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Diocese considering Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes merger



ANN CAREY

The Sacred Heart church building at Lakeville is a beautiful, traditional church with a long and cherished history, but it is too small to accommodate merged parishes.

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — Last weekend Bishop John M. D'Arcy visited both Sacred Heart Parish in Lakeville and St. Jude Parish in South Bend to consult with parishioners about a possible merger of the two parishes. Close to 100 people attended the 7 p.m. Friday night meeting in the parish hall at Sacred Heart, and likewise about 100 people stayed for the discussion after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Jude.

Both meetings were marked by heartfelt but respectful dialogue as Bishop D'Arcy explained the reasons for considering a merger of the two parishes, and parishioners voiced their concerns and questions. The bishop stressed that he had not yet made a decision on the issue and would take parishioners' viewpoints into serious consideration.

Canon law requires a bishop to gather the input of the affected parishioners and also to consult with the diocesan priests' council before making a decision, Bishop D'Arcy explained. The six-member priests' council will meet in January or February of 2008, and the bishop said he plans to reach a decision on the matter some time in 2008.

The main reason for considering the merger, according to Bishop D'Arcy, is the shortage of priests. For some time now, diocesan planning committees have looked at the possibility of merging the two parishes, which are only three miles apart. The need for adequate church space for the growing community is another prime consideration.

A bishop has the responsibility to distribute priests well, the bishop told both parish meetings, and so he feels he cannot assign a priest to just Sacred Heart, a parish with about 70 households and only four or five baptisms and one or two marriages a year. St. Jude has

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All Schools Mass is tribute to Catholic Education

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — The All Schools Mass celebrated recently by Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum was attended by thousands of Catholic elementary school children. The Mass is an annual event held in tribute to Catholic education and draws students from Fort Wayne and the surrounding area.

Also in attendance were Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, the superintendent of schools, along with administrators, principals, teachers, parents and the many parish priests whose schools were represented. Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high school students helped with parking and ushering duties and provided vocal and instrumental accompaniment for the liturgy.

Excitement was evident as the children chattered among themselves and waved to

acquaintances from other schools, but a hushed silence came over the gathering as the celebrant and his priestly retinue processed into the coliseum and celebration of the Mass began.

The Mass itself was a memorial of the Guardian Angels and a reminder of the children they protect. Bishop D'Arcy told his audience that the day's Gospel, Matthew 18:1-5, says "... unless you return and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. ..." He said, "The angel that protects you is a sign of God's care for you."

During his homily the bishop asked the students for biblical references to angels and received several, including that of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to Mary. He reminded them that her "yes" answer to the angel should be their "yes" attitude toward God as

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Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien elevates the Eucharist at his installation Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore Oct. 1. Formerly head of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, Archbishop O'Brien succeeds Cardinal William H. Keeler, who has retired at age 76.

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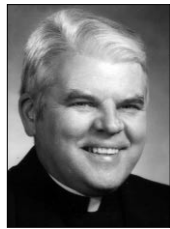
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Three wonderful days by the lake in northern Indiana



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Some time for study

It was a joy to spend part of three days this week at the Oakwood Inn next to Lake Wawasee. For a number of years, we have had a continuing educational seminar in October for our priests. This year the topic was the sacrament of matrimony, and the splendid schedule of events was arranged by our dedicated and able co-directors of our Family Life and Pro-life Office, Fred and Lisa Everett. It was filled with excellent content.

On Monday evening, Professor John Cavadini, chair of the theology department at the University of Notre Dame, presented the teaching on marriage in the writings of the Fathers of the Church, with emphasis on St. John Chrysostom and St. Augustine.

For the second presentation on Tuesday morning, Fred and Lisa combined. Fred gave the sociological situation of marriage, especially as it regards to Catholics. In response Lisa spoke of appropriate pastoral response to the difficult situation in the culture; such as, lack of fidelity, the attitude towards sexuality, the declining birthrate, etc. Later that day, Lisa Marino, director of religious education at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend, presented a reflection on the teaching of Pope John Paul II on marriage, and specifically on what is referred to as the theology of the body.

In the evening, Adrian Reimers, professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, also spoke on the theology of the body. It was excellent to have a professor and at the same time a young mother present this radical but beautiful teaching of Pope John Paul II, which many believe will be a central part of his lasting legacy.

This teaching, so necessary for our time, goes far beyond negative perceptions and concentrates on the nature of the gift of self in marriage. Both Lisa and Professor Reimers laid out clearly the beauty of this teaching and why it is so attractive to young people.

The final session on Thursday morning was especially moving. Two of our department heads, Cindy Black, director of Youth Ministry Office, and Lisa Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life, presented a moving two-part reflection on the dignity of women, based on the apostolic letter "Mulieris Dignitatem" ("On the Dignity and Vocation of Women"), by Pope John Paul II.

How special it was to have these two women present to our priests a Catholic teaching on women and men; "we are equal in dignity, but we are not the same" was the way Cindy expressed it. There was a lengthy question-and-answer session. Rooted deeply in the teaching of the church, especially from Pope John Paul II

on the dignity and vocation of women, the exchange between the priests and Cindy and Lisa was joyful, open and filled with sound teaching.

A further reflection

As I thought about these few days, which were attended by 52 of our priests, I reflected on how historic they were.

All those who made presentations to the priests were lay people including two professors at the University of Notre Dame.

Three women, who among them have 12 children, made many presentations.

All presented an anthropology fully in communion with church teaching, a teaching which was positive and enriching and was also related to the call of the priest to make a gift of himself to Christ and to his parish.

It was made clear that this view of the complementarity between men and women is resisted in the culture. What was especially moving in the presentation by Cindy and Lisa was the reflection on the strength and gift of the man and what he needs most from his wife in marriage and the strength

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and gift of the woman and what she looks for most from her husband — and all of it linked to the beautiful teaching of Pope John Paul II.

Lisa Everett also made the point of how this teaching resonates in the days which they provide on a regular basis for couples preparing for marriage.

Reaction from priests has been so positive. Father Robert Schulte told me that the priests from overseas who are living at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception were especially struck, both by the content and the goodness and the competence of the women and how they seemed to understand the lives of our priests. The affection and respect between priests and their female teachers was especially encouraging and moving.

Three wonderful days by the lake in northern Indiana.

Important parish meetings

On Friday night I was privileged to lead a meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Lakeville. A large crowd came together in their parish hall. As you know, we are considering the amalgamation of two parishes, 3.2 miles apart: along U.S. 31 running south from Notre Dame. Sacred Heart is a beautiful little church sitting on the highway. I recall the words of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger at one of our "ad limina" visits; namely, that the Church has the responsibility of making the Eucharist available to all

people; however, he added that today people have cars and this does not have to be in every hamlet. I was able to share with the people that the bishop has the responsibility in times of great demographic changes of making sure that priests are well distributed. I noted that the number of marriages in the last four years at Sacred Heart Parish was two and the number of baptisms during the same time period was 14. On the other hand, at St. Jude's, South Bend, during the same time period the number of baptisms was 92, and the number of marriages was 24. In nearby St. Matthew's, the number of baptisms was 120, and the number of marriages was 68. In St. Pius X, Granger, for the same time period the number of baptisms was 518, and the number of marriages was 141. Yet each of these parishes has one priest. No bishop can allow that to continue. He must also look at demographic changes and find out where the population will be in 10 to 20 years from now. The meeting atmosphere was frank and open. I found the people of Sacred Heart to be most respectful. They love their church and the atmosphere that had been created there and some spoke warmly of Father Tom King, CSC, and

Brother Dennis Meyers, CSC, who served there with devotion. The meeting was respectful and informative.

The following evening, after celebrating Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in the early afternoon, I attended a similar meeting at St. Jude's, a neighboring parish to the north. This meeting followed the Saturday afternoon Mass. St. Jude's is most concerned about their school. They should be and are committed to the continuance and further strengthening of their school, and so am I. Remember

what we were discussing was whether or not there should be a merger of these two parishes — into another, the creation of a new parish. While open to this, they were very concerned about the possibility of the church and the school being in two separate places. Again, I found this meeting very open and honest and quite respectful of one another and of the bishop. These two canonical steps — consultation with the people — have been completed. Called for by church law, it is not necessary for the bishop to attend in person, as he could delegate someone or simply consult with the parish council, but this conversation, so transparent and open seemed to me the best way to carry out my responsibility. There was a time of exchange, and the meetings gave me and my advisors much to ponder.

Moving on

Three straight over the Los Angeles Angels. The Indian-Yankee series at this writing looks like it will be Cleveland. I well recall a one game playoff — Red Sox-Indians in 1948 — and you know who won that one. Cleveland went on to beat the Boston Braves in six in the World Series. This will be different.

See you all next week.

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about 700 households. Neither parish has any debt.

This year Bishop D'Arcy appointed Father John Delaney, who is pastor of St. Jude Parish, to be pastor of Sacred Heart Parish also. Father Delaney is now one of nine diocesan pastors who care for two parishes.

At the parish meetings last weekend, Father Delaney explained that consolidating the two parishes not only would help the priest to minister to all the people, but also would help to consolidate parish staff to meet the needs of all the people. He and the bishop also foresee the two parish communities enriching one another, as has happened in other parish mergers in the diocese.

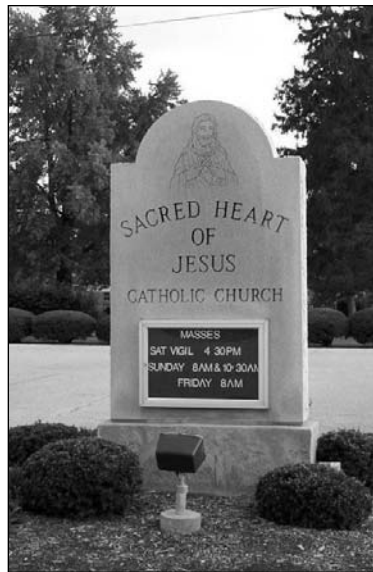
Rather than closing one parish and sending those parishioners to the neighboring parish, Bishop D'Arcy and his advisors favor creating one new parish with a new name and building a new church for that parish that would serve the expected population growth on the south side of South Bend. The Sacred Heart church building is too small to accommodate the merged parishes. And with continued south-side development, the present St. Jude Church could be outgrown in a few years.

Further, the St. Jude Church was built in 1960 to be a gymnasium for the attached school, with



PHOTOS BY ANN CAREY

The building currently serving as St. Jude Church was built in 1961 to be the school gymnasium and used as a church only temporarily until a new church could be built. Bishop John M. D'Arcy met with parishioners at both St. Jude and Sacred Heart Lakeville to dialogue about a possible merger.



Sacred Heart parish sign.

which is on Johnson Road, three miles north of Sacred Heart and a couple of blocks east of U.S. 31. However, space for a new building there would be tight, for the property is virtually landlocked.

The concern of many of the St. Jude people was over the possibility of separate sites for the church building and the school, which has 178 students in grades K-8. Some even questioned whether the school would remain open.

Bishop D'Arcy made it clear that wherever the church building is located, the school would not be affected. He and Father Delaney explained that if a new church is built on another site, the buildings at St. Jude would be reconfigured in a way to provide suitable space for the weekday school Masses and the sacrament of reconciliation, and the priest still would be present in the school building. And they both pledged that nothing about the Catholic character of the school would change.

"The school will stay," Bishop D'Arcy stressed. "We're not closing this school."

St. Jude School Principal Stephen Donndelinger said at the meeting that ideally, it would be best to have the church and school on the same property. However, he said, Catholic educators today face new challenges and have to think in new ways. He said the school could make good use of all the present buildings on the site. And he urged parishioners to examine all the possibilities that would help the school and parish thrive and grow for many years to come, saying there is more risk to maintaining the status quo than in embracing change.

At both meetings, people expressed anguish over possible changes in their parishes, but some of them also made an effort to reach out to members of the other parish and to acknowledge that the issue is difficult for everyone. Kathy Walther, a St. Jude parishioner, explained that she had belonged to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and came to St. Jude after St. Mary was closed.

"I want the Sacred Heart parishioners to know that I have found a very loving community here," Walther said.

When pressed for a timetable, Bishop D'Arcy said that he hoped to make the decision next year, and he thought that the new church could be built within three to five years.

"Please God, you won't have to wait much longer," he said.

diocese, the bishop said.

Sacred Heart parishioners seemed to favor the 80-acre site at Sacred Heart that already is owned by the diocese. Don Milzarek said that building a new Catholic church at Sacred Heart, which is on busy U.S. Highway 31 just south of South Bend, would be good public relations to show that the Catholic Church is growing. And he suggested that some of the extra Sacred Heart acreage could be sold to help finance the project. However, the site does not presently have city water and sewer, which would be costly to acquire.

Sacred Heart parishioners asked what would happen to the parish cemetery if the new parish is located elsewhere. Bishop D'Arcy assured them that the cemetery would not be disturbed in any event.

Several St. Jude parishioners expressed a preference for the new church to be at the St. Jude site,



St. Jude Parish grounds.

the idea of building a more suitable church in the near future. As some St. Jude parishioners noted at their meeting, they are still waiting for that new church building, and some expressed frustration over continuing speculation and little action.

"I would love to give money for a new church," said St. Jude parishioner Dave Grossnickle. "I just hope it's soon, and during my lifetime!"

A common concern voiced by the people at both parish meetings was about where the proposed new parish's church building would be located. The diocese is looking at all possibilities, including the present Sacred Heart and St. Jude sites, and other suitable properties in the area that would be convenient for people from both parishes. A committee of experts in demographics, architecture, engineering, real estate, etc., will be appointed to study the matter and advise the

Indian priest says his cure was miracle through Mother Teresa

GUWAHATI, India (CNS) — The sainthood cause of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta could cross its last hurdle if the Vatican approves an allegedly miraculous cure a priest claims he experienced on the 10th anniversary of her death.

Salesian Father V.M. Thomas says Mother Teresa's intercession was responsible for the disappearance of a half-inch kidney stone in his lower ureter, reported the Asian church news agency UCA News. The stone disappeared in an unexplainable manner after Father Thomas celebrated Mass and prayed to Mother Teresa Sept. 5, the day before he was scheduled for surgery.

UCA News reported that Archbishop Thomas Menampampil of Guwahati gave the agency a copy of the priest's files and medical records and, according to the priest's notes, the surgeon affirmed "the disappearance of the calculus (stone) was beyond medical explanation."

Father Thomas, 56, was associated with Mother Teresa from 1979 until her death in 1997.

The priest had been suffering from severe abdominal pain since Feb. 13. Medical examinations in a Guwahati hospital revealed he had renal colic and calculi, and doctors advised him to take medicine to help dissolve the kidney stones. But recurring pains took him to at least four other hospitals elsewhere.

On July 26, surgeons in Guwahati advised surgery, but Father Thomas wanted to wait. On Aug. 27, he met doctors again after he said he was overcome with "excruciating" pain.

He was admitted to a hospital in Guwahati Sept. 4. Tests confirmed the presence of the stone, and doctors set Sept. 6 for its surgical removal.

Father Thomas said that on the morning of Sept. 5, before preparations for his surgery, his doctor allowed him to leave the hospital to celebrate Mass at Shishu Bhavan, a home for abandoned

children Mother Teresa started in Guwahati. At the Mass, he asked those present to pray for him, especially through the intercession of Mother Teresa.

The priest later affirmed his belief that Mother Teresa's miraculous intercession caused the stone to disappear.

Surgical preparation began late Sept. 5, but on the afternoon of Sept. 6, when the final presurgical X-ray was taken, the doctors could not locate the stone. A repeat X-ray also proved negative. The chief surgeon then ordered another ultrasound by the same radiologist who did the Sept. 4 tests, but that also proved negative.

Subhash Khanna, the surgeon who treated the priest, said in his case summary that Father Thomas was under his treatment for three months. He was diagnosed as having lower ureteric calculus with diabetes and hypertension, the records showed.

The surgeon further noted that on Sept. 5 the priest went to Shishu Bhavan to celebrate Mother Teresa's feast day. On his return, the priest had a feeling of well-being and slept peacefully, Khanna reported.

Repeated investigations prior to the scheduled surgery left the doctors surprised, because "the calculus was no longer there in the ureter, and moreover he had not passed out the calculus in urine," the doctor confirmed. "So the operation was canceled."

In the case summary, which the surgeon signed Sept. 11, he stated: "It indeed seemed like a miracle and unique incident as the stone, which could not be dissolved with medicine, just vanished on that particular day."

According to standard Vatican procedure, a miracle that occurred following Mother Teresa's beatification Oct. 19, 2003, would be required for her to be canonized, or declared a saint. In cases of alleged medical miracles, the Vatican has a commission of medical specialists review the case.

Pope urges Catholics to pray the rosary for global peace

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI urged Catholics to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

Speaking to pilgrims Oct. 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the pope recalled that Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, 90 years ago underlined the need to pray for the end of World War I.

"We too want to welcome the maternal request of the Virgin, committing ourselves to reciting the rosary with faith for peace in families, among nations and throughout the world," he told several thousand people in St. Peter's Square.

The pope, noting that October

was dedicated in a special way to evangelization, said the rosary can stimulate missionary action by leading Christians to meditate on the life of Jesus.

Every Christian is called to announce the Gospel through words and example, he said.

"Announcing the Gospel remains the first service the church owes to humanity, in order to offer the salvation of Christ to the people of our time, who are humiliated and oppressed in so many ways," he said.

The Christian duty to evangelize should also be aimed at giving a Christian orientation to the cultural, social and ethical transformations that are occurring in the world, he said.

Saint Meinrad president-rector to resign in 2008

ST. MEINRAD — Benedictine Father Mark O'Keefe announced Oct. 5 that he would be stepping down as president-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, next year, at the end of the current school year. He has held the position since May 1996.

He made the announcement to the School of Theology community on Friday. Father O'Keefe's tenure will end on June 1, 2008.

"I am in my 12th year as president-rector. I believe that I am already the senior rector of a free-standing theologate in the United States," said Father O'Keefe. "Even when things are going well, eventually the time comes for new leadership."

A search for Father O'Keefe's successor will be initiated by the school's board of trustees. A recommendation to the archabbot is expected to be made at the board's meeting in February 2008. The school's bylaws require that the president-rector be a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

Under Father O'Keefe's leadership, the School of Theology has increased its enrollment, begun a two-year pre-theology program leading to a master of Catholic philosophical studies degree, added a permanent deacon formation program, established the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates, and undergone several extensive renovations. He also helped lead a successful capital campaign that raised more than \$42 million for Saint Meinrad.

Father O'Keefe attended Saint Meinrad College, earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1978. He professed vows as a Benedictine monk in 1979, and began his studies for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He was ordained in 1983. An educator and a moral theologian, Father O'Keefe holds a doctorate in sacred theology (STD) in moral theology from The Catholic University of America.

Father O'Keefe taught moral theology in the School of Theology and served as academic dean and associate academic dean before being appointed president-rector in 1996. He also is a consultant on issues of medical ethics.

He is the author of seven books. A series of books on the Catholic priesthood includes "Priestly Wisdom: Insights from St. Benedict," "Priestly Prayer: Reflections on Prayer in the Life of the Priest," "Priestly Virtues: Reflections on the Moral Virtues in the Life of the Priest," "The Ordination of a Priest: Reflections on the Priesthood in the Rite of Ordination," and "In Persona Christi: Reflections on Priestly Identity and Holiness."

Other books are "Becoming Good, Becoming Holy: On the Relationship of Christian Ethics and Spirituality" and "What Are They Saying About Social Sin?" He has written articles for academic and popular journals, and is a frequent speaker at gatherings of bishops, priests, seminarians and parish groups.

Catholic Schools Office releases official enrollment figures for current year

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend today announced official enrollment figures for the 2007-2008 school year. A news release issued by the diocese in mid-September contained preliminary, unofficial enrollment figures for the majority of its 40 elementary schools.

"The high-school enrollment figures released Sept. 13 were finalized at that time," said Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, superintendent of the Catholic Schools Office. "But we had not finished collecting elementary school enrollment numbers at the time of the earlier release," Father Kempinger continued. "The state does not collect the figures until the ISTEP test is administered, which was later in the month."

As reported earlier, total enrollment in the four Catholic high schools in the diocese increased from 3,218 students last year to 3,224 students this year. Enrollment in the 40 Catholic elementary schools in the diocese is 9,911 students — a decrease of 133 students. The grand total enrollment for all diocesan Catholic elementary and secondary schools for the 2007-2008 school year currently amounts to 13,135 students, a decrease of 127 students (-1 percent) compared to last year's total enrollment of 13,262 students according to the figures released today by the Catholic Schools Office.

The student enrollment at each secondary and elementary school (without pre-kindergarten figures)

follows with gain/loss and percent change:

Bishop Dwenger High School and feeders:

Bishop Dwenger High School, 1,067, -6 (-1 percent); Precious Blood, 154, 13 (8 percent); Queen of Angels, 240, -18 (-8 percent); St. Charles Borromeo, 741, -4 (-1 percent); St. Jude, 540, 0 (0 percent); St. Vincent de Paul, 694, -12 (-2 percent); St. Mary (Avilla), 144, 1 (1 percent); St. Joseph (Garrett), 102, -1 (-1 percent); Sacred Heart (Warsaw), 151, 0 (0 percent)

Total elementary: 2,766, -21 (-1 percent)

Grand total: 3,833, -27 (-1 percent)

Bishop Luers High School and feeders:

Bishop Luers High School, 546, -6 (-1 percent); St. John the Baptist, 296, 13 (4 percent); St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 484, 7 (1 percent); St. Therese, 138, -13 (-9 percent); St. Aloysius (Yoder), 82, 10 (12 percent); Benoit Academy, 70, -12 (-17 percent); St. John the Baptist (New Haven), 296, -28 (-9 percent); St. Joseph (Hessen Cassel), 126, 7 (6 percent); St. Joseph (Monroeville), 47, 6 (13 percent); St. Louis (Besancon), 57, -7 (-12 percent); St. Joseph (Decatur), 287, 0 (0 percent); Huntington Catholic (Huntington), 172, 15 (9 percent); St. Bernard (Wabash), 101, 1 (1 percent)

Total elementary: 2,156, -1 (0 percent)

Grand total: 2,702, -7 (0 percent)

Saint Joseph's High School and feeders:

St. Joseph High School, 842, 50 (6 percent); Christ the King, 513, -3 (-1 percent); Corpus Christi, 374, -5 (-1 percent); Holy Cross, 305, -13 (-4 percent); Holy Family, 388, -11 (-3 percent); St. Adalbert, 141, 9 (6 percent); St. John the Baptist, 154, -20 (-13 percent); St. Joseph, 438, -9 (-2 percent)

Total elementary: 2,313, -52 (-2 percent)

Grand total: 3,155, -2 (0 percent)

Marian High School and feeders:

Marian High School, 769, -32 (-4 percent); Our Lady of Hungary, 114, 35 (31 percent); St. Anthony De Padua, 376, -60 (-16 percent); St. Jude, 174, -13 (-7 percent); St. Matthew, 381, -4 (-1 percent); Mishawaka: Queen of Peace, 204, 11 (5 percent); St. Bavo, 184, 5 (3 percent); St. Joseph, 186, 4 (2 percent); St. Monica, 170, -19 (-11 percent); St. Patrick (Walkerton), 36, -6 (-17 percent); Elkhart: St. Thomas, 432, 12 (3 percent); St. Vincent de Paul, 113, -22 (-19 percent); St. John (Goshen), 110, -2 (-2 percent); St. Michael (Plymouth), 196, 0 (0 percent)

Total elementary: 2,676, -59 (-2 percent)

Grand total: 3,445, -91 (-3 percent)

Fort Wayne enrollment: 6,535 students
South Bend enrollment: 6,600 students
Total enrollment: 13,135 students



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Respect Life Sunday service mourns lives destroyed by abortion

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

Hundreds of people gathered at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne on Oct. 7 to mourn the loss of life and to pay their respects for the dead.

They watched as a hearse pulled to a stop. As a casket was pulled out, the pallbearers stepped forward. The young boys, Vincent Schipper and Micah Allgeier, had no problem lifting the small casket and carrying it to the memorial stone as the Knights of the Columbus followed them. Only two boys were needed to carry the casket because, sadly, it was empty. This was the 15th Annual Memorial Service held by the March for Life Committee.

This casket symbolized the 698 little boys and girls who lost their lives in the Women's Health Organization in Fort Wayne between Sept. 1, 2006 and Aug. 31, 2007. These children were never allowed to breathe or to come forth from the womb. They were never allowed to create memories of their laughter and tears, of their first steps and their falls, of kindergarten and graduation, of first love and lasting love. They were never held in the arms of their mothers or cherished by their fathers. They were torn from this world because they were an inconvenience to someone. The dignity of their lives went unseen in a world that places such little value on human life.

Yet, here in this cemetery, stood hundreds of people with no apparent ties to those lifeless children. And then the opening song "We Are One Body" began, and the ties suddenly became clear.

Cathie Humbarger, executive director for Allen County Right to Life said, "Thank you so much for joining us for the babies who were shattered this year and for their mothers whose hearts were shattered."

Rev. Arnold Piering, pastoral advisor for Lutherans for Life gave the opening prayer. "Today we thank you for the gift of life. You knew us before we were formed in the womb... We ask you to forgive us the times we have not spoken up as we should ... for the times we have not stepped up as we should."

Father James Seculoff, pastor of St. John the Baptist, New



FRANCIE HOGAN

Knights of Columbus flank Father James Seculoff, pastor of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, as he speaks of the evils of abortion at a memorial service for the unborn held at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Haven, spoke of the devastation to our country caused by this treasonous act of 1973. "Since that time 43 million children, at least, were killed. ... Of course that will come back to haunt us."

He saw a link between abortion and contraceptives. When people separate sexual pleasure from procreation, people begin to see less value in life. People, especially the defenseless and the undesirable, become expendable. The choice to kill an unwanted baby becomes easier.

"We know (the aborted children) were made in the image of their Creator ... with a desire ... to be loved. ... Because of that, we know they were loved not by the abortionist ... but by God. ... We know that each of these children were not convenient and were born into a world that values convenience over human life."

Seth Drayer of Trinity Evangelical Church told the audience, "I like to think that we are soldiers. ... I don't go to the abortion clinic because it is fun, I go because it is my duty. ... I am here today out of a sense of duty to do God's work. ... If we the people of God are not hopeful, truly all hope is lost. It will take each one of you ... to will to be faithful. ... We are called to be faithful."

Throughout the ceremony, the dates were given for the death of these babies. They were each named, not by their parents, but by the people who make up the movement for the Right to Life. A

white balloon was released each time one of these little one's name was spoken. Fifty-two families carried red roses and laid them upon the small casket after saying the child's name.

In the closing prayer, Father Gary Sigler, pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, said, "Lord, we commend all of these little ones to your care. ... Help us to value and recognize the dignity of human life. ... Help us to recognize your presence in each and every person on the face of the earth."

The people gathered at the cemetery joined in singing "Amazing Grace" and then waited solemnly as "Taps" was played and the Knights of Columbus processed away from the site.

As the memorial service ended, the words of admonition still echoed. The children who lost their lives have no voice. We must speak up because they couldn't. We must act because even now there are more children within the womb who cannot fight for their lives and they will be next year's numbers if we do not step up and take up our call to be faithful.

Every Thursday, the Women's Health Organization opens its doors to desperate, fearful women who see no other choice than to end the life within their wombs. Catholics and Protestants join in prayer there to be the voice of compassion and the vision of hope to show them that there is another choice, life.

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Bishop Baker installed as fourth bishop of Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (CNS) — Bishop Robert J. Baker was installed as the fourth bishop of Birmingham at the Cathedral of St. Paul Oct. 2, a beautiful fall day that was the feast of the Guardian Angels. The three-hour ceremony began with Bishop Baker knocking at the Birmingham cathedral door, signaling his willingness to enter and become head of the diocese. Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, read the mandate from Pope Benedict XVI appointing Bishop Baker. Archbishop Sambi and Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile escorted Bishop Baker to the cathedral, the chair that symbolizes a bishop's teaching office and his pastoral authority in the local church. Archbishop Lipscomb then presented him with the crosier, the pastoral staff that is the symbol of his office. "I am happy to be the new bishop of Birmingham," Bishop Baker told the congregation. He also thanked his predecessor, retired Bishop David E. Foley, for his "devoted leadership." Bishop Foley retired in May 2005, but was diocesan administrator until Bishop Baker's installation.

Sociologist says good news on U.S. Catholics outweighs bad

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate honored sociologist James D. Davidson of Purdue University in Indiana and Msgr. Francis J. Maniscalco, former U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops spokesman, for their contributions to church research. In a talk before CARA's annual awards dinner Oct. 3 at Georgetown University in Washington, Davidson said there is much more good news than bad about U.S. Catholics. The picture that emerges from his 40 years of social research on religion in America shows a Catholic laity that for the most part is involved in the church, knows and affirms its core teachings, is highly educated and is sophisticated in relating faith to public life, he said. Msgr. Maniscalco, a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y., was USCCB director of media relations from 1993 to 1994 and secretary of communications from 1994 to 2006. In remarks during the dinner he quoted from the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates, "The unexamined life is not worth living. I think that is true of communities as well," he said. He praised CARA and others who engage in social research on the church for helping it to live an examined life. CARA, an independent Catholic research agency founded in 1964, has been affiliated with Georgetown University since 1989.

Former assistant treasurer convicted of defrauding Cleveland Diocese

CLEVELAND (CNS) — A former assistant treasurer for the Cleveland Diocese was convicted in federal

UKRAINIAN CARDINAL SPEAKS AT WASHINGTON SHRINE



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

Cardinal Lubomyr Husar of Kiev-Halych, Ukraine, speaks during a press conference after celebrating the Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington Oct. 5. Looking on is Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop Stefan Soroka of Philadelphia. The cardinal and archbishop were in the nation's capital as part of the worldwide Ukrainian Catholic bishops' synod.

court Oct. 2 for his part in a kickback scheme to defraud the diocese and the Internal Revenue Service. Anton Zgoznic, 40, of Kirtland Hills showed no emotion as the verdict was read in Judge Ann Aldrich's packed courtroom. The jury took only a day and a half to find Zgoznic guilty of 15 federal counts including conspiracy to commit mail fraud, mail fraud, conspiracy to defraud the IRS, obstructing tax laws, and assisting in the preparation of false corporate income tax documents and returns. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Siegel said he was pleased with the verdict. However, he would not comment on what sentence he would recommend or whether Zgoznic will be asked to testify against co-defendant Joseph Smith, a former diocesan chief financial officer who is accused of 23 counts in the same alleged kickback scheme. Smith, who had been attending the trial daily, was not in the courtroom for the verdict. His trial will be at a later date.

Catholic-Anglican text encourages realism about divisive issues

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Anglicans and Roman Catholics should witness to the faith they share and work together to promote Christian values in the world, but they also must be realistic about issues still dividing them, said a recent document by Anglican and Catholic bishops. "Growing Together in Unity and Mission" was published in mid-September by the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, made up of bishops from the two communities. While leaked copies of the completed document were circulating

already in February, the official release was delayed until a commentary commissioned by the Vatican and one commissioned by the Anglican Communion were finalized. The international bishop's commission was formed in 2001 to develop a document summarizing 35 years of official Anglican-Roman Catholic theological agreements, to encourage wider study of the agreements and to demonstrate how much Catholics and Anglicans share by promoting joint activities such as prayer services, study, Christian witness and social action. However, the final document said, "difficulties in the life of the Anglican communion," particularly the tensions caused by the ordination of an openly gay bishop in New Hampshire, the blessing of same-sex unions in British Columbia and the acceptance of women bishops in some Anglican provinces have forced Anglicans and Roman Catholics to recognize that progress toward full unity will be slower than many of them had hoped.

Congress urged to 'stand up for children' by overturning SCHIP veto

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A top official of Catholic Charities USA called on Congress to "stand up to the president for our nation's children" by overturning President George W. Bush's veto of expanded funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP. Candy Hill, senior vice president for social policy at the Alexandria, Va.-based organization, spoke in an telephone news briefing Oct. 2, the day before Bush vetoed the legislation that has

received wide support from religious, health care, labor and consumer groups. It was the fourth veto of Bush's presidency; he has said expanding the program by \$35 billion would be a step toward socialized medicine and could lead many families to drop their private health insurance in favor of coverage by SCHIP. The Senate approved the legislation by a veto-proof vote of 67 to 29 Sept. 27. But supporters of the legislation said they hoped to find 19 votes in the House to reach the two-thirds needed to overturn a presidential veto. The original House vote Sept. 25 was 265-159. In a statement after the veto, Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, said Bush's action was "the wrong decision at the wrong time." "Census figures released only a few weeks ago showed that the number of children in America without health insurance is going up — reaching 8.7 million in 2006 — and this legislation would have taken an important step in reducing that number by extending health insurance coverage to several million more poor children," he added.

War cannot be means to promote national interests, Vatican tells U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — War and armed conflict are no longer sustainable means for promoting or protecting national interests, the Vatican's top foreign affairs official told the U.N. General Assembly. U.N. agreements concerning disarmament and the nonproliferation of weapons and plans to create "a standing team of expert mediators" to prevent conflict should receive increased support, Archbishop

Dominique Mamberti said Oct. 1 at U.N. headquarters in New York. Speaking during the general debate marking the opening of the 62nd session of the U.N. General Assembly, the archbishop said the values upon which the United Nations were founded should be reaffirmed so as to "deliver a forceful 'no' to war and an equally forceful 'yes' to human dignity." He said respect for human dignity "is the deepest ethical foundation" upon which peace and fraternal relations between nations are built. "Forgetting, or partially and selectively accepting" this principle of respect "is what lies at the origin of conflicts, of environmental degradation and of social and economic injustice," he told the assembly.

Priest believed to be world's oldest Jesuit dies at Georgetown

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Jesuit Father James A. Martin, believed to be the world's oldest Jesuit at age 105, died at the Jesuit residence at Georgetown University in Washington Oct. 1. A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 4 in Georgetown's Dahlgren Chapel for Father Martin, who had been ill with pneumonia. A member of the Society of Jesus since 1921 and a priest since 1934, his career included work as a teacher of history and catechism at the Ateneo de Manila University, run by his order in the Philippines; service as an Air Force chaplain in France, North Africa and Italy during World War II; and 45 years in academia and retreat work around the country, until his retirement in 1989. But Father Martin also had a lifelong love of sports, especially the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team, and read the sports page every day until he died, according to his fellow residents at the Jesuit facility at Georgetown, where he had lived in retirement. He reportedly turned down an offer to play professional baseball to join the Jesuits.

Sales of pope's book on Jesus hits 2 million copies worldwide

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Two million copies of Pope Benedict XVI's book, "Jesus of Nazareth," have been sold worldwide. The first volume of the book was published in German, Polish and Italian in mid-April, and in English in May followed by dozens of other translations. The book, Pope Benedict's first as pope, highlights what the Bible says about Jesus, what the moral implications of his teachings are and how reading the Scriptures can lead to a real relationship with Jesus. The 400-page book has been the number one book on the Catholic Best-Sellers List for the past three months, according to the Catholic Book Publishers Association. It shot to the top slot starting with the association's August list, which reflected June sales. "Jesus of Nazareth" also ranked among the top 10 hardcover nonfiction books on the New York Times Best Sellers' list after its English release and stayed on the list for several weeks.

Festival to be multicultural event

FORT WAYNE — Three cultures unite to bring a fall festival to Saint Patrick's, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Oct. 20, from noon to 6 p.m. St. Patrick Parish is home to Hispanic and Vietnamese populations in addition to the Anglos. While there have been different events hosted by the three groups, this is the first time they are coming together to work on one project.

A highlight of the festival will be the food. There will be dishes representing each of the communities who are putting this together. In addition, there will be Karaoke, games for children and adults and raffles.

Join the parishioners at St. Patrick to get a taste of cultural variety and a glimpse of the unity that is bringing them together for this day of celebration. — JM

Adoration for deacon to be ordained

DECATUR — St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur will be holding an all night eucharistic adoration this Oct. 19-20 to pray for Deacon Bob Lengerich as he approaches his ordination to priesthood.

Deacon Bob spent the summer of 2006 at St. Mary's where he quickly became a part of the parish family. While he has been in the prayers of parishioners throughout the past year, they will spend 12 hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the future "Father" Bob Lengerich and his vocation to the priesthood.

Parishioners are also encouraged to offer prayers for vocations in the diocese, in particular St. Mary's Parish, and for all of the current and future seminarians. The high school youth will be having an all night adoration lock-in at the youth house and spending portions of the evening with Christ himself.

Anyone interested in spending time with Jesus is welcome to join the parish of St. Mary's on Friday night, Oct. 19, from 8 p.m. to Saturday morning at 8 a.m. The entire event will conclude with a celebration of Holy Mass to be offered for Deacon Bob Lengerich.

XLT goes to Auburn

AUBURN — Young people and the young at heart may experience a night of exuberant worship of the Lord as XLT will be hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn on Sunday, Oct. 21.

XLT will begin at 7:30 p.m. following the 6 p.m. LifeTeen Mass.

Contemporary Christian music will be by Frankie and the Holy Rollers. Father Mark Gurtner, a native of the parish and now pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne, will preside over the celebration.

There will also be quality time in the eucharistic presence and peace of Christ.

Immaculate Conception Church is located at 500 E. 7th St., in Auburn.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM



PROVIDED BY BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop Dwenger High School senior Madeline Goheen has been named a 2008 National Merit Semi-Finalist. Goheen scored in the top 1 percent of the 1.4 million students nationwide who took the PSAT test in October of 2006. She will now apply for finalist status and National Merit Scholarship consideration, which will be announced in February 2008. Three additional Bishop Dwenger seniors were named commended students by the National Merit program. These students scored in the top 5 percent of all students nationwide on the PSAT test taken in October of 2006. They are Elizabeth Breckler, Sam Fenker and Emily McGowen. Fenker also received a perfect 800 on the math portion of his SAT. In the photo, from left, are Emily McGowan, Elizabeth Breckler, Madeline Goheen and Sam Fenker.

Hogan family benefit set Oct. 20 at Sacred Heart

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw had been very blessed over the years by the talents of Chuck and JoEllen Hogan.

Chuck was passionate about life and this passion overflowed in everything he did. His life was cut short by a massive heart attack in 2004 at the age of 53.

JoEllen too has been very active in the community. The mother of three, she worked at the Warsaw Public Library for over 22 years. At Sacred Heart, she is a member of the choir and played key roles in setting up the parish health library, parish nurse program, bereavement group, MOM's group, the parishioner library and participated in many Bible study groups. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and has been in remission. Last May, however, it was determined that she has cancer cells in her cerebral spinal fluid. The treatments were not successful. Although concerned about leaving her young sons, JoEllen has put her life and the care of her sons in God's hands.

As part of their community family, many people have gathered to lend a hand. A Hogan family benefit will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall beginning at 7 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, beverages, enter-

tainment, dancing, a silent and live auction and a raffle. All proceeds will assist with JoEllen's medical care and the boys as they adjust to a life without their parents.

Tickets may be purchased at Warsaw Public Library, D C Haircrafter and Bob List Photography or by calling Sacred Heart at (574) 267-5842. Donations will also be accepted at all of these locations.

Bishop Luers Wedertz Scholarship winners named

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School seniors Joseph Crouch and Simon May are this year's recipients of the Wedertz Scholarship.

Jill Rinne, former English teacher at Bishop Luers High School, was a friend of Larry Wedertz. Before his death, Wedertz wanted to give back to the community. He was a lover of science and of learning. Bishop Luers was chosen as his vehicle for giving. Each year one or two seniors are chosen to have their senior year of tuition at Bishop Luers paid.

Qualifications include a written essay stating why science is important in the life of the candidate. Information on the candidate's family is also required. The winner of this award must have taken four

years of science in high school.

Rinne peruses the applicants and selects the winners.

Joseph Crouch is the son of Randall and Julie Crouch. At Bishop Luers, Crouch is involved in show choir, drama productions, baseball, soccer and peer ministry. He is a member of the Academic Bowl, student council, Key Club, retreat team, National Honor Society, Jazz ensemble and the men's music group. He is unsure where he will attend college, but he plans on majoring in math.

Simon May is the son of Thomas and Diane May. At Bishop Luers, May is involved in show choir, drama productions, Mass choir, Jazz ensemble and the men's music group. Simon plans on attending Purdue University and majoring in engineering.

Father Chavez brings Our Lady of Guadalupe talk to Notre Dame campus

SOUTH BEND — In honor of the 475th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego, the Knights of Columbus is organizing a nationwide speaking tour by Father Eduardo Chavez, one of the most renowned experts on the Guadalupe apparitions and the postulator of St. Juan Diego's cause for sainthood.

Father Eduardo Chavez spoke to an audience at the Father Hesburgh Library on the campus of the University of Notre Dame on Sept. 24. The auditorium was filled with eager listeners who had come to hear his story either in Spanish or made available in English through listening devices.

Titled Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Woman who Changed the face of the Hemisphere, the 90-minute talk and accompanying slide show were a detailed account of the early historical documentation of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Chavez described the presence of Franciscan, Dominican, and diocesan priests in the area at the time, and he spoke of the relative differences that existed between those religious groups at the time.

He gave a brief account of the significant part that St. Juan Diego played in receiving the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and about St. Juan Diego's conversations with the local bishop, trying to carry the message that Our Lady had asked him to send.

He showed how Our Lady of Guadalupe provided the "perfectly inculturated" example of evangelization that has helped to build the future that all nations share in the Americas.

Through the use of detailed close-ups of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Chavez pointed out various segments of the image that have meaning, such as designs on the fabric portion of the image of Our Lady. In other artistic representations of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, other artists have created different designs, but these are not the actual images as recorded on the original authentic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"During this important 475th anniversary year of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are honored to have the opportunity to bring her message of peace to people throughout the United States," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson in a press release.

For more information about Father Chavez' talk, see the Knights of Columbus Web site at www.kofc.org. Father Chavez' presentation is available for download as a PDF file.

Kevin M. Large is the Grand Knight of Santa Maria Council #553.

Rebecca Kiessling to speak at banquet for life

FORT WAYNE — The 10th Annual Banquet For Life, "Making the Hard Case for Life," will be hosted by the Tippman Family and the Allen County Right to Life, Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne at 6:30 p.m.

Rebecca Kiessling will be the guest speaker. She is a family law attorney representing pro-life cases including frozen embryos, rape and abortion. Kiessling is an author, media commentator and homeschooling mom. The Kiesslings are the adoptive and biological parents of five children. Kiessling's life began as the result of a rape and she has earned the right to defend the hard case for life.

For additional information, call (260) 471-1849.

Father Hesburgh feted at Smithsonian

BY DENNIS BROWN

NOTRE DAME — Political, educational, judicial and religious leaders gathered Oct. 9 at the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery to pay tribute to Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame and one of the 20th century's most influential figures in higher education, the Catholic Church and national and international affairs.

The invitational event will feature the inclusion of a photograph of Father Hesburgh into the National Portrait Gallery's permanent collection. The image, by an unidentified photographer, captures Father Hesburgh and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. linking hands in solidarity during a civil rights rally at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1964. Work in support of civil rights — marked most prominently by his service on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights — was among the many major social issues in which Father Hesburgh was involved.

Notre Dame alumna and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was scheduled to attend and offer her reflections on Father Hesburgh's legacy, and Sen. Edward Kennedy (via a pre-recorded video) and former Sen. Alan Simpson were to be the evening's featured speakers. A video narrated by former CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite recounted Father Hesburgh's long public service career and included taped tributes from former Presidents Bush and Carter. Anne Thompson, a correspondent for NBC News and a Notre Dame graduate, served as the evening's emcee.

White House, Congressional, judicial and other dignitaries were expected to attend the event, which also celebrated Father Hesburgh's 90th birthday (which was May 25).

Dozens of friends and associates of Father Hesburgh from Notre Dame, higher education, the Catholic Church, and other fields also attended.

"Father Hesburgh's contributions to the nation and world, to

the church, and to higher education, including, of course, Notre Dame, are indelible," said Father John I. Jenkins, CSC, the university's president. "This tribute at the Smithsonian is a much-deserved salute to a most remarkable man."

In addition to serving as Notre Dame's president from 1952 to 1987, other notable achievements and accolades in Father Hesburgh's career include:

- Sixteen presidential appointments — from President Eisenhower to the current President Bush — in which he was involved in most major social issues including civil rights, peaceful uses of atomic energy, campus unrest, Third World development and immigration reform. In addition to the civil rights commission, other notable appointments were to the Presidential Clemency Board, charged with deciding the fate of various groups of Vietnam offenders, the National Science Board, Commission on the Holocaust and Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.

- Service to four popes, three as permanent Vatican City representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna from 1956 to 1970

- Service as chair of the International Federation of Catholic Universities

- Elected to the Board of Overseers at Harvard University, including two years as board president, the first priest in either position

- Service as co-chair of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics

- The honor of being the first person from higher education to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, presented in 2000, and recipient in 1964 of the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor

- Reception of 150 honorary degrees, the most ever awarded to one person

Father Hesburgh was born May 25, 1917, and raised in Syracuse, N.Y. He was educated at Notre Dame and the Gregorian University in Rome, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in 1939. He was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross,

Notre Dame's founding order, in 1943.

Following his ordination, Father Hesburgh continued his study of sacred theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., earning his doctorate in 1945. He joined the Notre Dame faculty the same year and served as chaplain to World War II veterans on campus in addition to his teaching duties in the religion department. He was appointed the head of that department in 1948, and the following year was appointed executive vice president in the administration of Holy Cross Father John J. Cavanaugh, university president. At the age of 35 in June 1952, he was named the 15th president of Notre Dame.

The accomplishments of the Hesburgh era at Notre Dame are reflected in statistics comparing the Notre Dame of 1952, when Father Hesburgh became president, with the university he left in 1987. The annual operating budget rose from \$9.7 million to \$176.6 million, the endowment from \$9 million to \$350 million, and research funding from \$735,000 to \$15 million. Enrollment increased from 4,979 to 9,600, faculty from 389 to 950, and degrees awarded annually from 1,212 to 2,500. The two major changes during the Hesburgh era were the transference of governance in 1967 from the Congregation of Holy Cross to a two-tiered, mixed board of lay and religious trustees and fellows, and the admission of women to undergraduate studies in 1972.

The National Portrait Gallery was established by an act of Congress in 1962 and opened to the public in 1968. It is the only museum of its kind in the United States to combine aspects of American history, biography and art. The museum's collection of nearly 20,000 works ranges from paintings and sculptures to photographs and drawings.

The National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum are housed in the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Arts and Portraiture at Eighth and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. More information is available on the Web at www.npg.si.edu

Volunteer effort huge in Coats for Kids Project

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Coats for Kids, a winter coat distribution project of the local chapter of the National Christ Child Society, is now in its 10th year in the Fort Wayne area. And since the project's inception when just 200 coats were given away, the effort has grown far beyond founder Peggy Dotterweich's modest expectations. According to this year's co-chair Beth Shields, the first two days of a four-day effort were so successful that the 2007 distribution will easily reach 2,000 coats by the end of October.

Coats for Kids is a ministry that provides brand new winter coats, hats and mittens to preschool and school-age children of families who qualify for assistance based on the recommendations of churches, school authorities and social service agencies. The program is run out of the vacant Sacred Heart School on Gaywood Avenue.

The volunteer effort on the part of Christ Child Society members and others is huge, says Nancy Hanlon, who will step up to chair the project with Ellen Devlin next year. More than half of the organization's large membership helps with the annual distribution, as well as many others from the community at large.

No stranger to daunting projects, Hanlon has run PTO markets, music booster events and other large school activities. She knows how to get things done and how to get others involved. But something is different about this project. Rather than spending all her time asking for assistance, she says, "What I have found refreshing is that I have people calling me" to donate their time.

Volunteers for the annual coat project have many and varied duties. Each year Christ Child Society member Ann Arnold works closely with local merchants like Value City, where most of the coats are purchased. After that, Bishop Luers High School students help transport the merchandise to Sacred Heart School and carry it upstairs. Others sort and hang the coats according to size and gender in preparation for opening day.

On distribution days, some volunteers "direct traffic" by keeping the long lines of people moving,



TIM JOHNSON

More than 1,800 coats are expected to be distributed this year to nearly 900 needy families in the Fort Wayne area. Over 65 schools and agencies are participating. The Christ Child Society coat distribution program will continue each Wednesday morning in October at Sacred Heart School on Gaywood Avenue.

some check clients in and update their family information, while others act as "shoppers" for the children's coats. Still others work as interpreters for the increasingly large numbers of non-English-speaking clients. In spite of the hundreds of families served each day, the operation runs smoothly.

A new computerized check-in system under the direction of Katie Roussel is speeding up the process this year. After many years of recording family data on index cards, her volunteers are now entering the information on computers, which were donated to Christ Child Society by a generous benefactor. "Clients were receptive" to the change and patient with the new system, she says, while the organization's members found it easier to access records and make the necessary updates. "The volunteers were great," she says. "I think it went well."

Volunteers are the life blood of an organization like Christ Child Society, and nowhere is it more evident than in a labor-intensive, hands-on ministry like Coats for Kids. "Our volunteers are absolutely wonderful," Hanlon says. They are "very giving, they exemplify what Christ Child (Society) is ... they live it by example."

Shields echoes that sentiment and calls the coat project a true "community effort."

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish Respect Life group reborn

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish Respect Life Committee has been revitalized with new leadership this fall and holds great promise for the future. Robert and Tracia Gregory have spearheaded the renewal of the program at this vibrant parish where their creative effort has established seven subcommittees, each with a specific focus.

Gregory, committee chairman, reports directly to Father John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent, as he oversees the workings of each subcommittee. But he says, his wife, Tracia is the driving force behind the passion and thrust of the group. Tracia, a St. Vincent de Paul School alumnus, comes from a "very pro-life family," says

Gregory.

During the seven years of their marriage as they welcomed the births of their four children, who currently range in age from six years to nine months, the young couple attended the city's March for Life and area pro-life banquets. Recently Gregory says, "We both prayed about what our next step was in the cause."

They felt a call to begin at the parish level and after meeting with Father Kuzmich and pastoral associate Dorothy Schuerman, their plan involving the subcommittees was approved.

With the couple's group of friends expanding over the years through their participation in Christ Renews His Parish retreats and small Christian communities they came to recognize a core group passionate about life issues.

From the group, chairpersons were specifically chosen for their self-sufficient nature and interest in right to life issues.

"It was important to Father John and me that we pick the right people, those that would get things done," notes Gregory.

And get things done they have. The group has only met twice but Gregory reports much progress has been made by each subcommittee.

Education and awareness on right to life and other life issues is first priority for this revamped committee and efforts to accomplish that include the events planning subcommittee, chaired by Tracia, who is planning to host an information booth in the gathering space at church where parishioners can learn about the Catholic stand on all aspects of life. The booth will have the ability to travel to area events such as Knights of Columbus functions and festivals. "It's one way we can start getting the word out," says Gregory.

Ann Gray chairs the prayer subcommittee and is no stranger to the issues of respect life. While attending college she and her husband organized Students for Life at Indiana-Purdue Universities at Fort Wayne (IPFW) in 1990. They have also attended prayer services at the abortion clinic, banquets for life and the march for life.

The prayer committee's focus involves increasing the number of parishioners who participate in prayer at the abortion clinic on the second Thursday of each month as well as developing a spiritual adoption program where parishioners can adopt an unborn child whom they will hold in prayer for nine months. Special prayer cards and rosaries will provide tangible

reminders of the need for this prayer.

Gray, mother of four children, says, "It's exciting to get involved with this. I see how necessary it is in today's world where we take life and children for granted."

The teen outreach subcommittee, chaired by Vickie Zehr, will unify the teens of the parish with bracelets to wear engraved with "I will speak up for the little ones." The teens will be encouraged to offer other students bracelets to wear to symbolize the pro-life cause. This committee will also tap the teen group to provide manpower at future events as well as encourage their continued presence at the abortion clinic for prayer.

Jenny Miller heads the education subcommittee and is laying the groundwork to offer a three-part video course to educate interested parishioners on the scientific argument against abortion. This program, planned for January of 2008, is approved by Father Kuzmich and will offer an open forum to the parish.

The other life issues subcommittee balances the non-abortion related topics for the group. Chaired by Audra Watson, the committee is researching issues concerning the likes of euthanasia and stem-cell research. Gathering Web sites to offer and inviting speakers to the parish will enhance the dissemination of these current issues and answer questions that so many Catholics have.

And Carl Eby will oversee the fundraising needed to support the efforts of this growing ministry within the finance subcommittee.

Deb Thomlinson, longtime parishioner at St. Vincent Parish and mother of seven, who has

chaired the Respect Life Committee for the past 15 years, says of the reorganization, "I'm ecstatic. We have such a vibrant parish and can make things happen Fort Wayne. It's just letting people know. Rob is so organized ... he's on fire."

Thomlinson will remain active as chair of the community outreach subcommittee, which hopes to encourage more parishioners to participate in prayer visits to the local abortion clinic as well as promoting better communication between local agencies and parish committees.

This dynamic group is gearing up for October, says Gregory, which is Right to Life month. Their hope is to have two tables reserved for St. Vincent parishioners at the Oct. 16 Banquet for Life sponsored by the Allen County Right to Life, Three Rivers Education Trust Fund.

Gregory also looked forward to meeting with Fred Everett director of the diocesan Office of Family Life and other parish committee heads in Fort Wayne on Oct. 6 in an effort to "unify the groups so they can work together."

As for the rest of the year and the years to come, Gregory says confidently, "Our main goal is to take the ball and run with it. This is an important issue for all of us within the Catholic Church and to address as a society. We can be an influence in people's lives."

For more information about the Respect Life Committee at St. Vincent and how to start one at your parish call St. Vincent de Paul Church at (260) 489-3537.

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KURT HOMAN

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The spirituality of work

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

Opening prayer: Novena Prayer to St. Benedict (adapted)

Glorious St. Benedict, sublime model of virtue, pure vessel of God's grace. Behold we humbly kneel at your feet. I implore you in your loving kindness to pray for me before the throne of God. To you I have recourse in the dangers that daily surround me. Shield me against my selfishness and my indifference to God and my neighbor. Inspire me to imitate you in all things. May your blessing be with me always, so that I may see and serve Christ in others and work for his kingdom. Amen.

Reading: The Introduction of the Encyclical on Human Work by John Paul II

"Through work man must earn his daily bread and contribute to the continual advance of science and technology and, above all, to elevating unceasingly the cultural and moral level of the society within he lives in community with those who belong to the same family. And work means any activity by man, whether manual or intellectual, whatever its nature or circumstance ... work bears a particular mark of man and humanity, the mark of a person operating within a community of persons."

Commentary

The option of not working out-

side the home is unrealistic for some of us. Despite the number of ways we try to simplify our lives, buy less, or get creative in our finances, the current cost of living requires lucrative employment. For some, work can be painful, boring and very physical. For others, the level of responsibility for the welfare of others may be enormous. Then there may be the stress of getting along with other employees who speak of different political and moral views, practice varying work ethics or possess different or even opposite personalities.

The workplace can definitely challenge our abilities to be Christlike. On the other hand, our work can be the ideal environment in which we foster spiritual growth within each other. As I say goodbye to a wonderful coworker, Sister Jolene Heiden, SSND, who retired from the Office of Spiritual Development, the Lord calls me to reflect on the qualities of being a good coworker.

A common mission

Pope John Paul II teaches us that regardless of the work we do or the position we hold, we share in the common mission of a larger company, agency, institution or family. Therefore, each individual coworker has an important role to play in making any business or service agency successful. This message of common mission is often lost, especially in the United States, because we tend to



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measure one's worth by their salary level or position of power. Although just wages are very important, our Christian faith asks us to see beyond the salary or position and look at the unique qualities of each individual and the importance of their work. As Christian workers, we are to be mindful that what we do directly touches the lives of others, regardless of its perceived level of importance. All work is virtuous because it is a gift from God to all humankind.

St. Benedict, in his rule regarding labor, reminds us that God gives us every moment and that no activity or work is so mundane that it cannot reveal God's presence. In a busy workday in which our awareness of God's presence can easily be forgotten, we can quickly begin to undervalue our work or become resentful of others who do not value our efforts. We can become self-centered and dissatisfied, losing sight of the original mission of our work and the purpose of our labor. Our work becomes a "job." St. Benedict invites us to let go of our self-centeredness and resentment and to see our tasks as opportunities to express our gratitude to God and as a means of

loving service to others.

In our work, both outside and inside the home, we need little reminders of our communal responsibilities. Growing up in a family of six children, my mother made sure that each of us shared in the responsibilities of the home. At the time, it was difficult for me to see why we had to weed the garden, can the tomatoes and wash the dishes, but mom was teaching us an important lesson about the value of work and working together. I was not just peeling tomatoes or apples for myself but for the whole family, who would enjoy them in the cold months of winter. She taught me early on that we did not exist only for ourselves but as members of a larger community (family) with obligations and responsibilities. In the workplace, a similar communal responsibility and attitude is needed for a healthy atmosphere.

Sister Jolene was keenly aware of the communal opportunities and responsibilities of her work. She saw and rejoiced in God's presence in long meetings, evening travel to outlying parishes, interviews, talks over a simple meal and in the tears of coworkers who looked to her for

comfort. She joyfully took time for anyone who approached her regardless of his or her position or wage. Even when she was hurting or tired, she offered to help others with the smallest or greatest tasks. Kindness, gentleness and consistency describe her approach to everyone. She drew little attention to herself and looked for the goodness in others. In her workplace, Sister Jolene never seemed to lose sight of the great mission Christ calls us to... "love one another as I have loved you."

Sister Jolene was centered by her strong faith in a loving God. She was grounded in her conviction that a life lived in and with Christ is a life of always reaching out to others, accepting them where they are and gently touching them with his message of love and hope. No matter where we work, Christ calls all coworkers to this common mission. Christ asks us also to be kind, loving and understanding even when our feelings and emotions are telling us something else.

People like Sister Jolene challenge all of us to evaluate ourselves in the workplace. Are we good Christian coworkers?

The soul feels its worth

L.A. Jesuit speaks on his work with gang youth

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Working with gang-involved youth of Los Angeles for almost 20 years, Jesuit Father Gregory Boyle has seen a lot of death in his ministry. But he has also seen joy and life-altering transformations, all of which Father Boyle recounted in a passionate keynote address at the Oct. 4 Annual Conference on Youth sponsored by the Allen Superior Court at the Grand Wayne Center.

Addressing the hundreds of conference participants from backgrounds including education, juvenile justice, after-school programs and faith communities, Father Boyle said they all shared a common vision of hope for a better world, citing that the prophet Habakkuk said that the vision will not disappoint, but that people must wait.

"Nobody here wants to just wait," Father Boyle noted. "You want to, in fact, make things happen." As an example, he shared the genesis of his own work with at-risk youth.

When Father Boyle first came to the Boyle Heights district of Los Angeles in 1988, his parish consisted largely of public housing and the highest concentration of gang activity in the city.

His work with gang members began as Jobs for a Future, an employment referral center and economic development program. After the riots in 1992, Father Boyle started Homeboy Industries, a host of small businesses staffed by former gang members.

"We had a hard time finding felony-friendly employers," Father Boyle noted wryly, "so we started our own businesses." Homeboy Industries currently oversees five businesses, including Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen and Homeboy Merchandise.

Through these endeavors, former gang members gain training, work experience and often a newfound sense of pride worth. They have counseling and free tattoo removal services available to them, all of this in keeping with the



DON CLEMMER

Jesuit Father Gregory Boyle addresses a workshop at the Annual Conference on Youth at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne Oct. 4. Father Boyle operates the largest gang intervention program in the country out of Los Angeles.

guiding principle that "nothing stops a bullet like a job."

Father Boyle isn't so much seeking to do service as to promote kinship, a sense of brotherhood, between workers by giving rival gang members the opportunity to work side by side.

Father Boyle recruits for these ministries through another one of his pastoral roles, as Catholic chaplain at numerous detention centers. After Mass or a prayer service, he passes out his card and tells the inmates to look him up as soon as they get out and that he will find them a job.

In these detention facilities and in so many of the lives of the young people he encounters, Father Boyle sees what he calls images of shame and disgrace, young people continuing to live in cycles of destructive behavior because no one has done what his ministry does. As he describes it, that is holding up a mirror and telling them the truth, "You're exactly what God had in mind when God made you."

Father Boyle cites the Christmas hymn, "O Holy Night," as an excellent description of what happens to young people in his program — "Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth."

Among the many stories he recounted in his speech, Father Boyle illustrated this point with the story of a young man named Bandit who, after numerous arrests and time in prison, entered Jobs for a Future. In time, he found employment outside of Homeboy Industries and rose to a successful management position at his job.

Years later, Father Boyle received a joyful call from Bandit, informing him that his daughter was going to college, the first person in the family to do so. Father Boyle met with the family and prayed a blessing over Bandit's daughter. From that experience, it was clear to Father Boyle that a young man who was once regarded as nothing but a criminal sending his daughter to college was a brilliant example of the soul feeling its worth.

COLLEGE & CAREERS

College career centers can fill students' tool belts with the tools they need

"What do I do with the rest of my life?"
seems to be the question most students ask
as they discern their vocation

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

NOTRE DAME — Nearly everyone asks the question. What will I do with my life?

And a large part of that question has to do with what type of job, profession, career or vocation will dominate the bulk of one's waking hours.

At no time does this nearly universal question seem to come to a head than in college.

"I've found that easily one half of students are really unsure," said Timothy Ryan, director of Holy Cross College's Lilly Career Development Center.

"I tell them that's okay. I tell them to research the possibilities and talk to people in those career possibilities."

Jeffrey Roberts, director of the Center for Career Opportunities at Saint Mary's College, agreed with Ryan.

"It's very common" to struggle with these thoughts, Roberts said.

And often the students with less clarity tend to declare majors with a more liberal studies or humanities bent, Roberts said.

There are certain majors, like nursing, accounting, elementary education, etc., that have careers built into their structure, Roberts explained.

Other majors, like philosophy, communication, English, history, humanistic studies, tend to keep students — and parents — up at night, wondering how they will make a living.

But Roberts said worry over these majors is simply due to a lack of information. He tries to mitigate that by keeping up with alumnae to find out how they're using their degrees.

He keeps a list of the types of careers Saint Mary's graduates have worked with different degrees.



Timothy Ryan, director of Holy Cross College's Lilly Career Development Center, said he tries to give students the tools to find the careers they want.

For instance, he said, graduates with degrees in philosophy have gone on to graduate and post graduate education, have become teachers, paralegals, spiritual directors, public relations professionals, managers, publishing professionals and more.

"What we try to do here is connect students to accurate career opportunities for their majors," Roberts said.

His office also keeps a database of alumnae willing to meet with students and talk to them about how they're using their majors in their careers.

For his part, Ryan, at Holy Cross College, worked in the business world before coming to the school. And he offers his connections in the business world to exploring students.

Ryan will pair up students with people in the community doing the jobs they're interested in. Students can job shadow them or simply talk to them about what their jobs are like on a daily basis.

And internships are a requirement at Holy Cross College, said Ryan.

Normally, internships are completed between the junior and senior year at the school, but they're always a success in helping students discern their career paths.

"One thing I tell them that is if they come back, and the only thing they got out of it was that they don't want to work in that career — I tell them that's a successful internship," said Ryan.

He said part of the process of finding a good career fit is determining what students don't want to do.

Along with internships, Roberts, at Saint Mary's College, said students can get a sense of a career path through faculty modeling and speakers they may meet in their classes.

Roberts said he likens students' first years at college as entering a candy store with an empty bag. Faculty and staff ask students what they want to put in their bags in terms of courses of study. Students are then connected to key elements regarding what interests them through experiences, internships, career opportunities, course work.

All of it is designed to take the stress of students their first year in college. Roberts said students are encouraged to look at their likes and dislikes and "explore the breadth of possibilities" available in each major course of study.

Roberts said he also works with students on what they want to do next, discovering "the person they were uniquely created to be."

He explained there are four levels students should consider when answering the question: what do I do with the rest of my life?

Students start off at the "job" level, which matches their skills to a task so they can gain confidence and get paid.

Or students may be more interested in having a "profession," which demonstrates their skills at the highest level so they gain more money and confidence, prestige and integrity.

Past that, students may want more out of their working life and consider a "career," which Roberts said includes talents, ethics and spirit. This type of life work tends to lead to the same pay offs as having a profession, but happiness and congruence are also added into the mix.

Finding a "vocation" is seemingly the ultimate answer to the question. Students can discover through a vocation what they were uniquely created to do, finding peace and deep comfort in their daily work, Roberts said.



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Jeffrey Roberts, director of the Center for Career Opportunities at Saint Mary's College, said he likes to help students discover what they're uniquely created to do in life.

At many faith-based institutions like Saint Mary's, finding one's vocation is seemingly stressed.

Roberts said students should ask themselves four questions when deciding what to do:

What do I want to major in?

What do I want to do with my major?

How do I prepare myself while I am here? How do I create an effective job search or search for a graduate school?

Add to that resources galore, and it seems students have little excuse when trying to discover their life's work.

Ryan, at Holy Cross, said students are provided with career assessment tools and classes to help them figure out what their personalities are, what their skill sets are, their likes and dislikes and what they're good at.

He uses a program called FOCUS, an assessment tool that guides students through these questions. Students are also taught what to do during interviews, put together a resume, cover letter and thank-you note, what to do and not to do during an interview and how to complete job applications.

Local colleges and universities have also partnered to help prevent Indiana's brain drain — the mass exodus of talent to other states — with the Indiana Career Consortium to help connect students and employers with each other. The consortium can be found at www.inc-consortium.org.

Ryan said if students are willing to take advantage of them, college career centers can fill their tool belts with the tools they need to find the careers they want.

Added Roberts: "We work with students to help make them aware of their talents and gifts and see they were uniquely created for something special in the world of work."

Youth minister is open to the God of surprises

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — If you're looking for the youth minister at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish just search for the tall, handsome man with the delightful Irish brogue surrounded by teens, and you'll find Martin Wheeler. Well into his second year of leading the youth of the parish, Wheeler admits it's been a long and winding road getting there. But changing careers has brought him joy and balance.

Born in Wexford on the southeast coast of Ireland, to William and Mary, Wheeler was third of four children, all of whom were members of St. Lawrence Parish there. He attended a parish-centered school from kindergarten through eighth grade and was a day student at a nearby boarding school during his high school years. Though he studied all the critical subjects in school, he was without a career goal.

"I was open to anything and hoping for something," he says with a smile.

Then in ninth grade a mission priest spoke on vocations, and Wheeler answered the vocations call. Meeting with Wheeler's parents, the priest was told that Martin would finish high school before being given permission to investigate the priesthood. With that, says Wheeler, "the vocation fizzled away."

Following his graduation in 1985, after picking strawberries for the summer, he began work at an organic tree nursery and by fall was attending a nearby college studying commercial horticulture.



KAY COZAD

Martin Wheeler works in his office at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne where he is youth minister. After earning his degree in horticulture and subsequently in theology, he has found himself changing careers from tree propagation to teaching to youth ministry.

With horticulture degree in hand, the adventurous Wheeler spent the next year and a half working with a tree care company in New York. Unfortunately, during that time Wheeler was called home after his father suffered a heart attack. "I went to him," he says, adding that he remained in Ireland then, work-

ing as private gardener.

Following William's recovery from the heart attack, Wheeler soon sensed he was being called to something more, and the idea of the priesthood began to be revived. So at age 24, this gregarious young man sought an interview for entrance into the seminary and was accepted into St.

Peter's College as a seminarian. "It was the most beautiful decision I've ever made," he recalls.

Following six years of study in the seminary, Wheeler was positioned for the diaconate. But feeling the need for further discernment, he was sent to the United States in 1997 to St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka, where Father Jim Shafer was pastor, for parish ministry.

"That summer I went deeper with discernment with my calling and the end result was 'it's okay whatever I decide,'" reports Wheeler. Upon his return to St. Peter's Seminary he knew in his heart that God was calling him to something other than the priesthood, and he finished his pontifical degree as an external student.

Soon after Wheeler took a job delivering vegetables to area stores and wondered where God would lead him.

Subsequently, a friend called with news of an opportunity to teach theology at Bishop Luers High School, and on March 1, 1999, Martin Wheeler began his teaching career in Fort Wayne.

Of his seven and a half years there, Wheeler says of the experience, "I liked working with the students and the whole learning curve." He was involved at St. Vincent Parish with the LifeTeen Program during that time as well.

With his decision to settle in the area, he and two other teachers purchased a house in which to live. As providence would have it, he met his future wife, Melissa Roberts, at a teacher's in-service, and after a year of dating they became engaged. They were married in 2003 and are happily rais-

ing their two young daughters, remaining parishioners of Most Precious Blood Parish.

Then in spring of 2006, Wheeler received a call from his former pastor Father Shafer, now at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, to consider the position of full-time youth minister.

After talking with the "Mrs." about the change and taking it to prayer, Wheeler interviewed and was hired into the position. He enjoys his new work and hopes to grow in the ministry to become a better resource for the teens of the parish.

On the subject of life, Wheeler reflects saying, "It surprises me how wonderful life can be. I trust there is some purpose in my call and that it's okay. I've settled down and found balance."

That balance he says has come

to him by listening to the common thread. "The Eucharist is the common thread. It can make us what we are to become."

For this cheerful horticulture specialist and theologian, faithful minister and family man, life offers the opportunity to make decisions with faith and

grow in his relationship with Christ, his family and those he encounters in his ministry.

"I'll keep giving what I have to give and see where it leads. I'll be open to my vocation, to being human and the greater wisdom of God through those who love us," says Wheeler positively, adding, "God's not tied up in one path. Whether you say yes or no, God will love you to bits." His final advice for those seeking a career path, "Be open to the God of surprises."

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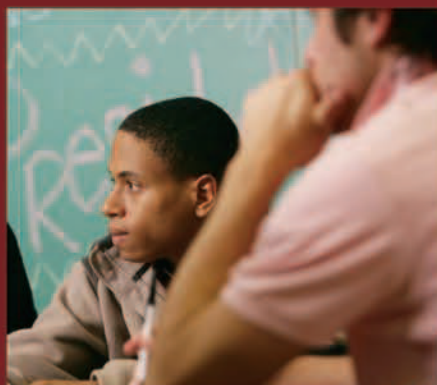
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BY MARK WEBER

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The Stackowicz stack-up of Knights of Columbus insurance agents. From the left; grandson Phil, his father John J., John's dad, Joseph and John's brother-in-law, Robert Baloun. All are members of St. Pius X Council, Granger.

youngest agent ever hired) and the two became the first father-son team in the K of C sales force.

In his first year, John became the leading salesman for the Knights in Illinois and by 1984 became a general agent in northern Indiana.

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Interviewing skills for graduates, job seekers

BY DEBRA FINE

DENVER, Colo. — What if you could instant message potential decision makers and determine their interest or lack of interest immediately? Or even better ... text message the director of human resources and conduct the job interview. Just like making plans for Friday night. Someone texts asking if you want to get together, you respond with a thanks but no thanks. No need to say why not or offer an explanation. No direct rejection. Wouldn't it be great if a job search required such minimal interaction?

It would be a luxury not to concern ourselves with body language, tone of voice, face to face contact with decision makers. Fortunately or unfortunately, technology has not changed the reasons a candidate is chosen for employment. The two primary reasons a candidate is selected has remained the same for decades.

One reason is that the candidate can solve a problem or fill a slot. The other reason, equally important, is that the candidate is the source of good feelings. Two candidates with comparable academic credentials and abilities will be compared based on the comfort level developed with the interviewer(s). If the decision maker feels ill at ease or uncomfortable during the interview or lunch meeting, walking down the hall or waiting for others to make their way to join the interview, she will not choose that candidate. Instead, the candidate that creates those "good feelings" is selected.

Conversation and rapport building skills are useful in providing that intangible "good feeling" that decision makers are looking for. Candidates can help decision makers feel good during the interview process with the following tips and techniques:

- Greet people warmly, give eye contact and smile. Be the first to say hello. Be careful, you might be viewed as a snob or lacking in confidence if you are not the first to say hello.

- Use small talk as a picture frame around business conversations. Begin and end with small talk before and after the interview. Approach interviews prepared to talk about the industry, current events, the weekend and even the weather to prevent awkward moments and playing with your food.

- Use the person's name in conversation. You are more likely to develop rapport by using the person's name you are talking with. If you don't know someone's name, take a moment to ask, and then repeat it. Be sure to pronounce it correctly. And never presume a nickname. My name is Debra, not Debbie. I do not think positively of those that call me Debbie. It's a little thing that has big importance. Ben Roethlisberger, the Pittsburgh Steelers Super Bowl winning quarterback, passed on Ohio State because the coach and his assistants did not make the effort to pronounce his name correctly. Instead he attended and played for

Miami of Ohio, they took the time to get his name right.

- Show an interest in others. In response to our high tech environment filled with e-mail, conference calls and text messaging, we need high touch more than ever. That's what you create when you show an interest in the person that is interviewing you. Inquire about how the decision maker got interested in marketing, how the Internet has impacted their work or what has been keeping them busy.

- Be a good listener. That means giving eye contact and responding with verbal cues to show you are staying on top of what the speaker says. Verbal cues include these phrases: "Tell me more..." "What happened first?", "What happened next?", "give me an example of what you mean by that...", "How did you come up with that idea?", "That must have been difficult", and so on. Using these and similar cues shows you are an "active" listener.

- Play the conversation "game". When someone asks, "How's school?" or "What's going on?" Answer with more than "Pretty good!" or "Not much." Tell more about yourself so that others can learn more about you.

- Be aware of body language. Come across as relaxed and at ease. Smile and appear approachable.

Pay attention to the "feel good" factor and enjoy the success that follows.

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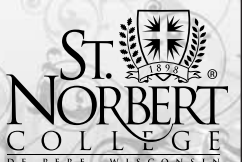
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College degree vs. career

Your degree does not always
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BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Just because a person's college degree might say accounting doesn't always mean they have to work with numbers for the rest of their life. Sometimes people get a college degree in a field they enjoy, but once they enter the workforce realize it is not the profession they want to do for the rest of their working life.

Barry Robertson has a degree as a dietician. He had worked in the food industry for years and decided later in life to pursue a degree as a registered dietician.

Once Robertson got into the career choice, he quickly burned out on the paperwork and research that went into the job. He worked for a company that had him go out to professional environments and keep a list of the dietary needs that were to be met by the companies food service department. His job consisted of lots of paperwork and ordering of food items which became tedious.

"I wanted out of the food industry and just started looking for jobs that had something to do with organizational skills, attention to detail, and working with weights and measurements

... all things I learned while working on my degree," said Robertson. He found a job working with flooring. His job involves ordering products but working with people, a component he did not get in his dietician job.

Robertson learned he was more of a people person and decided to work in a job that would give him the chance to use his degree while working with people.

Claire Coleman has a master's of public administration degree and is currently working with database management at a local high school.

"My educational background enables me to see and understand the overall goals of the organization and how my work contributes to this process," said Coleman of how her degree helps her with her current job.

For many people, going through the college process was a way of learning above average work skills that they could translate to various employment areas.

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EDITORIAL

Shortage of priests is forcing inevitable changes

The recent parish meetings in which Bishop John M. D'Arcy consulted parishioners about the possible merger of their parishes (reported on page 1) dramatize how important parishes are in the lives of Catholics. The parish is the place where we are baptized, where we receive the Lord in the Eucharist, where our sins are forgiven, where we marry and bury loved ones. The parish is the place where we come together in God's name to worship. The parish is where Christian community is built.

So, it's natural that people are attached to their parishes, and that sense of attachment came through clearly at the parish meetings: Some people expressed anguish that the parish where they were raised may merge into a new entity with a new name. Some were concerned that the sense of community they have at their parish would be lost in a merger. And many people in both parishes simply did not want to disrupt the comforting routine they had established over the last half century at their parish.

It's also natural for Catholics reading about the possible merging of these two parishes to have concerns that the same thing eventually could happen to their own parishes, for in recent years, eight diocesan parishes have been merged.

The fact that Catholics find such fulfillment and comfort at their parishes indeed is gratifying. It is a sign of a healthy faith, and it is a tribute to our dedicated priests and the lay staff who assist them. This sense of satisfaction with one's parish is a two-edged sword, however, for it also makes change in one's parish that much more difficult to accept, no matter how inevitable that change is.

The shortage of priests is forcing inevitable changes that are taking their toll on Catholics in parishes in most Western countries, for the number of new priests being ordained simply is not replacing the number of priests who are dying. And some parishes are able to offer services only through the generosity of elderly priests who often volunteer their services for years after they have retired at age 75.

In this diocese, 18 young men are studying for the priesthood, and two will be ordained this month. However, this number is not large enough to replace priests no longer able to serve the diocese.

Ironically, this shrinkage in the number of priests is happening at a time when the Catholic population is growing. In 1975, there were just under 50 million Catholics in the United States. Today there are 69.1 million.

Something has to give

Simply put, something has to give, and many dioceses are finding that the best solution is to combine parishes under one pastor. Certainly it's painful for the parishioners affected, especially for those who have a long history with a parish. Often it's painful for priests, too, for larger congregations mean longer hours for pastors who usually are the only priest in a parish today.

In some rural dioceses, some priests are "circuit riders" who travel to two or more parishes on a weekend to say Mass and confer the sacraments. This routine takes its toll on a priest, however, and it doesn't make sense in an urban area where most people can drive to a Catholic church in less than 15 minutes.

Consolidation of parishes also makes sense financially, for a combined parish usually needs fewer staff members. And, one facility uses less energy resources than two separate parishes, especially when the church building is new and energy-efficient.

Consideration also has to be given to how to minister to the growing number of Catholics and to the settlement of Catholics in developing areas of a diocese. Bishop D'Arcy has indicated that the formation of a new parish on the south side of South Bend with an good-sized church would be a futuristic move, for it would serve that growing area 50 years hence.

All Catholics in the diocese should pray for Bishop D'Arcy as he consults with the priests' council and makes a decision about the best plan for Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes. We all should pray for the parishioners involved that they might see future changes in their parish structure or location not as a disappointment or a burden, but rather as an opportunity for enriching new experiences, blessings and friendships. And of course, we all should pray that more young men in our diocese will answer God's call to the priesthood.

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

COMMENTARY

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Pope Benedict XVI and the 'old Latin Mass': Towards an undivided liturgical tradition

The following is the first of a series of question-and-answer articles prepared by the Office of Worship to explain the recent "motu proprio" document of Pope Benedict XVI.

Much has been made in recent months of "Summorum Pontificum," the "motu proprio" document by which Pope Benedict XVI has allowed for greater use of what has often been referred to as the Tridentine Mass — that is, the old Latin Mass, as practiced throughout the Roman Catholic Church after the Council of Trent and until the Second Vatican Council. Given the considerable confusion and heated polemics that have arisen over this topic, it is my hope here to offer a commentary on the reasoning behind the Holy Father's decision, by answering some of the major questions that might arise.

Why does Pope Benedict feel the need to "reconnect with the past"?

As a young and brilliant theologian present at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, and later as a leading Vatican official, Joseph Ratzinger had a firsthand opportunity to witness the joys and hopes of the council, from the formulation of its documents to their implementation. Now, as Pope Benedict XVI, he has taken a special and very important interest in carefully correcting the widespread misconception that Vatican II was a complete break or rupture from the church's past — a view espoused by some overzealous persons, proponents and detractors of the council alike.

Benedict has spent his still-young pontificate promoting instead a "hermeneutic of continuity" between the pre- and post-conciliar church. Hermeneutics involves the lens through which one interprets and understands a document or teaching.

So, embracing a "hermeneutic of continuity" means that we are to interpret the council's documents as being in harmony with the tradition of the church. This emphasizes that sacred tradition does not simply become irrelevant within a divine institution grounded in history. This approach is contrary to a "hermeneutic of rupture" or discontinuity, which wrongly interprets the council as having significantly altered the nature and

teaching of the Catholic Church. A hermeneutic of rupture attempts to recreate the church solely according to the ideals of a given age.

Why is this sense of continuity important for the church's liturgy?

The Holy Father has upheld this hermeneutic of continuity in his teaching on the church's sacred liturgy, which Vatican II's "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" ("Sacrosanctum Concilium") describes as "the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed" and "the font from which all her power flows."

The sacramental presence of Christ in the church's worship transforms the world, while finding its source in the Incarnation itself. The Christ whom we encounter in the sacred liturgy of our own day is the same historical Jesus who lived in Nazareth and died in Jerusalem, and who will be with us until the end of time (Mt 28:20). Our worship must always reflect and proclaim this fact.

The Latin title of the pope's "motu proprio" speaks of this continuity in Christ. "Summorum Pontificum" comes from the first line of the document: "Up to our own times, it has been the constant concern of supreme pontiffs to ensure that the Church of Christ offers a worthy ritual to the Divine Majesty."

In the "motu proprio" and his accompanying letter, Pope Benedict is firmly establishing that his action is consistent with the work of his predecessors. The Mass with which we are widely familiar today is from the revised Missal of Pope Paul VI, which was published after the council. (The Missal is the liturgical book from which the Order of Mass is prayed.) In making provisions for wider use of the 1962 missal published by Blessed Pope John XXIII, which was the last missal released before the council, Benedict is actually promoting a hermeneutic of continuity with respect to the council's revisions.

Why are some saying that this is a reversal of Vatican II?

Unfortunately, many media outlets and commentators have given a largely uninformed portrayal of the Holy Father's decision to allow for greater use of the 1962 missal. It has been described ominously as "a repealing of the Second Vatican

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BY BRIAN W. MACMICHAEL

Council," or as the forced return of a stodgy and unproductive approach to piety. But these accusations are typical examples of the hermeneutic of rupture, for such reporting disregards the fact that the old missal was prayed faithfully and fruitfully for centuries.

Moreover, precisely because the Holy Father reaffirms that the liturgical reform after the Second Vatican Council is a natural development and not a spontaneous liturgical revolution, it is quite mistaken to understand "Summorum Pontificum" as a reversion to pre-conciliar times. Pope Benedict himself assures us that "this fear is unfounded." His decree is not an imposition on the clergy and the faithful. Instead, it grants greater freedom in response to a growing desire to bring the older liturgy into more direct contact with the new.

For these reasons, Pope Benedict has given the faithful some helpful new terminology. The missal of Paul VI is to be known as the "ordinary expression" or "form" of the Mass, while the missal of Blessed John XXIII is the "extraordinary expression." Yet, in the apostolic letter, he is adamant that they are not separate rites, as though they belonged to two separate manifestations of the Roman Catholic Church. Rather, they should be understood as a "twofold use of one and the same" Roman rite — two ways by which a united community of believers enters the one holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Next week: Clarifying the target audience of the document, and focusing on what the document means for the ordinary form

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Act of canonization seen by us as act of infallible papal magisterium

Are Catholics obligated to recognize all persons papally appointed to sainthood? The basis for this question is John Paul elevated José Maria Escriva de Balaguer to sainthood several years ago. His reputation was based on his founding the Opus Dei organization in Madrid, Spain, in October 1928. While I was a member of the Aquinas Institute, a Catholic student religious body (church) of Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., it was my experience to conclude that Opus Dei was an extremely controversial organization. The anti-group judged it to be political rather than religious. J. Garver, Tucson, Ariz.

Indeed, all Catholics must recognize canonized saints in the Catholic Church because the act of canonization is seen by us to be an act of infallible papal magisterium. In other words, we believe as Catholics that when the pope intends to speak infallibly on matters of faith or morals that the Holy Spirit protects him from any and all error. In the case of canonizing a saint, the Holy Father is claiming to do just that. Therefore, we believe that every act of canonization is the pope declaring, without the possibility of error, that the canonized per-

son is in heaven and is worthy of veneration by the entire church. Concerning Opus Dei, they are a fully legitimate organization in the church sanctioned within the structures of canon law. Their mission, following the example and charism of their founder, St. José Maria, is to bring the Gospel more fully into the world, especially into the workplace, the marketplace, the political area, etc. It is composed mostly of lay people who wish to strive for holiness of life and the taking up of this mission. As with any organization even within the church, there is always the possibility of excess and lack of holiness of some of its members. However, the worth of the entire organization should not be judged by the deficiencies of a few.

What is the “word,” in “O Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed?” Anonymous

The “word” here is simply Jesus’ spoken word. This saying comes from the Gospel story (Matthew 8:5-13) in which the Roman soldier comes to Jesus asking that Jesus heal his sick slave. Jesus responds by saying that he will go to the soldier’s

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house and cure the servant. The soldier then says to Jesus in humility and faith that he is not worthy to have Jesus come under his roof and if Jesus only says the word, he knows that his servant will be healed. Then Jesus says the word, “Let it be done for you,” and the servant is healed. Certainly, Jesus could have healed the servant without saying anything, but he chooses to use human language to manifest his almighty power. This is the logic of the Incarnation, that God takes on human flesh. In other words, God uses the visible (the material world) to manifest to us the invisible (himself). This saying now has been incorporated into the Mass. We say it before receiving holy Communion as an act of faith and humility in God’s power to heal us through the Eucharist, especially from sin.

If a woman has a miscarriage, where does that soul go? Anonymous

This is a question that still does not have a definitive answer from the church. On the one hand, the church has always taught definitively that baptism is necessary for salvation. On the other hand, babies who die without baptism are completely innocent, and it would be our every hope that an all-loving and all-merciful God would bring them to heaven. After all, God is not bound by the sacraments. He can act freely to save even apart from the sacraments, although the sacraments are the normative way in which he wishes to give us grace. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments” (#1257).

With all this being said, we can entrust, without despair or fear, the souls of little ones who have died without baptism into the hands of our merciful Lord.

Again, as the catechism puts it, “As regards to children who have died without baptism, the church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus’ tenderness toward children which caused him to say: ‘Let the children come to me, do not hinder them,’ allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism.” (#1261)

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

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Mass behavior

The dilemma of getting little ones to behave at Mass certainly must be a universal Catholic concern. From the time I brought my firstborn home (coming up on 20 years this November. Yikes!) until just this morning at a daily Mass, I have been worried about how the kids behave during this most holy of prayers.

Over the years I have talked to many older moms with well-behaved children about their “Mass strategy.” I lay in bed at night thinking of my own. Some ideas worked great. Some didn’t. I’m offering what I think are the best ones here.

- Dress up for the occasion. When we dress up for Mass (or dress our children up for Mass) we are telling them non verbally that where we are going is special. We are going to see our Lord and king. It is a grand occasion. That being said, clothes should not be showy or lead us to pride. The clothes ought to command the respect we owe our God, while still being modest and unpretentious.
- In our family the girls almost always wear dresses to Mass, except perhaps during the middle of the winter when there is heavy snow and bitter cold, or in the event mom did not get the ironing done. (You can safely assume this if you run into us in casual clothes on a balmy fall day.)
- Don’t bring food, tiny toys or other distracting items. Most likely these items won’t be used for the intended purpose of occupying tiny hands, anyway. They are much more likely to be used as projectile objects. The only exceptions might be Mass books and take-along-saint photo album (put holy cards in a mini photo album). Bring the kids well-fed and



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well-rested (We usually try to avoid Saturday evening Masses for just this reason) and try to steer clear of anyone already in the pew with items that will entice your little ones. You don’t want to set the kids up for failure by placing them smack in front of four superhero figures they don’t have.

- Talk ahead of time what will be going on. Give your kids cues to watch for. “Father will be walking up the aisle flanked by altar servers.” Explain what flanked means. “Look! Father is wearing red! Today is the feast of a martyr!” or “See the pretty altar decorated in white? White is the color of joy!”
- Teach your children words like lector, homily and consecration. Teach them that keeping conversation to a minimum during Mass is always desired, but that it’s absolutely essential when Jesus comes down from heaven during consecration. If you belong to a parish that rings bells at consecration, take full advantage of that. A little whisper to your child at the appropriate time, “He’s coming! Listen for the bells! He’s coming!” is enough to build up anticipation and promote reverence.
- Talk ahead of time about expected behavior. (“Do we lay on the floor? Noooo.” “Do we kick the pew? Nooooo.” “Do we fold our hands? Yesss.”) Be calm and peaceful yourself and invite the tiniest of your children to your lap. Who says snuggle time can’t occur

in between the first and second reading? Stroke your child’s hair and rock him discreetly. Hum a religious tune softly. We want them to feel the peace of Christ too.

- Practice really does make perfect. Attending Mass more frequently than Sunday helps gets behavior on track (not to mention is a great idea anyway). The daily Masses are shorter. Kids can see what’s going on easier, and you get graces the more you go.
- Finally, don’t beat yourself up mentally if a meltdown occurs. Just take Junior out, take a deep breath and move on. Nothing is more distracting to fellow Mass-goers than an angry mother firmly pulling her child into the vestibule or a father snarling at his child.

As the kids get older there might be times of rebellion — teen years come to mind — when your child doesn’t sing as you would wish, forgets to genuflect or jumps out of the van in the church parking lot wearing khaki cargo shorts and flip flops (Sigh!). Keep on them and keep modeling the right behavior. Peace. Patience. Perseverance. As I can see from the “successful” parents around me, it’s bound to sink in.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for October 14, 2007

Luke 17:11-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the healing of ten lepers by Jesus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JERUSALEM
DISTANCE
MASTER
ONE OF THEM
LOUD
SAMARITAN
NONE

THROUGH
SAYING
HE SAID
HEALED
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THE OTHER
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TEN LEPERS
JESUS
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NINE
YOUR FAITH

TEN HEALED

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shifting the focus from Italian to international events, making the paper more colorful and user friendly, and launching an expanded Web site.

The idea is to make better use of *L'Osservatore's* position at the center of the universal church and its potentially rich network of sources.

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Christ is as fully present in the closed tabernacle as he is in the monstrance during exposition

Let's look at a new phenomenon you may know very little about. It is the remarkable rise of eucharistic adoration in Catholic parishes and institutions in every part of the world. Why is it happening? And what is it?

"The Catholic Church," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "offers to the ... Eucharist ... adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated host ... exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." CCC, no. 1378.

But why do we do this? "In the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, ... soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained. This presence is called real, by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence ... but because it is presence in the fullest sense ... it is substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." CCC, no. 1374.

This conversion of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, promised in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel and fulfilled at the Last Supper, is called Transubstantiation. "Substance," as Cardinal Avery Dulles put it, "denotes the basic reality of the thing, i.e., what it is in itself." A change in appearance does not affect the substance of the thing.

You are in the real presence of Christ every time you step into a

RIGHT OR WRONG?

BY CHARLES E. RICE

Catholic Church with the lighted lamp or candle indicating that the Blessed Sacrament is in the tabernacle. At any such time one can be with Christ in adoration. The term, eucharistic adoration, however, is usually applied to the exposition of the sacrament to view. Christ is as fully present in the closed tabernacle as he is in the monstrance during exposition. It is conducive to devotion for us to be able also to look upon him in the host in which "the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained."

"The central problem of the church today," wrote Professor Peter Kreeft of Boston College, "is that most of the generation now becoming adults ... are not merely unaware of right doctrine ... but of Christ himself, his real presence. Nothing less than Christ could have Christianized the world, nothing less than Christlessness has de-Christianized it, and nothing less than Christ can re-Christianize it." *Crisis*, March 1988.

When John Paul II instituted eucharistic adoration at St. Peter's Basilica in 1981, he said, "The best ... way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through ... perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."

Why is this so? "Above all," said Benedict XVI, "the Eucharist is the great school of love. When we participate regularly and with devotion in holy Mass, when we spend a sustained time of adoration in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, it is easier to understand the length, breadth, height and depth of his love that goes beyond all knowledge (cf. Eph. 3:17-18)."

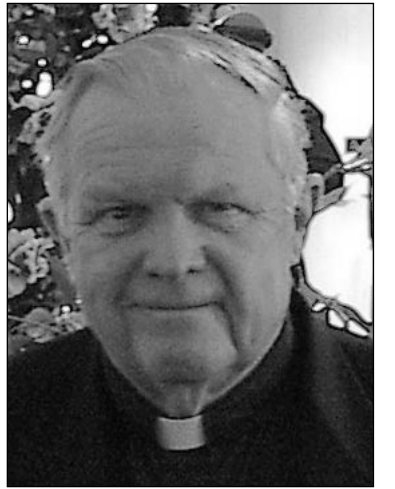
In his message in 2005 for the National Day of Young Catholics of the Netherlands, Benedict XVI exhorted them to "Go to the encounter with him in the blessed Eucharist, go to adore him in the churches, kneeling before the tabernacle: Jesus will fill you with his love and will reveal to you the thoughts of his heart. If you listen to him, you will feel ever more deeply the joy of belonging to his mystical body, the church, which is the family of his disciples held close by the bond of unity and love."

Benedict XVI has insisted on this point: "Eucharistic adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord. ... In the sacred Host, he is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring in this presence do we learn how to receive him properly ... Let us love being with the Lord! There we can speak with him about everything. We can offer him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles, our joys. Our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and our aspirations."

Meet the Priest

Father William Hodde

Ordained May 22, 1952
Retired, Fort Wayne



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

The examples of good priests like Father Tom Durkin, Father Mike Vichuras and others.

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

Hearing confessions, especially of people who have been away for a long time or whose lives are so edifying.

What interests or hobbies do you have?

Reading history, mysteries and westerns, visiting historic sites, serving as a docent at the Lincoln Museum.

Do you have a pet?

No.

What's your favorite reading material?

David Donaldson, Allen Guelzo, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Carl Sandburg (all of them were biographers of Lincoln, his life, character, personality, religion), George Weigel, his articles in *Today's Catholic* and his book, "The Courage to be Catholic," *Magnificat* magazine and others.

What is the best part of being Catholic?

Trying to be close to Jesus and being more like him, the promise of heaven.

What is your favorite prayer?

The Memorare

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

Isaiah 49:13-16

Who is your favorite pope?

Pope Gregory I — "the Great," a Benedictine monk who longed for a quiet life but didn't get it — and Pius XII — a great pope, much maligned, very unjustly, savior of many Jews in World War II.

What is your favorite food?

Anything sweet, which I shouldn't have.

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

I have a temper. I like Manhattans, which I shouldn't.

How do you prefer to be addressed?

Father Hodde of Father Bill

Capernaum inhabitants were fishermen, farmers, traders

What was the house of St. Peter like in the village of Capernaum?

Although St. Peter was born in the town of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee, he was living in the town of Capernaum, also on the same lake. Capernaum is called Kefar Nahum in Hebrew and Tell Num in Arabic. The city lies on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee west of the Jordan River and two miles short of the mouth of the river as it enters the lake. H. Vos says Capernaum stretched 500 yards along the Sea of Galilee and 250 yards from the shore to the hills.

At Capernaum they have excavated private houses in a residential area. J. Finegan says the houses are arranged around courtyards in which were ovens and grinding stones. The walls are of basalt stones mostly held together with mud and pebbles. The houses were probably of only one story with stairways leading to flat roofs.

G. Freeman adds that Capernaum had no organized water supply or sanitary facilities, except the lake. Besides the centurion with his soldiers and St. Matthew at his customs post, the inhabitants made their living by fishing, farming and trade. There was no industry.

Of special interest is what is

called the house of St. Peter. Here Jesus stayed many times and cured Peter's mother-in-law. A. Knopf, however, feels that Jesus lived in the house of Peter while Peter was lodged by his in-laws at Bethsaida. Over the house of Peter an octagonal church was eventually built.

Father J. Murphy-O'Connor says Peter's house seems poor. The drystone basalt walls would have supported only a light roof of dried mud and straw. This reminds us of the paralytic let down through the roof to be cured by Jesus.

One room in the house, however, has plastered walls. This room was probably put to public use, because of the graffiti scratched in the plaster walls. Some of the writings mention Jesus as Lord and Christ, Peter, fish (the symbol of a Christian), and Berenice, the woman who suffered from a hemorrhage for 12 years and was cured by Jesus at Capernaum.

J. Finegan says the graffiti include 124 fragments in Greek, 18 in Syriac, 15 in Hebrew and one in Latin, showing pilgrims from many linguistic backgrounds. These graffiti suggest the house of Peter was a meeting place for the Jewish Christians at Capernaum. Possibly relatives of Peter remained in Capernaum and



FATHER RICHARD HIRE

HIRE HISTORY

transformed Peter's house in this way.

By the 4th century, this room was the centerpiece of a complex with entrances on the north and the south. The room was given a more solid roof, that necessitated the construction of a central arch. The space was extended by adding other rooms on the two sides.

This was the house-church seen by the pilgrim Egeria in A.D. 381. She said "the house of the prince of the apostles has been made into a church with its original walls still standing. Here the Lord cured the paralytic." Later in A.D. 571, a pilgrim from Piacenza said the house of Peter is now a basilica. The architect may have been Count Joseph of Tiberias, a town on the Sea of Galilee, who was a converted Jew. This Joseph had obtained permission from the Roman emperor Constantine to erect

churches in Capernaum and the other towns of Galilee.

In the middle of the 5th century, says J. Murphy-O'Connor, all the buildings connected with the house of Peter were leveled so they could erect an octagonal church. The central octagon enshrined the venerated room and they put in a mosaic floor. The peacock centerpiece was surrounded by a geometric design with a lotus-flower border identical with that of the Church of the Loaves and Fishes, also on the Sea of Galilee at Tabgha, that commemorates the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Since the peacock raises its fan-shaped tail displaying many colors, this bird was a symbol of the resurrection and immortality for the early church.

J. Finegan says thousands of plaster fragments were also found with flowers, fruits like pomegranates, and floral crosses that probably symbolize paradise, as we see in the grotto of Cono at Nazareth. There is a cross-mark enclosed in a square that can suggest the four quarters of the world and the universal efficacy of the cross. There is a small boat with oars and a flying sail, like the boats at Nazareth. The sail is a symbol of the cross, for you need the sail to cross the sea safely. Besides Christian symbols,

two fish hooks were found in the flooring of the house of Peter, confirming the life of fishermen here.

Eventually an apse with a baptistry was added to the structure. This octagonal church was probably built by gentile Christians who now largely succeeded the Jewish Christians who had worshiped in the house-church. This octagonal church is the oldest found in the Holy Land. This church then ceased to be used by A.D. 638.

G. Freeman adds that the church may have been destroyed in the Persian (Iranian) invasion of A.D. 614. An earthquake did further damage in A.D. 746. New Greek excavations show inhabitants at Capernaum in the 10th century and that it enjoyed some wealth. The Russian Abbot Daniel visited Capernaum in 1106, and said it had been a great city with many people, but now it is deserted. It is from this city that the Antichrist will come, and that is why the Crusaders have abandoned Capernaum.

By the 13th century, the pilgrim Buchardus says there were only the houses or hovels of seven poor fishermen in Capernaum, a sad sight to behold for a once-renowned town.

Sports

SPORTS STARS CAN BE ROLE MODELS FOR YOUTHS, POPE SAYS Pope Benedict XVI said sports stars can be models for young people, but only if they remember that winning isn't everything. The pope said that when practiced with the right spirit sports can help promote human development and lead to the discovery of individual capabilities and talents. Human dignity should always be respected in these sporting activities, he said. Sports figures remain models for youths and therefore should exhibit the virtues that are associated with athletic contests: determination, a spirit of sacrifice, and inner and outer discipline, as well as respect for opponents and an awareness of one's own limits. — *John Thavis*

CYO Eagles end regular season action with perfect 7-0 record

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Rolling over their opponents one by one, the St. John Fort Wayne/Benoit/St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Eagles finished 2007 regular season play with a perfect 7-0 record by defeating the St. Vincent Panthers 22-20.

In a hard-fought overtime battle, the Eagles soared to another victory — their 40th straight. On the line for these two unbeaten teams was the regular season Catholic Youth League (CYO) title. Fueled by their triple threat offense (J.J. Curry, James Knapke, Devon Causey) and hard-nosed defense, the Eagles hung on one more time against the mighty Panthers.

The two CYO powerhouses gave fans yet another game to remember, keeping them on the edge of their seats all four quarters.

Both teams came into the match-up, virtually untouched, untested and undefeated by their competition. The first quarter proved the big play capabilities of these two forces. The Panthers drew first blood scoring on the opening kickoff by the Panthers' "main man" Evan Feichter on a dazzling 45-yard run. The kick failed. The Eagles answered back taking the ball from midfield and punching it in to the goal line on a 1-yard keeper by Knapke. Brian Nichter hit the PAT putting the Eagles up 8-6.

But not for long, St. Vincent's Feichter, threw a 35-yard pass to Josh Blevins who hauled it to the 4-yard line. Feichter took care of things from there and put up another six. The kick was good. St. Vincent once again took the lead. With under a minute left in the half, Knapke hooked up with J.J. Curry for a 50-yard pass reception, which knotted things up at 14-14.

Near record-breaking heat and penalties both ways may have made an impact in the second half of play. Both teams threatened, however, neither team found their way into the end zone answering defensive stands with defensive stands.

At the end of regulation the scoreboard remained gridlock at 14-14. This created an overtime situation in which each team got four plays from the 10-yard line with the Eagles attempting to score first. On their second play, the explosive Curry scored on a 5-yard run. Focusing on the uprights, Nichter kicked another

through for the Eagles.

The Panthers were successful in overtime putting the ball into the hands of Feichter who scored on a 1-yard off tackle play. However, the tying PAT was missed.

"Our kids played a great game and so did St. John's," said St. Vincent Coach Andy Lebamoff. Lebamoff was pleased with his unit's defensive effort. "They played great the whole game and especially tough the second half."

Eagles Coach Jim Carroll said, "We're very proud of our team's efforts, toughness and execution to get through a very hard-fought battle like today. They're a super bunch."

In other action, St. John New Haven improved their record to 4-3 with a win over Queen of Angels/Precious Blood. Colin Stuerzenberger scored twice for the Raiders while Keenan Schon had a touchdown for the Royal Reds.

St. Charles outscored St. Jude 32-0. Zach Crabtree chalked up two for the Cardinals on rushing touchdowns and Austin Whisler added a 70-yard run. Casey Cooney found Michael Sordelet for a 15-yard touchdown pass and all four point-after were kicked by Bobby Jauch. The Cardinals finished 5-2 for the season and will be the third place seed in the tournament.

Holy Cross also won downing Sts. JAT, 40-8, at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium in the final regular sea-

son game for 2007. Plagued by injuries the final half of the season, JAT fell to 2-5 overall. Logan Dorman had over 120 yards rushing for the Knights and scored their lone touchdown.

In the first round of CYO tournament play to be held at Bishop Dwenger Sunday, Oct. 14, third place will play sixth place at 12:30 p.m. Next up, first place will face eighth place. At 3:30 p.m. second place will match up with seventh place and finally, fourth and fifth place will battle to advance.

Final 2007 regular season statistics

1. St. John Fort Wayne	7-0
2. St. Vincent	6-1
3. St. Charles	5-2
4. St. John, New Haven	4-3
5. Holy Cross	3-4
6. Sts. JAT	2-5
7. PB/Q of A	1-6
8. St. Jude	0-7

Volleyball scores

St. Rose/Louis over St. Therese 25-18, 25-22 (eighth grade)

St. Joe/St. Elizabeth over St. Therese 13-25, 25-19, 24-25 (seventh grade)

St. Therese over St. John, Fort Wayne, 25-21, 17-25, 25-22 (seventh grade)

Panthers rise to top in ICCL varsity

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The St. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers football team upheld their unbeaten record and rose to the top of the varsity division, while the Holy Cross Crusaders took the top spot in the junior varsity division of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

Robert Mischler scored on runs of 1, 10, and 16 yards to lead the Panthers to victory over the previously unbeaten Mishawaka Catholic. Mischler's individual performance was the standout of the day, although the two teams waged a tight defensive battle in the second half.

The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders marshalled a vise-like defensive game to defeat the St. Matthew Blazers, 20-0, with Matt Kletka's 45-yard interception return launching the Crusaders' offensive early in the first period. Mike Swift threw for a score to Sam Presnal, and David Arsenault also scored in the win. Jason Mulligan kicked an extra point.

In the junior varsity division, Mishawaka Catholic whipped Holy Family, 14-0, as Jack

Ravotto racked up two touchdown runs of 25 and 26 yards. Michael Rice and Jackson Powell added conversions.

The St. Matthew Blazers staged a romp with a 32-0 victory over the Corpus Christi Cougars.

The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders beat the St. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers, 20-6. Anthony Murphy scored a 20-yard run. Quinn Imus scored on a 1-yard run. Pierre Byrne scored on a 4-yard run to lead the Crusaders.

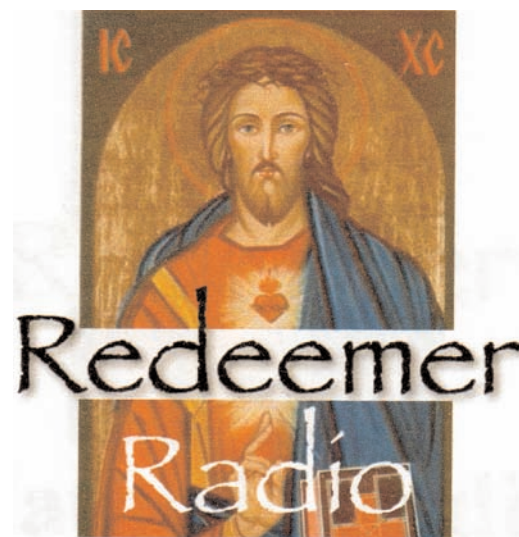
Boys varsity football standings

St. Anthony /	
St. Joe Panthers	4 0
Mishawaka Catholic Saints	3 1
Holy Cross/	
Christ the King Crusaders	2 2
St. Matthew Blazers	1 3
Holy Family Trojans	0 4
Corpus Christi Cougars	0 0

Junior Varsity

Holy Cross/Christ the King	
Crusaders	4 0
St. Anthony /St. Joe Panthers	3 1
St. Matthew Blazers	3 2
Mishawaka Catholic Saints	2 2
Holy Family Trojans	2 3
Granger Catholic Titans	1 3
Corpus Christi Cougars	0 4

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ICCL soccer teams poised for tournament

SOUTH BEND — Last weekend saw two days of soccer action — one a make-up game day — as Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) soccer is poised for tournament play, which begins Oct. 13-14.

Boy's varsity games played Saturday, Oct. 6, St. Jude downed Corpus Christi, 6-2. Goals scored for St. Jude were by Mark Downs, Michael Henry and Jeremy Downs, each with doubles. For Corpus Christi, Brandon Turk scored two goals.

St. Matthew beat St. Joseph, South Bend, 7, 8-1. St. Matthew won a well-played game by both teams. Two goals were converted on corner kicks, while St. Joe had opportunities with credit owed to some fine passing.

St. Joseph (South Bend) 8 defeated Mishawaka Catholic, 9-1. For St. Joe, three goals were scored by Nick Hall, and two goals were scored by Thomas J. Labuzienski. Scoring one goal each was Alex Scholtes, Tommy

Byszewski, Paul Hickner and Jon Carter. David Giloth scored a PK for Mishawaka.

In games played Oct. 7, St. Jude defeated Mishawaka Catholic, 8-2. Goals for St. Jude included three each by Mark Downs and Jeremy Downs and one by Michael Burzynski and Michael Amor. For Mishawaka Catholic, Ryan Mathis scored two goals.

St. Joseph, South Bend, 8 and St. Thomas, Elkhart, played in a game that tallied a double goose egg, 0-0, and St. Matthew defeated Christ the King, 6-0.

In boy's B-team action played Oct. 6, St. Joseph, South Bend, defeated St. Jude, 11-0. Michael Farkas, Nick Matt and Liam Maher all had double score goals, while Tommy Clark, Dominic Trzaskowski, Jack Julien, Tom Eleff and Giancarlo Carozza each added singles.

Mishawaka Catholic defeated St. Thomas, 3-1, in a well-played game by both teams. Mishawaka

Catholic came from behind to the get victory over St. Thomas. Goals for Saints were scored by Michael Bogel with two and Johnny Herman with one. Connor Bilancio had an assist.

In boy's B-team action played Oct. 7, Christ the King, 6, defeated St. Thomas, 7-3. Cole Nowicki had four goals with teammates Jacob Klaybor and Joey Savastano each adding single goals.

St. Joseph, South Bend, beat St. Jude, 9-0, with Caleb Geissler scoring three goals, David Behr with two goals and Matthew Brewster, Nick Matt, Gavin Regnery and Tommy Clark each adding single goals.

In girl's varsity games played Oct. 6, St. Joseph, South Bend, defeated Mishawaka Catholic, 2-0, and Christ the King defeated Corpus Christi, 8-2.

St. Anthony beat St. Matthew, 6-5, in a back-and-forth game that was won in last minute with a goal by Alexandra Schulte. Kit

Foster scored four goals for St. Anthony.

In girl's varsity games played Oct. 7, Corpus Christi beat St. Matthew, 2-0, with goals from Kate Vasile and Jessica Kambol.

In other games, Christ the King beat Mishawaka Catholic, 6-0; St. Joseph, South Bend, won over St. Anthony, 4-1; and Holy Family defeated Holy Cross, 5-1.

In girls B-team action on Oct. 6, St. Jude and St. Joseph, Mishawaka/Queen of Peace tied at 2-2.

Also Christ the King 6 and Holy Family tied 4-4 in their game. Gabriella Loebach and Beth Solkey scored two goals each for Christ the King. Holy Family played a great defensive game.

St. Anthony won over St. Thomas, 3-0.

Christ the King 6 defeated St. Joseph, South Bend, Blue, 8-5. Christ the King was led by Amanda Hasting's four goals. Beth Solkey added three goals

and Emily Han one for the victors.

Corpus Christi beat Holy Cross, 7-0, with Lillie Renbarger and Sara Bogol scoring two goals each, and Emily Lindzy, Sam Kambol and Brianna Spaniolo each scoring one goal.

St. Bavo outscored Christ the King 5, 4-1.

In action on Oct. 7, St. Bavo beat St. Thomas, 7-2; St. Joseph, Mishawaka/Queen of Peace defeated Holy Family, 2-1, with goals by Tagin Schultheis and Kelly Welsh.

St. Jude beat St. Matthew, 4-3. Cassie and Jamie Young scored for St. Jude. Anna Dlugosz had her first assist. The game was close throughout the action.

Christ the King 6 beat St. Thomas, 9-5, as Beth Solkey and Amanda Hastings led Christ the King with four and three goals respectively. Emily Han and Erin Kearney each added one goal.

Coach Svarczkopf honored by Colts

FORT WAYNE — Coach Chris Svarczkopf of Bishop Dwenger High School has been named eighth Coach of the Week for 2007 by the Indianapolis Colts. This marks the 10th year the Colts are recognizing outstanding Indiana High School football coaches through the Colts/NFL Coach of the Week program, presented by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Former Colts player, Mike Prior, now the Colts Youth Football Commissioner will be on hand for the presentation Friday, Oct. 12, and will also address the Dwenger Saints football team and take questions from them. The presentation will take place at 10:45 a.m. in the Student Activity Center at Dwenger.

Svarczkopf is being honored for putting together another winning team this season. The Bishop Dwenger Saints are currently 8-0 and ranked No. 1 in class 4A. This past Friday night, the Saints knocked off their biggest rival, the Snider Panthers. The team's entire arsenal of offensive and defensive skills was on display en route to a 32-13 victory. This marked Dwenger's first win over Snider since 1996 and also gave the Saints the SAC title for the second consecutive year.

Coach Svarczkopf is now in his sixth season as the head coach of Bishop Dwenger and has posted a 58-15 record while at the school. Svarczkopf is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and earned his degree from Purdue University.

At the conclusion of the season, Coach Svarczkopf will receive a framed certificate signed by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Colts President Bill Pollian, Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy and Colts Youth



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Bishop Dwenger High School football coach Chris Svarczkopf has been named coach of the week by the Indianapolis Colts.

Football Commissioner Mike Prior, as well as a \$1,000 donation from NFL Charities. In addition, Anthem Blue Cross

and Blue Shield will contribute \$1,000 for the school's athletic fund.

Catholic center partners with soccer team to clean up sports

BY CAROL GLATZ

ROME (CNS) — A Catholic sports association has partnered with a once-scandal-plagued Italian soccer team in an effort to help clean up sports.

The Italian Sports Center, the Catholic Action's sports association in Italy, struck an agreement with minor league squad A.C. Ancona to offer it "a new model" for running a sports team based on strong ethics and good business sense, said the center's Oct. 2 press release.

Team managers, members, trainers, players and fans will have to adhere to a new ethics code drawn up by the Catholic sports center.

Reforms include requiring players to perform a certain number of hours of mandatory volunteer service, a cap on players' salaries, greater transparency in the club's finances, and more family-friendly games that ban unruly, abusive or racist fans and banners.

Ticket prices to games will be cut and club profits will be reinvested in projects which help the developing world and Catholic youth in Italy.

Archbishop Edoardo Menichelli of Ancona-Osimo, who played in a recent charity match against Italian singers, told the Italian daily *La Stampa* Oct. 3, "It is a way to moralize soccer and bring back some ethics to a field that has experienced a serious crisis of values."

Italy's dream sport became a nightmare when police investigations discovered in 2006 that some top major league owners, players and referees long had been involved in game-fixing, fraud, corruption and illegal bet-

ting. The so-called "soccer-gate scandal" resulted in teams found guilty being thrown out of the major league and bumped down to the minor leagues.

Scandal, however, already had hit A.C. Ancona in 2004 when the team's president was jailed for accounting fraud, forcing the club into bankruptcy and to slip deeper into the minor leagues.

The team's new president, Sergio Schiavoni, cleaned up the club's operations and attracted the attention of the Italian Sports Center, which had been looking to work with a professional soccer team.

The Catholic sports association did not purchase the team or a portion of its shares; it merely promised to find the club some new sponsors in exchange for the club's adopting and enforcing its new ethical code.

Edio Costantini, head of the Italian Sports Center, said they want to show that fair play and good sportsmanship can translate into a successful soccer team, according to the center's Web site.

He said they hope to present their formula, called "Project Soccer," to other teams and sports.

The Italian Sports Center Web site said Costantini and Schiavoni would present the A.C. Ancona team's new uniform shirt to Pope Benedict XVI during his Oct. 10 general audience in St. Peter's Square.

That same evening the team was to play a friendly match against players from the Clericus Cup, a soccer championship exclusively for priests and seminarians in Rome created by the Italian Sports Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Storyteller brings Scripture to life
South Bend — Christ the King youth ministry presents storyteller Sean Buvala on Friday, Oct. 19, at the parish. A 6:30 p.m. potluck precedes the 7:15 performance. Sean climbs into the minds of Scripture's most famous and infamous characters and brings them to life through story and action. All teens and adults are invited. For information contact Greg Sweeney at (574) 272-3113.

Series begins on Book of Revelation
Fort Wayne — Father John Pfister will give a series of three presentations on the Book of Revelation on Wednesday, Oct. 17, Tuesday Oct. 23 and Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 7-9 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St.

Catholicism Revealed

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will offer a series on the Catholic faith called Catholicism Revealed, Monday evenings, beginning Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the church. Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, Oct. 15, Father Dan Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, will offer "Behold the Lamb of God," dealing with issues surrounding the Eucharist in today's life.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Parish will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:15 p.m. Please join in praying for priests and for vocations.

Polish Mass held at USF

Fort Wayne — A traditional Polish Mass will be spoken and sung in the Polish language on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the University of Saint Francis, Trinity Hall Chapel, 2701 Spring St. Sponsored by the Polish National Alliance, White Eagle Lodge #3149. A Social will follow the Mass.

Choral work performed by area vocalists and musicians

Donaldson — "Gloria," by Antonio Vivaldi will be presented Sunday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Ancilla Domini Chapel at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center. The choir will be directed by Dr. David Lamb who will also present a half-hour organ recital prior to the performance.

FUNDRAISERS

Breakfast is served

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Parish,

500 E. De Wald, will have a pancake, sausage, egg casserole and fresh fruit breakfast Sunday, Oct. 21, from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults are \$5, ages 12 to 15 are \$3, and children under 12 will be free.

St. Joseph Parish auction

South Bend — St. Joseph Parish will host a benefit dinner and auction at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. A sumptuous Italian dinner, complimentary bar service, entertainment and live and silent auction items will be offered. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call (574) 277-3284 for information and tickets.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Oct. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

Polish dinner and dance

South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a family-style Polish dinner and dance on Sunday, Oct. 21, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets available at the parish office. Last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 15.

Rummage sale planned

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Parish will have a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fill a bag for \$3 begins at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 20, fill a bag for \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Fall bake sale and flea market

South Bend — The St. John Altar and Rosary Society will have a bake sale and flea market in Father Jacobs Hall, 3616 St. John's Way, on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Sunday will offer a \$1 bag sale.

Charity Fall Luncheon held

South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572 will hold their 60th annual Charity Fall Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 27, at noon at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn. Admission is \$25 and all proceeds benefit the developmentally challenged of St. Joseph County. For reservations call (574) 287-1487 by Friday, Oct. 19.

Fish and tenderloin fry

Bluffton — St. Joseph Church will have a fish and tenderloin dinner on Friday, Oct. 19, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets will be \$8 for adults, \$5.50 for children (6-12), and children under 5 free. Eat in or carry out.

Pasta, shopping and wine tasting expo

Fort Wayne — Dinner will be served at St. Jude Parish hall on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5-7 p.m. Shopping and wine tasting from 5-9 p.m. Vendors include, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Hoosier Soy Candles, Lia Sophia Jewelry and crafter Norma Harris. Adults \$7, children (4-12) \$5. Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Chi Sorority, proceeds benefit local charities.

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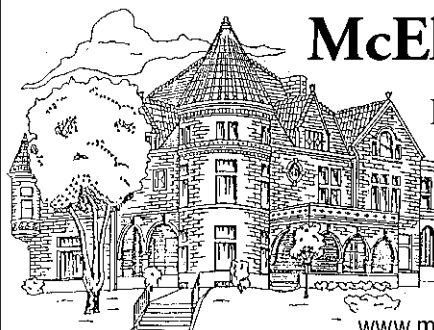
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they begin this new school year. And then the bishop asked for God's blessing on each school and every student.

"The angels of young people always see the face of God," he pointed out, as he asked the children to be "open to the will of God" through daily prayer.

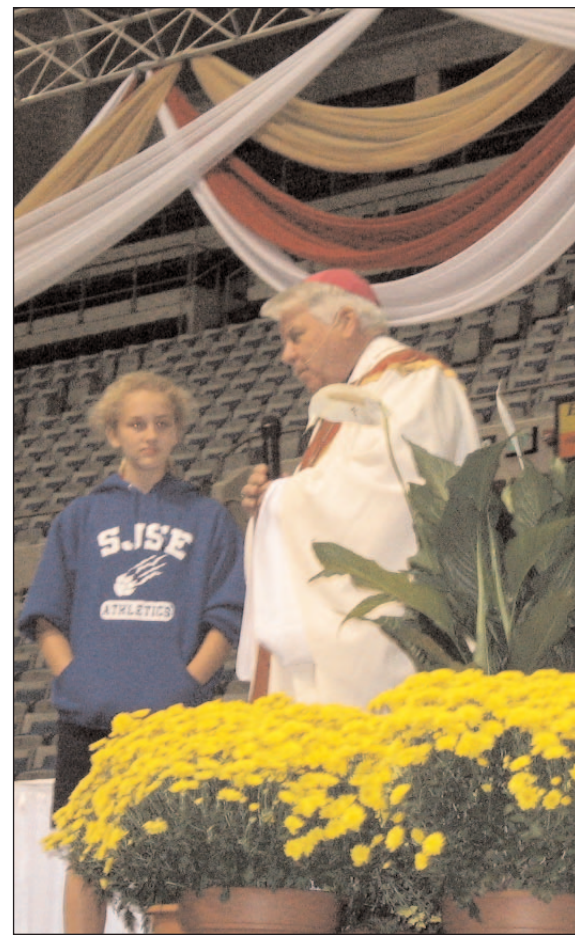
Bishop D'Arcy introduced soon-to-be-ordained Deacon Jason Freiburger, who described his early years in Catholic schools as a wonderful time of spiritual growth. He expressed gratitude to the priests and others who guided him through the process of discernment on his path to a vocation. "I was open to it," he said. And then he added, "I know he is calling some people here." He offered this advice to his young listeners, "Go to Mass and pray that God will allow you to find your vocation."

In closing the day's celebration of unity through Catholic education, Bishop D'Arcy offered a prayer that he asks the students to say each year at the All-School Mass. "Lord Jesus, teach me, help me, to find my vocation in life."



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Mass servers process through the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for the preparation of the gifts on Oct. 2 at the annual All School Mass for the Fort Wayne area. The Mass celebrated the memorial of the Guardian Angels.



Nancy McNamara, a student from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Fort Wayne, is quizzed by Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the All-School Mass in Fort Wayne Oct. 2.

Ripple urges gratitude, support at Red Mass

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Members of the legal community and elected officials came together yet again for the tradition of the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 7.

In his homily, Bishop John M. D'Arcy said that the image of a slave as found in the day's Gospel is repugnant to modern listeners, but that the underlying message was of the transforming power of faith.

"Faith is casting your life and your decisions at the feet of someone you've never seen," the bishop said. He added that faith is also something that is tested along the course of one's life.

At the Red Mass brunch in the Grand Wayne Center, Judge Kenneth F. Ripple of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit spoke of the trials of faithfully answering the call of one's vocation. Judge Ripple noted that, for most people, the call to their life's work does not come in a dramatic form like a bolt of lightning knocking St. Paul off his horse. It is something that must be carefully discerned and that, fortunately, the journeys of people's lives include figures along the way who help in that process.

Judge Ripple asked those in attendance to recall some of those figures from their own lives and shared a few examples from his own. First was Captain Frank Nelson, a commanding officer of Ripple's during his active duty service in the United States Navy, who suggested, in every new encounter, finding one trait in the other person worthy of adopting.



DON CLEMMER

Judge Kenneth F. Ripple proclaims one of the readings at the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Judge Ripple was the speaker at the Red Mass brunch in the Grand Wayne Center.

Judge Ripple's remaining examples came from his time as a legal officer to the United States Supreme Court in the 1970s. He

of so many virtues," Judge Ripple said. "Demanding in his professional standards, he never let that quest interfere with the quality of

cern was contagious."

Judge Ripple next cited Justice Thurgood Marshall as an example of a man deeply concerned about

"He knew," Judge Ripple noted, "if that goal was going to be attained, lawyers in future generations would need to appreciate the times in which he lived and the role that their profession had played in the vindication of justice."

Judge Ripple last recalled Chief Justice Warren Burger as a man who saw the history of the United States as unfolding with a sense of deeper purpose, noting that he left himself open to new ideas and was not afraid to take a risk. The chief justice's favorite Scripture passage, Judge Ripple added, was the parable of the birds of the air and that God will take care of them.

"Now I knew why Warren Burger was not afraid to take a risk," Judge Ripple concluded.

After leading this reflection on mentors past, Judge Ripple asked the lawyers, judges and officials in the room to look outward to the new generation of lawyers and to extend the same guidance and help to them.

Judge Ripple noted that young lawyers today face the pressures of achieving prestige and economic productivity. Countering this, he said, would require an extensive self-examination of legal education and greater responsibility on the part of lawyers toward mentoring.

"The annual Red Mass day is a day when we should remember with fondness those who made our own careers possible," Judge Ripple said. "It is also a day when we should commit ourselves to allow the Lord to use us as instruments to smooth the path and light the way for those who must soon assume responsibility for the future of this country and our profession."

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JUDGE KENNETH F. RIPPLE

recalled fondly Justice Lewis Powell.

"Justice Powell was a model

his personal and professional relationships. He cared about those around him, and that con-

young people and the necessity to bring about "equal justice under law."