

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Eucharist unites, strengthens, pope says at Corpus Christi Mass



BRIAN EICHMAN

Father George Gabet leads the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Latin Mass community in a Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, May 25. The procession, held at Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne, provided an opportunity for public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — The Eucharist has the power to unite people, strengthen them and remind them that only God is worthy of worship, said Pope Benedict XVI at a Mass marking the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The May 22 Mass at Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran was followed by a traditional Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Rome to the Basilica of St. Mary Major for eucharistic adoration and Benediction.

The pope rode in a canopied flatbed truck to St. Mary's, kneeling in front of a monstrance with the Eucharist. Thousands of priests, seminarians, religious, altar servers, members of Catholic sodalities and the faithful accompanied the pope on foot.

In his homily at the Mass, the pope said the rites and rituals of the feast day explain what the feast is about: "First, we are gathered around the altar of the Lord to be together in his presence; second, there will be the procession, which is walking with the Lord"; and, finally, all the faithful will kneel before the Eucharist, honoring Jesus Christ who gave his life for the salvation of all.

Pope Benedict said the celebration of the Mass, gathering everyone around the same altar, is a reminder that all the faithful have been united into the body of Christ despite all their differences.

Unity is "the truth and the strength of the Christian revolution," he said. Around the Eucharist "people diverse on account of age, sex, social condition (and) political ideology" gather and become one, he said.

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Mosaic artistry to grace Catholic Cemetery

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Cemetery is the final resting place for hundreds of the area's Catholic faithful departed, both through burial and entombment. Its granite and bronze statuary and detailed art carvings lend sacredness to the quiet surroundings.

Tom Alter, superintendent of the cemetery for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, sees the importance of preserving the beauty of the Catholic artistry present within its boundaries and has taken steps to extend it as well.

This spring a newly-constructed garden crypt will be open to better serve the Catholic community and in keeping with the notion of aesthetic appreciation the façade has been designed with the first mosaic ever at the cemetery.

"I wanted to make the cemetery look more Catholic," says Alter, who believes that can be accomplished using the riches of

Catholic art and history. Following visits to several shrines around the country, Alter chose to dedicate future art forms to North American saints, with St. Isaac Jogues the first to be depicted in a mosaic.

Talented young Fort Wayne native Shad Igney was commissioned for the creative challenge following his artful restoration work on the stained glass of the cemetery's oldest mausoleum. "When it's a religious piece, when people hold it so dear, you attend to details more," says Igney, who claims a strong belief in Jesus and the Bible. "Catholic religious art is what inspired me to go into art."

Initially Igney researched the saint and studied Internet and other pictures in an attempt to compose a drawing of the French missionary. Taking aspects of several likenesses, Igney feels he created a suitable rendition, including period appropriate clothing, solemn facial expression and hand structure.

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GRADUATE READS AT MASS



DON CLEMMER

Hannah Oberhausen of St. Charles Borromeo School reads from Scripture at the Mass for eighth-grade graduates at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on May 21. Bishop John M. D'Arcy told the graduates that they should employ a life "game plan" recommended by Pope Benedict XVI, which includes prayer and silence, Mass, the Eucharist, works of charity and prayer for one's vocation.

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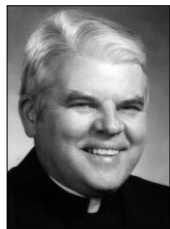
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Immigration: Gospel helps us to apply decisions of daily life



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' — Mt 25

As Catholics who receive the Eucharist every Sunday, we have no choice but to welcome the stranger, for the stranger is Christ among us.

The voices against this position are loud. They echo with a kind of demagoguery on our televisions every evening. They say things that are true, like that a country has a right to have sound borders, and that we cannot approve the breaking of the law. The person of faith accepts this, but also looks into the face of the immigrant and sees a brother and a sister.

One of the things Pope Benedict XVI shared with Catholics in this country when he met with the bishops in the beautiful crypt of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington, D.C., was the fact that the Sunday Eucharist must influence our decisions in the way we look at questions of the age. The predominant culture sometimes clouds our vision. How can it not? It is with us all the time. It is so dominant. That is why we go to the Eucharist on Sundays, and why we should do spiritual reading. It is why Pope Benedict XVI came — to encourage us and to confirm our faith and help us to see these issues more clearly. The immigrant is our brother and sister. So is the refugee. The conflict arises in the question of the immigrants because some of them are here illegally. So what is a believer in Christ to do?

First of all, the believer should look to the church, which presents to us the Gospel and helps us to apply it to the decisions of daily life.

For us, the ultimate principle is the dignity of every person. A person has the right to move. The church has always taught that a person has the right to move, and this right is rooted in the dignity of the human person. For example, if a man and woman cannot feed their family, they have a right and maybe an obligation to move.

Men and women even have the right to cross borders when they move. In the terrible aftermath of World War II, when refugees were streaming across Europe, Pope Pius XII linked this huge migration to the experience of the Holy Family who were exiles in Egypt and said that they always remained the archetype of the migrant.

He said that, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, are, for all times and all places, the models and protectors of every migrant, alien and refugee of whatever kind who, whether compelled by fear of persecution or by want, is forced to leave his native land, his beloved parents and relatives, his close friends, and to seek a foreign soil." ("Exsul Familia Nazarethana," apostolic exhorta-

tion, Pius XII, August 1952)

When I read this, of course, I think of my own dear parents who came across the great ocean seeking opportunity and political freedom in this great land.

This teaching is also rooted in the Book of Leviticus in the Old Testament.

"When an alien resides with you in your land, do not molest him. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you, have the same love for him as you yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt. I, the Lord, am your God." — Lv 19:33-34.

Whatever we hear in the demagoguery that comes from a certain pundit every night, we must look at the immigrant and see the face of Jesus Christ. Our attendance at the Sunday Eucharist requires this of us. The same Christ we meet in the Eucharist, we meet in the face of the immigrant and the refugee.

This is why we are involved in the work of welcoming the refugee and the immi- grant.

But what about the law?

In no way does the Catholic Church sup- port illegality. We are citizens of this world as well as citizens of the world to come. So

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we have a conflict here. The right of people to move and seek and find a decent life and the fact that some among us are here ille- gally.

When there are conflicting rights, one seeks a solution.

As members of the church, we must be faithful to our responsibility of hospitality of aliens among us. As good citizens, we should seek a solution which is legal. We do not support the breaking of the law. This is why the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Indiana bishops continue to seek legislation, especially on the federal level, which will reflect the dig- nity of every person. There are 12 million immigrants here, mostly from Latin America. Most of them came from poverty and misfortune. They preferred not to come but had no choice if they were to care for their children. We support legislation, which protects the rights and dignity of the immigrants and their families, and we sup- port efforts to properly maintain our bor- ders so as to secure the nation.

Immigrants presently in the country without proper documentation should be provided, through law, opportunities to obtain legalization if they demonstrate good moral character. Earned legalization should be achievable and independently verifiable. (Catholic Bishops of Indiana)

Citizenship

There should be a path to citizenship. I recall how much it meant to my dear par- ents to be American citizens. It was their great joy.

A personal note

Almost 50 years ago a number of Cuban refugees came to this country. Msgr. Bill Lester acted as a kind of spiritual father to many of these young boys. Two became priests, and one is a bishop. Many others have become professional leaders in our community. They were refugees, and as such were here legally, and they found a warm welcome from the Catholic Church.

It is a time to respect the great tradition of America, the land that has always wel- come the stranger. There are striking words on the Statute of Liberty to remind us. As Americans we should be faithful to this tradition. I am most grateful to the many priests, religious and laity among us for exercising spiritual ministry to those who have come to us from another land.

Right now, we have one seminarian in Mexico studying Spanish; and another one who spent last summer in Mexico learning this beautiful language. We have three candi- dates who were born in Mexico. All this so that the word of God can be preached properly in our diocese. Future generations will wonder how we faced this pastoral prob- lem. Let us face it with the spirit of Jesus Christ. Let us take seri- ously the words of Pope John Paul II.

"The church in America must be a vigilant advocate, defending against any unjust restriction of the natural right of individual persons to move freely within their own nation and from one nation to another. Attention must be called to the rights of migrants and their families and to respect for their human digni- ty, even in cases of non-legal immigration." — "Ecclesia in America," apostolic letter, John Paul II, January 1999.

Let us approach this deeply human prob- lem with the eyes of faith. We can do no less.

Closing out a busy season

A wonderful meeting in Warsaw with all our priests followed by a nice dinner at the Boat House with Msgr. Jim Wolf and others prior to the confirmation at Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw.

A beautiful weekend in South Bend — a confirmation at Little Flower and then adult confirmation on Sunday with 35 adults. A most prayerful liturgy at St. Matthew's Co-Cathedral Parish. Supper at Pat's Pub with Father Neil Ryan, CSC, and the regulars that meet there. A number of Holy Cross priests present as well. Always special to see a spirit of joy among our priests.

Thirty-one confirmations now complet- ed, with three remaining. Eight baccalaure- ate homilies already given. Tiring, but such a privilege.

So good to see the Celtics back where they belong. The Red Sox — uneven — too early to tell.

See you all next week.

Liturgy, stem cells, sex abuse among topics at bishops' June meeting

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Matters of liturgy and language will dominate the agenda of the U.S. bishops' spring meeting June 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, Fla. But such hot-button issues as embryonic stem-cell research, medically assisted nutrition and hydration, and clergy sex abuse also will come before the bishops.

Much of the three-day meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will be closed to the media, with the schedule calling for executive session, regional meetings and an afternoon of prayer and reflection.

As they begin what Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, called "the final phase of the process of translation and approval of the Roman Missal for use in the United States," the bishops will vote on a new translation of the proper prayers for each Sunday and feast day during the liturgical year.

But in a break from previous practice, the 700-page draft text of the readings was distributed to the bishops not on paper but only in electronic form, except for special requests.

"In an effort to save on paper and to 'go green,' we've been trying to get people using the Web more" for documentation ahead of the bishops' meeting, said Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of media relations for the USCCB. "The liturgy document is so large it seems wasteful" to print copies unnecessarily, she added.

On a Spanish-language liturgical matter, the bishops will be asked to approve a change from the formal "vosotros" to the more familiar "ustedes" in Spanish-language Masses in the U.S.

Although both words mean the plural "you" in English, "vosotros" is "no longer current speech" in most of the Spanish-speaking world, except in Spain, Bishop Serratelli said in an introductory note to his fellow bishops on the proposed change.

In 2006 the heads of 22

national liturgical commissions in Latin America and the Caribbean asked the Vatican that the order of the Mass in Spanish be published "using 'ustedes' in place of 'vosotros' since the majority of Catholics who speak Spanish (more than 90 percent) use 'ustedes,'" the introduction noted.

"The Committee on Divine Worship recommends for pastoral reasons that the ritual accommodate the manner of speech which has been in use for many years in Mexico, the Caribbean and South American countries and used by the majority of Hispanics in the United States," Bishop Serratelli said.

The change must be approved by at least two-thirds of the Latin-rite members of the USCCB and then confirmed by the Vatican.

After the liturgical readings, the longest text to come before the bishops in June is a seven-page policy statement from the Committee on Pro-Life Activities on embryonic stem-cell research. The document is aimed at providing "background for the more pastoral educational resource on why Catholic couples should not resort to some reproductive technologies," said Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, committee chairman, in an introduction to the draft text.

The document rejects a number of arguments made in favor of permitting stem-cell research involving the destruction of human embryos, saying that "once we cross the fundamental moral line that prevents us from treating any fellow human being as a mere object of research, there is no stopping point."

"The issue of stem-cell research does not force us to choose between science and ethics, much less between science and religion," the draft text says. "It presents a choice as to how our society will pursue scientific and medical progress. ... We must pursue progress in ethically responsible ways that respect the dignity of each human being. Only this will produce cures and treatments that everyone can live with."

The document on reproductive technologies is to come before

the bishops at a later meeting. The policy statement must be approved by a majority of the bishops present at the Orlando meeting.

The same group will be asked to accept a request from the Committee on Doctrine to begin revising passages in the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services" that relate to medically assisted nutrition and hydration. The directives guide Catholic health care facilities in addressing a wide range of ethical questions.

The proposed revisions would be drawn up in consultation with the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities and would go back to the bishops for a vote before being finalized.

The Orlando meeting also will include a 45-minute presentation by researchers from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York on their study of the causes and context of clergy sex abuse in this country. The study is set for completion in 2009.

The bishops will consider a recommended structure for dialogue between priests and bishops about how the church has handled sex abuse allegations against clergy and how the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," adopted by the bishops in Dallas in June 2002, has been implemented.

The agenda also features a presentation on the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate's survey on "Sacraments Today: Belief and Practice Among U.S. Catholics" and the Pew U.S. Religious Landscape Survey. The surveys were released in April and February, respectively.

Other items to come before the bishops for a vote include:

- A recommendation by the Committee on Budget and Finance that the 2009 assessment on dioceses remain at the same level as 2008, resulting in a total assessment of just over \$10 million to fund the USCCB.

- A proposal to declare Sept. 26, 2010, as National Catholic Charities Sunday to mark the 100th anniversary of the Catholic Charities network.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The following decree was received from The Congregation For the Doctrine of the Faith:

On Feb. 8, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI decreed that the Rev. John E. Gillig is dismissed from the clerical state.

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"The Eucharist can never be a private fact, reserved to people who have been chosen for their affinity or out of friendship," the pope said. "The Eucharist is (an act of) public worship, which has nothing esoteric or exclusive."

Pope Benedict said Catholics must always be vigilant to ensure that at every celebration of the Eucharist all Catholics are welcome, no matter their "differences of nationality, profession, social class or political ideas."

By walking in procession and following Jesus present in the Eucharist, he said, Catholics remind themselves that "the Lord Jesus liberates us from our paralysis, he makes us get up and proceed, he helps us take a step forward, then another."

Christ in the Eucharist gives people strength when they are feeling battered or uncomfortable, he said.

"The Eucharist is the sacrament of God, who does not leave us alone in our journey, but stands at our side and shows us the way," the pope said.

Finally, he said, kneeling in adoration before the Eucharist "is the most valid and radical remedy against the idolatries of yesterday and today. Kneeling before the Eucharist is a profession of freedom: One who bows to Jesus cannot and must not prostrate himself before any earthly power, no matter how strong."

"To adore the body of Christ means to believe that there, in that piece of bread, there really is Christ who gives meaning to our lives, to the immense universe as well as to the smallest creature and to all of human history as well as to the briefest existence," the pope said.

Receiving Eucharist kneeling may not be permanent change

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The four dozen people who received Communion from Pope Benedict XVI on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ received the Eucharist on the tongue while kneeling.

Vatican officials said the gesture at the May 22 Mass outside the Basilica of St. John Lateran does not mark a permanent change in papal liturgies, but highlighted the solemnity of the feast and a connection to Mass practices in the past.

As the pope prepared to distribute Communion, two ushers placed a kneeler in front of the altar on the basilica steps. The chosen communicants — laypeople, nuns, seminarians, priests and boys and girls who had received their first Communion in their parishes in May — all knelt and received on the tongue.

Generally at papal Masses, those receiving Communion from the pope stand. The majority choose to receive on the tongue, but some reverently extend cradled hands to receive the Eucharist.

In a brief e-mail to Catholic News Service May 23, Msgr. Guido Marini, master of papal liturgical ceremonies, said the decision "was a solution adopted for (the feast of) Corpus Domini," but as for the future, "we'll see."

Archbishop Albert Malcolm Ranjith Patabendige Don, secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, told CNS "there is no discussion" in the Vatican about

insisting that those who receive Communion from the pope do so kneeling or that they receive it on the tongue rather than in their hands.

In addition, he said, "there are no new norms coming" that would change the Vatican's 1969 decision that local bishops could allow their faithful to receive the Eucharist in their hands while standing.

"But the gesture of the Holy Father" at the May 22 Mass "is to be appreciated. It brings out in a better way the fact that we adore the Lord whom we receive" in the Eucharist, Archbishop Ranjith said.

"It was a special occasion" because the feast focuses on Jesus truly present in the Eucharist, he said. "I hope this practice spreads."

In a preface to a January book about the beauty of receiving the Eucharist on the tongue while kneeling, Archbishop Ranjith had said he thought it was time for the Catholic Church to reconsider its decision to allow the faithful to receive Communion in the hand.

Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, assistant director of the Vatican press office, said he did not think the May 22 Mass marked a permanent change; "according to current norms the faithful may receive in the hand while standing," he said.

However, he said, the practice chosen for the special feast day was another example of what Msgr. Marini has said would be the practice at papal Masses, "alternating the old and new to indicate continuity with the past."

National Migration Conference set for July 28-31 in Washington

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The challenges and abuses faced by refugees, migrants, trafficking victims and other people on the move will be discussed during the National Migration Conference set for July 28-31 in Washington.

The conference is designed to increase public awareness on migration questions as well as to educate policymakers about the needs of people who do not have permanent homes. Topics to be discussed include global migration trends, identifying and sup-

porting victims of traumatic events, immigration law and crimes, detention issues, ethnic information on new refugee people and family-based immigration.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles will be among the speakers to address the Washington gathering.

Other presenters will include Edwige Danticat, a Haitian refugee and author; Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a longtime advocate for human rights and assis-

tance to victims of human trafficking; Immaculee Ilibagiza, a Rwandan genocide survivor; and Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, a migration expert and professor of globalization and education at New York University.

The conference is sponsored by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network and the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services.

More information can be found online at: www.nationalmigrationconference.org.

More served necessitates more space for The Christ Child Society

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — More space. More lighting. More programming. More people served.

That's what volunteers with The Christ Child Society of South Bend are hoping for with their recent move from Thomas Street to the former St. Patrick's School on Western Avenue and Scott Street.

The site on Thomas Street — the old Sacred Heart Church — was given to the society in the 1970s by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said Mary Liddell, project organizer and former society president.

"But we've outgrown it because of the number of children we serve," Liddell said.

Not to mention that the old building wasn't handicapped

accessible. The new building is accessible, plus it's closer to a main bus route and many clients served by the society live in the neighborhoods surrounding Western Avenue. And with the move to Scott Street, Liddell added,

Catholic outreach will be more visible in the downtown area.

The Christ Child Society of South Bend clothes underprivileged children, from infants to 13 year olds. Liddell said the society provided 450 to 500 newborns last year with clothes and other necessities and 3,800 to 4,000 children aged one to 13 years with clothes to start a new school year. Families allowed to take advantage of the society must

have an income of 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and clients must be referred through a school or social service agency in the area, said Liddell. The society partners with more than 100 agencies in the area, she added.

Despite all the reasons to move their operation, the change was a huge undertaking.

"This move is monumental for us," Liddell said.

The Christ Child Society has no paid staff, only volunteers. And those volunteers not only work weekly to make sure children in South Bend are clothed, they also moved the operation. With several moving trucks, Liddell said, the society volunteers moved clothes enough for 4,000 children and 600 babies. While nearly all of the society's volunteers are women, many

enlisted their husbands' brawn to help. Liddell estimated that 50 to 60 volunteers were helping with the move.

Pushing a hand truck piled high with boxes, David Remley, of South Bend, said he was helping because of his wife.

"My wife, Micki, is a volunteer," he said.

As David carted boxes, Micki helped pile them in one of the seven rooms the society will use at the former school.

Micki said she's volunteered with the society since 1976 and is currently in charge of the Angel Layette ministry, which sews gowns given for newborns who die in the hospital.

"It's a wonderful organization,



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

From left, Marcia Auger, current president of The Christ Child Society of South Bend, and Mary Liddell, project organizer and former society president, worked May 19 to help move the society's operations from its location on Thomas Street to the former St. Patrick's School on the corner of Western Avenue and Scott Street in South Bend.

and this will give us more parking and more room to spread out," Micki said of the society's move.

The Christ Child Society has needed room to spread out because it follows the roots of the national organization, which provided clothing for infants, and has expanded to meet needs in the South Bend community.

"We saw a need for older children from one to 13 years as well," Liddell said, which is why the organization is so much larger now.

And, Liddell said, this move will likely help the organization expand its ministries even further.

"In the future we hope to add more child-oriented programming such as parenting classes and a book fair," she said. "This will allow us to brainstorm about how we can help in other areas of the community."

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MARY LIDDELL

blanket sleeper, a full outfit, T-shirt, socks and underwear (if potty trained), hat, mittens, winter coat, sneakers and toothbrush and paste. Older kids from ages five to 13 are given socks and underwear, jeans, school uniform pants and shirt, a long-sleeved shirt, T-shirt, toothbrush and paste, a winter coat, mittens, gloves and sneakers.

Liddell said students get this packet of clothing before the start of school each year. On top of that, donations are accepted for gently used clothing to supplement the package of new clothing each child is given.

Because the organization is all volunteer, 100 percent of the money it receives through donations goes toward clothing children, said Liddell. On top of that, all the money the society receives are from donors or fund-raising events — no government funds or United Way money is used, she said. The society handles a \$250,000 budget each year.

"It is a labor of love," Liddell said of The Christ Child Society. "For the number of hours and work the volunteers put in, everyone takes the mission into their own heart."

And the society continually needs more volunteers and donations, Liddell said. The Christ Child Society is purely ecumenical; not all volunteers are Catholic. Whether people hold fundraisers at their own churches, or volunteer at the society, no volunteer is turned away. To help, visit the society's Web site at www.christchildsb.org or call (574) 288-6028. To receive help, either visit the society's Web site or contact your child's school social worker or other organization including Women's Care Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army.

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Office of Youth Ministry welcomes new assistant director

BY MONICA EICHMAN

FORT WAYNE — "I'm really excited ... I never thought that this was where I was going to be."

After graduating magna cum laude from Marian College, Megan Oberhausen is ready to take on her new position as assistant director of the Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Her goal is to serve parishes by training adults to be core leaders, putting on retreats, offering leadership training and coming up with literature and other resources for parishes. She hopes to help parishes to be "effective youth ministers."

"I would like to see parishes invest in youth," Megan says.

"That would mean that the parishes have a strong prayer support for the youth ministry programs going on, that they are investing their time and their talents and their

treasures, whether that is providing food for a retreat, ... making a holy hour every week, or actually becoming an adult core leader."

While Megan says that youth ministry varies between parishes as "each parish has different dynamics," she also believes that the

biggest desire that young adults currently have is one that is essentially the same and demands the same response in every situation, regardless of parish.

"They hunger for truth," she says, "not watered-down truth, not the same kind of lessons they learned in Sunday school and religious ed. ... They have hard questions because they live in a really tough world, and they need some real honest answers even if the answers are hard and even if the world they live in is hard. They want the truth and they want it honest."

Although she points to youth Masses, retreats, youth ministry within the parish, catechesis, diocesan camps, FaithFest and XLTs as providing an "opportunity

for teens to really actively participate in the ministries," she also comments that these are merely a means of "drawing youth in."

She says youths should be "drawn to the Eucharist. And

in being drawn to the Eucharist, they begin to understand more about the Mass and how the Eucharist is the source and summit ... and with that is the reverence. ... When it's done well, it's about reverence for the Eucharist and about just the Mass and what it is ..."



PROVIDED BY MEGAN OBERHAUSEN

Recent graduate from Marian College, Megan Oberhausen, stands with Cindy Black, director of the Office of Youth Ministry. The two have formed a new team for the youth ministry office.

Megan has had extensive experience with youth ministry and attributes her zeal for youth ministry not only to her experiences during college but also to the example and influence of her parents, both active in Our Lady of Good Hope Parish. Educated at St. Charles during grade school and

growing up near the church, her mom being the youth minister at Our Lady of Good Hope, her childhood experiences had a great impact on her career decision.

Megan was going to be a teacher. She was going to attend the Catholic University of America or Franciscan University of Steubenville. But God works in mysterious ways, and Megan's path gradually veered from where she had initially planned.

Coming from a close-knit family, when the completion of her high school days rolled

around, the Bishop Dwenger graduate and Our Lady of Good Hope parishioner had a decision to make. Should she stick with her original plan and study at a university hundreds of miles away from home or try to find a closer option? With her mother expecting

the seventh child in the family, Megan's decision was easy, and she opted to attend Marian College, located on the west side of Indianapolis, making it possible for her to make frequent trips home.

Just as her college choice changed, so too did her focus. As she began taking classes, Megan found something that she was passionate about: "I really, really enjoyed studying philosophy. I loved theology and English."

Before long, she found herself working as a catechist at a parish in Indianapolis during her freshman, sophomore and junior years at Marian. There, she helped guide the education of young adults by "working with their confirmation program ... writing retreats and giving talks about the history of confirmation."

Megan also gratefully remembers her opportunity to intern with the archdiocese of Indianapolis during her junior and senior years at Marian. Under the guidance of Father Jonathan Meyer, she believes she learned more about ministry than from all of her college courses. She was also able to intern with Cindy Black in the Office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend over the summer.

As Megan passionately comments, "I just fell in love with it and somewhere along the line knew that this was right, and this was what God was asking me to do."

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Dallas priest ordained as new bishop for Diocese of Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La. (CNS) — The Diocese of Shreveport has a new leader, following the May 19 episcopal ordination of Bishop Michael G. Duca in the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans in the Louisiana city. In an ornate ceremony complete with a full orchestra, the former rector of Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas, was officially elevated from monsignor to bishop and becomes the second bishop of Shreveport. Video coverage of his ordination Mass was made available on the diocese's Web site. Then-Msgr. Duca's appointment to Shreveport — made by Pope Benedict XVI some 16 months after he accepted the resignation of Bishop William B. Friend — was announced in Washington April 1 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop Friend retired Dec. 20, 2006, at age 75, the age at which canon law requires a bishop to turn in his resignation. Bishop Friend, who attended the ordination, was named bishop of Alexandria-Shreveport in 1982 and the first bishop of Shreveport when it was split off from Alexandria to form a separate diocese in 1986.

Religious leaders support reworked U.S. Senate climate-change bill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Christian and Jewish religious leaders May 21 formally threw their support behind a reworked U.S. Senate bill that addresses environmental climate change. During a media briefing on Capitol Hill, Bishop Thomas G. Wenski — chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace — joined bill co-sponsors Sens. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., Joseph I. Lieberman, I-Conn., and John W. Warner, R-Va., and other Christian and Jewish religious leaders to discuss what he called "ground-breaking legislation" that also takes the poor into consideration when combating global warming. Though other Christian and Jewish religious leaders wholeheartedly pledged their support for the reworked bill, Bishop Wenski stressed that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not lead an interest group but a church. "We are not here to endorse the many details in this or any other legislation" but applaud lawmakers' efforts to consider the impact climate-change mandates will have on the low-income populace, said the bishop, head of the Diocese of Orlando, Fla.

Vatican rep says rise in food prices threatens lives of 1 billion

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican representative said the recent rise in global food prices threatens the lives of the 1 billion people who spend most of their daily income in search of food. The current food crisis shines "a red light of alarm" on structural injustices in the agricultural economy

SECURITY OFFICER WATCHES AT MARIAN SHRINE IN CHINA



CNS PHOTO/ALY SONG, REUTERS

A Chinese security officer watches as Catholics pray at an altar during a pilgrimage in honor of Mary at the Sheshan shrine on the outskirts of Shanghai, China, May 24.

worldwide, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi told the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva May 22. It was the second strong statement in less than a week by Vatican officials on the food crisis, which has sparked riots in several countries in recent months. The Vatican released a copy of the text May 23. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome reported food prices have risen 45 percent over the last nine months, with the price of rice increasing 83 percent since December. Much of the increase has been blamed on higher fuel costs. Archbishop Tomasi, who addressed a special session of the council on the right to food, said the surge in food prices threatens the stability of developing countries and calls for urgent international action.

President to meet with Pope Benedict during European trip in June

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two months after hosting Pope Benedict XVI at the White House, President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush will visit the Vatican during a June 9-16 European trip, the White House announced May 20. "The president will begin his trip by participating in the annual U.S.-European Union summit in Slovenia," the announcement said. "Following the summit, the president and Mrs. Bush will visit Germany, Italy, the Holy See, France and the United Kingdom." Although the White House released no itinerary and the Vatican did not officially confirm the president's visit, Vatican sources said it was expected to take place June 13. The White House said the Bushes' trip

to Europe was designed "to strengthen the trans-Atlantic partnership and to celebrate the enduring friendship between our nations based on shared democratic values." "The president and Mrs. Bush's visit will also commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Marshall Plan and the Berlin Airlift.

Retired Sydney bishop doesn't want fight with U.S. bishops over book

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A retired Australian bishop who has been asked by several U.S. bishops to cancel his book tour said he stands behind his critique of authoritarian and sexual abuses in the church but does not want a battle. Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, retired auxiliary bishop of Sydney and former head of the Australian bishops' panel investigating clergy sexual abuse, told Catholic News Service May 21, "A fight between me and the (U.S.) bishops is really something I'm not interested in." Noting that he is not sure if any U.S. bishop has read his 2007 book, "Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church: Reclaiming the Spirit of Jesus," Bishop Robinson said, "I've written about what I believe." In a telephone interview from New Jersey, a stop on his U.S.-Canadian speaking tour, he also commented on a May 6 statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference expressing concern about doctrinal problems in the book. Bishop Robinson said the Australian bishops "did what they felt they had to do and I have no problem with that."

World Youth Day cross, icon arrive in Australian city of Perth

PERTH, Australia (CNS) — The World Youth Day cross and icon arrived at the airport in Perth May 20 before a five-week road trip of more than 5,000 miles and four dioceses. Archbishop Barry Hickey of Perth said that the arrival of the cross and icon in Western Australia should inspire its youth to "change the world." After a local aboriginal dance group performed a traditional ceremony to ward off evil spirits from the cross and icon, the archbishop called on the youths of Western Australia to use the opportunity of seeing the cross to encounter Jesus personally. He said that as a symbol of suffering and love the cross also signifies Christ calling the youths of the state to "reach out in love to those who are suffering in our own society, and in doing so follow the call of Christ." The archbishop said, "If they follow Christ, then they can change society into one of peace and justice."

British exorcist warns that atheism brings Satan into the world

LONDON (CNS) — Atheism is becoming a key cause of demonic influence in the world, a British exorcist has warned. Father Jeremy Davies, exorcist of the Archdiocese of Westminster, which covers most of London, said that the "spirits inspiring atheism" were those who "hate God." In a new 56-page book called "Exorcism: Understanding Exorcism in Scripture and Practice," Father Davies wrote that

Satan had blinded secular humanists from seeing the "dehumanizing effects of contraception and abortion and IVF (in vitro fertilization), of homosexual 'marriages,' of human cloning and the vivisection of human embryos in scientific research." The result, he said, was that Europe was drifting into a dangerous state of apostasy whereby "only (through) a genuine personal decision for Christ and the church can someone separate himself from it." In the book published by the London-based Catholic Truth Society, he said sin was the primary reason people lost their freedom to the power of the devil.

U.K., Irish cardinals donate to support adult stem-cell research

LONDON (CNS) — British and Irish cardinals have donated funding to support adult stem-cell research and urged scientists to pursue ethical forms of such research. Cardinals Cormac Murphy-O'Connor of Westminster, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales; Keith O'Brien of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, president of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland; and Cardinal Sean Brady of Armagh, Northern Ireland, president of the Irish bishops' conference, awarded a grant of 25,000 pounds (US\$49,200) to support the research. The cardinals said in a statement May 18 they were disappointed that the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, which is passing through the British Parliament, focused on embryonic stem-cell research. "In fact, much greater progress has already been made toward clinical therapies using adult stem cells," they said. "Other emerging techniques hold potential for good, without creating and destroying human embryos. We are making this donation as a sign of the church's commitment to science and human good."

McCain repudiates endorsements by two televangelists

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Sen. John McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee for president, has rejected the endorsements of two televangelists amid criticism that one of them said God sent Adolf Hitler to help the Jews reach the Promised Land. The U.S. senator from Arizona had been under fire for months from some religious and civil rights groups for soliciting and accepting the endorsement of the Rev. John Hagee, a televangelist and pastor of a San Antonio megachurch. Rev. Hagee has a history of using harsh language to describe the Catholic Church, as well as saying such things as Hurricane Katrina was God's retribution for homosexual sin. McCain also has rejected the endorsement of an Ohio minister who has called Islam the "Antichrist." McCain told The Associated Press May 22 that he also repudiates his endorsement by the Rev. Rod Parsley of the World Harvest Church of Columbus, Ohio, who has described Islam as the "Antichrist" and said the prophet Mohammed was "the mouthpiece of a conspiracy of spiritual evil."

St. Mary's Heritage Fund awards 32 grants totaling \$212,000

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 32 grants totaling \$212,000 from the St. Mary's Heritage Fund to various organizations from throughout the diocese, including parishes, schools and agencies. Total requests amounted to \$591,137. The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop John M. D'Arcy:

Parishes — \$56,000

Fort Wayne:

- St. Henry — \$5,000 subsidy for students attending St. John the Baptist School
- Most Precious Blood — \$2,000 for LifeTeen program expenses
- St. Joseph — \$5,000 for tuition assistance for Hispanic families
- Sacred Heart — \$3,000 subsidy for sending students to St. John the Baptist School
- St. Mary — \$7,500 to provide day respite for homeless and disenfranchised people
- St. Patrick — \$3,000 for the English as a Second Language program

South Bend:

- Little Flower — \$10,000 to maintain a sufficient supply of food for the Food Pantry and \$3,000 to purchase two-three new freezers for the Food Pantry
 - St. Casimir — \$2,500 to improve skills in English, computer and family finance for Hispanics
 - St. Patrick/St. Hedwig — \$5,000 for tuition subsidy for sending students to local Catholic schools
- Area:**
- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$5,000 to help defray expenses of Hispanic activities and programs
 - Sacred Heart, Warsaw — \$5,000 for salary increase of pastoral minister

Schools — \$128,750

Fort Wayne:

- Bishop Luers High School — \$25,000 for tuition assistance
- Most Precious Blood — \$6,000 for financial assistance
- St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel — \$7,000 for tuition assistance

South Bend:

- St. Adalbert — \$30,000 to maintain enrollment of current Freedom 22 children
- St. Jude — \$2,000 to install security entry to the school
- Holy Family — \$7,750 for financial assistance
- Our Lady of Hungary — \$7,000 to retain resource teacher
- Holy Cross — \$4,000 for financial aid

Area:

- St. Aloysius, Yoder — \$2,000 for financial assistance
- St. Joseph, Garrett — \$7,500 for tuition assistance
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The Saint Francis University auditorium was transformed into the Land of Munchkins and Emerald City dwellers on May 9 and 10, as 75 St. Therese School students, grades K-8, presented the play "The Wizard of Oz." Starring were eighth graders: Shanna Maloney as Dorothy, Corey Leffers as the Scarecrow, Nick Ehinger as the Cowardly Lion, Sarah Bartels as the Wicked Witch of the West, Marianne Oxley as Glinda the good witch, Madie Eash as Aunt Em, Jake Malott as Uncle Henry and Megan Cooper as the Wizard. Also starring were seventh-grader John Savieo as the Tinman and Father Dave Ruppert as the Mayor of Munchkin City.

- Marian High School, Mishawaka — \$5,000 for handicapped accessibility ramp
- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$8,000 for tuition assistance to Hispanic and African-American students
- St. Michael, Plymouth — \$7,500 for tuition assistance

Agencies — \$27,250

- Fort Wayne:**
- Vincent Village — \$10,000 to provide six hours a week of tutoring, educational and recreational activities for homeless children
 - Catholic Charities — \$12,000 to provide food to families located in South Bend through Catholic Charities food pantry
 - The Franciscan Center — \$1,000 for Sack Lunch program
 - Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic — \$2,000 for medications for Burmese patients
 - ASK Ministries — \$1,250 for medical care for Burmese people
- South Bend:**
- Christ Child Society — \$1,000 for Layette of Hope program

The \$3-million endowment fund was established in 1997 at the groundbreaking for the new St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Fort Wayne to help provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese. The St. Mary's Parish complex was completed in October 1998 and dedicated on

May 2, 1999, after a fire destroyed the church and soup kitchen on Sept. 2, 1993. The St. Mary's Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary's pastor, Father Tom O'Connor, and parishioners using money received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the St. Mary's Heritage fund has awarded annual grants totaling \$2,294,764 from interest gained on the fund's principal.

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Anyone interested in learning more about hosting or volunteering with AFS should call (800) AFS-INFO.

Sister Kimberly Mulhearn professes final vows

BARTLETT, Ill. — Sister Kimberly Mulhearn will profess final vows on July 5 at 11 am liturgy in Clare Oaks Chapel, Bartlett, Ill.

Sister Kim was born in Chicago, the youngest of the three children of Rose and James. She attended Our Lady of the Snows Elementary School and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis (SSJ-TOSF) after her graduation from Lourdes High School in 2003. Sister Kim is now attending Indiana University in South Bend completing a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. Sister Kim is also part of the Franciscan Chords, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis music group and is the youngest vowed member of the community.

Family conference to feature national speakers

ELGIN, Ill. — The Catholic Family Conference in Elgin, Ill. will feature vibrant and captivating Catholic speakers who will provide a fresh and beautiful perspective to the Catholic faith.

Separate programs are offered for married and single adults, teens and children 12 and under. Speakers include Johnette

Benkovic, Tim Staples, Rosalind Moss, Father Thomas Loya, Rob Evans (The Donut Man), Greg and Julie Alexander and more.

Cost is only \$159 for the family and includes dinner on Saturday evening. Reduced rates are available for single and married adults and seniors. Priests and religious are free. Early registration is recommended for discounted prices. For more information, call: (815) 965-5011 or e-mail: cfcon@dpsrfd.org. You may also register online at: www.catholic-family.dpsrfd.org. The conference will be held at Elgin Community College, July 25-27.

Seamus Heaney and Archbishop Brady receive Notre Dame honorary degrees at Dublin event

DUBLIN, Ireland — The University of Notre Dame honored the Irish poet Seamus Heaney and Cardinal Sean Brady, archbishop of Armagh, during a May 25 celebration in Dublin, Ireland, of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of its Keough-Naughton Centre there.

Heaney, Ireland's foremost poet, and Cardinal Brady, the spiritual leader of Ireland's Catholics, received honorary doctoral degrees from Notre Dame at a ceremony in the Public Theatre of Trinity College Dublin. Following the conferral of degrees, Heaney read from his poetry.

Heaney, who received the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature, has published numerous and wide ranging books of poetry, prose, translations and essays. He visited Notre Dame for a poetry reading in 1995, shortly after receiving the Nobel Prize, and again in 2003.

Cardinal Brady, who was installed as archbishop of Armagh in 1996, was made a cardinal in November. His episcopal ministry extends to Catholics on both sides of the Irish border, and he played a prominent and influential role in Northern Ireland's peace process.

The honorary degree ceremony was preceded by a Mass of thanksgiving in the Trinity Chapel of Trinity College. Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins presided, and sacred music was provided by the Notre Dame Folk Choir.

Established in 1998, the Keough-Naughton Centre is based at O'Connell House, a late 18th century building on Merrion Square. The program enables Notre Dame's Irish studies minors and other undergraduates to study in Ireland. Participating students take classes with Notre Dame faculty in the centre as well as courses at University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin and the Ireland's National College of Art and Design.

The institute and centre are named in honor of Notre Dame Trustees and benefactors Donald Keough and Martin Naughton for their support of Irish studies at Notre Dame.

Sister Theresa Renninger leaves legacy after teaching 55 years

BY KAY COZAD

AVILLA — Love of children and a heartfelt call to the religious life led Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart Theresa Renninger to her teaching career that currently spans 55 years. Though she plans to retire at the end of this school year from her teaching position at St. Mary of the Assumption School, Avilla, where she has been teacher and principal, she doesn't plan to retire from life.

Sister Theresa is third of nine surviving children of the close-knit and deeply devout family of Henry and Cecilia and was raised on a farm in Hoagland. Inspired by the sisters who taught her throughout her elementary school years at St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel and her own dear aunt, Sister Theresa eagerly entered the convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart following high school graduation. Three years later she professed final vows on June 21, 1953. True to her calling, the Sister attended St. Francis College in Joliet, Ill., during her novitiate and earned her degree in education and history.

Her illustrious teaching career began in 1953 at St. Joseph School in Peru, Ill., where she enjoyed teaching second- and third graders. In 1957, she moved to Avilla and taught at St. Mary of the Assumption School until 1962. Of her first of two appointments there she says with pride, "I taught first, second and third grade all in one classroom."

Another move took her to Park Forest, Ill., where she became the beloved first-grade teacher at St.

Mary School. Following the two years there, she was reassigned to St. Michael's in Schererville, Ind., where she not only taught eighth grade but accepted administrative duties as principal as well. By then she had earned her master's degree in education administration and supervision from Purdue University.

Then in 1972, after eight years at St. Michael's, this respected educator and administrator accepted the principal's seat at St. Charles Borromeo School in Fort Wayne, where she remained for 13 years. In 1985 she returned to Avilla, where she was welcomed back with open arms as she had left her spiritual and academic mark on the grandparents and parents of some of the children she teaches now.

"I love the kids," this humble servant says with an audible smile in her voice, adding, "I think the kids kind of love me, too."

At St. Mary's, Sister Theresa assumed administrative responsibilities and served the school as principal until 1999. Currently she teaches religion class at the middle school level and tutors the younger students as well. She lives in the convent there with one other sister.

Her love of teaching became evident this past year when she was nominated by a student for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's Light of Learning Award and by staff and parents for the 21 Alive Golden Apple Award. "I was humbled," the Franciscan Sister says on receiving recognition for her service to the students.

It's no secret that her faith is what makes her the beloved teacher that she is. She confesses



SISTER THERESA RENNINGER

that, like her namesake, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, she doesn't always accomplish great things, but all the small things she does for God. "Everything there is, I do for him," she says with quiet conviction.

Many of the small things she does makes St. Mary's the enriched environment it is, including working in the library and organizing the youth games for the annual Labor Day Festival. She enjoys sharing her faith as she teaches confirmation class and assists with the second graders' first Communion preparation.

Sister Theresa, an avid reader, has also developed computerized exams for over 200 books on the lives of saints for use in her middle school religion classes. While passing on her love of God through her teaching she reminds students who struggle, "If something is hard, don't complain.

Offer it up. Give it to Jesus."

Sister Theresa's heart for the children and her faith is also embodied every Advent season when she directs the all-school project of memorizing the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke.

"It's my effort to keep Christ in Christmas," she says, adding joyfully that this year all the children in the school achieved their goal and received a special Christmas ornament.

The staff and students at St. Mary's will honor the legacy of love Sister Theresa leaves behind by creating an academic scholarship in her name.

Kathy Garlitz, principal at the school, says, "I love sister to death. She was my mentor. She is dearly loved by everybody. They think of her with great awe and respect."

The scholarship will assist financially burdened students receive a Catholic education at St. Mary's School.

Sister Theresa is humbled by the educational possibilities this scholarship will offer future generations, saying, "This is the best gift. It's for the children."

Sister Theresa, beloved teacher and religious, will remain in Avilla and is adamant that she will not be retiring, but rather be recycled following this school year. "I will continue to volunteer at the school and Sacred Heart (Provena) nursing home. I'd do anything for the kids."

She looks forward to a more flexible schedule where she can "do things that come up," including gathering more often with her still close-knit family.

MYERS RECEIVES ALUMNI AWARD



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Ryan Myers was named recipient of the Central Catholic Alumni Association Award of \$500. The award was presented by Bishop Dwenger Principal J. Fred Tone during the baccalaureate Honors night on May 21.

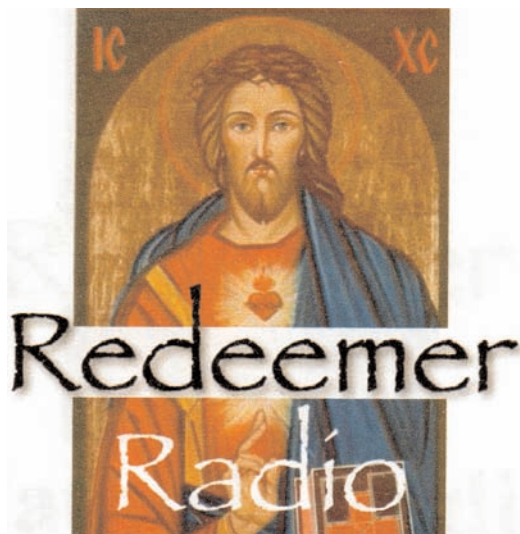
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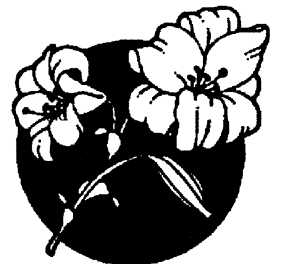
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Homeschooling strengthens, unites Baxter family

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

YODER — In 1991, very few Catholic parents chose to homeschool their children. But Ann Baxter began studying education topics on the news as her daughter, Alisha, was approaching school age. Ann noticed something the Democrats and Republicans seemed to have in common: they “don’t care whether anybody’s kids learn anything ... teachers have a lot more to do than teach ... They gave them an impossible job.”

Ann said, “I had read homeschool families were stronger and closer.” Even so, the task of homeschooling a child could be overwhelming, especially in 1991.

“I went to a convention (for homeschooling) and there were so many books,” she said. Ann felt overwhelmed by the choices as she wondered which were best. She called the only Catholic woman she knew who was homeschooling her children for advice. The other woman suggested a Catholic series she used.

Ann noted that there seems to be a difference in the style of the curriculum that Catholic and Evangelical parents use. Many Evangelicals prefer thematic studies whereas most Catholics Ann knows choose books and a syllabus. With the theme approach, Ann said, “Mom would make a whole curriculum based on a rock.” She felt this placed too much work on the mother rather than the child.

“We’re much more structured. We want some accountability on where we’ve been,” Ann said.

There are a variety of choices today which can supplement the learning from DVD lectures to tutors to cottages where a teacher instructs home school students on subjects such as Latin.

When Ann was first thinking about homeschooling, her husband, Ray, was supportive. He said, “I was okay with it as far as I remember ... I never really told her what to do ... just whatever

would make our life comfortable with each other as a family.”

Ann said her parents were quiet about her decision. Now they are outspoken advocates of homeschooling. Her sisters said they would never homeschool. However, three of her sisters changed their minds and are part of the growing homeschool movement.

Ann recalls taking her children to Kmart during the day, and strangers would approach her, wondering why her children were not in school. “Is that legal?” they would ask. A few years later, they would nod and say, “I know someone who homeschools.”

While it has become more acceptable today, it can still be overwhelming. Ann advises new families to become involved in the various homeschool associations. She recommends the NICHE organization for Catholic families. There is also a newsletter called *Homemade News*, which is very helpful.

The associations offer a number of programs, so homeschool children can get together. Lack of socialization is often a concern for people who are not familiar with homeschooling. However these children have plenty of opportunity for socializing and enriching activities from proms, poetry reading groups, field trips, ballroom dancing, dog training, sports, volunteer work and many, many more choices.

The associations help, but the task of learning is still centered in the home in the day-to-day activities. Many families who choose to homeschool have a number of children. Ann is currently expecting their ninth child. Alisha is in college now and this year, four of the children are homeschooling. Next year, five of the Baxter children will be homeschooling.

Ann explains, “When you homeschool, you teach your kids to teach themselves as soon as you can: to read directions, know what that publisher wants. Sometimes I have to help them but for the most part, I teach them to do it themselves.”



JENNIFER MURRAY

The Baxter family poses for a photo at their Yoder home.

They also make use of tutors for English and math for the older children and several of the Baxters go to a “cottage” where they learn Latin with other homeschool students.

After 16 years of homeschooling, the Baxters have learned from previous mistakes. Ann admitted, “My number one mistake was I wasn’t hard enough on my oldest daughter. We let her slide a lot. ... We corrected it.”

Ray explained, “I’m principal. I motivate them to get things done.”

If they don’t finish their work or if it doesn’t meet standards, they don’t get their “paycheck.”

Although most families begin their school day in the morning, Ann has found the afternoon works best for her family. The older students begin around 10 a.m. “Our school day officially starts at noon.”

The youngest children are down for a nap at this time, and she gives her son, T.K., who will be starting school next year, something to keep him occupied. Ann says she works with each

child for about half an hour, but the rest of the time they are working on their own.

A couple times a month, Janeen, the second oldest Baxter daughter, takes one of her brothers, Joe or Nick, to the Women’s Care Center to babysit while the women attend parenting classes.

This flexibility is one benefit of homeschooling, but it is not the greatest one. As Ray commented, “We know what’s going into their heads. ... Our values are being put into them.”

Ann added, “I think for me, it is character. I want my children to have good characters and know their faith. I want them to not just go to church every Sunday but know why they go to church every Sunday. It’s a hope. There’s no guarantee. ... And I want my kids to be proud of their faith. ... I want to fill their heads full of good Catholics. ... So I want them to feel proud of their ancestors in the faith.”

It is this ability to incorporate family and faith values into the curriculum that makes homeschooling such an attractive choice to so many families.

For information on the Catholic homeschooling organization, NICHE, call Grace Johnson at (260) 747-6077 or e-mail her at gracie4309@yahoo.com.

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Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler, through her work with Young Adult and Campus Ministry, began an associates group in Fort Wayne for her congregation a few years ago. Each year, Sister Gloria Ann returns from San Antonio, Texas, for a day of reflection and Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The associates renewed their commitments to poverty, simplicity, charity and abandonment to divine providence. Three new associates were accepted this year.



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Love and hate, side by side, at the Cathedral Museum

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Two four letter words. The first is found in songs, sonnets and even skywriting as a pledge of everlasting romance. The second is found in graffiti, vandalism, fighting, terrorism and other examples of the dark side of human nature.

In Fort Wayne's Cathedral Museum expressions of each are found side by side.

The embodiment of a mother's love for her son is seen in a diamond embedded in the base of a chalice. The diamond is from the wedding ring of Margaret D'Arcy, mother of Bishop John M. D'Arcy, and the chalice was a gift for his first Mass. On reflection, this object d'art symbolizes more than the love of mother to son; it also brings to mind spousal love, family love, the love of God shown by providing the means to keep a son in seminary, and finally, supreme love, demonstrated in the sacrifice of the Mass when the chalice is used.

What about hatred — why does the museum portray that? It portrays hatred because it happens and particularly because books and cartoons expressing hatred for the Catholic faith challenged Father John F. Noll to respond to such attacks by founding *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Cartoons can be like ants at a picnic: unwanted but impossible to ignore, and depending upon the slant taken by the artist, tremen-

dously persuasive.

An example of extreme prejudice against Catholics is a cartoon by Thomas Nast depicting Catholic bishops as crocodiles, drawn so cleverly that the mitres of the bishops are seen as the powerful jaws of creeping crocodiles set to devour American families.

Thomas Nast (1840-1902) was a gifted artist who is known as the father of American political cartooning. His work provided strong support for the North in the American Civil War. Nast did not always have poison in his pen. He gave us the rounded, plump and jolly version of Santa Claus and originated the elephant and donkey to represent the American political parties.

But when it came to the Irish, Nast went into vampire mode and drew them as chimpanzees. He believed that the well-organized Irish immigrant communities in New York led to political corruption and that the religion the Irish brought with them threatened American government with papal control.

Upon entering the Cathedral Museum, one sees objects of historical interest which were actually in use when the diocese was formed; the prie dieu of its first bishop, John Henry Luers and the writing desk of Msgr. Julian Benoit, builder of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Other rare items in the museum predate the diocese by centuries. The oldest artifact there is a Bible



This Thomas Nast cartoon appeared in Harper's Weekly, May 8, 1875. It shows American bishops as crocodiles creeping up on American families. In the background are buildings with Vatican flags. This issue of Harper's is on display in the Cathedral Museum with other anti-Catholic literature.

from around 1250 AD. A papal ring cast for Pope Julius II dates back to 1503.

It is believed that most of the most valuable museum artifacts were acquired by Bishop Joseph Dwenger, second bishop of the diocese, when he led a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1874. Among these are rare oil paintings looted by Napoleon's soldiers and sold off at the time of Bishop Dwenger's tour.

Had it not been for the foresight of Msgr. Thomas L. Durkin, cathedral rector, 1956-77, this priceless collection of irreplaceable objects and historical guideposts would not exist. It was he who acquired and stored the growing collection in various locations, at the time, reminding seminarian Phillip Widmann of the importance of preserving the collection.

This advice was heard by the right person; it was Father

Widmann, present curator, who ripened thought into action by creating a splendid museum that is a unique point of interest for the diocese and the city of Fort Wayne.

The Cathedral Museum is located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center at 915 S. Clinton St. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Northwest Indiana shrine depicts Christ's Passion

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

ST. JOHN — "Come to the Shrine of Christ's Passion — where lives are changed one soul at a time," says a brochure describing the interactive half-mile pathway shrine that begins with the Last Supper and ends at the Garden of Gethsemane.

Designed to be a place for reflection for those of all faiths, The Shrine of Christ's Passion, located just off U.S. 41 in northwest Indiana about a mile south of 93rd Avenue, is expected to draw people from all over the world and rightly so. Scheduled to open at the end of June, it is well worth the time and the expense to take a trip to the northwest Indiana area to see it.

A project that has taken around seven years to complete, the shrine includes life-size bronze statues that depict the 14 Stations of the Cross plus four religious scenes, which include The Last Supper, The Garden at Gethsemane, the resurrected Christ and the Ascension. Those who visit walk from station to station, with each station offering a push-button audio reflection recorded by recognized Chicago broadcaster Bill Curtis and a prayer.

What is so unique and beautiful about the half-mile pathway

shrine is the way that it has been designed. All of the landscaping appears as if one has stepped back in time to when Jesus was alive, with its rock filled resting places and foliage. Visitors will also find while walking down the stamped concrete trail that they cannot see the next station easily as the shrine design is not totally flat, but is set with rolling hills so one is not distracted. The pathway is also illuminated, which will allow for early evening walks and reflection. Music playing softly in the background only adds to the experience.

Those who feel that they cannot maneuver the walkway due to disability or age can request to ride in a golf cart upon request when volunteers are available. The shrine is handicap accessible and shelter and water are available halfway along the pathway. Tours will also be available when volunteers are on-hand to provide them for groups at request. Tours and tour buses and field trips are welcome and encouraged.

Each of the 40 statues is beautiful and unique. Commissioned by Mickey Wells, an Amarillo artist and gallery owner noted he hopes that they will "enlighten viewers to the pain, suffering and sacrifice that have been endured for all men."

The first station is Pilate's Court while the end of the trail at



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

One of the tour guides stands in front of The Last Supper which has yet to include the bronze statues when this photo was taken in late April of this year.

the shrine features Jesus' Ascension into heaven and has Jesus rising 30 feet above the ground.

The Sanctity of Life Shrine, which is also located at the Shrine of Christ's Passion north of the gift shop, depicts a statue of a weeping Jesus holding an unborn aborted baby which will bring many to tears.

In addition to the Shrine of Christ's Passion, located on the same grounds is a one-of-a-kind religious gift store, which offers a wide variety of inspirational gifts

and books including Nativity sets, religious art, jewelry and carvings and gift sets. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of the proceeds support the upkeep and maintenance of The Shrine of Christ's Passion.

Not far down U.S. 41 a short drive from The Shrine of Christ's Passion is also the Marian Wayside Shrine, which has been visited by thousands since the 1950s. There you will find a beautiful statue of Mary, hand-carved, which was imported from Italy.

For more information on The Shrine of Christ's Passion, call (219) 365-6010. Driving directions from the east advises visitors to take I-80/I-94 West toward Chicago South U.S. 41 (Exit 2) merging into Indianapolis Boulevard. Indianapolis Boulevard becomes Wicker Avenue in St. John. Arrive at the Shrine of Christ's Passion just before you reach U.S. 231.



Engraved with the words in Latin, "Innocent of the blood of this just man," the station of Pilate's court has a bronze statue of Pilate with Jesus.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods offers affordable summer getaway for travelers, pilgrims who are looking for a unique experience

BY DAVE COX

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — What would you like to do for an economical, relaxing, educational summer vacation? Visit a place with paved pathways suitable for jogging, biking and walking? Take a nature walk and learn about plants native to Indiana? Develop a greater understanding of organic farming and biodynamic crops? Enjoy a spiritual connection with God and earth in the presence of a saint?

Then Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, home of the Sisters of Providence and their foundress, St. Mother Theodore Guérin, might be your affordable vacation opportunity. Easily reachable within four hours from nearly every area of Indiana, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods has become a

destination for travelers and pilgrims who are looking for something that differs from the glitzy neon lights of the usual tourist attractions.

Visitors from throughout Indiana and Illinois have made their way to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, with a notable increase since St. Mother Theodore's canonization. Others have come from more distant places, including several foreign countries.

A highlight of any visit is the interim shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guérin in the church of the Immaculate Conception. Pilgrims may walk up to the handmade walnut coffin and rest their hands on it while they pray for St. Mother Theodore's intercessory assistance. There will be an opportunity to learn about how she lived her life, why her life is relevant today and why her life is

important to all people, not just Catholics.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is separate from the church of the Immaculate Conception. It is very ornate with colorful stained-glass windows and unique marble craftsmanship. Visitors may join sisters in the presence of the body of Christ for quiet prayer.

The Heritage Museum is also popular for visitors. It helps tell the story of the congregation's early years through video, displays of various items and photographs. The museum is in Providence Center next to the gift shop. Providence Center is the most common starting point for tours of the grounds, various shrines, unique architecture and the places to be seen within the many buildings at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Guided tours are available.

Tours "on-your-own" also can be enjoyed with a hand-held recorder that explains various stopping points along the route. Also, for those who might be unable to tour the grounds, a 30-minute video features many of the places along tour routes.

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice is one of the busier destinations at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and not just for the herd of 50-plus alpacas, which is a very popular draw. A nature trail is located on the grounds along with a wetland restoration project, natural forest land, organic crops, a reflection pond for some special quiet time and a farmer's market each Wednesday afternoon during the growing season. Also, White Violet Center has numerous workshops throughout the year. Volunteers may be able to work in the garden at certain

times of the year but only with advance arrangements. Visit www.whiteviolet.org for additional details. There is a nominal fee for most workshops.

Limited housing is available at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, but ample hotel space in various price ranges is available in Terre Haute, which is only four miles away.

For more information about a summer getaway to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, call (812) 535-3131, or visit the congregation's Web site at www.SistersofProvidence.org.

St. Michael the Archangel Church

BY FRANCIÉ HOGAN

A day trip away lies Madison, a beautiful historic town where shopping, antiques and magnificent architecture await. Nearly every building in the historic downtown district is a brick building that has been preserved and renovated. The hilly countryside offers one of Indiana's finest state parks, Clifty Falls, with many miles of trails and beautiful waterfalls, and the Ohio River makes a gorgeous backdrop to it all. A trip to Madison is a pleasant weekend excursion.

Madison was populated as early as 1806, and officially incorporated on April 1, 1809. It had rich early years due to heavy river traffic along the Ohio River and its position as an entry point into the Indiana Territory along the historic Old Michigan Road.

Madison's days as a leading Indiana city were numbered, however, when river traffic declined and new railroads built between Louisville, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati tapped into Madison's trade network. As a result, Madison went into an economic and growth decline. Today, the town's previous misfortune leaves a preserved collection of early 19th century architecture in the Federal and Greek Revival styles.

Among the 16 historic properties owned and operated by Historic Madison, Inc. is St. Michael the Archangel Church located at 521 East Third Street. The land for St. Michael the Archangel Church was donated by John McIntyre in two lots in 1837 and 1838. St. Michael Catholic Church, the second oldest surviving Catholic Church in Indiana, is an important architectural, historic, and artistic treasure of both Madison and Indiana. In its infancy, the church welcomed immigrants, particularly of Irish descent, who came to



FRANCIÉ HOGAN

St. Michael the Archangel Church is one of 16 historic properties found in Madison, Ind. The Ohio river town offers a variety of shopping, dining and historic sites.

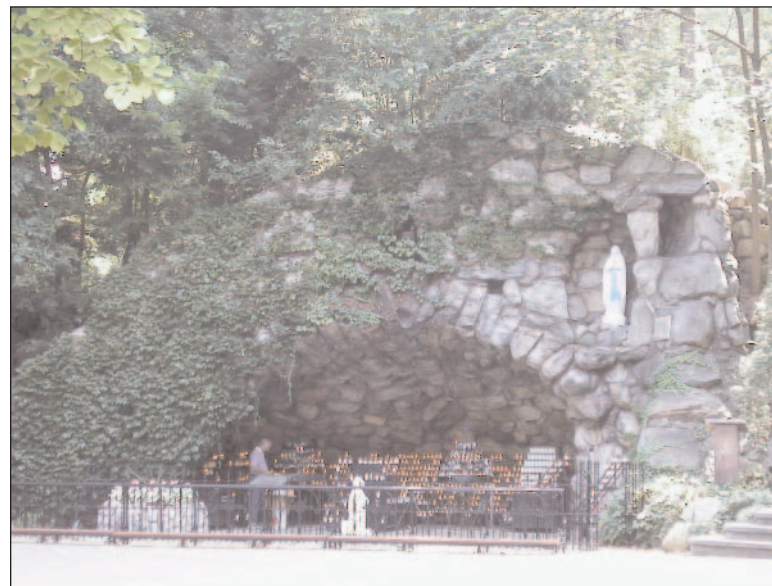
Madison to build the Madison-Indianapolis Railroad. It is said that the stones from the railroad "cuts" were used to construct the gothic style edifice.

Although it is uncertain who designed the church, the young Francis Costigan, architect and builder, a member of the pioneer parish, is considered by many to have been involved with the design and building of the church. Costigan would later design and build many other Madison buildings.

St. Michael served as a focal

point for significant events in the life of the Catholic community. As a result of the renewed liturgy of Vatican II in the 1960s the local Catholic community moved to one church facility concept. With that came the decision of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the local parish to discontinue use of St. Michael Church. Although no religious ceremonies can be held in the church, the building continues to be used for cultural presentations and special events throughout the year.

SITES TO SEE IN THE DIOCESE



TODAY'S CATHOLIC ARCHIVE

The Grotto of Our Lady at the University of Notre Dame is a highlight on the campus.



TODAY'S CATHOLIC ARCHIVE

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne offers pamphlets for self-guided tours.

ST. LOUIS ACADEMY STUDENTS VISIT MARIA STEIN, RELICS MUSEUM



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Principal Carolyn Kirkendall, staff and students in grades 1-6 from St. Louis Academy recently took a pilgrimage through the countryside adorned by a continuous skyline of churches on their way to Maria Stein, Ohio. They toured the grounds, chapels and museum of Catholic relics. Maria Stein means "Mary of the Rock." The title refers to a shrine honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in northwest Switzerland.



CNS PHOTO BY GREGG MCINTOSH, THE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC

People pray and leave prayer requests at the tomb of Capuchin Father Solanus Casey at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. In 1995 he was declared venerable, one of the first steps toward canonization.

Catholic destinations

For travelers taking in the fun at Holiday World's top rated roller coasters and water park in Santa Claus, Ind., in southern Indiana, or the historical Abraham Lincoln boyhood attractions, a few miles east is St. Meinrad Archabbey, which also owns and operates Abbey Press. The Web site, www.saintmeinrad.edu will lead visitors to the attractions. "Visitors are welcome at Saint Meinrad Archabbey," the Web site says. "You can join the monks any day at prayer or Mass in the Archabbey Church or tour the historic buildings and peaceful campus.

"You might also wish to visit the beautiful Monte Cassino Shrine, located about a mile away. If you have more time, consider attending a retreat given by one of the monks."

Solanus Casey Center

If plans take travelers to the Detroit area to visit the rich history stored at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village,

then head to downtown Detroit and then north a few blocks to the The Solanus Casey Center, The Providence of Saint Joseph of The Capuchin Order.

Solanus Casey, who is venerable has ties to Huntington — he lived at St. Felix Friary for some time in the 1940s. The Solanus Casey Center is a place that explores the lives of contemporary saintly figures. Father Solanus Casey's tomb is in the St. Bonaventure Church.

The Web site, www.solanus-center.org, says, "Inspired by the holy life of Father Solanus, the Solanus Center leads visitors on a spiritual journey and continues the work of spiritual development, charity and social justice that was the essence of the life of Father Solanus."

Right outside the gift shop, one will find a wooden carving of Father Solanus, crafted by Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington, pastor, Capuchin Father Ron Rieder, who, as a novice, knew Father Solanus.

Ancilla grounds offer a place for quiet, reflection

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

ANCILLA — It may be a bit of a drive from Fort Wayne and a short jaunt from the South Bend-Mishawaka area, but it is well worth the gas money and the time when looking for beauty and religious quiet reflection.

Located not far off U.S. 30 near Plymouth, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ-Ancilla College grounds offer beauty, peacefulness and history to those who stop for a visit for a short time or for a full day. Anyone who has visited the grounds and the chapel will tell you that it is a place everyone should see — and should visit time and time again.

"This is a special place that families can share and singles can sit and reflect and pray, taking in the beauty and history," said Julie Dowd, communications director.

A rich source of architectural beauty and Poor Handmaid history, the Ancilla Domini Chapel is a wonderful haven for prayer.

The chapel dates back to its dedication on May 24, 1923 with roots that go further back to 1868 when the first eight sisters settled near Fort Wayne. It was later in 1918 when property was purchased just beyond Donaldson for rest, relaxation and retreat. Once a person has seen the chapel for the first time, he or she will wish to return again to visit to take in all of its beauty and will find more to see.

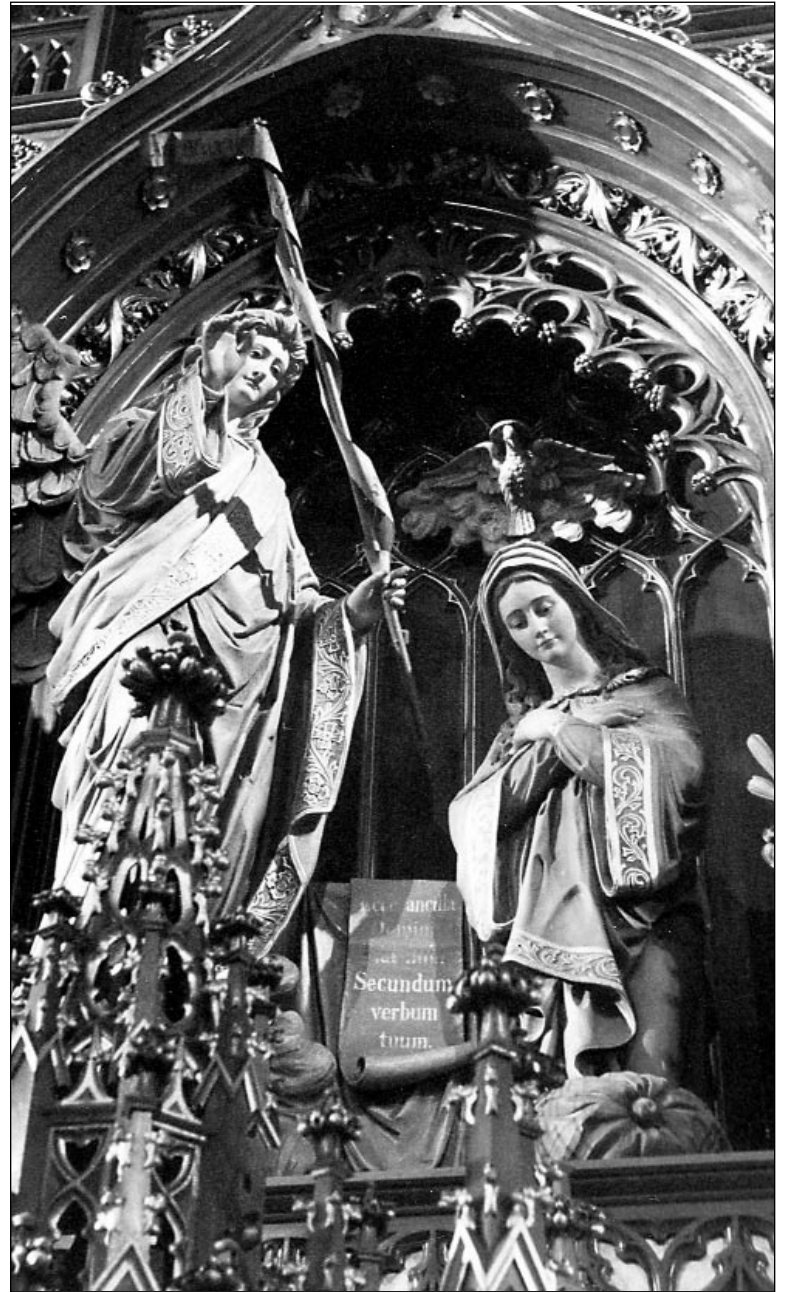
The neo-Gothic columns reach toward God in heaven and are decorated with ancient Greek and Roman design. The German baroque style of stained glass windows enhance the beauty of the chapel as well as the unique ceiling which features images of angels supporting Mary as queen.

Those who come to see the chapel can receive a brochure upon entering the worship space, which is "a place of prayer for all faiths who study at Ancilla College, attend programs at Lindenwood or live at the Maria Center." The brochure is extremely helpful in pointing out all of the significance and beauty that you will observe within its walls.

One of the most beautiful is the Annunciation scene above the main altar, which is imported carved work. It is significant in the reason that it symbolizes the sisters' charism and name with Mary responding humbly to participate in God's plan of redemption.

The stained glass windows, which were designed in Munich, Germany, bring awe and reflection with such depictions as Christ blessing the sick, St. Ann, and Mary's mother with Mary as a young girl and the Assumption of Mary into heaven.

Outdoors on the grounds, visitors can walk the Stations of the Cross made of cut stone construction, which are built on 6x6-foot concrete slab foundations covered by ventilated glass. The unique and exquisite outdoor Stations were completed on Dec. 19, 1924



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

The Ancilla Domini Chapel contains this beautiful carving of the Annunciation, located above the main altar.

and were blessed in April 1925.

Convent Ancilla Domini has served as the spiritual and administrative center for the Poor Handmaids in the American Province. In the 1980s the convent was converted into the PHJC Ministry Center, housing college classrooms, Lindenwood offices, Maria Center apartments and administrative offices. Amid the activities of the Center the Sisters live, pray and minister as they have for the past 80-plus years.

Lindenwood, which is also on the grounds is an ecumenical center located at the PHJC Ministry Center nestled among rural woodlands and meadows, also offering a peaceful and spiritual atmosphere. Just this year in May, a new seven-circuit outdoor labyrinth, which is located to the east of Villa Maria and the Prayer Garden, was completed.

The labyrinth has a beautifully laid-out landscaped meditative space. Those who enter the labyrinth from the Prayer Garden will enjoy the beauty of the flowers and grasses as they make their journey. Once reaching the center, those who have walked the labyrinth will be able to rest on a bench. Two benches at the

entrance and a wind spinner will also provide a restful mini-retreat area.

For those who do not know, the labyrinth is an ancient prayer tool, which has been a part of Christian cultures for millennia. The Lindenwood labyrinth is an 11-circuit labyrinth with grassy walking paths surrounded by brick, modeled after the one found on the floor of the Chartes Cathedral in France. Walking the labyrinth is body prayer and meditation. Those who walk take time for reflection, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Visitors to Lindenwood's labyrinth can pick up a pamphlet that offers basic approaches to the labyrinth, use of the labyrinth and comments on others' experiences. These can be found at the Ministry Center.

Dowd said that those who wish to visit this summer should call beforehand as major construction projects are now underway at (574) 936-9936. Tours can be arranged upon request. The reception desk is available at the center from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. every day of the week for questions and or information. Maps are also available in this building.

EDITORIAL

Good ol' summertime vacations

We enter summertime once again, a time which offers many a chance for vacation and leisure time. It is important to keep in mind that this opportunity to take some time to slow down a bit is not simply an indulgence for which one should feel completely guilt-ridden. Rather, vacation and leisure time are essential elements to the healthy (and holy) living out of human life.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, during his own vacation a couple of years ago stated, "In the world in which we live, the need to be physically and mentally replenished has become as it were essential, especially to those who dwell in cities where the often frenzied pace of life leaves little room for silence, reflection and relaxing contact with nature. Moreover, holidays are days on which we can give even more time to prayer, reading and meditation on the profound meaning of life in the peaceful context of our own family and loved ones." So, far from being an unnecessary extravagance or indulgence, vacation time is a necessary part of our human life for the replenishing of body, soul and spirit.

However, notice what our Holy Father is telling us about the nature of vacations. He is saying that these times should truly be times of rest, prayer, time with family and meditation, among other things. The danger for all of us is that our vacations become an even more frenzied affair than our daily life, leaving us more tired and depleted than before. The very purpose of our vacations should be to replenish us and especially to allow ourselves to be replenished spiritually by God.

Finding Catholicism in our travels

In this week's issue, *Today's Catholic* offers some suggested short trips and an additional Catholic dimension. Listed are nearby shrines, pilgrimage spots and tourist destinations. A place to recharge our batteries and replenish the spirit does not necessarily have to be far from home. Last week's issue contained the Summer Mass Guide, which offers Mass times and parish activities across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. And mixing in a Catholic destination, as well as keeping God in our vacation plans, might just be another traveler's delight.

'Praise the name of the Lord'

As a sign of reverence, the Hebrew people refrained from speaking the name of God aloud. (Some of the Dead Sea Scrolls substitute four dots for the letters YHWH, not even writing the name).

The second commandment prescribes respect for the Lord's name (Ex 20:7). And in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it states: "'The Lord's name is holy.' For this reason man must not abuse it. He must keep it in mind in silent, loving adoration. He will not introduce it into his speech except to bless, praise, and glorify it" (2143). In addition, the catechism relates: "The second commandment forbids the abuse of God's name, i.e., every improper use of the names of God, Jesus Christ, but also of the Virgin Mary and all the saints" (2146).

The feast of the Holy Name has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, at least at local level, since the end of the fifteenth century. The veneration of the Holy Name was extended to the whole Roman Catholic Church in 1721, during the pontificate of Innocent XIII. And in some locales, this coming June 8 is designated as Holy Name Sunday. The celebrations of the Holy Name of Jesus and of Mary have been held on different dates throughout the church year. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary is observed Sept. 12.

But unlike our Jewish ancestors, the names of God, Jesus Christ, Mary and many of the saints have become too commonplace to express emotion, surprise, frustration, anger, outrage and remorse in our daily conversations, to name but a few misuses. (See Sirach 23:9-15). Such usage often is mindless with the name of Lord evoked from our lips with little or no thought. Even in text messaging, the abbreviation "OMG" is used to exclaim "Oh my God!" Abuse of the name of God also is prevalent in movies, and on television and radio. In fact, foul language and the use of four-letter words are restricted more by the broadcast industry than saying the names of God and Mary. The "Hail Mary pass," for example, has become synonymous with football coverage.

There's a pressing need to respect the names of God, Mary and the saints in all our conversations, both in thought and spoken word.

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

COMMENTARY

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The shepherds of our church

The recent visit of our Holy Father leaves us as Catholics with many thoughts to ponder. His visit brought hope that our church is still standing strong, even with the scandals that seemed to shake our faith. As a victim of childhood trauma, I was in awe at how our "Papa" spoke to victims who were molested by priests. The love, compassion and prayers for healing took my breath away.

I was not molested by a priest but by individuals who I knew, some of whom were family members. My healing has been long and at times unbearable. I have a different story than those abused in the church, but nonetheless, there were deep wounds that needed to be healed.

I was reminded of the hardships our priests endure when I had an encounter in Huntington, a few weeks ago. I was meeting my long-time friend and former spiritual advisor for breakfast. I arrived at the meeting before Father Pfister did and decided to wait outside to greet him.

While waiting outside Richard's restaurant, an elderly man came up to me. He made small talk with me as I smiled politely. I told him I was meeting a friend, and I asked the older man if he knew Father Pfister. Because Huntington is a small town, I guess I figured that he would immediately know the priest.

We began talking and he told me that he was afraid of Catholic priests and actually thought they, including the pope, were all child molesters. I smiled at him and told him briefly of my past abuse and that I was healed by Jesus through the hands of many priests. I told him that I am so grateful for the priests who helped me along my journey toward healing. He was speechless after my comment. He apologized to me and also said, "I know God says do not judge." I nodded in agreement, and we shook hands as we went our separate ways.

I walked into the restaurant that morning deeply sad. I was sad that we do not hear all of the wonderful things that many of our priests do for us. I thought about all of the times that Father Pfister was there for me. I began to realize how much our priests go through. They are

judged by the crimes of a few, and yet they answer the call God has placed on their lives. I was never prouder to be a Catholic than at that moment while I waited for my long-time friend to arrive.

Each day, I pray for all of the priests God placed in my life. I also pray for healing for my church and I believe that our church will prevail through this time. I pray for healing for anyone who has suffered from trauma as a child. I pray the Lord will heal hearts and give us the willingness to forgive, so we can heal.

Raquel Hanic
Fort Wayne

Heart camp concerns

The article "Goshen senior has 'heart' for youth" that ran in the May 25 issue of *Today's Catholic* was in no way an endorsement for Catholic Heart Work Camp.

Cindy Black, diocesan director for the Office of Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation, has serious concerns about the organization and cautions parish youth groups about taking teens to these camps. For more information, feel free to contact her at (260) 422-4611 or cblack@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

A day in the life of a prison inmate

Every now and then the opportunity arises to step out of one's comfort zone. Recently I had the opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and be part of a corporal act of mercy — visit the imprisoned.

The days leading up to the visit to the prison, I would ask myself, "What am I doing?" But still, there was a tugging, a calling perhaps, that enticed me to follow through with this venture, this ministry.

The words of Lemuel Vega impacted me as he talked about the Christmas Behind Bars mission and ministry both after Mass and then personally outside of St. Aloysius Church. I instantly thought, "This would make a great story."

Despite a few misgivings I had during the week, I kept thinking, "Jesus was in jail. Who visited him?" and found myself praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center asking for guidance.

At first, I thought St. Aloysius and just a few others would be helping with the ministry. In total, 132 people from all parts of Indiana and from all different Christian faiths — Amish, Bikers for Jesus, Seventh Day Adventists, etc. — volunteered their evening. We were broken into groups of 11 with that group visiting four pods in a jail dorm. Each pod had 50 prisoners, 25

upstairs and 25 downstairs.

My group passed out the gifts to the prisoners, who were commanded to stay on their bunks, and then the ministry group gathered on the first level. We sang a few hymns and a few chose to give witness talks.

Two of the most compelling talks from my group came from missionaries who had been incarcerated themselves. One is now a pastor in Bikers for Jesus. Another had a voice that could qualify him for "American Idol." Both were able to connect with the prisoners in the sense, "I've been there, I've been in your shoes; there is hope — but that hope is in Christ."

The prisoners seemed especially receptive of the message.

During one witness talk, I noticed a prisoner trying to catch my attention. I think he just wanted me to acknowledge him with a smile. Other prisoners, as we moved the large carts filled with gifts across the prison grounds, would wave to us from their windows, attempting to get a wave back, some acknowledgment from those on the outside.

Days after the visit, I found my mind racing, "What else can be done for these prisoners?" Perhaps that uneasiness is the Holy Spirit, according to some of our diocesan department heads.

The State of Indiana welcomes faith groups to take initiatives into the prison system, to offer hope. The New Castle facility

MANY HATS



BY TIM JOHNSON

also offered that opportunity.

The Friday after the prison visit an envelope in the mail that day came from the Paulists discussing their prison ministry. Is that a message from the Holy Spirit?

As the St. Aloysius contingency regrouped after the gifts were delivered to the prisoners, most said, "I'd do this again," despite some of the uncertainties or fears we may have carried into the prison.

Truly we left getting as much, if not more from this ministry, than perhaps the prisoners, and a feeling of knowing the Holy Spirit is at work in each of us if we allow ourselves to be the hands and feet of Christ.

And as far as doing it again, I suspect an even larger group from St. Aloysius will be on hand for the next visit to prison May 31 and June 1.

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Immigrants and taxes

Perceived myth: Immigrants don't pay taxes.

Known fact: Immigrants pay taxes, in the form of income, property, sales and taxes at the federal and state level. As far as income tax payments go, sources vary in their accounts, but a range of studies find that immigrants pay between \$90 and \$140 billion a year in federal, state and local taxes. Undocumented immigrants pay income taxes as well, as evidenced by the Social Security Administration's "suspense file" (taxes that cannot be matched to workers' names and social security numbers), which grew by \$20 billion between 1990 and 1998. — Source: www.immigrationforum.org/about/articles/tax_study.htm

How do immigrants pay taxes?

Immigrants pay taxes in a number of ways, including income and sales tax. The majority of undocumented immigrants pay income taxes using Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) or false Social Security numbers.

Studies show that immigrants contribute more in taxes and Social Security payments than they consume in public resources. The most authoritative study conducted by the National Research Council found that the average immigrant pays nearly \$1,800 per year more than he or she uses in services such as education and healthcare. In addition, the Social Security system reaps the biggest windfall from taxes paid by immigrants; the Social Security Administration reports that it holds approximately \$420 billion from the earnings of immigrants who are not in a position to claim benefits. (Testimony by Social Security Administration March 2004)

In addition to state income taxes, all immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, pay the same sales taxes and property taxes — whether they own homes or taxes are passed through to rents — as everyone else. The majority of state and local costs of schooling and other services are funded by these taxes.

The NRC also estimates that the economic benefits of immigration run as high as \$10 billion a year. Immigrants contribute to

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the economy by working in jobs and performing services vital to our way of life and contribute to the common good through their service and their taxes.

Quote: "The right of the family to a life worthy of human dignity is recognized." — "Rerum Novarum," Pope Leo XII, 1891.

To correspond with materials distributed at parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Indiana Catholic Conference is offering this series of information pieces concerning perceived myth vs. known facts on immigration. For information visit the Indiana Catholic Conference Web site at www.indianacc.org.

Reject sin, beg forgiveness and live for God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 7:21-27

The Book of Deuteronomy provides the first reading for this weekend. Deuteronomy is among the first five books of the Old Testament, appearing in current translations as the fifth in the sequence of the books attributed to Moses or inspired by Moses.

These five books contain the foundations of Judaism. They contain the basic beliefs regarding God, as understood by Judaism and by Christianity, and the fundamental beliefs concerning the response of humanity to God, the eternal creator of all.

In this reading, the speaker is Moses. The audience is the Hebrew people, fleeing across the Sinai Peninsula, under the leadership of Moses, but always ultimately under the protection of almighty God, as they escaped from slavery in Egypt and progressed, albeit hesitantly and with great hardship, toward the land God had promised them.

Moses conveyed to this people the Ten Commandments, revealed to Moses by God. Of course, Moses called for obedience to these commandments. However, the result of disobedience was not a punishment that would come and go. Instead, the outcome of

rejecting God's commands would be death itself.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans supplies the second reading. The epistle, as is the case with many of the Pauline verses, hails the Lord Jesus and sees Jesus as the Redeemer, the sacrificial lamb. The Lord's willing sacrifice on Calvary reconciled sinful humanity with God.

Paul calls upon the Christian Romans not only to acknowledge Jesus as Savior, but also to have faith in Jesus. Proving this faith is to live in obedience to God, in the model of the Lord.

For its last reading, the church presents a selection from St. Matthew's Gospel.

The reading is quite frank. Jesus addresses these words to disciples, and therefore it is clear that they apply to disciples. It is very difficult not to grasp their meaning.

Despite an initial decision to follow Christ, the genuine disciple must live a life, and indeed each day of life, by obediently following the law of God and, in the example of the Lord, by committing every aspect of self to the Father.

Baptism, or an intention to be a disciple, does not end the story of a personal soul. At the end of life, each Christian will be judged, as will every human being. The question will be whether or not God's will was obeyed.

Reflection

There is no mistake about what the church is telling us in these readings. Deuteronomy is very clear indeed. If we ignore God, or if we defy God, by breaking the commandments, then we will expose ourselves not just to a punishment that will be applied but from which we will

recover. In truth, we will die an eternal death. We will lose life itself.

Unforgiven sin is no mere pause, or occasional detour, on the otherwise straight path to eternal life.

St. Matthew's Gospel, quoting the Lord Jesus, is equally clear, and its message corresponds with that of Deuteronomy. Being truly a disciple of the Lord means much more than simply giving lip service to the idea. It means literally to live as Jesus lived, to be obedient to God as Jesus was obedient, even at the cost of earthly life.

So, these readings are not in the least vague or compromising. They do not constitute, however, a story of doom and gloom.

No matter how terrible our sins, no matter how outrageous our defiance of God, Paul insists in Romans, the Redeemer, Christ, has paid the price of our transgression in full.

We simply must associate ourselves with the Lord's great and final act of obedience by determining ourselves to reject our sins, beg forgiveness, and live for God, in Jesus. This makes real our hope.

READINGS

Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32 Ps 31:2-4, 17, 25 Rom 3:21-25, 28 Mt 7:21-27

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2, 14-16 Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1-2 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157, 160-161, 165-166, 168 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22 Mk 12:38-44

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

Every D Day the Catequiz'em marks the day with a D quiz that is so easy, because all of the answers begin with D.

1. The good thief's name, according to tradition, was:

- a. Decius
- b. Dismas
- c. Distum

2. A title given (ironically) to Henry VIII before he broke with Rome:

- a. Divorcing Dilettante
- b. Defender of the faith
- c. Dissertor of the monasteries

3. Another name for the Ten Commandments is

- a. Decapolis
- b. Deuteronomy
- c. Decalogue

4. A book of the Bible whose title means, literally, second law

- a. Deuteronomy
- b. Decalogue
- c. Decapolis

5. A group (nominally of 10) of mostly gentile cities in the Holy Land in Jesus' day

- a. Deuteronomy
- b. Decalogue
- c. Decapolis

6. Theotokos (godbearer in Greek) is this in Latin

- a. Deipara
- b. Dei Mater
- c. Dei Natalus

7. Hebrew and Aramaic texts, some of which recently visited the USA

- a. Dead, Book of the
- b. Didache
- c. Dead Sea Scrolls

8. Women who assisted the female faithful in baptism in the early church

- a. Deaconesses
- b. Deanas
- c. Dunkers

9. These come in two varieties in the Western church, transitional and permanent

- a. dyes
- b. deacons
- c. dicastries

10. A type of vestment

- a. dalmatian
- b. dogmatic
- c. dalmatic

11. Formerly part of a requiem Mass, literally Days of Wrath

- a. Dies Opprobrium
- b. Dies Sanctae
- c. Dies Irae

12. A first-century Christian text not in Scripture

- a. dominium
- b. didache
- c. diakonis

13. A type of honor (less than the hyper version) given to saints and angels

- a. dulia
- b. doration
- c. divinization

14. Dossals used to be more common as back drops to crucifixes behind these

- a. altars
- b. confessionals
- c. pilgrims

15. A translation of the Bible named for a Belgian town

- a. Dhent
- b. Des Pays Bas
- c. Douai

ANSWERS:

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

Chatter before Mass debilitates our ability to pray

At a recent national meeting, the bishops of the church expressed concern for declining respect for the Blessed Sacrament. They sought ways to change and reverse the decline. There is a growing tendency for Catholics to talk out loud in church as if they are at the mall or over the back fence. I recently heard a woman tell a young person that it was okay to talk in church until Mass starts. They continued to talk even while the choir was singing. Shouldn't the pastor remind the congregation that they are in the house of God and appropriate silence is in order? Would a sign at the doors suggesting "silence in church, people praying" work? RD, Fort Wayne

Not only is such chatter prior to Mass disrespectful to the sacred liturgy, it also has a debilitating effect on our own ability to pray (not just in the fact that it creates a noisy distraction for others). One of the reasons people have

difficulty concentrating at Mass (most of us fight distraction as a common nuisance) is that they race in at the last minute, flop into a pew and then expect to be able to concentrate.

I often suggest to people that it's worth arriving 10 to 15 minutes early to "decompress," as it were, from all the whirlwind of activity that we've just left. We desperately need the silence, the quiet and the opportunity to rest in God. If without these, our prayer — and our life — withers.

The Vulgate (Latin) version of the Psalm 46.10: "vacate et videte quoniam ego sum Deus" (often rendered, "be still and know that I am God") literally means "make yourself available and recognize that I am God."

Our time, attention and our availability are three things we are perhaps most selfish about. Giving adequate attention and time to God is a way of healing our self-centeredness and break-

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

ing our patterns of sinfulness. You'll be amazed at the difference in the quality of your prayer when you take the time to slow down, focus your attention and make yourself available to God, who continues to reveal his love and mercy in the sacred mysteries.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend answered this question.

What was the rule years ago that mandated that women must wear a head covering in church? TK, Cedar Rapids, Neb.

The custom of Christian women wearing a veil, hat or head covering at Mass and the custom of Christian men removing their hats at Mass comes from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. It says that the head of every man is Christ and the head of a woman is her husband. A man who prays with his head covered brings shame upon his head, and a woman who prays with her head uncovered brings shame upon her head.

The New American Bible says that St. Paul feels the independence of the Corinthian women who participate in worship with unveiled heads as a lack of humility, since a woman's veil is regarded as a sign of dependence on the authority of her husband. Father John McKenzie feels

that, when St. Paul suggests that women should wear veils at Mass, he is introducing customs of Oriental decorum into the city of Corinth that were practiced in his hometown of Tarsus on the seacoast of ancient Asia Minor or Turkey.

The wearing of veils at Mass is simply a matter of custom and not morality, so Christian women are allowed not to wear a veil at Mass today. Similarly, in receiving holy Communion, the apostles at the Last Supper or first Mass reclined at table, as was the custom of their time. Today, American Catholics receive holy Communion standing so they can more easily receive both the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood.

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

Model behavior

I went to the UPS store to see about mailing a set of electrical adapter plugs to my son in Rome. The bearded man behind the counter greeted me with a brusque, "We can't mail liquids."

I looked around because it wasn't entirely clear that he was talking to me, and I was confused by his comment. I followed his gaze to my flimsy, nearly see-through Target bag, which revealed a bottle of nail polish.

"Oh, I'm not mailing this," I said to him, "I'm mailing this" and I pulled out of the same bag the package of electrical adapter plugs. I beamed. "To Italy."

The fellow didn't crack so much as a smile.

"Again?"

He said it with disdain, as if I were an annoying spoiled child asking for a seventh cookie. My husband had been in a few days earlier to send a euro rail pass, which had not arrived in time for our son to take. The same man had been behind the counter. He wasn't exactly friendly then either, but my husband had written it off as him having had a bad day. This was only our second package to Italy, and I had no intention of sending another.

"Um, yes. To Italy."

The man sighed.

"Well you should probably go to the post office."

"But... don't you have post office service here?"

"Yes, but we only have expedited service."

"But I want expedited service."

"Well ... I can't guarantee delivery. Once your package gets into the other country, it may be stalled in customs." I didn't understand how this was different than any other way I'd send the package, and when I asked him to clarify, maybe I'm dense, but I still didn't get it.

"Keep talking. I've got to weigh these packages," he said abruptly, and he turned around and busied himself among brown wrapped boxes, sticking on stick-



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Theresa A. Thomas

ers and punching numbers into a machine. But I didn't have anything else to say. My confidence was shaken in this man and service, and truth be told I felt guilty with four people now behind me, holding large brown boxes and waiting for assistance, so I left for another place. But I couldn't help wonder: Where has customer service gone?

It is rare to be greeted warmly in businesses, rarer to be valued. "Get your own," "Help yourself," "Don't trouble me with details" seems to be the prevailing business manner. Good heavens, where did this attitude come from? I believe it has developed in our American society from a lack of service attitude in the home. I'm not trying to single out the man behind the counter, for maybe he received terrible news this week or had troubles I should never hope to experience, but I do think a certain standard of attitude is lacking in common business relations today. I also believe the remedy for the current courtesy crisis is proper training of children.

A child's first lessons are in the home environment. While children are not a "how-to project," follow the instructions and you are guaranteed a fine result, they do respond to firm guidance. In the home, children learn manners, decency and respect of others. In the home, children learn they can't sass back to people without a consequence ... or they learn that they can. In short, life in the family is boot camp for living life in the adult world.

Do we indulge our child's every whim? Provide an iPod to an 8 year old as a matter of course? A cell phone by 11 and a car at 16? Do the children have

responsibilities at home such as helping in the kitchen, doing yard work, caring for younger siblings? Do we teach teenagers to wash and care for their own clothes or do we hurry downstairs to hunt for "the blue shirt" because while the grey one is clean it is not what our 14 year old wanted to wear? Do we teach our children to meet and greet visitors to our home with an extended hand, smile and "How do you do?" Do we model what we hope to observe?

As Catholics we are called to be the "salt" of the earth. Salt gives food flavor, enhances the diner's enjoyment. Our presence in the world should be an enjoyment to others and a reflection of Christ's own life. They say charity begins at home. Well, so do manners. We can change the tide of the business world, and the world at large, by modeling service and requiring it of our sons and daughters.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for June 1, 2008

Matthew 7:21-27

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a teaching about laying a true foundation. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

WHO SAYS
KINGDOM
DEMONS
EVILDOERS
WISE MAN
ON ROCK
WINDS

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PROPHECY
DEEDS
WORDS
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Erasmus

died c. 303
feast - June 2

According to a sixth-century "acts" of this legendary martyr, also known as Elmo, he was a bishop in Syria persecuted by Emperor Diocletian in several places who eventually died in Formiae, Italy. A later legend had him executed by having his intestines wound out of his body on a windlass. Possibly because a windlass resembles a ship's capstan, he came to be honored as the patron of sailors. "St. Elmo's fire" is the name for the electrical charges seen at ships' mastheads, where he was said to have preached in a storm; the light signaled his protection.



Sports

GOLF OUTING JOINS MASONS AND KNIGHTS Both the Scottish Rite Masons and the Knights of Columbus of the Fourth Degree announced their preliminary plans for their 60th annual golf outing on July 9 at the Four Lakes Country Club in Adamsville, Mich. This ecumenical golf outing has blended into a fellowship that has grown larger almost every year since its inception and in which the championship trophy has been shared by each group. Chairmen for the event are Thomas Mellander and Orville Thornberg of the Masons and Kevin Large of the Knights. Reservations must be made by July 2 to Mellander, 6340 Redenbacher Ct., South Bend, Ind. 46614. — EJD

New Haven team crowned CYO softball champions

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) recently crowned the St. John, New Haven softball team as 2008 tournament champions. The Raiders finished their regular season with a perfect 7-0 record. After the season opener was rained out, St. John's regular league play saw seven games in less than two weeks.

The team was led by pitcher Kayla Fendel, catchers Genny Huny and Alyssa Bosler and short-stop Michelle Marqueling. Returning players from 2007 were Amanda Fendel, Katie Yagodinski and Sydney Ulrich. Rookie players this season included Brittney Bowers, Kori Current, Megan Hanke and Carrie Vachon.

In the first tournament game, the Raiders defeated St. Joseph-St Elizabeth. Key hits were provided by Huny, Bosler, Fendel and Marqueling.

Next up, St. John faced a tough St. Joe Decatur team. With a scoreless game until the bottom of the third inning, the Raiders got three straight doubles from Yagodinski, Bosler and K. Fendel. The hitting streak continued with three singles



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in a row from Marqueling. On a line drive up the middle, Marqueling made a great catch for the third out. Decatur did get a run in the sixth, but K. Fendel was credited with a no hitter. The Raiders won the semi-finals 14-1.

In a high-scoring, championship game, St. John defeated St. Charles, 22-13. The Raiders jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but the Cardinals had a big second inning

and took over the lead 8-3. After that, St. Charles continued to answer back the runs the Raiders made up in the top half of each inning. Down, 8-13, in the top of the final inning, the Raiders got the sticks going and scored 13 runs to win the game. Raider coach Vince Fendel was pleased with his team's performance and summarized, "Both teams played a good game the whole game."

St. Thomas Spartans take the post tournament ICCL baseball championship

BY ELMER J. DANCH

ELKHART — For the second consecutive year, Coach Randy Brewers' St. Thomas Spartans baseball team of Elkhart racked up the post tournament championship of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

Behind the sterling pitching performance of Bobby Norell, who struck out 11 batters and permitted only four hits, the Spartans scored a 11-2 victory over the St. Joseph Wildcats of Mishawaka. Both teams won their division championships and were top seeded in the tournament.

Matt Hammond paced the champion Spartans with two hits and a triple to knock in four runs for the winners who hopped off to an early 4-0 lead.

Corleone Desimone and Norell each were instrumental in the win and also had help from Bobby Brewers whose double sent in two runs.

Coley Schultheis, who has

paced the Wildcats all year both on the pitching mound and at bat, struck out nine batters. Tommy Stachowiak collected the only two hits for the losers.

The Colors Division championship was won by St. Joseph Gold of South Bend, which overpowered Queen of Peace of Mishawaka, 17-1, in a spectacular 22-hit performance.

St. Thomas defeated St. Anthony, 12-2, and Christ the King, 9-0, to reach the title round while St. Joseph of Mishawaka eliminated Holy Family, 11-8, and St. Joseph of South Bend, 7-4.

For the first time in the league, there were no playoffs between the division championships as St. Thomas won the Martin De Porres flag and St. Joseph of Mishawaka the John Bosco Division pennant.

St. Joseph leads ICCL girls track and field meet results

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — More than 500 girls track athletes from area Catholic schools participated in the annual Inter-City Catholic League's annual track and field meet at John Adams High School in three separate divisions according to grade.

Class A

100 meter — Morgan Carroll, Holy Cross, 13.38; Catherine Raster, St. Joseph (SB); Makaila Chamblee, St. Joseph (SB).

1,600 meter — Kate Vasile, Corpus Christi, 6:07:36; Michelle Potter, Christ the King; Molly Del Trempe, Christ the King.

200-shuttle relay: Holy Family in 30:50, Becca Zakowski, Katia Gammage, Damyra Belcher and Katie Hecklinski

400 meter — Makalia Chamblee, St. Joseph (SB), 1:05:16; Elisa Revak, Christ the King; Ellen McClain, Holy Cross

50-meter dash: Catherine Raster, St. Joseph (SB), 7:25; Damyra Belcher, Holy Family; Paige Dausinas, Corpus Christi

800 meter — Maddy Kearney, Christ the King, 2:44:68; Gabby

Veldman, Holy Family; Elizabeth Taylor, Christ the King

200 meter — Morgan Carroll, Holy Cross, 28:72 seconds; Catherine Raster, St. Joseph (SB); Damyra Belcher, Holy Family

4x100 relay — St. Joseph (SB) in 56:20, Catherine Raster, Makaila Chamblee, Abby Toth and Amanda Peterson

Shot put — Damyra Belcher, Holy Family; Madison Hofferth, St. Joseph (SB); Colleen Dalton, St. Anthony

Long jump — Makaila Chamblee, St. Joseph (SB); Katie Hecklinski, Holy Family; Michelle Potter, Christ the King

Team standings for Class A

St. Joseph (SB)	97
Holy Family	71
Christ the King	61
Holy Cross	55
Corpus Christi	43
St. Thomas	28
St. Joseph (Mish.)	15
St. Anthony	7
St. Matthew	7
St. Monica	6
Queen of Peace	0
St. Bavo	0

Class B

100 meter — Alex Wong, St. Joseph (SB), 14:12 seconds; Brittany Payne, Holy Family; Dora Wisolek, St. Thomas

1,600 meter — Molly Ogren, St. Joseph (Mishawaka), 6:09:55; Rebecca Hasler, St. Thomas; Gabby Skwarcian, Holy Family

200 shuttle relay — Holy Family in 31:12, Gabby Skwarcian, Tatiana Gundeck, Lauren Voll and Brittany Payne

200 meter — Brittany Payne, Holy Family, 30:17; Ashley Johnson, Holy Cross; Madeline Lewis, St. Joseph (SB)

4x100 relay — Holy Family in 58:51, Gabby Skwarcian, Tatiana Gundeck, Lauren Voll and Brittany Payne

Shot put — Brittany Keomongkhon, St. Anthony; Emily Piontek, St. Anthony; Juliana Sherry, St. Joseph (SB)

400 meter — Bridget Ver Vaet, St. Anthony, 1:08:44; Lauren Voll, Holy Family; Tatiana Gundeck, Holy Family

50-meter dash — Alex Wong, St. Joseph (SB), 7:67; Dora Wisolek, St. Thomas; Maggie Wanecke, St. Monica

800 meter — Rebecca Hasler, St. Thomas, 2:46:09; Molly Ogren,

St. Joseph (Mishawaka); Rebecca Miller, St. Joseph (SB).

Long jump — Ashley Johnson, Holy Cross; Chandler Calderone, St. Joseph (Mishawaka); Tatiana Gundeck, Holy Family

Team standings for Class B

Holy Family	87
St. Joseph (SB)	82
St. Anthony	58
St. Joseph (Mish.)	52
St. Thomas	36
Holy Cross	33
St. Monica-St. Bavo, Corpus Christi (tied)	10
St. Matthew	7
Christ the King	5
Queen of Peace	0

Class C

100 meter — Michelle Weaver, St. Joseph (SB), 14:66; Teresa Lehmann, St. Bavo; Victoria Mills, St. Thomas

1,600 meter — Shannon Hendricks, Christ the King (time); Jenny Waltman, St. Joseph (Mish.); Mary Favo, Christ the King

200 shuttle relay — Holy Family in 31:75, Shelby Seifer, D.J. Veldman, Katie Sopczynski and Rheannia Pearson

50 meter — Gabby Ravotto, St. Joseph, (Mishawaka) in 7:74 seconds; Sam Kambol, Corpus

Christi; Sarah Guinan, St. Anthony

400 meter — Addison Gring, St. Matthew, 1:11:75; Sidney Manley, St. Matthew; D.J. Veldman, Holy Family

800 meter — Michelle Weaver, St. Joseph (SB), 2:52:28; Helen Favorite, St. Joseph (SB); Jenny Waltman, St. Joseph (Mishawaka)

200 meter — Teresa Lehmann, St. Bavo, 32:48; Katie Sopczynski, Holy Family; Sidney Manley, St. Matthew

4x100 relay — St. Thomas in 1:06:61, Kiersten Lieurance, Brianna Jondle, Maddie Keeslar and Victoria Mills

Shot put — Sami White, Christ the King

Long jump — Sarah Guinan, St. Anthony; Shannon Hendricks, Christ the King; Kiersten Lieurance, St. Thomas

Team standings for Class C

Holy Family,	
St. Joseph (SB) tied	57
Christ the King	51
St. Thomas	44
St. Matthew	38
St. Joseph (Mishawaka)	39
St. Bavo	35
St. Anthony	24
Corpus Christi	23
St. Monica	20
Queen of Peace	2
Holy Cross	0

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE ICCL VARSITY BASEBALL CHAMPIONS



PROVIDED BY RANDY BREWERS

The St. Thomas the Apostle varsity baseball team won the Inter-City Catholic League baseball championship on Sunday, May 18. They defeated St. Joseph, Mishawaka, in the championship game, 10-2, and were 9-0 for the season. This is Elkhart's second consecutive year to win the ICCL baseball tournament. In the photo are the following: front row, from left, Frank Iavagnilio, Joe Santerre, Corleone Desimone, Alex Disberry, Noah Strati and Bobby Norell; and back row, Father Bill Sullivan, pastor, Coach Don Santerre, Alex Brewers, Ben Mausar, Matt Hammond, Parker Devenney, Bobby Brewers, Matthew Kibiloski and manager Randy Brewers.

Principal becomes human sundae to benefit Ronald McDonald House

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — What happens when you collect a million pop tabs for a good cause? In this case, the Ronald McDonald House receives \$1,000 dollars and a grade school principal is turned into a human sundae.

Christ the King Principal Steven Hoffman promised his students a special treat if they were able to hit the million-tab mark. With the help of several other South Bend Catholic schools, they did this last week and Hoffman was true to his word. On a sunny Tuesday afternoon, the principal donned protective goggles, sat in a wading pool, and allowed himself to be turned into a human sundae.

The kids squealed with delight as representatives from grades K-8 took turns adding ingredients like chocolate syrup and colored sprinkles. In the end, it was a special second grader who had the honor of placing a cherry on top of his principal's whipped cream head.

Payton Lewandowski's family has had a personal need for the Ronald McDonald House this year. In December, little Payton was diagnosed with leukemia. He and his family have been through a lot, but according to his mom, Payton is a trooper.

Meanwhile, the Christ the King family has one more student fighting leukemia. Eighth-grader Austin



DIANE FREEBY

Payton Lewandowski, who is undergoing treatment for Leukemia diagnosed in December, has the honor of putting the cherry on top of the principal's whipped-cream head.

McGowan has been battling the disease for the past several years but plans to graduate after finishing up his studies at home.

"Having two children in our school fighting leukemia ... the Ronald McDonald House is a kind of special thing to us," said Hoffman, as chocolate syrup dripped down his face. "After the kids collected the million pop tabs, we wanted to reward them. We want to foster the idea of helping others."

CYO city meet announces winners

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Girls 100-meter dash

Ali Tippmann	St. Charles	13.59
Leah Painter	St. John, NH	14.02
Keirsten Baumgartner	SJSE	14.25

Girls 200-meter dash

Danielle Messman	St. Charles	28.78
Shai Warfield	St. Jude	28.98
Courtney Heddins	St. John, NH	29.02

Girls 400-meter run

Ali Tippmann	St. Charles	1:04.50
Kori Current	St. John, NH	1:05.77
Allison Coffin	St. Vincent	1:05.90

Girls 800-meter run

Addie Reimbold	SJSE	2:35.78
Aubrey Schrader	St. Jude	2:43.39
Kate Kinley	St. Jude	2:45.93

Girls 1,600-meter run

Addie Reimbold	SJSE	5:55.78
Kate Kinley	St. Jude	5:56.94
Libby Momper	St. Jude	6:14.63

Girls 100-meter hurdles

Courtney Heddins	St. John, NH	17.66
Katie Rosswurm	St. Charles	18.16
Shai Warfield	St. Jude	18.93

Girls 4x100-meter relay

St. John, NH	55.25
1) Courtney Heddins; 2) Kori Current; 3) Leah Painter; 4) Emily Lahrman	
St. Charles	57.76
1) Katie Rosswurm; 2) Kassie York; 3) Britney Niese; 4) Ali Tippmann	

Girls 4x200-meter relay

St. Charles	2:00.32
1) Paige Sordelet; 2) Mary Beier; 3) Erin McTague; 4) Danielle Messman	
St. Jude	2:02.96
1) Ciara Feipel; 2) Maria Mettler; 3) Katie Leeuw; 4) Aubrey Schrader	

Girls high jump

Leah Painter	St. John, NH	5-00.00
Kori Current	St. John, NH	4-06.00
Paige Sordelet	St. Charles	4-02.00

Girls long jump

Paige Sordelet	St. Charles	14-00.00
Kori Current	St. John, NH	13-07.75
Courtney Heddins	St. John, NH	13-07.00

Girls shot put

Chris Widner	St. Vincent	38-07.50
Kayla Fendel	St. John, NH	35-08.25
Michelle Marquelling	St. John, NH	31-03.75

Girls discus throw

Chris Widner	St. Vincent	101-07
Kayla Fendel	St. John, NH	85-07
Katie Leeuw	St. Jude	71-01

Boys 100-meter dash

Andrew Hoffer	St. John, NH	12.38
Andrew Yaney	SJSE	12.55
Logan Dorman	St. Therese	12.78

Boys 200-meter dash

Andrew Hoffer	St. John, NH	25.92
Brenden Gonzales	St. John/Benoit	26.83
Conner McCann	St. John, NH	27.59

Boys 400-meter run

Austin Whisler	St. Charles	1:01.67
Sam Johnson	St. John, NH	1:01.97
Nick Deiser	SJSE	1:04.08

Boys 800-meter run

Bobby Jauch	St. Charles	2:13.50
Andrew Eckrich	St. Jude	2:14.30
Colin Struezenberger	St. John, NH	2:26.04

Boys 1,600-meter run

Andrew Eckrich	St. Jude	4:50.89
Bobby Jauch	St. Charles	5:16.28
David Shank	St. John/Benoit	5:16.84

Boys 100-meter hurdles

Corey Leffers	St. Therese	15.81
Conner McCann	St. John, NH	16.18
Nicholas German	St. Vincent	16.91
Seth Henline	St. Jude	18.78
Gus Schrader	St. Jude	18.80
Jeremy Gladieux	St. Vincent	19.28

Boys 4x100-meter relay

St. John, New Haven	51.00
1) Conner McCann; 2) Sam Johnson; 3) Colin Struezenberger; 4) Andrew Hoffer	
St. Charles	53.74
1) Ian Barton; 2) Austin Whisler; 3) Alex Krouse; 4) Bobby Jauch	

Boys 4x200-meter relay

St. Therese	1:56.71
1) Joshua Ware; 2) Luke Little; 3) Corey Leffers; 4) Logan Dorman	
St. Jude	1:57.78
1) Ben Toenges; 2) Seth Henline; 3) Gus Schrader; 4) Andrew Eckrich	

Boys high jump

Logan Dorman	St. Therese	5-00.00
Nick Deiser	SJSE	4-10.00
3 Nicholas German	St. Vincent	4-06.00

Boys long jump

Andrew Yaney	SJSE	16-02.00
Brenden Gonzales	St. John/Benoit	15-08.75
Austin Whisler	St. Charles	15-04.75

Boys shot put

Logan Dorman	St. Therese	39-03.50
Bryan Tippmann	St. Charles	37-07.75
Chris Williams	SJSE	37-00.50

Boys discus throw

Bryan Tippmann	St. Charles	106-08
Blake Bowers	St. Vincent	96-06
Josh Bessesen	St. Charles	95-00



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Jude's Andrew Eckrich prepares for the start of the 1,600-meter run. Eckrich set a CYO record in the mile running a 4:50.89 shattering his own previous record from 2007.



The record-setting 4x100 relay team from St. John New Haven pose, from left, Courtney Heddins, Kori Current, Leah Painter and Emily Lahrman.

Off to prison for St. Aloysius parishioners

BY TIM JOHNSON

YODER — Parishioners at St. Aloysius Church have found a ministry that easily takes them out of their comfort zone — a visit to prisons.

It all began the weekend of April 27 when Lemuel Vega came to the Sunday Masses to discuss his ministry, Christmas Behind Bars. That following Thursday, May 1, Vega would visit the New Castle correctional facility, and he invited people from St. Aloysius to join him.

Christmas Behind Bars takes gift packages of cookies, candy, etc., to those jailed in county jails, but also to the state and federal prisons. Although it began as a Christmas ministry, it is now one that operates year-round.

Nine parishioners from St. Aloysius answered Vega's call, perhaps stirred by the Holy Spirit, and nervously ventured by van, three with another church from Decatur.

So far, Christmas Behind Bars has been comprised of members of many faiths, but this trip marked the first time that a Catholic group participated.

Two hours were spent passing through security and briefing with prison officials, which added a bit of even more nervousness of the members. The nine St. Aloysius parishioners were a part of 132 volunteers from all across Indiana who came to the New Castle correctional facility. This group was split into ministry groups of 11 who visited four pods, each pod containing 50 prisoners, 25 upstairs, 25 down-

stairs.

Many of the group members' expectations of the prisoners was shattered.

"I wasn't quite sure what to expect," Jay Girardot told *Today's Catholic*. "I found that the prisoners were more polite than I anticipated, and they were very grateful for their gifts."

"The respect and attention the inmates gave us during our visit was much different than I anticipated," added Steve Miller.

Kathy Miller was struck by the prison setup. "I expected to see a dark, dismal facility with prisoners behind bars. The main facility and the cell block we visited were much nicer than expected and the inmates were not confined by bars or doorways."

"I had low expectations, assuming the inmates would be rude and close minded regarding any Gospel message," Mark Michuda said. "To my surprise the opposite was true. The inmates were very appreciative, clearly eager to hear the Gospel, applauding each time after singing, sharing the Gospel message and closing with prayer."

Many of the St. Aloysius group had their own way to show their witness. Some of the St. Aloysius group passed out the gift bags.

Michuda found himself leading a prayer with his 11-member ministry group before taking the gifts to the prisoners.

"The group leader asked for a volunteer to share the Gospel or story with the first group of inmates we were about to visit," Michuda said. "Nobody volunteered, so I agreed to start. Not

knowing what to expect, I asked him if we could pray together before entering. He quickly told our group, 'Mark was going to lead us in prayer before entering.' I know I needed it."

The nervousness seemed to slip away quickly as the first gift bags were distributed. After the delivery of gift bags, the ministry group recollected, sang a few hymns, and gave some witness talks.

In his witness talk, Michuda said, "I shared with them that we are faced with making a decision every day: Are we going to live today separated from God? Or are we going to live today for God?"

God loves all of us and wants to be a part of our lives daily. While in prison behind these bars you are being told who, when and where you can see visitors. With Jesus Christ, nobody can control your time with him but you."

Meyer said, "I simply thanked the inmates for giving us a few minutes of their attention and explained to them that my being there was an answer to a prayer."

She told *Today's Catholic* that

she had prayed for God to show her something with a church connection she could participate in, and, "when this opportunity presented itself, I knew God was speaking to me."

Being a first visit, and really not knowing what to expect, many from St. Aloysius were silent witnesses. Steve Miller noted, "(The witness talk) was something I had not prepared to do, but probably got as much out of this as did the inmates. Some of the witness stories were very moving."

The ministry members who had actually been incarcerated themselves in the past gave particularly stirring talks. It was through the power of Christ that they turned their lives around

and they wanted to share that power through witness talks and some through song.

The St. Aloysius participants left the prison late that Thursday night, filled with hope and a renewed spirit to do more work.

"I would like to continue this ministry because it will also help me grow in my own spirituality as well as serve others," Meyer said. "I would certainly recommend this program to others. I think everyone

was feeling the presence of God that evening. And we are anxious to share it with others. The inmates are not the only benefactors of this program."

Meyer added that the fellowship with the other volunteers and the inmates that day, "has helped me put my day-to-day concerns and responsibilities into perspective. It has also stirred in me a desire to study God's word myself."

Of the experience, Miller added, "Something that the security director told us before the visit — 'Treat the prisoners with empathy, not sympathy' — such a simple statement that had much meaning. It gave me a much different outlook to put myself in their place rather than feel sorry for their plight."

Girardot said, "I would share with people that this experience really does make a difference. There was a man visiting at the prison who had just gotten out of another prison himself. He explained how he was visited when he was in prison, and it really did change his life."

And Michuda said, "I went in the prison nervous and confused. I came out excited and clear of God working through us. To go again as a representative for God sharing the Gospel is a privilege. I plan to help any way I can."

The next Christmas Behind Bars gift delivery will be May 31-June 1 at the prison in Pendleton. For more information, contact Lemuel Vega at (260) 824-8642

"The inmates were very appreciative, clearly eager to hear the Gospel, applauding each time after singing, sharing the Gospel message and closing with prayer."

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

ND football season ticket raffle
 South Bend — The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society will have a raffle for two Notre Dame football season tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawing will be Aug. 24. Send check to St. Hedwig Holy Name Society, 1104 B, Elliot St., South Bend, IN 46628.

Central Catholic Alumni gathering
 Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will be gathering on Sat., June 28, from 2-6 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, corner of Clinton St. and Washington Blvd., for its annual meeting. Doors will open at 2 p.m. Parking is available in the parking garage. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. RSVP to Mary Lou Morris at (260) 485-6164.

Daughters of Isabella honor members
 South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor 50- and 25-year members with a luncheon on Monday, June 2, at 1 p.m. at the Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd. Seven members will be honored. Meeting will follow.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Devotions
 Saturday, June 7, devotions will be held at the following parishes: Fort Wayne — St. Joseph, 7:15 a.m.; St. Charles, 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart, 7:30 a.m.; St. Rose, Monroeville, 8:10 a.m.; St. Patrick, Arcola, 7:15 a.m.; St. Joseph, Garrett, 8:40 a.m. Call (260) 749-9396 to have your listing added.

German Mass celebrated
 Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will celebrate a German Mass at 11 a.m. on June 1. Father Charles Herman will be the celebrant, and the Fort Wayne Mennerchor and Dammendor will provide music. A German dinner may be purchased after Mass in the Pavilion. Both the church and Pavilion are handicapped accessible, as is the large parking lot.

Fatima group announces breakfast
 Fort Wayne — World Apostolate of Fatima will have the annual Mass and breakfast Saturday, June 14, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The 9 a.m. Mass homily will be offered by Bishop John M. D'Arcy preceded by confession, rosary and consecration. Breakfast will follow at St. Mary Parish. Guest speaker will be Michael La Corte on the topic: Fatima, the Path to an Era of Peace. Adults \$6, children 4-10, \$3. Reply to Jim Momper at (260) 625-3281.

Little Flower Holy Hour
 Fort Wayne — Father Joseph Gaughan will celebrate the Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, June 3, at 7:15 p.m. Father Joe is pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish. Please join in praying for priests and for vocations.

FUNDRAISERS

Chicken and rib drive-through
 Fort Wayne — St. Therese on Lower Huntington Road will have a Nelson's chicken and ribs drive-through on Sunday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Half chickens are \$6 each and full slabs of baby back ribs are \$8 each. Pre-sale tickets available after Masses Memorial day weekend or just stop by that day. Proceeds help buy bells for the bell choir.

St. Jude Eaglemania
 Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will offer Eaglemania on Friday, June 13, from 5 p.m. to midnight. From 5-8:30 p.m., food, kids games and a talent show will be offered. From 9 p.m. to midnight, a beer garden and junior and senior high dance extravaganza will finish the evening.

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.

Knights plan fish fry
 Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Knights plan fish fry
 South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Golf outing supports soup kitchen
 Fort Wayne — Our Lady of Good Hope and the Knights of Columbus Council 12417 are sponsoring a charity golf outing to be held on Sunday, June 29, at Riverbend Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. To learn more, register for the event or to become a sponsor, visit the Our Lady of Good Hope Web site: www.home.catholicweb.com/ourladyofgoodhope.

Quo Vadis: Where Are You Going?
 Indianapolis — Marian College and Holy Family Home Educators will have a Catholic Home School Conference and Curriculum Fair Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marian College Campus. For information see the Web site at www.hfheindy.org

DONATIONS

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank can use your donations
 Fort Wayne — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank accepts donations of bedroom and living room furniture, tables, chairs, bed linens and towels. Items must be in working order and free of rips, tears, stains, burns and animal hair. Donations may be picked up by calling (260) 471-5802. The Mustard Seed is dedicated to providing household furnishings to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Store always in need of donations
 Fort Wayne — Donations of cars, trucks and vans are always accepted. Donations are tax deductible. Call (260) 456-3561 for pick up or drop off at the store, 1600 S. Calhoun St.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed for Hospice Home
 Fort Wayne — Volunteers are needed to assist the agency in a variety of roles. Duties include patient support and clerical support. Garden volunteers are also needed to maintain the Seasons of Life perennial garden. Volunteer training is being planned. Call Ann Blue at (260) 435-3235 or visit www.vnhh.org for information.

Volunteers needed
 Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers. Call Doris Bermes at (260) 744-3977 for information.

Erin's House seeks good listeners
 Fort Wayne — Erin's House is seeking volunteers who are good listeners with a caring and compassionate heart for children and young adults ages 3 to 25. Call (260) 423-2466 for information.

Volunteer for St. Mary Soup Kitchen
 Fort Wayne — St. Mary Parish is in need of regular volunteers for the soup kitchen on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Additional substitutes are needed for all days and shifts. Interested persons 16 and older should call Carolyn Ransom (260) 750-8373. Some lifting required.

REST IN PEACE

Avilla Louis H. Kern, 91, Provena Sacred Heart Home	Dianna Belle Feasel, 64, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Helen B. Zakrzewski, 81, St. Adalbert
Elkhart Mary Margaret Meagher, 65, St. Thomas the Apostle	Shirley Dawn (Pabst) Wyss, 66, St. Peter	Dorothy M. Kowalewski, 90, St. Stanislaus
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MOSAIC

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"St. Isaac was captured by the Huron Indians and tortured. They bit off his fingers," offers Igney, adding, "The symbol of those trials are in his hands." The likeness, with hands folded in prayer, is "true to form" with missing fingers as a realistic reminder of the sacrifice this faith-filled martyr endured in the name of Jesus.

Following approval by Superintendent Alter, photographer Tim Brumbeloe produced a bigger than life-size photograph of Igney's drawing to be used as a template for the precious Italian Smalti stones to be precisely cut and placed to create the saint's likeness. St. Isaac's cloak is made of porcelain, with inlaid gold as his halo. The sky and ground surrounding the saint's image, cut by

assistant stone cutter Marcelo, are of granite supplied by F&M Tile Company.

"The materials have come from all over the world," says Igney. "It is a community piece. I drew it and am building it, but so many have helped."

This community effort is being crafted in Igney's own Rockhill Fine Art Studio in its new location on Hayden Street. The walls in the studio hold the creative nature of its owner with several richly colored paintings, while in the back work room the energy is palpable with innovative projects awaiting finishing touches.

Many might be surprised to learn that Igney was first a Marine and subsequently successful in the trucking business before he discovered this venue in which to express his artistic talent. He credits the solid foundation of skill he has developed for creating mosaics to his four-year structural aviation career in

the Marines.

"A good artist has to be a brilliant mechanic. It all has to fit. It's only as pretty as it fits," says the artist.

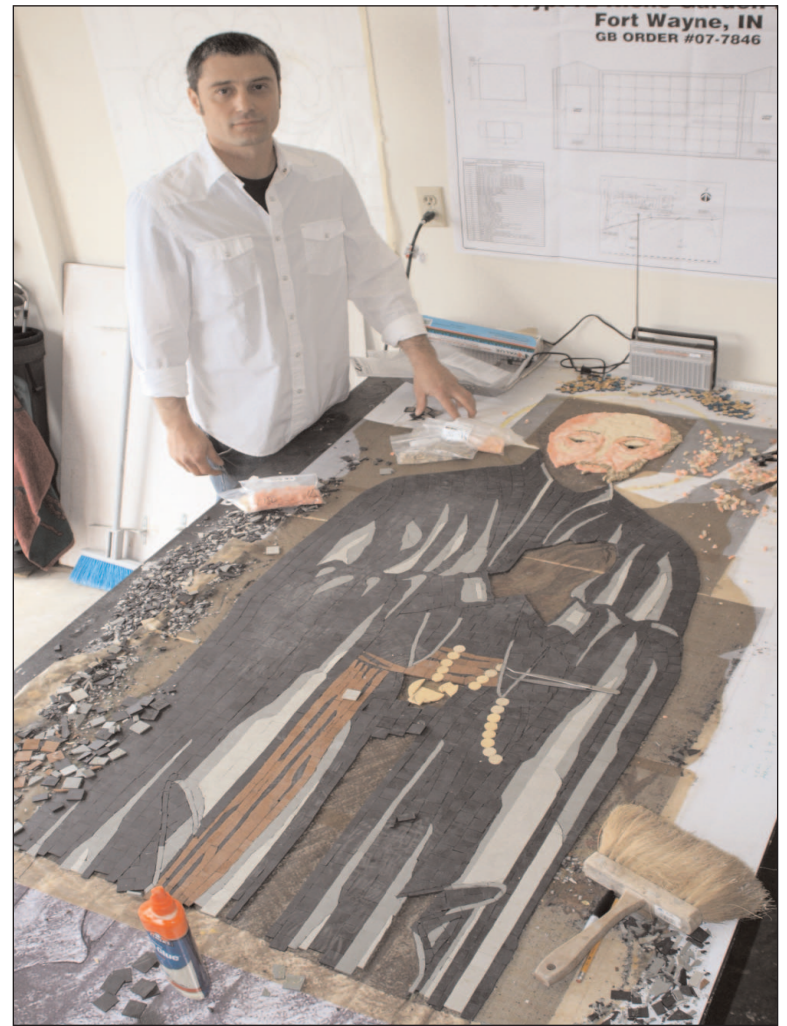
Igney, who apprenticed under a mosaic master in Denver for two years as well, finds satisfaction in his work with mosaics, stone carving and stain glass creation and restoration, and admits, "It's my calling."

His mosaic and restoration work is displayed in fine restaurants, churches and private homes across the country. But, he says, this mosaic of St. Isaac Jogues to grace the face of the Catholic Cemetery's newest crypt is his finest work.

"I could die tomorrow, and this would be my crown jewel. When you do a spiritual symbol you attend to the details more and you do become part of it," he says. "I honed a lot of skills in this piece and took into account the environment and climate," he adds of his design where the mosaic is inlaid into the large piece of carved granite to shelter the tiles.

The meticulous work that is required for a mosaic takes time and Igney has worked up to 12 hours a day on the piece for the last two months. He believes it will be completed and ready for installation after an additional 30 hours of intense crafting. Upon completion it will be placed in its 9x4 foot brass frame, constructed by Creative Metals, to be attached to the outside of the crypt itself. A formal dedication of the crypt is to be announced.

Adjacent to the mosaic a stone-carved biography of St. Isaac is planned, says Alter, adding "The biography tells the story of the saint. One of our



KAY COZAD

Artist Shad Igney shows his mosaic creation of St. Issac Jogues to be added to the newest crypt at the Catholic Cemetery.

goals, ultimately, is to give those who visit a religious experience by seeing the saints and their biographies."

He hopes to have additional biographies crafted for existing statues on the grounds as well, and is pleased to offer this newest addition to the art forms already in place.

Igney's vision for the piece, "I hope that art resembles life. If this piece inspires someone then I am inspired."

For more information on Shad Igney and his art visit www.rockhillstudio.com or call (260) 385-3134.

Catholic Cemetery was established in 1873 by Bishop Joseph Dwenger and provides burial services to the families of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend under the care of the Catholic Cemetery Association of Fort Wayne, Inc. It stretches over 175 acres and boasts the oldest Catholic community mausoleum in the state.

Catholic Cemetery is located at 3500 Lake Ave.

Today's Catholic

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:

Al Kresta's "Why Do Catholics Genuflect?"

"Why Do Catholics Genuflect? And Answers to Other Puzzling Questions About the Catholic Church" by Al Kresta is this month's book of choice.

If you are seeking answers to the plethora of commonly asked questions about the Catholic faith, join the book club this month with Al Kresta's book, "Why Do Catholics Genuflect." Though he admits freely in his introduction that space limits his ability to answer all of the "great questions about Catholic social teaching ... and much more," his book is packed with concise and insightful explanations of common queries.

Some of the issues he tackles include "Are Catholics trying to work their way into heaven?"; "Why seven sacraments?" and "Why so much about Mary?" and are formatted in sections to ease the overwhelming nature of the vast history of Catholic doctrine and theology. Kresta lightens the text with his own brand of humor that does a good job of holding the reader's attention.

Kresta's experience in Christian ministry lends credence to the information presented in this book. Through his pastoral work and radio ministry, the author has come to understand what puzzles Catholics and non-Catholics alike about Catholic teachings and has offered guidance in "Why Do Catholics Genuflect?" Intertwined with the theological answers is Kresta's own pastoral

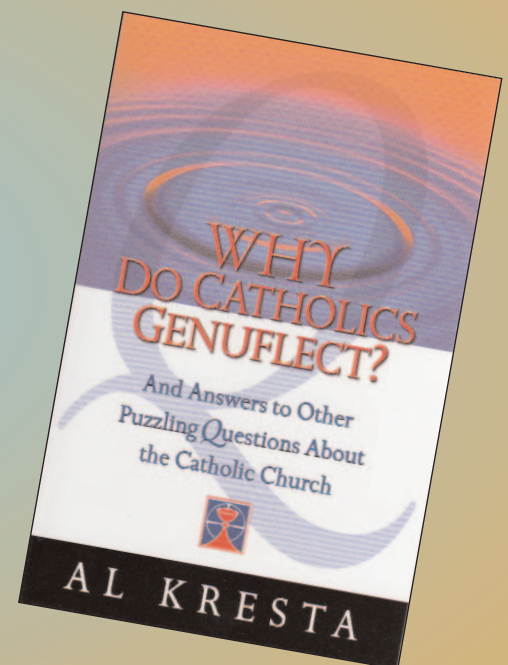
insight into each specific subject that lends heart to the knowledge he presents.

This 190-page question-answer book condenses a substantial amount of information that makes it a worthwhile read for anyone interested in learning more about the faith. It can be an interesting read from cover to cover or used as a periodic reference. The book provides a rich field of subject matter for group discussion and offers clarification for those who seek to defend their faith in the secular world. He finishes the book with 15 pages of references for his material.

"Why Do Catholics Genuflect?" is a must read for any Catholic or non-Catholic, who has questions about the faith.

Discussion questions for this month can be taken directly from the book.

About the author: Al Kresta is president and CEO of the Ave Maria Radio Network. He served as an evangelical Protestant pastor before returning to the Catholic Church. He has fielded numerous questions about Catholicism on his nationally syndicated radio talk show, "Kresta in the Afternoon," heard on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM in Fort Wayne. He lives in Ann Arbor with his wife Sally and three of their five children.



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