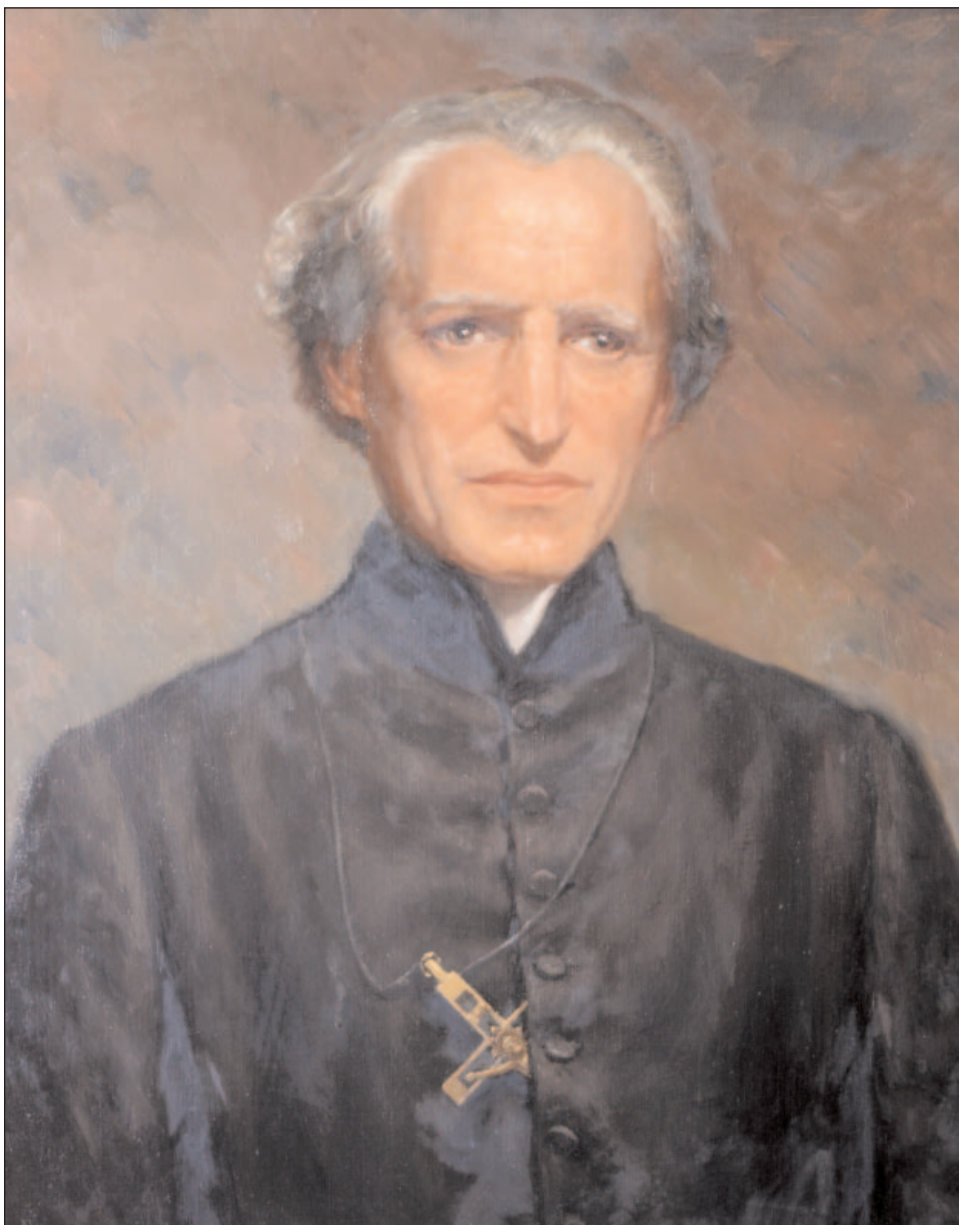




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Congregations of Holy Cross look forward to beatification of founder

Father Basile-Antoine Marie Moreau to be beatified Sept. 15 in Le Mans, France



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This painting is a portrait of Father Basile-Antoine Marie Moreau, founder of the religious family of Holy Cross sisters, brothers and priests. He will be beatified Sept. 15 in Le Mans, France. Celebration plans will take place in France and Notre Dame.

Jubilee Masses for 25/50th wedding anniversaries to be celebrated in diocese

Married couples observing silver and golden wedding anniversaries this year are invited to celebrate their marriages at special 25/50th Sesquicentennial Jubilee Masses at the cathedrals in South Bend and Fort Wayne. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will preside at the Masses.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, a 25/50th wedding anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 S. Miami St., South Bend.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, a 25/50th wedding anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne.

BY MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — With heartfelt gratitude and pride, the religious family of Holy Cross sisters, brothers and priests is pleased to announce the solemn beatification of their founder, Father Basile-Antoine Marie Moreau, which will take place in Le Mans, France, from Sept. 14-16, 2007.

Holy Cross religious and their guests from around the world will gather in Le Mans to participate in the events surrounding the beatification. The opening ceremonies will take place at the parish church of Ligné-en-Belin, Father Moreau's birthplace, the morning of Sept. 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

That evening there will be a prayer vigil in Le Mans at the Church of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix, the conventual church of the Holy Cross family, built by Father Moreau. Archbishop André Richard, CSC, of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, will preside.

The next afternoon, Sept. 15, Mass and the rite of beatification will be celebrated in the Centre Antarès. Bishop Jacques Faivre of Le Mans will be the main celebrant. Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican Congregation of the Causes of the Saints, will represent Pope Benedict XVI and present the official papal decree proclaiming Basile Moreau as blessed.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon in the Cathedral of St. Julian in Le Mans. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., will preside at this special liturgy in honor of the newly declared Blessed Basile-Antoine Marie Moreau.

Locally, the Sisters of the Holy Cross will cele-

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VINCE LABARBERA

Bishop John M. D'Arcy greets Father Bernard Galic, pastor, Holy Family Parish, and other attendees at the 21st Annual Bishop's Appeal dinner Aug. 21 at the University of Notre Dame's Joyce Center.



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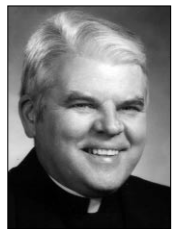
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Faith grows through cooperation with grace, prayer is essential



NEWS
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Darkness in the spiritual life

It is not often that one finds on CNN a reference to what is some times called in literature of Catholic spirituality "the dark night of the soul." Yet, there it was one day recently, and it referred to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. A life is being written about this saint who captured the attention of the world, almost entirely in a positive way, with the exception of people like Christopher Hitchens, a professed atheist, who railed against her on several occasions. This book, which I believe Our Sunday Visitor intends to publish, based on letters which Mother Teresa wrote, finds her in a state of darkness. God, who called her so clearly, is not only distant, she seems to be abandoned. His once close and intimate presence is gone.

Astonishingly, atheists seemed to claim Mother Teresa, indicating that she shows that a nonbeliever can do great passionate work for others. What is all this about?

The life of faith

It is about faith. It is the nature of faith that, on the one hand, theologians refer to it as firm or strong but also obscure. It is faith after all, and not evidence. As I told the people in my seminar at our Eucharistic Congress, if we wanted to count the number of people in a room, we could do it, and our minds would be at rest. We had evidence. In faith, beautiful things are presented to the intellect. They are presented by God, but our mind is not compelled to say "yes." With the help of the power of grace, I choose to say "yes" to what I do not see. Is my mind completely at rest? No. If it were, that would be evidence. It would not be faith.

From what I have seen of the letters of Mother Teresa, there is something more here than the ordinary questions which haunt all of us. We are talking about the classical experience of darkness, which God allows for a chosen soul, and it is not new. Indeed, every believer experiences challenges to the life of faith.

Most of us, thank God, do not go through anything like this terrible passion and darkness. There are priests in this diocese who are natives of India and tell you about their conversations with Mother Teresa during these years. They know little of her anguish, but only of her encouragement of their priesthood; her call to make a Holy Hour in the presence of the Eucharist every day, as she did all her life; and her devotion to the unborn, the sick and the dying, who she continued to pick up on the streets of Calcutta.

The early call

Two exceptional women, both named after the great Teresa of Avilla had similar experiences.

Teresa of Lisieux, Little Flower, had an intense and close relationship with Christ all her life, like he was sitting next to her. For the last two years this was gone, yet she continued to trust and believe in Christ and offered herself to God in the midst of darkness.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta heard the call of God as a Sister of Loreto while on a trip. It was clear that God was asking something special from her. So, she left her community, consecrated herself afresh to God and gave her life to the poor on the streets of Calcutta and throughout the world. Later came this great sense of loss.

Most of us do not have this great holiness of these two extraordinary women; but every soul experiences challenges to faith from within as well as from the surrounding culture. It is the nature of faith to be challenged. We are all like the man in the Gospel with that beautiful prayer when the Lord asked about his faith. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." Discouragement, never. Trust, always. And faith is nourished by prayer.

Some clarification

The best analysis I have ever read of what we are saying here came from a book that I used intensely 30 years ago when I taught a course on the theology of faith. It

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was a book written by a young priest/theologian in Germany. The book came from lectures the young priest had given at the historic University of Tübingen in Germany, and it was dedicated to his audiences at that university. This priest was Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI. I quote him at length so we might grasp the beauty and strength of his analysis and so it will help to understand that it is of the nature of faith to be challenged.

"The believer is always threatened with uncertainty which in moments of temptation can suddenly and unexpectedly cast a piercing light on the fragility of the whole that usually seems so self-evident to him. A few examples will help to make this clear. That lovable St. Teresa of Lisieux, who looks so naïve and unproblematic, had grown up in an atmosphere of complete religious security; her whole existence from beginning to end, and down to the smallest detail, was so completely moulded by the faith of the Church that the invisible world had become not just a part of her everyday life, but that life itself. It seemed to be an almost tangible reality that could not be removed by any amount of thinking. To her, 'religion' really was a self-evident presupposition of her daily existence;

she dealt with it as we deal with the concrete details of our lives. Yet this very saint, a person apparently cocooned in complete security, left behind her, from the last weeks of her passion, shattering admissions which her horrified sisters toned down in her literary remains and which have only now come to light in the new verbatim editions. She says, for example, 'I am assailed by the worst temptations of atheism.' Everything has become questionable, everything is dark. She feels tempted to take only the sheer void for granted. In other words, in what is apparently a flawlessly interlocking world someone here suddenly catches a glimpse of the abyss lurking — even for her — under the firm structure of the supporting conventions. In a situation like this, what is in question is not the sort of thing that one perhaps quarrels about otherwise — the dogma of the Assumption, the proper use of confession — all this becomes absolutely secondary. What is at stake is the whole structure; it is a question of all or nothing. That is the only remaining alternative; nowhere does there seem anything to cling to in this sudden fall. All that can be seen is the bottomless depths of the void into which one is also staring."

— "Introduction to Christianity," 1968,
Joseph Ratzinger

Remember Christ's own words in his great hour of darkness on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

But why does God allow this?

First of all, as Joseph Ratzinger brings out, it is of the nature of faith that it be challenged. The challenges come from within ourselves. Are you really there? Do you hear me? The challenges come also from outside ourselves as one theologian has put it. "The believer senses himself as swimming against the tide." When I was in the first grade, my Protestant teacher read the Bible every day at the beginning of school. Abortion was not only a sin, but a crime, in most states. The faith, which was nourished at home and in the parish church, we met also in the society around us and in the legislative halls. It is no longer true. In my home state, same-sex marriage has now been declared a constitutional right. So faith is challenged from within our hearts and also from the surrounding culture.

Joseph Ratzinger, in the same book, also brings out that the unbeliever also doubts. He is thinking, "Maybe they are right." He calls those of us who believe and preach the Gospel to understand this.

"Just as the believer knows himself to be constantly threatened by unbelief, which he must experience as a continual temptation, so for the unbeliever faith remains a temptation and a threat to his apparently permanently closed world."

Faith grows through cooperation with grace, and prayer is essential. So is the example of others. Pope John Paul II, that great doctor of pastoral life, understood this and there came about World Youth Day. He knew that young people need the example of others. In the few days since our Eucharistic Congress, modeled on those international events, I have been encouraged by the joy it brought to so many families. It was a day to nourish faith.

See you all next week.

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Ann Helmke of Vincent House homeless shelter in Fort Wayne speaks after accepting a check for \$8,000 at the Annual Bishop's Appeal checks presentation, held this year on Sunday, Aug. 26, at St. John the Baptist Church, New Haven. The presentation also included checks of \$23,000 to Catholic Charities, \$10,000 to the Women's Care Center, \$8,000 to Matthew 25, \$2,000 to the Fort Wayne Christ Child Society, \$1,000 to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen and \$1,000 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bishop requests prayers, assistance for victims of Ohio flooding

BY LAURIE STEVENS

TOLEDO, Ohio (CNS) — Bishop Leonard P. Blair of Toledo asked Catholics to join him in prayer for the victims of recent flooding that devastated communities across the diocese.

"All throughout the 19 counties of the Diocese of Toledo, the people of God have been affected," he said in a statement. "Some have had their homes damaged, their personal property destroyed, their farm fields seriously spoiled and their hearts broken."

Heavy rainfall particularly inundated southern parts of the diocese Aug. 19-21, causing rivers and creeks to swell and overflow their banks. Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland declared states of emergency in eight counties.

Dozens of parish properties around the diocese experienced water backing up into basements, but Joe Spenthoff, director of the diocesan Protective Self Insurance program, said none suffered severe structural damage.

At Sts. Peter & Paul in Ottawa, staff and volunteers struggled to keep ahead of the rising Blanchard River waters Aug. 22 by piling up sandbags and emptying the lower levels of the school.

Parishioners and nonparishioners alike did all they could to help, but "we weren't able to keep up with it," said Precious Blood Father Thomas Hemm, pastor. They were able to pump water out of the church basement until about 11 p.m. that night, but water surrounded the parish property the

following day. "If people come, they'll have to come on a boat," he said.

Four classrooms in the basement of the old school building were submerged Aug. 23, and water also seeped into the other school building, day-care center and the church basement.

"A lot of our parishioners are in worse shape though," he added. Most of the town was under water, including its main street.

Downtown Carey, home to Our Lady of Consolation Shrine and Basilica, was submerged under 3 feet of water Aug. 21 and the basements flooded in the basilica, friary, cafeteria and the original shrine church, where gift-shop inventory was stored.

Most of the water receded the next day, but the cafeteria basement was without electricity and still had 3 inches of water in it two days later. Many parishioners and pilgrims called to offer help with cleanup, according to administrative assistant Donna Johnson.

Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Shelby, located about a block and a half from the overflowing Black Fork River, had about 2 feet of water in the church basement that damaged a pump and boilers. Water in the parish center basement also damaged a youth room.

Classes were canceled for the first day of school Aug. 22 at St. Mary of the Snows in Mansfield due to waterlogged roadways. Floods in downtown Mansfield left St. Peter Church and Schools relatively unharmed, but the nearby 32-acre athletic complex was not

so fortunate.

"Our entire 13 acres of sports turf was covered in almost 4 feet of water," said Bob Vaccaro, manager of St. Peter's Spartan Fields. The complex located less than two miles away from St. Peter Schools is used by students in preschool through high school for soccer, baseball and softball.

Vaccaro estimated that even with cooperative weather it would be at least a week before athletes could get back on the fields, delaying the first soccer games of the season.

Earlier this summer, farmers of the diocese were praying for rain when much of Ohio was experiencing drought conditions. Father Hemm expressed concern that crops that survived the drought would be ruined by excess water.

In Upper Sandusky, where 9.34 inches of rain reportedly fell in a 24-hour period Aug. 20, Father Kent Kaufman, pastor of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, recalled that the same thing happened years ago when the region was facing a drought.

First the Catholics were praying for rain, then the Lutherans joined in and finally everyone was praying for rain. Then, as now, rain flooded the area.

"I think it's a backlog of prayers for rain," said Father Kaufman. "I learned from a wise old farmer that you don't pray for rain, you pray for favorable weather."

Contributing to this story was Angela Kessler.

History of Holy Cross

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Father Moreau was born in Laigné-en-Belin, a town in the diocese of Le Mans, France, on Feb. 11, 1799. He died in Le Mans on Jan. 20, 1873. As a priest of the Diocese of Le Mans and seminary professor, he established the Association of Holy Cross consisting of two societies, one of men (brothers and priests) and the other of women, both having as principal ministries the education of youth, evangelization and the missions.

Holy Cross has been a missionary congregation from its earliest years when Father Moreau sent religious to far-flung regions of the globe: Algeria, Canada, Bangladesh, India, and Indiana and Louisiana in the United States.

Today there are four Holy Cross congregations: the Congregation of Holy Cross (priests and brothers), who received definitive approbation by the Holy See in 1857, and three congregations of women: the Marianites of Holy Cross (France), who were approved 10 years later in 1867; the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross (Indiana), who received their autonomy in 1869; and in 1883 the Marianites in Canada became the branch known as the Congregation of the Sisters of Holy Cross (Soeurs de Sainte-Croix).

Since their inception, the four Holy Cross congregations have grown and spread throughout the world. In the South Bend area, the priests are known for founding the University of Notre Dame; the brothers, for Holy Cross College and Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame; and the Sisters of the Holy Cross, for Saint Mary's College

and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

All three congregations minister in parishes, educational institutions, and social and pastoral ministries in the local community.

Members of the Holy Cross congregations have begun and still maintain educational institutions as well as important social and pastoral ministries in North and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. It is through their commitment to the vowed life, their zeal for the mission and the diversity of ministry that the priests, sisters and brothers of Holy Cross continue to live out the vision of Father Moreau, who saw his religious family as a "a mighty tree that constantly shoots forth new limbs and branches and is nourished by the same life-giving sap" (Moreau, 1854) and as visible

manifestation of the union and interdependence of both the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family. It is for this reason that he dedicated the priests to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the sisters to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the brothers to the Pure Heart of St. Joseph and the entire congregation to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows.

It should be noted also that Pope John Paul II beatified two Canadian members of the Holy Cross family: Blessed Brother André Bessette,

founder of Saint Joseph Oratory in Montréal, and Blessed Mother Marie Léonie Paradis, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family.

For further information on Father Moreau and the Congregations of Holy Cross, contact: www.holy-crosscongregation.org; www.marianites.org; www.cscsisters.org; and www.sistersofholycross.org.

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brate the beatification with prayer services on Sept. 8, 14 and 15. On Sunday, Sept. 16, Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, followed by brunch for community members. Prayer cards will be distributed and banners will be displayed. Saint Mary's College is celebrating on Sept. 16 with a Mass at Holy Spirit Chapel, as well as other special events planned throughout the year including a Blessed Basil Moreau birthday party on Feb. 11.

The University of Notre Dame will also display banners and posters around its campus. On Aug. 28, the university presented an eight-minute video on Father Basil Moreau's life and the significance of his beatification during Mass for the opening of the school year.

Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, plans to incorporate the life and values of Father Moreau in all of its activities throughout the academic year.

The Catholic community and friends of Holy Cross are invited to rejoice with the Holy Cross religious throughout the world for this honor and recognition of Father Moreau who did so much to extend God's reign.

Vatican officials say new book illustrates Mother Teresa's strength

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Vatican officials said a new book detailing Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta's long "crisis of faith" illustrates her spiritual strength in the face of doubt.

"This is a figure who had moments of uncertainty and discouragement, experiencing the classic dark night that God gives to chosen people in order to forge them on the road to holiness," said Spanish Cardinal Julian Herranz, a member of the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

"These moments of crisis felt by great saints are normal and in line with the church's tradition," Cardinal Herranz said Aug. 26. Even Christ experienced a similar spiritual trial in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross, he said.

Such moments of "weakness" are in fact "the proof of the greatness of faith of Blessed Mother Teresa and take nothing away from her holiness," he said.

Cardinal Herranz, who spoke in an interview with the Rome newspaper *La Repubblica*, said the progress of Mother Teresa's sainthood cause would not be affected by the letters published in the book.

Vatican and other church officials were already familiar with the letters because many were first published in 2002, and in fact formed part of the documentation reviewed before she was beatified in 2003, six years after her death.

The letters are being published in English in the upcoming book, "Mother Teresa: Come Be My



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Missionaries of Charity nuns pray during a service in Calcutta, India, Aug. 26, marking the 97th anniversary of Blessed Mother Teresa's birth. A new book, titled "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light," will be released Sept. 4, one day before the 10th anniversary of Mother Teresa's Sept. 5, 1997, death. The book, a compilation of letters Mother Teresa wrote to her spiritual advisers, reveals the darkness of soul that she experienced for many years.

Light," edited by Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, a member of the Missionaries of Charity order founded by Mother Teresa and the postulator of her sainthood cause.

Time magazine recently ran a cover story about the book under the title, "The Secret Life of Mother Teresa." In letters written over several decades, she spoke

of a lack of faith, a "terrible darkness within me" and a sense of being abandoned by Jesus.

Sister Nirmala Joshi, head of the Missionaries of Charity, said the letters reveal that sainthood does not come easily, but they do not show a failure of faith.

"Mother (Teresa) did not doubt God, she continued to love him. If you doubt someone, soon-

er or later you stop following him. But she continued right up to her death to love him and to put into practice her devotion," Sister Nirmala told *La Repubblica*.

Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher of the papal household, told Vatican Radio that what distinguished Mother Teresa's "dark night" was that it apparently continued throughout her life and was not a preparation for a new spiritual stage as with other saints.

He said her inner suffering

should not be seen as a denial of God, however. She knew God was there, but suffered because she could not feel him, he said.

Noting that Mother Teresa would kneel before the Eucharist for hours at a time, Father Cantalamessa said it must have been a form of "martyrdom" not to feel Christ's presence.

"For me, this makes the figure of Mother Teresa much bigger, not smaller," he said.

Italian Cardinal Angelo Scola of Venice, who wrote a reflection on Mother Teresa's letters last year in the Vatican newspaper, said they reveal some important and beautiful things.

"The first is that Mother Teresa is one of us, that she went through all the trials just as we do, no more and no less," he said.

Another important element in her letters is that Mother Teresa, when she no longer felt she could feel God's presence, asked him to reveal himself, he said.

Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the former Vatican spokesman, said Mother Teresa's letters showed that she experienced real spiritual suffering. That is not surprising, he said, since she was notoriously "immune" to the banal and the superficial.

"But all this is not the expression of a lack of faith, but rather of the normal — perhaps in this case heroic — sacrifice that people discover when they try to live a commitment and a choice coherently and completely," he said.

Navarro-Valls said it would be wrong to conclude on the basis of these letters that Mother Teresa's trademark smile was fake or that her public persona was hypocritical.

Instead, the letters illustrate that spiritual progress often must overcome obstacles that seem impassable, he said.



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Workshop helps congress participants appreciate our Jewish roots

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — A large group of interested participants filled the auditorium of the Eck Center to hear John Clabeaux give a talk on the Jewish roots of Christianity.

Professor Clabeaux, a theology teacher at Pontifical College Josephinum, a seminary in Columbus, Ohio, spoke of the importance of reading the New Testament from the Jewish perspective.

When studying the Letters of St. Paul, Clabeaux realized that he could not really understand Paul unless he understood Paul's Jewish roots.

"What have the Jews given to us?" he asked. The answer is everything. The Jews gave us Jesus, Mary, the apostles, etc. Eighty percent of our Bible is made up of the Hebrew Scriptures.

"You cannot understand the rest if you don't know the meaning of the 80 percent," he said.

Clabeaux pointed out that the pattern of death and rising that we find in Christianity has its roots in the Old Testament. There are many stories of sacrifice and redemption such as that of Abraham and Isaac, the selling of Joseph into slavery and so on.

Much can be learned from our Jewish brothers and sisters. Clabeaux spoke about two things in particular. The first is the Jewish approach to creation and the material world as good. Too often Christian theologians have subordinated creation to the spiritual rather than taking the approach that everything God made is good.



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Professor John Clabeaux, a theology teacher at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, presented the workshop Our Jewish Roots at the diocesan Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame Aug. 18.

Secondly, we can also learn a lot from the Jewish observance of the Sabbath. Jesus did not get rid of the Sabbath, but for many Christians it is often just another day of the week except for Mass.

For the Jews, the Sabbath is a day to celebrate creation and a day of redemption. It is a day to be free from work so one can have a foretaste of eternity. It is also a time to come to further insight about our faith. The Sabbath is a day set aside for the Lord.

The hour went much too quickly and, like all good teachers, Clabeaux left many of the participants eager to know more about our Jewish roots.

Volunteer network RSVP relocates

Takes over facility that formerly housed Circle of Mercy in South Bend

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — "Life is a gift. We are grateful for the presence. This is a dual blessing. We want to reach out to the senior citizens with so much experience and help them and make the senior time a great blessing for all of us. All of this work is for Christ," noted Bishop John M. D'Arcy before he blessed the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) facility which is now located at 120 S. Taylor St. in South Bend.

The facility, which served as the Circle of Mercy daycare center until June of this year, will now house the nationwide-volunteer program, RSVP, which in South Bend is sponsored by Catholic Charities. The program was housed at the Catholic Charities' building located on Miami Street in South Bend just south of St. Matthew Cathedral.

An open house, which included a blessing from the bishop, was held on Aug. 22 and included tours of the facility. It was attended by about 50 people including volunteers who are part of the program.

"We think this is a blessing. We had for years this center for daycare for children. The daycare seemed not the best service for the poor. We regret closing it but it was necessary," noted Bishop D'Arcy about the relocation of RSVP.

Jennifer Tindell, the RSVP program coordinator, expressed her happiness and thanks in the move to a much larger facility, which Tindell believes is around "seven times" as large as the space RSVP occupied on Miami Street.

"In the short amount of time we have been here, since the first of



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Bishop John M. D'Arcy spoke to the crowd present before he blessed the RSVP facility in South Bend in the former Circle of Mercy Day Nursery. Standing with the bishop, left to right, are Patrick Russell, West Region administrator, Catholic Charities; Debra Schmidt, executive director, Catholic Charities; and Jennifer Tindell, RSVP program director.

June, we have already filled up the building. It has been fantastic," said Tindell happily. "Right now, we have about 430 volunteers and we hope to increase that. We have five big rooms and a kitchen. It was a definite blessing for our program. Today is a huge day for RSVP."

Eldon Nifong, Elkhart, who is a RSVP volunteer carpenter and handyman, thinks that the new building is "fantastic" especially since it allows "space to work and it gives us all an opportunity and space when we wish to meet together."

Tindell pointed out that RSVP has 200 plus seniors at Busy Hands, which makes projects in town for those in need. The new building definitely will help this program now since there is a room dedicated to sewing and quilting, "offering us a huge space to increase production

and we are so very excited about that," Tindell added.

RSVP invites adults over the age of 55 to use their life experience and skills to help answer the call of their neighbors in need, noted Tindell.

"Our volunteers read for the print impaired, assist in making patients and guests feel more comfortable at health facilities, assist individuals in need to find appropriate resources and help provide food to those who have fallen on hard times," said Tindell.

"May all who come here know the presence of Christ and grow in his love," noted Bishop D'Arcy in his blessing of the facility.

For information about RSVP contact Jennifer Tindell, RSVP program coordinator at (574) 287-0500 or e-mail jtindell@ccfwsb.org.

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Repair of historic St. Louis church could take years, cost millions

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Restoration efforts at St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Parish in St. Louis could take a year or more and cost several million dollars, according to Bob Ryan, director of the archdiocesan Office of Risk Management. "It might take a year to put it back together or more," Ryan told the *St. Louis Review*, archdiocesan newspaper. "We won't know until we get the bids to reconstruct it. It could go as high as \$3 (million) to \$4 million, but that is pure speculation at this point in time." The risk management office administers the archdiocese's self-insurance program for parish properties. St. Alphonsus is insured through the program, although the property is owned and administered by the Redemptorists. To help with the cost of restoration efforts, the archdiocese has pledged \$100,000 from the Annual Catholic Appeal's parish emergency fund. Ryan said the main effort following the fire had been to secure the building and make it safe enough to bring in structural engineers to begin the formal evaluation of the property. The city of St. Louis has condemned the 140-year-old church building, which was struck by lightning as storms rolled through the area Aug. 16.

Canadian Cardinal Gagnon, longtime Vatican official, dies in Montreal

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Canadian Cardinal Edouard Gagnon, 89, a longtime Vatican official and an outspoken defender of traditional church teaching who frequently found himself in the midst of controversy, died Aug. 25 in Montreal. Pope Benedict XVI called the cardinal a "faithful servant of the church" who generously served many years "with competence and devotion." In telegrams sent to Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte of Montreal and Sulpician Father Lawrence Terrien, superior general of the Sulpicians, the pope offered his condolences for the Sulpician cardinal's death. The Vatican released to journalists copies of the telegrams Aug. 26. Cardinal Gagnon served as head of the Pontifical Council for the Family, 1983-1990, and as president of the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses, 1991-98. Throughout his career at the Vatican, Cardinal Gagnon was an outspoken critic of North American society and church trends. He said U.S. religious education was diluted and failed to teach the basics and criticized sex education in the church.

Vatican confirms pope will meet with Israeli president

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI is scheduled to meet with Israeli President Shimon Peres at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, a Vatican official confirmed to Catholic News Service Aug. 24. The Sept. 6 meet-

CARDINALS WALKS WITH PERU'S PRESIDENT



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Peruvian Cardinal Juan Cipriani Thorne of Lima, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, and Peruvian President Alan Garcia walk toward a cathedral in Lima, Peru, Aug. 24. Cardinal Bertone was on an official visit to Peru and met with earthquake survivors. He also led prayer services for those who had died and for their families.

ing will come just three days after Israeli and Vatican representatives meet in Jerusalem to discuss financial issues related to Catholic institutions in Israel. Peres, who met with Pope Benedict in April 2006, was elected in June as Israel's president, a largely symbolic role. Peres has served as prime minister of Israel twice, as well as in a number of high-ranking government posts. In 1994 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work on the Oslo accords, which affirmed the Palestinian right of self-governance. Peres' visit with the pope will be part of an official visit to Italy in which he will also meet with Italian political leaders.

Australian bishop says church is failing victims of clergy sex abuse

SYDNEY, Australia (CNS) — The bishop who developed the Australian Catholic Church's protocols for dealing with cases of clergy sexual abuse of minors says the church is failing victims and not confronting the systemic causes of sexual abuse and making changes that will make ministries healthier places. In a new book, "Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church," Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, 70, a retired auxiliary bishop of Sydney, writes, "I am convinced that if the pope had spoken clearly at the beginning of the revelations, inviting victims to come forward so that the whole truth, however terrible, might be known and confronted, and firmly directing that all members of the church should respond with openness, humility, honesty and compassion, consistently putting victims before the good name of the church, the entire response of the church would have been far better. Even now I cannot see evidence that a true confrontation of the

problem is occurring," said the book, released in late August. "The staff of those clinical facilities specially set up for the treatment of priests and religious who have offended against minors have not been asked by Roman authorities for their findings on the causes of abuse."

Poor Clare Sisters in Omaha break ground for future monastery

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — Though the Poor Clare Sisters in Omaha have yet to reach their financial goal, they broke ground for a new monastery on land near a Benedictine abbey Aug. 15. The date was chosen because it holds special meaning for the nuns: Aug. 15, 1878, was the date the first Poor Clares monastery was established in Omaha. The monastery was the religious community's first in North America. More than 75 people joined the sisters for the groundbreaking, which included praying the five joyful mysteries of the rosary and the two glorious mysteries about Mary. And balloons were released. "We hope the event fosters greater interest and participation from those who are in a position to help in a big way," said Sister Theresina of Jesus Santiago, coordinator of the building project. The proposed \$5 million monastery will reflect the symbol of their order's founder, St. Francis — the tau cross, which is a T-shaped cross.

Knoxville cathedral pastor chosen again as diocesan administrator

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — The Diocese of Knoxville's College of Consultors, meeting two

days after the installation Mass for Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz in Louisville, Ky., elected as diocesan administrator the one man with experience in the role. Father Al Humbrecht, who remains pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral, will again guide the diocese until the appointment of its next bishop. He served as diocesan administrator for almost 11 months after the departure of Bishop Anthony J. O'Connell in 1999. "It is a ministry of service, and I believe very strongly that when called upon to serve that it's the Holy Spirit working, and you offer your best," said Father Humbrecht as he left the consultors' meeting Aug. 17. "The wonderful thing about serving as administrator in our diocese is that with the clergy we have, the laity we have, all the people we have in place — everything is already running very smoothly." The Nashville native, born on the same day in 1946 as Archbishop Kurtz, was elected administrator on the day before each man celebrated his 61st birthday.

Activists demand inquiry into Sri Lankan priest's disappearance

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (CNS) — Civil rights activists and church groups in Sri Lanka have demanded an independent and impartial inquiry with international participation into last year's disappearance of a Catholic priest and his companion in troubled Jaffna. The Christian Alliance for Social Action, an ecumenical lay group, and the Law & Society Trust, a nonprofit group for civil rights awareness, made their demand Aug. 21 in an open letter to Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse. The letter came after a memorial meeting organized by the groups in Colombo Aug. 20, the

first anniversary of the disappearance of Father Thiruchelvam Nihal Jim Brown of the Jaffna Diocese in the northern fringe of the Indian Ocean country. Attending the memorial were about 150 people, including Bishop Thomas Savundaranayagam of Jaffna as well as representatives of two dozen civil rights groups. Father Neri Church in the Allaipiddy islet off the Jaffna peninsula, went missing Aug. 20, 2006, along with his lay helper, Wenceslaus Vincent Vimalan, when they went to inspect the church, which was damaged in shelling a week earlier.

Lay ecclesial ministry seen as 'traditional and radically new'

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. (CNS) — One of the "top three or four most important ministerial shifts" in the last 2,000 years has been the "emergence of lay ecclesial ministry over the past 40 years," said Edward P. Hahnenberg, assistant professor of theology at Jesuit-run Xavier University in Cincinnati. He said it was on "a historical par with — and in fact may even eclipse — the changes to the church brought about by the rise of communal forms of monasticism in the fifth century, the birth of mendicant orders in the 13th century, or the explosion of women's religious communities in the 19th century." Hahnenberg, who is also a theological adviser to the bishops, put the development of lay ecclesial ministry within a broad historical context as being both "traditional and radically new." He was one of the keynote speakers at the National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry, held July 31-Aug. 3 at St. John's University in Collegeville.

Pope's brother says criticism of pope signals 'good pontificate'

PASSAU, Germany (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's elder brother said criticism of the pope should be expected as the sign of a good pontificate and that recent controversies showed papal leadership could not be "all peace, joy and pancakes." "I'm mainly concerned that the new situation will work well for my brother in relation to his faith, and I can witness that he's fulfilling what the good Lord expects of him and also being understood by many people," Msgr. Georg Ratzinger said in an Aug. 17 interview with Bavaria's *Passauer Neuen Presse* daily. Msgr. Ratzinger said he had contacts "only with people who wish me and my brother well," adding that "negative voices" reached him "through detours, when they've already been purified and don't hurt me anymore." He said he was aware of recent controversies, such as debate over the pope's July 7 document allowing wider use of the Tridentine Mass, the liturgy that predates the Second Vatican Council, and a July 10 Vatican declaration that the Catholic Church is the one, true church. "These critical voices were to be expected — if everything went smoothly, it wouldn't be a good pontificate," Msgr. Ratzinger said.

Saturday Scholar Series to kick off football weekends

NOTRE DAME — The seventh annual Saturday Scholar Series at the University of Notre Dame will feature seven lectures by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall.

Sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters, the lectures were initiated by Mark W. Roche, I.A. O'Shaughnessy dean of the college, to add a scholarly dimension to a weekend roster of athletics, pageantry and fine arts performances.

The lectures will begin three and one-half hours before kickoff and take place in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. They are as follows:

- Sept. 1 — "Why is Goethe's 'Faust' the Greatest Work of German Literature?" with Vittorio Hösle, the Paul G. Kimball Professor of Arts and Letters. In 1808 the German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe published the first part of his dramatic poem "Faust," which soon was hailed as one of the greatest works of world literature. Hösle will examine how Goethe managed to integrate psychological, social, political and theological insights into this drama about a pact between a man and the devil for the purpose of gaining knowledge.

- Sept. 22 — "Health Care Reforms: An Economist's Assessment," with William Evans, Keough-Hesburgh professor of economics. Americans spend some \$6,000 per person for medical care services, or roughly one-seventh of the gross domestic product — figures that are twice what typical developed countries spend on health care. Despite these expenditures, the U.S. has substantially lower life expectancy than other countries, and 45 million Americans have no health insurance. All current presidential candidates list health care reform as a top priority. Evans will summarize the issues that a successful health care reform package must address, outline key proposed reforms and discuss likely economic consequences of reform packages.

- Oct. 13 — "Global Ireland: From Celtic Twilight to Celtic Tiger," with Luke Gibbons, professor of English. A country with a long history of conflict, underdevelopment and emigration, Ireland experienced in the 1990s an economic boom that placed it at the highest levels among developed nations. Instead of emigration, it has become a magnet for unprecedented levels of immigration at a rate eight times that of the U.S. Gibbons will examine the implications of these transformations in Irish culture and the need for renewal in self-images of the Irish, both at home and abroad.

- Oct. 20 — "Combating Extremism: Democratic Virtues and Pluralism in Islam," with Asma Afsaruddin, associate professor of Arabic and Islamic studies. The belief that Islam and democracy are incompatible is fairly widespread in the U.S. Ironically, this view also is current among extremists in the

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South Bend Holy Cross School's Junior High Quiz Bowl team had an undefeated season. Their moderators were Melissa Scott (fifth grade teacher) and Stephanie Hile (junior high English teacher). They had an 11-0 season. The quiz bowl team pictured are the following: Thomas Davis, moderator Stephanie Hile, Claire Kucela, Emily Polovick, Luke Sullivan, Thomas Wiegand, Joshua O'Brien, Jonathan Carton, David Tschida, Cody Davis, Chris Harlow and moderator Melissa Scott.

Muslim world today. Afsaruddin will interrogate such assumptions through an exploration of the notions of pluralism as found in the Qur'an, and of the notions of good governance as expressed in Islamic thought and praxis.

- Nov. 3 — "Cops, Protest and Rioting," with Daniel Myers, professor of sociology who specializes in collective violence and the diffusion of social processes. When authorities intervene in a protest or riot, do they calm things down or do they simply fan the flames? Myers examines patterns in past violent outbreaks that demonstrate how police can better prevent events from escalating into full blown rioting.

- Nov. 10 — "Theology vs. Religion: The Case of John Milton," with Stephen Fallon, chair and professor in the program of liberal studies. Despite writing about himself extensively and repeatedly, John Milton, one of the world's greatest poets and the archetypal Puritan poet, resolutely avoids the obligatory Augustinian narrative of sinfulness and conversion universal among his contemporaries. The doctrine of fall, grace and regeneration around which is built his great epic, "Paradise Lost," has no discernible effect on his self-understanding. Despite his emphasis on theology, Milton, Fallon will argue, is not a religious writer.

- Nov. 17 — "Words and Music, Music and Words: The Songs of Franz Schubert," with Susan Youens, professor of music. One of

the greatest of all song composers was Franz Schubert (1797-1828), who composed more than 600 songs from poems. Youens will discuss two pieces as examples of what music can do to and for poetry. Daniel Schlosberg, junior pianist in the music department and baritone Ryan de Ryke will perform the two songs.

Knights of Columbus numbers growing

SOUTH BEND — The display booth of the Knights of Columbus at the recent Eucharistic Congress in observance of the 150th anniversary of the diocese has done much to enhance the continued growth of this organization of Catholic men. Statistics provided at the display revealed that membership in the national organization of the Knights of Columbus has now reached in excess of 1.7 million men, of which more than 300,000 are Fourth Degree members.

Overseas councils have been chartered in Poland, while others are expanding in the Philippine Islands, Mexico and Cuba.

In the South Bend area, the largest council is located at the University of Notre Dame with 711 members, according to Vincent Feck, district deputy for the area, who recently installed officers for all councils. Grand Knight of the Notre Dame Council is Nathan Menendez.

The second largest and oldest council is the Santa Maria Council

of South Bend, chartered in 1901. It has 335 members and is led by Grand Knight Kevin Large.

St Pius X Parish's Father Stephen Badin Council has 339 members with Grand Knight Joseph Stackowicz. Other councils are Ave Maria Council with 222 members led by Grand Knight Dave DeNieghe and Archbishop John Carroll Council with 168 members led by Grand Knight Scott Singer. San Mateo Council is the area's first Hispanic council and is located at St. Adalbert Parish. It recently initiated 34 members and elected Diego Beldado as Grand Knight. — EJD

Memorial chalice presented to William Xaver family

PLYMOUTH — The Father Nieuwland Assembly, Fourth degree, Knights of Columbus, paid a special tribute to William Xaver, a longtime and dedicated worker, by presenting a memorial chalice in his name.

The chalice was presented by Edward D. Rodriguez to Xaver's mother, who said it will be used by Roman Catholic priests in Africa who the family knows.

The meeting in Plymouth Father John Tremmel Council was the first to be held in more than two decades. There are 10 members of the assembly who also belong to Father Tremmel Council, which was chartered in 1919 and named

for the former pastor of St. Michael Church. It was the 10th council to be chartered in Indiana by the Supreme Council. Currently the council has 169 members. — EJD

New leadership at Holy Cross College enhances communications and public relations

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College has been undergoing dramatic transformations in the last five years. From a junior college to a fully accredited four-year institution with sports teams, dorms, and baccalaureate degree programs, the college has been growing rapidly and would like to change its image just as fast.

Helping to change public perception is part of the job description for the new director of marketing, communications and public relations, Mike Davids.

"With his unique experience as a marketer, publisher, editor and teacher, Mike Davids is the right person to help us publicize the dramatic changes at Holy Cross College to high school students, their parents and the general public," says Holy Cross President Brother Richard Gilman, CSC.

"Holy Cross College is a relatively undiscovered gem. For a college experience, it uniquely offers the best of both worlds. It has the intimate atmosphere you can only find at a small college — a place where all your professors know you by your first name — and, yet you can walk across the street to Notre Dame university and experience all the excitement and social opportunities of a large campus. What's more, with the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Pfeil Recreation Center last month, the students will soon be cheering on their own Saints in NAIA sanctioned athletic events. The Saints team slogan, 'Champions of Character,' aligns with the mission here at Holy Cross," Davids says.

Sts. Anne and Joachim Society meet at St. Matthew Cathedral

SOUTH BEND — The Sts. Anne and Joachim Elder Society of St. Matthew Cathedral will continue to meet on the last Friday of every month, beginning Aug. 31, with Mass to be celebrated at 11:30 a.m.

On this occasion, members of the society will assemble in the cathedral lower rooms to hear speakers Julia Zircher and Harry Decker from the area's Social Security Division. Father Michael Heintz, rector of the cathedral, will celebrate Mass. — EJD

Teachers Credit Union awards grant

SOUTH BEND — Teacher's Credit Union has awarded St. Joseph School, South Bend, an \$800 grant for a back to school theme, "South Bend, My Hometown," that celebrates downtown South Bend.

The grant helps kindergarten, first and second grade teachers purchase literature books and create cityscapes at the school, all which will foster appreciation for and knowledge about their hometown.

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart celebrate jubilees

FRANKFORT, Ill. — Twelve Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, with ties to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will celebrate jubilees this year.

80th jubilee

Sister Hilda Marie Kroemer, OSF, was born in Hindenburg, Germany, on Sept. 9, 1906. Sister entered the convent in Joliet, Ill., on Sept. 5, 1927. Sister was a teacher for 46 years. Her teaching career took her to California, Illinois and Indiana including St. Joseph School, Garrett, and St. Mary School, Avilla. Today sister is a resident at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.



**SISTER
HILDA
MARIE
KROEMER**

75th jubilee

Sister M. Leonore Cousino, OSF, was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on March 2, 1918. She entered the convent in Joliet, Ill., on Oct. 3, 1932. In 1935, sister began her teaching career. During her 52 years as a teacher, sister taught in schools in Illinois and Indiana, which included 37 years as teacher, tutor and volunteer at St. Charles School, Fort Wayne. Today sister is retired spending much of her time helping in the convent and volunteering at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.



**SISTER M.
LENORE
COUSINO**

70th jubilee

Sister M. Eleanore Kaydus, OSF, was born in Springfield, Ill., on Dec. 8, 1918. She entered the convent in Joliet, Ill., on Sept. 5, 1937. After sister retired from full time teaching, she spent another 13 years as a teacher aide at St. Charles School, Fort Wayne, before she retired to the motherhouse in Frankfort, Ill. Sister is presently a resident at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where prayer and suffering is her full time ministry.



**SISTER M.
ELEANORE
KAYDUS**

Sister Mary Bernard Engelman, OSF, was born in Tyvone, Pa., on Jan. 28, 1919. She entered the convent in Joliet, Ill. on Sept. 8, 1937.

Sister ministered in the health care profession for 26 years working in hospitals in Indiana, Illinois and California. She worked at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, in pastoral care in a variety of ministries before she retired and became a volunteer. Presently Sister is a resident at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where her ministry is one of prayer and suffering.



**SISTER
MARY
BERNARD**

50th jubilee

Sister Mary Ann Hartz, OSF, was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on Nov. 21, 1934. Sister entered the convent in Mokena, Ill., on Sept. 1, 1957. Over these past years, sister has served in various areas of domestic working including laundry, dietary and nurse aide in Avilla, and Freeport, Ill.



**SISTER
MARY ANN
HARTZ**

Sister M. Diane Martin, OSF, was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on Feb. 16, 1939. Sister entered the convent in Mokena, Ill., on Sept. 5, 1957. Sister was a primary grade teacher for 28 years in schools in Illinois, California and Garrett. At this time sister is religious service director for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Cemetery Ministry.



**SISTER
DIANE
MARTIN**

Sister M. Cordé Miranda, OSF, was born in Miami, Ariz., on July 28, 1928. On Oct. 21, 1957, sister entered the convent in Mokena, Ill. Sister was a teacher for 14 years in Illinois, Indiana and California. At the present time, sister volunteers at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.



**SISTER
CORDE
MIRANDA**

40th jubilee

Sister Ruth Agee, OSF, was born in Lynwood, Calif., on Oct. 2, 1947. Sister entered the convent on Sept. 8, 1967. Sister was a teacher



**SISTER RUTH
AGEE**

for 25 years in elementary schools in Indiana and Illinois, including nine years at St. Charles School, Fort Wayne.

Sister Christina Fuller, OSF, was born to Harold and Elizabeth (Bolin) Fuller on Feb. 6, 1949 in Sturgis, Mich., and grew up in Auburn. She entered the convent on Sept. 8, 1967, Mokena, Ill. Sister was an elementary teacher for 14 years in schools in Indiana including St. Joseph School, Hessen Cassel, and St. Charles School, Fort Wayne, where she was also director of religious education for five years before being appointed initial formation director of novices and postulants, Frankfort, Ill.



**SISTER
CHRISTINA
FULLER**

Sister Mary Shinnick, OSF, was born on March 31, 1949 in Peru, Ill. Sister entered the convent on Sept. 8, 1967, Mokena, Ill. Sister taught at St. Charles School, Fort Wayne, for four years before becoming accountant for An Association of Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart. For 22 years, sister served as corporate treasurer for Franciscan Health Care Corporation, treasurer for Provena Health. Presently Sister is general treasurer of An Association of Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart.



**SISTER
MARY SHIN-
NICK**

Sister Joyce Shanabarger, OSF, was born to Lee and Louise (Muzzillo) Shanabarger May 9, 1949, in Auburn. She entered the convent on Sept. 8, 1967, Mokena, Ill. Sister was teacher and assistant at St. Charles, Fort Wayne, and also served in Dyer and Schererville. Sister also serves on the leadership team of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart.



**SISTER JOYCE
SHANABARGER**

25th jubilee

Sister Mary Elizabeth Imler, OSF, was born April 8, 1953, to Samuel Vincent and Mary Elizabeth (Suelzer) Imler, Fort Wayne. Sister entered the convent in Mokena,

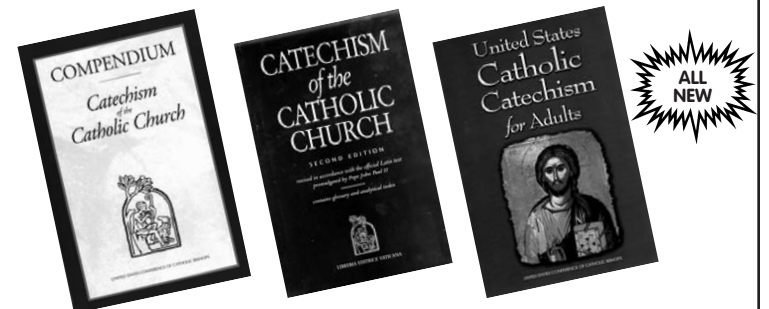
Ill., on Sept. 5, 1982. Sister received her bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College-University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, a master's degree from Indiana-Purdue Universities at Fort Wayne (IPFW) and a master's degree in Franciscan studies from the Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure, N.Y. Sister served as chemistry and physics teacher and director of the science depart-



**SISTER
MARY
ELIZABETH
IMLER**

ment at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, and Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne. She was cofounder of the Portiuncula Center for Prayer retreat house, Frankfort, Ill. While serving as cofounder at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer, she also did vocation ministry and served as candidate director for the religious congregation. In 1999, sister was elected as general superior for the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the position she holds to date. She also continues to give retreats and facilitate various groups.

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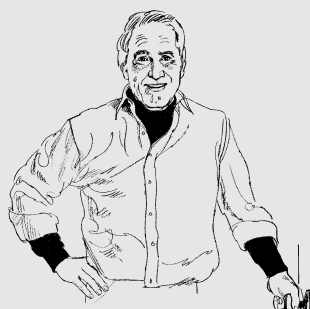
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Balance comes from God

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Bringing faith to the workplace in the corporate or the church setting takes balance says business manager Jim Kitchens, who has established himself as a high achiever in both realms. Much of his career was spent as an underwriter in the insurance business, making his way to the vice president's chair, but the past six years have been spent at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish managing its business.

Kitchens, a convert to the faith, recalls as a young boy in Atlanta, being drawn to the beauty of the Catholic faith at a Mass he attended with one of his mother's boarders. Throughout high school he was exposed to sacred music as he participated in the award-winning choir there as well as while he earned his music degree in college and says it rekindled his desire to investigate the church.

Courting his high school sweetheart, Emily, a cradle Catholic, helped deepen his interest, and the couple was married in the church in 1973. Kitchens was then welcomed into the church in 1976 after a brief instruction period during which the pastor realized Jim had educated himself on the theology of the faith.

The newlyweds set up house in an Atlanta area with a growing parish community. He became choir director of the parish, while moving up the corporate ladder. Emily worked outside the home while raising their two children. He admits at that time that he was driven at work.

"My faith life had taken a back seat while I was in the corporate world," he says.

In 1990, the family moved to Fort Wayne with Kitchens' job at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

"The first place we came was to St. Elizabeth Church," he recalls. There he jumped at the chance to join the choir, believing that involvement in church life would be an outlet to balance his life, which consisted mainly of his devotion to his work at Lincoln. But he says, "I wasn't living my faith."

He continued to rise within the corporate world as well as immerse himself in parish ministries. Following a faith-building experience on a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend, he recalls that he became "as possessed at church as I was at work," becoming involved on the parish council, the choir and co-spiritual direction for CRHP, in addition to becoming a member of the board of directors of Catholic Charities, among other things.

He finally felt, "My faith life was deep and wonderful."

Kitchens became involved with foundation grants for the community through his work at Lincoln and felt he had begun to find a balance with his religion and his work. Then a reassignment of pastors brought Father Jim Shafer to shepherd the flock at Kitchens' church.

The two became close friends and Father Shafer soon encouraged Kitchens to see that God was calling him to work at St. Elizabeth. "Put it to prayer," said



KAY COZAD

Jim Kitchens, business manager at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, finds balance in his busy ministry schedule by staying close to God through prayer.

Father Shafer.

After a family-wide decision, the Kitchens clan worked diligently to make the job change happen, including selling their home and moving into a smaller house. By December of 2001, Kitchens had become the business manager of the church. "All things fell into place. Financially and every way," he recalls.

While learning the accounting system, he was in charge of the operations of the facility there as well as chief of lay staff. He took on the funeral ministry and courses that led him to a more pastoral associate role.

Rebuilding the St. Vincent de Paul Society outreach at St. Elizabeth had Kitchens spending many hours with needy parishioners where he would catechize as they teamed to solve financial troubles. He even visited patients in the hospital when a priest could not attend to their needs.

In addition to these duties Kitchens taught adult Bible study classes as well as devoting time to earning a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame. He is currently enrolled in the diocesan diaconate program.

Though after some time Kitchens was assigned other staff members to assist him in his duties, two years ago, he admits freely that he was ready to quit.

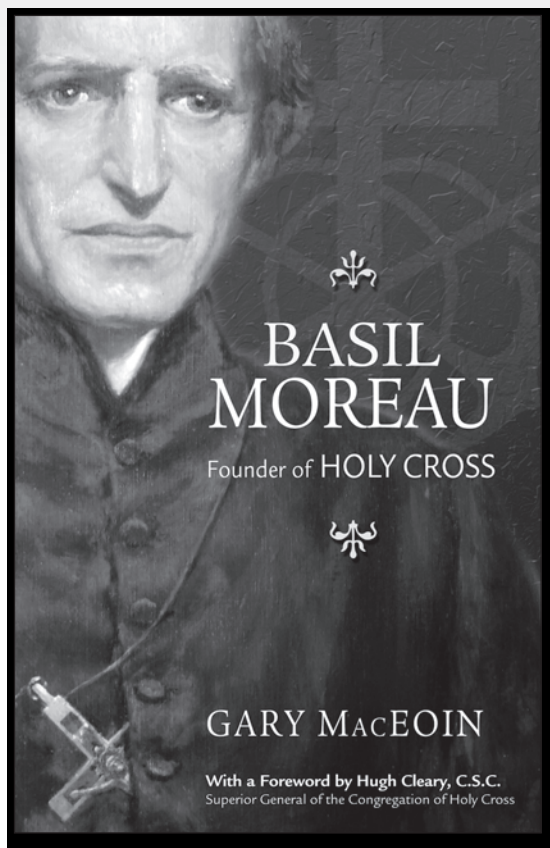
"I was too busy doing God's work to talk to him. I was too busy to pray and didn't have boundaries. I finally realized you have to take care of yourself, too," says the businessman. With some support, Kitchens is learning to balance his life. He is now able to say, "I'm going home now."

Though this driven man has served in both the corporate and church venues, he once believed that faith formation would be easier at church.

"Not necessarily so," he remarks wisely. Kitchens now finds that his faith cannot be compartmentalized. "My relationship with Jesus is so integrated into every aspect of my life ... it is my life," he says peacefully.

So he spends time every week in eucharistic adoration, as well as rosary recitation. He believes that staying balanced at work has one "constantly working on it ... and God is that balance."

Celebrate the Beatification of Basil Moreau, Founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross



As the September 15 beatification nears for Father Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, his story comes to life in this updated edition of the biography written by popular Catholic journalist Gary MacEoin. MacEoin's work gives due reverence to Moreau as he offers readers a look back at the struggles of this humble French priest. Laying the historical foundation, MacEoin follows Moreau from his childhood to his later years as he founded and led the Congregation of Holy Cross in the wake of the French Revolution and through numerous struggles and triumphs—including the founding of the University of Notre Dame by Edward Sorin, C.S.C.

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MacEoin's gentle and respectful style brings Fr. Moreau to life in a way few others of his biographers have, and I hope this new edition receives wide reading.

FATHER JOHN JENKINS, C.S.C.
President, the University of Notre Dame

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ST. GASPAR DEL BU

Precious Blood presence still flows through parish

BY DON CLEMMER

ROME CITY — As the celebration of 150 years of Catholicism in northern Indiana has reverberated around the diocese during the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year, the faithful of St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish have been maintaining a celebration all their own closer to home.

It's been 50 years since the founding of St. Gaspar, the first church in the world to be named for the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood after his 1954 canonization. Precious Blood priests have staffed the parish the entire length of its history.

"It's the only parish that the Missionaries of the Precious Blood are supporting," Father Matt Jozefiak, CPPS, now in his fourth year as pastor, explains of the parish's unique identity in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

And just as the diocese's celebration of 150 years reached its pinnacle at the Eucharistic Congress on Aug. 18, the 50th anniversary celebration at St. Gaspar Parish will culminate on Oct. 21, the feast of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, when Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass, followed by brunch.

But just as the diocese has stretched its celebration out over a year, so has St. Gaspar Parish, thanks in large part to a committee of parishioners who planned a schedule of monthly parish activities, some spiritual, some social, to accompany the anniversary year.

This began in December of 2006 with a 40-hour eucharistic devotion, during which every parishioner received a handmade chaplet of the Precious Blood and a prayer card. In subsequent months, these activities have ranged from ice cream socials to participation in the Eucharistic Congress at Notre Dame. In September, it will be a parish mission conducted by a CPPS mission team, specializing in Precious Blood spirituality.

The parish's vacation Bible school day this year focused on the life of St. Gaspar, as told in a play written by the parish director of religious education, Cheri Kessen.

"We had one of our young people play young Gaspar, and I got to play old Gaspar," recalls Father Matt. "I got to be tied up in prison, and I eventually got to die."

At the end of November and beginning of December, another 40-hour devotion will end the year.

One of the most notable aspects of St. Gaspar's 50th anniversary is a parish history written by parishioner Jim Kress. The book is to be published in conjunction with the anniversary.

Kress's research has also allowed the parish to include snippets from bulletins from years past in the current parish bulletins. Starting in 1957, they have featured a different year every week.

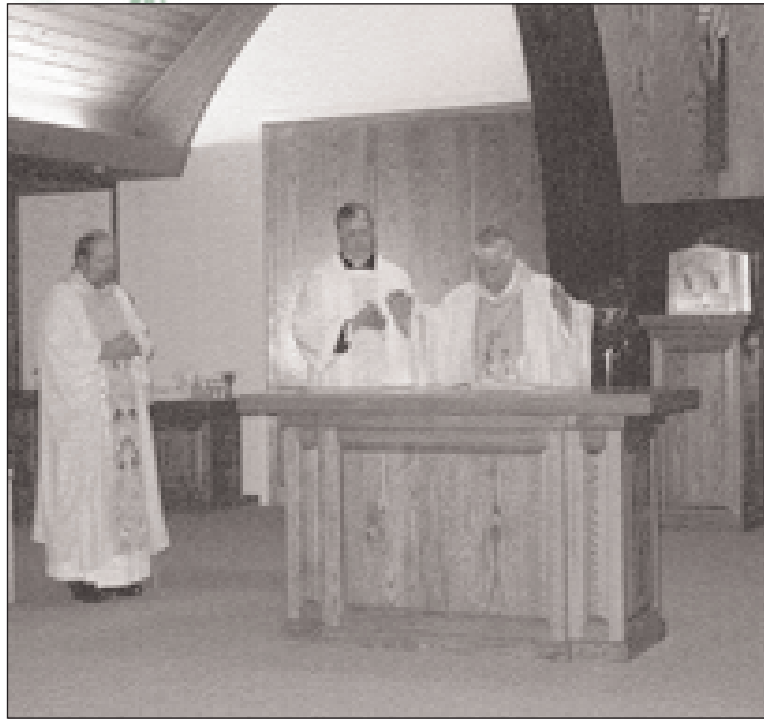
"We have 50 years, and we have 50 Sundays in a year," Father Matt notes.

At the end of 50 years, St. Gaspar Parish has found that fixing up the church, particularly its sanctuary, is also an appropriate way to prepare for their anniversary.

"Everything was formica," Father Matt recalls of the original 1950s-vintage worship space.

In this case, the community was fortunate to have parishioner Robert Weaver craft a new altar, ambo, podium for the Blessed Sacrament, stand for the Joseph and Mary shrine, candlesticks, presider's chair, server's chair and backdrop of sanctuary — all of it in oak. The parish paid only for the raw materials of this renovation, as Weaver and his son and grandson donated the labor.

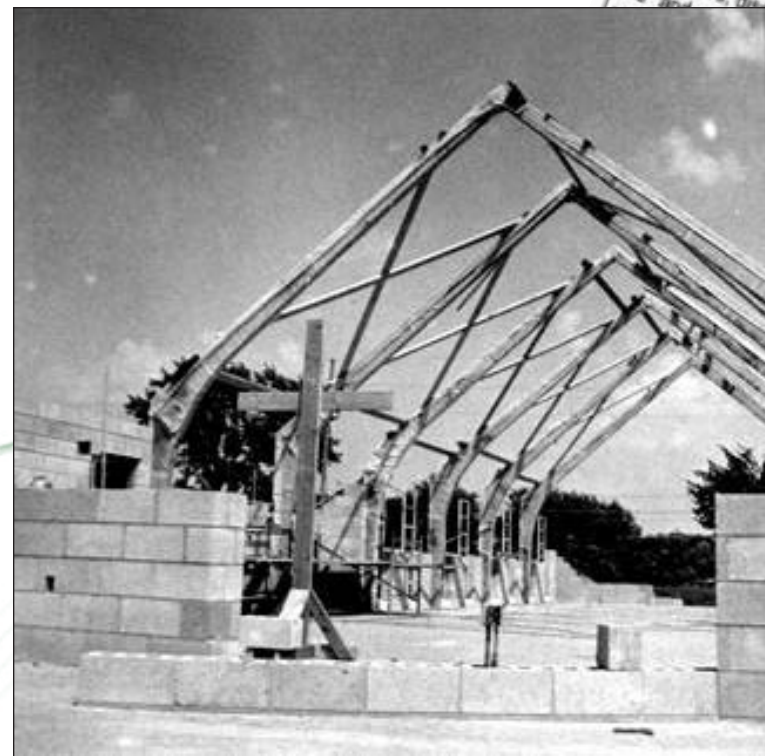
Along with the sanctuary, the parish hall was also renovated with new tile and a large cross to make it more befitting of a worship space, because that is exactly what it becomes in the summer when the lake population around Rome City makes the Sunday Mass attendance at St. Gaspar quadruple.



Bishop D'Arcy blesses the new altar in 2006.



The St. Gaspar group at the Eucharistic Congress 2007.

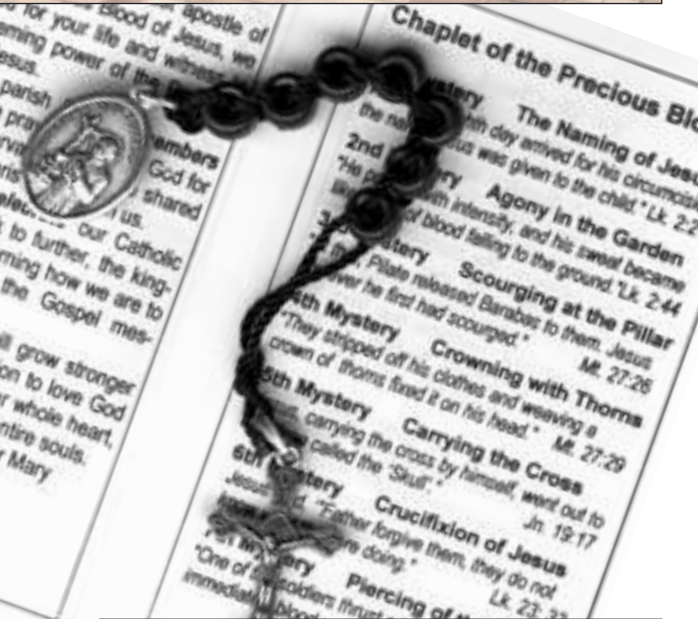


Construction begins in 1957.

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BUFALO — 50 YEARS



St. Gaspar remembers

A glimpse at the early history of the parish

As part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish in Rome City, Jim Kress, a longtime parishioner, compiled and wrote a history of the church. The following are excerpts from the book, "A Remembering: St. Gaspar del Bufalo Church, Rome City, Indiana, Golden Jubilee, 1957-2007."

BY JIM KRESS



Unable to accommodate growing numbers of Catholics and cottagers in the Rome City area, the small, wooden, St. Peter Church that had served them since 1891 was abandoned when the larger Mother of Mercy Church at Kneipp Springs was consecrated in 1916. While St. Peter's parishioners saw it as their home, new crowding problems persisted, taxing the ability of Mother of Mercy Church to serve the sisters, their patients, guests and an expanding community "even when three or four Masses were said on a Sunday." (1941 booklet, Rome City, Catholic Church, Golden Jubilee)

Recognizing the happy fault, Catholics petitioned Archbishop John Noll of the Diocese of Fort Wayne for permission to begin plans for their own separate parish. They had hoped for a positive response, remembering that in earlier years then-Father Noll served as pastor at Kendallville, he had also been the traveling priest administering to Catholics at Rome City's St. Peter Church. ...

On a crisp day, March 24, 1957, Bishop Leo A. Pursley of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Msgr. Joseph A. Hession, dean of the Elkhart district of the diocese, Father Seraphim Oberhauser, CPPS, provincial of the Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood, Father Victor Ranley, CPPS, pastor of the church, along with priests from the area, parishioners of St. Gaspar's, Precious Blood sisters

from Kneipp Springs, civic dignitaries and friends, gathered to celebrate the blessing of the ground and first turning of soil in anticipation of the building of a church on the 7.83 acre plot, fronting Indiana State Road 3, north of Rome City, Ind. ...

The unusually wet spring of 1957 delayed construction considerably, yet even in the face of such nature glitches, significant progress continued. In fact, on July 21, only four months after groundbreaking, Bishop Pursley again visited the site. On this occasion, the bishop celebrated the installation and blessing of its cornerstone and in-process church. ...

Since less than half its parishioners, and but 40 percent of summer residents, used Sunday envelopes, funds for debt reduction were unavailable. New revenue sources had to be developed — quickly. The Men's Club donated a hefty \$3,800. An outdoor bazaar and festival, with game tents for both adults and children was planned, as was Bingo, with prizes of chickens, turkeys, even a 200-pound dressed hog. And it worked. Because of the camaraderie generated among parishioners, the fun both they and attendees shared, and the profit it returned, Father Ranley agreed the Summer Festival could well become bigger and better, perhaps develop into an annual St. Gaspar affair. And that it did.

The leadership of Father Ranley energized parish members whose communal projects contributed to

reduction of the debt to \$123,000 by 1959. Mating of such managerial and spiritual qualities were recognized by others of his community as they appointed Father Ranley pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, a large, Cleveland, Ohio parish. Saddened by their loss, parishioners united in appreciation for all Father Ranley had done with, and for them. ...

St. Gaspar's next pastor, Father Herman Herbst, CPPS, immediately began exploring and expanding the exciting opportunities that then lay open to St. Gaspar Parish. He fostered a cooperative, congenial, harmonious sense of cooperation by adding his insightful intellectual spices to parish recipes that saw simmering functions mature into substantial community feasts. In retrospect, one of his appropriate titles might have been "administrative annualizer" — for during his 10 years as pastor, a Spring Party, Bazaar/Festival, Feather Party and Friday Bingo's became regular events. The team-oriented programs not only grew to become significant yearly fund raisers, they were annually attended by people from nearby areas, including Fort Wayne. ...

Father Herbst's decade of the 1960s also recorded feasts of other sorts — spiritual and liturgical. Pope John XXIII declared Oct. 21 the new feast day of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, of whom he said, "St. Gaspar is the world's greatest apostle to the devotion of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus."



It all started with the click of a mouse

Finding 'the one'

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — It was the summer of 2006. Jeannie (Eiserle) Ewing, 26, was disenchanted by a series of bad relationships. Still, she didn't want to give up on love because she felt deep inside her heart it was God's plan to get married and start a family.

In an effort to quell her daughter's despair, Jeannie's mother encouraged her to check out Catholic dating Web sites. Ewing said she was cynical at first about subscribing, but one fateful day changed her mind. An e-mail offer from a popular Catholic dating Web site, CatholicMatch.com, appeared in her inbox.

Soon the University of Saint Francis graduate student subscribed to the site and was browsing profiles with the simple goal of meeting "some decent people." The Fort Wayne native had no luck at first until another user, Ben Ewing, a 27-year-old from New Mexico, e-mailed her to ask her some important questions.

"I couldn't believe how deep of a person he was," Ewing said. "We had so many similarities ... he was absolutely amazing."

Once the couple had connected via e-mail Ewing said she knew they were destined to be together. "God had been prepping us our whole lives," Ewing said. "After we talked on the phone we knew it was meant to be."

Things moved rather quickly from here. After talking on the phone a few times, the couple arranged to meet in Jeannie's hometown of Fort Wayne. It wasn't long before Ben asked Jeannie's father for her hand in marriage. A June 30, 2007 wedding date at Most Precious Blood was set, and soon the marriage preparation classes were underway.

A leap of faith

The 26-year-old student credits her success to a "leap of faith" and her deep Catholic roots.

"I knew for years I wanted to marry someone who was Catholic," she said. Likewise, "(Ben) knew he was specifically going to find a Catholic."

Ewing said that online dating is not for everyone, and she encourages people to be aware of the potential obstacles. For the Ewings, the obstacle was distance. Ben was 1,400 miles away from Indiana. Cultural differences were also prominent, yet, Jeannie believes they are still a "good match."

Jeannie also stressed the importance of being open when signing up for an online dating service like CatholicMatch.com. "We both weren't expecting to meet our future spouse on the Internet," Ewing explained. "I had to step outside of my comfort zone (to do this)." You have to be open to the fact that you might meet someone who lives 2,000 miles away."

Ewing recognizes that online dating is risky, but she contends it can be very rewarding in the end.



BEN AND JEANNIE EWING

important decisions to make. The fate of Ben's position as a materials engineer at Los Alamos Laboratory is uncertain, so the couple is living in New Mexico indefinitely. Jeannie will be licensed as a counselor in December and hopes to find a job in Indiana.

In the meantime, "we're praying and discerning about moving to Fort Wayne," she said.

"There's a lot of people who are still skeptical. It depends on your perspective," she said. In fact, Ewing said her own best friend was cynical until the "last minute."

The newlywed offers some words of advice for those considering joining a dating Web site.

"First you need to know who you are and what you want," she said. "Be cautious about (whom) you meet ... be smart and use common sense."

On the spiritual side, Ewing encourages singles to "never give up," and "always pray." "You can find your vocation," she said.

Now that Jeannie and Ben have their happily ever after, they have some

Why marriage matters

Marriage does matter. After all, we're all in this together. As members of society, we count on each other every day to keep our commitments. We feel more secure when we can depend on others.

Although marriage has changed a great deal (see A Snapshot of Marriage in the U.S.), the benefits of marriage endure. Social science research confirms that marriage is an important social good that brings a wide range of positive outcomes for adults and children alike. Read more about these benefits of marriage:

- On average, married people are better off financially.
- Marriage is associated with better health, sex and safety for men and women.
- Children do better when they live with their own two married parents.

A snapshot of marriage in the U.S

Marriage

- People are getting married later in life. Median age for males is 27; for females it is 25.
- There has been a modest decline in the divorce rate since it reached an all-time high in 1980.
- In a given year nearly half of all marriages are remarriages for one or both partners.
- The marriage rate (annual number of marriages per 1,000 unmarried adult women) continues to decline. It has dropped 50 percent (to 45.6) in 50 years.
- The marriage rate for

African-Americans is considerably lower than for any other U.S. population group.

- The percentage of never married persons aged 25-35 has increased by 20 percent in the past 30 years, suggesting more lifelong singlehood.

- From 40 percent to 50 percent of Catholic marriages are between a Catholic and a non-Catholic; regional averages may be higher or lower.

- More than 80 percent of couples seeking to be married in the Catholic Church participate in a marriage preparation program.

- Within the first few years of marriage nearly half of all inter-church couples become same-church because one spouse or both change religious affiliation.

- Roughly two-thirds of both married men and married women rate their marriages as "very happy." This has remained mostly steady for the past 30 years.

Divorce

- There has been a modest decline in the divorce rate since it reached an all-time high in 1980; there are now 18 divorces (rather than 22) per 1,000 married women.

- The projected rate of divorcing still stands at around 50 percent — this represents the percentage of marriages (first and remarriage) entered into during a particular year that are projected to end in divorce or separation before one spouse dies.

- Approximately 60-67 percent of second marriages end in divorce, and about 74 percent of third marriages end in divorce.

- About one-third of adults who have ever been married and are still living have experienced a divorce. This percentage rises to 46 percent for the baby boom generation.

- Catholics are substantially less likely than Protestants to get divorced (25 percent versus 39

percent).

- One's chances of divorce are diminished by such factors as: older age, higher income, more education, having a religious affiliation, absence of divorce in family of origin and having a family after marriage.

- The highest percentage of divorces occurs within the first three years of marriage.

Cohabitation

- Cohabitation (sexual partners sharing a household) has increased 1,100 percent in 40 years. Over 50 percent of first marriages are preceded by cohabitation.

- Almost 40 percent of cohabiting households have children in them.

For further research on the state of marriage in the U.S. and its impact on society, see:

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EDITORIAL

Moreau and the mustard seed

The birth of a ninth child in an lonesome French village in 1799 would remain unknown except that viewed from today, that boy child's arrival is a perfect fit for the parable of the mustard seed; tremendous results from a tiny beginning. Indeed, more than two centuries later, the religious communities founded by Father Basil Moreau, forming congregations of Holy Cross, continue to grow and spread throughout the world as the men and women of Holy Cross maintain educational institutions, as well as important social and pastoral ministries in North and South America, Africa and Asia.

On Sept. 15, 2007, in Centre Antarés, Le Mans, France, Father Basil Anthony Moreau will be beatified. His beatification miracle was the 1948 cure of a Canadian woman suffering from pleuritis of the left lung and was formally acknowledged on April 28, 2006.

Basil Moreau's formation as a dedicated Christian began at home where his parents were devout Catholics involved in the underground church. As a child surrounded by the turmoil of the French Revolution, he understood the reality of priests being in prison because they were priests, yet he chose that life for himself, entering the diocesan seminary at age 15.

At the time of his ordination at age 22, the church in France continued to suffer the effects of the revolution, and the laity was without instruction and benefit of the sacraments. It became the mission of Father Moreau to visit towns and villages to rekindle the faith where it had been neglected.

Following his appointment as an assistant superior of the seminary at Le Mans, a series of circumstances, which brought his way a loosely formed band of young men that would be combined with a group of priests formed by Moreau, which in turn, became the beginnings of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Another Frenchman, Edward Sorin, only 15 years younger than Father Moreau, became one of his followers in Holy Cross and felt that his destiny was to be a missionary in China but was told that he, with six brothers, was to take the cross to Indiana in America.

Father Sorin's arrival in America was in the footsteps and only a year later than that of Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence in America; their combined influence as leaders of religious communities, missionaries and founders of colleges and universities is a matter of history and continues to have profound influence worldwide.

Although these two famous figures from France were within miles of each other, they did not meet. Sorin's party paused in Terre Haute "long enough to feed the horses" and pressed on to St. Peter's in Montgomery County where the first house of Holy Cross in America had a brief stay of one year.

Mother Theodore, with one year of experience on the frontier and knowing its needs, dispatched a team of oxen and a wagon as a gift to Sorin and the brothers. It was on this plank wagon that all of the community's effects would make its way to northern Indiana where Sorin would set up shop in an Indian missionary station and establish the University of Notre Dame and the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the United States.

Moreau's birth was a mustard seed indeed and though as Hoosiers, we focus on Mother Theodore and Father Edward Sorin as the standouts in how the faith has had worldwide influence of humble beginnings in Indiana, the brothers and sisters who accompanied them and all of those who followed, allow us to have a life not empty of God and with the full expectation of seeing the face of Christ.

Web site ventures into blogging

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has one. Our Sunday Visitor's national publication has one too. So it only seems fitting that the diocese would have its own blog page on the diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org.

A blog stands for Web log (less the "We"). It is a space to respectfully post opinions.

Titled "Your Voice," we hope it becomes a place for thoughtful discussion regarding events of the day. For example, many have expressed an interest in sharing opinions about the recent Eucharistic Congress. The blog page is a great forum for this dialogue.

Comments on the site will be monitored to ensure respect for our readers.

A link is created on the home page of the diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org. On the blog page, one can view other opinions and have the option to submit comments.

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

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Eucharistic Congress participant expresses her thanks

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

As men, women and children gathered on buses for the pilgrimage.

As we prayed, talked and in the silence.

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

In the history and beauty of the buildings.

In the gold of the dome and in "touchdown Jesus."

In the green of the grass and the majesty of the trees.

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

As a young mother, honored to be asked, led the rosary in the grotto. Her little girls seated on a bench with feet swinging off the ground, followed along as their mother humbly prayed.

In the basilica where relics of saints brought thoughts of the challenges faced by God's children.

Under the yellow umbrellas where God's love became so evident as the sacrament of reconciliation was received.

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

In the volunteer golf cart driver who proudly spoke of his love for his church and the surroundings.

In the security guard who pleasantly offered assistance.

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

As a friend spoke of the deepening of her faith after participating in a workshop.

As parents proudly showed their young children the importance of the day.

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

As thousands gathered to celebrate the Eucharist.

In the young adults as they proudly carried the pilgrim cross.

As the music was joyfully, reverently, beautifully, shared.

As pictures of "the face of Christ" promoted reflection on the diversity of our diocese.

As young and old, male and female, joined in one voice of prayer and supplication.

As our bishop humbly thanked God for his vocation as he celebrated his 75th birthday and the 150th anniversary of our diocese.

As those in attendance received the body and blood of our Savior.

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

In the organization of this spiritual event.

As a shepherd hunted for two of his sheep.

As men, women and children returned home thankful for this day, this spiritual pilgrimage.

Behold, I saw "the face of Christ"...

As I thankfully attended the Eucharistic Congress at Notre Dame.

Kathy Coonrod
New Haven

Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States offers sincere thanks

Dear Bishop D'Arcy,

With this letter I offer my sincere thanks for the generous help provided by your faithful in support of the mission ad gentes for the year ending December 2006. Such gratitude is made in the name of the millions of people around the world who directly benefit from this missionary generosity.

The donations for 2006 include: \$73,039 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and \$484 for the Society of St. Peter Apostle. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, offerings to the Holy Childhood Association were \$3,012.34.

Your personal leadership in designating a diocesan director for the Pontifical Mission Societies who collaborates and participates in programs coordinated by our national office, especially World Mission Sunday, and your own example in animating the people of your diocese to accept the missionary vocation given them in baptism are greatly appreciated by myself and by all in our "one family in mission."

Thanking you for your ongoing support of the mission ad gentes and asking God to bless you in all your many activities and responsibilities, I remain

Msgr. John E. Kozar National Director
New York, N.Y.

Blessed by a summer pilgrimage on bike

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

SOUTH BEND — My 18-year-old daughter April and I have been on a pilgrimage this summer. It began with consideration of our summer schedule. She needs an hour a day of vigorous exercise, and I wanted to fit in daily Mass somehow. We came up with the idea of bicycling to Mass at various places. Over the course of the summer, we've been to 23 different parishes or chapels.

What an amazing variety of choices South Bend offers in time, setting and style of worship. We experienced a rich immersion in the unity and diversity of the church. April was especially struck by the ministry of several African priests who have reversed the former flow of missionaries from our country.

April saw many beautiful churches and chapels enhanced by art and flowers. She experienced unaccustomed touches: Latin chants, the Prayer to St. Michael, the diocesan jubilee prayer for vocations, the use of a paten held by the server during Communion.

Some parishes use music, some do not. Some have readers and eucharistic ministers, some do not. Some have adult servers, some have children, some have none. Some

hold hands during the Lord's Prayer, some do not. Some have homilies, some do not. Some ring bells at the epiclesis and/or consecration, some do not. Some offer communion under both species, some do not.

The prayer of the Mass is also framed in different ways. At Holy Cross College, Mass is inserted in evening prayer. Many parishes pray the rosary before or after Mass. Some have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Many of the churches hold special memories for us: weddings, baptisms, funerals. We joined with many different congregations, from the sisters at St. Mary's to some of the residents of Holy Cross Care Center. We saw some of the same people in different places, like the couple who were so helpful in showing us how to follow the liturgy in one place, and sat behind us again at another. We were delighted to see priests who had served at our parish in the past, including one who left so long ago that he called April by her older sister's name. In one case we headed out toward Holy Cross Church hoping to see one Father Mike (Mathews), ran out of time and wound up at Christ the King — with another Father Mike (Couhig).

April kept stretching my idea of how far I could bicycle. Although we live near Little Flower and belong to St. Joseph, South Bend, we biked to churches in Granger and Mishawaka, and nearly six miles each way to churches on the other side of South Bend.

As the start of school approached, she decided we could get up early enough to go to 7 a.m. Mass. One evening when her dad was busy helping with a move, we attended Mass during what would normally be our dinner hour. For someone who often insists on predictability, she demonstrated remarkable flexibility. Some days we headed out a little too late to make our intended location and wound up switching our destination or the time we planned to go to Mass.

Over the course of the summer, I observed growth in April's maturity and spirituality. Quite on her own, she decided it was time for the sacrament of reconciliation. She stepped forward when there was no server one Sunday morning in our own parish although she hadn't served for several years.

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Castel Sant'Angelo: Dank dungeon for common criminals

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For the first time in a decade, summer tourists could make their way down steep stone steps deep into the dark, dank interior of a papal fortress and crawl into prison cells that housed countless common criminals as well as Rome's errant elite.

The 1,900-year-old Castel Sant'Angelo, which stands near the Tiber River, was built as a mausoleum for the Emperor Hadrian, then was converted into a fortress by medieval popes.

At times, the turreted castle served as a refuge for beleaguered and besieged pontiffs and as a high-security prison.

While not wanting to justify the church's past practice of imprisonment, torture and sometimes executions, one Vatican expert said it was important to remember that at the time "the papal state was a territorial state, so you had to take care of thieves and murderers who are put into prisons like in every state."

The Vatican Museums' Arnold Nesselrath, director of the

Byzantine, medieval and modern collections, told Catholic News Service that, while the church's large temporal jurisdiction "was probably wrong at every time of history, (its penal practice) was consistent with what was going on in other countries."

Prisons were scattered throughout the papal territories, but the one in Castel Sant'Angelo was unique.

Sometimes prisoners and the pope were holed up in the same fortress, especially during the mercenary army invasion of King Charles V in 1527 that led to the sack of Rome.

Several times during a period of "sede vacante" — when one pope had died and another had not yet been elected — large numbers of inmates were transferred from other prisons to Castel Sant'Angelo.

Miria Nardi, head of Castel Sant'Angelo's library and archives, told CNS that the possibility for prison breaks was much greater during a "sede vacante," when the power vacuum could

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lead to chaos or confusion. Therefore, exceptionally dangerous inmates were moved quickly to the castle because it was more secure.

Only five rooms were originally built to serve as prison cells in the early 1500s.

As the need for more cells arose, other rooms and spaces in the vast complex were converted into detention centers. Even tall grain silos inside the fortress were converted into jail cells.

The number of political prisoners in papal jails swelled during Italy's Risorgimento in the 19th

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Followers of Jesus treasure humility



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 14:1, 7-14

The Book of Sirach furnishes the first Scripture reading for this weekend. This book is among those biblical volumes collectively called the Wisdom Literature. This designation means that these books attempt to show that the Jews' ancient faith in the one God of Israel and their insistence that God's law be obeyed are in no way illogical or unwise.

To the contrary, to possess genuine wisdom means that a person realizes the fact that God lives and reigns and also knows that all persons and all things are subject to God.

This weekend's reading expressly refers to humility. While Christian theology and spirituality more often are associated with humility, it was a virtue very much admired, and evident, in the Old Testament. This especially was the case with many of the prophets, and adversely even of the kings.

For instance, David, whom God had chosen to be king, himself rebelled against God and sin. However, in the end, David humbly turned back to God, repenting his sins.

"Sirach," the name of this book, derives from the name of the author, mentioned in the book. The author was Yeshua (or Jesus in

English), the son of Sira. This book was written in Egypt, by Jewish immigrants from the Holy Land, or possibly by descendants of such immigrants, around 132 B.C. The date of composition can be determined because the foreword says that it was authored during the reign of Pharaoh Ptolemy VII. The dates of this reign are known.

The Epistle to the Hebrews is the source of the second reading. Strong with Hebrew symbolism and references to Hebrew history, this reading recalls that whereas the ancient followers of Moses, the Hebrews escaping slavery in Egypt, had with trepidation crossed the forbidding Sinai Peninsula and had trembled as God came to Moses on the mountaintop, true disciples of Jesus are ushered literally into the heavenly Jerusalem, the very home of the almighty God.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. In this story, the Lord is guest at a meal in the home of a Pharisee. Jesus uses the occasion to warn that no one should seek the highest place. Rather, the humble who is content with a lesser place will be called to higher distinction.

In addition to its obvious call to humility, the reading makes two other points. The first point is that God cannot be tricked into tolerating anyone's self-engineered passage to the kingdom. The second point, so typical of Luke's particular insight, is that property is not so absolutely anyone's belonging that the owner can grasp it while others are in great want.

Emphasizing the call to humility is the detail that a Pharisee is the host. Pharisees, well schooled in Jewish theology, supposedly knew much about life.

However, Jesus had to instruct this Pharisee and his guests.

Reflection

Followers of Jesus always have treasured humility, a virtue also revered in the Old Testament. Humility so long has been seen as indispensable to holiness, the common denominator among all the saints, men and women, of whatever circumstances, from every place on earth.

Of course, humility means that a person does not overestimate his or her personal worth. None of us, however talented, is somehow superior. In essence, no role of function raises anyone above another in the sense of having access to the eternal banquet of heaven.

However, humility does not debase or deny human dignity and potential. The reading from Hebrews reminds us of our extraordinary worth, as Christians and as humans. The Son of God has redeemed us.

Rather, humility follows true wisdom. The humble do not disdain themselves. Rather, they simply realize their need for God, and they understand what God's mercy has done for them.

READINGS

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Ps 68:4-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 136
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campilsson

In September the church remembers Gregory the Great. This quiz looks at this and other greats.

1. Why is Gregory known as "the Great"?

- He was extremely tall and fat.
- He was known as "Gregory the Average" but then his reputation improved.
- He was an admired clerical reformer and successful pope.

2. Charlemagne was crowned emperor in 800 by the pope, how did he get into this quiz?

- His empire was the "Great German Empire."
- His name is often translated as "Charles the Great."
- His war cry against the Scots was "Great Scott."

3. Formerly Catholic, Great Britain has:

- two different established churches, one in England and one in Scotland.
- an established church in England, but none in any other region.
- an established Catholic Church but no Protestant groups.

4. Why do historians believe that Gregory apparently did not have much ambition for the office of the church?

- He entered into monastic life and only left because he was ordered to by the pope.
- He had never learned to read or write as these were worldly skills.
- He gave away all of his worldly goods, only keeping about \$3 million.

5. One of the newest Catholic universities in the United States is in San Diego. It is named after a recently deceased pontiff, with this added title:

- Gregory the Great University
- John Paul II the Great University
- Paul VI the Great Healer

6. Gregory was reported to have sent missionaries to England after seeing these in a Roman market place:

- tea bags
- martyred monks from Ireland preaching
- English slaves

7. Gregory the Great is so associated with music. One type is often referred to as "Gregorian chant." This is closely related to (but not synonymous with)

- Plain chant
- Cantering in synagogues
- Rap music

8. What was the "Great Bible"?

- The first one to be written in both Latin and Greek.
- A Bible issued under the English Protestant Cranmer and mandated for use in churches.
- The first Bible shown to have typos, with "great" instead of "Greek."

9. Of two great schisms, one refers to a period of "Papal Plethora" when there were

- rival popes and anti-popes, some in Rome and some at Avignon.
- a college of popes, when anyone elected cardinal was automatically a pope.
- two sets of popes, those favoring wealth (the Golden Popes), and some living as monks (popes on a rope).

10. The other great schism refers to the 11th century split between the Catholics and

- Protestants
- Cathars
- Orthodox

11. The Great Awakening in the U.S. generally refers to

- the conversion to Catholicism of the Indians.
- several widespread revivals amongst Protestants.
- the legalization of Catholicism in 1867.

12. In Eastern Catholic and Orthodox liturgy, what is the Great Entrance?

- the procession when the eucharistic species are carried to the altar
- the part of the Divine Liturgy when the dancers are allowed in
- the entrance of the bishop, symbolizing the crusaders entering Jerusalem

13. The Great Barrier Reef is a geographical feature of this country, where many of the first Catholics were Irish convicts sent to penal colonies:

- New Zealand
- New Caledonia
- Australia

ANSWERS:

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

Apostles and their disciples continued observances of Judaism

The first Christians came from the Jewish community in and around Jerusalem after Christ's resurrection. What happened to their heirs over the centuries? J.T. South Bend

In the early church, the term Jewish Christian referred to a person who first was a Jew and then became a Christian. St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans describes the born Jew as a person of the law of Moses, conscious of his obligations under the law and placing all his hope in the law.

Father John McKenzie says when the Jew in the early church became a Christian, he created the problem of the reconciliation of the law of Moses and his faith in Christ.

In fact, the apostles and their first disciples were Jews who naturally continued the cult and observances of Judaism. The Acts of the Apostles says they prayed in the temple, observed the Jewish practice of vows and celebrated Jewish festivals. St. Paul spread Christianity by speaking in Jewish synagogues.

The Jews in and around Jerusalem were more rigid in their view of Jewish obligations. There were other Greek-speaking Jews outside of Palestine, called the Jews of the diaspora or scattered areas, who were not as rigid as the Jews in Jerusalem. The Acts of the Apostles mentions a conflict between the Greek-speaking Jews and the Hebrew-

speaking Jews. "In those days, as the number of disciples grew, the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared to the widows of those who spoke Hebrew."

Besides the Jewish Christian in the early church, there was also the gentile Christian. This was a person who was first a non-Jew or gentile, such as a pagan, and then became a Christian. A great problem then arose in the early church: did the gentile have to become a Jew first and then a Christian, or could he directly become a Christian without becoming a Jew?

St. Peter was the first to baptize a gentile named Cornelius. When St. Paul and St. Barnabas admitted gentiles into Christianity, they laid no Jewish obligations on them. But some members of the Jerusalem community disagreed and said one could not become a Christian, unless he first became a Jew and that circumcision and the law of Moses were necessary for salvation.

To settle this burning issue, the early Christian church held its first council at Jerusalem in A.D. 49. St. Peter said that God sent the Holy Spirit upon the gentiles just as he did to the apostles who were born Jews. For example, God gave the Holy Spirit to Cornelius without him adopting

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the law of Moses. Peter then said we are saved by the favor of Jesus and so are the gentiles.

The New American Bible says that here Peter formulates the fundamental meaning of the Gospel: all mankind is invited to be saved through faith in the saving power of Christ. Personal observance of God's law is man's necessary response to God's saving action, though not the cause of it. Finally James, the leader of the Jerusalem community, said we ought not to cause God's gentile converts any difficulties. So the gentiles could become Christian without first becoming a Jew.

Father McKenzie says the Jerusalem community fled to Pella when the Romans came to suppress the Jewish rebellion in A.D. 66-70. Pella is the ancient capital of Macedonia and the birthplace of Alexander the Great. It lies 24 miles northwest of Thessaloniki. After A.D. 70 when the Romans under Titus destroyed Jerusalem, the numbers and influence of the Jerusalem community were diminished to

very little.

The Fathers of the Church mention some obscure sects such as Nazarenes and Ebionites, which were later degenerations of Jewish Christianity.

F. Cross says the Nazarenes were Jewish Christians in Syria who continued to obey much of the Jewish law though they were otherwise orthodox Christians. They used a version of the Gospel in Aramaic called the Gospel according to the Hebrews.

The Ebionites were Jewish Christians east of the Jordan River who said Jesus was the human son of Joseph and Mary and the Holy Spirit lighted on Jesus at his baptism. They also overemphasized the binding character of the law of Moses.

Throughout history many Jews converted to Christianity. In

Rome between 1634 and 1790, 2,430 Jews were baptized through the efforts of the Jesuits and St. Philip Neri.

Edith Stein, born a Jew in Breslau, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland) became a Roman Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun and then died in a Nazi gas chamber in 1942.

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

Today's Catholic welcomes questions from readers. E-mail your questions to editor@fw.diocese-fwsb.org or mail them to *Today's Catholic*, That's A Good Question, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for September 2, 2007

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the parable about guests at a banquet. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SABBATH	PARABLE	INVITED
SOMEONE	WEDDING	BANQUET
HONOR	PLACE	FRIEND
TABLE	RELATIVES	NEIGHBORS
IN CASE	POOR	CRIPPLED
LAME	BLIND	BLESSED
REPAY YOU	RESURRECTION	RIGHTEOUS

MOVE UP

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Amnesty International sells out

BY DEIRDRE MCQUADE

Until recently, Amnesty International (AI) was officially neutral with regard to abortion, but now they have embraced abortion as a human right in false solidarity with women around the world. In doing so, they propose violence to solve violence and discriminate against a whole class of voiceless human beings: the unborn. It's a far cry from Catholic founder Peter Benenson's principles in the 1960s and the spirit of their "Protect the Human" campaign in England only two years ago.

Their new policy calls for legalizing abortion in countries that currently protect women and their children from abortion. Spun as a reasonable measure to help survivors of rape during wartime, the resolution they passed is actually much broader than that. Their agenda includes promoting abortion access for women's "health," which AI fails to define. Such ambiguity hardly confines the practice to rare circumstances or the early stages of pregnancy. In fact, AI-USA publicly opposes the modest partial-birth abortion ban recently upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Amnesty's campaign offers false hope to women. Abortion provides no relief from the realities they face. It does nothing to alleviate injustice. It cannot go back in time and undo the violence of rape. Nothing can. The reality is that abortion harms women even as it ends the life of their unborn children.

A strong pro-woman stance would refuse to choose between mothers and their vulnerable children. It would advance the social standing of women and contend with the cruelty of communities that treat rape victims as outcasts. It would embrace the truth that women deserve better than abortion.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) had urged Amnesty for almost a year not to change their policy. USCCB president, Bishop William S. Skylstad, now invites us to continue the "essential work" of justice, but "in authentic ways, working most closely with organizations who do not oppose the fundamental right to life from conception to natural death."

If you are a member of AI, or have a friend who is, prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do. How is he calling you to be authentically pro-justice and pro-life? There are sever-

al reputable groups working on the issues that Amnesty addresses, such as freeing prisoners of conscience, protecting women from sexual assault, and ending the use of the death penalty. If God has called you to support these contemporary corporal works of mercy, then consider giving to or volunteering with an alternate group.

Whatever you decide, try to maintain relationships with those who might oppose you. Leave the door open for them. Some, like the rich young man, may walk away sad when met with a challenge. But others, like the Samaritan woman at the well, could catch a new vision, leave behind their old abortion advocacy ways, and run to tell others about the consistently pro-life position. Who knows? God is "bigger" than Amnesty International, and his plan for justice will not be thwarted. As it says in Isaiah, "my word ... will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

For the full text of Bishop Skylstad's statement, visit: www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2007/07-136.shtml

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century when revolutionaries fought for the unification of Italy. Nardi said the number of prisoners varied constantly but that one document recorded 681 detainees in 1828.

Little is known about the conditions prisoners faced in this fortress prison. However, Nesselrath said since it was not built to be a prison but a tomb it was "probably the worst dungeon

you can imagine."

A former Castel Sant'Angelo inmate, the famed 16th-century Florentine artist, Benvenuto Cellini, wrote an autobiography describing the conditions he faced while in solitary confinement there.

Jailed on charges of murder, Cellini called his cell "a gloomy dungeon below the level of a garden, which swam with water and was full of big spiders and many venomous worms."

He slept on "a wretched mattress of course hemp" which after three days "soaked up water like a sponge," he wrote.

The struggle of the heavyweights

Today I wear the editor's cap and would like to comment on two recent contacts about coverage.

The first came from a caller in Fort Wayne who said *Today's Catholic* is all about "South Bend news, and we give them bigger headlines." The next came, right on the heels of the caller, in the form of a letter from a South Bend writer who told us, after receiving the complimentary issues, "I readily saw why I discontinued my subscription years ago. There is only about 5 percent of the articles pertaining to South Bend. Everything is Fort Wayne."

As an editor, this tells me one thing — in all humility, we are probably pretty balanced with our coverage between the two larger cities.

And we also have the parishes outside of the larger cities

to serve. Yes, some weeks we are heavier on South Bend coverage — like last week with the Eucharistic Congress celebration at Notre Dame. And some weeks our cov-

erage weighs heavier on Fort Wayne. Some weeks the paper is heavier with world coverage.

Please understand, we don't create news. We report to the best of our ability in a timely fashion on the events of our diocese and as we see fit for the newspaper.

How do we get our story leads? They don't come from osmosis as many think, and we don't have "news spies" out there looking for leads or "chasing ambulances." We rely on parishes to inform the editor. Our leads stem from multiple sources — reading parish bulletins, calls from our pastors, parish secretaries, school principals, even our readers saying, "Tim, I think I have a story that would be good for *Today's Catholic*." Many parishes or schools have communications committees that inform us. Bishop John D'Arcy has been known to provide us with leads.

How do you contact the editor? I like e-

mail the best. It's quick, sort of free, and I can reply that the e-mail arrived and ask questions if needed. My e-mail account is editor@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

Our staff in Fort Wayne consists of eight people. Of the eight-person staff, three of us have writing obligations. The other five work in the business office or composition department, but write or snap a photo when necessary.

Fortunately, we have freelance writers who help us throughout the diocese. Many of these writers have written for newspapers such as *Our Sunday Visitor*, *National Catholic Register*, the *South Bend Tribune* and the *Elkhart Truth*. Some have even written books on Catholicism. Our stringers, as we call our freelance writers, also provide story leads.

It is important to us, that all readers are informed of the events of our diocese, our state, nation and world.

I hope that your home is graced with some Catholic reading material. In my 42 years, the diocesan paper — *Today's Catholic* and before that the *Harmonizer* — has always been a welcomed visitor at my home.

As technology has advanced, we offer the newspaper in a digital file that can be e-mailed to your computer. We also have a podcast, a 15-minute newscast summarizing a few stories. It airs on Redeemer

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BY TIM JOHNSON

Radio, 1450 AM, on Sunday afternoons. It's also on our Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org, which also provides some diocesan news, and we plan to incorporate into our media mix even moreso in the near future.

In this day and age, it is important that we know the faith, that we can defend our faith and that we can explain our faith when we are challenged by others. In addition, we must be a witness to the faith in a secular society. We hope *Today's Catholic* offers, not just news, but the spiritual tools and ammunition for your journey. We pray that you and your family and friends make it a welcome guest in your home each week.

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Most criticized, but some Pharisees liked Jesus, such as Nicodemus, Joseph

What was the Jewish sect of the Pharisees like in the time of Jesus?

There were many different groups and sects at the time of Christ, most of which are mentioned in the New Testament. One of these sects were the Pharisees. M. Tenney says that, during the time of John Hyrcanus (135-104 B.C.), who founded the Hasmonean dynasty that ruled southern Israel from 135-36 B.C., the Pharisees emerged from the old party of the Hasidim or Hasideans.

This was a group of Jews in the period of the Maccabean dynasty (167-134 B.C.) who were devoted to the law. The Pharisees were the master interpreters of the oral traditions of the rabbis. Most of them came from middle-class families of artisans, tradesmen, teachers and shopkeepers. For example, St. Paul, who had been a Pharisee, was a tentmaker.

The Pharisees exerted a powerful influence over the peasants. The ancient historian Josephus says the Jewish people relied on the opinion of the Pharisees rather than that of the king or high priest. The trusted Pharisees were often chosen for high government positions like the Sanhedrin, or Jewish council. There were about 6,000 Pharisees at the time of Jesus.

Father John McKenzie says the Pharisees were heirs of Ezra, a priest and scribe skilled in the law of Moses, who had been a member of the Jewish community in Babylon in southern Iraq who left this land of exile and returned to Jerusalem to establish there the observance of the



FATHER RICHARD HIRE

HIRE HISTORY

Mosaic law, possibly in 458 B.C.

The Pharisees felt the Jewish religion was centered upon the strict and severe observance of the law. They fostered synagogue life and worship and called people back to a study of the law and its application to their own time.

The Pharisees agreed with submission to the Roman government because Rome was usually tolerant of the religions of subject peoples. The zealot party, however, wanted to overthrow the Roman government and engaged in guerrilla warfare. The Pharisees were laymen and were different from the Sadducees, the priestly party. The Pharisees were not thrilled about the ignorant common people of the land who neither knew or cared about their strict religious observances.

The Pharisees held some different beliefs from the Sadducees. The Sadducees held that only the first five books of the Old Testament imposed valid obligations on the Jews. Besides these five books of Moses, the Pharisees also accepted the oral traditions of the elders. This chain of elders went all the way back to Moses.

The Pharisees believed in angels and spirits as intermedi-

aries between God and man, in the resurrection of the dead and in the judgment of God upon man or retribution in the world to come. These beliefs were denied by the Sadducees. The Sadducees defended freedom whereas the Pharisees believed in predestination.

J. Comay says the Pharisees prescribed rules for new members, including the observance of seven hours of prayer, giving one-tenth of all possessions to the Temple, fasting twice a week on the days when Moses ascended and descended from Mount Sinai, performing ritual washings and offerings and adhering to complicated food laws and Sabbath regulations. The Pharisees then scorned those who did not meet their rigorous standards. Contact with these sinners rendered the Pharisee unclean.

Although many of the Pharisees criticized Jesus, some Pharisees liked Jesus, such as Nicodemus who secretly met Jesus at night about the sacrament of baptism and then helped bury Jesus, the wealthy Joseph of Arimathea, who offered the crucified Jesus his new tomb hewn out of rock, the rabbi Gamaliel, who publicly defended the apostles before the Sanhedrin, and Paul, the great missionary who devoted his life to spreading the Gospel of Christ.

When the Romans destroyed the Temple of Jerusalem, its priesthood, and the Jewish community of Israel in A.D. 70, the Sadducees, as a group, disappeared. The Judaism that survived was that of the Pharisees and the rabbis.

Meet the Priest

Msgr. John Suelzer

Ordained May 29, 1965

Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne

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

the priests who served in my parish where I grew up

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

celebrating the sacraments and becoming an integral part of the parish family

What interests or hobbies do you have?

listening to classical music

Do you have a pet?

no

What do you do for relaxation?

swimming and reading

What is your favorite reading material?

Who are your favorite authors?

biographies, Benedict XVI and John Paul II

What is your favorite prayer?

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change those I can, and the wisdom and knowledge to know the difference.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?



the parable of the Prodigal Son, Lk 15

Who is your favorite pope?

St. Peter and John Paul II

What is your favorite food?

desserts and chocolate

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

I am a former philatelist (stamp collector).

How do you prefer to be addressed?

Msgr. John

Sports

CYO Panthers, Eagles and Raiders report victories

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Sauna-like temperatures and flooding rains last week made for soggy, stinky field conditions, but the skies could not have been bluer by Sunday for the first games of the 2007 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football season. The Panthers, Eagles and Raiders all reported victories in the season openers.

At Zollner Stadium, the St. John New Haven Raider team started their season out 1-0 by blanking St. Jude, 34-0. Eighth graders Colin Stuerzenberger and Andrew Hoffer each scored a pair of touchdowns to lead the Raiders while Jared Laurent added a 40-yard reception from Zack Bradley. Bradley also connected to Hoffer on the day for a seven yarder. Hoffer first put the Raiders on the scoreboard with a dazzling 50-yard TD run.

Stuerzenberger's initial trip to the end zone came on a 25-yard reception from Kyle Sovine, while the next one was the result of a 1-yard run. The Raider defense delivered the shutout with two blocked punts and numerous sacks for lost yardage.

At Bishop Luers field, St. Vincent topped St. Joe-St. Elizabeth-St. Aloysius-St. Therese (JAT) in a hard fought battle, 20-12. Evan Fiechter scored a pair of touchdowns for the Panthers on runs of 30 and 48 yards. Conner Graham added a 10-yard run. Nick German connected on 1 of 3 point-afters. Drew Morken threw for over 75 yards in the second half connecting with Andrew Yaney twice for JAT touchdowns.

Next up, the Eagles from St. John, Fort Wayne-Hessen Cassel-Benoit got their first win for 2007 by downing Holy Cross, 28-16.

The first score of the game was a 65-yard kickoff return by Devon Causey with a failed kick. Holy Cross answered back and made their PAT making the score 8-6. St. John then marched down and scored on a 10-yard sweep by Jocquel Cooper. Brian Nichter hit the PAT making it 14-8. Holy Cross came back on a long 40-yard pass play, made their 2-point conversion to take a 16-14 lead. Just before the end of the first half, St. John scored on a 20-yard scamper by J.J. Curry to go up 20-16.

In the second half, it was all Eagles. J.J. Curry scored again, this time on a beautiful 20-yard run at the beginning of the fourth

WALKERTON KNIGHTS SPONSOR GOLF OUTING The Knights of Columbus Council 5709 sixth annual Bernie Westhues Memorial Golf Outing will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Whispering Pines Golf Course, 32280 State Road 4. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and golf begins at 8:30 a.m. An endowment fund was established as a lasting tribute to Bernie Westhues, a St. Patrick parishioner who loved and worked hard for the parish and school. Lunch will be served and prizes awarded after golf. Cost is \$50 per player. For registration information or to donate, contact Tom Walter at (574) 586-3707 or Dennis Holland at (574) 586-2157.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football weigh-ins were held on Sunday, Aug. 19, at Zollner Stadium. Only those athletes weighing less than 150 pounds will be allowed to carry the ball during the upcoming season which got underway last Sunday. Eighth-grader Andrew Hoffer from St. John, New Haven, steps up the scales to determine his weight.

quarter. Brian Nichter hit the 2-point conversion to close scoring for the Eagles.

Grades 5 and 6

Back at the helm of Raider football, Coach Mel Vachon and the boys from St. John, New Haven, scrimmaged a New Haven PAL team preparing for their CYO season opener this week at Havenhurst Park against St. Jude.

To see your CYO fall sports in this column, e-mail Michelle Castleman at mmcastleman@aol.com

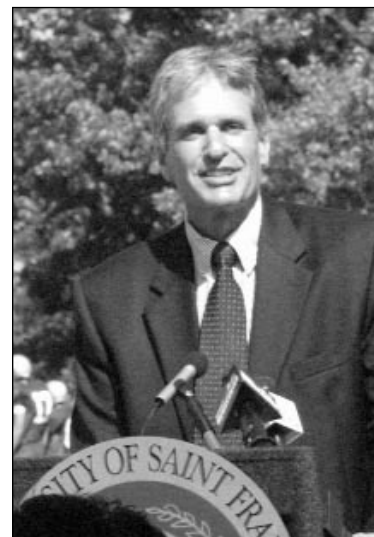
USF finds new director of athletics in Mark Pope

FORT WAYNE — Sister M. Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis (USF), has announced the appointment of Mark A. Pope as director of athletics.

Pope began his duties on Monday, Aug. 27. At USF, he will supervise 15 intercollegiate sports for men and women. The university maintains membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and participates in the Mid-States Football Association (MCC). In recent years the university has captured the conference championships in football, women's basketball and men's basketball, and regularly competes in national playoffs.

"With the most wins of any college football team in the state of Indiana and conference titles in a number of sports, the university's performance and the character of our student athletes will continue to be exemplary under the leadership of Mark Pope," Sister Elise commented. "We are very pleased that Mark is joining us," Sister Elise added.

Pope comes to the university from Indiana-Purdue Universities at Fort Wayne (IPFW), where he served as director of athletics for the past six years. At IPFW, Pope supervised 16 Division I sports, shepherded the school from NCAA Division 2 to Division 1 status, obtained conference affiliation in the Mid-Continent Conference and enjoyed numerous championships and national rankings. On campus he organized and began IPFW's Homecoming, Pep Band, Athletics Hall of Fame, and the



Mark Pope, at the podium, is welcomed as the new director of athletics at the University of Saint Francis.

Cheer and Dance teams.

"The thing that is most impressive to me is the leadership at this institution and the way Sister Elise has made this into a powerhouse both academically and athletically," Pope said at a news conference. "I think what they have done here is remarkable. I've followed the progress at (USF) for years and years."

Pope touched on a few goals with the future in mind.

"We want to maintain the level of excellence both academically and athletically because this group has a 3.0 and it took (IPFW) three years to get to a 3.0," Pope said. "I want to make sure the faculty, the staff and the student athletes help me determine our goals as we look to the future."

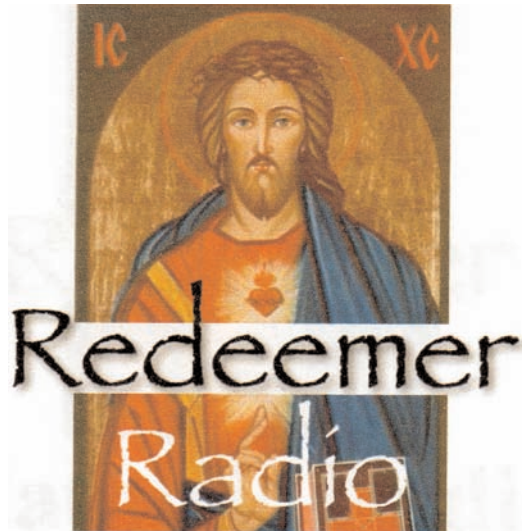
"I want to look into how we can increase and improve on our athletic facilities. What Kevin (Donley) has done here is remarkable and if we can do the same thing for men's and women's basketball, soccer and track and field, develop better facilities for them to practice and compete in, then we'll have done something that really helps the entire institution."

Pope holds a Juris Doctor from Indiana University and a bachelor of arts degree from Purdue University. He and his wife Julie Risk Pope have two sons and reside in Fort Wayne.

The University of Saint Francis, founded in 1890, is a comprehensive university in the Catholic Franciscan tradition, offering undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 2,000 students from a broad geographic region.

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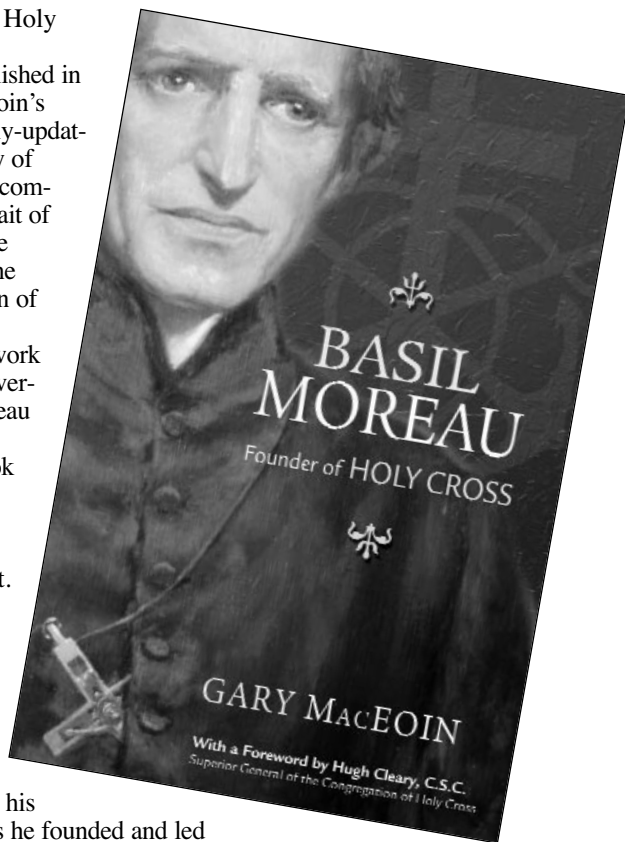
NOTRE DAME — Father Basil Anthony Moreau, CSC, founder of the priests, brothers, and sisters of The Congregation of Holy Cross will be beatified in Le Mans, France, on Sept. 15. To coincide with the beatification, "Basil Moreau: Founder of Holy Cross," the first in a series of Holy Cross books written to highlight the congregation's history and spirituality, will be released. The book, written by journalist Gary MacEoin, is published by Ave Maria Press, a ministry of the Indiana Province of Holy Cross.

First published in 1962, MacEoin's posthumously-updated biography of Moreau is a compelling portrait of the life of the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. MacEoin's work gives due reverence to Moreau as he offers readers a look back at the struggles of this humble French priest. Laying the historical foundation, MacEoin follows Moreau from his childhood to his

later years as he founded and led the Congregation of Holy Cross in the wake of the French Revolution and through numerous struggles and triumphs-including the founding of the University of Notre

Dame by Edward Sorin, CSC.

Gary MacEoin was one of the most prolific and influential Catholic journalists of the 20th century and the author of 25 books, including "The People's Church: Bishop Samuel Ruiz of Mexico and Why He Matters." During his 27-year career, MacEoin was an accomplished editor and speech-writer, and had a long-standing relationship with the *National Catholic Reporter*. He died in 2003 at the age of 94.



'Mr. Bean's Holiday' is an unmitigated delight

BY JOHN MULDERIG

NEW YORK (CNS) — As fans of Rowan Atkinson's perennially pleasing character Mr. Bean well know, where Bean goes, mayhem is bound to follow. In the case of "Mr. Bean's Holiday" (Universal), Bean is off to Cannes on the French Riviera after winning first prize in a church raffle.

Like any proper Englishman, Mr. Bean is thrilled at the prospect of leaving the beastly English weather behind and basking in the warmth. But few journeys since Odysseus tried to make it home from Troy have turned out to be this complicated.

After a taxi ride to the wrong side of Paris and a meal that would make even a gourmand cringe, Mr. Bean unintentionally manages to separate Emil (Karel Roden), a Russian film critic on his way to the Cannes Film Festival, from his young son, Stepan (Max Baldry). From here on, for better or worse, Mr. Bean and the stranded boy are a team and must somehow work together to reach their common destination.

During a brief separation from Stepan, Bean stumbles onto the set of self-obsessed movie director Carson Clay (Willem Dafoe). Here he reaps his usual harvest of comic catastrophes, but also encounters a charming young actress named Sabine (Emma de Caunes).

When it later turns out that Sabine, too, is on her way to Cannes for the film festival, she becomes the third member of Mr. Bean's traveling circus. Can Mr. Bean's good intentions, Stepan's innocence and Sabine's Gallic verve see the three of them through?



CNS PHOTO/UNIVERSAL

Rowan Atkinson stars in a scene from the movie "Mr. Bean's Holiday." The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences.

As directed by Steve Bendelack, "Mr. Bean's Holiday" is an unmitigated delight: It's gentle, ingenious and should be as appealing to children as it is to adults. The comic chemistry between Atkinson and Baldry is enchanting, as is the non-chalance with which de Caunes' Sabine accepts the whole range of Mr. Bean's eccentricities.

Dafoe's character provides another comic highlight, beside himself with delight as he watches his own film, even as the audience around him squirms with boredom.

Whether sending up the film industry, French pretensions about food or the modern tourist's obsession with videotaping every detail of a holiday abroad, Atkinson is a master of the absurd. He also has the self-confidence and technical command to hold the screen for 90 minutes without ever once deliver-

ing a full sentence of dialogue.

The film contains some mild scatological humor and a few slightly frightening scenes that might upset very young children. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences. All ages admitted.

John Mulderig is on the staff of the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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DEVOTION

Rosary times announced

Fort Wayne — The first Sunday all-family rosary will be recited from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2, in MacDougal Chapel. The intention is for all families, especially families with difficulties. Father Daryl Rybicki from St. John the Baptist Parish and Sister Adele Mann will be attending. The first Monday rosary for the souls in purgatory will be recited on Monday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Joseph Gaughan, pastor at Most Precious Blood Parish, will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7:15 p.m.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Fall festival announced

Fort Wayne — St. Therese will have a fall festival Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning at 10 a.m. Children's games and food till 4:30 p.m. Mass at 5 p.m. Raffles and auction items plus evening music by Pop 'n Fresh after 7:30 p.m.

Craft fair reservations accepted

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish is accepting applications for a craft fair held on Nov. 3. Cost is \$40 per table. Hand-made items only. Call (260) 749-6077 for information.

Poor Handmaids sponsor 63rd annual bazaar for ministry support

Donaldson — The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ will have their annual mission bazaar on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children's games, raffles, bingo, food, crafts, rummage sale and music by "The Great American Songbook." Admission is free. Call (574) 936-9936 for information.

Notre Dame information night

Fort Wayne — If you are interested in attending Notre Dame, plan to attend a ND information night Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Bishop Luers High School. Representatives from Notre Dame will be in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

St. John the Baptist sells recipe book

Fort Wayne — "Taste and See," a recipe book of more than 430 recipes has been released by St. John the Baptist Parish. Copies are \$10 and may be purchased at Cathedral Bookstore or Waynedale Bakery. If you'd like to order a book call Tim Robison at (260) 745-7663. Shipped books will have an additional \$3 mailing charge.

Annual garage sale planned

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will have a garage sale Sept. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sept. 29 the bag sale will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 7, 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.

Knights plan fish fry

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

Fish Fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society will have a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 7, at St. John the Baptist Church from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children 5-12 years old \$3.50, children under 5 free.

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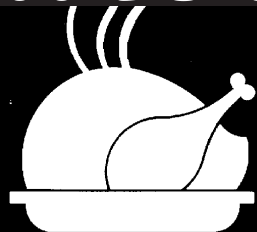
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Christ Child hosts golf outing to fund projects

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne has countless ways they serve the needy children in our community, and they have a lot of fun doing it. Although many of their fundraisers require volunteers to log endless hours of free time, this non-profit organization really makes things happen through outreach programs.

In 2006, over 350 gift bags were given to mothers of newborns in need at local hospitals. These layettes are filled with blankets, clothing, diapers and baby supplies. Christ Child also funded hundreds of backpacks to be distributed to children in Allen County facing crisis situations. Local school children can also receive brand new coats, hats and gloves through the "Coats for Kids" program, which is preparing to hand out over 2,000 coats this season.

In addition, Christ Child volunteers sponsor an annual Christmas party for foster children and tutor students at Benoit Academy.

Another major project of the Christ Child Society includes staffing and funding the "Crib Club" clothing store at both locations of the Women's Care Center. These wonderful centers provide so much for their clients, like parenting classes, prenatal care and the opportunity to "purchase" over 6,500 diapers each month.

To fund these numerous projects the Fort Wayne chapter holds several different fundraisers throughout each year. These include a hugely successful summer garage sale, a fall Notre Dame ticket raffle, a holiday cookie walk and a "Celebrity Wait Night" near St. Patrick's Day.

Also added to the ways they hope to raise money for 2007 is the first annual women's golf outing, the "Golf For Kids Classic" on Monday, Sept. 17. The ladies of Christ Child will host a Florida scramble on 18 holes of the Cedar Creek Golf Club. For more information contact Dee Dee Dahm at (260) 426-4131 or doodlebug6007@hotmail.com. Reservations are due no later than Sept. 6.

"It's sure to be a lot of fun for both our membership and those able to support this worthy cause," said coordinator Dee Dee Dahm.

Christ Child Society president, Laurel Walsh quoted an old proverb in her summer newsletter which said, "Help your brother's boat across, and your own will reach the shore." She said that this exemplifies the role of Christ Child in our community — women working together to help needy children while becoming true sisters in faith helping each other through the turbulent waters of life. And if you ask any of the members, they have a lot of fun doing just that.




MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

A few parish representatives of the Fort Wayne Chapter of Christ Child Society pose for a photo while meeting for their annual meeting at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. To become a member of Christ Child, contact your parish to find out the name of your representative.



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