those people at Mass who were there but not participating. They made me not want to come back.

I dubbed them "pew potatoes" for they watched, but weren't really a part of it. They really bothered me. Why did they even bother to come? But over time God showed me that that was the point — they were there. They came. They heard.

Then God used my own illustration to teach me even more. What happens when you leave a potato alone for a long time and it just sits there? It grows roots. Yes, and my pew potatoes are hearing God's word each week.

Over time hopefully they will all grow their own roots and truly be part of the Mass, of church, of the body of Christ.

From the roots springs new life.

**Marti Trout**  
Fort Wayne

## Ugandan mission trip offers time to learn, love and worship

BY KELCI SCHMIDT AND STACEY BRANDT

Throughout the past 20 years, many people from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have witnessed first hand the love of the Ugandan people through three priests that were assigned to our parishes: Father Joseph Kakooza (Holy Family), Father Robert Muhirwa, now bishop of Fort Portal Diocese (St. Jude), and Father Robert Binta (St. Bavo and St. Anthony).

On June 7-24, a group of 22 people from seven parishes in our diocese embarked on a journey to Uganda to return that love in a special way.

In the months prior to our departure, we made rosaries out of rope and sold them to raise money for two projects supporting the needs of the people of Uganda. Through these efforts, along with generous donations from the students and parishioners of Holy Family Parish, several other parishes and corporations, and contributions from Our Sunday Visitor and Bishop John M. D'Arcy, we raised over \$18,000.

During the trip, we were blessed by the presence of Father Joseph and two of his friends: Father Stephen Kiggundu, a newly ordained priest, and Ambrose Ggombya, a seminarian. With them, we celebrated daily Mass and visited mission churches, schools and health clinics where we shared school and medical supplies, clothing and toys.

The Sakabusolo Mission in Luwero began the construction of a church in 1981, but it has stood vacant because villagers lacked the funds to roof this beautiful place of worship. Some of the donated funds

supported the roofing of the church. As we neared the mission, we were met by hundreds of school children lining the road who cheered, clapped and waved palm branches when they saw us. As we got off the bus, we were greeted with hugs, handshakes and warm smiles from everyone.

At the entrance to the mission stood a freshly painted sign inscribed with the name "Holy Family Parish of Sakabusolo."

We were asked to sit near the altar as the crowds gathered to join in the celebration. Despite the poverty and poor living conditions, everyone was clean and dressed in brightly colored dresses and suits. Fifty-four baptisms were celebrated to add to the joy of the day.

Before the reading of the Gospel, there was a celebratory procession with about 20 primary school girls and a deacon dancing and the entire congregation singing and clapping. Everyone was so happy to be celebrating Mass and so eager to hear the word of God. A similar procession occurred during the offertory when parishioners left their seats to joyously approach the altar with their gifts. Many danced to the front, but when they reached the altar, they all bowed in extreme reverence.

During the consecration, as the priest lifted the body and blood of Christ, instead of the silent reverence and ringing of bells that we practice in the U.S., the congregation erupted into applause and cheers of joy as they welcomed Jesus their king. The joyous attitudes of those gathered reminded us that the Mass is truly a celebration of and for our Lord.

After Mass, we walked over to the church, where members of our group climbed to the rooftop to

secure the final panel. The entire parish watched and cheered as it was completed. Their prayers for a permanent place to worship had finally been answered, and many people shouted "chayunyo," it's a miracle.

We then celebrated the occasion with a feast including roasted goat. After lunch, the school children shared a program of dance and song that they had been preparing for months. We added to the program with a couple songs of our own. As we departed for the day, we hugged each other tearfully as we truly felt God's presence among us.

A few days later, we arrived at the Kintuntu Mission, where we were able to witness the digging of a water well, which was also funded through the gifts of our diocese.

The mission was very poor and had no electricity or clean water source. The children all had to walk several miles each morning and evening with buckets to collect water for their families from a watering hole, which they shared with the animals of the community.

The new well is being dug near the school for the convenience of the children who will continue to gather the daily water for their families.

Participants on the trip included Carsten, Renee, and Kelci Schmidt, Sister Clare Marie Klein (seventh grade teacher at Holy Family School), Sister Marilyn Minter, Janet and Shelly Matthys, Inge and Molly Gladieux, Jim and Janet Hall, Kirby and Claudia Falkenberg, Donna Suth, Tamara Crowe, Rebecca Jones, Alex Burlingame, Andrea DeLee, Linda Lemieux, Stacey Brandt, Richard Holloway and Wolfgang Schmidt. The group represented seven parishes in our diocese.

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Seven weeks after Pope Benedict XVI praised Vatican civil servants for their work in “our little state, from the most visible to the most hidden,” the state unveiled its own Web site.

The site — [www.vaticanstate.va](http://www.vaticanstate.va) — is linked to and works closely with the Vatican’s main Web site, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va), but provides more information about the offices that help run the state, as opposed to the church.

Officially launched July 19 in Italian, English, French, German and Spanish, the site includes live pictures from five webcams.

With a click on their computer, Internet users can join pilgrims praying at Pope John Paul II’s tomb in the grotto of St. Peter’s Basilica. A camera high on the Vatican hill points toward the dome of St. Peter’s Basilica. And three webcams have been set up on the dome itself: one looking at St. Peter’s Square, another at the Vatican Gardens and the third at the home of the new Web site, the Vatican governor’s office.

The site is set up for e-com-

merce, but online shoppers will have to wait until sometime in 2008 to order their Vatican stamps and coins or books, posters and reproductions from the Vatican Museums.

In an e-mail message July 18, the new webmaster said, “An exact date for the shopping has not been set,” but the governor’s office is working with the Vatican bank, formally the Institute for the Works of Religion, to make sure the site is user friendly and secure for credit-card transactions from around the world.

Oddly enough, the highly efficient Vatican postal service, which presumably would ship the goods, does not have its own section on the site, but the Vatican Telephone Service and the Vatican Pharmacy do.

The site includes a brief introduction to the government of Vatican City State, explaining that it is “an absolute monarchy. The head of state is the pope, who holds full legislative, executive and judicial powers.”

Between the death of one pope and the election of another, the powers are assumed by the

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College of Cardinals, it says. And the cardinals who have not yet reached their 80th birthdays are responsible for electing the new pope.

The man chosen by the cardinals “becomes sovereign of Vatican City State the moment he accepts his election as pope,” it says.

The site also explains how the pope generally delegates a portion of his powers to ensure the smooth governance of the state and the promulgation of laws regulating life for its 800 residents, its employees and visitors.

The state’s courts merit a very brief description, but the 130-

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# God hears our pleas



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Lk 11:1-13

The Book of Genesis is the source of this weekend’s first story. As with other passages in this marvelously profound religious book, the story of Sodom and Gomorrah sadly so often is overwhelmed by arguments about where these cities actually were in Middle Eastern geography millennia ago or even if they existed.

All this debate is unfortunate, even if at times it is fascinating, because it completely sweeps by the religious truths that after all are what Genesis is all about.

In this reading, Abraham, regarded as the father of the Hebrew race, appears, but importantly God is with Abraham and literally conversing with Abraham.

The topic is the vice in the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. God, the just, insists that this vice will result in a divine retribution on the people of these cities. Abraham pleads instead for divine mercy. The conversation can be taken as a bargaining process. Abraham asks that the hurdle be lowered. God agrees. Then Abraham asks for a further lowering. God agrees, and so on.

Actually, the two important points are that humans create their

own doom. It stands to reason. Look at the despair war brings upon affected populations. Look at the heartbreak that sin brings upon people and upon relationships.

Abraham realizes the deadly effects of human decisions, such as the decisions leading to immorality in these cities. Nevertheless, he asks God for mercy, but beyond mercy, he asks God for life.

God hears Abraham, and God extends mercy. This is the second, and most consoling point.

For its second reading, the church presents a reading from the Epistle to the Colossae. The Christians of Colossae were no different from other Christians in the Roman Empire’s Mediterranean world or the first century AD.

To them, the Christian faith was new. In the face of such an overwhelming pagan culture, following this faith was a challenge indeed.

Encouraging them, this epistle reminds the Colossian Christians that in Christ they died to the culture and to their own instincts. Baptism drowned their sins and their weakness before the pressures of their surroundings and of their nature. In baptism, they died, but they also rose to life in Christ, with its eternity and strength.

St. Luke’s Gospel supplies us with the last reading. It is the beautiful revelation of the Lord’s Prayer. No prayer is more loved by Christians, now and throughout Christian history. Each verse is powerfully and profoundly expressive. The first verse is especially telling, setting the stage for all the others. Jesus tells the disciples to address God as “Father,” not as king, ruler, judge or creator. It establishes the believer’s relation with God.

The second part of the reading

is very reassuring. Jesus insists that God’s door is never closed. God always hears the appeals of people. Loving people with an infinite love, God will give them life. He even gives life to sinners, if they repent and in love turn to God.

### Reflection

The reading from Genesis, and the reading from Luke, call us to approach God in full confidence that our pleas will be heard. It is particularly comforting when we turn to God after sinning. If we reject our sins, and instead turn to God, our sins will be forgiven.

It is all a beautiful thought, but the Christians of Colossae give us evidence, as if we need any, that our instincts and all around us can be very difficult to overcome.

Nevertheless, we can overcome sin and all that brings sin. Why? If we are sincere as believers, Christ is in us, with strength, insight and power. He will show us the way. He will sustain us. He will take us to the very place of God. He will keep us safe forever.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3,6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7,9 Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6, 8-11 Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11 Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3,5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In this month named for Julius let’s look at something Roman. This time it is the letter to the Romans.

**1. Although the authorship of some epistles is disputed, scholars agree that Romans was written by**

- a. St. Peter.                      b. St. Paul.                      c. Theodosius.

**2. This is not contradicted by the fact that chapter 16 of Romans writes “I, Tertius, the writer of this letter, greet you in the Lord.” Why not?**

- a. Because Tertius is the Hebrew form of Peter.  
b. Because Tertius is a pseudonym used by Paul.  
c. Because it was standard practice to dictate letters to a scribe.

**3. Dealing with the sensitive issue of following Jewish dietary laws, Romans makes clear that**

- a. there is no such thing as unclean food.  
b. everyone must keep kosher.  
c. only fast food is to be avoided.

**4. But, nevertheless, anyone who insists on following narrow rules is to be**

- a. expelled from the community.  
b. castigated as a fusspot.  
c. respected and allowed to follow their rules.

**5. The closing verses of the epistle (16:25-27) are often referred to as the**

- a. doxology                      b. requiem                      c. song of songs

**6. The person who is to bring the letter to the Christian community in Rome is named in the letter, and is**

- a. Postius                      b. Phoebe                      c. Mercury

**7. This verse, “All who sin outside the law will also perish without reference to it, and all who sin under the law will be judged in accordance with it.” shows clearly that**

- a. both gentile and Jewish Christians must be judged for their actions  
b. only breaking the law counts as sin  
c. no evil act is of significance for those who believe.

**8. A major theme of Romans is justification. Where does it state that people are justified by faith alone?**

- a. In the first and 15th chapters  
b. only in the Greek translation  
c. nowhere

**9. Paul announces his travel plans. Where does he wish to go to?**

- a. Spain                      b. Mexico                      c. Sicily

**10. Most scholars agree that the letter to the Romans was written in this Greek city by an isthmus:**

- a. Corinth                      b. Sparta                      c. Athens

**11. This epistle was composed during a period of 90 days during these years:**

- a. BC 30 to 31  
b. 56 AD to 57 AD  
c. 102 AD to 103 AD

**12. This was right before Paul’s planned trip to**

- a. Alexandria  
b. France  
c. Jerusalem

**13. The letter clearly demonstrates this fact:**

- a. There was already a Christian community in Rome before Paul went there.  
b. Peter had become the first bishop of Rome and established a gentile church.  
c. The Romans were actually more tolerant of Jews than the Muslims.

**14. The community Paul wrote to was**

- a. of mixed gentile and Jewish elements.  
b. the only purely Jewish church in the Old World.  
c. converted from the Muslim faith.

**15. The canonicity of Romans**

- a. was proven, as a boost to the Spanish, by the conquest of Iberia by the Moors.  
b. is accepted by the Orthodox and Catholics but not Protestants.  
c. has never been seriously challenged.

### ANSWERS:

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

# Using reason alone, we can say that angels are likely to exist

## Does the Catholic Church still believe in angels?, Anonymous

The new Catechism of the Catholic Church says that the existence of spiritual, non-bodily beings that the Bible calls angels is a truth of faith. The witness of the Bible is as clear as the unanimity of tradition.

Angels appear throughout the Bible as messengers of God. In the Old Testament an angel prevents Abraham from sacrificing his son Isaac, an angel speaks to Jacob in a dream, an angel appears to Moses at the burning bush, an angel appears to the mother of Samson, an angel appears to the prophet Elijah on his journey to Horeb, and an angel even slays the Assyrian army at the walls of Jerusalem. The Old Testament book of Tobit gives an angel the name Raphael. The Old Testament book of Daniel names two angels — Gabriel and Michael.

In the New Testament the angel Gabriel tells Zechariah about the birth of John the Baptist and he tells Mary about the birth of Jesus. An angel tells Joseph about the birth of Jesus, warns him to flee to Egypt, and then tells him to return to Nazareth. After the birth of Jesus, an angel appears to the shepherds and then is accompanied

by a throng of angels singing "Glory to God."

Angels minister to Jesus after his temptation in the desert. An angel strengthens Jesus during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Angels seem to be present at the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. And the Gospels say angels will accompany Jesus at his Second Coming at the end of the world.

Even in the early church, the Acts of the Apostles speaks of angels. An angel releases Peter and John from prison. An angel tells Cornelius, the first gentile convert, to look for Peter. An angel tells Philip the deacon to take the Gaza road to meet the Ethiopian eunuch who eventually is baptized. An angel appears to Paul in a dream during his voyage to Rome. An angel even strikes King Herod Agrippa with a fatal disease.

Father John McKenzie says the belief in heavenly beings or angels runs through the entire Bible and exhibits consistency. But sometimes in the Bible the angel is no more than another word for a divine communication or a divine operation personified. Other times the angelic messenger is a distinct personal heavenly being.

The fathers of the early church speak of angels. St. Clement of

## THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

Rome (d. 99 A.D.) says "the whole multitude of angels stand and minister to God's will." The theologian Origen (d. 254 A.D.) says it is "part of the teaching of the church that there are certain angels of God and certain good influences that are his servants in accomplishing the salvation of men."

In the Middle Ages, St. Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274 A.D.) says that, since God is spirit, it is more likely that he would create other spirits, like himself, rather than material things like rocks or physico-spiritual things like human beings. A spiritual God would create spiritual beings, just as heat makes heat. Angelic creatures would be a most perfect imitation of God. They are required for the perfection of the universe.

Using reason alone, we can say that angels are likely to exist. It is our faith and the sources of revelation that show us they do. As

humans, we do not have perfect knowledge. We cannot tell God what to create or what not to create. Scientifically, we cannot deny the existence of universes beyond what our modern astronomers have been able to detect. Likewise, philosophically, we cannot deny the existence of totally spiritual beings, just because we don't see them.

One interesting theory of quantum physics suggests the world here exists because of a thought. A thought is a spiritual reality suggesting a spiritual being with a mind we call God. Along with the spiritual being of God could be other created spiritual beings called angels.

Nicolas Corte writes "what could be more natural than to admit that between the human race and God's throne there is a great multitude of pure spirits, of ardent thoughts, endowed with intelligence and liberty, capable of obe-

dience and love or of revolt in hatred, and so playing a role in that gigantic struggle between good and evil, which forms the central drama and *raison d'être* of creation."

**Father Richard Hire**, pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse, answered this week's question.

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# Catholic culture gives Washington neighborhood 'Little Rome' identity

BY ANDREA SLIVKA

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics don't have to go to Italy to visit Rome.

Tucked away in a little section of Washington, the Brookland neighborhood around The Catholic University of America is known as "Little Rome" and "Little Vatican," according to local legend and District of Columbia guidebooks.

Just as the center of the Vatican is St. Peter's, the center of Little Rome is Catholic University, founded by the U.S. bishops in 1887 to be the national Catholic university.

Many other Catholic institutions later moved into the area around the university, creating a distinctively Catholic culture in which it's not uncommon to see a colorful variety of religious habits in a single day.

About 20 religious communities for men and women, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are all located near the university.

Father George McLean, an Oblate of Mary Immaculate, has lived in the Brookland neighborhood since 1956 and remembers when the area had an even higher concentration of Catholic culture and communities.

In the 1950s, the area had at least 50 men's and women's religious communities, about a dozen schools of theology for particular men's religious orders and 70 houses for graduate students of the various orders, he said.

The large amount of religious communities wasn't a coincidence.

"They were actively invited by the cardinal," Father McLean said in an interview with Catholic News Services.

He was referring to Cardinal James Gibbons of Baltimore, who encouraged the religious communities, including the Oblates, to buy property near the university in the early part of the 20th century to help support the university while it was having financial troubles. At that time the area was part of the Baltimore Archdiocese. Washington was established as an archdiocese by Pope Pius XII in 1939.

In the late 1960s, there was another increase in the number of religious in the Brookland area when the Second Vatican Council opened the door for more religious women to attend college.

Father McLean remembers seeing signs posted by the university's campus mail services asking sisters to please use their last names while on campus because the university didn't know which mail to give to each of the 20 Sister Ann Jeans.

In the 1950s and '60s, he also remembers that departments, such as psychology, sought to incorporate Catholic teaching into the curriculum and that the university also provided a forum for discussing changes in the church during Vatican II.

"The university was truly a Catholic intellectual center and that was the heart of Little Rome," said Father McLean, who taught metaphysics at the university.

As the secular and Catholic culture nationwide continued to change in the latter part of the century, the academic approach of the

university became more mainstream and the number of religious in the area and at the university began to decline.

About 20 religious communities and a small number of theological schools still remain in the neighborhood.

The university continues to be the national Catholic university. The archbishop of Washington always serves as its chancellor and representative to the Vatican.

In addition to the university, the adjacent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is another focal point of Little Rome. About 750,000 Catholics visit the shrine each year, according to Jacqueline Hayes, director of communications.

The national shrine, opened in 1959, is one of the 10 largest churches in the world and contains more than 70 chapels and oratories that are mostly dedicated to titles of Mary. The titles reflect the ethnic and devotional traditions of the American and universal church. Pope John Paul II named the shrine a basilica in 1990.

Across the street from the national shrine in Little Rome is the Dominican House of Studies — a formation house for members of the Dominican order that also provides theological pontifical degrees for laypeople.

Not far from the Dominican House is the headquarters of the USCCB, which is both the membership organization to which all the bishops belong and their public policy arm. It is made up of a variety of secretariats and offices with staff who carry out the work of the bishops' various committees.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for July 29, 2007

Luke 11:1-13

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: Jesus' teaching about prayer life. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PRAYING	TEACH US	FATHER
KINGDOM	GIVE US	EACH DAY
BREAD	SINS	ONE OF YOU
THREE LOAVES	ARRIVED	BOTHER ME
CHILDREN	IN BED	GET UP
ANYTHING	PERSISTENCE	OPENED
SNAKE	SCORPION	SPIRIT

## PRAYER LESSONS

D T H R E E L O A V E S  
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## LETTER

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member Vatican police force gets a good-sized page. Perhaps because the police uniforms are not as famous as those worn by the Swiss Guards, seven photographs are included.

The Vatican fire department also falls under the responsibility of the governor's office, but it initially did not have its own section on the newly launched site.

With Pope Benedict XVI set to arrive July 27 in Castel Gandolfo, the home of his summer residence south of Rome, visitors to the new Web site could check out the villa's supermanicured gardens.

Like most official government Web sites, the Vatican City State site also includes an explanation and history of the Vatican flag and Vatican national anthem. Of course, there are links to sound files, giving visitors the option of hearing the anthem in its standard marching-band version or the much slower, fancier orchestral track.

# Contraceptive contradictions

The Catholic Church remains almost a lone voice in our age defending the view that contraceptive sexual activity in marriage is wrong. Many young Catholic couples either are not aware of this teaching or simply choose to ignore it.

When asked, few can explain the reasons behind it. Some venture to say that the church opposes sex in general, and pleasure in particular. Others think that the church wants everybody to have as many kids as possible. Some are even more cynical and suggest that repressed, gray-haired celibates enjoy being able to stick their intrusive noses into people's bedrooms.

The reasons behind the church's position on contraception, however, are actually a far cry from any of these old clichés. Among the deeper reasons behind the teaching, the church stresses especially how contraception forces us to speak a false and contradictory language to our spouse through our body and our sexuality.

Because sex is a deeply interpersonal form of communication, we can consider some related examples of personal communication to see how the language of our own bodies is violated whenever we engage in contraceptive sex.

Would it be normal, for example, for a wife to insert earplugs, while trying to listen attentively to, or carry on a conversation with her husband? The earplugs bespeak the view that, "I don't really want to hear you and be with you," and they disrupt the couple's mutual communication.

If a woman inserts a cervical diaphragm or a vaginal sponge while having intercourse, she is likewise employing a language that says she doesn't really want to communicate openly and fully with her husband. She wants to keep part of who he is at a distance, at arm's length; that is to say, she shuns his fertility and fruitfulness. In that moment, she is rejecting the paternal aspect of his masculinity, and refusing to share with him the deep maternal meaning of her femininity.

We can further inquire whether it would it be normal to surgically excise healthy vocal cords, and then try to carry on a conversation with our spouse. Opting for a vasectomy and then pursuing sex involves a similar contradictory language of the body. When a husband puts on a condom during intercourse, he disrupts that intimate communication that is written right into the language of his body, much as if he

had wrapped his mouth in cellophane before trying to have a verbal conversation with his wife.

As Professor Bill May puts it:

"A person does not put on gloves to touch a beloved one tenderly, unless one thinks that some disease may be communicated. But is pregnancy a disease? And is not the use of condoms, diaphragms, spermicidal jellies, and the like similar to putting on gloves? Do husband and wife really become 'one flesh' if they must arm themselves with protective gear before 'giving' themselves to one another genital-ly?"

The problem here is clear: marital sexuality is actually all about loving someone totally and unreservedly, giving and receiving totally and not holding back who we are for ourselves. It is a unique language of total self-giving.

Contraception, on the other hand, allows marital sexuality to devolve into a kind of mutual masturbation where each pursues erotic satisfaction apart from the total gift of self, and apart from any openness to life. Because of contraception, marital sexual activity slips into a subtle mode of mutual exploitation — a lifeless, self-focused, needs-centered apparatus.

Malcolm Muggeridge, the famous BBC correspondent who converted to Catholicism late in life, instinctively appreciated how the church was resisting this trivializing of the gift of sex by its strong stance against contraception:

"It was the Catholic Church's firm stand against contraception and abortion which finally made me decide to become a Catholic ... As the Romans treated eating as an end in itself, making themselves sick in a vomitorium so as to enable them to return to the table and stuff themselves with more delicacies, so people now end up in a sort of sexual vomitorium. The church's stand is absolutely correct. It is to its eternal honor that it opposed contraception, even if the opposition failed. I think, historically, people will say it was a very gallant effort to prevent a moral disaster."

The idea of serially eating and purging, in order to be able to eat and purge yet more, is a striking example of misusing our body in its most integral design. The one who dines in this way is seeking in a sense both to eat and not eat at the same time. Objectively speaking, he is engaging in damaging and contradictory behavior, violating the inner order and meaning of his own body, and cheapening the



## MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

basic and quintessential human activity of eating. This destructive behavior crosses a real moral line insofar as a person freely and knowingly chooses to do it.

Contraception involves this same sort of destructive and contradictory behavior. Unlike the case of the vomitorium, however, sex is an inherently relational activity involving two people. For that reason, the damage done by engaging in contraceptive sex as a couple will extend beyond the fabric of their individual persons and trigger damage at the heart of that delicate relationship which is their marriage.

The choice to use a condom during sexual intimacy speaks the same contradictory language of the vomitorium: the language of trying to have sex, but not really have it; of trying to do it, without really doing it. One is militating directly against the sexual act itself, violating its inner order and harmony by actively flustering its obvious life-giving designs. Contraception, thus, always involves an objectively contradictory language, namely, that of not giving oneself totally to the other in the face of that innate language of sex which calls for a complete self-giving.

The reasons behind the church's teaching thus run deep and flow from profound considerations regarding the integral design of human sexuality. Pope John Paul II put it well when he stressed how couples who use contraception in their marriage presume to, "act as 'arbiters' of the divine plan and they 'manipulate' and degrade human sexuality and with it themselves and their married partner by altering its value of 'total' self-giving."

**Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.** earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

## What is the background of Mary Magdalene?

Mary Magdalene is the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons. J. Comay says this may refer to epilepsy, for this condition was commonly attributed to possession by evil spirits. Mary Magdalene gave financial help and domestic service to Jesus, along with other women, such as Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna.

She witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus, along with Mary, the mother of James the Younger and Joseph, and Salome, the wife of Zebedee who was the father of the apostles James and John, and Mary, the wife of Clopas who was possibly an uncle of Jesus. Mary Magdalene continued to be present at the burial of Jesus, along with Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus and Mary, the mother of James the Younger. Mary Magdalene saw the empty tomb, along with Salome, Joanna and Mary, the mother of James the Younger. Eventually Mary Magdalene was favored with an appearance of the risen Christ.

Mary is called Magdalene, because she was from the town of Magdala. The Hebrew version of this town is Migdal. The Arabic version is Al-Majdal and El-Mejdel. Magdala is an ancient town on the west shore of the Sea of Galilee about three north of the city of Tiberias in Israel. Magdala also lies at the junction of the ancient road from Nazareth.



FATHER RICHARD HIRE

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Occupying this strategic junction, Magdala probably had a guard tower or fortress.

The name Magdala may come from the Hebrew "migdal" or tower. The Jewish Talmud this town Migdal Nunaiya or fish tower. Magdala is now an archaeological site. Magdala was a center of fishing, fish packing and fish salting. Magdala was the largest of about 10 sizable towns around the Sea of Galilee in the time of Jesus.

The first-century Jewish historian Josephus speaks of the town of Tarichea, derived from the Greek word "tarichos," meaning salted fish. J. Finegan and Father J. McKenzie say this is probably another name for Magdala.

J. Finegan mentions that early travelers speak of Magdala. Identifying places on the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee, coming down from the north, Epiphanius (d. 800 A.D.) names Heptapegon and then says "two miles farther is a church in which

the house of the Magdalene is at the place called Magdala. There the Lord healed her."

Excavations in the 1970s, says J. Finegan, show that Magdala was laid out as a Roman city with a main north-south street intersected by east-west streets. There was a Roman army camp there. At Magdala is a probable first-century A.D. synagogue with rows of columns. This synagogue is similar in style to a synagogue at the city of Gamla, on the east side of the Sea of Galilee, that was destroyed by the Romans in 67 A.D. and never resettled. At Magdala there is also a villa with mosaics, a Roman masonry water tower, and the ruins of a Byzantine monastery.

Josephus describes the beauty of the land surrounding Magdala. "There is not a plant which its fertile soil refuses to produce, and its cultivators in fact grow every species. The air is so well-tempered that it suits the most opposite varieties. The walnut, a tree which delights in the most wintry climate, here grows luxuriantly, beside palm trees, which thrive on heat, and figs and olives, which require a milder atmosphere."

An early legend in the eastern church says Mary Magdalene went to Ephesus in Turkey with St. John the Apostle and died there. Her body was later taken to Constantinople. St. Mary Magdalene's feast is July 22.

## Meet the Priest

### Father Robert Traub

Ordained June 3, 1939  
Retired, Fort Wayne

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

Sisters and priests in the parish and priests in high school and college.

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

Helping people on the way to salvation.

#### What interests or hobbies do you have?

Reading and traveling, an interest in history of nations and politics.

#### Do you have a pet?

no

#### What do you do for relaxation?

Going out to eat and watching TV.

#### What is your favorite reading material?

History novels, history of nations, some of people and some westerns.

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



Being sure of salvation and having Jesus with us.

#### What is your favorite prayer?

The Memorare

#### Who is your favorite pope?

John Paul II

#### What is your favorite food?

seafood

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

I carried a beeper for 17 years for Parkview Hospital and answered most emergency calls.

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

I like to be called Father Bob, as my family generally calls me.

# Stewardship comes alive at a tender age

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Seven-year-old Miguel Hernandez and his grandmother watched in horror as the TV news reported a fire on a school playground on June 12. Fortunately school had been out for summer recess for nearly a week.

Witnesses had seen several youth lighting fireworks within the wooden playground structure behind Queen of Angels School when the mulch was ignited. The fire spread quickly throughout the dry woody area. Firefighters contained the blaze, but the playground structure and surrounding mulched area were charred.

Hernandez, who recently completed his first grade at Whispering Meadows Elementary School, knew of Queen of Angels where his neighbors attended preschool but had never been there. He insisted he visit the playground after days of lamenting over the loss the students suffered.

His grandmother, Dr. Ann Hernandez, a professor at the University of Saint Francis and member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, drove him to the school. The impact of that visit inspired the young boy and the Pennies for Playground Project was born.

"I felt really bad for them. I was thinking I should do something for them," said Miguel, no stranger to the notion of stewardship. The tenderhearted boy, who volunteers his time to hospital visits, fund raisers and community activities, quickly formed a plan to collect funds to offer the school in hopes that they might purchase new equipment for the students.

Miguel spent close to a week walking door to door throughout his neighborhood requesting donations to fill his "magic box," a small container decorated with brightly colored balloons outside and shining stars inside. It was, his grandma says, magical because it contained the money that might help the school renew its playground.

Following his neighborhood walk, he visited the Saint Francis campus. The response to his plea was so generous that he raised \$87.75. "The people were so nice," Miguel says, "that I had an idea that I wanted to give them something in return."

His idea grew into a trip to a



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

**Miguel Hernandez sits on a metal jungle gym in the play area where a fire claimed much of the wooden play equipment at Queen of Angels School on June 12. Though he is not a student there he collected nearly \$100 to help rebuild the playground.**

craft store for supplies to make soap for the playground benefactors, where the cashier, upon hearing his story, donated to the cause as well.

Miguel and his grandmother have made soaps in shell and flower shapes colored yellow, pink and purple to present to the donors. Of this generous act he humbly replies, "Think of all the people giving money for this big situation." And Miguel adds this advice matter-of-factly: "I want to tell everyone if there's a problem, try to help."

According to Queen of Angels Principal Marsha Jordan, the cost of the original playground equipment was raised over a three-year period by parents and through grants. "It was constructed in 1998, built through the summer and was a great stewardship effort. It took 1,000 man-hours to build. Parishioners and parents volunteered," says Jordan, adding that much thought and effort was put into the project.

"The group researched national insurance codes for safety, size and sturdiness," she says. Currently there are no playground codes in the state of Indiana, an important issue for the 290 students who attend Queen of Angels School.

Of Miguel's efforts, Jordan says, "I'm really touched that this little boy thought so much of the kids that he collected money." She accepted the cash donation personally from Miguel and is saving the magic box as a keepsake.

Father Gary Sigler, pastor of Queen of Angels Parish agrees

with Jordan, saying, "I am very amazed and impressed that someone so young can work with such a project. I am so grateful to people like Miguel and all who have offered to help to rebuild our playground."

Since the news report of the fire, Principal Jordan is amazed at the number of people who have contacted her to help. "We appreciate the phone calls, thoughts and donations. We ask that they continue to keep us in prayer. And we hope to construct something as nice as the one we previously had."

Miguel's grandmother is proud of her grandson and his determination to help. "He's an amazing kid and we're proud of him. Miguel is a giver, he loves to help. It's part of his nature," she says tenderly. The two hope to return to the school with tools when it's time to build the new playground.

In the meantime, Miguel, who enjoys tap dancing classes, soccer and spending time with his dad David, is pleased with his efforts and says smiling broadly, "My life is helping other people. Jesus said, 'You're doing great. And you might do it again.' I usually have fun doing these things. I feel good inside. And then it sticks on other people." Out of the mouths of babes.

## Playground update and fund raising

Insurance will not be able to cover a new playground that will meet the current requirements. Students will be collecting pledges for the first two weeks of school. Students will then participate in a walk-a-thon on Aug. 31. Other fund raisers are in the works but details are not available at this time. If anyone wishes to help Queen of Angels and its students rebuild this playground please send any donation to:

Attention: Kurt Homan  
Queen of Angels School  
1600 West State Blvd.  
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**Queen of Angels Principal Marsha Jordan holds the "magic box" containing donations seven-year-old Miguel Hernandez collected to assist with rebuilding the playground there. The wooden playground structure and mulched area was burned in a fire on June 12.**

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# Christian perspective can be found in Harry Potter series

BY PEGGY WEBER

WESTFIELD, Mass. (CNS) — July has been a big month for Harry Potter fans and Father Michael Bernier, parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish in Westfield, proudly counts himself among the myriad of Potter devotees.

In fact, he described himself as a "Pottermaniac" at a talk he gave in May about God and Harry Potter. And he, like millions more, looked forward to July 21 when the seventh and final book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," was released and July 13 when the fifth movie, "Harry Potter and the Order

of the Phoenix," premiered.

"Pottermania" is once again expected to sweep through bookstores and movie theaters this summer, and Father Bernier told those gathered for his talk at St. Mary High School that Christians should not fear this devotion to stories about a boy wizard.

"On the surface level it does sound suspect and does raise red flags," he said. However, he said the magic in Harry Potter is not sorcery. And he noted that the original title of the first book was "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone." The title was changed to "Sorcerer's Stone" for the book's release in the United States.

"I happen to be one of the people who believes that there's a great deal of Christian imagery and symbolism in the books. And I think it answers, at least in parts, a longing that we have for Christ," he said.

Throughout his talk, Father Bernier quoted from "Looking for God in Harry Potter" by John Granger which emphasizes that the Harry Potter books focus on the triumph of love over death. For example, Dumbledore says to the villain Voldemort: "Indeed, your failure to understand that there are things much worse than death has always been your greatest weakness."

A majority of those attending the priest's talk were Harry Potter

fans. A few joked that they arrived by "floo powder" or "platform 9 3/4" — referring to ways people travel in the wizard world.

James Madigan, 14, said he planned to be at a local bookstore at midnight July 21 to get his reserved copy of the latest Harry Potter book.

Lisa Miranda, 14, said she came away from the lecture realizing for the first time that the Harry Potter books had "religious ties."

Father Bernier predicted that author J.K. Rowling would end the series not with Harry's death but possibly Hagrid's. He also predicted that Snape, who has always been portrayed in a dark light, would end

up as a good character.

But above all the priest said he hopes readers embrace the goodness of the books and the enjoyment of reading.

"They're wonderfully written books that appeal to kids and adults. They're easy to read and they're entertaining," he said.

And he noted that Granger's book praises the many good things in a series where "never has the Christian message been smuggled into hearts so effectively."

Father Bernier said that Harry Potter is "a symbol of all of us as sons and daughters of God — humanity pursuing its spiritual perfection in Christ."

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**Garage sale time**

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels will have a garage sale on Friday, Aug. 3, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Activities Center, 1600 W. State Blvd. Donations accepted 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 1 and 2. Handicap Accessible.

**Summerfest announced**

Yoder — St. Aloysius Parish will hold its Summerfest on Saturday, Aug. 11, and Sunday, Aug. 12. Saturday features a hog roast beginning at 11 a.m., softball tournament and BBQ chicken dinner. A euchre tournament will begin with registration at 6:30 p.m. The Gator Gallop 5K run/walk will begin at 7 p.m. with registration at 6 p.m. Sunday events include Ed Fox broasted chicken dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and bingo from noon to 5 p.m. Both days will include a silent auction, country store, flea market, children and adult games, horseshoes and a raffle. For information call Chad or Kathy Ware at (260) 744-0290 or (260) 466-4272.

**All family rosary**

Fort Wayne — The first Sunday all family rosary will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5, in MacDougal Chapel. The intention is for all families, especially families with difficulties. Bishop John M D'Arcy will be attending.

**Knights plan fish fry**

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

**Catholic information booth to be at St. Joseph County 4-H fair**

South Bend — Catholic literature, rosaries and children's items will be displayed by the Legion of Mary in the commercial building, noon to 7 p.m., July 30-Aug. 4 at the fairgrounds located at 5117 S. Ironwood Dr. Admission \$7 (8 and under free). For information, call Chester Mackowiak, (574) 287-9204 in South Bend or Connie Acierto, (260) 486-1001 in Fort Wayne.

**Rummage sale**

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish will have a rummage sale on Friday, Aug 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. \$1.50 a bag sale on Saturday.

**Beginning Experience Weekend**

Mishawaka — A Beginning Experience retreat for widowed, divorced and separated persons will be held at Bethel College, from 7 p.m. Friday, July 27, to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 29. This Christian-based program assists persons to work through deep feelings of grief, anger, depression and loss. Register by July 14 to Rachel at (574) 271-1699 or e-mail at b.e.lady@juno.com or Becky at (260) 768-7350. The next weekend is Nov. 16-18.

**Central Catholic High plans reunion**

Fort Wayne — A reunion is planned for all alumni of Central Catholic High School Sunday, Sept. 16. Mass at the cathedral at 11:30 a.m. and party at the original high school site from 1 to 4 p.m. Call (260) 485-6164.

**Luers oldies reunion**

Fort Wayne — Graduates of the classes 1962-1971 will be celebrating the first 10 years on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the home of Ken Hensch, 7421 Maples Rd. Hosted by the class of 1965. For information contact Ken Hensch at (260) 447-2294 or e-mail KenAesthetic@aol.com.

**Golf Tournament planned**

South Bend — St. Augustine Parish will have a Jim Freel Golf Tournament, Saturday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m. Shotgun start, 18 hole scramble. New car hole-in-one prize, men and women longest drive and closest to the pin prizes. Cost is \$60 per player and includes cart, greens fees and lunch buffet. Contact Kevin Irvin at (574) 273-3778 or Father Chuck Lavelly at (574) 234-7082.

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Aug. 12	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father Bruce Piechocki St. Francis Xavier Piercetown	Father William Sullivan St. Thomas the Apostle Elkhart	
Aug. 19	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Father Dominique Carboneau St. Aloysius, Yoder	Father Daniel Scheidt Queen of Peace Mishawaka	
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BY MARK WEBER

## St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake — Est. 1940

If peaceful surroundings and the beauty of God's creation can enhance the mood for attending Mass, and in the process, awaken the sense of thanksgiving for being among those present, then St. Paul's Chapel at Clear Lake does just that.

Famous for the clarity of its water and its majestic sunsets, this huge lake in Steuben County, close enough to splash into Michigan and Ohio becomes Nirvana, Indiana, for thousands in summertime.

As one observes the luxurious lake homes and lavish lake toys on all shores of Clear Lake, it requires a nearly whimsical turn of mind to believe that early in the 1940s, four Catholic men ponied up \$169 at a tax sale to purchase a 30x40-foot building and surrounding property, which would become the original grounds of St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake.

Prior to the establishment of St. Paul's Chapel, Clear Lake residents attended Mass in Angola at St. Anthony of Padua Church, which was administered

by Franciscan friars who have a novitiate there.

In 1941, when a new church was built at St. Anthony, the old pews, a vestment case and other items were taken to the Clear Lake building where Franciscan



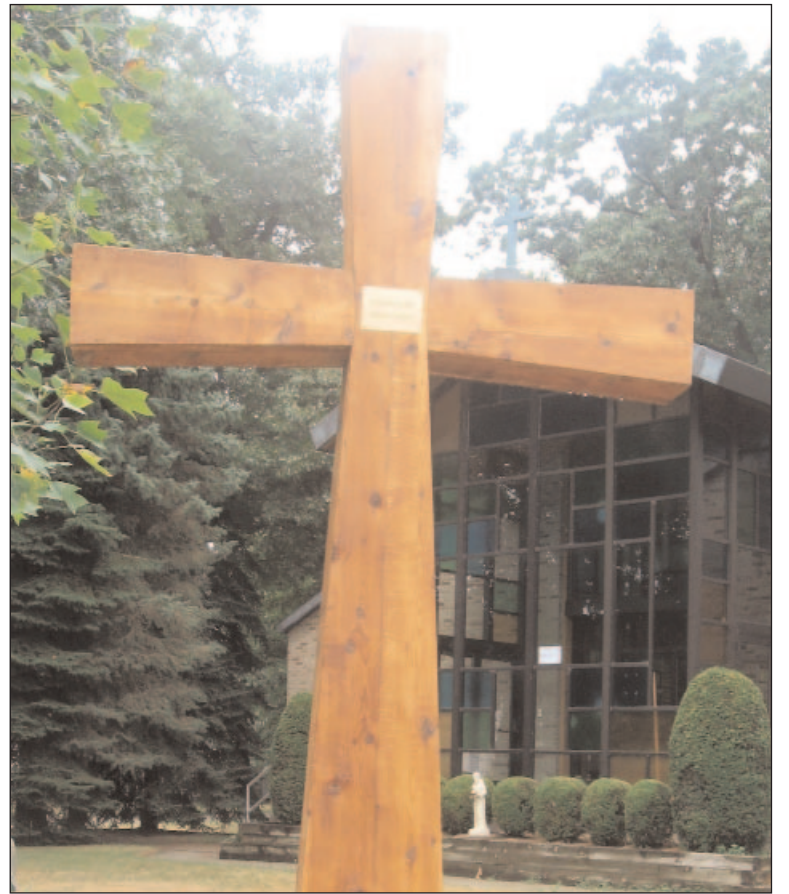
novices did much of the work in converting the former schoolhouse into a chapel.

On July 27, 1941, Conventual Franciscan Father Leonard Wren blessed the building and celebrated the first Mass at St. Paul Chapel. About 200 people attended and contributed \$47.28 in the collection.

In 1970 the chapel began operating year round. Beginning late in September, there is one Mass said at 9 a.m. on Sunday with attendance between 150 and 180.

It is the year-round parishioners who are responsible for the various ministries — choir, readers, altar servers, ushers eucharistic ministers, handicapped ministry, parish life committee, finance committee, building and maintenance, Annual Bishop's Appeal and the liturgy committee.

Bathed in sunshine and overflowing with happy, tanned visitors or home to those who arrive during a quiet snowfall, St. Paul's and the Franciscan friars continue to be part of the enchantment of incomparable Clear Lake.



MARK WEBER

Designed and built by a parishioner, this cross was installed in memory of unborn children and in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the priesthood of Father Philip Schneider, OFM Conv, pastor of St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake.

## Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lakeville — Est. 1933

Penny postcards with a handwritten message that the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish would have its first Mass on Dec. 18, 1932 told 40 households that they were now members of this new parish. Half of them were not interested.

The country was sunk in the Great Depression, and with no signs of recovery on the horizon, the prospect of being partners with the Lord in a shaky enterprise lacked appeal.

It did appeal to Holy Cross Father Peter J. Miner, the new pastor. In an abandoned schoolhouse, known as the Pleasant View School, two miles north of Lakeville on U.S. 31, he cleaned the place, washed the blackboards, fired up a Round Oak heating stove and made ready the way of the Lord.

Father Miner spent the winter evenings in the homes of parishioners giving religious instruction to children and preparing older ones for their first Communion.

Perhaps as a reward for his zeal, the probated will of Jeremiah Donovan revealed the bequest of two acres of land three miles north of Lakeville for the building of a Catholic church and rectory.

Plans for the new church were supplied by the College of Engineering at Notre Dame and although money was short, parishioners and non-Catholic

neighbors used horses and mules with slip-scrapers to dig the basement, while others built rafters and carried on with the construction of the

building.

It was all done in less than five months and formally dedicated on June 23, 1933.

After the dedication Mass, a chicken dinner for the workers and parishioners was served. Since it was a Friday, the bishop granted a dispensation to celebrate the occasion.

Over the years, Sacred Heart has grown with the addition of a parish hall and CCD classrooms, the acquisition of a neighboring 82-acre farm, three acres of which became a parish cemetery called Mount Calvary, and now in its 75th year the days of this parish are numbered.

At the Masses on July 22, 2007, an announcement of the pending merger of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish with nearby St. Jude Parish, which just recently absorbed St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, was made.

Where and when the new parish will be located have not been determined. Meanwhile and in stained glass, the image of St. Isadore, patron saint of farmers, gazes over the grounds of this peaceful place which has never lost the feeling of a "country parish."



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From the choir loft at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lakeville, St. Isadore, in stained glass, patron saint of farmers, looks out over the peaceful grounds of this rural parish.

