

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Breaking ground for education



DENISE FEDOROW

Members of the capital campaign committee and steering committee joined Father Bill Sullivan, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart, in breaking ground for the new educational addition. From left are Judy and Mike Pianowski, Tonja Lucchese, Megan and Troy Baughman, Angie and Sean Kearns, Chuck Fortino with wife Betty behind him and Father Bill Sullivan. Present but not shown in the photo were Rachelle and Thad Naquin and Carol and Tom Pawlak. The Pawlaks along with Kim and Gary Price are chairpersons of the hospitality committee.

Work begins at St. Thomas, Elkhart, to add \$3.1 million addition

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart is growing again as parishioners gathered early Sunday afternoon for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new addition to the school.

Stephen Kromkowski, architecture division manager for DLZ, South Bend, the architectural firm for the project, explained there will be three separate additions that will include approximately 18,000 square feet in new construction and 25,000 square feet for renovations.

The \$3.1 million project will encompass not only general construction but asbestos removal as well.

"We'll be creating additional classroom space and newly enlarged administrative areas," Kromkowski said. "We'll consolidate the rooms' organization to enhance educational curriculum and instruction."

According to Kromkowski, there will be new art, music and computer rooms as well as making the facility handicap-accessible compliant, something Father Bill Sullivan, pastor, is pleased about.

"To me it's a fulfillment of a dream," he said. "To know we're going to be up-to-date and to address the handicap-accessible issue is so critical in schools today. This is an educational facility — we have a religious (education) program, an adult (education) program as well as our day school," Father Sullivan said.

Jim Hiss, senior project manager for The Robert Henry Corporation, South Bend, explained work will begin on the new additions this week.

"We'll work around the kids when they're at the school — we want to be respectful of that and keep them in operation so they can continue their mission of

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Food-price solutions draw world attention, scrutiny

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As food prices continue to climb around the globe — 150 percent for rice alone from January to March — leaders of several countries pledged in Rome in early June to take steps to ward off what many are calling a crisis.

The steps recommended by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization included increased food production, fewer trade restrictions and increased research in agriculture. It also called for more research on bio-fuels.

Some have pinned the blame for soaring food prices on biofuels. The United States — which has boosted the production of biofuels, made largely from corn, to reduce dependence on foreign oil — says only 2 percent to 3 percent of the recent rise in worldwide food prices can be attributed to biofuels, which removes crops from human and animal consumption. Other countries contend that the

impact of biofuels on soaring food prices is much greater.

"This is a unique time," said Bruce White, a policy adviser on food security and hunger for Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency. "It's pretty impressive that the FAO has gotten these countries together, these heads of state, to address these issues. The recommendations some of these U.N. entities are making are quite significant."

One FAO recommendation White noted was for each nation to use vouchers and assistance programs — an initiative similar to the role federal food stamps play in nutrition assistance for poor Americans. "We really welcome this," White told Catholic News Service June 5.

"There's a lot of talk about how long that (form of assistance) would go on," he added. White said it was necessary for nations to target "the ultrapoor in urban areas and design-

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BASILICA OF ST. JOHN



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY A. SHERITZ, LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is one of nine sites in Rome designated for pilgrimage during the Pauline year. The basilica features larger-than-life-sized statues of the Twelve Apostles, including St. Paul. Pope Benedict XVI will inaugurate the jubilee dedicated to St. Paul June 28.



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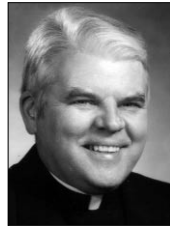
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Annual retreat with priests offers days of recollection



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The annual retreat with our priests

Every priest is required to make a retreat each year. While some priests prefer a private retreat, for example, at the famous Abbey of Gethsemani, the spiritual home of the late Thomas Merton, a famous spiritual writer, most of our priests wish to come together for the annual retreat. So many of our priests live alone and take care of a parish by themselves. The sociability of being present with those who bear the burden of the day is very important.

I've always tried very hard to secure retreat masters who both instruct and inspire, and over the years our priests have had excellent preachers on their annual retreat. Msgr. William Cleves, spiritual director and professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, where our young men study, was the retreat master. I confess to always being a bit anxious when I have not heard the retreat master speak, and that was the case here. He came recommended by the rector of the Josephinum, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld. There was no need to be concerned. We were the beneficiary of outstanding presentations. Beginning with the very first night, we had a reflection on the meeting in the temple between the Holy Family and Anna and Simeon. We experienced rich presentations with very clear expositions of both the Old Testament and the New. I was especially struck with his grasp of the great spiritual lessons of the Old Testament.

We had a wonderful reflection on priestly celibacy as a way of love and a marvelous teaching on forgiveness as shown in the 15th chapter of Luke with a special focus on the story of the prodigal son, which the retreat master made clear is really a story about the prodigal FATHER and the focus should be on the mercy of God — so far beyond what we expect.

Our retreat was held at the Oakwood Inn on the banks of the lovely Lake Wawasee. A room was set aside for a chapel with the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of Our Lady.

The most important work of a bishop is the sanctification of his priests; but the work of sanctification is on the one hand the work of grace, that is, of the Holy Trinity in the soul and also requires the cooperation of the priests. The bishop should lead by his own example, being faithful to his own prayer and seeking to do the will of God but also by providing retreats and days of recollection of a high caliber. The talks at this retreat fit that goal.

The presence of the priests, praying in the chapel. The large number of confessions on the night set aside for that sacrament.

The evening holy hour including exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction, and the joy the priests have of being with one another in this beautiful spot was an inspiration to me. Msgr. Cleves is a priest of the diocese of Covington, Ky, and I believe he told us he is one of 10 children. He entered the seminary at the age of 16 and has a doctorate in philosophy from the famed Gregorian University in Rome. What a joy to be with him and our priests for five days.

New assignments

You will note on page 3 of this edition the assignments and changes of our priests. As stated previously, I extend my gratitude to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood for over 100 years of service in this diocese — the Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, and the last 50-plus years at St. Gaspar Del Bufalo, Rome City. Alas, they are leaving us. Six parishes formerly cared for by religious congregations have been turned over to the diocese and this has stretched more our priestly resources. It has also required us to examine further parish mergers, and recently a committee of priests made some recommendations to me, which I must most now prayerfully consider.

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But a stroke of light

One of our great old parishes is St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne. It was merged recently with St. Paul's. It is multicultural with a large number of Hispanic Catholics, mostly from Mexico but some from other Latin countries along with parishioners from Vietnam and the traditional parishioners at St. Patrick's, who regrettably are fewer in number. We have an excellent pastor, Father Chau Pham, SVD. He is a member of the Congregation of The Divine Word. I know these priests from my native archdiocese. I recall with affection Father Bill Kane, a missionary who went back to Africa to work somewhat late in life, a member of a great family from Beverly, Mass., where I served as a young priest.

When we installed Father Chau as pastor several months ago, I asked him: "Can we find another priest so that we could turn this parish over to this missionary congregation?" Now you must remember, this is an extraordinary congregation. Founded in Germany, they have a missionary spirit. It is sad even to think of it, but it seems true that 50 to 60 years ago many religious congregations, and some dioceses as well,

would not accept an African-American candidate for the priesthood. The Divine Word fathers were an exception, and many young African-Americans, often from poor families, became priests in that congregation, and several are bishops. I happened to be sitting with one of them, a bishop recently waiting to hear Pope Benedict, and he affirmed that this indeed was the case.

At any rate I wrote to the provincial, Father Mark Weber, SVD, an Iowa farm boy, and to my delight he liked my letter and said he would send us a priest. Not only a priest, but an experienced missionary. What I sought was a priest fluent in English and Spanish, so that the three groups in this multicultural parish could be helped. And so Father Thomas Ascherman, SVD, who is also the assistant provincial of The Divine Word fathers, will join us. He visited me a few weeks ago while on a trip to St. Patrick's where he spent the weekend. He is fluent in English and Spanish. He will be a great help and I hope that many who have left St. Patrick's will be returning. I thank the provincial, Father Mark Weber, SVD, and the Society of The Divine Word with all my heart.

Onward to state

Remarkably, two of our high school baseball teams will play in Indianapolis for state championships. Bishop Luers in 2-A, and Marian High School in 3-A will carry the banner of our schools. This is exciting.

On Saturday after a delightful confirmation with Father Polycarp Fernando and the people of St. Dominic, Bremen, I hurried to South Bend and joined the Bishop Luers game in the third inning. They won 7 to 1, bringing their record to 29 and 3. If they should win, it would mean three state championships for Bishop Luers in one year. Surely this is historic. Has anyone ever done it before?

When I returned to my small and not very fancy apartment a few blocks from the ball park, a phone call came from Father Mike Heintz. He was in the baseball diamond in Plymouth and calling on his cell phone. Marian had won in extra innings in an exciting game. After a pause in midseason, they have been charging through the playoffs and have upset major teams including one with a 29-1 record. It is special indeed to have our two teams in the finals.

A bilingual confirmation at St. John's, Goshen, before a packed church on a hot June night with Father Chris Smith, Father Constantino Rocha and a visiting Paulist priest, Father Brett Hoover, CSP, who is staying at St. John's as part of his doctoral studies. One more confirmation at St. Patrick's, Ligonier, then a vacation at home with visits to my family and priest friends. A day on Cape Cod and an evening or two at Fenway Park. It's not far away. I am certainly enjoying the Boston Celtics up by two games at this time.

See you all in two weeks.



DENISE FEDOROW

St. Thomas students, from left, Maggie Kearns, kindergarten; Libby Kearns, first grade; Emma Kearns, holding Bible; and Caroline Baughman, both third graders, participated in the ground breaking ceremony at St. Thomas the Apostle School on Sunday. Emma read the Scripture reading during the ceremony. The girls are all looking forward to the changes coming in their school.

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teaching school while we stay out of the way and yet still get the job done," Hiss said.

Work will likely continue until July 2009, and the project will be phased according to Hiss beginning with new classroom space so students can vacate current space and move into new space.

"The phases will be fluid and a matter of available space for the students. We don't want to miss them around more than once. So we'll hopscotch around (different construction areas)," he said.

Hiss asked those gathered to indulge patience with him and his workers "while we tear up your building and put it back together."

Members of the capital com-

mittee and the steering committee along with St. Thomas students took part in the groundbreaking ceremony.

Father Sullivan blessed the ground and prayed, "God bring successful completion of the project and safety of all those working on it."

Emma Kearns, upcoming third grader at St. Thomas, read Scripture that spoke of us being "God's coworkers."

After the ceremony Emma said she was most excited about the new classrooms and friend Caroline Baughman agreed.

"We'll be coming back to bare walls and concrete," Emma said of the new school year in the fall, but aside from new classroom space, the promise of new playground equipment coming someday appeals to Emma and her sisters.

"This building is for all God's children, young and old alike," Father Sullivan said.

Pastoral assignments announced

Bishop D'Arcy has announced the following assignments of priests:

• **Rev. Bernard Ramenaden, OSB**, from associate pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne to pastor of St. Gaspar Del Bufalo Parish, Rome City. The effective date of this appointment will be July 1, 2008.



Father Bernard Ramenaden, OSB

• **Rev. Eloy Jiminez** from associate pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, to associate pastor of St. Michael Parish, Plymouth. The effective date of this appointment will be Sept. 25, 2008.



Father Eloy Jiminez

• **Rev. Thomas Kodakassery** from associate pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, to associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment will be July 1, 2008.



Father Thomas Kodakassery

• **Rev. Pius Illechukwu** from associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, to pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton. The effective date of this appointment will be July 1, 2008.



Father Pius Illechukwu

• Upon the recommendation of Rev. Mark Weber, SVD, provincial for the Society of the Divine Word, **Rev. Thomas Ascheman, SVD**, has been assigned associate pastor

of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this assignment is Sept. 1, 2008.

• **Rev. Wilson Corzo** from associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, to pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier, and Blessed Sacrament, Albion. The effective date of this assignment will be July 2, 2008.



Father Thomas Ascheman, SVD

• **Rev. Manuel Evangelista**, pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier, and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, will be returning to his diocese in Mexico June 30, 2008.



Father Wilson Corzo

• **Rev. Paul Chukwu** in residence at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, to associate pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this assignment is July 1, 2008.



Father Manuel Evangelista

• **Deacon Drew Curry**, who just this spring completed his academic and spiritual preparation, has been assigned to diaconate ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this assignment is June 17, 2008.



Father Paul Chukwu



Deacon Drew Curry

He is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on Oct. 25, 2008.

• **Deacon Kevin Bauman**, who just this spring completed his academic and spiritual preparation, has been assigned to diaconate ministry at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart. The effective date of this assignment is July 2, 2008. He is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on Oct. 25, 2008.



Deacon Kevin Bauman

• **Deacon Jacob Runyon** has been assigned to diaconate ministry at St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier, and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion, for the summer. The effective date of this assignment is June 2, 2008.



Deacon Jacob Runyon

• **Deacon Fernando Jimenez** has been assigned to diaconate ministry at St. Michael Parish, Plymouth, for the summer. The effective date of this assignment is June 3, 2008.



Deacon Fernando Jimenez

Bishop D'Arcy has accepted the recommendation of Rev. David Tyson, CSC, provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, and has made the following assignments. These assignments will be effective July 1, 2008.

• **Rev. Thomas Jones, CSC**, as pastor of Sacred Heart Crypt Parish, Notre Dame.

• **Rev. Leonard J. Collins, CSC**, as pastor of St. Augustine Parish, South Bend.

• **Rev. Jose Martelli, CSC**, as associate pastor of Little Flower Parish, South Bend.

Boston archdiocesan e-mail initiative reaches out to local Catholics

BY CHRISTINE WILLIAMS

BRIGHTON, Mass. (CNS) — Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston has found a new way to communicate with his flock — via e-mail.

Every Saturday recipients will read special messages from the cardinal, content from his blog, archdiocesan press releases, a calendar of upcoming events and resources for spiritual formation. The e-mail also will link to current stories from *The Pilot*, Boston archdiocesan newspaper, and new programs from CatholicTV.

The cardinal's first e-mail, sent May 24, reached 10,000 inboxes, but the goal is to send a weekly message to at least one e-mail address for every Catholic family in the Archdiocese of Boston, said Scot Landry, secretary for institu-

tional advancement. Landry is in charge of working with Catholic parishes, schools, agencies and individuals to grow the distribution list.

Cardinal O'Malley wants to make sure the archdiocesan message reaches as many Catholics and anyone else interested in the church's ministries as possible, he said.

Currently, the project is the effort of the Catholic Foundation, *The Pilot*, CatholicTV and the cardinal's office, but Landry added that other archdiocesan ministries may help out in the future.

Antonio Enrique, editor of *The Pilot*, coordinates the weekly e-mail.

"For us, this is a natural extension of our role as the communications vehicle of the archdiocese," he said. "Whether we communicate Catholic news and commentary via the printed edition of *The*

Pilot or through the new digital means available to us, the mission remains the same."

Landry said, "We are thrilled that *The Pilot*, as a publishing organization, has taken on working with all the different entities to put it in a great format and make sure that it gets delivered every week."

The content will keep Catholics "reading and learning about the faith" for an entire week, he added.

The option of sending out one, consolidated weekly electronic message is both efficient and allows the archdiocese to send out multimedia presentations like the presbyteral ordination slide show, composed by *Pilot* managing editor Gregory L. Tracy, included in the second e-mail message, he said.

Through those photos, Catholics unable to attend the ordination were able to "experience the power of what happened there,"

Landry said.

The e-mail initiative is just the next step for Cardinal O'Malley, who already has reached out to Catholics through his weekly blog posts, which began in September 2006. *The Pilot* updated its Web site in October that year and CatholicTV did the same in December.

This summer, the archdiocese hopes to expand coverage for CatholicTV on Comcast, Verizon and satellite providers. In the fall, the new Web site for the archdiocese will be launched with links to Web sites for every parish and school in Boston, said a statement about the e-mail initiative.

Cardinal O'Malley said in the statement, "As we celebrate our bicentennial year, we have been reminded how Catholics have innovated to ensure that the saving message of Jesus Christ reaches as

many people as possible. We want to continue that spirit of innovation and evangelization by utilizing the many new communication tools made possible by the recent advances in technology."

Landry said the cardinal has received feedback from Catholic school principals and pastors who have said many students in the archdiocese read the cardinal's blog each week. The blog is an excellent place for young Catholics to learn about the faith because they learn about the church through their archbishop, he said.

"The more that we're getting the same news and we know what's going on and we know how we can be involved in upcoming events, the closer we'll be as one Catholic family, which is what our archdiocese is," he added.

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ing programs around a limited time frame to help people afford the basic foods that they need," either by giving them scrip or food stamps.

"We're also talking about the same arrangements for very poor farmers to buy feed and fertilizer as well, targeting a limited time frame," White said. How limited? "We're trying to race toward growing seasons and looking at agricultural calendars in the countries in which we (at CRS) work. Some of these countries were limited in their planting seasons," he replied.

Domestically, the record crop prices being recorded at grain markets have largely been seen as a good thing, said Bob Gronski, a policy adviser for the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

"We're in this new world now where food prices were always meaning to go up, because farms all around the world were suffering, and now that they are going up, nobody is prepared for it," Gronski said.

"Farmers are happy. They can adjust relatively quickly to declining production," he said. "I think wheat (production) is going up because prices are good," he added, but said he does not know what planting decisions have been made by corn and soybean growers.

Ironically, despite the higher prices corn is fetching because of its use in biofuels, U.S. corn production could actually see a decrease, according to Gronski, because of the "high input" costs associated with raising the crop.

"It makes economic sense to plant (soybeans) as opposed to corn sometimes. Then there are the variables of weather," Gronski said, alluding to the



CNS PHOTO/TAMI CHAPPELL, REUTERS

Volunteers Leshia Jones and Lori Betts sort items in the product resource center at the Atlanta Community Food Bank in Atlanta June 4. As food prices continue to climb around the globe, the leaders of several nations pledged in Rome in early June to take steps to ward off what many are calling a crisis.

rainy spring, in a June 5 telephone interview.

And when crops are planted, the question remains just what kinds of crops go into the ground.

"I've heard a little about the United States pressing for GMOs (genetically modified organisms) being part of the answer here," Gronski said, referring to foodstuffs modified to resist diseases and pests and to allow for greater productivity. "We think that it's a very complex issue and there are many solutions; I'm not quite sure focusing on that (the kind of crops being planted) is going to be completely helpful."

Gronski echoed White's sentiments about help for small farmers abroad at this time of higher food prices.

"It probably would be a great opportunity for the small farmers around the world to get back into the game," he said. But "can they get the seeds, can they afford the fertilizers?" he asked. Higher energy costs makes importing fertilizers a tougher decision than in past years, he noted.

"The shakeout (on food prices) looks pretty bad for now, but I don't think we're really going to know what's going to happen until we get to next year," he said. "Everybody's panicking. The speculation until next year is part of the market game."

That market game has been joined recently by several large businesses. As they see food prices climbing steadily upward, they have purchased farmland and silos in North America and elsewhere, banking on continued high prices for basic foodstuffs.

CRS' White congratulated the world leaders, at least, on their intent to help their people.

"They've put together some pretty hefty prices on some of the recommendations they've set forth," he said; the estimated price tag for the actions recommended in Rome is \$33 billion. "The next very important question is how are nations and donors going to pony up? That is something that has not been resolved as far as I know."

Pope says Scripture must be read with humility

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians must read sacred Scripture with humility and the desire to gain spiritual nourishment, not "theoretical knowledge" of God's word, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Intellectual humility is the most important rule for whoever seeks to penetrate supernatural reality starting with sacred writings," he said during his June 4 general audience in St. Peter's Square.

Delving into Scripture solely to "satisfy one's own desires for knowledge means to give in to the temptation of pride and to expose oneself to the risk of slipping into heresy," he said.

The pope's remarks continued his catechesis on the life and teachings of St. Gregory the Great. The sixth-century pope and doctor of the church "was a passionate reader of the Bible," Pope Benedict said.

He said St. Gregory believed Christians ought to glean from sacred Scripture "not so much theoretical knowledge but rather daily nourishment for their soul."

Reading and contemplating sacred writings with humility is indispensable for "really entering deeply into the text" and reaping spiritual benefits, he said.

"Only with this intellectual humility can one really listen (and) finally understand the voice of God," he said.

The pope said St. Gregory's writings also illustrated what he considered to be the ideal bishop: "a teacher and guide of his flock" and an excellent preacher who understands the needs and prob-

lems of his people and the times and challenges the local community and humanity are facing.

The bishop must be a role model for others so that "his behavior may be a reference point for everyone," the pope said.

He said that, as pope, St. Gregory upheld "the prerogatives of the see of Rome," but he still respected the rights and legitimate autonomy of the patriarchs of Antioch, Alexandria and Constantinople.

He said St. Gregory remained a monk at heart and was "decisively against grand titles," stressing instead the importance of humility as the "fundamental virtue of every bishop."

"He was intimately struck by God's humility, that Christ became our servant, he washed us and washes dirty feet," he said.

St. "Gregory was convinced that, above all, a bishop should imitate this humility of God and that way follow Christ," the pope said.

Out of his love for God, St. Gregory lived his life as a servant of the servants of God even during a time that was "full of tribulation and suffering," said the pope.

His being a servant of servants "shows us the true measure of greatness," the pope said.

The Vatican's text of the pope's remarks in English is available online at: www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/audiences/2008/documents.



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Quebec cardinal says he hopes congress pilgrims ready to give witness

BY BARB FRAZE

TORONTO (CNS) — Quebec Cardinal Marc Ouellet said he hopes pilgrims to the 49th International Eucharistic Congress will be prepared “to receive and to give.”

The cardinal told Catholic News Service his message to pilgrims arriving in Quebec City for the June 15-22 event was: “Open your hearts. Open your arms. We welcome you wholeheartedly.”

“We need you; we need your testimony of faith,” he said. “We need your openness to communicate to the people surrounding the event.”

The cardinal said many of the events at the congress would be held in public areas of Quebec, where people who choose not to attend the congress would be able to watch.

“If they see the joy and the spirit of openness in the congress,” they might be impressed with the Catholic Church, the cardinal told CNS after a May 30 speech to journalists attending the Catholic Media Convention in Toronto.

He told the journalists to “let the world know that people still hunger today for the bread that gives life, hope and true freedom,” and he called the congress “a countersign to a culture that lives on fast food and quick fixes.”

The congress’ opening ceremony includes a performance by Gen Verde, a multi-artistic group featuring women of 13 different nationalities, as well as a Mass at

the coliseum in ExpoCite, the exhibition complex where most of the congress events and the plenary sessions will be held.

The week closes with a special Mass on the Plains of Abraham, the site of a decisive battle in 1759 between British and French troops that led to the fall of Quebec. Pope Benedict XVI, whom organizers had lobbied to attend the congress, will give the homily live from Rome via satellite.

Each day, catechesis will focus on various aspects of the Eucharist. Church leaders from Africa, South and North America, Asia and Europe will be among those leading the sessions.

Cardinal Ouellet told the journalists the catechesis June 20 will highlight two specific testimonies: “that of spouses who form their family on the basis of sacramental marriage, becoming therefore a domestic church; and that of consecrated life under all its forms.”

Congress organizers say they expect 15,000 people to participate in a eucharistic procession through the streets of Quebec the evening of June 19. The procession will be led by Cardinal Ouellet and by Slovakian Cardinal Jozef Tomko, president of the Vatican’s office for organizing the international event from 2001 to 2007 and Pope Benedict’s envoy to the congress.

A new media portal for the Archdiocese of Quebec — www.ecdq.tv — will broadcast many of the events live in French, English and Spanish.

Breakfast tradition lures graduates

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — With high school graduation still a few days away, some area high school seniors were already thinking about a reunion.

Thirty-six of the 48 Corpus Christi Parish students who made up the grade school class of 2004 returned for the South Bend parish’s annual Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast.

Corpus Christi pastor Father Camillo Tirabassi beamed as he looked out at the sea of students and parents in attendance at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on a sunny first day of June. He said he was proud of the young people for honoring their parish.

“They’ve always been good,” said Father Cam, referring to the students, many of whom he has known since they were in preschool at Corpus Christi. “They’ve always been at the forefront of what needed to be done, and that carried on through high school.”

In fact, two young men from Corpus Christi earned top honors at Saint Joseph’s High School. Tom Everett was named class valedictorian and John Aversa the salutatorian. Both will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

The students and their families gathered for breakfast after Mass, courtesy of the junior parents, chaired by Joanne Verhiley. The committee had over 100 people in attendance, double the usual number.

While most of the Corpus Christi graduates attended Saint Joseph’s High School, some also took their talents to South Bend Clay and Mishawaka Marian high



DIANE FREEBY

The 36 high school seniors at the Corpus Christi gathering June 1 for the annual Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast include the following: bottom row, from left, Jenny Scope, Courtney Dahms, Kevin Healy, Joe Vasquez and Chris Kosinski; second row, Jill Meert, Lindsay Ferro, Katherine Remley, Anne Reagan, Katie Dunlap, Anne Kilbury, Emily Foldenauer, Kelsey Klimek, Samanthe Borntreger, Kari Deutscher, Brooke Haugel, Kristine Kowalski and Father Cam Tirabassi; third row, Maggie Kendzicky, Tess Godfrey, Teddy Pajakowski, Christie Nurkowski, Christian Honap, Tom Everett, John Aversa, Timmy Kaniewski and Drew Steinke; top row, Jimmy Higgins, Mitchell Speer, Sean Leyes, Bobby McClintock, Jacob Staley, Christian Healy, Kevin Mackowiak, Oliver Temple, A.J. Cyr and Jay Dobson.

schools. At the breakfast, students sat together with friends they might not have seen in four years.

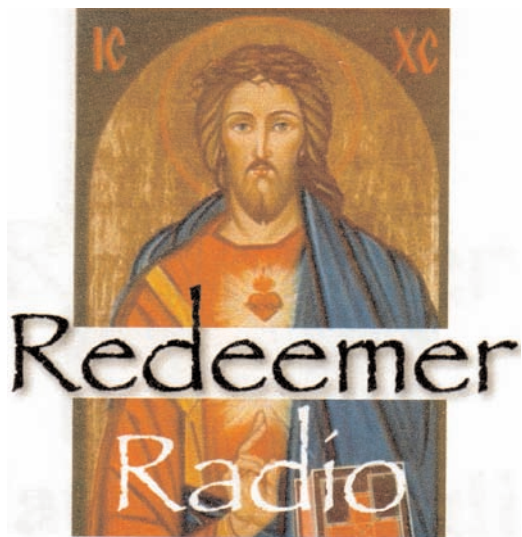
“Getting together with my Corpus classmates reminded me of the wonderful memories and great foundation the school has provided all of us,” said Saint Joseph’s High School senior Maggie Kendzicky. “I really appreciate all that Corpus Christi has instilled in me spiritually, academically and socially. Lessons that I learned from my teachers, preschool through eighth grade, will guide me as I head off to college. I’m proud and grateful for all that Father Cam and Corpus Christi have done for me.”

During the breakfast, students introduced themselves and shared what they planned to do after high school graduation. Many are going to college, but the loudest applause came for Saint Joseph’s High School senior Kevin Healy who is entering the U.S. Marine Corps.

“We didn’t have any seminarians, though,” said Father Cam. “So, anyone who is undecided, maybe they’ll consider it!”

Father Cam has hosted the senior Mass and breakfast for each of the 35 years he’s served as a pastor, first at Queen of Peace in Mishawaka then for the past 20 years at Corpus Christi.

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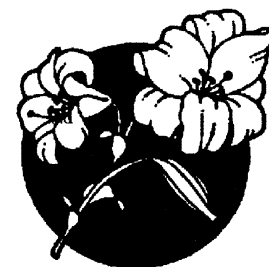
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Pope names Florentine cardinal to head Vatican's family council

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Italian Cardinal Ennio Antonelli of Florence to be the new president of the Pontifical Council for the Family. The 71-year-old cardinal filled a post made vacant by the April 19 death of Colombian Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, who had headed the council for nearly 18 years. Cardinal Antonelli said he was grateful for the pope's trust in him as he felt the weight of his new role and the "great responsibility for the decisive importance the family has for the church and for society." While many people consider the family to be an important ideal, the family also "is seriously threatened and in crisis," he told Vatican Radio June 7. Surveys show the family is "highly regarded as an ideal," but it is still under attack by cultural, economic and social phenomena that "are not favorable to the family," he said. The biggest challenges the family is facing today are its "unity, marital stability, and also the fecundity" or low birthrate for married couples, he said.

Chicago parish says Father Pfleger to return June 16

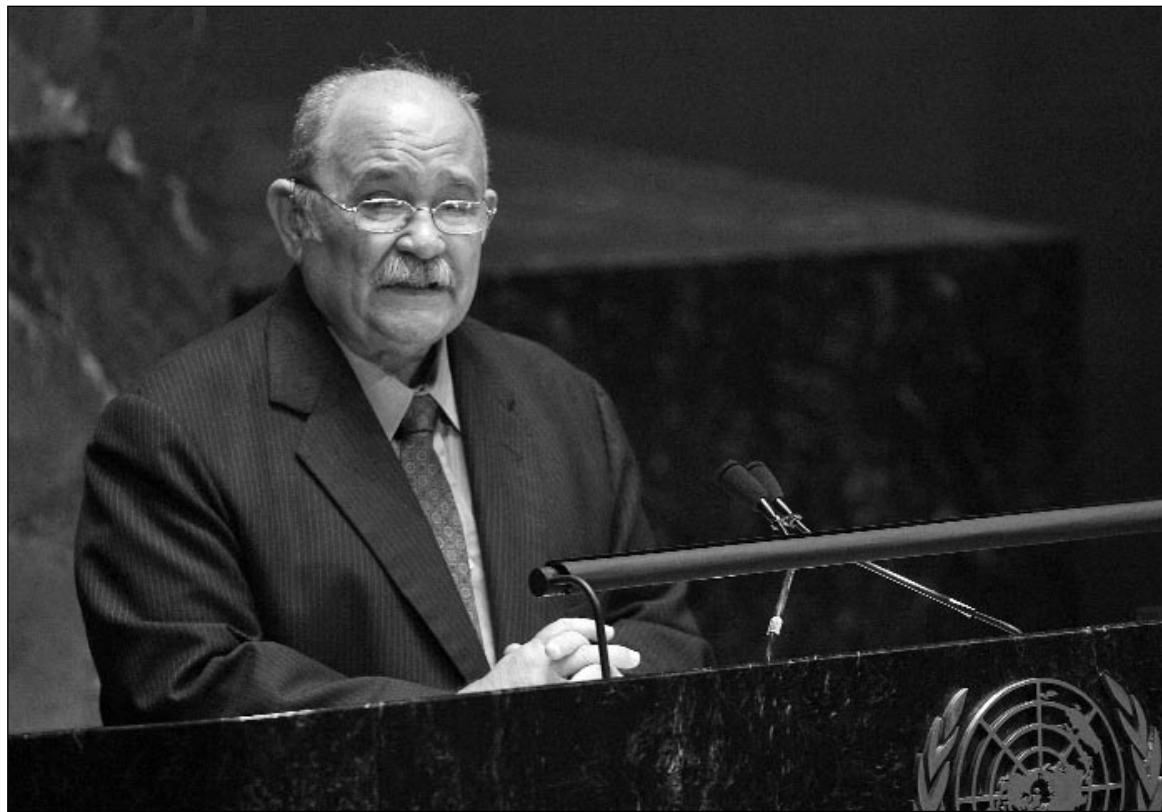
CHICAGO (CNS) — Father Michael Pfleger will return to his post as pastor of St. Sabina Church in Chicago June 16, according to an announcement on the parish's Web site. Officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago neither confirmed nor denied the parish's announcement. "There will be no further statement or announcement" beyond Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George's June 3 announcement that he had asked Father Pfleger "to take leave for a couple of weeks from his pastoral duties," Susan Burritt, media relations director for the archdiocese, told Catholic News Service June 9. "No one in the archdiocese is authorized" to make further comments on the matter, she added. Father Pfleger was removed temporarily from his post at St. Sabina after he made national news for a May 25 speech in which he mocked Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York, then a Democratic presidential candidate, saying Clinton saw Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois as "a black man stealing my show" when he entered the race for the Democratic nomination.

Priest says he erred by backing McCain at pulpit, still endorses him

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A well-known New York priest said he shouldn't have endorsed Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona for president during the invocation at a May 29 Republican dinner, but added that his only error was the setting in which he made the remarks. Msgr. Jim Lisante told Catholic News Service June 4 that he erred in making the endorsement and criticizing presumptive Democratic

NEWS BRIEFS

PRIEST ELECTED AS HEAD OF U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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Father Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann addresses the U.N. General Assembly in New York June 4 following his election as head of the assembly the same day. Father d'Escoto, who is not permitted by the church to exercise his priestly ministry, spoke out against what he called "acts of aggression" in Iraq and Afghanistan, without mentioning the U.S. by name.

presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois during the invocation at a New York State Republican Party event, but said it wouldn't be improper for him to do so away from the pulpit. "I freely admit I'm a supporter of John McCain, mainly because of his unwavering record on pro-life issues and, as a private citizen, I not only have the right to express my point of view, (but) the greater mistake would be to remain silent," he said. "I knew some members of the Catholic Church wouldn't agree with me, but others have expressed their support." Canon law forbids clergy from assuming "public offices which entail a participation in the exercise of civil power"; it does not prohibit clergy from endorsing candidates or political parties but an individual bishop may tell his clergy not to do so. Under Internal Revenue Service guidelines for preserving the church's tax-exempt status, members of the clergy may make endorsements if they are speaking as individuals, but not at official functions or in official publications of the church.

St. Stanislaus Kostka board member reconciles with Catholic Church

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — An excommunicated member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish board of directors, which fought Archbishop Raymond L. Burke over the parish's restructuring, has reconciled with the Catholic Church. Edward Florek, 63, said he broke ranks with the board in March after concluding that

Father Marek Bozek, whom the board hired as its pastor after the archbishop recalled the parish's priests in 2004, was leading the parish away from Roman Catholicism. The six board members, including Florek, and Father Bozek were excommunicated in December 2005 after ignoring repeated requests from the archdiocese to vacate the parish property once it was decided to suppress the church. Father Bozek left his position as a priest in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., to join the St. Louis parish. A St. Stanislaus parishioner for 33 years since coming from Poland, Florek told the *St. Louis Review*, the archdiocese's newspaper, that he met privately with Archbishop Burke June 2 after initiating the meeting. The two prayed the Nicene Creed and then, Florek said, he took an oath of loyalty to the archbishop and the Catholic Church.

Pro-life law professor stunned by priest's refusal of Communion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — For Pepperdine law professor Douglas Kmiec, a constitutional lawyer who often writes on religion in the public square, the situation had uncomfortable echoes of the last presidential election cycle — a priest was refusing to give Communion to someone on the basis of the man's support of a candidate. This time, though, the surprised Massgoer turned away by a priest was Kmiec himself. The former dean of the law school at The Catholic University of

America in Washington is an architect of the Reagan administration's stance against abortion whose pro-life credentials include serving as keynote speaker at the March for Life's annual Rose Dinner a few years ago. When the priest upbraided the law professor from the pulpit for his endorsement of presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and then refused to give him Communion, Kmiec was stunned, he told Catholic News Service June 4 in a telephone interview. (Since 2002 Kmiec has been a columnist for CNS.) The incident occurred at a Mass preceding the meeting of a Catholic business group in California at which Kmiec was the featured speaker.

Bodies of parents of St. Therese of Lisieux exhumed in France

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The remains of the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, France, have been exhumed as French Catholics await the couple's expected beatification. "This beatification will be important not only for the church in France, but for families everywhere who've prayed for the intercession of this married couple, who lived in a different epoch but experienced the same strains as all parents," said Dominique Monvielle, director of Lisieux's pilgrimage center, June 4. The bodies of Louis and Zélie Martin were disinterred May 27 from graves outside St. Therese Basilica in Lisieux and will be reburied after preservation work in the basilica crypt in September.

Monvielle told Catholic News Service that Pietro Schillero, a 6-year-old Italian boy whose cure from a fatal lung condition at 13 months was recognized as a miracle by the church in June 2003, attended the exhumation ceremony with his parents, who had prayed to the Martins for a cure.

Children unable to return to school in Myanmar, archbishop says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With their lives still in a state of disarray, another reality has hit the children of Myanmar after a cyclone devastated their villages and towns. June 2 marked the beginning of the school year, but in Aima, a village in the southern Irrawaddy delta region, "all the schools have been destroyed," said Archbishop Charles Bo of Yangon in e-mails in late May and early June. The archbishop said he believes that "the start of the school year is also an important reminder that we must prioritize the needs of children who have been affected by Cyclone Nargis." He called on the church to "ensure that children can also return to school as soon as possible." In his e-mails, Archbishop Bo gave updates on the Asian country's state of affairs. After recently traveling 10 hours by boat to Aima, he also shared the stories of what he saw and heard from survivors. "For the children of Aima, the horror of the cyclone still haunts them," said Archbishop Bo. "Many of the children cry at night and when it rains. The children fear the worst and relive the trauma of the night" of May 2, when Cyclone Nargis hit, he said.

Cardinal Kasper gives upbeat report on meetings with Russian Orthodox

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican's top ecumenist gave an upbeat report on his recent meetings with leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church, saying historic tensions have been replaced by an eagerness to cooperate. "We're at the beginning of a new situation and a new reality, in which the confrontation of the past seems to have vanished," Cardinal Walter Kasper said after his 10-day visit to Russia at the end of May. "Everything seems to point in the direction of a possible meeting between Pope Benedict XVI and Patriarch Alexy II (of Moscow.) There is not a concrete agenda, but there are many signs of reconciliation," the cardinal said in an interview June 3 with the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*. Cardinal Kasper traveled to Russia at the invitation of Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad, president of the Russian Orthodox Church's office for ecumenical relations. The trip featured a meeting with Patriarch Alexy and visits to Orthodox centers in four major cities. Cardinal Kasper said he received a warm welcome that would have been unthinkable a few years ago.

Cathedral to host 'Happy Birthday America!' concert

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral Choir is inviting the public to a one-hour concert of all patriotic music and singing at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne on Wednesday, June 25, beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition to the Cathedral Choir, the patriotic concert will feature a brass quartet and guest organist Paul Skevington, one of the leading choral accompanists in the Washington, D.C. area who frequently performs at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The annual "Happy Birthday America!" musical celebration of Independence is free and open to the public. Complimentary ice cream will be served afterward. Early seating is advised.

Diocesan representatives to serve on national Serran conference panel

SOUTH BEND — Seven distinguished panelists, including a newly-ordained priest, will highlight the Serra All American National Conference, June 18-22, at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame as they focus on the theme, "Vision of the Catholic Church in 2025: Building a Christian Culture."

Serra, a national organization with representatives in all 50 states, is devoted to the fostering and encouragement of religious vocations. The Serrans of South Bend, which is host to the national conference, will be represented by Dr. Dick Dornbos, District 37 governor, who has served as a teacher and administrator in Catholic schools in Indiana and Michigan.

Some of the panelists include the following:

- Father David T. Link, former dean of the Notre Dame Law School, who was ordained on June 7 in the Gary Diocese and presently serves as a chaplain in the Indiana state prison at Michigan City.

- Fred and Lisa Everett, co-directors of the Office of Family Life for the the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. They are the parents of seven children.

- Andrew Budzinski, diocesan seminarian at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, who is stationed at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, for the summer months.

- Chris Godfrey of South Bend, is founder of Life Athletes, which is dedicated to Christian values. He is also a former All-American and National Football League star. Chris and Daria Godfrey, who will also serve on the panel, are the parents of six children.

- Brian Kelly of Madison, Wis., district governor and radio personality, will serve as moderator.

Each panelist will conduct a special session on the following topics: everyone throughout the world has an important vocation; family life is a multicultural and intergenerational society; our youth are our future; Catholic edu-

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ASSISTS VINCENT VILLAGE



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For the second year, St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, participated in the Homeward Bound Walk to help the homeless. With the school's penny war, they generated \$1,426.29. Also, those participating in the walk had sponsors. The school presented the money to Vincent Village. In the photo at the appreciation presentation by Vincent Village are St. John the Baptist pastor, Father Daryl Rybicki, Principal Jane Sandor, Bryan Austin, Chris Moeller and Barbara Jones.

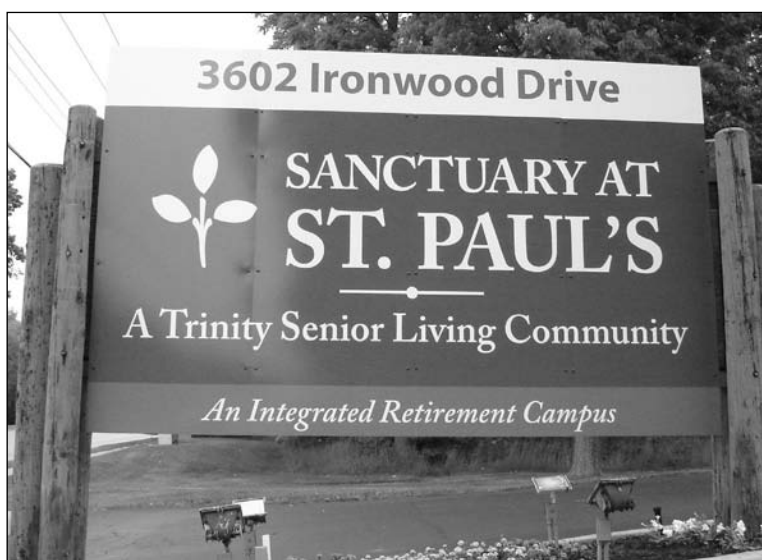
Long-term care, retirement facilities finds Sanctuary in South Bend

SOUTH BEND — Starting June 5, four South Bend long-term care and retirement facilities owned by Trinity Health, based in Novi, Mich., received new names. St. Paul's Retirement Community is now Sanctuary at St. Paul's; Holy Cross Care and Rehabilitation Center is Sanctuary at Holy Cross; St. Joseph Tower, Sanctuary at Trinity Tower; and St. Joseph Care Center has become Sanctuary at St. Joseph's.

Sanctuary is Trinity's new approach to senior living.

"It is a blending of three key elements — the Eden Alternative philosophy of eliminating loneliness, helplessness and boredom; Trinity Health's mission, vision and values; and Trinity senior living communities heritage of providing outstanding care for seniors," says Jessica Shirley, marketing coordinator for Sanctuary at St. Paul's. "In essence, the Sanctuary model of care is built upon the foundation of the Eden Alternative plus and Trinity's senior living communities organizational core values."

Each of the four sites had a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate its new name as well as refreshments, tours and entertainment. During the ceremony that took place at St. Paul's Retirement Community, Jackie Harris, president and CEO of Trinity Senior Living Communities, assured those present that "We will contin-



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

A sign at Sanctuary at St. Paul's senior living community announces the new name.

ue to go beyond your expectations."

The mission of Sanctuary is to carry on the tradition of creating places of well-being that nourish the body, mind and spirit by honoring the sacredness of every person, the resident as well as the caregivers. It is about hospitality, companionship and building and preserving meaningful relationships.

"Sanctuary is also about creating communities where elders can make their own decisions, create their own routines, and abide by their own schedules," says

Shirley, "They are places that are comfortable, safe and invigorating where seniors can live their best lives."

Trinity recognizes that the typical long-term care facility does not adequately meet the needs of today's seniors. It is hoped that the Sanctuary approach will better address these needs and help make retirement a rich experience for many. — ML

For more information about Trinity Senior Living Communities go to www.TrinitySeniorSanctuary.org.

cation in 2025; God's greatest gifts are life, faith, hope and charity. — EJD

Lindenwood announces 2008 Summer Elderhostel classes

DONALDSON — Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center Summer Elderhostel program is Self Healing Practices for a Holistic Lifestyle. Registration is Sunday, June 22, with classes starting Monday, June 23, at 9 a.m. and run through Friday, June 27, at 9 a.m.

Courses will be the following:

- Brain Aerobics — Dendrites are the "branches" in our brains that help us link and retrieve information. We make them grow by doing or learning new and different things by using our mind logically, imaginatively and thoughtfully. Expanding ourselves not only helps our brains, it also contributes to our overall well-being and attitude toward life. This course will be taught by Joni Gatz-Bauman from Chicago, Ill.

- Life as Movement — What activities can reduce your risk of diabetes, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, arthritis, depression and alzheimers? What are the benefits of daily activity? How can movement be medicine to make your life complete? An exploration will be made on how fitness can be a healing process. This course will be taught by Mary Holm and staff from Fitness Forum, Plymouth.

- Acupressure. Acupressure is an ancient healing art using the fingers to press key points on the surface of the skin to stimulate the body's natural self-curative abilities. This process aids in healing. Acupressure includes relieving pain, balancing the body and maintaining good health. Join in learning about and practicing this ancient healing art. This course will be taught by LeAnn Osborn from Nappanee.

Elderhostel programs are week-long experiences with college-level courses for persons over 55. The programs at Lindenwood are sponsored in cooperation with Ancilla College and Elderhostel, Inc., an international educational movement throughout the U.S., Canada and more than 40 countries abroad. Lindenwood has been offering Elderhostel programs for the past 11 years.

For more information, contact Lindenwood by phone at (574) 935-1763, e-mail: lw@lindenwood.org or www.lindenwood.org

To register contact Elderhostel toll-free at (877) 426-8056 or register online at www.elderhostel.org. Mention Lindenwood's program code #16295. Registration deadline is June 18.

Lindenwood is an ecumenical center offering quiet meeting spaces and innovative programs for spiritual and artistic growth, and faith development. The center is located in Donaldson, eight miles west of Plymouth and 40 miles south of South Bend.

Holy Cross Brothers celebrate jubilees June 21

NOTRE DAME — Twenty-five Brothers of Holy Cross will be celebrating their jubilees of religious profession at Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame, on Saturday, June 21, at 2 p.m. A dinner will follow the Mass in the North Dining Hall for invited guests.

Holy Cross Father Steve C. Gibson, director of Holy Cross Media Ministries and longtime retreat master at Fatima Retreat House, Notre Dame, will be the celebrant and homilist for the Mass of Thanksgiving. Holy Cross Brother Robert Fillmore, provincial of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, will accept the brothers' renewal of vows.

Celebrating 70 years will be Brother Roland Driscoll; 60 years: Brothers Albert Kern, William Gates, John Stout, John Doran (Southwest Province) and retired at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, and Robert Fontaine, (Eastern Province); 50 years: Brothers Ronald Drahozal, Charles McBride, Charles Drevon, Richard Johnson, James Leik, Walter Gluhm, John Schuszler, John May, James Bluma, Donald Fleischhacker, Thomas Scheurer, Donald Schapker, Jerome Meyer, Thomas Cunningham and Richard Daly (Southwest Province); 40 years: Brothers Thomas Minta, Thomas Henning and Charles Gregg; 25 years: Brother Paul Mensah.

Sixteen of the 25 brothers have ministered or are presently ministering in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

• **Brother Roland Driscoll** is one of three brothers and the only one in the Midwest Province celebrating his 70th year of religious profession. Brother Roland, a native of Knoxville,



Brother Roland Driscoll, CSC

Tenn., is a typical southern gentleman. Prior to coming to Columba Hall, Notre Dame, this year, Brother Roland cared for aging members of his family in Knoxville since 1980. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, brother taught at Catholic Central High School, South Bend.

• **Brother Albert Vincent Kern** has spent many of his 60 years of religious life ministering in and about



Brother Albert Kern, CSC

Notre Dame. He is known for his great smile and courtesy service as clerk in the provincial business office; performing the duties of keeping track of automobile registrations and insurance.

Brother Albert, a native of Detroit, has served as a student aid officer at Holy Cross College. Brother most recently resided as one of the brother caretakers at St. Joseph Farm, Granger. Now retired at Columba Hall, Brother Albert is in frail health but continues to greet everyone and make them feel welcome with his infectious smile.

• **Brother Charles P. McBride**, a native of Chicago, has served at the University of Notre Dame, and, for the past four years, has been serving as communications director for the Midwest Province. Besides his teaching U.S. history and journalism, the major work of Brother Charles over the years has been in the areas of communications, public relations, photography and student recruitment. For the past 40 years, he has been a photographer for the Sports Information Office of the University of Notre Dame. His pictures of athletic events have been on CBS and the Fox TV networks as well as in *Sports Illustrated*.



Brother Charles P. McBride, CSC

• **Brother Charles Drevon** is director of technology at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. Along with his many duties at Holy Cross College Brother Charles keeps the e-mail system of the Midwest Province Listserv program on track. Brother Charles has also taught at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. He considers his major areas to be physics, mathematics and computers.



Brother Charles Drevon, CSC

• There are three things that keep **Brother Richard Johnson** interested in life: the missions in Ghana, computers and working with the deaf. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Brother Richard is currently the Midwest Province webmaster and communications director for the Holy Cross Associates program. He lives with the Columba Hall community.



Brother Richard Johnson, CSC

• **Brother James Leik** is an example of stability. He has worked the past 40 years as teacher and one year as an interim president of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame.



Brother James Leik, CSC

On a questionnaire given to the jubilarians, Brother James states that his greatest contribution to the community has been his stability and a hard work ethic. Although partially retired, Brother James continues to teach a class in business law and create archives for Holy Cross College. Prior to coming to Holy Cross Junior College in 1968 he taught at Saint Joseph's and other high schools.

• Being rescued from Hurricane Katrina and taken to the New Orleans Superdome may not be what **Brother Walter Gluhm** wants to be remembered for after 50 years of religious life, but that's what gave him his "15 minutes of fame." Presently Brother Walter is superior at Columba Hall, Notre Dame. A native of Hamilton, Ohio, he spent two years in the U.S. Army before he saw an ad in *Our Sunday Visitor* calling him to the community to help underprivileged boys. Assignments have included the post office at Notre Dame and St. Joseph Elementary School, South Bend.



Brother Walter Gluhm, CSC

• **Brother John Schuszler**, after graduating high school in Lakewood, Ohio, received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in industrial arts from Indiana State University. Brother is retired at Columba Hall but using his free time to volunteer cutting hair, assisting at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House and assisting at area volunteer organizations.



Brother John Schuszler, CSC

• **Brother John May** is a native of Maybee, Mich., has his undergraduate degree in English from Notre Dame and his graduate degree from Butler University in Indianapolis.



Brother John May, CSC

His areas of interest are English, journalism, chorus and school administration. In his ministerial assignments in the diocese, Brother John was in on the beginnings of the Midwest Province Development Office, was editor of the brothers' newsletter; and was involved in the planning and construction of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Brother John is currently the director of planning and director of mission effectiveness for the province. He is also a member of the Holy Cross Village board of directors.

• **Brother James Bluma**, a native of Green Bay, Wis., has been able to use his "God given talents" as a teacher, principal, college administrator and accountant.



Brother James Bluma, CSC

Over the years Brother James has taught at Saint Joseph's High School and has been an administrator at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. After he retired to Columba Hall, Brother James worked part-time in the Midwest Province Business Office.



Brother Donald Fleischhacker, CSC

including Dujarie House and Schubert Villa at Notre Dame. Now retired at Columba Hall, Brother Donald spends time as a volunteer at Dujarie House along with hobbies of reading, music, swimming and walking.

• **Brother Donald Schapker** has lived at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, for 48 years. His first assignment at Notre Dame was for



Brother Donald Schapker, CSC

three years at the Ave Maria Press followed by 31 years as a clerk at the U.S. Post Office. After retiring from U.S. Post Office at Notre Dame, Brother Donald worked for 12 years in the audio visual department at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) headquarters, formerly located in South Bend.

• **Brother Jerome Meyer**, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, spent 36 years of teaching mathematics in three high schools. For the past 11 years, he has been a rector of Knott Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. In recent years Brother Jerome was a member of the provincial council of the Midwest Province.



Brother Jerome Meyer, CSC

• **Brother Thomas Cunningham**, a native of Albert Lee, Minn., first taught English at three Holy Cross schools. With the completion of construction at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, Brother Thomas



Brother Thomas Cunningham, CSC

accepted the challenge of being the director of the brothers living in the Helen Schubert Villa assisted living facility as well as those at the Dujarie House infirmary and Philip Quinn Memory Care unit.

• **Brother Thomas Henning**, a native of Detroit, has served as business manager for LeMans Academy, and as assistant business manager, Brothers of Holy Cross, Notre Dame.



Brother Thomas Henning, CSC

• **Brother Charles Gregg**, a native of Barberton, Ohio, earned a master's degree in English from Notre Dame in 1973 and a master's degree in library science in 1988 from Indiana University. His assignments have included Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend and Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. At Holy Cross, he was the college librarian. He was also the secretary for the provincial of the Midwest Province. Although retired, Brother Charles keeps busy teaching in the Forever Learning Center in South Bend.



Brother Charles Gregg, CSC



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St. Paul ... an example for us



THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

There is no question that St. Paul was the greatest evangelist who ever lived. He was committed to bringing the good news of the Gospel to all of God's people, not just the Jews. His evangelization continues today through the letters he wrote to the various Christian communities of his day. If he were still alive he would probably be ranked up there with Billy Graham.

To celebrate the 2,000 years since his birth, Pope Benedict has declared a Pauline Year, which begins June 28, 2008, and concludes June 29, 2009. The celebration of this special year will focus on rediscovering the person of St. Paul and his teachings, improving efforts toward Christian unity and promoting pilgrimages

to places associated with his life.

Even though the major celebrations during this year will take place in Rome at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, it is hoped that Catholics throughout the world will take advantage of this time to delve more deeply into Paul's teachings and meditate on his vigorous spirituality of faith, hope and charity. This year is a graced opportunity to deepen our faith and remind us of our Christian responsibility to evangelize.

As far as evangelization goes, many Catholics cringe at that word. Often visions of TV evangelists in three-piece suits flash through our minds. Or we may think about people from other Christian churches who ask people, even other Christians, if they have been "saved" or try to convert them.

I don't know of many Catholics who work so actively to convert others. More often we go to the opposite extreme and do not readily share our belief in Jesus. As I have said many times before, when you really love someone you usually tell others all about that person.

Maybe the real underlying reason why many of us hesitate to actively evangelize

is that we are not too sure about what the church really teaches. One concrete way each of us can celebrate this special Pauline year is to reread and study the Acts of the Apostles and the letters Paul wrote to the early Christians and thus deepen our own knowledge and faith.

It is also important to remember that we don't only evangelize by our words. There is an old saying that "actions speak louder than words." It is amazing how being a faithful Catholic can influence another who may be searching for a church. Often catechumens and candidates in RCIA programs share how the good example of certain individuals influenced their decisions to join the Catholic Church.

There will probably never be another St. Paul but, like him, each of us by our baptism is called to share the good news of Jesus in some way or other.

May this special year motivate us to reflect on how we can evangelize better and grace us with some of the passion for Christ that St. Paul had.



YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

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Carefully named, deeply loved: Our personal call to Christ

America's love affair with Jacob and Emily going strong

For the ninth consecutive year, they were the top pair on the Social Security Administration's new list of most popular baby names.

Unlike the drawn-out, hyped-up announcement of America's most popular singer and dancer, this popularity contest was reported quietly, with no fanfare.

And yet, cobbled together, baby names provide a mirror of our nation. More so than the style of song or dance we prefer, the names we choose for our children sculpt their identities and reflect our dreams.

A number of shifts occurred from 2006 to 2007: Isabella inched from No. 4 to No. 2;

Addison ascended from No. 28 to No. 11 and Claire climbed from No. 86 to No. 66. Meanwhile, Britney (as in, Spears) plummeted from No. 474 to No. 564.

This seems to be an era for unusual names. Nevaeh, for example, which is heaven spelled backwards, rose to No. 31. (I'm not quite sure, theologically, why a parent would opt for the backwards of heaven.)

A labor and delivery nurse told me of one mom who, undecided about her daughter's name, wrote ABCDE on the birth certificate, awaiting inspiration. The inspiration that finally trudged forward: keep the name, pronouncing it "Abssidy."

Saint names are far less common today, though a few are staging comebacks. Xavier rose to No. 68, Dominic held strong at No. 85, and Lucia hit No. 311, having ranked at No. 523 just five years ago.

In Catholic tradition, choosing a new name signifies a new life in Christ. Saul's conversion to Christianity was marked by his assumption of the name Paul.

When we are confirmed, we acquire a saint name as a source of inspiration and guidance.

Women and men choose new names when they enter religious life. So do cardinals when they are elected pope.

Pope Benedict XVI explained his name change at his first general audience. "Filled with sentiments of awe and thanksgiving, I wish to speak of why I chose the name

Benedict," he said. "I remember Pope Benedict XV, that courageous prophet of peace, who guided the church through turbulent times of war. In his footsteps, I place my ministry in the service of reconciliation and harmony between peoples."

A name is an intimate sound, and it stands in refreshing contrast to the generic numbers we live by: social-security number, student ID, credit-card number, IP address, birth date, license plate.

We're reduced to a host of labels in life: profession, education, class, relationship, marital status. These, too, stifle. "If we



TWENTY SOMETHING BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

are pigeonholed and labeled, we are unnamed," wrote the late Madeleine L'Engle in her book "Walking on Water."

A name, in contrast, moves with you, becomes you and reaches to your spirit. "Our names are part of our wholeness," L'Engle wrote. "To name is to love. To be named is to be loved."

Jesus calls us each by name. Whether you are ranked No. 5, No. 50 or No. 500 by the Social Security Administration, when Jesus utters your name, you are The One and Only. Singled out, beloved, hairs counted, finger prints memorized.

Our job is to live up to that name.

Christina, No. 175, means "follower of Christ." I can still picture the wooden plaque that hung in my childhood bedroom. It wasn't quite as glamorous as the meaning of my best friend's name, as stated on her bedroom plaque; Sarah means "princess." But I knew it was an important calling.

Just as Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" he also asks us, "Who do I say you are?"

Are you proud of the answer? Are you living up to the name?

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A CELEBRATION OF 125

Jubilee plans adorn small parish at southeastern tip

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

GENEVA — The tiny parish of St. Mary of the Presentation is celebrating its 125th jubilee this year, and the entire church is involved in the process.

Nancy Subler, St. Mary's parishioner and religious education teacher, has done her part by designing a decorative throw to commemorate the historic occasion.

The throw pictures the sturdy-looking brick country church and the declaration, "Celebrating 125 Years — 1883-2008," a picture of the marker showing Mass times and the words "Irish Settlement." Along with her son Erik, who supplied a photograph of the church, and daughter-in-law Kathy Subler, who is "good with designs and borders," Nancy headed up the special project. The popular keepsake throws have been a good seller, she says.

A general sprucing up of church property for the celebration is also underway. Beautification projects have been taken on by parishioners like Joe Seffernick, who painted the interior of the church. The parish cemetery has received attention as well, with resurfacing of the driveway, reconstruction of the entrance archway and refurbishing of the cemetery's crucifix. The church and grounds are getting "a new face lift," says Nancy's husband Gene Subler, who is overseeing the maintenance projects.

Matt Muhlenkamp also chaired a very successful pictorial directory project late last year. Now completed and in the hands of parishioners, the church directory contains an extensive history

of the parish compiled by St. Mary's pastor, Father Joseph Perera, along with parish committees and a listing and pictures of the 54 member families.

Jubilee activities earlier this year included a four-day parish mission for spiritual renewal which was held in April and drew large crowds. Priests who assisted were Fathers David Ruppert, William Kummer, David Voors and Stephen Colchin.

Still in the planning stages is a homecoming picnic slated for July 13, which is expected to draw many former parishioners and those who grew up in the area. A chicken dinner is in the offing along with games for the children in attendance. Also being considered are a raffle and a "fancy stand" featuring home baked goods and other handmade items, with proceeds to be used for a catered meal in September. Social events are under the auspices of Nathan Subler.

Mary Agnes Muhlenkamp, who heads up faith activities associated with the jubilee, reports that copies of the Magnificat have been obtained and made available to parishioners. And a memory journal is also being circulated among church members so that each person can add an individual account of their faith experiences before passing it on, she says.

The 125th jubilee will be officially celebrated Sunday, Sept. 14, with a special Mass and

sacrament of confirmation bestowed by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. Father Perera will assist and priests from neighboring parishes will also be invited as well. A parish dinner will cap off the festivities.

Gene Subler also serves as general chairman of the jubilee committee. Others serving with him are his son Nathan, Donita Bauman, Mary Fields, Mary Agnes Muhlenkamp, Penny Wiseman, Susan Jones, Margie Buschur and Linda Linn. All are volunteers who have donated countless hours to planning the event.

"We're all working together," says Subler, to make the occasion successful and memorable.



Irish Settlement retains heritage, moves forward

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

GENEVA — St. Mary of the Presentation, originally called the Irish Settlement, has retained its heritage while moving forward more than 125 years. Today, however, most of the Irish names are found on tombstones in the neatly-kept cemetery adjacent to the church, while those families listed in the parish directory appear to be of German descent.

Longtime parishioner Gary Muhlenkamp, who farms and lives across the road from the small brick country church, serves as unofficial historian and raconteur.

Over the centuries the congregation has gone from predominantly Irish to German, he says. "There are many, many (German Lutheran) converts here." In addition, the Berne community just

northwest of the church is heavily Amish, and horse-drawn buggies dot the rural landscape.

We have "a nice neighborhood out here," says Muhlenkamp. And through the church's 125-year history and the two devastating fires that destroyed it, records show that their Amish and German Lutheran neighbors worked side by side with St. Mary's parishioners to rebuild. And in ensuing years they have continued to provide labor and materials for building and repair projects.

In return, he says, "It is amazing

what this church does for the community."

The Amish and Catholics share a mutual respect, says Muhlenkamp. Amish neighbors often bring St. Mary's pastor Father Joseph Perera baked goods, and he visits their homes in return. "They like Father," he points out. And at Christmastime, gifts are exchanged among all three faith communities.

St. Mary's Church, though miles from the village of Geneva, serves as a shining beacon of faith to those who live nearby. The Angelus bells chime daily at noon and 6 p.m. as a reminder that God is present in rural Indiana. And it is said that the Amish stop their work and turn toward the church when they hear them. They often ask that we "keep those bells ringing," says Muhlenkamp.

He and his wife Mary Agnes conduct a tour of St. Mary's Cemetery, a silent repository of the church's long history. They point out the Finerty, Moran and Kinney gravestones that give testimony to its earliest settlers.

Travelers come from across the country to view the marker of John Kinney, they note. Mr. Kinney was born in 1799 and died in 1901, a rare life spanning three centuries. Later, names like Armella Baumer and Michael Spangler, "pillars of the church," appear in a gradual shift away from its Irish ancestry.

Father Perera writes in the parish directory on the occasion of its 125th jubilee, "The history of St. Mary of the Presentation is a record of sincere faith, genuine devotion and ... personal sacrifice."

Today its parishioners exemplify and carry on that long tradition. "There's a need for this church" despite its small size, says Muhlenkamp. It is having a big impact on the community on a daily basis.

A seminarian's tribute to St. Mary of the Presentation Parish

BY BEN MUHLENKAMP

Far from the busy streets of South Bend or Fort Wayne, in the southeastern most corner of the diocese sits the parish that I call home. It is to you, St. Mary's of the Presentation, that I write this tribute. As I look back over my short life, I recall memories of my faith formation. It is with you that I first received the sacraments of baptism, holy Communion and confirmation.

Some of my earliest childhood memories date back to before kindergarten, attending daily Mass with my mother. Although it was not uncommon for me to fall asleep during Mass, I always

enjoyed being there. I remember each day after Mass the faithful old church ladies would fuss over me and give me attention. They told me that they were praying for me and would then wish mom and me a good day. Looking back, I realize just how blessed I was to have their prayers. In the past 20 years, some of them have passed away, and it saddens me that I have never really taken the time to pray for them.

Without taking a moment to look back, it is easy to overlook how members of the parish community have spiritually impacted my life. It has to be said that my faith was kindled in part due to your prayers. I am also thankful for the religious education I received and those who educated

me while I was growing up. I still remember being taught fourth grade religious education up in our church choir loft due to our lack of meeting space. Despite the space, it was there that we young children learned about the eternal infinite God from ordinary parishioners who simply cared. Since those choir loft days, some things have changed. The parish was able to build some much needed space, which was named Presentation Hall.

Presentation Hall would have been a great help to us during the 1980s when we used to have the large parish picnics. Every year, my sisters and I would look forward to the parish picnics. There were always so many fun games to play, and also we could not

wait to find out what brave volunteer was going to sit on the seat of the dunk tank. Although I don't think I had the strength or the accuracy to hit the target which would cause the plunge, I remember just looking on with pure enjoyment as others would do so. It was a great time because, for one day each year, it seemed like our whole community was able to get together and enjoyed each other's company. Like any other parish, food of course played a central role into making that day so great. Twenty years later, I could not tell you what kind of chicken it was that we ate, but only that it was so good.

Growing up in our small parish was exceptionally fulfill-

ing for me, probably because all of you made it easy to feel like a valued member of the community. Though we are a small parish, Christ still offers us everything — his word, his body, his forgiveness — through which we can grow closer to him. So I once more say thank you for the gift of faith in Christ, which you have helped instill in me, and know that I will keep you all in my prayers.

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125 YEARS

A record of faith, devotion and unselfish personal sacrifice

Southernmost parish in the diocese, St. Mary of the Presentation, celebrates 125 years

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

GENEVA — Nestled in a small stand of trees in the rolling Indiana farmland, St. Mary of the Presentation, the church known for more than a century as the “Irish Settlement” can trace its earliest roots to the mid-1800s.

It was in 1856 that a gentleman named Stephen McHale came to the area from Cincinnati to purchase

acreage and begin life in the Indiana countryside. As time passed, he persuaded many of his Irish friends from the neighboring state of Ohio to join him in resettling, and the rural area east of Geneva became home to families of Finerty, Kinneys and Morans.

Since there was no Catholic parish nearby, most early members of the settlement traveled to St. Anthony Church across the state line in Mercer County, Ohio, or after 1860, just south to Holy Trinity Church in Bryant (part of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana) for Sunday worship.

Finally, in 1879, Bishop Joseph Dwenger of the Diocese of Fort Wayne purchased land for \$50 from Michael and Bridget Kinney and John and Bridget Finerty and had a modest frame church built on the site which is located eight miles east of Geneva. Sadly, the structure was lost in a fire just one year later.

But that same year Precious Blood Father Joseph Uphaus was given permission to build a new church with funds and labor donated by parishioners and their neighbors. The brick building was dedicated in 1883 and given the name St. Mary of the Presentation to honor Mary on the occasion of her presentation at the temple by her parents, Ss. Anna and Joachim.

In its early years St. Mary’s was a mission connected to Holy Trinity Church and remained under the auspices of the Precious Blood Fathers throughout much of its history.

In the early 20th century, Father Camillus A. Kloeters and parishioner Frank Spangler supervised the erection of a rectory to replace St. Mary’s convent,

which was deactivated in 1918. The new structure, a nine-room, two-story residence for the pastor, was also made possible through parishioners’ generosity.

Again in 1941, fire razed the church, and, because there were only 19 families in the parish at that time, representatives of the diocese and the Precious Blood order recommended that St. Mary’s be disbanded.

The hardy band of parishioners rallied once again, however, and quickly rebuilt the church, even enlarging it to include a sanctuary and two sacristies. Less than one year from the date of the disastrous fire, midnight Mass was joyfully celebrated in the brand new church by then-pastor

of the Blessed Mother and Christ Child was given to the parish by Bishop William E. McManus. It stands outside the church.

Father Edward Narcowich, who was installed as pastor in 1993, reflected on the church’s history. He remarked, “Courage is the theme for this parish,” noting that the church was rebuilt after two devastating fires by the hard work and strong faith of its members.

Further improvements over the ensuing years have included beautiful stained glass windows, a new sound system, lighting and organ.

A major improvement to parish life was achieved in 1991 with the construction and dedica-

tion of Presentation Hall, which accommodates religious instruction classes and parish social events. Again, due to the dedication of its people, debt on the facility was liquidated just three years later.

Father Joseph Bosco Perera, a native Sri Lankan, is St. Mary’s cur-

rent pastor. On the occasion of the church’s 125th jubilee he said, “The history of St. Mary of the Presentation is a record of sincere faith, genuine devotion and the unselfish personal sacrifice of the people, friends and neighbors of ‘Irish Settlement’ in the past and present.”

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Fortunately life has been relatively quiet and uneventful for St. Mary’s parishioners for more than six decades, leaving time for additional construction and beautification of the church and grounds.

In 1978, during Father Herman Schnurr’s tenure, a statue



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St. Joseph Parishes and the fathers that shaped them

BY DON CLEMMER

This article is a companion to the article on diocesan parishes named for the virgin Mary that ran in the May 11 issue of Today's Catholic.

Nine parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are named for St. Joseph. Perhaps fittingly, these parishes under the patronage of the earthly father of Jesus owe a great deal to earthly fathers of another sort, the various priests who helped bring them into existence and shaped them over the years. These faith communities have been a constant in the makeup in the diocese from even before its founding.

In South Bend, the seat of St. Joseph County, none other than Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin, father of the University of Notre Dame, founded what is today St. Joseph Parish in 1853. Then it was called St. Alexis, the first mission chapel of Notre Dame. It was renamed the Church of the Assumption after the founding of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. After an arson fire destroyed the church in 1872, a new one was built on the future site of St. Joseph Medical Center. While none of these churches were called St. Joseph, they were still under his patronage. In 1880, the parish finally built a church bearing the saint's name. The parish is still staffed by Holy Cross priests.

In neighboring Mishawaka, St. Joseph Parish is the oldest parish in the city — and the oldest in the diocese to bear the saint's name. It too went through a succession of names, first Holy Guardian Angels, then Holy Angels and, after being rebuilt after an arson fire, St. Joseph. The church was dedicated by Bishop John Henry Luers, and its pastor, Father Louis A. Moench, also played a role in the founding of St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka. St. Joseph Parish also served as the parent parish to the other three parishes established in Mishawaka over the years.

In southern Fort Wayne, the rural parish of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel was founded in 1851. In terms of father figures, the parish was greatly impacted by the 33-year presence of a former pastor, Msgr. Robert Contant, who served the parish from 1964 to 1997.

St. Joseph, Roanoke, founded in 1867, relied on several fathers in its formative years, including Fathers Edward M. Faller, A. Schippert, Frederick Fuchs, James Meyer and Henry Vincent Schaefer.

St. Joseph, Bluffton, founded in 1875, got its start when Father Theodore Wilkin from Arcola made monthly trips to Bluffton before four families chipped in the money to build the first church. It would be another 45 years before the parish had its first resident pastor, Father Nicholas Keller.

St. Joseph, Garrett, founded in 1876, was first known as Ss. Peter and Paul Church and was led by Father August Young. In 1929, the parish was dedicated to St. Joseph. Today, its soup kitchen and clothes closet serve the area poor.

St. Joseph, Fort Wayne began in 1914 as an Italian Catholic church. It produced one notable father figure, Bishop Joseph Crowley, an auxiliary bishop of the diocese.

When St. Joseph, La Grange, was founded in 1933, LaGrange County became the last county in the diocese to establish a parish. After the death of the first pastor, Father Francis A. Sheridan, Franciscan Father Clement Orth from Angola celebrated Mass in LaGrange. The first Mass in the permanent building on feast of St. Joseph in 1937.

The last parish to include St. Joseph as a patron was Holy Family in South Bend, founded in 1945. By including the entire family, the parish has the distinction of also being under the patronage of Mary and Jesus.

Writings by Mark Weber and Sharon Little were used in researching this story.

How to plan a 'Father's Day Lite'

BY GERALD KORSON

Early in his entertainment career, Bill Cosby had a routine in which he would illustrate how much easier it was for a child to please his mom on Mother's Day than his dad on Father's Day.

He told of how a kid could fish a piece of wood out the gutter — "you don't even have to wipe it off!" — put a couple of nicks in it with a pocket knife and then present it to his mother and say,

"Here, Mom, I made this for you."

Mother would bawl her eyes out and forgive her son for everything he'd ever done. She would display the gift proudly for awhile before adding it to a shoe box hidden deep in her closet that held all the precious keepsakes she had collected over the years.

If that child were to give the same gift to his dad for Father's Day, however, his dad would growl, "What's this? Some piece of wood you found in the gutter?!" Mothers tend to be more sentimental than fathers, and some fathers are as gruff as the one in Cosby's standup routine. When it comes to Father's Day, dads run the gamut: There are fathers who love to bask in their one day of celebrity, and there are fathers who don't care for the attention and wouldn't mind at all if the occasion were ignored completely.

I am in the latter category. I love being a father, and I love my children, but I don't enjoy the spotlight. As fathers go, I am at best mediocre; even if I were considered a great father, I would be doing nothing more than my job. Call me modest or call me a schmuck, but I've discussed the question with other dads enough

to know that I am not alone in this perspective.

Kids of all ages, do I sound like your father? If so, consider planning a more subdued observance of Father's Day, one that allows you to express your love and appreciation for dad while still respecting his preference for a very low-key celebration.

Here are some guidelines for what I call "Father's Day Lite":

Don't make a fuss over dad. A "Lite" dad doesn't like to be fussed over. Though the evidence may sometimes suggest otherwise, he is not helpless. He is quite capable, for example, of pouring his own coffee and buttering his own toast. Don't coerce him to sit down so you can wait

on him. Is he in the habit of preparing Sunday breakfast for the family each week? If so,

then make no exception on Father's Day. I'll bet that making those

Mickey Mouse pancakes is something he really enjoys.

Don't force him to rest. Ever since our heyday as Neanderthal hunter-gatherers, we fathers have defined ourselves largely according to what we do and how well we provide for our families. If your dad wants to repair a faucet or paint the basement on his special day, then let him. What is work to you may be recreation to him. We don't go chasing down woolly mammoths with crude spears anymore, nor do we keep track of our kills by drawing pictures on cave walls, but "Lite" dads still prefer to do what dads do, even on Father's Day.

Don't buy him anything unless he specifically asks for it. Some children, in selecting a gift for dad, rack their brains for as long as several seconds as they browse the dollar store or gas-station mini-mart on Father's Day eve. Spare yourself the agony. The

"Lite" dad neither needs nor wants novelty ties, cheap colognes, artsy coffee mugs, fashionable T-shirts or anything of that sort. In the case of unemployed youngsters, the purchase ultimately comes out of dad's wallet anyway, and he may have other uses for that money — foolish things like groceries, shelter or tuition.

To do something special for your "Lite" dad, how about acting like perfect angels for one entire day? Clean your rooms well, do your household chores without complaint and resolve to get through the day without as much as a sneer at your mother and siblings.

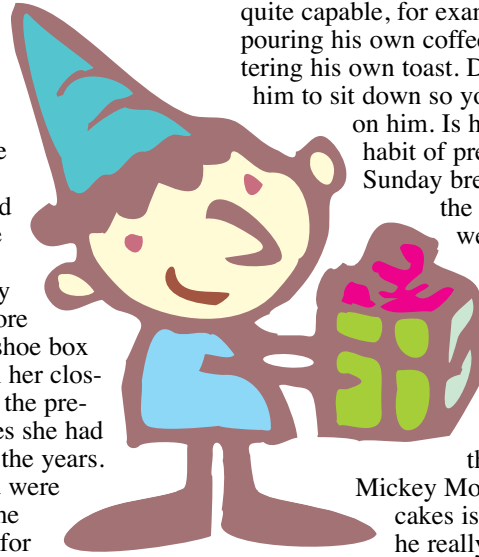
Remember the greatest gift. Pray for your father. Offer a Mass, a rosary, a confession, or any small sacrifice for his intention. If you're an overachiever, pledge to pray one Our Father for him daily for a week or a month. Or undertake a novena to St. Joseph, a model for all fathers.

Let your dad know about it, too. If he's like me, his most earnest desire is that his children will be faithful and virtuous Catholics all their lives and attain eternal salvation. Besides, dads need prayers. Despite our often stoic façade, we are fallible beings with struggles, self-doubts and failures all our own. Pray that we will become better and more virtuous fathers, husbands and men.

Finally, if you still don't feel right unless you give your dad something tangible, then make him a nice card using anything from computers to crayons. Or go ahead and give dad that piece of wood you found in the gutter, just as long as you do it with love (but please — wipe it off first). Fathers may not get as emotional as mothers do, but they treasure these gestures just as much.

I've got the shoe boxes to prove it.

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Heather's dad

My life changed dramatically three and half years ago when a little girl named Heather, then age 2, walked into my life. I was a daddy after waiting many years.

And I love being Heather's dad. What could be better than to have a child crawl into your lap for a hug; a child who cannot wait for you to get home from work so you can push her on the swing, go for a walk, a bikeride, jump in the pool; or indulge her by going out to the evergreen to see the bird's nest with baby robins or the new sprouts from seeds in her very own garden?

One thing I've noticed since we adopted Heather is how quickly life flies by. These days seem so fleeting. We have just 18 years with our children to mold them into God-loving and fearing, valu-

Catholic faith, that usually begin something like: "God didn't know..." Once potty training was the big deal, now it's spelling, phonics, sounding out words, learning numbers and counting.

She has also forced me to become a better man. I have learned to temper my tongue, turn off the TV when Raymond's dad

uses God's name in vain, and behave a bit less curmudgeonly after working 19 years in the media.

As for now, we'll keep trudging through the night prayers, picking up some Bible stories — time to clear up that heresy problem — yet allow Heather to pray to God

in her own way.

And when she asks, "When can I eat Jesus' body?," I know it won't be long before she's in that beautiful first Communion gown. Someday it will be a wedding when my little girl will be given to another man — someone who I pray will love her as much as I do.

And as for those moments when she wants to sit next to me on the piano bench and have me play "Lift Your Name On High," "This is the Day" or "Old McDonald Had a Farm," or the two of us dance to a tune on the stereo, or snuggle in the morning after the snooze button beeped the third time and she snuck into our bed, these are the golden moments of early childhood to treasure. I know one day she'll "outgrow" the

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able citizens. We have 18 years to create a child who has a vision of what God calls them to be.

Not long ago, we were working on speech. Now she wants to lead the meal prayer — her own, which at times includes words of praise that are a bit heretical to our

MANY HATS



BY TIM JOHNSON

need for affirmation from her dad. I'll just be "the old man."

But what I have learned from Heather most is to delight in the present, to treasure it as a gift from God. So thank you, God, for bringing Heather into my life and making me Heather's dad.

Farmer, father of six believes you reap what you sow

BY KAY COZAD

NEW HAVEN — Mick Lomont is owner and manager of a large high-tech farming operation. It boasts not one but three tractors with auto-steer, the new and innovative Real Time Kinesthetic (RTK), which is a global positioning unit for exact strip planting and much more. And though this steward of the land has one foot firmly grounded on God's good earth, he humbly admits his other foot is firmly planted in his Catholic faith.

Born on a farm in Fort Wayne, Lomont says his own father was a "real influence" on his career choice of farming.

"Dad farmed at 13 years old and loved the land. He was generous and encouraged me to farm. It's in my blood," he says reverently.

As his love of the land grew, so did his faith, as he attended St. Louis Academy, the Catholic elementary school his grandchildren currently attend. He and his family have been lifelong active members of St. Louis-Besancon Parish.

Following high school graduation, Lomont went on to earn a certificate in agriculture from Purdue University, which he quickly put to use partnering with his father on the farm. In 1963, following his dad's retirement, he and his two brothers farmed the 3,300 acres their father had loved.

By 1966, Lomont and his wife Jane were married, and they welcomed their first child, Michelle, the following year. As the family expanded to six children — five girls and the youngest, a son whose name, Bart, appropriately

translates to "son of a plowman" — Lomont remained devoted to them, his church and the land.

When the time came to venture out on his own, Lomont acquired 2,000 acres, and with one full-time assistant, he currently farms corn, soybeans and wheat. He managed hogs on the farm for many years as well.

In addition to farming and holding seats on several boards over the years, including the Agriculture Advisory Board and the East Allen County School Board, Lomont co-owned the Woodburn John Deere business for 20 years.

Though this father of six had a full schedule with his farm work and community activities, he felt his family life was blessed. "We're blessed to have healthy kids. ... We have a good life on the farm," he says, reporting that he was able to spend time with family during inclement weather.

The children assisted their dad on the farm as well, where they learned to be good stewards of the land.

"The kids helped. They cleaned beans, helped with the hogs and the gardening," says Lomont.

As for his children and faith, Lomont says, like his parents before him, he tried to set a good example by being involved in the church.

"We had Catholic friends and did a lot in the church. We tried not to push them. They all turned out pretty solid," he says.

In addition to love of family, Lomont has found meaning in his involvement in many of the ministries offered at St. Louis-Besancon Parish, including ministering the Eucharist to the ill, as

member of the pastoral council, and chair of the building and grounds committee, Marriage Encounter facilitator and participation in Christ Renews His Parish retreat.

"I had a good example from my parents," Lomont says, adding, "The parish was our second life. Life revolved around it."

Wife Jane is the parish's director of liturgical music.

One of the programs dearest to his heart, says the community servant, is the volunteer chaplaincy program at the Allen County Jail. Seven years ago, he recalls being motivated by a Scripture verse. "It said, 'From someone who is given much, much is expected.' I have been so blessed. ... So I prayed for wisdom morning and night. You never know how God answers prayers," he says.

After hearing about a worldwide prison fellowship on the radio, he felt called to speak with the local prison chaplain, who gratefully accepted volunteers. He was the only Catholic out of 40 who served in the ministry at the time.

Through the jail ministry, the volunteers hold Bible studies for the inmates as well as supply religious books and Bibles to the cells. Lomont has also assisted with the alcohol and substance abuse classes offered in the jail.

"We spread the Gospel," says Lomont. "We reap what we sow. We need to sow seeds for the spiritual harvest."

Lomont, along with his wife, have been recognized for their efforts at sowing the Gospel with the first ever "Barnabas Award" for community service presented by



PROVIDED BY MICK LOMONT FAMILY

Mick Lomont, a father of six, grandfather of 17, and active parishioner at St. Louis-Besancon Parish, is shown working on the farm in front of his John Deere Gator.

the Associated Churches.

Working toward the harvest not only on the farm but in the community has led Lomont to develop a program appropriately dubbed Second Chance Ministries, where he and seven others will offer counseling and job skill training services for inmates as they return to public life.

"When you see they are serious about turning their lives around, you help," he says, adding that he hopes to secure job placement within parishioner-owned businesses willing to give the men a

second chance at life on the outside.

As for his many service endeavors, Mick Lomont says, he is blessed by each opportunity. Concerning life on the farm, his love of the new technology will keep him farming as long as he is in good health, with the hope of eventually "easing out and staying involved as manager."

As for family, this father of six, grandfather of 17, is truly reaping what he's sown, and says, "We're a close family. Twenty-nine strong! We are blessed."

Priests, spiritual fathers lead by work and action

BY THERESA THOMAS

Pope Benedict XVI addressed the Congregation for Catholic Education on Nov. 4, 2005, and in part of his remarks, spoke on the priesthood.

According to a translation by Catholic World News, he said, "According to the constant tradition of the church, baptized males alone may validly receive holy orders. By means of the sacrament of orders, the Holy Spirit configures the candidate, to a new and specific role, Jesus Christ: the priest, in fact, sacramentally represents Christ, head, shepherd and bridegroom of the church. Because of this configuration to Christ, the entire life of the holy priest must be animated by the gift of his whole person to the church and with an authentic pastoral love."

In short, each priest, by virtue of his ordination, becomes a spiritual father.

Like an earthly father, a priest must guide his family. Sometimes this is done by explanation. Practically, this is often achieved through a homily at Mass. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Father Cam Tirabassi, pastor at Corpus Christi, South Bend, has deeply affected parishioner Kathy

Black through the homilies he gives.

"It was the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and (Father Cam) explained how Jesus, who was perfect, couldn't have been born of a woman with sin," says Black. "Jesus came from Mary's body so she had to be pure and unstained by sin."

Black says Father Cam explained the doctrine well and touched her heart too.

"His explanation was so simple, yet profound. I have never been disappointed in a homily from Father Cam, and he has been our pastor for 20 years," she says.

Sometimes a priest, like an earthly father, must set an example. Rob Roeder, a parishioner at St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol, points to this type of fatherly demonstration of virtue in a former pastor of St. Mary's, Father James Seculoff.

"I have no idea why Almighty God sent Father Seculoff to my area, but I am eternally grateful," says Roeder. "This man has continually spoken the truths of the Catholic Church through his homilies and through his actions. Many times I'd enter the church only to find father already there, immersed in prayer. That is one of his best virtues, that he leads by example

— like the time he stated we were going to add a parish hall to our campus. Father pulled out his checkbook and, from the pulpit, wrote a large check towards this project. It was paid off in record time with plenty of thanks to his leadership by example."

Roeder continues, "My greatest lesson from (Father Seculoff) had to be the way he taught me to be a father to my own family. Watching him I learned that a father says with his words but especially by his actions, 'I love you. ... Let me show you how much I love you.'

"This is much the same way my wife, after hours of hard labor says to me the same, 'I love you. ... Let me show you,' and places the new baby in my arms," adds Roeder. "Father Seculoff always practiced self-denial and sacrifice for his (spiritual) children."

Roeder's wife Sarah is equally devoted to Father Seculoff's leadership by example. She relates the following incident of kindness: "Once, my then-6 year old was very squirmy at Mass. I had to remove him twice. After Mass I brought him to apologize to father. Father Seculoff, upon hearing the boy's apology said, 'He's a good boy,' and he invited my son to come back to the sacristy and help him carry some candles for him. I

remember thinking, 'Come on father, let him have it,' but he wouldn't. He guided him as a spiritual father should. With kindness."

Earthly fathers give one-on-one attention to their children who need it. Spiritual fathers also take time out of their busy schedules to mentor, guide and correct.

Ginger Krueger, parishioner at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend, recalls with gratitude the attention Father Mike Heintz paid to one of her sons: "(My son) had been in Germany for six months playing semipro football. ... He was around people who didn't go to church and who had an 'anything-goes' mentality. ... When

my son came home he just wasn't the same."

Krueger decided to call Father Mike.

"Within a day or two he called my son and invited him to lunch," she recalls, "I am sure that helped my son turn a corner. That was surrogate fathering — spiritual fatherhood."

All good priests are dedicated, loving and teach by word and example.

Sarah Roeder says of Father Seculoff: "Never once did I hear him say that it was his day off." That's because being a father, spiritual or otherwise, is a full-time job.

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Help fathers bring their children to the Lord

Recall the days when Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, 6:4, would be read at Mass. Children would look at their dad's at the recitation of the words, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger," — the word in the old days was "nag." And children were embraced with the words that brought a return lifted brow from their dad, "Children, obey your parents (in the Lord), for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother.' This is the first commandment with a promise, 'that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth.'"

This weekend children across America will honor their fathers, who hopefully will heed the second part of Paul's message to fathers: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord."

Which makes us ask, how active are dads today in training and instructing their children in the Lord? Does he help his children learn their prayers — nighttime, meals, sacramental preparation? Does he embrace Sunday Mass attendance, receive the sacraments, help with his parish community both as a volunteer and with financial support? Does he actively participate in Mass? Does he lead by Christian example at home, at the office, factory or field? And here's a "biggie": How does he treat his wife? Does he love his wife, as Paul says, "even as Christ loved the church"?

Perhaps these are some of the most important roles of a Catholic dad. Not only are dads — who often share the responsibility with moms — challenged to provide food, shelter, clothing and education for their family, they are also responsible for bringing that child to developing a relationship with God.

Children learn by example, to which Paul offers this advice to everyone in Ephesians 5: "Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord."

Certainly these are words that apply today. These are days that call dads to prayer to understand the will of the Lord. Dads cannot prevail in ignorance about the dangers of the modern technology entering our homes via the Internet, television, video games, music, magazines, etc. Do the sights and sounds of this modern creation bring honor to God and build the vision of God's family? Today's dad needs to find time to read Scripture, reflect on the word, pray and spend time in prayer to hear the voice of God.

Words of wisdom

And with divorce, out-of-wedlock births prevalent, almost the norm, as well as death, it should be considered a blessing to have a dad as an active part of parenthood.

Here are some words of wisdom from a *Today's Catholic* staff person, a father of four daughters and grandfather: "To me the rewards of fatherhood never expire, from the time you cradle a baby in your arms, to the time you see them taking off the first time on a two-wheel bike, to see them to receive the sacraments — baptism, first Communion, confirmation, marriage — to presenting you with grandchildren, the thrill never stops."

He added, "Of course, one of the things that make this possible in the framework of the church is that we have men called 'Father,' to provide the sacrament of marriage that puts a man and women together and follows through with the family life."

We need good dads

LifeScript.com writer Emily Battaglia wrote a few years ago about the importance of the relationship between dads and daughters, dads and sons. She said, "The relationship between fathers and daughters is like the training ground for what her other male relationships will be like, including the one with her husband. Fathers provide examples on how to relate to the opposite sex. Fathers show their daughters that their feelings and ideas count from a male perspective, and they give their daughters admiration and praise to help grow confidence. They also say that the first man to fall in love with a woman is her dad. The importance of this relationship is immeasurable."

And with sons, Battaglia adds, "Male children need their fathers because no matter how wonderful a mother may be, it is the father who can provide his son with the reinforcement he needs for what it means to be a man. ... When sons are provided with a good example by their fathers, they develop a healthy gender identity. It is also said that males may also never feel comfortable loving another man like they love their father, which says that a father-son bond is a truly special one."

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

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Deacon's name added to those serving St. Patrick

In the June 8, 2008 issue of *Today's Catholic*, I noticed an oversight. In the article concerning the 150th anniversary of St. Patrick's Parish in South Bend, written by Judy Bradford, in the list of others who have served the parish before 1980, a name was omitted. Francis D. McGinnity was an ordained deacon who served in 1975. He was ordained a permanent deacon along with William Thomas Hamilton who is named in the article. They were both assigned to serve at St. Patrick's, South Bend, simultaneously. Francis D. McGinnity served faithfully and died six weeks after his ordination. All of these above facts are listed in the archives of this newspaper for the diocese.

Mary E. McGinnity
South Bend

Thank you seminarians

Upon receiving our copy of the May 4 edition of *Today's Catholic*, our family was happy to see an article on the front page about our diocesan seminarians. We are thankful for their loving service to God through the people of his church. We are also privileged to have had

the opportunity to have Deacon Andrew Curry spend some time at our parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and look forward to the day of his ordination into the priesthood.

All of our seminarians are excellent examples of young men who have heard God's calling in their heart and have prayerfully answered that call. Our family prays that more young men and women will listen for their calling in life and continue to fill the ranks of those of the dedicated, consecrated religious who are so desperately needed in the church today.

The Jacobs Family
Fort Wayne

A link to a piece of Madison history

I enjoyed the article on St. Michael the Archangel Church, Madison, but a bit of history was missed.

Did you know that Holy Cross Brother Anseim Caillot taught school in that church basement where he also lived? He was in the group of brothers along with Father Sorin who left France and came to America to begin Notre Dame.

He was the first Holy Cross Brother in America to die — at the age of 20, he drowned in the Ohio River in 1845. His remains are in the cemetery next to the church and are so marked.

You can learn more on the computer. Just type in: "Brother Anseim Caillot."

Brother Timothy O'Connell, CSC
Notre Dame

Louisiana parish thanks St. Peter Church

St. Peter Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, has completed its 14-month fund drive for Katrina Parish Partner, St. Peter the Apostle, in Hackberry, La. According to Fort Wayne pastor, Father Phillip A. Widmann, over \$30,000 was collected and sent through the Catholic Extension Society, which pairs up needy parishes with volunteer helper parishes.

A letter from Father Roland Vaughn, pastor in Hackberry, thanked the Fort Wayne congregation for its "overwhelming generosity" as the funds went to rebuilding the church, church offices and rectory, all destroyed or damaged in the hurricanes that swept through that area. "We could never have done this alone," said Father Vaughn. "God bless you for all your prayers and this tremendous financial support."

Kathy Imler
Fort Wayne

Remembering Father James O'Connor

He killed me softly with sweet words

BY MARK WEBER

The voices of the choir became silent; there was one final subdued note from the organ, and the reverend James J. O'Connor, assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, stepped to the lectern.

Another silence hushed the congregation. When Father Jim O'Connor spoke, people listened. He had the gift. Without raising his voice and with his arms at his sides, he held the entire congregation as if he was talking to each person one on one — and on this particular Sunday, he really got my attention because he began to talk about Father's Day.

I was a young father, you see, with two very young daughters and was pleased to know that Father O'Connor was going to direct his remarks to my new status as a dad on Father's Day. I sat up straight.

Right away he gave us dads a salute by saying, "Today is a wonderful day in America ... it's Father's Day."

Then he went on to describe how families would have cookouts and give dads golf balls, fishing tackle, books and other



Father James O'Connor
1916-2007

gifts. "And that's the way it should be," he said. "American fathers should be honored because ..." He went on to describe how an American dad was never too tired to get up in the middle of

the night to quiet a fretful baby. Then he praised the unselfishness of American dads who never resented giving up a golf game or fishing trip to be with the family.

I felt myself slipping down in the pew. My collar felt tight.

He reminded us that dads always looked for things to do around the house — getting storm windows up or attending to any task that would make mother's job easier ... and when he told how American dads always presented the

correct example in behavior and speech, I thought, "This guy is ripping my flesh and numbering my bones."

I always enjoyed father's homilies, but on this day, I was relieved when he finished by wishing us all a Happy Father's Day — that was the final platinum harpoon.

That Father's Day was way back in another century, and I don't remember if we had a cookout or what gifts I received, but I'll never forget how Father Jim O'Connor killed me softly with sweet words.

Juliana Falconieri

1270-1341
feast - June 19

Juliana was the only child of a wealthy couple in Florence, Italy, who had built the church of the Annunciation there. She refused to marry and was enrolled as a tertiary with the Servite order; her uncle, St. Alexis Falconieri, was one of the seven founders of the Servites. For nearly 20 years, Juliana lived a devout and useful life at home. In 1304 she formed a community of tertiary sisters who devoted themselves to prayer and good works in Florence. She is considered the foundress of the Servite community of nuns, and was canonized in 1737.



The church and illegal immigration

Perceived myth: Catholic bishops support illegal immigration
Known fact: The Catholic Church and the bishops do not condone unlawful entry or circumvention of our nation's immigration laws. The bishops believe that reforms are necessary for our immigration system to respond to the realities of separated families and labor demands that compel people to immigrate to the United States in an authorized and unauthorized fashion. — Source: "I Was a Stranger, and You Welcome Me: Meeting Christ in New Neighbors," Indiana Catholic Bishops.

Why is the church so concerned about immigration?

The Catholic Church does not support unlawful entry into the U.S. or any country. The church respects the right of nations to control their borders and to enact laws in the best interest of its citizens. Yet the church teaches that some rights are inherent in the human condition; these are natural rights, which extend beyond all national boundaries. All immigrants, legal and illegal, have natural rights from their inherent dignity as persons. Each is created in the image

of God. — "Gaudium et Spes." All people should have their basic needs met in their homeland but have the right to seek basic needs abroad if they cannot be met at home. The dignity of the human person must be respected and priority must be given to family (re)unification. The church responds to immigrants not from their legal status but from the dictates of our belief and teaching. While an action or immigration status can be illegal, a person can never be illegal.

Nations may regulate borders to provide for national security, tranquility and prosperity, but the right to regulate borders is not absolute. Regulations must promote the common good, which includes not only members of the nation but also the universal human family. — Catechism of Catholic Church.

The church in the U.S. is especially mindful of the immigrant because it is an immigrant church, made up of people from all parts of earth.

The church has a responsibility to assist the newcomer. In Scripture, God calls upon his people to care for the alien. "So, you, too, must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt." — Dt. 10: 17-19. And in chapter 25 of the

IMMIGRATION: MYTHS AND FACTS

BY THE INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Gospel of Matthew, Jesus identifies with the marginalized and commands us to respond when he says, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Quote: Every human being has the right to the freedom of movement within the confines of their country: and, when there are reasons for it, the right to emigrate and take up residence elsewhere. — "Pacem in Terris," Pope John XXIII, 1963.

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.

God's love gives strength, hope



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 9:36-10:8

The Book of Exodus is the source of this weekend's first reading. It is centered on the Exodus, the journey of the Hebrew people from Egypt to the Promised Land. This long, often daunting, passage from Egypt to freedom was the setting in which the identity of God's Chosen People was finally established.

Important to understanding this reading from Exodus is a realization of both the misery the Hebrews knew in Egypt, where they were slaves under the rule of a cruel pharaoh, or king, and also a sense of the uncertainty and even peril that they met as they traveled on foot across the bleak and unforgiving desert of the Sinai Peninsula.

God assured Moses that, if the people were obedient to the commandments, they had nothing to fear. It proved to be true. The Hebrews, led by Moses, who was guided by God, passed through the desert and reached the land God had promised them.

An element of the dialogue between God and Moses not to be missed in any reading of Exodus is God's great love for the people. Even when they sinned, God for-

gave them.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans supplies the second reading. Paul uses an interesting phrase to describe life without Christ. He refers to persons living lives without the Lord as "powerless." Just as God loved the Hebrews, Paul reassures the Christian Romans that God loves them, and that in this love is their strength needed to live so as to reach everlasting life. Salvation is in and through the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Again some awareness of the historical context helps. The Christians of Rome were bombarded by a hostile culture. More than this, persecution threatened to overtake them and end their lives.

Paul had to accomplish two objectives. He had to turn these Christians to the true purpose of life, namely, eternal life with God. Then he had to console them. Even in the face of the Roman Empire, they were not weak or helpless if they were with the Lord.

This weekend's last reading is from St. Matthew's Gospel. In the story, Jesus is with a large crowd. The theme of divine love, already presented in the earlier readings, occurs again. Jesus had "pity" on the crowd. He loved the people.

Loving the people, Jesus summoned the apostles and bestowed upon them the powers to restore life damaged by sickness and to expel evil spirits from people. The more dramatic of these two powers was the transmittal of power over the devil. Only God can rule the devil.

The Gospel carefully names the apostles. Matthew, for instance, was called the tax collector. There was no room for impostors or substitutes.

The early Christians surely appreciated the exactness of this

list. These Christians wanted to know who were the authentic apostles. The genuine apostles had been the Lord's special students. He had commissioned them and empowered them to continue with the task of saving the lost.

Reflection

We can relate to the Hebrews as they struggled to escape harsh slavery in Egypt and find peace and safety in the land God promised them. Life often is called a journey. It is indeed. From birth onward, we encounter different conditions. Events leave a mark upon us, for good or bad. We enter relationships. Some end with not the happiest of feelings or results. Circumstances change. Always we are tempted to sin, the doorway to eternal death. Always peril awaits us.

The message of these readings is that God loves us. In this love is our strength. In this love is our hope of being forgiven.

Jesus provides for us. He gave us the apostles. They are with us, with their power and with their knowledge of God, in the church.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-2,3,5 Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b,4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14 Ps 31:20-21,24 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Mt 6:24-34

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In preparation for June Bugs, this quiz looks at bugs and insects in the Bible.

- What is the most commonly referenced insect in the Bible?**
 a. the butterfly b. the locust c. the gnat
- Which New Testament figure featured these in his diet?**
 a. Herod
 b. John the Baptist
 c. Pilate
- Exodus records the devastation of this country by a plague of flies:**
 a. Egypt b. Israel c. Edom
- Job 4 uses a moth to describe the frailty of**
 a. man
 b. love
 c. God
- In Job 27 of some versions of the Bible, man's house is described as a cocoon. The New American Bible translates this as a house made of**
 a. silk b. gossamer c. cobwebs
- According to revelation, amongst the luxury goods, which will no longer be bought or sold, is this insect byproduct:**
 a. scarlet cloth
 b. caviar
 c. (purple) silk
- Often confused with insects, these arachnids were fair game for the disciples to walk on (as well as serpents):**
 a. scarabs
 b. scorpions
 c. dragonflies
- Locusts were amongst the very few insects that Jews were allowed to**
 a. worship
 b. carve statues of
 c. eat
- The reference to worms in the Bible is usually not to earthworms but to these juvenile flies:**
 a. tsetse flies
 b. maggots
 c. caterpillars
- These were instrumental, for example, in the death of Herod as we learn in**
 a. Acts
 b. Matthew
 c. The Letter to the Samaritans
- The existence of bees in the Holy Land is clearly referenced by this title:**
 a. The Honey Dwellers
 b. The Land of Milk and Honey
 c. The Hive of Activity
- Bees even featured in a riddle made famous by this strongman:**
 a. Goliath
 b. Samson
 c. David
- One of the titles of the evil one refers to insects. Which name means "lord of the flies"?**
 a. Beelzebub
 b. Baal
 c. Dagon
- Exodus shows that Yahweh will send these insects to drive away the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites:**
 a. hornets
 b. bees
 c. wasps
- During the "No Nothing" period in American history, anti-Catholic attitudes were commonly ascribed to WASPS. What does this pejorative acronym refer to?**
 a. West American Scientific Person
 b. White Anglican-Scottish Priest
 c. White Anglo-Saxon Protestant

ANSWERS:

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

Men in grief

Much has been written about the differences between men and women in every aspect of life, from our cognitive hardwiring to traditional societal roles. There are of course exceptions to every rule. Yet understanding the role gender plays in grief can soften cultural expectations of men in grief.

My personal and very poignant experience with men in grief first involved my own husband, whose mother's death had affected him deeply at the tender age of 13. The few times he spoke of her was with great reserve. He shared memories with detached reverence and little emotion.

That experience of death later impacted his ability to respond to my grief at my father's sudden death. His businesslike and organized objectivity felt cold and calculated to my broken heart.

However, in the years following his own premature death, as I worked through my own grief and began my work in bereavement support, I learned that his response was not uncommon.

Research on gender-specific

brain chemistry and physiology indicates that men often tend to connect with their emotions more slowly and think more logically than their female counterparts.

Tom Golden, author and expert on men in grief, finds that speaking with men about how they react to a loss rather than how they feel about it may be the most loving and productive way to support them in grief.

A case in point occurred recently when a gentleman I met at a grief seminar unabashedly admitted it took him almost three years to enjoy a photo book of his deceased daughter that his wife had relished since shortly after the death.

"I couldn't look at her picture because it made me cry," he said. But he added that eventually with time he found great solace in the book.

When speaking with men who have lost a loved one, I have occasionally found a deep tenderness that belies the traditional notion of detached masculinity. Once invited to grieve, these men open their hearts to healing in conventional and not so conventional ways.

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

KAY COZAD

After losing his teenage son to a lengthy battle with cancer, Tom and his wife joined the Compassionate Friends support group for bereaved parents in their area. Initially, he was hesitant to participate, but found the group a safe place to mourn.

"It helped me understand the normal process of grieving and the difference between men and women. If it wasn't for them, I think my wife and I would have split up," Tom said.

Grief therapy and group support typically facilitate connection to emotions through talking. Those who participate report that knowing they are not alone in their grief is the greatest healer. While many

men, like Tom, have found this avenue beneficial, others find it difficult to express themselves this way. These men are left to their own creative endeavors as our communities leave little space for men to mourn publicly.

The rituals that stem from feelings of loss form the compass by which to navigate grief. While women are more likely to find safety in relationships to process their grief, men tend to be more private. Men often move toward action rather than talking and work to "fix" their grief.

Neil Chethik, author of "Fatherloss," calls these men "doers," who find that participating in an activity lends itself to expression of emotion.

Rick, an engineer, who lost his wife after a long illness, returned to work immediately following the funeral. "I needed something to do," he says. But he adds, "I had this sense that I should be more 'macho' than I felt inside." Eventually with continued support from his family he was able to openly express his feelings.

The traditional male role of protector and provider, taught to virtually every American male, requires strength and perhaps stoicism, as well, and is nurtured by overused adages such as, "be a man," and "big boys don't cry."

Fred, who also lost his young son to cancer, in keeping with his protector role within the family, chose to cry alone in his truck as he traveled to work each day.

"You isolate yourself from your loved ones because you don't

know how your emotions will affect them," he says. This private ritual of honoring his grief with tears allowed Fred to recreate himself in the wake of his loss and protect his family as well.

Faith and religion often play a significant role in healing for men on their grief journey. Samuel admits he felt no emotion at his father's death but found peace in the old man's funeral Mass.

"I found I didn't need the funeral as much as I needed the Mass," he said, adding, "I felt comfort and the most emotion through the Mass."

Each of these men gives voice to the one universal truth about grief — loss creates the need to mourn in one's own unique and original style. In defense of the men who do mourn openly in traditional ways, I commend you. However, my experience has taught me not to impose my feminine style of grieving on the average male.

We must suspend our judgment on another's grief, especially for those who don't share our gender. We each have been formed by unique and diverse life experiences that guide us in the way we find our paths. Even with our differences, both men and women can learn to support each other in the heart work of grief.

Kay Cozad is a certified grief educator and writer for *Today's Catholic* newspaper. She is also the author of "Prayer Book for Widows," Our Sunday Visitor, 2004.

The blessing of a few good men

On a recent Sunday at church, the priest presiding over the Mass told the congregation to look around at the people in the pews.

"You are surrounded by so many good people," he said.

It made me stop and think about all the people who had been such a strong influence in my life while I was growing up and participating in athletics.

I didn't have to strain to remember the names. Not only had I thought of them often throughout my life, but I had remained in contact with several of them. Each had either added a new, positive influence, or reinforced a previous one.

They certainly didn't do it for the money. As a current high school baseball coach, I probably make about 10 cents an hour. Consider how much time a high school baseball coach spends with his players. There's summer ball in June and part of July, fall conditioning in September and October, winter conditioning in late November and early December, open gym in January and February, and the spring baseball season in March, April and May.

Okay, maybe a nickel an hour. That doesn't exactly pay the bills. Fortunately, about a half-dozen or so men who coached me along the way didn't do it for financial gain.

• Like my fifth- and sixth-grade baseball coach, Jim Szekendi, who was the first coach to teach me that toughness and determination were necessary ingredients to succeed in competitive athletics. He was followed by Pat Schmidt, my seventh- and eighth-grade baseball coach, who demanded a similar level of commitment from me that Szekendi did.

• It's a good thing for me that Jim Krallman didn't put financial gain ahead of his commitment to youth baseball when he spent six years coaching me in Little League and Senior League. He taught me

the joy of playing the game and how a coach can be competitive yet still legitimately care about the well being of his players. We made it all the way to the state championship game of the Senior League all-stars back in '75. I loved that man, and he loved me back.

• Had Jim Switalski been in coaching for the money, I wouldn't have been exposed to the calm, controlled confidence that he had in me with time running out and the game on the line. All I had to do was look over at the bench and see the smile on his face that told me, "I believe in you." I didn't want to let him down.

• Had money been an issue for my American Legion coach, I never would have been taught by Ray Lentych, a Vietnam veteran who returned to South Bend to inspire and continue teaching me the great game of baseball.

Lentych encapsulated a little bit of all the positive traits, especially a passion for the game. I loved playing for Lentych. He made me want to play harder for him. He made me realize just how great a game baseball is and that it should never be taken for granted.

• I'm not sure I ever enjoyed playing for a coach more than Bill Davidson, my B-team basketball coach at Marian who was upbeat and positive, knowledgeable and thorough, but had an intensity level that helped influence a team at a school where football ruled to win 13 out of 19 games.

• I'm sure Ben Karasiak made a little bit of money while serving as the head baseball coach at Marian High School back in the mid-to-late 1970s. But it was nothing more than a way to help pay the bills. What an incredible inspiration he was to me. Along with Lentych, he had a great passion for the game and made me believe that I could achieve anything I wanted to on the baseball field.

And they were right. I ended up



FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

playing third base for my beloved Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, where Lentych served as my assistant coach. My head coach at Notre Dame, Larry Gallo, believed in me and stuck with me even while I was going through my "prima donna" phase.

The priest who gave that sermon a few Sundays ago was right. Look around you and you'll see an incredible number of people, good people, who make a difference in your life.

Former Notre Dame baseball coach and current LSU baseball coach Paul Mainieri once said that if you get into coaching to win, you're getting into it for the wrong reason. "If you're not doing it to make a difference in the kids' lives, you're getting into it for the wrong reason," Mainieri said.

I used to think that the reason I got into coaching was because of my love for competition and the will to win. Those are factors too. But when I looked around me that day at Mass and thought about the influences in my life, I realized that I coach because of the coaches I had growing up.

Thank you, gentlemen. Now it's my turn.

Tim Prister is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for June 15, 2008

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the first powers given to the disciples of Christ. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Sports

BISHOP LUERS BASEBALL ADVANCES TO STATE Bishop Luer High School's No. 2-ranked baseball team, after defeating No. 6-ranked Boone Grove, 7-1, is poised for a state title this Friday or Saturday. They will play the winner of June 9 Mooresville Semistate. This could be the third state championship for Bishop Luer High School this year. They have state championships in football and basketball.

A father's love for coaching

CYO coach Herb Widner has passion for coaching, family

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After 32 years of coaching and nearly 25 years as a father, Herb Widner has many stories to tell.

Widner grew up in a sports family. As a youngster, the St. Charles and Bishop Dwenger alum participated in basketball, football and track. Not long after that, he began his coaching career — leading many different boys and girls basketball and track teams in the diocese over the years. Widner is also the head of his household, which includes his wife, Margaret, one son and three daughters.

Widner has coached at many different schools during his extensive career including: St. Charles, St. Patrick, St. Vincent, St. Louis, St. Rose, Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger. The instructor said he loved coaching at St. Pat's. "I would have stayed there forever," he says.

Widner admits there are many more players to choose from at the larger schools, but he was just as happy at the smaller schools. "I have been very fortunate everywhere I have coached to have good players and good families," Widner believes.

He concludes, "It doesn't really matter where you coach, as long as it's fun."

Widner has enjoyed following the hundreds of players he has coached over the years and watching their successes on and off the court after Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and high school. Widner has even seen a few of his former players go on to compete at the Division 1 and Division 2 levels in basketball.

Widner also enjoys coaching against former players across the



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Vincent's Chris Widner stands with her coach and father Herb Widner after setting CYO records at the city track meet in the shot put and discus events. Chris is the third Widner daughter to hold the CYO record in the discus event.

court on the bench who are now in coaching positions themselves, especially those on the current St. Charles staff.

This past season, Widner coached his youngest daughter, Chris, and the St. Vincent eighth-grade basketball team and helped out with the track team throwers. He also assisted with the Bishop Dwenger track program.

It was his desire to return to his passion of coaching that drove Widner's recovery a year ago when he was released from a three-month hospital stay. He battled an infection that spread throughout his body eating away bone in his shoulder and knees.

Widner now sometimes uses a

walker, but relies heavily on his wheelchair to get around. At some point, he will have to decide whether to risk further leg surgery.

But Widner has not always coached his own children's teams. Wife, Margaret, explains, "Often coaches are hardest on their own kids."

So, she felt it was okay when he coached other teams, dedicating hours and hours each season. But it made family time more of a challenge. Many nights they gathered around the dinner table late after games and sometimes he would miss watching his own kids play to coach.

Daughter Chris, who will be attending Bishop Dwenger this fall describes, "Dad always tells good stories about the 'old days' and has great inspirational speeches for me. He always says good things before he tells us what we did wrong. He has always been very supportive of what I do. Dad can make me smile when I'm sad."

When asked about his future coaching plans, Widner simply said, "I'll coach as long as it is fun. And it is still fun."

Marian golf, baseball teams seek state titles

BY ELMER J. DANCH

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School's talent-laden golfing Knights and clutch-hitting baseball team will direct their focus on two Indiana prep championships this weekend.

Coach Jim Kryder's golf team has dominated play all season, including winning the northern Indiana conference championship, swept the Class 3-A regional championship despite some hefty weather hinderance with a 309 in the 12-team field.

Adam Sumrall, the Knights' premier player, was the medalist with a 35-37-72.

The Knights, who led by nine strokes on the opening nine, finished two strokes ahead of Chesterton, which finished with 311.

Sumrall's teammates were closeknit with Denny McShane carding a 78; Stephen Sexton, 79;

Nick Fitzpatrick, 80; and Bryant DeMeter, 82.

Tyler Bliha of Saint Joseph's High School qualified for the state individual competition with 78.

Coach Tim Prister's Marian baseball team will be going to the state finals to face Crawfordsville this weekend after turning in two brilliant victories at the Class 3-A Plymouth regional.

The Knights bounced back after losing two early leads to defeat Yorktown, 7-6, in the championship round when Dan Ranschert cracked out a single to send Shawn Gerghty home with the winning run in the eighth.

Prior to that win, the Knights shell-shocked defending state champion Andrean, 7-5.

John Niespodziany was the winning pitcher in both games and cited as the real hero by Coach Prister.

The Knights' record is 21-10 and Crawfordsville's mark is 31-4.

ICCL wraps up a year of sports

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — Summertime is for kids. And in keeping with a time-honored tradition of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL), there will be no organized competition until football rolls around again next fall.

Anthony (Tony) Violi, who currently is rounding out his 11th year of a circuit says, "When we officially gather for an executive meeting, we often marvel at the fact that the ICCL is glued together by Catholic men and women strictly on a voluntary basis. No one has ever been compensated even a penny for their efforts."

Violi has high praises for Marian High School, Mishawaka, and Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, for their assistance in making available their gymnasiums and football fields.

With 16 competing Catholic schools in the South Bend area, the league purposely set them up in two divisions: the John Bosco and Martin De Porres. And in some cases, these divisions were also divided into east and west to even out the competition.

The nine current varsity sports directors are Tony Violi, football; Joseph Kozinski, boys basketball; John Glon, boys wrestling; John Krzyzewski, baseball; Jeff Deitchley, boys and girls soccer; Jamie Elliot, girls softball; Barbara Kane, girls basketball; Emily Stauffacher, girls volleyball, and Mark Kopinski, girls track.

Greg Schultheis is the junior varsity director for boys basketball. Pat Gring is the director for the junior varsity girls volleyball.



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'A Civilization of Love' provides topics for reflection

BY YORK YOUNG

Pope Benedict XVI's April visit to the United States was well-received by Catholics and non-Catholics alike, but has it set a new course for how we Catholics approach God's call to us?

The seminary Pope Benedict visited — at which he spoke to a few thousand young people still trying to find their way in the world, as well as seminarians from every diocese in the United States — has reported that a large increase in applications has been seen since the mid-April audience the pontiff gave. Whether those applications

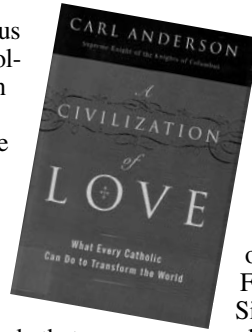
and inquiries turn into vocations won't be known for several years.

The rest of us could make a commitment of some sort — though not necessarily as dramatic as a change in vocations — if we would more firmly grasp the importance of Pope Benedict's message: There is hope in Christ. Understanding and then taking action on that opportunity is the best embodiment of having hope in Christ.

Fortuitously, a recent book release can provide us with marching orders, in a way. "A Civilization of Love: What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World" (HarperOne, \$19.95) offers

essays on things that ail us in the modern day and follows with suggestions on how to better reflect on and take action to change our world for the better. Author Carl Anderson, with a clear understanding of what is wrong in a culture driven by materialism, relativism and an often unwritten code that disdains God, would no doubt want to focus on the positives he brings to his book. But understanding both sides of the good/evil equation is important.

Anderson, the supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, is an




impressive figure, and it is clear that much of his thinking was influenced by Pope John Paul II, whom he spent time with on several occasions.

He tackles the philosophy of Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche and Sigmund Freud, who posited thinking that was suspicious of God and religion. Their influence and the so-called Enlightenment (anything but) led 20th century culture down a road that often fails to hold up, and strive for, the good. Anderson goes on to expose the

evil of abortion, communism, negative consequences of globalization and bad ethics in the marketplace.

At the end of each of his nine chapters, Anderson provides several suggestions for action steps. Yes, many of them are contemplative in nature, but isn't that what many of us need — take some time, quietly reflect on what God wants us to do in any of several areas, and begin to get a mindset that steers us away for all that is corrupt in the world.

So turn off the cell phones, computers and television sets, read "A Civilization of Love," sit back and relax — thinking and praying some. You may be surprised at what pops in your mind.



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FUNDRAISERS

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 20, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

Knights plan Father's Day brunch
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451 will have a Father's Day brunch on Sunday, June 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger.

Spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Serra Club and the Knights of Columbus Council 5570 will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, July 10, from 4-6 p.m. at the Knights Hall, 5202 Linden at Mayflower Road. Tickets are \$7.

Spirit of Chicago cruise
SOUTH BEND — St. Casimir Parish is planning a bus trip to Navy Pier with a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan with dancing and entertainment. Cost is \$90 per person and includes lunch. \$10 from each ticket benefits the replacement of the school roof. Reservation deadline is July 31 to Sylvia Krol at (574) 287-9471.

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.

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.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Garden walk
Decatur — St. Mary of the Assumption Parish will offer a garden walk Sunday, June 29, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Call Sis Kintz at (260) 547-4300 for ticket locations.

St. Patrick's all-class school reunion
South Bend — All former stu-

dents of St. Patrick School are invited to a reunion Sunday, June 22, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with Mass. Refreshments and snacks will be available. For more information contact Tom Rightley (Class of 1956) at (574) 233-8853.

DEVOTIONS

Women's retreat offered at Lindenwood Donaldson — A Catholic women's retreat will be held at the Lindenwood Retreat Center from Wednesday morning, July 23 to Friday afternoon, July 25. Father Tom Shoemaker will be speaking on the beatitudes. Daily Mass and a reconciliation service are included. Reservations are limited. For more information call Patty at (260) 483-2285 or Cheryl at (260) 747-7006.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Deacon Jacob Runyon will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, June 17, at 7:15 p.m.

All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited Sunday, June 29, at MacDougal Chapel from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families. Attending will be Father Thomas Shoemaker, from St. Jude Parish.

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 will be preceded by confession, rosary and consecration. Breakfast will follow at St. Mary Parish.

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