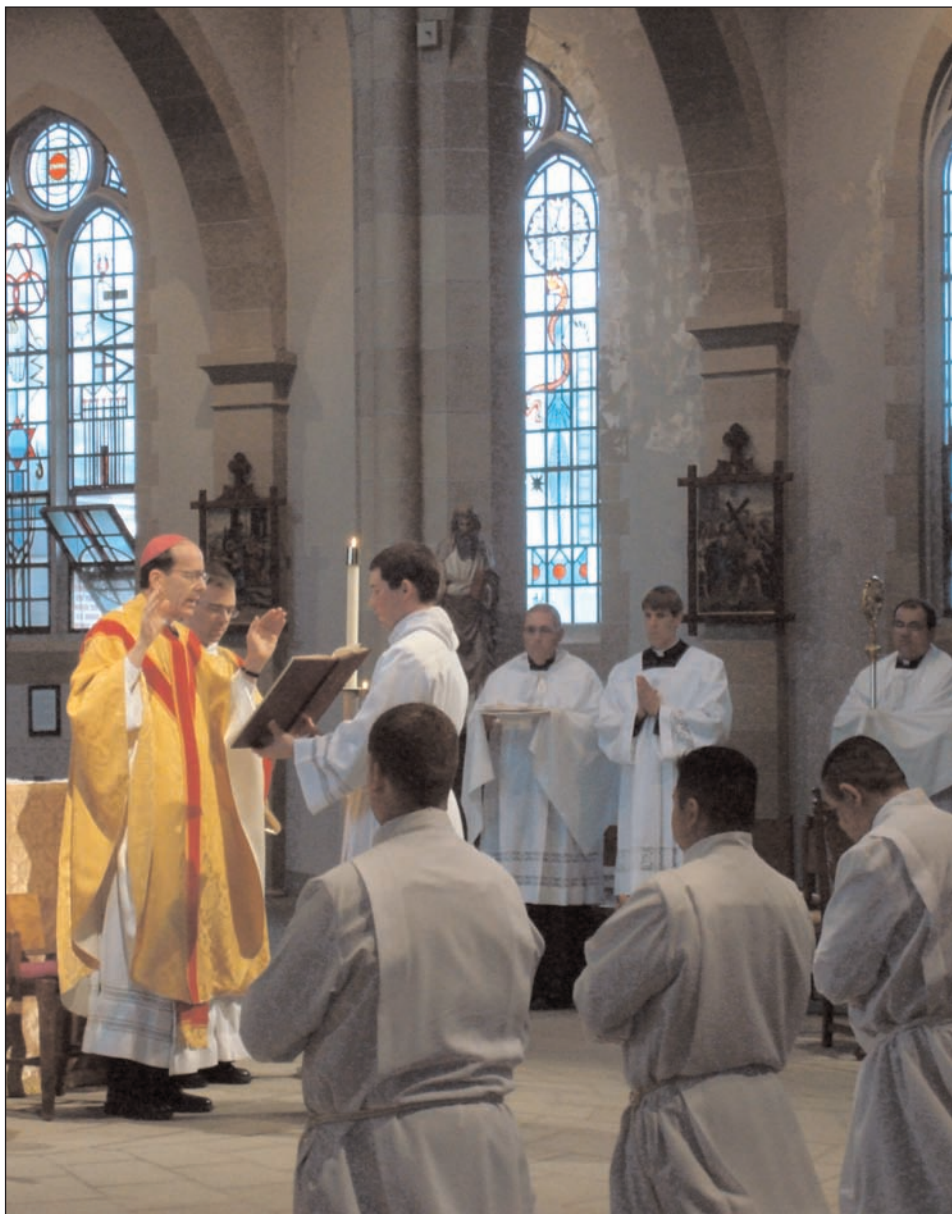


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DON CLEMMER

Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix prays over the candidates for ordination to the diaconate at St. Turibius Chapel at Pontifical College Josephinum on April 27. The three candidates from Fort Wayne-South Bend, kneeling at right, were among six men ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Three answer the call

Ordination brings diocesan seminarians into the diaconate

BY DON CLEMMER

COLUMBUS, Ohio — For only the second event since its installation, the new pipe organ of the St. Turibius Chapel at Pontifical College Josephinum ushered in a grand procession of priests, deacons and seminarians from across the country for the ordination Mass of six seminarians, three from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and three from the Diocese of Phoenix, to the transitional diaconate. Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix presided and served as the ordaining prelate at the April 27 Mass.

The candidates for ordination from Fort Wayne-South Bend, Gabriel Hernandez, Fernando Jimenez Mandujano and Jacob Runyon, like their Phoenix counterparts, sat for the first part of the liturgy in the pews of the chapel, which were filled with representatives from each diocese, mostly by family and friends of the men to be ordained.

After Deacon Drew Curry of Fort Wayne-South Bend sang the Gospel, the rite of ordination began, first with Msgr. Paul J. Langsfeld, rector of Pontifical College Josephinum, attesting to the worthiness of the candidates.

In the homily that followed, Bishop Olmsted drew on the words of Jesus in the Gospel, in which he told his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans." The bishop first noted that the founder of Pontifical College Josephinum, Msgr. Joseph Jessing, knew a great deal about orphans, as an orphan himself who founded an orphanage, which eventually spawned a seminary, now the only pontifical seminary in the Western Hemisphere.

"The church and our deacons-to-be have witnessed

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St. Patrick School, Walkerton, to merge with St. Michael School, Plymouth

BY VINCE LABARBERA

WALKERTON — Bishop John M. D'Arcy announced to parishioners and staff at St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton, this past weekend that next fall the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will merge St. Patrick School with St. Michael School, Plymouth. In making the decision, Bishop D'Arcy said, "We have kept St. Patrick School going as long as possible, but it is no longer educationally viable. We need always to do what is best for our students."

In March 2005, Bishop D'Arcy shared with St. Patrick parishioners a decision he had made after extensive consultation that the parish school would close at the end of the 2005 school year. The following June, however, Bishop D'Arcy announced to parishioners that due to the efforts by members of

the parish to reach part of the goals which the diocese set out for them — so St. Patrick's could be sound both financially and educationally — the school would remain open for three more years.

"As you know, I have been very patient on this matter," Bishop D'Arcy told parishioners recently, "and three years ago a number of people at St. Patrick urged that the school be continued. I accepted this under certain conditions and agreed that we would continue for three years. One of the conditions was that we have an enrollment of 55 students from kindergarten through sixth grade. We never attained that," he emphasized. "At the last open house on April 1, 2008, no one came. At that time there were only 28 students preregistered. This has now risen to 40 students. Therefore, I have concluded that it is best for

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BODY OF ST. PADRE PIO



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The exhumed body of St. Padre Pio lies in a glass sepulchre in the crypt of the saint's shrine in San Giovanni Rotondo, southern Italy, April 24. The body of Padre Pio, who died in 1968, will be on display until at least September.

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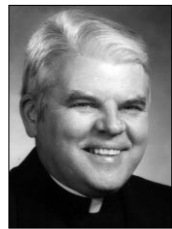
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Pope challenges Americans to recapture Catholic vision of reality and present it



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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The pope answers questions

At the conclusion of his address to bishops, which followed Evening Prayer on a lovely spring night at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father took three questions. The first spoke about "the challenge of increasing secularism in public life and relativism in intellectual life, and his advice on how to confront these challenges pastorally and evangelize more effectively."

The pope noted, and I also heard Pope John Paul II speak on this once to a small group of bishops, that unlike many places in Europe, in America "the secular mentality has not been intrinsically opposed to religion." He said "within the context of the separation of church and state, American society has always been marked by a fundamental respect for religion and its public role, and if polls are to be believed, the American people are deeply religious." The pope went on to say, however, that "Perhaps America's brand of secularism poses a particular problem: it allows for professing belief in God and respects the public role of religion and the churches, but at the same time it can subtly reduce religious belief to a lowest common denominator."

In other words, the danger here, and the pope says we must "diagnose this danger," is a growing separation of faith from life. Living, says the pope, as if God did not exist. Here this pope is speaking on something, which he touches on regularly and refers to as the "dictatorship of relativism." In this separation of faith from life "each person believes he or she has a right to pick and choose, maintaining external social bonds but without an integral, interior conversion to the law of Christ. Consequently, rather than being transformed and renewed in mind, Christians are easily tempted to conform themselves to the spirit of this age (cf. Rom 12:3)."

The pope is earnestly asking us as bishops, and this surely would include priests, deacons and catechists, to present the fullness of church teaching on revealed truth. But he is also asking those who hear the word of God to understand that we cannot "pick and choose." He says, "We have seen this emerge in an acute way in the scandal given by Catholics who promote an alleged right to abortion."

Much of this is related to freedom, a concept cherished and often misunderstood in our country. The pope sees freedom "as a liberation both from the limitations of sin and for an authentic and fulfilling life." The word of God has to be preached and taught as an integral way of life. Pope Benedict challenged all of us with his belief that "the Church in America, at this point in her history, is faced with the challenge of recapturing the Catholic vision of reality and presenting it, in an engaging and imaginative

way, to a society which markets any number of recipes for human fulfillment."

Especially to young people

We saw his teaching once again in his meeting with young people and seminarians at St. Joseph Seminary in New York. In both places he noted, what many are finding in pastoral life, that many young people are emerging in our high schools and colleges and in our parish youth ministries who "continue to thirst for authenticity, goodness and truth." These young people are looking for greatness in their own life, and the church must draw them to it. What the pope is speaking of is the fullness of Easter faith. Surely the Gospel is demanding, but beautifully so, and it is a demand of love, which we must open to their freedom and allow God's grace and the goodness of the young people to respond fully.

Once again a pope has been among us and reminded us that we must not belittle young people by asking them for less than they themselves wish to give with the help of God's grace.

There were two other important questions put by the bishops to Pope Benedict XVI, and I will try to reflect on them in the weeks ahead.

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and reminded us that we must not belittle young people
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A day at Bishop Luers

I have completed my pastoral visits to the four high schools. Luers usually comes first in late January but was put off because of a snow day. So it was a pleasure to visit there in the height of spring and to see the changes made in the infrastructure, which will soon allow air conditioning and heating made up-to-date in one of our oldest buildings.

The visit of the bishop is above all to ascertain the level of Catholic identity, to affirm it and strengthen it.

It was a significant year for Luers with the state championship in football and boys' basketball. Also, it moved from being a school which was commendable to the exemplary category, the highest academic category which all our Catholic high schools have now attained.

In my meeting with students, I was encouraged to hear how their faith has been strengthened. I noted that priests are available for confessions two or three days every week, and a large number of young people come forward to receive the sacrament of penance. The service dimension is very strong as it always has been at Luers and in both classes which I attended you could see young people receiving the fullness of the Catholic faith. Of the 16 young men who are now in our seminaries studying to be priests in our dioceses, nine have graduated from our Catholic high schools and two of the last three who have been ordained graduated from Bishop Luers. While the home remains the main place for the encourage-

ment of vocations, these numbers show the importance of our Catholic high schools and it was joy to see the strong Catholic identity at Bishop Luers and also the very positive family atmosphere present there.

Confirmations

It is my 34th springtime for giving the sacrament of confirmation. While it can be tiring, it is also a source of joy. If I am correct, I have 35 confirmations, and 18 have been completed.

After a beautiful confirmation, I had a delightful dinner at St. Joseph Parish with Father John DeRiso, CSC; Father Nathan Wills, CSC; and young Mark DeMott, Holy Cross seminarian, who worked hard in preparation of the class.

Off Saturday morning to Culver for confirmation in the beautiful church by the lake with Father Glenn Kohrman. Off then to Indianapolis to offer Mass for the state convention of the Knights of Columbus. Thankfully, Father Glenn was my driver, and we were back to his parish in Culver by the reasonable hour of 9 p.m.

A beautiful confirmation followed on Sunday morning at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for about 40 young people, mostly from Notre Dame. This included two who received their first Communion.

Much gratitude to Father John Conley, CSC, a native of New England and Tami Schmidt and Father Richard Warner, CSC, for the excellent preparation.

A special thrill

Among those present, one of their members being confirmed, were members of the spectacular Notre Dame hockey team that went all the way to Frozen Four, the first time ever for Notre Dame, beating the powerful

Michigan Wolverines on the way and being stopped only in the championship game by the Boston College Eagles, who are always a great hockey power. I had my picture taken with some of the hockey team. I think it is the toughest and most demanding sport of all, but these young men were very gentle and attend Mass every Sunday night in their residence hall with Father John Conley, CSC.

And then there is Sarah Robinson

Here I was taking pictures after the confirmation at St. Joseph's Hill Street (I think taking pictures after confirmation probably started with the apostles). Suddenly there appeared a delightful young woman who had been with the pope. "Bishop, did you hear the four things that Pope Benedict taught us as essential aspects of the treasure of our faith: 'personal prayer and silence, liturgy, charity and vocation.'" "What is your name," I said. "Sarah Robinson and I was with Pope Benedict and the diocesan pilgrimage with Cindy Black in New York." Let it never be said that successor of St. Peter does not affect people deeply. Sarah Robinson, a junior at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, had grasped the heart of the pope's message. She heard every word and brought it back to her bishop.

A certain baseball team is now floundering. They have lost five in a row, but I trust it is a temporary slump.

See you all next week.

U.S. Catholics give warm welcome to a previously unfamiliar pope

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

NEW YORK (CNS) — As they prepared to meet Pope Benedict XVI for his first papal visit to the United States, many U.S. Catholics couldn't help but compare him to Pope John Paul II, whom they had known for nearly three decades.

In part, that was because they just didn't know much about Pope Benedict, who began the fourth year of his pontificate during his April 15-20 trip to the United States. The third anniversary of his election was April 19.

He has often been portrayed as being strict and scholarly and lacking the charisma of his predecessor.

But that perception seemed to change during his six-day visit.

"A lot of people thought he couldn't replace (Pope) John Paul, but he can," said Carol Henglein, a parishioner from St. Virgilius Church in Queens prior to the April 20 Mass at Yankee Stadium.

She described the 81-year-old pontiff as having "an aura about him" and being a "wonderful inspiration to young people."

And sure enough, the young people seemed to "get him," especially during the April 19 rally for seminarians and young people on the grounds of St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, which was reminiscent of a World Youth Day with Pope John Paul.

During the rally, the 25,000 participants frequently cheered for Pope Benedict and he in turn, much like his predecessor at youth events, seemed visibly invigorated.

At the rally, the pope smiled broadly and even spontaneously moved to the first few rows to grasp hands with the youths. During his address the crowd repeatedly interrupted him with applause and cheers, unlike the crowds at most venues of the pope's visit, where the applause interruptions were fewer.

If the clapping was restrained in some cases, it may have been because his listeners did not fully understand the pope, who delivered his speeches in a soft voice



CNS PHOTO/MIKE CRUPI

People wave white cloths and cheer as Pope Benedict XVI speaks during an April 20 Mass at Yankee Stadium in New York.

with a German accent.

And sometimes the words were just not sound-bite material that would generate a cheering response. Many of his talks reflected his scholarly background and might have to be read and reread to unpack their meaning.

Several priests and women religious at the April 19 Mass for clergy and religious at St. Patrick's Cathedral told Catholic News Service they wanted to get a copy of the text and look at it closely. Catholic college presidents said the same thing after he spoke to them April 17 at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

But even if they didn't pick up every word of the pope's remarks, those who heard him still came away with a familiarity with the pontiff they hadn't had before, along with a deeper appreciation for him.

Father Joseph Ferraro, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Belleville, N.J., left the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral overwhelmed by the experience but also with a sense that the pope was not a distant leader but "just like one of the family."

The pope also showed a humility that did not go unnoticed. At the end of the cathedral Mass, Pope Benedict made impromptu remarks thanking the

priests and women religious for their love of the church, the Lord and also for their "love to the poor successor of St. Peter."

"I will do all that is possible to be a real successor of the great St. Peter, who also was a man with his faults and some sins, but he remains finally the rock for the church," he told them.

Sister Elizabeth Worley, a Sister of St. Joseph who is chancellor of administration and chief operating officer for the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., said she wanted to read the pope's homily to absorb it all, but she was impressed with how he described himself as a "poor successor of St. Peter."

Throughout Pope Benedict's U.S. visit, reminders of Pope John Paul were not hard to find. Pope Benedict quoted him on several occasions. Many places Pope Benedict visited — the White House, the United Nations, The Catholic University of America and Yankee Stadium — repeated stops his predecessor had made.

Many who were analyzing the U.S. papal trip noted that during his six-day visit Pope Benedict came out from under Pope John Paul's shadow. And one television commentator comparing the two popes put it this way: "Pope John Paul II made us feel. Pope Benedict makes us think."

Ronald McDonald House residents get unscripted moments with pope

BY BENEDICT CIPOLLA

NEW YORK (CNS) — In an unscheduled April 19 event, Pope Benedict XVI greeted about 40 disabled children and their family members from Ronald McDonald House in New York.

At about 8 p.m., chaplain Cheryl Frei received a call from James Murtagh, the commanding officer of the New York Police Department's 19th Precinct saying that the pope wanted to greet neighborhood residents outside Archbishop Celestino Migliore's residence, where he was staying.

The precinct's jurisdiction includes Ronald McDonald

House and the archbishop's residence, and officers helped provide security during Pope Benedict's April 18-20 New York visit.

The group waited for 30 minutes before Pope Benedict emerged close to 9 p.m. The families, standing behind metal barricades set up outside the residence, held up their children to receive the pope's blessing. About 80 people from the neighborhood, including priests from St. Catherine of Siena Church, also attended.

"That's probably the one human being on earth that I believe is the closest to the Lord," said Charles Griffin, who

met the pope with his wife, Sonia, their 5-year-old daughter, Faith, and 2-year-old son, Elijah, and his mother, Bernadette.

"It speaks volumes to the kind of pope he is," said Charles Griffin, who is Lutheran. His wife is Catholic. "My understanding is he gave the police department some troubles in the sense that he kind of went wherever he wanted to. He didn't care (about security). He came here to see people and to pray."

All who attended said they appreciated the last-minute, unscripted moment. "We're nobody special or famous, and here we were inches away from the pope," said Frei.

STATEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

St. Patrick's School, Walkerton

A parish school in a small town is a blessing. St. Patrick's School in Walkerton has completed over a half-century of educational service to St. Patrick's Parish in the town of Walkerton. Three years ago I announced to the parishioners that it was not sound either financially or educationally to continue the school. This brought forth from the parishioners a sincere desire to make further efforts. After meeting with a number of the parishioners and with my own advisors, I made the decision to continue St. Patrick's for three more years. We laid down certain conditions, and one of those conditions was that there should be 55 students in the school. This and other factors were instituted to make sure the school is strong educationally, as well as financially and from the point of view of Catholic identity.

The diocese has also contributed financially to the continuation of this school, as promised. We never reached 50 students, but we kept the school going for three more years. Now, after close consultation with my educational advisors; namely, Father Steve Kempinger, CSC, superintendent of Catholic Schools; our two associate superintendents, Rebecca Elswerky and Mary Ann Bachman; several priests and the acting principal, who was also principal at St. Michael's, Plymouth, Trudy Nawara; we made the decision that St. Patrick's will conclude at the end of this school year.

The fundamental reason for this decision was educational. It should be noted that church law says, "Directors of Catholic Schools are to take care under the watchfulness of the local ordinary that the instruction which is given in them is at least as academically distinguished as that in the other schools of the area." Indeed, this is true throughout our diocese, as recent test results show. It was no longer true of St. Patrick's School. I believe, as do my educational advisors, that we will serve the children best by enrolling them at St. Michael's School in Plymouth, where there are close to 200 students. This will require transportation, but the funds being used for St. Patrick's can help in the transportation of these students. We hope to enroll as many as possible at St. Michael's, Plymouth, where there will be a better educational opportunity for every student. It will also be an enrichment for St. Michael's School.

This decision is made with some sadness, but with the conviction that it is right for St. Patrick's Parish and for the school children and for those families in that parish who in the future will desire a Catholic education.

I thank all the devoted parents, teachers and the administrators of St. Patrick's Parish — past and present.

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the students if we place as many as we can in St. Michael School, Plymouth," Bishop D'Arcy said.

Bishop D'Arcy related he had met at length with his education advisors on the matter; namely, Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, superintendent of schools; Mary Ann Bachman, associate superintendent for the South Bend area; and Trudy Nawara, principal of St. Michael School, Plymouth, who also has been serving as acting principal at St. Patrick School.

The diocese will do everything it can to place all the students at St. Michael School, which has a current enrollment of 182 students in grades K-8, Bishop D'Arcy said. "I also wish to make clear it is the policy of the diocese that all former teaching staff that is from a school experiencing this type of change will be given first priority in interviewing for any openings in any diocesan school. According to those policies, we do not tell the parishes whom they must hire but we do indicate they must interview all teachers who come from schools that have been closed," he added.

Bishop D'Arcy made the following additional points:

- In the past 13 years, St. Patrick School has had a drop in enrollment to as low as 39 students this year from a high of 68 students 11 years ago. In addition, religious education classes for stu-

dents not attending a diocesan Catholic school has seen a decline in enrollment to 50 students this year from a high of 73 students 11 years ago.

- Because St. Patrick is a relatively small parish of 312 families, the cost per pupil is very high. During the current academic year, it amounts to \$6,500, while the average cost per pupil throughout the diocese is \$4,038.

- "Finally, I wish to make clear that St. Patrick Parish is not closing. I am meeting currently with our Priest Personnel Board. It is my hope and intention that when we make our full assignments in June, we will be able to place a full-time pastor at St. Patrick. Our present shortage is severe; but, to repeat, it is my intention to see that a full-time priest is present in Walkerton no later than early July.

- "At the same time I am most grateful to Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Michael Parish, Plymouth, for his presence in the parish and for continuing to act as administrator. I am also grateful to Father Edward Fernando, who has continued to provide weekend Mass and who has been present from Wednesday through Sunday at the parish. And more recently, Holy Cross Father J. Steele has been present and will be present for the next few months so that the Eucharist is celebrated on weekends and also during the week.

"I know many in the parish will greet the decision to close and merge the school with sadness. Others will welcome it. And I know before the good Lord that I believe I have done the right thing," Bishop D'Arcy concluded.

Catholic student traces her Jewish history in concentration camps of Germany, Poland

BY TRISH LINNER

NOTRE DAME — Jackie Rothschild never thought much about her last name. "I knew my grandfather was Jewish, but that's about all I knew about him," she said. The Catholic girl with a Jewish name was raised in Fort Worth, Texas, and is now a student at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame.

During her classes as a religious studies major, she began to question her background as she learned more about the Jewish faith during a class with Assistant Professor Stacie Davis.

"She's such an amazing professor. She's why I chose to become a religious major," Jackie says. Her interest in religious studies led Jackie to the University of Notre Dame where she began to take peace studies classes as well.

It was during the Holocaust class with Father Kevin Spicer, that Jackie decided she needed to learn more about her Jewish grandfather, Julius Rothschild, who died before Jackie was born. Over Christmas break she talked to her father about her grandfather and about an upcoming class trip to visit Germany and Poland.

"My dad was very supportive," Jackie remembers. "He thought this was a great opportunity to learn about our family history."

The two of them spent most of Christmas break looking through old photos, and her dad recalled as much as he could about the stories his father had told him.

"It was really the first time I had heard about his life in Germany and what he went through to get out," said Jackie.

She learned that her grandfather had served his country as a soldier during World War I. His friends encouraged him to leave Germany as the Nazi's took over the country. Julius fled Germany with a small group of Jews on a ship that wasn't allowed to enter the United States. The group arrived in Cuba instead, then made their way to San Gregorio, Mexico.

They built a small community there, but never had a synagogue. Her grandfather was 40 years old, didn't speak any Spanish and had to start his life over again.

He married Jackie's grandmother and they raised their children Catholic. Her grandfather practiced his faith alone and never wanted to talk about his family that was left behind in Germany.

"My dad and I were able to



TRISH LINNER

Jackie Rothschild, a student at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, visited Germany and Poland's concentration camps over spring break where she explored her family's Jewish roots.

find birth certificates from my grandfather and all of his siblings," she says. "Since they were in German, I had my high school German teacher translate them for us. I wanted to have them with me when I went on the trip to help me find out what became of them."

Jackie was nervous and excited on the plane ride. "I really wondered what I would feel like when I was there," Jackie says.

Their first stop was in Warsaw, Poland. They toured the Warsaw ghetto where many Jewish people lived and were taken from by the Nazi's.

"There are many monuments to the survivors and the victims, they were beautiful and it was very moving," Jackie says. "Our guide told several stories of heroism and had parents who had survived the concentration camps."

Next they visited a Jewish synagogue, and it was there that Jackie felt truly overwhelmed by all the knowledge she had and was learning about her grandfather and his faith. "It seemed so strange as I sat in this beautiful synagogue that all I know about the Jewish faith I learned in a Catholic school. I felt a connection to my grandfather, but I didn't feel like I belonged there."

Over the next few days, the group toured several concentration camps in Poland and in Germany. Jackie was able to find evidence at the Berlin Holocaust Museum that two of her grandfather's brothers were killed at Auschwitz.

While Jackie thought the visit

was a trip of a lifetime, she found it frustrating that she didn't feel more of an emotional connection during the visits to the death camps. "The history is so awful," she says, "But I didn't shed one tear walking through the places. I couldn't feel a personal connection between the history I have learned and myself."

Jackie was able to bond with another student who also had a grandfather who fled the Nazis. "We held hands as we walked through Auschwitz," Jackie states.

Jackie's research into her family's past continues. Though her trip is over, she has more to learn.

She is still trying to find out what happened to her grandfather's two sisters. "We assume they died in the Holocaust, but haven't been able to confirm where and how."

She is also searching for a small girl who traveled with her grandfather's group to Mexico.

The trip to the concentration camp also encouraged Jackie's resolve to work for peace. "I want to encourage others to learn from this genocide and the other atrocities that are still taking place today. If the Holocaust can happen, it can happen again. I want to make a difference in the world by working for peace in honor of all the Jewish people who died so needlessly."

Jackie is currently writing a final paper for Father Spicer's class on what she learned during her visit.

Experts say high food prices permanent; bishops urge help for poor

BY BARBARA J. FRASER

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — As protests over rising food costs spread around the globe, experts warn that high prices are here to stay, and Catholic bishops are calling for governments to take emergency measures to keep their poorest citizens from going hungry.

Already this year, demonstrations linked to spiraling food prices have struck more than a dozen countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Protests forced Haitian Prime Minister Jacques-Edouard Alexis out of office April 12, and demonstrators have been killed in Cameroon, Peru and Mozambique.

The price increases are fueled by a variety of factors that "are all coming together at once," said Lisa Kuennen, director of the public resource group at Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency.

Drought last year in Australia and Canada pushed wheat prices up, while flooding destroyed crops in various countries, she said. High oil prices have increased the price of petroleum-based fertilizers and increased transportation costs.

Another factor is the rising standard of living in China and India, which has led to increased demand for luxury foods such as meat and milk. Because it takes seven or eight pounds of grain to produce a pound of meat, increased meat consumption drives up demand for grain and, therefore, the price.

In China, per-capita milk consumption quadrupled between 1990 and 2000, while poultry consumption more than doubled and the consumption of fish nearly doubled. In India, the consumption of meat, milk and fish also has increased.

Price increases hit poor countries — and their poorest citizens — hardest.

In Guatemala, the price of tortillas, a staple food, has risen 30 percent in the past few months. Poor Mexicans, who eat nearly a pound of tortillas a day per person, have seen the price double in the past two years. Workers earning the minimum wage of about \$4 a

day now spend as much as one-third of their earnings on tortillas for the family.

"There has been an uncontrollable rise in the price of tortillas and other basic elements," Mexican Bishop Felipe Arizmendi Esquivel of San Cristobal de Las Casas said last year. "Society and the church have to support social development programs so that the poor can be self-sufficient and not have to depend eternally on government and private help."

Inflation last year in Ethiopia was 20 percent, and church workers report more people, especially women, children and the elderly, living on the streets and knocking on church doors for help, Kuennen told Catholic News Service.

In Burkina Faso, prices of staple foods rose between 14 percent and 67 percent, she said, and families now spend as much as 75 percent of their income on food. Unlike past years, this year these price increases are appearing at harvest time, when products are most abundant and prices should be low, Kuennen said.

High prices can be good news for farmers who have a crop surplus to sell, but for those who must purchase food to supplement a subsistence harvest — and for people in urban areas who do not grow their own food — higher food prices mean there is less money to spend on other essentials, such as health care or children's education.

The scope of the food crisis puts an extra strain on aid organizations, Kuennen said. In the past, food shortages were more local and foreseeable, making it easier for humanitarian groups to respond. The current crisis is striking all around the world, however, and high oil prices make it more expensive to ship food to those who need it most.

The U.N. World Food Program had budgeted \$2.9 billion to aid some 70 million people this year. In March, however, officials estimated that they needed another \$500 million to meet that target, and by April that figure had grown to \$755 million, partly because of increased shipping costs.

Great Britain has pledged an additional \$900 million in assistance to the World Food Program,

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A walk side-by-side with the Lord and one another

Notre Dame students, friends express their faith in eucharistic procession

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — “It is a visible, physical profession of faith in our Lord in the Eucharist, as well as a profession of our love for him,” said Thomas Haan, who assisted in the organization of the Fourth Annual Eucharistic Procession on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Over 600 people, mostly students from Holy Cross College, Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame, took part in the eucharistic procession on Sunday, April 20, which began after the Basilica of the Sacred Heart's 11:45 a.m. Mass.

Participants celebrated their love and faith in the Blessed Sacrament in song as they processed to four different altars. Each was sponsored by an organization whose members led the prayer that included Scripture, a reading and intercessions.

Eucharistic processions are not new to Notre Dame. “This was a common (annual) occurrence years ago on campus, and it was celebrated in June at the feast of Corpus Christi,” said Holy Cross Father Kevin Rousseau, director of the Old College Program for students interested in ordained ministry.

“Four years ago, to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist that Pope John Paul II called us to



TOM UEBBING

The Fourth Annual Eucharistic Procession at the University of Notre Dame on April 20 included 600 worshippers. Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior, Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, processed with the Eucharist on the campus of the University of Notre Dame after the 11:45 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A picnic lunch was provided by the campus Knights of Columbus.

observe, several students approached campus ministry and asked if a procession would be possible.” With some help they pulled it off and that began the revival of the tradition.

This year the procession was organized by Gerry Olinger, a second-year theology student for the Congregation of Holy Cross, and assisted by Haan, a member of Old College. Other members of the leadership team were students Jon Buttaci and Paul Johns.

“We also had a committee made up of approximately 15 undergraduate students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College,” said Olinger.

Student groups from Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Notre Dame sponsored the procession.

Specific intentions were prayed for during the procession. Olinger named the intentions as asking God for: “a greater respect for and protection of all human life, from conception until natural death; an increase in vocations to the religious life and priesthood, especially in the Congregation of Holy Cross; blessings upon the students, faculty, staff, religious, trustees and administrators of our three institutes of higher learning; and blessings upon the Holy Father's pilgrimage to the United States.”

“I think the procession is also

an opportunity for unity for all the campuses of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross to stand shoulder to shoulder facing their risen Savior in the Eucharist and walking with him,” said Haan.

Caitlyn Flanagan, a Saint Mary's student on the publicity committee, said, “My favorite part of the procession was the last altar on the administration build-

a good witness.”

Holy Cross student Diane Querciagrossa, who was the representative for the Holy Cross College altar, enjoyed the procession very much. “It's always a joy seeing people of all ages coming out and worshipping Christ in the Eucharist.”

Father Rousseau paraphrased Pope Benedict XVI's description of a procession as “a walking



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ing. It was at that altar where the Eucharist could be seen by so many and the most beautiful hymn, the ‘Tantum Ergo,’ was sung aloud among the faithful for all of the campus to hear. Catholicism is centered on the Eucharist so seeing and hearing hundreds of people adoring our eucharistic Lord in the center and heart of Notre Dame's campus is

side by side with the Lord and with one another. It is an opportunity to move forward and transcend our own prejudices, limits and barriers so that we can meet one another. It is a visible way to remind ourselves that he is the one who leads us forward.”

There was no doubt that the Lord was the one who led the procession on April 20.

and the U.S. government has decided to release \$200 million of its emergency food aid reserve. Aid workers say it is important to allocate money to rebuild the reserve as soon as possible.

Kuennen said that U.S. food aid dropped to its lowest level ever last year and is expected to be below the legally mandated minimum of 2.5 million tons this year. Between 2001 and 2006, the U.S. government donated an average of 4.4 million tons of food a year to needy countries, she said.

Food assistance is only a stop-gap measure, Kuennen said, but such aid, along with programs to provide cash or vouchers to poor families, is a crucial response to

the immediate crisis.

“People need to be kept from starving and from rioting,” she said.

After violent protests in Haiti in early April, the country's Catholic bishops urged the government to implement both emergency and long-term policies to tackle hunger. In a statement issued April 12, the Haitian bishops' conference condemned the violence that began with protests in the southern city of Les Cayes and left at least five people dead.

If oil prices remain high and the demand for staple foods continues to grow, countries will need long-term policies to deal with the effects of food-price increases and

quell discontent.

Some countries have begun providing food subsidies, have lowered import tariffs on food or have halted exports of grains and vegetable oils. John Hoddinott, a senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, said those measures are misguided. Subsidies are costly and difficult to eliminate, he said, while lower tariffs push prices down and discourage farmers from planting more crops, because they cannot be sure of earning enough to cover their costs.

Many countries have limited exports of certain staples. China has blocked rice and maize exports, while India has stopped

exporting milk powder and Bolivia has banned the export of vegetable oil to its South American neighbors. Those bans exacerbate shortages, Hoddinott said, driving prices up further.

Kuennen said developing countries also must connect small farmers with markets, help people diversify their sources of income so they are not as vulnerable to volatile food prices, and implement land reform.

Land reform is a pressing issue in Kenya, where only 20 percent of the land is suitable for growing crops. Conflict over access to land was a factor in the violent protests that followed the recent Kenyan presidential elections, said

Archbishop Peter Kairu, who heads the Kenyan bishops' justice and peace commission. An estimated 1,000 people were reported killed and more than 300,000 people were displaced in the unrest in Kenya, where absentee landlords own huge expanses of land.

Ultimately, experts say that effective long-term policies are crucial to keeping large numbers of people from slipping back into hunger and poverty.

“We really need to help poor people become better off,” Hoddinott said. “That is the long-term solution.”



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Pope Benedict moved in meeting with abuse victims, cardinal says

BOSTON (CNS) — Meeting victims of clergy sexual abuse at the papal nunciature in the nation's capital during his six-day U.S. visit was a moving experience for Pope Benedict XVI, said Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston. Speaking April 23 with *The Pilot*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston, Cardinal O'Malley said the meeting between the pope and victims from the Boston Archdiocese was important to both parties. "The many times he addressed the sexual abuse crisis (during the trip) indicate how deeply he understands the situation of our church and what happens here," the cardinal said. "He obviously feels a great sorrow over what has happened and that he is ashamed but, at the same time, wants to encourage us on the path to healing and reconciliation. I think it was important for the victims to feel as though they had access to the Holy Father," Cardinal O'Malley added. The meeting was arranged after the cardinal's original request that the pope include a stop in Boston during his trip was denied. Cardinal O'Malley then proposed a meeting with victims at another location and the Vatican approved.

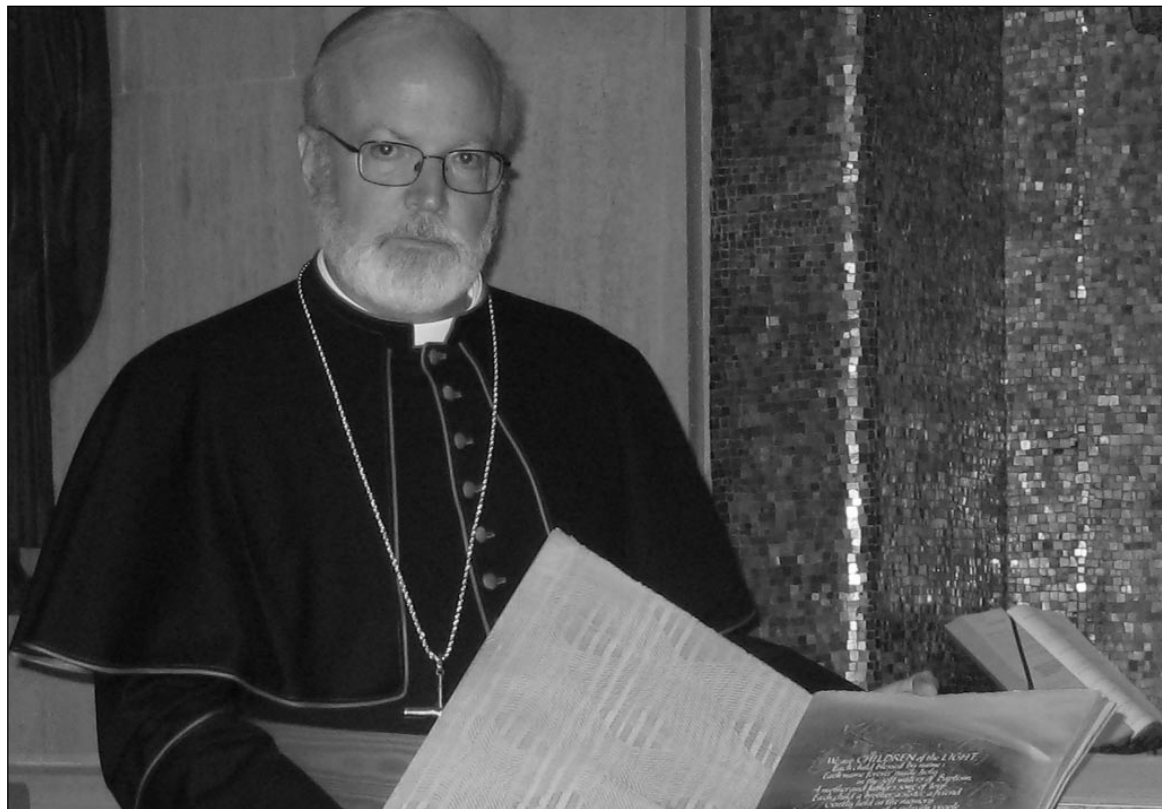
Traditionalist society says it's not time to reconcile with Vatican

ROME (CNS) — The head of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X, Bishop Bernard Fellay, said the time is not right for reconciliation with the Vatican, despite expanded freedom to use the Tridentine rite. The reason, Bishop Fellay said, is that the liturgical move has not been accompanied by other measures aimed at reversing the "crisis" introduced by the Second Vatican Council. "Nothing has changed regarding Rome's willingness to follow the council's orientations, despite 40 years of crisis, despite the empty convents, the abandoned rectories, the empty churches," Bishop Fellay said in a letter dated April 14 and published on the society's Web site. Bishop Fellay repeated the society's frequent accusation that Vatican II introduced a mistaken vision of the church that is evident in the modern church's relationship with the world, with other religions and with states. He said the society "rejoices" that Pope Benedict XVI has allowed wider use of the preconciliar Tridentine rite, but said resistance among bishops to the older rite has been "at times brutal."

Cardinal seeks meeting with Giuliani about Communion at papal Mass

NEW YORK (CNS) — New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan will request a meeting with Rudolph Giuliani, saying in a statement he deeply regretted that the former New York mayor received Communion during a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI at St. Patrick's Cathedral April 19. A statement issued by Cardinal Egan

CARDINAL HOLDS BOOK OF NAMES OF ABUSE VICTIMS



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Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston holds a book containing over 1,000 names of known Boston victims of clergy sexual abuse prior to an April 17 meeting with Pope Benedict XVI in Washington. The book was presented to the pontiff during the meeting between the pope and five Boston abuse victims at the apostolic nunciature in Washington.

April 28 said that when he first came to the archdiocese and Giuliani was mayor the two of them "had an understanding ... that he was not to receive the Eucharist because of his well-known support of abortion." Giuliani has long opposed efforts to limit access to abortion and supported state funding of abortions for poor women in New York. He was widely described as a pro-choice candidate during his run for president that ended earlier this year. Cardinal Egan's statement said he would be "seeking a meeting with him to insist that he abide by our understanding." Giuliani was among guests invited to attend the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by Pope Benedict. The Mass was described as being for clergy, deacons and religious, although there were other invited guests including Giuliani and current Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is Jewish. Giuliani told reporters as he left the Mass that he had received Communion.

Vatican official calls liturgical renewal 'irreversible path'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Liturgical renewal launched by the Second Vatican Council is an "irreversible path" and has not been affected by Pope Benedict XVI's concession on wider use of the Tridentine rite, a Vatican official said. "The pope's decision has so far not produced any change in the celebrative practice of our ecclesial communities. His gesture was only one of service to unity," Archbishop Piero Marini, who arranged papal

liturgies for more than 20 years, said in an interview April 25 in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. "Therefore let's look ahead and let's continue with enthusiasm the path undertaken by the council," he said. Late last year Archbishop Marini was named to head the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses. The archbishop remains involved in international liturgical issues, and he said a revision of the committee's statutes is giving it wider authority over eucharistic congresses at the national and regional level, too.

Paraguayans elect retired Bishop Lugo as president

ASUNCION, Paraguay (CNS) — Retired Bishop Fernando Lugo was elected president of Paraguay April 20, ending the six-decade rule of the Colorado Party. Bishop Lugo took an early lead in the pre-election polls, despite official disapproval from the Vatican and, initially, from the Paraguayan bishops' conference. As support for Bishop Lugo remained strong in the largely Catholic country, the conference refrained from further comment. Bishop Lugo, 58, retired from the Diocese of San Pedro in 2005. The Vatican suspended him from exercising his priestly ministry when he decided to run for president, but rejected his request for laicization after more than 30 years as a bishop and priest. The Paraguayan bishops' conference made no official statement after the elections, but the Paraguayan newspaper *ABC* quoted Bishop Adalberto Martinez

Flores of San Pedro, secretary of the Paraguayan bishops' conference, as saying that the conference "accepts and acknowledges the victory of (Bishop) Lugo as president-elect of Paraguay."

Pope cites Vatican official's 'zeal and passion' to protect family

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, led church efforts to safeguard and promote a Catholic view of marriage and family life with untiring "zeal and passion," Pope Benedict XVI said. The 72-year-old Colombian cardinal died April 19 at Rome's Pius XI clinic, where he had been hospitalized since early April with a respiratory infection. Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, celebrated Cardinal Lopez Trujillo's funeral Mass April 23 in St. Peter's Basilica. Pope Benedict entered the basilica after Communion to preside over the final commendation and farewell and to address the congregation. "How can we not thank him for the courage with which he defended the nonnegotiable values of human life?" the pope asked. "We all admired his untiring activity."

English cardinal moves closer to sainthood with U.S. deacon's healing

LONDON (CNS) — The sainthood cause of a 19th-century English

cardinal has taken a step forward after the Vatican's medical commission ruled that there was no natural explanation for the healing of a U.S. deacon who prayed for the cardinal's intercession. The progress of the cause of Cardinal John Henry Newman, who shocked English society with his conversion to Catholicism, was announced April 24 by Peter Jennings, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Birmingham, England. "The case of Deacon Jack Sullivan from Marshfield near Boston, Mass., was discussed and voted on by" the medical commission of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, Jennings said in a statement. "The opinion of the doctors is positive," he said. The case now is passed on to a theological commission. The theologians are asked to certify that the alleged miracle took place after prayers for the sainthood candidate's intercession. A miracle attributed to Cardinal Newman's intercession is required before his beatification — a step toward sainthood — can occur.

Assisi, home of St. Francis, institutes ban on begging

ASSISI, Italy (CNS) — Assisi — the birthplace of St. Francis, saint of the poor — has instituted a ban on begging. The mayor of Assisi, Claudio Ricci, signed an ordinance in mid-April that prohibits begging within 500 meters (550 yards) of any church, square or public building — a decree that effectively makes the entire hill town off-limits to beggars. Ricci said he instituted the ban after numerous complaints from pilgrims, tourists and citizens about aggressive and insistent forms of begging outside the city's medieval churches. "The phenomenon was reaching proportions that went far beyond the poor beggar who occasionally asks for charity. This has become an organized and profitable activity," Ricci said. The measure drew criticism from leftist political leaders in Italy, who said the ban was simply the latest form of social intolerance. At the Vatican, Cardinal Renato Martino, head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, also expressed his concern. "Asking for charity is not a crime, and I don't see why it should be prohibited by law," Cardinal Martino told the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*.

Web site chronicles Catholic high school days from long ago

NEW YORK (CNS) — If you're a 1943 graduate of Immaculate Conception Academy in Davenport, Iowa, and you lost your class photo, you're in luck. Rita Piro has a copy. In March Piro launched catholicshoolsdays.com, a Web site documenting U.S. Catholic high schools from about 1900 to the present day. The bulk of the site is devoted to memorabilia from schools that have closed, like yearbooks, newspaper articles and vintage photographs. She said she has listed every Catholic high school that existed in 1965, and about 90 percent of those before 1965.

Jacobs is the recipient of the 2008 Top Hat Award

SOUTH BEND — Alice V. Jacobs turned her disability into an ability.

When her arthritis forced her to go "from one cane to two canes," she became very skilled at getting and giving information over the phone to help the poor.

Jacobs is the recipient of the 2008 Top Hat Award by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, for her work as "call director" in her home parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The award is given every year to an outstanding Vincentian. It gets its name from Frederick Ozanam, founder of the worldwide Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Ozanam did not have a phone to learn about the needs of the poor. He, like other learned men, wore a top hat when he went out in public. So he wore it when he and other law students at the University of Sorbonne went to meet with the poor in the tenements of Paris.

Jacobs has been a Vincentian for about 10 years. When she first started volunteering, she met the poor in their homes.

But arthritis in her knees, ankles and spine forced her to start using a second cane in the late 1990s.

"That forced me into doing more work on the phone," she says. "Some of the work is trying to pair up personalities. Sometimes you have a client with a strong personality, so you need a volunteer who has one to match."

Jacobs says she enjoys getting all the information she can from St. Vincent's assistance office, and then acting on it. "We like to know as much as we can about a client before we make the home visit. And then, on the other hand, we can bring information back, too, to figure out if we can do something further for them."

She has also seen the Vincentian group at St. Joseph Catholic Church go from being all men, to mostly women. "And, some of these women work full time, and have families too."

Jacobs is a former member of St. Vincent's board of directors, serving during stressful times of transition such as the 1999 move of the Thrift Store from its downtown location to its present location on Ardmore Trail.

She also served on the search committees to find two executive directors.

Jacobs lives on the south side of South Bend with her husband, Roger Jacobs, who is retired from the law library of the University of Notre Dame.

The Top Hat Award was given to her on Sunday, April 20, the kick off for the 175th anniversary on the international society.



ALICE JACOBS

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A DAY IN THE SUN AT CHILDREN'S COTTAGE



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Third- and fourth-grade students from the St. Louis, Besancon, St. Rose, Monroeville, religious education program recently spent a sunny afternoon with the children from Catholic Charities daycare, Children's Cottage, in Fort Wayne, reading books and playing on the playground.

Retreats offered at Hartford City

HARTFORD CITY — The John XXIII Retreat Center in Hartford City will offer the following retreats in May:

- Directed Retreat — May 11, 7:30 p.m. to May 16, 1 p.m. Retreatants can choose from three or more days at \$70 per day. Quiet prayer and one-to-one spiritual guidance with either Sister Joetta Huelsmann, a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ sister, or Father Al Naseman, a Society of the Precious Blood priest, is available. Father Naseman has given retreats throughout the United States for over the past 20 years. Sister Joetta has been trained in Ignatian spirituality and also has been an intern at the Center of Action and Contemplation in New Mexico. Register by May 7.

- A Walk With Dorothy Day — May 14, 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. This retreat offers participants to learn more about Dorothy Day, the cofounder of the Catholic Worker movement. Topics that will be explored are "Living Voluntary Poverty" and "Active Love." Dorothy Stewart, business manager of John XXIII Retreat Center will facilitate the day.

- Are Not Our Hearts Burning — May 9, 7 p.m. to May 10, 6 p.m. This retreat is based on Henri J.M. Nouwen's book "With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life." The themes that the book and the retreat will cover

are: Mourning our losses, discerning the presence, inviting the stranger, entering into Communion, and going on a mission. Sister Joetta Huelsmann, director of John XXIII, will facilitate this retreat. Fee: \$75 for overnight and \$55 for commuters. Register by May 5.

Call (765) 348-4008, e-mail john23rd@sbcglobal.net or visit www.john23rdretreatcenter.com. Private retreats or directed retreats are available.

University of Saint Francis offers art classes for children

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis has announced summer art classes for children in grades 1 to 6 in the "Art in the Morning" Youth Art Program. The classes will run from July 7 to August 1 (four-week term), Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mimi and Ian Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communications on Leesburg Road. This program is made possible through the generous support of the Foellinger Foundation.

Area art teachers and art education majors will instruct children in drawing, painting, printmaking, multi-media and ceramics. All art materials and a daily snack will be provided.

The cost is \$75 for each child and includes all materials and instructional fees. Scholarships are available to those students who

receive the Free and Reduced Lunch Program at their respective schools. Registration must be received no later than June 20. Space is limited. For a registration form and further information, telephone (260) 399-7700 ext. 8001.

The School of Creative Arts (SOCA) is an accredited school by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

South Bend Serrans elect officers

SOUTH BEND — On the 60th anniversary of its establishment as the first Serra Club to be chartered in Indiana, the Serra Club of South Bend elected its new officers for the fiscal year and will have them formally installed in June.

Elected as president was Richard Wasoski, a longtime member and executive of the club and one of the area's prominent laymen. He is a member of Corpus Christi Parish and succeeds Deacon Ronald Moser.

Elected as vice presidents were the following:

- Esther Cyr and associate Joan Budzinski, both of whom will handle membership.
- Vice president of programs: Robert Schultheis and associate Ned Schimizzi.
- Vice president of communications: Arthur Leinen, Sr.
- Trustees: Mike Brennan, Marion Pasierbowicz and Henry Froning.

Dr. Frank Toepp will serve as federation representative and Dr.

John Toepp will serve as secretary.

Father Paul McCarthy, pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, New Carlisle, will continue to serve as chaplain. — EJD

University of Saint Francis purchases land in Crown Point for future campus

CROWN POINT — The University of Saint Francis announced last week that it has purchased slightly more than 10 acres near Crown Point for a new campus site.

The land is located at Interstate 65 and 129th Street adjacent to land purchased by the Sisters of Saint Francis Health Services. Both the university and the health services are sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

The university has been offering programs in Crown Point for almost two years at Saint Anthony Medical Center, beginning with an LPN to ASN program in 2006. The university has since added an RN to MSN transition sequence, a master of science in nursing (MSN) family nurse practitioner, a master of science in nursing (MSN) community health education, and a master's in healthcare administration. All of these are duplicates of programs offered on the main campus in Fort Wayne.

University President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, notes, "We have more students than we originally expected this quickly. As we have increased in the number of students and programs, we have realized that before too many years we will out-grow the space that Saint Anthony Medical Center has provided. Because we would like to stay in close proximity to the medical center, we have purchased land adjoining theirs." She added further, "This land purchase reflects the university's strong commitment to Crown Point."

South Bend Knights provide scholarship

SOUTH BEND — In maintaining its more-than-half-a-century of tradition of providing financial assistance to Catholic school students, the Santa Maria Council 553 of the Knights of Columbus announced the provision of two \$1,500 scholarships to sons and daughters or grandchildren of members.

These scholarships can be renewed annually and will be presented to the schools of the student's choice, according to chairman K.C. Pocius from whom applications for the scholarships may be obtained.

Applicants must be Catholic, children or grandchildren of council members and current or incoming students at Saint Joseph's or Marian high schools.

Students must complete applications forms, submit a grade transcript and three letters of recommendation.

These scholarships are in addition to the Miles-Presbys four-years scholarships, which the council has awarded each spring to students or council members.

Meanwhile, the council also authorized financial assistance to two seminarians in the diocese — Gabriel Hernandez, ordained to the diaconate April 27, and Christian Reyes. — EJD

Safe environment education

Awakening an awareness of child abuse prevention

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — When Pope Benedict XVI visited Washington, D.C., and New York City, April 15-20, his expression of sorrow and meeting with victims of the priest sexual abuse scandal brought attention to a major wound on the U.S. Catholic Church.

Keeping children safe at our parishes is important to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Cathie Cicchiello, the diocesan resource who coordinates safe environment training throughout the diocese, added it is important that our parishes and schools are "safe environments where we can impart faith in a nurturing and loving place."

Safe environment training has three components: a background check of any person who volunteers, coaches, teaches or works with children; abuse education for those working with children; and an educational component for children.

"Running a background check is a very cumbersome, very time-consuming effort," Cicchiello said. And it is Cicchiello's purpose to help parish religious education, schools and other programs involving children ensure these background checks are completed accurately and effectively.

Shelley Tourney, who works at the Brooklyn Avenue campus of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School in

Fort Wayne, knows the importance of accuracy and thoroughness of these background checks. At the beginning of each school year, Tourney asks teachers, coaches and volunteers who work in the building, those involved with lunch duty or volunteers who plan to help with field trips, to complete a background check form. Tourney then checks each name against a log.

For those who have lived outside of Indiana within the last 10 years, there is an additional search, a national check, which Cicchiello completes.

"It's a lot of paperwork, but in the end, the ultimate goal is the safety of our children," Tourney added. "It runs pretty smoothly. Next year the school will have implemented the program for the fifth year."

The second part of safe environment training involves adults, who work with children or volunteer, to watch a video, which is also available

now on the diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org. Each signs a form providing confirmation of the viewing. St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School also makes the video available at the back-to-school night.

Tourney said she doesn't run into reluctance of cooperation from a parent or volunteer. "Everybody wants the safety of their own children," Tourney

said. "They like the idea that we are being proactive. We're making our building as safe as we can have it. Our first goal is the safety of their children."

A third part of the safe environment training is the educational component for children. Beth Keen, a school counselor at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School for the last seven years, takes care of that training. Each year, Keen presents safe environment training to the students, kindergarten (next year pre-kindergarten) through grades 8.

"The diocese has provided us with a script," Keen said, in order to reach the different grade levels, which presents a diverse maturity.

The scripts are kindergarten through second grade, third through sixth grades, and the seventh and eighth grades in which the school uses a boundaries book.

Keen said this educational component is done early in the year, every year, and this is a

good thing. "For one thing, I think kids just need to be reminded," she said, and it assists in building a comfort level where



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SHELLEY TOURNEY

students can talk to her if needed.

"I would say the diocese is being proactive in actually ensuring this is implemented in absolutely every school at every level," Keen told *Today's Catholic*. "And there are very strict guidelines that make sure we are covering everything we need to. We report back to the diocese when we're finished and the goal is reached."

And the school takes this training very seriously for every child. Keen said, "If a student was even absent that day, we either send it home or make it up. So we make sure it gets to every student."

At St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Keen is pleased the school has taken an expanded training program on the boundaries program. "... We've added to it an 'owning-up' curriculum, which is a 10-week program," Keen described. "We separate the genders and meet with them separately in small groups and talk about all kinds of issues that are (somewhat) related to this — social, peer relationships."

Cicchiello has served the diocese as the safe environment coordinator for one year.

The diocese has been involved with safe environment education "for five years, and we're still on the 'up-part' of the learning curve," Cicchiello said, "and we're going to continue to improve it, but we're in the beginning stages of learning about the issue and the problem and how to best meet it through prevention efforts."

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Child Abuse Awareness is a major initiative of the Catholic Church in the United States. As a result an estimated 1.6 million persons have undergone background checks; 1.8 million priests, deacons, candidates for ordination, educators, employees and volunteers have gone through safe environment programs and approximately 6 million children in parish school and religious education programs have received age-appropriate instruction in this area.



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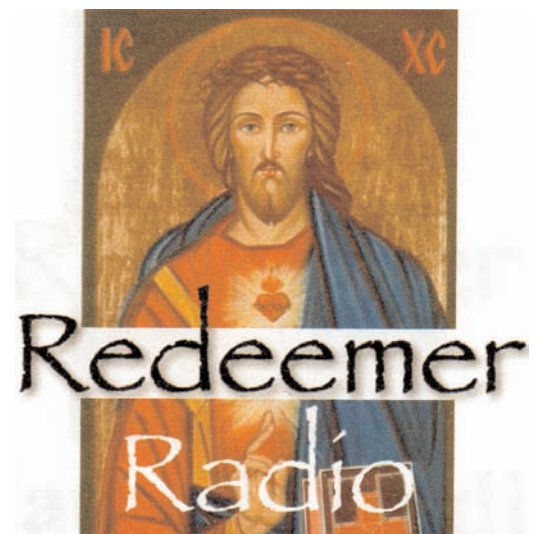
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Lay missionary offers face of Christ to Bolivian street kids

BY KAY COZAD

COLUMBIA CITY — Lee Sendelbach will be the first to tell you that life is an adventure. This from a young man who has worked in the corporate world and the Third World.

Sendelbach spent most of his youth in Columbia City where he was one of eight children of a blended family. He attended Catholic elementary schools, and following graduation from Indiana University, he began work in the accounting field first in a bank and then at Verizon.

During his over 10 years of corporate employment, Sendelbach began to feel a calling to something more in life. He says, "In my job I felt dead. What was I actually contributing to better the world around me? It kept nagging me."

His thoughts turned to volunteering, a reflection of the efforts, he says, of his parents as they sacrificed to raise eight children. He was also inspired by his stepsister Anne, who volunteered at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Fort Wayne.

So when Verizon offered a management buyout package, he jumped at the chance and began at once to investigate different lay missionary organizations. During his search he realized he wanted to help the less fortunate through a church-based mission.

That's when he found the Salesian Lay Missioners, whose Web site describes the mission as a "Catholic faith-based volunteer program for men and women seeking to answer God's missionary call in their own lives by dedicating themselves to works of education, evangelization and human development among poor youth." They sponsor domestic and international placements and require a one- to two-year commitment.

After applying to the mission, Sendelbach went through a week-long training program, including psychological testing, which prepared the young man for his vocation.

"People, lay and religious came ... and talked to us about culture shock and the different emotions you would have. It helped me a lot during my time as missionary," Sendelbach says.

He also reports that it was a time of prayer and reflection as to whether God was really calling him to this work. He chose to commit to one year of volunteer work with the mission. Four

years later, Sendelbach has just completed his work in Bolivia, not by choice but by necessity.

His initial assignment took him in February of 2004 to Bolivia, the world's second poorest country, located in South America, to a city situated in a valley surrounded by mountains called Cochabamba. He moved into a house for street boys called Mama Margarita, staffed by

"People, lay and religious came ... and talked to us about culture shock and the different emotions we would have"

LEE SENDELBACH



PROVIDED BY LEE SENDELBACH

Lee Sendelbach, of Columbia City, poses with the street boys of Bolivia, who he has devoted four years of his life to, in an effort to share his faith and a better way of life. His work is sponsored through the support of the Salesian Lay Missioners program.

paid personnel and volunteers from Europe and the U.S.

The boys served by this project range from 10-18 years of age and were living in the streets due to poverty, alcohol abuse, broken homes and any number of other tragic circumstances. Some, Sendelbach says, are orphans, while others left home to escape mental and physical abuse. Mama Margarita House gives the boys a safe and caring place to go at night.

When asked what he did to serve the boys, the lay missionary says, "Some of these kids are pretty rough, streetwise kids ... I try to show them that they matter, that someone cares about them, no matter what kinds of things they have done in the streets."

And that is done by awakening

at 6:30 each morning to fix breakfast for the boys. After making their beds, the boys brush their teeth, comb their hair, and then gather in the dining room for a prayer "thanking God for another day and to protect us in our work," he says.

Following breakfast the boys complete chores at the house before going out for work, which may consist of washing windshields on the streets, selling candy or shining shoes. "If they are lucky," says Sendelbach, "they have stable work like carpentry."

The boys return around 5 p.m. with earned wages that are recorded and locked in a box. Then each boy showers and attends a four-hour night school.

Dinner is at 8 p.m., and social activities "ranging from sports to

catechism" are enjoyed together before bedtime at 10:30 p.m. The evening prayer, consisting of three Hail Marys and gratitude for another day, is recited in chorus before lights out.

If a boy shows an increased desire to study and better himself, he is promoted to living in another Salesian house called Youth of Don Bosco, where the boys attend school, which is not mandatory in Bolivia, and school-related activities rather than work. "This house is also meant to provide hope," says Sendelbach.

A weekly event that is anticipated by all is Sunday Mass. Sendelbach reports that in keeping with the "very colorful country, rich in ritual and tradition," the services include electric guitars, drums and much clapping and singing. "Even dogs enter the church to pray," he says.

The struggles with the boys, Sendelbach says, have made his faith stronger. "I am challenged more than I ever thought possible. I see the world in a different light. And not one time have I asked myself that nagging question ... 'Is there more to life than this?'"

He adds, "I came to show these boys the face of Christ... But after time, it also was because I cared about them. They became my family. My motivation is that someday ... some of them will have changed their lives. They will have accepted responsibility and will have known that someone cared for them. They will be leading healthy fulfilling lives."

Sendelbach would encourage anyone interested in becoming a lay missionary or donating to the mission to contact Adam Rudin at adamr@salesianmissions.org or write him at 2 Lefevre Lane, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801.



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St. John the Baptist School goes green

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Being good stewards of our world and its natural resources is not easy these days. But one Fort Wayne school is determined to try. St. John the Baptist School had its kickoff to going green on April 9, with Green Day assemblies focused on educating the kindergarten through eighth graders there. The students were encouraged to wear green shirts to school to celebrate their respect for the environment.

According to St. John School Principal Jane Sandor, the entire school is enthusiastic about going green. Green Day, inspired by the parent-run committee, Eagle P.R.I.D.E. (Positive Reason I Decide Everyday) has been developing since last year. It spotlights the needs of the environment as the committee strives to emphasize the positive at the school.

The fun hands-on educational assembly held in two segments was led by Allen County Solid Waste representative Kira Blacketor. Kindergarten through fourth graders joined Blacketor for an exciting recycle relay where 24 students were randomly chosen to make up two teams, who would decide which recycle bin to place specific items. Following the relay, Blacketor

offered the students an explanation as to why each item was recyclable.

The second segment of the assembly concentrated on educating the fifth through eighth graders on going green. "How long does your trash last" activity had the students learning the decomposition rates of 11 items furnished by Blacketor. The entire student population left their segment of the assembly excitedly anticipating their role in the school's newly developing recycle program.

One Eagle Pride committee member, Dordre Fazio is the mom in the know. She has been instrumental in locating businesses and interested others in assisting St. John's with their recycle program. St. John's Director of Religious Education Amy Woodfill and fourth-grade teacher Susan Henry have also played vital roles in the development of the program.

The school will be recycling not only paper goods but fluorescent light bulbs, cell phones, computer ink cartridges and used electrical equipment.

Principal Sandor says the school has informed the parish community of their program through the school newsletter, which outlined the different items to be recycled at St. John. The school currently has a collection

box in the main hallway for batteries and cell phones. A designated day of the month is being planned soon to encourage families to bring in their old fluorescent light bulbs for recycling. And eventually, says the principal, the school may open their recycle collection dates to the community at large.

Sandor knows the program is in its infancy but has great hope for future growth. "We started this spring to establish habits with the kids. Then next year it will grow," she says, adding that it's the qualitative response through education that is important. She is expecting a good response from the parish community.

"The excitement comes from the personal decision to improve life. These people take whatever they do to heart and do it in earnest. St. John's cares about the community in which they live, trying to make it just a little bit better," she says in awe, adding, "I see this as a responsible decision in our faith to accept God's gift of nature and use it as he meant us to use it."


The parents, staff and students of St. John School seem to know going green is the wave of the future and have hope that other schools and parishes in the diocese will soon swim aboard.

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE PILLAR OF LIFE AWARD



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The distinguished Pillar of Life Award for meritorious service with the Saint Joseph County Right to Life was presented to Betty and Glenn Terry of South Bend by Thomas Gill, president of the Right to Life organization. Glenn and Betty Terry have devoted more than 35 years of voluntary service to the group; Betty has previously served as office manager and Glenn has served Santa Maria Council 553 of the Knights of Columbus in directing Right to Life activities.



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Geneva parish celebrates 125th jubilee with mission

GENEVA — This year is the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary of the Presentation, Geneva. From 1883 this church has nurtured the faith and healed the hearts and minds of all those who worshipped there. This church has seen a long "faith journey."

The parishioners are celebrating the jubilee year with a variety of programs. The first of the programs — a parish mission — was planned by the jubilee committee to bring about spiritual renewal. It was held April 14-16 with the help of the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development who supplied the speakers.



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Father Steve Colchin, pastor of St. Louis Besancon and St. Rose, Monroeville, parishes spoke one evening and celebrated the closing Mass at the St. Mary of the Presentation Parish mission. After the prayer service, he met with some of the parishioners at the parish hall. The Geneva parish celebrates its 125th jubilee year in 2008. The mission and additional celebrations are part of the jubilee plans.

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Parish puts on walking shoes to rally for homeless, Vincent Village

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

FORT WAYNE — The weather was perfect for a Sunday walk on April 27. And walk they did. Over 300 parishioners and students from St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, joined hundreds of other people at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne to support the homeless through the annual Homeward Bound walk.

For the second year, St. John the Baptist Parish and School has raised money for the homeless through this walk. Students helped raise most of that money as they gathered pledges for the walk. In the weeks prior to the walk, the students' awareness of the homeless was raised as they listened to guest speakers talk about the problem of homelessness.

A student at St. John's, Dana Baldus, said the walk was important "because we raised about \$7,000 ... because the number of homeless people are increasing and they need our help."

Her friend, Carly Gradner said

it was important for students to become involved in the walk "because when they're older, they'll help people" like those who have become homeless.

Amanda Carroll, mother of five, explained why she wanted her children involved in the walk: "I think it opens their eyes to the plight of others. I told them they can't judge them for being homeless. There are different reasons ... and they just need to help (the homeless)."

Amanda was pushing the stroller of her daughter Lilly, who, at 9 months, is experiencing her second Homeward Bound walk, this time outside the womb.

St. John the Baptist has chosen to support the Vincent Village Inc., through their contributions to the walk. Vincent Village offers several different programs that help homeless families. Vincent House offers transitional shelter and serves about 35 families each year. Within a three block radius of Vincent House is Vincent Village, which consists of 30 renovated houses. Families rent these affordable houses while still receiving services from the

Vincent staff as they learn to become self-sufficient.

Pathways to Success is another program that helps families find affordable homes and continues to help these families learn the skills they need so they don't become homeless again. There is a youth services program, which helps 150 children each year, and an outlet store, which provides free furniture as well as an opportunity for employment training.

Ann Helmke, executive director of Vincent Village Inc., said, "Vincent Village is the only transitional shelter providing housing for two-parent families and single-male headed families" in Allen County.

But Vincent Village goes beyond shelter. "The major focus of all Vincent Village programs is to improve the self-sufficiency of homeless families with children to prevent recurring homelessness."

Homelessness is not something so far removed from us. People become homeless because of many different circumstances such as a crisis or losing a job. About 70 percent of the homeless



JENNIFER MURRAY

Students and parishioners of St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne participated in the Homeward Bound walk on Sunday, April 27, to raise funds for Vincent Village Inc., which helps the homeless in Allen County.

are our most innocent, the children.

Helmke stated, "Families with children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Lack of affordable housing is a major cause of family homelessness. As high wage manufacturing jobs continue to be moved to other countries and are replaced by lower-wage service jobs, more families are finding it harder to make ends meet. Rising costs of gas, food, utilities and other necessities threaten the economic stability of many families. While homelessness may seem

far removed from the lives of many of us, the economic insecurity that is the underlying cause of family homelessness is not."

For those people who missed the Homeward Bound walk, there is still an opportunity to help. Helmke said, "Cash and in-kind donations are always needed. We are currently developing a program to use volunteers more effectively in our operations."

To learn more about Vincent Village Inc., please call (260) 456-4172.

Notre Dame's Center for Pastoral Liturgy Conference to focus on sacraments

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Laity as well as priests and liturgists will have a unique opportunity this June to explore how Christ's life operates through the sacraments of anointing of the sick, reconciliation, marriage and orders.

The 36th annual conference of the University of Notre Dame's Center for Pastoral Liturgy on June 16-18 will focus on those four sacraments and feature breakout sessions such as "Planning the Wedding Liturgy as Sacramental Catechesis," "Parish Programs to Support the Sick" and "Preparing for the Celebration of First Reconciliation."

These annual pastoral liturgy conferences are intended for anyone interested in thinking more in depth about the issues addressed each year. They are open to anyone in the parish, lay persons as well as staff. The center's director, Professor David Fagerberg, believes this year's topic is especially well suited for everyone because the sacraments are such an integral part of parish life.

The conference is entitled "The Forgotten Sacraments" because those four sacraments often don't get as much attention as baptism, the Eucharist and confirmation, Fagerberg said. He related that someone attending a liturgy conference two years ago mentioned this fact, so the 2008 conference was designed to focus on these

"forgotten sacraments."

"All the sacraments deserve our attention because all the sacraments are an expression of the church in motion," Fagerberg said. "The church as sacrament lives in each of the sacraments of the church."

The keynote address will be given by Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, a Sister of the Precious Blood who is founder and director of the Institute for Liturgical Ministry in Dayton, Ohio. Then four plenary sessions will follow, focusing on each of the sacraments: Anointing of

the sick, by Msgr. John Kasza of the Sacred Heart Major Seminary faculty; reconciliation by Professor James Keating, director of theological research at Creighton University's Institute for Priestly Formation; marriage by Professor Julie Hanlon Rubio of the Theological Studies Department of St. Louis University; and orders by Father Robert Barron, a professor at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

Then, eight breakout sessions will provide pastoral resources relating to the four sacraments.

Father William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, will give one of those sessions:

"Reconciliation: Celebrated Communally in the Parish, Lived in the Wider Community."

Also speaking at the conference will be two staff members from the United States Conference of

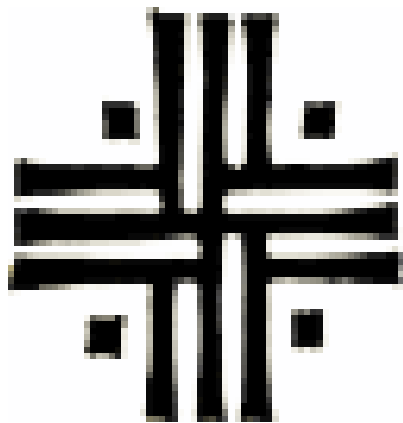
Catholic Bishops:

H. Richard McCord, executive director of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women, and Youth will give an update on the bishops' National

Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, a multiyear effort to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the church and for society. That effort began in 2005 and is scheduled to culminate in 2011.

Father Richard Hilgartner, associate director of the Secretariat for Divine Worship, will present a pastoral liturgy update.

The complete conference program can be viewed at <http://liturgy.nd.edu>, and registration may be made online through that Web site. Or, call (574) 631-6691.



SCOUTS RECEIVE AD ALTARE DEI EMBLEMS



PAULA BURMEISTER

The annual St. George's Day Mass was celebrated April 27 at St. Pius X, Granger. Father Bob Lengerich presided and awarded the Scouts their Ad Altare Dei medals. The Ad Altare Dei program helps Boy Scouts develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community using the sacraments as a means toward spiritual growth. The Ad Altare Dei emblem-medal was earned by Daniel Burmeister, Troop 451, Christ the King Church, South Bend; Dylan Burrus, Troop 750, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart; Gus Ladwig, Troop 105, St. John the Baptist, South Bend; Thomas Mauck, Troop 750, St. Thomas the Apostle; and Adam Snyder, Troop 1, St. Thomas the Apostle. In the photo are: front row, from left, Laura Ray, Thomas Mauck, Gus Ladwig and Father Bob Lengerich; back row, Dylan Burrus, Daniel Burmeister and Adam Snyder. Ad Altare Dei translates to "you are God."

In his vineyard — Father Barry England celebrates 40 years of priesthood

MISHAWAKA — The question frequently asked by the laity is when or why does a young man or adult choose the religious vocation to the priesthood. The answer to this question was witnessed early in the life of Father Barry England as he nurtured the desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples.

The mission of working in vineyard as a priest was not driven by his desire to do something, be something or have something, but it was driven by the needs of others and the needs of the world.

Through the encouragement of his parents, William and Anne, and the examples and support of his teachers and the parish priests, he reached the conclusion of a vocation to the priesthood.

Barry Charles England was born on Aug. 9, 1942 in White Plains, N.Y. He attended grade school at St. Francis Xavier, LaGrange, Ill., and St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne. His high school years were spent at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Syracuse. He received his bachelor of philosophy and master of divinity degrees at Mount St. Mary, Norwood, Ohio.

His ordination was on, May 25, 1968, Bishop Pursley granted a request to Deacon England to be ordained in his home parish, the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, Ill., by Bishop Romeo Blanchette. He celebrated his first Mass in the Joliet cathed-

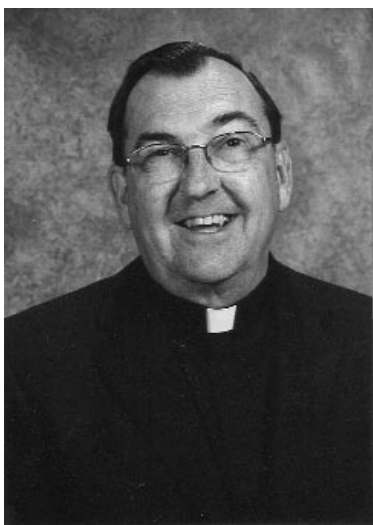
ral and later, a first Mass was celebrated at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne.

Father England's served as an associate pastor at St. Mary Parish, Huntington, and at St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne. His first pastoral assignment was in 1979 being assigned to St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke, and St. Catherine, Nix Settlement. Future assignments followed at Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne, St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend, and then to his present assignment to St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka.

Father England has served on the Presbyteral Council of the diocese and as chairman of the Priests Personnel Board and as judge in the marriage tribunal. He was chaplain of the diocesan DCCW and a board member of the United Way of Allen County serving on the Allocations Committee. He was on the Bishop Dwenger High School Board of Education and presently serves as a chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, Council 1878, Mishawaka.

Having served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 40 years, he finds his greatest satisfaction in the the daily celebration of the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist he is able to relate to people in every day experiences of hurt and need, being ever present in the faith and hope in Jesus.

As a leader of a parish family, he guides his flock on their personal journeys from birth to death.



FATHER BARRY ENGLAND

Among Father England's hobbies may be playing a game of golf — although sometimes the score may not be the greatest — or being in attendance at the many sporting events on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

In preparation for the 40th anniversary of his ordination, Father England will make a week-long retreat at the St. Meinrad Retreat Center.

On Sunday, June 1, he will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:30 p.m. with his St. Bavo Parish family and close friends. An afternoon reception will follow in the parish center.

Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate 1,695 vowed years

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Thirty-one Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee anniversaries on July 20, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's College.

One sister is celebrating 75 years since her first profession; 17 are celebrating 60 years; 11 are marking 50 years; and two are celebrating 25 years of vowed life.

Twelve of these 31 sisters have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend during the sisters' collective 1,695 years of vowed life in the congregation.



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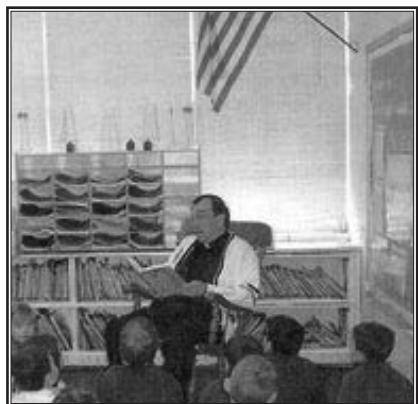
75-year jubilarian

Sister Agnes Solari (Sister M. Regina Rosarii) celebrates 75 years since her first profession of vows.

60-year jubilarians

The following sisters are celebrating 60 years and have served in the diocese:

- Sister M. Alberta Zimmer taught at Holy Cross School, South Bend, 1948-51; St. Joseph School, South Bend, 1951-52; St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart, 1953-56; and Saint Joseph's High School, 1956-59.
- Sister M. Claudette Metcalf was born and raised in Elkhart. She attended St. Vincent de Paul School and entered the Sisters of the Holy Cross from the parish. She taught at Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, 1954-56; St. Thomas



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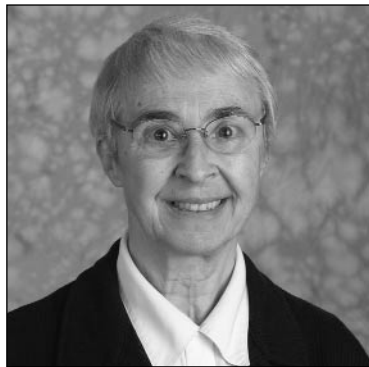
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Theodore) taught at Saint Mary's Campus School, Notre Dame, 1964.

- Sister M. Louisita Welsh served as an education specialist in health care, Saint Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, 1991-95. Since 1998 she has served at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame.

- Sister M. Margaret Andre Waechter taught at St. Joseph School, South Bend, 1960-62; and St. Mary's Academy, South Bend, 1968-72. She also served in recruitment, public relations and development, St. Mary's Academy, 1972-74. From 1974-81 she did adult education in music and liturgy for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She worked in mission effectiveness, Saint Joseph's Medical Center, South Bend, 1986-88. More recently she coordinated the liturgy for Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, Huntington, 2002-07.

- Sister Maureen Cahill (Sister Marie William) taught at Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, 1961-63; Christ the King School, South Bend, 1964-66; and Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, 1973-74.

Other sisters celebrating 50 years are Sister Ellen Mary Taylor, Sister M. Francis Christine Alvarez, Sister M. Joseph Cecile Voelker, Sister Mary Elizabeth Loughran (Sister M. Thomas Joseph), Sister Mary Ellen McGlynn (Sister M. Grace Alma), Sister Sara Joan Van Osdol (Sister M. Philip Neri) and Sister Yvonne Hatt (Sister M. Bernard Anne).

25-year jubilarians

Sisters celebrating 25 years are Sister Patricia Ann Carroll and Sister Hashi Margaret Pereira from Bangladesh.

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the Apostle School, Elkhart, 1956-58 and 1970-72; and Holy Cross School, South Bend, 1972-74.

- Sister Dorothy Kebba (Sister M. Mount Carmel) served in various capacities at the University of Notre Dame, 1989-2001.

- Sister M. Gertrude Anne Otis served as registrar at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, 1950-58, and taught theology, 1959-67. She has done retreat work and spiritual direction, 1992 until the present.

- Sister Margaret Lorraine Devine (Sister M. Henrica) taught at Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, 1952-53 and Holy Cross School, South Bend, 1959-66.

- Sister M. Michaeleen Frieders served in administration at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, 1949-65. Currently she volunteers in Hispanic ministry, St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend.

- Sister Patricia Ann Thompson (Sister M. Catherine Siena) served as the director of mission services, Sisters of the Holy Cross, Inc., Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, 2003-07.

- Sister Rita Murphy (Sister M. Anita) currently serves as a eucharistic minister at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

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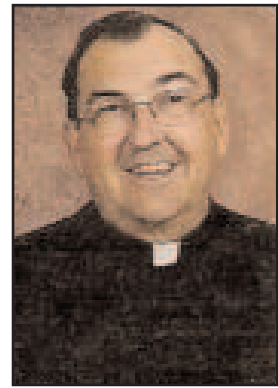
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EDITORIAL

The next step is ours

The recent visit of Pope Benedict to the United States and the increased media attention surrounding his time here certainly gave the church in this country an opportunity to speak to the larger culture, including lapsed, inactive and lukewarm Catholics.

Pope Benedict was not here to sightsee: he was here on a mission. The scandals of the past decade and the particular challenges facing Catholics in the United States no doubt loomed large in his mind as he readied for his historic visit. But like any retreat, the real fruits or benefits of his time with us will be known only in the long term (retreats, which prompt short-lived fervor but offer no long-term conversion promise little in terms of lasting effect). And that is why it is largely up to us as Catholics to make a difference.

That is, Pope Benedict's warmth, intelligence and genuine humanity were all obvious to anyone who spent more than a few minutes watching the news reports or the broadcasts of his various liturgical and extra-liturgical talks. Unlike almost all modern politicians and civil leaders, he writes his own speeches and carefully crafts his words to fit his audience and his purpose; he has no "speech-writers" on the Vatican payroll, which makes his words all the more compelling because they are intensely personal.

Yet his words — as beautiful, heartfelt and true as they are — cannot alone make a difference. It is up to us as Catholics, men and women, young and old, lay, consecrated and ordained, who must together renew our commitment to the Gospel and deepen our love for the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith.

The most effective and compelling witnesses — that's what "martyr" means — are those who live the faith with joy and whose daily life speak Christ to others. The relativism, which so (rightly) concerns Pope Benedict, can make it easy for us to think that Jesus is just one option among many other competing and equally valid options, and soften our realization that in Jesus, God has offered a decisive and definitive answer to the deepest questions in the human heart.

One of Pope Benedict's favorite ways of understanding Christ is as the Logos-made-Flesh: and the Greek word "Logos" is much broader than the English term "Word": it also means "reason," "order," "principle of coherence," and even "meaning." And it is this last, which Pope Benedict in his earlier writings liked to emphasize: Christ, the Incarnate Logos of God, is the One who bestows and reveals the meaning of our life, existence and of the entire narrative of human history.

The pope has come. He has prayed with us. He has spoken, preached and taught among us. He has diagnosed the problems that face us and he has offered us insight into their solution. And now the rest is up to us.

Primary responsibility

With Indiana's May 6 primary election rapidly approaching, *Today's Catholic* would like to once again point out some of the moral imperatives associated with voting. While the purpose of a primary election is not to elect officials, but to allow partisans from each of our political parties to have a say in which candidates appear on the November ballot, the church still advocates moral positions for the informed voter's conscience on an array of issues. Voters can read the Faithful Citizenship documents published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/FCStatement.pdf.

While a primary election leaves room for independent voters not to participate in the process, the church still affirms the responsibility of Catholics living in a democratic society to listen to the positions the church advocates, make their own conscientious decisions based on the offerings of each candidate and exercise their right to vote.

Good questions needed

One of the beautiful aspects of our rich Catholic faith is that a person can always come to a deeper and deeper understanding of it. Part of this is accomplished through questioning. *Today's Catholic* offers a regular question-and-answer feature, That's a Good Question, that aims to deepen Catholics' knowledge and understanding of their faith by answering questions big and small with the help of priests and other experts on different areas of the faith.

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Finding the face of Christ in experiential learning trips

BY MARY TRACY

NOTRE DAME — What does it mean to see the face of Christ? What does the face of Christ look like? Is it perfect, whole, without blemish? Or is it full of scars? In this season of Easter, students are reflecting on where they have found the face of the resurrected Christ in their service and immersion experiences.

Every year, several University of Notre Dame students encounter the face of Christ in service and experiential learning opportunities. Ever since its founding by Blessed Basil Moreau, Holy Cross has carried its trademark missionary zeal, commitment to service and formative education into communities it has established throughout the world. Exploring these Holy Cross apostolates in Phoenix, Ariz., and Coachella, Calif., students find the face of Christ in many places. And they find it in each other as well.

The face of Christ in Phoenix, Ariz.

After a recent Holy Cross mission in education seminar in Phoenix, Ariz., over Christmas break, students shared some reflections as they integrated classroom learning with their experiences. One education student named Kassi recalled asking a young boy she met at the Andre House soup kitchen how his New Year's was. He smiled wide and said he had a great New Year's because his whole family got to sleep inside. He was also excited to be eating this good meal, which Kassi had helped to prepare and serve. It was his gratitude and joy in receiving basic food and shelter that struck Kassi. Other students told similar stories of individuals who had impressed them.

Students witnessed Phoenix residents working together with Holy Cross apostolates like Andre House and Maggie's Place for pregnant women to eliminate poverty and promote life. They came to Phoenix with knowledge of Catholic social doctrine, but they left Phoenix with a mental photo album of the face of the risen Christ living here on earth.

The face of Christ in Coachella, Calif.

Other students spent their spring break on a Holy Cross Mission in Hispanic Ministry seminar in California. Like the students who went to Arizona, the students on the Coachella seminar had prepared for their trip by read-

ing church social teachings on issues like immigration, mission and solidarity. The face of the Beloved Christ emerged in the warm hospitality of their hosts, in the committed community engagement of the recently immigrated workers there, in the advocacy for just wages and fair housing in support of healthy family life and full human development.

After returning to campus, students submitted integrative papers and then met to reflect on the many faces and lives they encountered throughout their immersion experience. Students grappled with issues such as reckoning free market economics with the church's teaching that a worker has a right to a fair wage, or upholding a country's right to control its borders alongside a person's right to migrate in order to support a family. The face of Christ displays all the difficulty of the issues, but it is also the face that both offers and receives hospitality in Christian friendship.

The face of Christ in mission and education

Once back on campus, students were greeted by another face, that of the Congregation of Holy Cross founder. Blessed Basil Moreau's dedication to education and mission has become famous, particularly during 2007, the year of his beatification. His fervor for both education and mission have born great fruits, including the religious communities and educational institutions Holy Cross has helped establish over the years. Holy Cross vocations are flourishing both in the U.S. and in more recent missionary locations such as Haiti,

Bangladesh and Brazil.

There is a similar expansion of Holy Cross parish ministry in areas of the U.S. with increasing immigrant populations. These parish communities, such as the parishes in Coachella, Phoenix and South Bend, benefit from a collaborative style of ministry that makes room for the communities to celebrate their native cultures and contribute the gifts of the resident individuals. Here again the face of Christ can be seen in many different ways, sometimes singing and dancing at Mass, sometimes working long days to support a large family, but always inviting direct encounter, transformation and a movement toward a more just society.

Holy Cross schools such as University of Notre Dame are similarly enjoying expansion and academic success, including student research and postgraduate service. It is founded on the conviction that Christian education should foster the whole person: heart, mind and body. The face of Christ is seen in the whole person, flourishing in a community of individuals gathered around the Eucharist but always moving out in loving service. The students who participate in the Holy Cross experiential learning and immersion trips see firsthand how beautiful and universal the complex face of the risen Christ truly is in mission and vocations, in parish life and in their very own studies.

Mary Tracy is a third-year master of divinity student and assistant instructor at the University of Notre Dame. She helps plan the experiential learning seminars.

Blessed Martyrs of England and Wales

1535-1680
feast - May 4

This feast honors 285 Catholics martyred in England and Wales over a 145-year period. They were men and women, priests and laity, rich and poor. Most were charged with treason for denying the monarch was head of the church, for reconciling with the Catholic Church, for being a Catholic priest entering or remaining in the realm, and for harboring or assisting such priests. Pope John Paul II beatified 85 of them in 1987; earlier popes had beatified the rest. Another Forty Martyrs of England and Wales were canonized in 1970; their feast is Oct. 25.



Young man dedicates years to walk the world for Christian unity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the church officially dedicates a week every year to pray for Christian unity, one young man has dedicated two years to try to heal divisions by walking across the world.

Samuel Clear, 29, said when he asked friends and family whether he should circle the planet promoting prayer for unity one of them replied the idea was “too stupid to be anything but from the Lord.”

After he began his journey on foot 492 days ago from Cabo Branco in Brazil, Clear reached Rome and spent time April 21 speaking with Vatican officials from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity about his mission.

Clear told Catholic News Service he was inspired to walk the world not as a pilgrim but as a missionary inviting people to pray for Christian unity. He also asked people he met to join his “walk4one” initiative in which Christians set their clock, watch and cell phone alarms for 4:01 as a reminder to pray daily.

Born on the Australian island of Tasmania, Clear had been working

for the Catholic youth ministry, Youth Mission Team Australia, before he set out on his journey.

He said he “caught a glimpse of Christ’s pain over the broken church” after reading about people who had been alienated from friends and family after they had become Catholic.

He said seeing the animosity and divisions among Christians “ate at me like seeing a car wreck” — it was like watching a tragedy unfold while wanting to do something to help.

His background as a mechanical engineer inspired him to get to work. “I like to see problems and solve them,” he said.

After lots of prayer, planning and the support of Auxiliary Bishop Christopher Prowse of Melbourne, his archdiocese, and its former auxiliary bishop, now-Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Canberra-Goulburn, Clear decided to put his plan into action.

He saved his earnings, sold all his possessions and flew off Dec. 12, 2006, from Sydney to Brazil, hoping the \$12,000 in his bank account would last.

“It ran out when I was in

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Belarus,” he said, more than 400 days later in early February 2008.

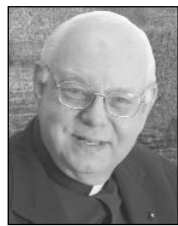
But just when his funds dried up, an unexpected tax refund, payment for a published article he had written and \$3,000 worth of birthday money were deposited into his account. It turned out to be just enough to hold him over for the rest of his trip.

Clear’s westward trek across the continents started in southern Brazil and headed north to Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico.

He had to fly across the 100-mile Darien Gap separating

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Apostles proceed with Jesus’ mission



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Ascension Mt 28:16-20

Many dioceses in the United States this weekend liturgically celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Other dioceses observe this weekend as the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

These reflections will refer to the biblical readings for the feast of the Ascension.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, is from the beginning of Acts. As with the Gospel of Luke, the author addresses Theophilus, whose identity is unclear. Was Theophilus his actual name? Perhaps it was. Perhaps it was not. Theophilus also is a title, meaning “friend of God.”

In any case, this initial form of address recalls that Luke’s Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are inseparably linked. Acts simply continues the story first given in the Gospel. (At some point, editors divided these books and place the Gospel of John between them. This arrangement remains today in biblical translations.)

This is important. It shows that in the mind of the holy author the process of salvation did not end with the Lord’s ascension into heaven. After the Lord went to heaven, salvation continued as the apostles proceeded with the mis-

sion made perfect by Jesus, ordained long ago by God.

A lesson to be learned is how important the apostles were. It is a lesson not presented subtly. As Acts continues, the text clearly reveals that the first Christians greatly revered the 11 surviving apostles, that Peter led these apostles and spoke for them, that they performed miracles just as Jesus had performed miracles, and that they exercised the very power of Jesus in calling Matthias to be an apostle.

Still, despite all these assertions as to their dignity, they are only humans. They need the inspiration of God.

As its second reading, the Church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

This reading is a prayer that all Christians might find true wisdom. However, true wisdom reposes only in the Lord. Earthly wisdom can be faulty, and often it is faulty.

For the last reading, the church gives us a lesson from St. Matthew’s Gospel. Again, the status of the apostles is the point. They are with Jesus. They have seen, and heard, the risen Lord. In this sense, they have experienced the Resurrection.

Jesus tells them to go into the world. They should exclude no one. They should bring all humankind into God’s family by baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In this last instruction from Jesus is a clear and direct revelation of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection

The church, having proclaimed the Resurrection, now calls us to look at ourselves and our times. Christ still is with it, it declares

emphatically. As the bond between Luke and Acts tells us, salvation, perfected in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, still is on earth. Jesus is with us, even after the Ascension.

He is with us now in the church, because the church stands on the foundation laid long ago by the apostles. From them it has received the message of Jesus. From them it has received the commission to reach to everyone with the blessings of salvation. From them, it has received the power to forgive sin and to bestow the new life of grace. From them, it received the sacraments, now offered to us.

The church brings us to Jesus, and it brings Jesus to us.

However, we are not dragged kicking and screaming to Jesus. We must turn to Jesus willingly. We humbly must realize our need for Jesus. As Ephesians tells us, only Jesus is the source of truth. He did not just live twenty centuries. He still lives. He still gives life, blessing us, forgiving us and taking us home to heaven.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5acd, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36a, 35bc-36b Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

This quiz focuses on the recent visit by Pope Benedict XVI to the U.S.

- Pope Benedict’s visit to the U.S. was a visit by a head of state — but which state?**
 - Bavaria, where he was born
 - the Vatican, as it is an independent country
 - the Catholic Church
- How long was Pope Benedict’s visit?**
 - six days
 - 10 days
 - 12 days
- Seeing U.S. guards in the White House was not the first time Benedict had seen G.I.s. What was that first, less auspicious occasion?**
 - at the end of WWII when he was, briefly, a POW
 - when served as a NATO chaplain in Vietnam
 - when his aunt married an American GI stationed in Bavaria
- The pope met this other head of state here:**
 - President George Bush
 - Prime Minister Wesley of Canada
 - The Shah (in exile) of Iran
- The pope celebrated Mass in this building, dear to the Irish Catholic community:**
 - Grady’s Guinness and Potato Emporium
 - St. Patrick’s Cathedral
 - The New York Police Academy
- This was a first for that building. Why?**
 - It was the first visit by a pope there.
 - It was the first time Benedict XVI had been outside the Vatican.
 - It was the first time a pope had said Mass there.
- The pope said Mass for 60,000 in this Bronx sporting venue:**
 - Candlestick Park
 - Yankee Stadium
 - Wrigley Field
- It is likely the last Mass there because**
 - secularism trumps faith
 - the stadium is likely to be demolished soon
 - it was ruled unconstitutional by the NY State Courts
- The pope met 350 of these at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception:**
 - bishops
 - calliope players
 - masons
- He referred to the “Mother Diocese.” Which diocese was he referring to?**
 - Virginia, named for the Mother of God
 - Baltimore, the first U.S. diocese
 - Maryland, first state to be named a diocese
- The pope visited one of these, becoming the first pope to visit an American one:**
 - church
 - a chipmunk sanctuary
 - synagogue
- There he gave this rather appropriate greeting:**
 - Have a nice day
 - Shalom
 - What’s cooking fryers?
- The pope greeted 26,000 of these at a special rally:**
 - young people
 - hermits
 - citizens of the Vatican living undercover in the New York area
- The pope told them about his youth in this land:**
 - Austria
 - Fascist Italy
 - Nazi Germany
- The pope also visited and prayed at this tragic scene:**
 - Ground Zero, center of the 9/11 attacks
 - Ellis Island, scene of much misery
 - The Battery Park, a shocking venue
- What did the pope also celebrate while he was here?**
 - his 50th year as a priest
 - his 50th year as pontiff
 - his 81st birthday

ANSWERS:

1.b, 2.a, 3.a, 4.a, 5.b, 6.c, 7.b, 8.b, 9.a, 10.b, 11.c, 12.b, 13.a, 14.c, 15.a, 16.c

A religious, rather than political party

Who were the Sadducees in the time of Jesus?

Scholars are not sure of the origin of the term "Sadducees."

One opinion is that a Sadducee is a Zadokite, a descendant of Zadok, who was appointed a priest by King David and oversaw the ark of the covenant. David commissioned Zadok to anoint his son Solomon as king, and Zadok became the chief priest. In the restored temple, the Zadokites were the priests who had charge of the altar.

Another opinion notices that "Zadok" is in the name Melchizedek, a king and a priest who offered bread and wine in the time of Abraham. Yet another opinion says "Sadducees" comes from the Hebrew word "saddik" meaning righteous ones.

Father John McKenzie says the Sadducees were the priestly aristocracy and their dependents and supporters. They are a religious rather than a political party.

The origin of the Sadducees probably lies in the position of the high priest during the Persian administration (559-330 B.C.). The high priest was the most important person in the Jewish community in Israel after the Babylonian exile. The high priest was the head of the cult, the president of the

Sanhedrin, or supreme council of the Jews, and the chief representative of the people to the ruling officers of the foreign powers who ruled Israel.

The priestly families enjoyed prestige and political influence as representatives of the people.

Under the Hasmonean dynasty (135-36 B.C.), the Sadducees were the ruling party. John Hyrcanus I (135-104 B.C.) threw his support to the Sadducees because he felt the Pharisees lied about his mother. Hyrcanus' son Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 B.C.) had studied under Greek tutors in Rome and liked the Greek ideas of the intellectual Sadducees.

W. White says the Sadducees adopted the beliefs of the Greek philosopher Epicurus (342-270 B.C.) who taught that the highest good is happiness. W. Smith says this happiness was not sensual enjoyment, but peace of mind that comes from cultivating virtue. Practicing virtue leads to happiness. Later on the followers of Epicurus gave into sensual enjoyment, as in the phrase "eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." This is called Epicureanism. So the Sadducees, who enjoyed a privileged position in both church and state, were very material in their pleasures.

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Epicurus said the soul dies with the body. So the Sadducees did not believe in any after-life, except among the shades of Sheol, and thus they set out to enjoy this life. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead nor any rewards or punishments in any future existence. The Sadducees also rejected a belief in angels and demons.

At the time of Jesus, Annas the Sadducee had so exerted his influence that six high priests in succession had been members of his own family. Caiaphas, the seventh, was his own son-in-law and was the architect of Jesus' crucifixion. It is probable that the Sadducees in the Sanhedrin secured Jesus' condemnation.

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

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for May 4, 2008

John 17:1-11a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: the Lord's prayer on the night before the Passion. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HEAVEN	FATHER	HOOR
YOUR SON	GLORIFY	AUTHORITY
ALL PEOPLE	ETERNAL	TO ALL
TRUE GOD	JESUS	CHRIST
ON EARTH	WORLD	GAVE ME
KEPT	EVERYTHING	GIVEN
I CAME	MINE	COMING

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Lost

My son, 20, who will be traveling to Rome in a short month, lost his passport. Apparently he delayed telling me for days, surely hoping he would find it. It probably did not help his stress that when he called to report this my response was emphatic and frantic, "Oh my gosh, No! Do you realize you're supposed to be leaving in a month? I don't know if you can replace it in time! Did you look everywhere?"

Can you see how this stressed him out further? I do regret being so frazzled.

Then my son asked me if I could find out for him how to replace the passport. So I dropped what I was doing, found the number to call, and after about a half hour of talking with a passport person and discussing how to accomplish this quickly, I had an answer. I called my son back with the information, which included the fact that he was going to have to come up with \$200 to replace it on account of rush services.

After an exasperated discussion between us — I was irritated with him; he was irritated with me for my irritation — I hung up the phone and felt inspired to go pray for him and this.

Just the day before, my good friend had given me a small Infant of Prague statue with a nine-hour novena on it for us to say for the sale of our home, which has been on the market a year.

So I went in my bedroom and started the novena. I prayed for the sale of our home, the emotional, physical and spiritual safety and well-being of my children and husband and me — this is my constant prayer — and some other intentions.

Then I tacked on, "And please



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Theresa A. Thomas

help us find this passport. Please show David where this passport is! You know right where it is — show us."

As I was finishing the last part of the prayer I felt inspired to tell my son to look next to his bed or on the left hand side of his bed on the bookshelf there. Now mind you, I have been in his college apartment about three times. I have no idea where he keeps things on a daily basis ... where he might toss his work and where he specifically studies in there. And it is a big apartment. However, I called him back anyway, and told him I started a nine-hour novena with finding the passport as one intention. And I told him to go to his room and look where I just said.

"Mom, do you think I haven't already looked there? I've looked there. I've looked everywhere! I retraced my steps to the class where I was supposed to bring it. I have the professors looking for it in the room where we were. It's not there. It's lost!"

I said, "David, I'm telling you, I was praying, and the idea to look there came to me. I think you need to look next to your bed, on that shelf. Go look, please."

So ... we hung up. Less than five minutes later, the phone rang. It was him.

"I found it."

"What?!"

"I found it." He sounded quiet, almost confused.

I whooped in amazement.

"You're kidding! You're kidding! Oh my gosh! Where was it?" He didn't seem to hear me.

"I don't know how it could be there," he continued. "I already looked there. It wasn't there. Now it's there."

"It was by your bed? It was on the shelf?"

"It was in a bunch of papers on the shelf. I already had looked there." Can you believe it? God showed him exactly where it was.

I told him he needed to stop right there, as soon as we got off the phone, and say a "Hail Mary" in thanksgiving.

"Okay mom. I love you."

And we hung up.

This little consolation and demonstration of God's care and provision reinforced my faith that he will care for us in all our needs, big and small. God had tapped me on the shoulder to reassure, "Yes, I'm here and I care." It was a small thing but so significant to me. I know we are going to sell this house soon. And I know the kids are going to turn out fine. If we stay steadfast and "pray unceasingly," they will surely make it to heaven. With God everything will be all right. I just know it.

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LETTER

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Colombia and Panama since the roadless jungle and roaming drug traffickers make the route extremely dangerous.

Walking 18 to 31 miles a day and resting every 10th day, Clear did not always make it to towns where he could replenish supplies which meant his skinny 6-foot-5-inch frame had to skip plenty of meals.

Once in Venezuela, he ran out of water and food and ran into a puma.

"We had a standoff," he said, but after slowly backing away, Clear said the puma eventually went away hungry, too.

From Mexico, he crossed the border into the United States and tromped through Texas, a thin strip of Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, and then hit Alberta, Canada, where he walked to Edmonton in the dead of winter and took a flight to Vladivostok, on the southeastern tip of Russia, in January.

He took a seven-day train ride across 2,800 miles of frozen terrain to Moscow. Then he was back on foot from Moscow to Belarus, Poland, Slovakia, Austria and Italy.

After reaching Rome and the Vatican, Clear was off to France, and then Spain, where he planned to reach the westernmost tip at Cabo de Corrubedo.

He was set to fly out of Madrid

July 10, just in time to reach Sydney for World Youth Day where he was scheduled to be a featured speaker at a number of the July 15-20 events.

When his journey is over, Clear will have covered more than 18,000 miles — more than 11,000 of which he will have walked. At World Youth Day he will undoubtedly be the one who spent the most time and took the longest route to get there.

Along his journey, Clear said reactions to his invitation to pray for unity among Christians "were varied." Some would just look away, he said, while one Orthodox Russian priest "gave me a big hug" and his son invited Clear to stay at their home.

Clear said he never asked anyone he encountered for accommodation because "it detracts from my request to pray for unity." Instead, he accepts the good will and hospitality people offer, he said.

He said his journey has given him "trust in God in all things. Even if I don't see it or never do see it, there is a reason" for the things that happen.

The experience also has stoked in him "a greater desire to see Christians united," especially after seeing so much fear in the world and a lack of love — which he called the greatest poverty in the world.

While his walk will wrap up this summer, Clear said his mission to promote Christian unity would continue.

Sports

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE LACROSSE TEAM RANKED NO. 1 IN MIAA The Holy Cross College lacrosse team is currently riding a 3 and 1 season with victories against Calvin College, University of Northwood and Albion College. The team's single loss came at the hands of Purdue University, Lafayette, by two points. Holy Cross is ranked first in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). On April 26, the Saints hosted a lacrosse tournament with participating teams including Northwood University, Hope College, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Calvin College and the home team.

New Haven, St. Charles teams sweep CYO track action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track action last week, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, dominated both the boys and girls meets at Bishop Luers outscoring St. Joseph, Queen of Angels-Most Precious Blood and St. Therese-St. Aloysius.

In the girls' competition, the Raiders won 10 events, which was just enough to slip past the Lady Eagles of St. Jude, 73.33-70.66.

At Bishop Dwenger, St.

Charles swept the boys and girls competition topping St. Jude, St. Vincent and St. John Fort Wayne-Benoit-St. Joseph Hessen Cassel.

Colin Stuerzenberger of St. Louis Besancon Parish, who is attending St. Joseph School this year and running for the Raiders again this season, was the single athlete taking home four blue ribbons for the week. The eighth grader finished first place in the long jump, 800-meter run, 1,600-meter run and ran a leg on the winning 4x100 relay team.

Other blue ribbon recipients were Whisler, Krouse, Berghoff, Lorenger, Vian, McDermitt,

Leeuw, Beier, Kinley, McTague, Niese, McCann, Ware, Trevino, Hilger, Current, Hill, Smethers, Leja, A. Fendel, Casterline, K. Fendel, German, Gonzales, Tippmann, Barton, Jauch, Eckrich, York, Sordelet, Schrader, Rosswurm, Tippmann, Messman, Hoffer, Johnson, Leffers, Dorman, Painter, Heddins, Bowers, Baumgartner and Marquelling.

CYO softball, track and soccer coaches are encouraged to e-mail spring scores to mmcastleman@aol.com.

High school rugby gains popularity across the nation, diocese at Marian, Dwenger

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — About one-third of the 200-plus high school rugby teams in the United States are from Catholic high schools. According to Coach Joe DiFilippo, the Bishop Dwenger rugby coach, five of those teams are right here in Indiana. And on Saturday, April 19, two of them matched up at McMillen Park in Fort Wayne. In a very physical game that saw several lead changes, Marian High School defeated Bishop Dwenger, 23-17, after leading by just a point, 15-14, at the half.

With the league game win, Marian is now in a favorable

position for the Midwest tournament, which is slated for Elkhart over the weekend of May 10-11. The Marian squad lists 30 on their roster and Bishop Dwenger 72.

Rugby is a club sport sanctioned by the Indiana Rugby Football Union. Schools compete at the two levels of play offered by the union. The season typically begins in mid-March and continues through Memorial Day.

Rugby continues to increase in popularity and is now one of the most popular club sports on American college campuses and is played in every nation on earth.

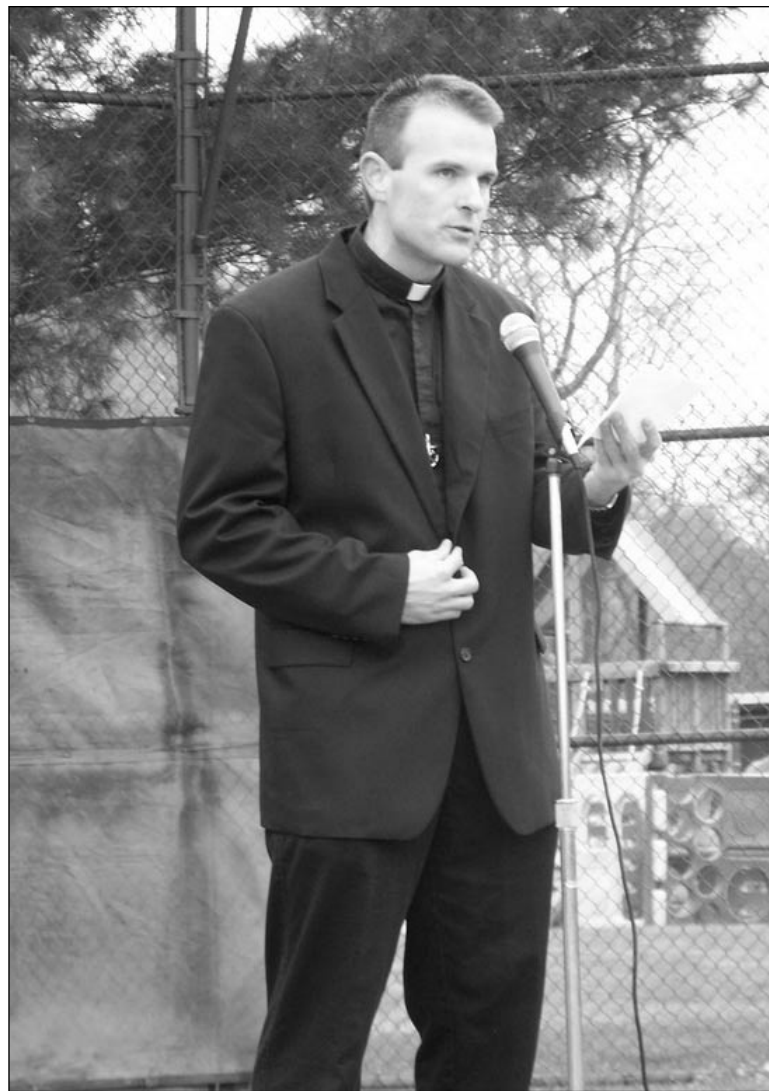
On their Web site, the Bishop Dwenger coaching staff of DiFilippo and John Porter,

describe rugby as a "simple sport, which requires aerobic fitness and provides an outlet for youthful energy and athletic expression. Rugby is considered the ultimate 'team' game, with camaraderie at its centerpiece."

Through rugby, athletes can expect to fine tune skills important for other sports such as football, wrestling, soccer and basketball.

The Bishop Dwenger club, formed in 2002, claims one state title and one runner-up. The coaches stress that in the sport of rugby, all grade levels will see playing time. Freshman, sophomore, junior and seniors, everyone can be a ball carrier and all players will have a lot of fun.

FATHER LACROIX LAUNCHES CHET WAGGONER LITTLE LEAGUE



DIANE FREEBY

Newly ordained Holy Cross Father Steve LaCroix of Christ the King Parish in South Bend hit the ground running. He braved the cold weather for opening day ceremonies last Saturday, April 26, at Chet Waggoner Little League, offering the invocation to officially start the season.

Pope ordains new priests, tells them to spread Gospel joy

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI ordained 29 new priests, including an Iraqi, and told them their mission was to spread Gospel joy.

"To be collaborators in the joy of others in a world that often is sad and negative, the fire of the Gospel must burn within you, the joy of the Lord must dwell within you," the pope said April 27 at the ordination Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

Twenty-eight of the new priests were ordained for the Diocese of Rome; the group consisted of 22 Italians and men from France, Haiti, Paraguay, Colombia, Chile and India.

The 29th ordinand was Father Jarjis Robert Sayd, 34, a Baghdad native who will serve the church in Iraq.

Reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer after Mass with visitors in St. Peter's Square, the pope said that where Christ is preached

with the strength of the Holy Spirit and welcomed with open hearts "society, even if it is full of many problems, becomes a 'city of joy.'"

He said the joy and hope that flows from the Gospel is the message he carried with him to the United States April 15-20.

"I thank God because he richly blessed this unique missionary experience of mine, and he allowed me to be an instrument of Christ's hope for that church and that country," he said.

"At the same time, I give thanks because I myself was confirmed in hope by American Catholics; in fact, I found a great vitality and a decisive will to live and witness to faith in Jesus," the pope said.

During the ordination Mass, Pope Benedict asked the new priests to "accept with faith and with love" the prayer of the church and the action of the Holy Spirit making them special participants in the priesthood of Christ.

The pope asked them to let faith and

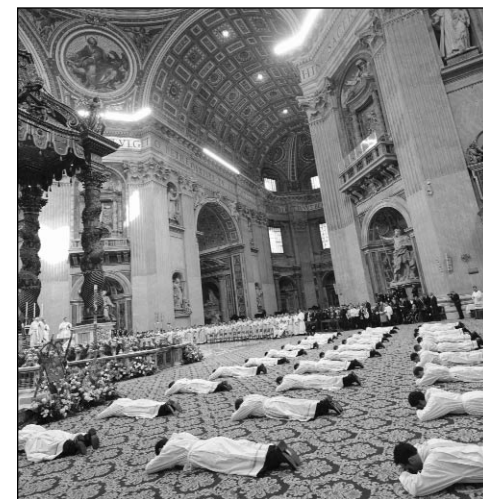
love "impress themselves on your hearts; let them accompany you along the journey of your entire existence."

"Remain faithful to the love of Christ and you will notice with an ever-new joy how his divine word will journey with you and grow in you," the pope told them.

Pope Benedict said they must cultivate "a personal relationship of love" with Christ, giving him the first and greatest place in their lives and allowing that love "to purify, enlighten and sanctify" all their other relationships.

He told them their task was to bring hope and forgiveness to their parishioners, to increase holiness in the church, to help nonbelievers open themselves to God, and to bring peace and comfort to those who are suffering.

"Dear friends, this is your mission: to bring the Gospel to all so that all will experience the joy of Christ and so that there will be joy in every city," he said.



CNS PHOTO/TONY GENTILE, VATICAN

New priests lie prostrate in front of Pope Benedict XVI as he celebrates an ordination Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 27. The pope ordained 29 new priests during the Mass.

'Vatican' board game helps understand how a pope is elected

BY DENIS GRASSKA

SAN DIEGO (CNS) — The creator and the publisher of a board game called "Vatican: Unlock the Secrets of How Men Become Pope" said they hope players have fun with it but learn something along the way about how a pope gets elected.

Stephen Haliczzer, the game's creator, is a research professor at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. The history of the Catholic Church is one of his areas of interest.

The game, available on the Web at www.vaticanboardgame.com, was published by the College of DuPage Press in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

"Vatican" is for two to six players, who assume the roles of prominent, fictional cardinals viewed as possible papal contenders. To win, a cardinal must earn the support of at least two-thirds of the 150 cardinals voting in the simulated papal conclave.

According to the instruction booklet, "Vatican" is a simulation of processes and events that are in reality far more complex and nuanced than in the game." Though "designed for enjoyment," the simulations are "distillations from the recent history of papal elections," which Haliczzer and the publisher hope will also provide players with "some solid knowledge along the way."

There are three phases in the game. The first phase makes use of a game board, while the second and third phases are played exclusively with the game's card decks.

During the first phase, "Life and Career," players establish some of

their characters' key biographical details, as well as their credentials for the papacy.

In the second phase, "Electoral Run-Up," players have an opportunity to grow in prominence as they stand up to scrutiny from the press and their fellow cardinals during the nine days between the death of the pope and the beginning of the papal conclave.

The objective of the first two phases is to acquire "influence points," which are converted at the end of each phase into cardinal votes.

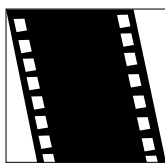
The third and final phase is set during the conclave itself, when players must earn the remaining votes needed to emerge from the conclave as the next pontiff.

The game is clearly intended to be an entertaining, educational and interactive experience of the process by which the Catholic Church elects its popes. But potential players should be warned that some of the cards present scenarios that might strike some players as morbid, unduly tongue-in-cheek or uncomfortably realistic.

One scenario even has the pope dying after an accident in which "the popemobile rolls over after hitting a truck carrying bananas," and several of the "career events" cards, which add to or subtract from a player's influence points, directly reference how the player's character handled clerical sex abuse cases within his archdiocese.

To order a copy of "Vatican: Unlock the Secrets of How Men Become Pope," visit: www.vaticanboardgame.com, or call: (800) 290-4474.

Spring movies offer up some plums



MOVIE CAPSULES

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

"Baby Mama" (Universal/Relativity)

Frequently funny but morally problematic romantic comedy about a hard-driving grocery chain executive (Tina Fey) who, incapable of bearing a child, hires an unpolished woman (Amy Poehler) to be a surrogate mother, subsequently becoming her roommate when the latter splits from her deadbeat common-law husband (Dax Shepard) while herself becoming attached to an ex-lawyer turned juice-bar owner (Greg Kinnear). Writer-director Michael McCullers' partially improvised feature debut, with a cast that also includes Sigourney Weaver and Steve Martin, abounds in comic energy but implicitly accepts current mores regarding fertility that are contrary to Catholic values. Acceptability of surrogate parenting and artificial insemination, implied premarital sex, some crude and crass language, sexual and scatological humor, and a drug reference. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

"Constantine's Sword" (First Run)

Earnest but unbalanced documentary, adapted from ex-priest James Carroll's "Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews — A History," surveys the fraught history of Christian anti-Semitism, particularly as it plays out among American evangelicals today, and its roots dating back to the early days of the Roman Catholic Church, incorporating seminal episodes from his life story, including his sometimes conflicted relationship with his father, and his ultimate disillusionment with the institutional church. Director Oren Jacoby's film ignores some significant nuances in the historical record, as it broadly outlines the tragic conflict. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is L — limited adult audience.

"Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed" (Premise/Rampant)

Provocative documentary intended to show that academics and research scientists are penalized for merely suggesting that there might be flaws in the prevailing theory of Neo-Darwinian evolution and that purported scientific evidence for the alternate theory of intelligent design is being systematically ignored. Director Nathan Frankowski's unabashedly partisan film — using old movie clips to humorously underscore the film's themes of suppression and duplicity, and with at least some of the interviewees seemingly caught off guard by the line of questioning — is impishly hosted and co-written by Ben Stein. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

"A Plumm Summer" (Home Team/Fairplay)

Gentle and winning fact-based coming-of-age tale, set in 1968, in which a 13-year-old aspiring detective (Chris J. Kelly) and his girlfriend (Morgan Flynn) search their small Montana hometown for the TV puppet with whom his kid brother (Owen Pearce) is obsessed and who has made the show's host (Henry Winkler) a local star, while he also supports his mother's (Lisa Guerrero) struggles with his father's (William Baldwin) alcoholism. Director Caroline Zelder's nostalgic first feature, narrated by Jeff Daniels, gleams with innocence and affection, and takes full advantage of its magnificent rural setting. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden?" (Weinstein)

Genial but not particularly insightful documentary in which average citizen Morgan Spurlock's ostensible search for the titular terrorist takes him to North Africa and the Middle East, where he mingles with the mostly friendly locals and ponders the origins of Islamic extremism. Spurlock, who also directed, rehearses the familiar shortcomings of American policy in the area, and makes a vague plea for a more humane world, but suggests no specific reforms. Two gory scenes, three uses of the f-word, and occasional crude and crass language. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

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DEVOTIONS

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Glenn Kohrman will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, May 6, at 7:15 p.m. Father Glenn is pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Culver. Join in praying for priests and for vocations.

Rosary Bowl

South Bend — St. Jude's Altar and Rosary Sodality will sponsor a rosary bowl on Saturday, May 17, at the gazebo (across from the office/rectory,) 19704 Johnson Rd., at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will follow. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets.

FUNDRAISERS

Fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner

Huntington — St. Mary Parish will have a fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner, Friday, May 2, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., in the parish gym at 903 N. Jefferson St. Adults \$8, children 6-12 years \$5, children 5 and under are free. Bake sale and carry-out available.

Spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Boy Scouts will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, May 17, from 5-7 p.m. in the activities center, 1600 W. State Blvd. Adults \$7, grades K-8 \$4, families \$25. Dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, drinks and dessert. 50/50 raffle plus other prizes.

BBQ chicken sale supports community healthcare

Grabill — Christian Community Healthcare Clinic will be selling BBQ chicken for \$5 a half on Saturday, May 3, in downtown Leo from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to offset operating expenses.

Good old-fashioned paper drive

Fort Wayne — The Social Justice

Club of Bishop Dwenger High School will have a paper drive Friday, May 9, from 7-8 a.m. and 3-4 p.m., and Saturday, May 10, from 8-11 a.m. in the southern most lot near the main entrance. All types of paper and cardboard will be accepted, including old paperback books and phone books. Profit received from the recycled paper will be given to Catholic Charities. For information, contact Melissa Wheeler, mwheeler@bishopdwenger.com.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Christ Child garage sale time

Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a garage sale Friday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to noon at Queen of Angels activity center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Proceeds assist needy children in the area.

Spaghetti dinner helps seminarians

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council #5570 will have a spaghetti dinner to benefit diocesan seminarians on Thursday, May 8, from 4-6 p.m. Adults \$7, children ages 5 to 12 \$2.50. The council is located at 5202 Linden Ave., one block east of Mayflower Road.

Family pasta dinner

South Bend — St. Matthew Cathedral School Athletic Association along with Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen will host a family pasta night Friday, May 2, from 5-7 p.m. in the school gym, 1015 E. Dayton St. Adults \$7 at the door (\$6.50 in advance), seniors \$6 at the door (\$5.50 in

advance), students \$4 at the door (\$3.50 in advance). Carry-outs available for \$7. Children 3 and under are free. Tickets are available at the school or at the door.

Silent card party and meeting

South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572 will have a silent card party at their May 5 meeting at 2 p.m. at the Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd. Helen Deppe, state regent, will attend.

Performing arts at Dwenger supported

Fort Wayne — There will be a Nelson's Chicken BBQ at the outside concessions stand off the main parking lot of Bishop Dwenger High School Sunday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$5 for a half chicken.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Women's health assistance

Fort Wayne — Creighton Model Services (CrMS) is a holistic women's health care approach assisting women with PMS, irregular cycles, post-partum depression and couples with infertility, along with avoiding pregnancy. Register for the introductory session held on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. by calling Theresa Schortgen at (260) 494-6444 or e-mail chartdaily365@verizon.net.

St. Patrick's 150th anniversary Mass celebration

South Bend — St. Patrick Parish will celebrate a 150 year anniversary with a Mass Sunday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. Former students, teachers, pastors, nuns, those baptised and married are invited to attend. The celebrant will be Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

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C. Joseph Sequin, 84, Sacred Heart Basilica

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Leonard Gilley, 87, St. Michael

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many of our neighbors — those with no faith, those who can not entrust themselves to the Lord — to be like orphans,” Bishop Olmsted said, inviting those to be ordained to bring Christ to such people through their ministry.

At this point, each candidate promised obedience to his bishop, with those from Phoenix, Robert Bolding, Thielo Ramirez and William Schmid, promising Bishop Olmsted directly, while the three from Fort Wayne-South Bend promised Bishop Olmsted that they would respect and obey their ordinary, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, and his successors.

The six then prostrated themselves before the altar while the congregation and choir prayed the litany of the saints. The laying on of hands and prayer of consecration followed, after which the new deacons were vested, presented with the Gospels and greeted by their fellow priests and deacons, whom they joined at the altar for the liturgy of the Eucharist.

“There's a real power,” Deacon Jacob Runyon said of the rite, which brought him up from the pews at the beginning of Mass to behind the altar. “I could tell the difference, just by where you sit in the church. So there's something

to the liturgy that says more than words can say.”

One of the numerous priests concelebrating Mass was Father Larry Tippmann, which brought an extra family dimension to the occasion.

“He's my grandpa's brother,” Deacon Runyon explained. “He's actually the last vocation of our family, so there's a little gap between me and him. Maybe there will be more Tippmann vocations in the future.”

For Deacon Gabriel Hernandez, the day followed seminary studies that began in 1999.

“After those nine years, it's a beautiful gift from God,” Deacon Hernandez said. “I can't explain the joy that we're having right now.” He expressed his thanks to the entire diocese for its love and support of him, his fellow deacons and their families.

Deacon Fernando Jimenez Mandujano also described the day as a gift from God.

“It's just so wonderful that he called me,” he said. On how his ministry might be a gift to the Spanish-speaking Catholics of the diocese, Deacon Jimenez Mandujano, who began his journey to the priesthood in Mexico, added, “I always wanted to be a missionary, and it's like the Lord fulfilled my wishes and said, ‘I will send you where I want you, to be a missionary over there.’”

The ordination of these three to the diaconate gives the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend a total of

five transitional deacons, a recent high, which will remain until the anticipated ordinations of Deacons Drew Curry and Kevin Bauman later this year.

Father Bernie Galic, diocesan director of vocations, who concelebrated the ordination Mass, says that while the high number is due in part to the fact that men are now ordained to the diaconate earlier, the day's ordinations were still part of a hopeful sign.

“The interest in the seminary is mushrooming,” Father Galic said after the Mass. “I've had 21 interviews with young men since January.” Along with these men who have expressed interest in the seminary, Father Galic says five are in the application process this year, and three intend to enter the process next year. “So things are looking bright for our diocese,” he added.

The Runyon family stands before a lilac bush before the ordination at Pontifical College Josephinum.

Contributing to this story was Michelle Castleman.



DON CLEMMER

Deacons Fernando Jimenez Mandujano, Jacob Runyon and Gabriel Hernandez stand in the St. Turibius Chapel at Pontifical College Josephinum following their April 27 ordination. Their anticipated ordination to the priesthood will be in 2009.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Today's Catholic

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:

Matthew Kelly's "Building Better Families: A practical guide to raising amazing children"

From parish missions and talks, Matthew Kelly has become widely known throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as the Australian who talks about being the “best version of yourself” — basically finding your journey to holiness. In the past, Kelly has written his spiritually motivating materials for individuals, even married couples. Now he tackles families in “Building Better Families: A Practical Guide to Raising Amazing Children.”

One may ask how an unmarried man can write about families. Kelly approaches the subject as a coach, an observer from the sidelines, who has counseled mothers and fathers, husbands and wives. They have also shared their stories and triumphs.

The book can easily be summarized with this quote from the book: “We need to get serious about helping our children pursue a vision for their lives, rather than allowing them to be abused and consumed by the culture.”

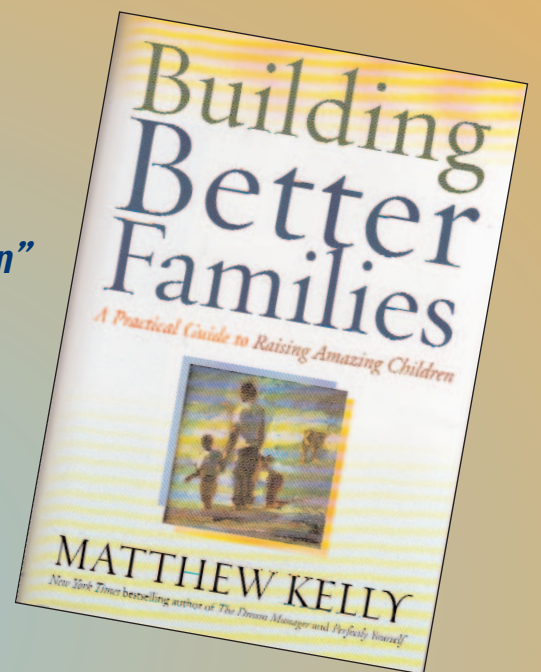
The book begins with the changing face of the family. Families are no longer just biological and married mother, fathers and their children. Families come in different packages. And to raise a family in a culture that is tainted with consumerism is a challenge today for those of us who want to raise our children to be the-best-version-of-themselves.

Kelly talks of his only family in Australia. He challenges parents to have vision, make decisions, lead by example, be trustworthy, be a storyteller, collaborate with others, be persuasive, and persevere — to possess the traits of great leaders. He talks about what children really need.

Kelly encourages families to foster a spirit of service, to pray together as a family.

The book has many good suggestions. In my own life, I find myself asking my young daughter, “Are you being the best version of yourself?” To my surprise, my 5-year-old daughter actually gets this. The book has many other good offerings that challenged my own parenting skills and made me realize the influence the culture has on my own family.

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Questions for discussion

1. What did you think of the comment that Kelly made about advertising and consumption driving our American culture?
2. What is your grand vision for your family? How does the culture nurture or hinder that vision? How does the church, your faith, play a role in that vision?
3. Do you indulge in the culture of consumption? What effects do you think this has or does not have on your family?
4. Kelly describes intimacy as “you and me revealing

ourselves to each other.” How do you do reveal yourself to your children? How do you “ask (your children) the right questions” as Kelly explains in his book?

5. What are your dreams for your children? What are your children's dreams? How do you nurture these?

6. Have you ever considered the following analysis after watching a television program: “I am definitely a better-version-of-myself for having watched that show?” How do you think our lives would change if we made this analysis more often?

7. What can you do to foster a prayer life in your family? Service?

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