

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

A vision of the priesthood in 2025

Serrans host national convention in South Bend

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

NOTRE DAME — Priests in 2025 will need to be solid thinkers who are willing to grasp tough issues facing parishioners today, always identifying to the suffering Christ and are not only smart, but wise and willing to help people work through the gray areas of their lives.

Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Rapid City, S.D., and Serra USA Council episcopal advisor spoke on "Priesthood 2025" to Serrans at the "Vision of the Church in 2025" USA Council of Serra International All-American Conference Super Weekend and Annual Meeting during the weekend of June 18-22. The conference was a first for the Serra Club of South Bend, which co-hosted the national event with the USA Council of Serra International.

Ed Verbeke, USAC executive director said that over 25 states were represented at the conference that was held mainly at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who celebrated the opening Mass for the event, believes the Serrans' mission of "praying, promoting and fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life is of great importance to the spiritual welfare of the church." He thanked the Serrans for their "prayers and dedication to this most worthy mission of support and growth of vocations."

"What we have learned in recent years is the importance of careful selection of candidates to the priesthood, and prayer support in parishes and homes is critically important for this to happen," Bishop D'Arcy said.

Bishop Cupich, who agreed with Bishop D'Arcy, spoke to the Serrans outlining issues that are facing the church today, will face future priests and what future



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ST. VINCENT RAZES OLD CHURCH, CASTLE BUILDING



JULIE WARD

The St. Vincent Haunted Castle building and former church, for years a fixture of the Halloween season in Fort Wayne, is seen in an early stage of demolition. The demolition took place from June 12-17 and cleared the portion of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish property for use as green space for the immediate future.

Pope urges church to draw inspiration from Pauline year

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI asked the whole church to draw inspiration from the jubilee year dedicated to St. Paul and to imitate the apostle's courageous missionary efforts.

St. Paul demonstrated that with firm faith "we can overcome every form of fear," the pope said at a Sunday blessing June 22.

The pope officially was to open the Pauline year at a prayer service June 28 in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome, where the saint's tomb is located.

At his Sunday blessing, the pope spoke about the role of faith in conquering fear. He cited an episode from a difficult period in the evangelizing efforts of St. Paul, when God appeared in a vision and told him: "Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you."

In fact, St. Paul continued to preach with courage, suffering martyrdom in the end, the

pope said. The church is now preparing to celebrate the 2,000th year of his birth.

"May this great spiritual and pastoral event stimulate in us a renewed faith in Jesus Christ, who calls us to announce and witness his Gospel without any fear," he said.

The pope said fear takes many forms in life, including childish fears that disappear with maturity and real fears that need to be overcome through effort.

There are also deeper existential fears that can provoke anguish, he said.

"This comes from a sense of emptiness, and is tied to a certain kind of culture that is permeated by widespread theoretical and practical nihilism," he said.

This type of fear is prevalent where people think they can do without God, and believe that they can control life and death, or good and evil, he said.

The believer, on the other hand, need not fear anything because he "knows he is in the hands of God, and that evil and the irrational do not have the final word," he said.



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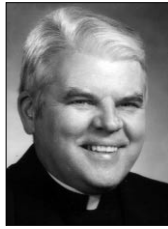
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There is no shortcut for vocations



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A weekend to remember

Prayer and vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life are intimately connected. So I was off on a warm Thursday afternoon to South Bend to Christ the King Parish for Mass with the Serrans from all over the country. This organization, which keeps the memory of Junipero Serra, OFM, the extraordinary Franciscan friar who evangelized California and built missions from one end to the other, is dedicated to fostering vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Their national convention was at South Bend and Notre Dame, and the hardworking Richard Dornbos was in charge, and with Dick, you know it is going to be successful.

It was a joy to speak to them and lay out some reflections on vocations based on my own 51 years as a priest, many of them spent in seminary training. I reminded them of the words of Pope Benedict XVI in his recent visit, words that show the pain, and also the light which we have all experienced from the recent scarring in the church. "It is more important to have good priests, than to have many priests," said the pope.

Interestingly, the document "Pastores Dabo Vobis" ("I Will Give You Shepherds"), the post-synodal document of Pope John Paul II, presents two instruments for the fostering of vocations to the priesthood.

The first is that everyone should live the baptismal priesthood, in other words, when the whole church is called to listen to the word of God and offer themselves to Christ and to his will, seeking to "discover his or her own vocation." When everyone sees life as a call, we have begun to foster vocations.

The second instrument given is when the ordained priests — we ourselves — are listening to the Word of God and doing his will in our daily life and "living out as radically as possible the pastoral charity of Jesus, the love of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. — "I Will Give You Shepherds," 40, Pope John Paul II.

There is no shortcut for vocations. The pope also referred to this in response to a question by a bishop at the conclusion of his talk. "Let us be quite frank; the ability to cultivate vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is the sure sign of the health of a local church."

One thing about Pope Benedict XVI, he does not give superficial answers to pastoral or theological questions.

A joy to pray with the Serrans from all over the country at Christ the King Church.

Later: The end of the weekend

More later on what happened in between, but on Sunday morning, I drove south to the beautiful grounds of the Poor Handmaid Sisters at Donaldson to take part in the third edition of a special retreat. It was founded and is run every year by our seminarians. I send a letter to every priest and the priests send me names of young men in their parish whom they think would be good candidates for the priesthood. I then write to each of the young men, whose names I have received. The seminarians also phone them. A call came a few weeks ago, that the numbers were small — only six at that time, and perhaps it should be called off. I gave a resounding "no" as large as I could. These events must be held every year, no matter the numbers. So my final duty of the weekend was to get to Donaldson, celebrate Mass with these young men and our seminarians and engage in a discussion. Eight young men made the retreat, along with several seminarians. Our priests and seminarians came in over the weekend. Among the next who spoke were Fathers Bill Schooler, Dan Scheidt, Jim Shafer, Bernie Galic and Glenn Kohrman. There were talks by seminarians. A father and husband from St. Vincent Parish, Fort

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Wayne, spoke on the vocation of marriage. I was most impressed by the caliber of the eight young men who were there in prayer and discernment.

There was a young man with an engineering degree from Purdue. Another man, a scientist and a recent convert to the faith, was there. He had spent 14 months at Antarctica at the South Pole doing research. One young man was entering college at St. Joseph, Rensselaer, and another studying business at IPFW. A most impressive group.

And in between

On Saturday morning, I celebrated the jubilee Mass for the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka. One sister was celebrating her 85th year of religious life; and another, her 75th. A beautiful Mass and a grace to listen to the renewal of their vows.

One characteristic of the spirituality of their sects is a great devotion to priests and to the bishop.

An evening in Elkhart

After taking a little rest, I drove over the back roads to St. Thomas Parish, Elkhart. For many years, there has been daily eucharistic adoration in a small chapel in their school. Now it has become necessary to renovate and restore their school. It is a major task and they are seeking to raise this goal, \$3 million fund.

As part of this renewal, it was necessary to remove the chapel for eucharistic adoration. But they determined not to do away with this blessing. So they built a small chapel attached to the church, which indeed is more fitting. I blessed the chapel and carried the Blessed Sacrament into it. They will continue their tradition of having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 3 to 9 p.m. I urge those parishes that have eucharistic adoration to make prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, part of their regimen of prayer.

The end in sight

Back then to St. Pius X, Granger, and the annual cookout with our priests hosted by Father Bill Schooler, among other things, a very able chef. A cookout for the priests in the Fort Wayne area will be held at my home this week.

Things to come

I call this period the countdown — intense attempts to clear my desk which never quite work. I look forward to a Mass on the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul which will inaugurate for our diocese The Year of St. Paul. Celebrated throughout the world, it will call attention to this extraordinary missionary, preacher and saint.

Then on Tuesday, July 1, I will be flying east to visit my dear sisters and their families.

There are two of them now, where there were always three. And that is quite painful as it is supposed to be. But I will visit Mary's husband and family, also; and her grave, and cry a little bit and thank God for her life. We were the two oldest and always close. I will cherish the time even more with my other sisters — Sister Anne, CSJ; and Joan Sheridan and her husband, children and grandchildren.

Some time on the back porch and visiting priest friends; a day at Cape Cod and on the ocean at Hull with priest classmates; and a few nights at Fenway Park; some walks around the old town of Brighton; and time on the back porch. Never more welcome. I'll see you all when I return.

How about Bishop Luers High School?

Three state championships in the same year — football, boy's basketball and baseball. The first time ever in this state. Congratulations to all at Luers.

Unresolved liturgy debate, stem cells, abuse key topics for bishops

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) — A lively and intense debate over a 700-page translation of part of the Roman Missal dominated the public sessions of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' spring general assembly in Orlando June 12-14, but the bishops failed to come to a conclusion about the fate of the liturgical text.

With much less discussion, they approved a 2,000-word policy statement calling embryonic stem-cell research "gravely immoral"; directed their Committee on Doctrine to begin revising guidelines for Catholic health care institutions on medically assisted nutrition and hydration; designated Sept. 26, 2010, as National Catholic Charities Sunday; and voted to replace the more formal "vosotros" with the more familiar "ustedes" in Spanish-language Masses in the U.S.

The bishops gathered in Orlando also heard an interim report from researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice on the causes and context of child sexual abuse by priests and began a confidential dialogue with representatives of half of the nation's priests on issues that arose during and after the sex abuse scandal.

The liturgical document under consideration was a translation of the proper prayers for Sundays and feast days. The second of 12 sections of the Roman Missal translation project, it had been in the works for more than two years.

But after more than a dozen bishops rose to speak against the translation, it failed to reach the needed approval of two-thirds of the 250 Latin-rite members of the conference.

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, USCCB president, did not announce the vote totals but said the document had not obtained the 166 "yes" votes needed to approve it or the 83 "no" votes that would have resulted in its rejection. USCCB members not present at the spring general assembly in Orlando will vote by mail on the issue.

Many bishops expressed frustration that the translation by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy ignored recommendations they had submitted to clarify the sentence structure or revise archaic language, including the use of words such as "gibbet," "wrought" and "ineffable."

"John and Mary Catholic have the right to have prayers that are clear and understandable," said Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie, Pa.

The stem-cell document had a much easier path, with few amendments, little debate and a 191-1 vote of approval. It is designed to set the stage for a later, more pastoral document explaining why the Catholic Church opposes some reproductive technologies.

"Even our opponents admit that ours is one of the most effective voices against destroying human embryos for stem-cell research," said Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kan.,



CNS PHOTO/ANDREW SULLIVAN

Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., who is vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, USCCB president, and Henry M. Robert III, the meeting parliamentarian, are shown at the start of the bishops' spring meeting in Orlando, Fla., June 12.

who introduced the document.

"The issue of stem-cell research does not force us to choose between science and ethics, much less between science and religion," the document says. "It presents a choice as to how our society will pursue scientific and medical progress."

In response to a question, Archbishop Naumann said the document did not address the topic of the adoption of so-called "spare embryos" that would otherwise be destroyed when not needed for in vitro fertilization. He said "the Holy See is itself reflecting on this topic, and we hope to have guidance" from the Vatican before commenting on that issue.

Reporting on the causes and context study, which is expected to be completed by December 2010, researcher Karen Terry said she and her colleagues at John Jay in New York have found some correlations between the frequency of child sex abuse by priests and the increase or decline in societal patterns of divorce, premarital sex and illegal drug use.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the various phenomena are "shaped by the same social factors," Terry said.

The Orlando meeting also marked the first of two scheduled meetings between the bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People and representatives of the nation's priests to discuss how the clergy sex abuse scandal has affected the bond between bishops and their priests.

"Some felt guilty by association," while others felt their fellow priests who were accused of wrongdoing were not treated fairly or with pastoral concern, Bishop Gregory M. Aymond of Austin, Texas, told Catholic News Service after the closed-door listening session June 12. The second session is to take place in November in Baltimore.

Bishop Aymond is chairman of the Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People.

In a voice vote June 12, the bishops gave permission for the doctrine committee to begin revising the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services" to reflect recent church documents on medically assisted nutrition and hydration.

The documents include a 2004 address by Pope John Paul II to

an international congress on the vegetative state and a 2007 response by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on questions raised by the USCCB on artificial nutrition and hydration.

The "modest revision" will later be brought to the full body of bishops for a vote.

In another voice vote they designated National Catholic Charities Sunday in 2010 to mark the 100th anniversary of the network of Catholic charitable agencies.

Bishop Michael P. Driscoll of Boise, Idaho, episcopal liaison to Catholic Charities USA, said each diocese will be encouraged to hold its own observance of the 100th anniversary and all Catholics will be urged "to publicly affirm that they will take positive steps to reduce poverty."

In a written ballot, the bishops agreed, 187-3, to a proposal by the Committee on Divine Worship to replace the Spanish word "vosotros" with "ustedes" in Spanish-language Masses in the U.S. to reflect the usage more common in Latin America and the Caribbean. The change must be approved by the Vatican.

Although both words mean the plural "you" in English, "vosotros" is "no longer current speech" in most of the Spanish-speaking world, except in Spain, said Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Divine Worship.

The bishops also voted, 140-0, to keep the 2009 assessment on dioceses to fund the work of the USCCB at the 2008 level of just over \$10 million.

Luis Lugo of the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life and Mark Gray of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate reported to the bishops on the implications for church life of recent surveys by their organizations.

They also heard an update from Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., USCCB vice president, on the work of task forces focusing on the five USCCB priority areas — faith formation and sacramental practice, strengthening marriage, the life and dignity of the human person, cultural diversity in the church, and priestly and religious vocations.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Bishop D'Arcy encourages blood donation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Spending time at the ballpark, going on vacation and enjoying a picnic in the park are activities many of us associate with the summer. Unfortunately, there is another reality of summer: blood shortages. With all the summer activities, many of us forget to take the time to donate blood, and the American Red Cross needs your support during the summer season to ensure blood is available for patients in need.

Currently, 50 percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, yet only 5 percent actually do. Across the region, the Red Cross needs to collect at least 500 units of blood each day to meet the needs of patients. Since blood can be split into different components, each donation may save as many as three lives. Just think about the number of lives we could touch if each of us donated at least once this summer?

There are 2,250 hours of summer. Please spend one of those hours giving the gift of life. Giving blood is safe, simple and it saves lives. If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate. For more information, questions about eligibility or to make your donation appointment, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

I myself, these past five years, have donated blood (see page 20 photo); and it is my hope that you will also donate. Even if you have never given blood, I encourage you to spend an hour of your day saving a life. If you have donated blood in the past, may I remind you how rewarding and appreciated this generous act of charity can be for you as well as the recipient.

With every best wish and prayer, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

POPE WALKS WITH U.S. PRESIDENT THROUGH VATICAN GARDENS



CNS PHOTO/JASON REED, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI walks with U.S. President George W. Bush through the Vatican Gardens on their way to visit the Lourdes grotto June 13. The visit was a show of appreciation by the Vatican for the warm welcome the pope received at the White House during his April U.S. visit.

Requirements set for Legionaries of Christ

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore has established a series of requirements under which the Legionaries of Christ and its lay branch, Regnum Christi, must operate in the archdiocese.

Saying pastors in recent years have raised concerns "regarding a lack of pastoral transparency at times and a tendency to conduct parallel programs within our parishes without the knowledge of local pastors," Archbishop O'Brien outlined the requirements under which the Legionaries must operate in his column in the June 12 issue of *The Catholic Review*, the archdiocesan newspaper.

The detailed requirements were finalized during an early June meeting between the archbishop's staff and Father Alvaro Corcuera, the order's Rome-based superior general.

In the column, Archbishop O'Brien said that while the work of the Legionaries has "operated with the blessing of the Holy See" the order's activities "have not been without certain tension" in the United States and the archdiocese.

His column was not specific except to say that "undue pressure was placed on individuals to conform to the rule of Regnum Christi and in a context of secrecy."

"In addition, some youth programs tended to alienate parents from their children, and various clubs and activities for high schoolers often presented the vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life as an obligation rather than an informed choice. In short, a lack of necessary transparency," the archbishop wrote.

Archbishop O'Brien said that he asked Father Corcuera to appoint a Legionaries priest as a liaison to oversee the activities of Regnum Christi in the archdiocese "and keep our chancery and appropriate pastors fully informed." The requirements cover all programs, youth activities and methods of vocation recruitment.

The archbishop's June 6 letter to Father Corcuera revealed a full list of requirements concerning the order's work in Baltimore. Catholic News Service obtained a copy of the letter June 11.

Archbishop O'Brien gave the Legionaries until June 13 to submit the name of the priest-liaison for his approval. Once the liaison is in place, the order will have until June 30 to submit other information to the archdiocese, such as:

- The name and ministry of all Legionaries of Christ priests ministering in the archdiocese.
- A list of all Regnum Christi groups and Legionaries/Regnum Christi youth programs in the archdiocese, including activities, meeting locations and schedules, membership roles and methods for gaining new members.

- Identification of all other Legionaries/Regnum Christi ministries and apostolates including a description of their activities and the location and frequency of the activities.

In addition, the order must provide to pastors a list detailing where Legionaries/Regnum Christi ministries and apostolates are in place with information about their activities.

Noting that the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life is vital to the church, Archbishop O'Brien said that to "avoid any undue sense of voca-

tional obligation, ongoing and individual spiritual direction is not to be given" to anyone under the age of 18.

In addition, he is requiring the priest-liaison to notify the archdiocese of "the content, timing and location of all Legionary/Regnum Christi summer programs and the names and addresses of all persons under the age of 18 who will participate." The information will then be forwarded to the pastors of the participants, the letter said.

The priest-liaison also must notify the archdiocesan vocation director of all candidates for the priesthood or religious life who plan to attend Legionaries high school seminaries or boarding schools with the intent that the information will be reviewed with the candidates' parents and pastors.

As a final requirement, the archbishop wants the order to report twice a year on its long-range and short-range plans, goals and objectives within the archdiocese.

Archbishop O'Brien was at the semiannual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Orlando, Fla., and unavailable for comment.

The Legionaries of Christ was founded in 1941 by the late Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, a Mexican priest. Regnum Christi, Latin for reign of God, is an apostolic movement associated with the order. Founded in the early 1960s, Regnum Christi membership stands at about 65,000 young people and adults in 30 countries.

Archbishop O'Brien's letter to Father Corcuera can be found online at: www.archbalt.org/news/decreedcfm. His column is online at: www.catholicreview.org.



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Via satellite video, pope urges Catholics to make world better

BY DEBORAH GYAPONG

QUEBEC CITY (CNS) — The Eucharist is the church's "most beautiful treasure" and introduces the faithful to eternal life, Pope Benedict XVI said in his homily during the closing Mass of the 49th International Eucharistic Congress June 22.

Speaking via satellite video in both English and French on two giant video screens that loomed over the historic Plains of Abraham in the city's Battlefield Park, Pope Benedict told more than 55,000 pilgrims that the Eucharist "is the sacrament par excellence" and contains the mysteries of salvation.

"It is the source and summit of all action and the life of the church," he said.

The pope said the Eucharist does not separate the faithful from their contemporaries, but as the supreme gift of God's love calls people to make the world a better place.

"We must not cease to fight so that every person is respected from conception to natural death, that our rich societies welcome the poorest and restore their dignity, that every person can live and feed his family, and that peace and justice radiate on all continents," he said.

The pope also announced that Dublin, Ireland, would host the next International Eucharistic Congress in 2012.

Pope Benedict urged participants to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist "so as to bear witness courageously to the mystery."

"We must go back again and again to the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, where we were given a pledge of the mystery of our redemption on the cross," the pope said. "The Last Supper is the locus of the nascent church, the womb containing the church of every age."

"In the Eucharist, Christ's sacrifice is constantly renewed, Pentecost is constantly renewed," he said.

The pope stressed proper preparation for receiving the Eucharist. As much as possible the Eucharist must be received with a pure heart, he said, espe-

cially through seeking the sacrament of reconciliation.

Sin, especially grave sin, opposes the action of the eucharistic grace in us, he said.

In addition to deepening the understanding of the Eucharist, he urged more eucharistic adoration to prolong communion with Christ.

The Mass took place in a park marking historic battlegrounds, where in 1759 the British defeated the French for control of Quebec. The giant screens showed not only close-ups of the liturgical celebration and wide shots of the massive crowd, but also glimpses inside the Vatican of the pope watching the proceedings on television.

Slovakian Cardinal Jozef Tomko, who acted as the pope's representative throughout the weeklong congress, celebrated the closing Mass, known as the "Statio Orbis." In his welcome, Quebec Cardinal Marc Ouellet, the congress' host, explained the Latin words as "a kind of stopover, a prayer meeting to which all Catholics on earth are summoned."

A gentle rain began to fall during the opening procession as hundreds of priests, bishops and cardinals made their way across the soggy grass toward the altar located on a raised wooden platform. Its design suggested the prow of a ship.

On a separate raised platform a choir and a brass ensemble provided the music for the liturgy that incorporated many prayers, including the Nicene Creed, sung in Latin.

The pope noted Quebec's celebration of the 400th anniversary of its founding, calling it an opportunity to recall the values of the pioneers and missionaries who founded the church in the French settlement.

He recalled St. Jean de Brebeuf and other Canadian men and women who played key roles in developing the life of the church and building Canada's social and cultural institutions.

He urged those present to learn from them and to follow their example without fear. God will accompany you and protect you, he said.



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priests will need to be prepared. "We are living in an ever more complex reality that priests are facing and that we are facing. There is a seismic shift in our culture and values for things that we counted on are not there anymore," said Bishop Cupich. He added that we need to understand the changes rather than panic.

A multicultural church

One change is within the church, which is more multicultural and will be even more so in the next generation. Bishop Cupich noted that forecasts predict that of the next generation of Catholics "half will be Hispanic with the largest group under 25 years old." Not only that, priests will have to face the growing mobility of the population. Bishop Cupich noted that while his own mother has not moved one mile from the parish in which she was baptized, five of his nine siblings are scattered across the United States.

Divisions of spirituality and religion

Another aspect is a growing division "between spirituality and religion," said Bishop Cupich, who further explained that "people are saying they are spiritual, but not belonging to any religion. "We need to look at this more broadly" said Bishop Cupich. The church will need to help them "understand that spirituality is only fruitful when it is shared." "Pope Benedict XVI says that love has to be organized. If spirituality is about the love of God and feeling loved by God, maybe we need the church to look at how we help people understand that they can only be truly spiritual when love is organized. When they see bonds with each other. That is a challenge that is before us. When people self-designate themselves as spiritual and not religious. It is part of our map of Western culture we shouldn't be afraid of, but see as a challenge. "The question for the priest of the future is how do we offer our traditions who are hungry for spirituality?" he added.

Personnel shifts

The third aspect of society today that future priests will face is personnel shifts. "We see one-third of all ordained today are born outside of the United States and many of them don't have English as a first language." He further explained that some of them have come from countries where women are not regarded in the same status as they are in the United States and that "particularly since 80 percent of lay people are women," we will need to look at what the church must do to prepare these priests in these complex situations.

"We will need leaders who are wise and will use the talents and abilities in collaboration and offer a leadership that is inspiring," he said.

Another shift that is occurring that priests of the future will face is priests sometimes "overseeing four or five places. We will need to look for ways in which these situations can be effectively administered to," he noted.

Solid thinkers

The fourth and final future aspect Cupich addressed is how our society is now "living in an era" in which knowledge is being considered just an accumulation of more and more data which is "not the same as true knowledge and wisdom," said Bishop Cupich. "We now have a generation who are bombarded with endless bits of information that are disconnected, making us pancake people where information is poured into our brains but is so spread out that we have young people (who) don't think holistically. That is a real situation that has pastoral consequences.

"We will need to have candidates who are able to think deeply and understand the historical concepts and contexts to various problems rather than to address hot issues with slogans and quotations — stringing together bits of information just won't do," he noted.

In order to find good future priests, Bishop Cupich said there is a need to revisit the four pillars of priestly formation: theological, human, spiritual and pastoral pillars.

Theologically, (intellectually) priests will need to be able to address a "growing complexity of issues" including morality, war, genetics, the definition of marriage and science.

"These are not just scientific issues," he said. "These are issues people are dealing with in their everyday situations."

Bishop Cupich suggested that in order for priests to become "defenders of faith," theological education has to be understood, more philosophy has to be part of the curriculum and intellectual curiosity in our seminarians needs development.

Bishop Cupich felt that if priests don't reflect and contemplate, they will not be solid thinkers.

"It would be a mistake to say that all the church needs are good, holy priests who have the fundamental grasps of faith and have a spirit of obedience. It will not serve the future if they lack depth and skills of critical thinking and judging."

Humanly, the future church will need to look at and take into account the psychological development of individuals, "not just to see if someone has everything in their head right, but whether or not they have the capacity to think holistically" and to "have the capacity to be a good human being that relates to people."

Spiritually, the closer a person identifies to the suffering Christ, then their spiritual lives will develop.

"The most dangerous thing to priests is not greed or lust, but ambition," Bishop Cupich said. "Priests need to be formed in a spiritual way so they see the suffering Christ. When they become preoccupied, something dies in them."

Pastorally, he said, "We need priests who are excited about the spiritual lives of people who are willing to help them work through the gray areas of their lives. We need priests who are approachable" who "look at people's lives seeing the good that they do."

Suggestions applicable to any Catholic:

- Come to an awareness of what priests are facing — encourage them in their vocations; know what is on their plate is important so you really don't have an illusion to what they are facing today. "They are living in a complex society today and they need that encouragement."
- Have a college connection — make connections with people on campuses and encourage young bright candidates to look into the priesthood.
- In your diocese and your own parishes, talk to your bishop about the need for ongoing education of priests. Look for ways in which people in a parish can be supportive of a priest who is ministering in a number of multiple parish situations so those demands are not so demanding. "We need to get that message out because so often priests are so reluctant to talk about the complexities of their lives."

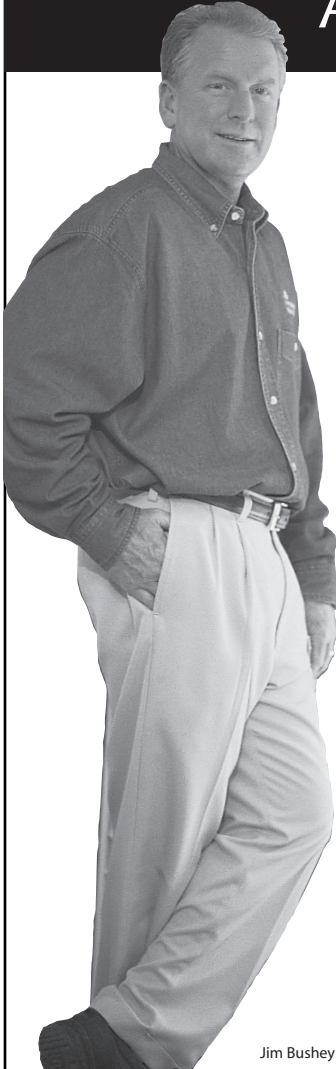
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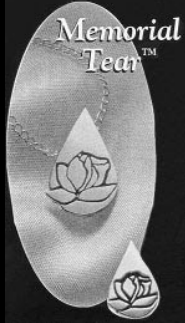
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Diocese won't allow 'Angels and Demons' to be filmed in Rome churches

ROME (CNS) — Rome diocesan officials have denied Hollywood producers permission to film the prequel to "The Da Vinci Code" inside its churches in Rome. Producers of the film, "Angels and Demons," were turned down because the movie is a work of "fantasy that damages common religious sentiment," said Father Marco Fibbi, Rome diocesan press officer. "Normally we read the script, but this time that wasn't necessary. The name Dan Brown was enough" to reject the request, he told the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* June 16. The new movie, directed by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks, is based on the Brown best-seller "Angels and Demons." Another Brown novel, "The Da Vinci Code," sparked criticism for offending the church and its beliefs. Producers of the new movie, currently being filmed in Rome and due for release next spring, asked for permission to film scenes inside the churches of Santa Maria del Popolo and Santa Maria della Vittoria about a year ago.

Catholics gather to observe 150th anniversary of Paulist Fathers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Hundreds of Catholics gathered in the nation's capital June 19-21 for the Paulist Fathers' 150th anniversary convocation and to learn from the roots of the movement to better evangelize the people of North America in the future. Paulist Father Lawrence Boadt, publisher of the Paulist Press, told his fellow religious order priests and the faithful assembled at The Catholic University of America that his organization was using modern technology in its evangelization efforts and welcomed suggestions on how to more effectively bring the voice of God to more Americans. The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, known as the Paulist Fathers, was founded in 1858 by Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, a New York City native ordained as a Redemptorist priest in 1849.

Quebec cardinal says bishops should decide Tridentine Mass usage

QUEBEC CITY (CNS) — Though a Vatican official said Pope Benedict XVI wants all parishes to have a Tridentine Mass, Quebec Cardinal Marc Ouellet expressed satisfaction with one parish in his archdiocese offering the rite. "I think the intention of the Holy Father is to allow the practice of the extraordinary rite where there is a need and a request," the cardinal said at a June 18 press conference at the 49th International Eucharistic Congress. "In our diocese we have one parish. At the moment there is no need for other places. I think this is responding to the need of the population," he said. Cardinal Ouellet said it is up to each bishop to determine how to handle the

NEWS BRIEFS

ARCHBISHOP SMILES AFTER THANKSGIVING MASS



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Archbishop Fouad Twal smiles after leaving a Mass of Thanksgiving for outgoing Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah at the Gethsemani Basilica in Jerusalem June 21. Archbishop Twal was installed as the new Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, replacing Patriarch Sabbah, who served in the post for 20 years.

demand for Masses according to the extraordinary form of the Mass. The cardinal's remarks came after a Vatican official said Pope Benedict would like to see every parish have its own Mass in the Tridentine rite of the 1962 Roman Missal. In "Summorum Pontificum," published in July 2007, Pope Benedict indicated that Tridentine Masses should be made available in every parish where groups of the faithful desire it and where a priest has been trained to celebrate it. He also said the Mass from the Roman Missal in use since 1970 remains the ordinary form of the Mass, while the celebration of the Tridentine Mass is the extraordinary form.

Researcher says days of Catholics who 'pay, pray and obey' are gone

MIAMI (CNS) — The days of Catholics who "pay, pray and obey" are gone and likely never coming back, according to a sociologist who has studied the beliefs and practices of American Catholics for more than two decades. As a result, the church must find ways to reach new generations of Catholics who "don't think church leaders are any wiser or any holier than they are," said Purdue University's James Davidson, who spoke at the opening session of the annual gathering of the Catholic Theological Society of America. Davidson has conducted research on four generations of American Catholics, divided in relation to the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council: pre-Vatican II, those born in 1940 or earlier; Vatican II, born 1941-1960; post-

Vatican II, born 1961-1982; and millennial, born since 1983. His findings set the tone for the June 5-8 conference, the theme of which was "Generations." Today's Catholics are generally better off financially, better educated and more integrated into mainstream American culture than their pre-Vatican II counterparts, Davidson said. They are no longer outsiders or victims of discrimination for whom the church was a refuge. They also grew up in a church where the emphasis shifted from the hierarchy to the people of God, from the ordained to the baptized. "These formative experiences have lasting effects on the way Catholics think and act," more so than age or any other factor, Davidson said.

Pope prays for victims of Philippine ferryboat disaster

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI prayed for the victims of a ferryboat disaster that left hundreds dead off the coast of the Philippines. The boat carrying about 800 people ran aground and capsized in a typhoon June 21. Two days later, only 38 survivors had been found. The pope, speaking at his Sunday blessing June 22 in St. Peter's Square, said he had been informed of the tragedy that morning. "While I give assurances of my spiritual closeness to the populations on the islands hit by the typhoon, I raise a special prayer to the Lord for the victims of this new sea tragedy, in which numerous children were apparently involved," he said. The Philippines government said it was investigat-

ing why the ferry was allowed to sail despite storm warnings.

Pope names North American cardinals to posts in Roman Curia

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI appointed U.S. Cardinal John P. Foley, grand master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, and Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston to posts in the Roman Curia. The Vatican announced their appointments June 12 as part of appointments for those elevated to the College of Cardinals last November. Cardinal Foley was named a member of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments as well as the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The pope appointed Cardinal DiNardo to be a member of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers. Cardinal Francisco Robles Ortega of Monterrey, Mexico, was named to the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

At congress, African and Asian cardinals discuss church life

QUEBEC CITY (CNS) — Several cardinals from around the world gave the status of church life in their countries and regions at the 49th International Eucharistic Congress. "The Eucharist finds in Africa very favorable soil," with people who believe in God and are open to God, Cardinal Theodore-

Adrien Sarr of Dakar, Senegal, told thousands of pilgrims in a Quebec stadium. Noting that he could not do justice in explaining the entire continent because of its diversity, he focused on the West African nation of Senegal during his talk at a June 16 workshop called "The Vitality of the Eucharist Around the World," one of dozens of seminars, workshops and conferences held the second day of the June 15-22 congress. Cardinal Ricardo Vidal of Cebu, Philippines, said the celebration of the Eucharist is "at times routine" and "Mass is used for political purposes" in his Asian island nation, where Catholics are a majority. Indian Cardinal Telesphore Toppo of Ranchi, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, discussed the local cultures and several rites of the church in his country, where Christians are in the minority. Despite small numbers, "the church is rich because of its so many different rites," he said.

Bishops accept invitations to attend opening ceremony of Olympics

HONG KONG (CNS) — One Anglican and two Catholic bishops from Hong Kong and Macau have accepted invitations from the Chinese government to attend the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games Aug. 8. Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kiun of Hong Kong told the Asian church news agency UCA News in early June that Coadjutor Bishop John Tong Hon was invited from the diocese, but that he was not. Bishop Tong was quoted in the June 15 issue of the Hong Kong diocesan English weekly, the *Sunday Examiner*, as saying that Cardinal Zen had given his blessing for the two-day trip after consulting the Vatican. On June 4, Bishop Jose Lai Hung-seng of Macau confirmed with UCA News that he, too, had received an invitation to the opening ceremony. He said he would represent the Catholic Church in Macau and join a Macau government delegation and other religious leaders at the ceremony.

Iowa parishes struggle to recover from devastating floods

DUBUQUE, Iowa (CNS) — Iowa officials were calling the state's catastrophic flooding "the tsunami of the plains," as it wreaked havoc on citizens, business owners and Catholic parish property statewide. Record flooding from nine of Iowa's rivers has covered millions of acres of farmland and crippled numerous towns and cities in its path. The destructive flooding also has caused devastation to many Catholic parish properties and the homes and businesses of parishioners, said Dubuque Archbishop Jerome G. Hanus. In the Archdiocese of Dubuque — which covers 30 counties in the northeast quadrant of Iowa — Cedar Rapids experienced the worst flooding. St. Patrick Church and parish buildings in the heart of downtown Cedar Rapids were swamped and water came within a foot of the roof of the four-year-old parish center.

Providence Justice Network hosts conference on immigration

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Providence Justice Network, an informal group of Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and lay companions, will host a summer conference July 18-19 with a theme of "Immigrant Rights: From Empathy to Solidarity."

Providence Justice Network is joining with the El Puente Project for a two-day exploration of immigration, race and advocacy. Using media and testimonies, youth organizers will engage participants in experiencing immigration through the eyes of immigrant young people. Education scholars and grassroots community organizers will share methods of promoting social justice on behalf of and in partnership with immigrant youth.

El Puente, Spanish for "the bridge," is a project of the Center for Urban and Multicultural Education at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) under the direction of Professor Jose R. Rosario.

Presenters include Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade, assistant professor of Raza Studies and Education Administration and Interdisciplinary Studies and co-director of the Educational Equity Initiative at San Francisco State University's Cesar Chavez Institute; Tim Wise, who is among the most prominent antiracist writers and activists in the United States; Michael Eric Dyson, director of Georgetown University; Luisa Heredia, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at Harvard University; and Sister Norma Rocklage, senior vice president of mission effectiveness and student life at Marian College, Indianapolis.

The conference opens with registration at 6 p.m., Friday, July 18, and after welcome and introductions, the evening session will focus on "Invisible to Invincible."

The program continues from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 19.

Cost to attend the conference is \$40. The fee includes refreshments and light meals. Checks should be made payable to SP/Providence Justice Network. Registration should be sent to Marsha McCarty, 907 W. 7th St., Bloomington, Ind., 47404. More information may be obtained by contacting McCarty at mmccarty@catholiccharitiesbtown.org or at (812) 332-1262.

Lutheran volunteers brighten up Vincent Village

FORT WAYNE — Vincent Village shelter hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the parent organization, Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Lutheran Hospital and the Lutheran Hospital Child Development Center on Monday, June 16, to celebrate the work these groups have done to refresh homeless children's spaces in Vincent Village.

Lutheran volunteers painted and filled children's play rooms with age-appropriate toys and learning activities as part of the Bright Space

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES HONOR REFUGEE WORK



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy looks at a plaque presented to Catholic Charities of the diocese by the Peace and Justice Commission of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne to honor the work Catholic Charities has done for refugees from Myanmar, formerly Burma. The plaque, presented at the Associated Churches board meeting on June 11, was designed by local artist Hector Garcia.

initiative. The Bright Space was designed by the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, a non-profit organization that creates spaces to promote early education for homeless children to enjoy being children while living in homeless shelters. Lutheran Hospital underwrote this project for Vincent Village, and Lutheran Hospital Child Development Center supplied the labor to refresh the rooms.

USF faculty and staff attend Franciscan Symposium

FORT WAYNE — Thirteen members of the faculty and staff of the University of Saint Francis attended the 2008 Franciscan Symposium of the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU). The conference, entitled Franciscan Education: Developing Leadership, Building Character, Improving Student Learning beyond the Lecture Halls, was held June 5-7 at Alvernia College in Reading, Pa. Seven of the 13 university participants also presented at the breakout sessions during the conference.

The AFCU consists of 23 member institutions. University of Saint Francis President Sister Elise Kriss is the AFCU board chair. The AFCU Symposium is held biannually and will be hosted by the University of Saint Francis in 2010.

Notre Dame to host third annual Play Like a Champion program

NOTRE DAME — The Play Like a Champion (PLC) program held its third annual conference at the University of Notre Dame from June 20-22. Leaders of Catholic and other youth sports programs from 24 cities in the United States and Canada gathered on the Notre Dame campus to learn how to run coach and parent workshops in their home dioceses, parishes, schools and local sports organizations. Educators, coaches, ethicists, professional athletes and theologians led discussions exploring the ways in which youth and high school sports can enhance the moral and spiritual growth of children and adolescents.

"The conference hopes to challenge toxic elements in the youth and high school sports culture that place winning and ego-centered success over the development of whole person as a member of a team," said PLC founder F. Clark Power, professor of psychology and education at Notre Dame.

Among conference speakers were 1976 Notre Dame alumnus Rudy Ruettiger, whose story inspired the movie "Rudy."

The PLC program is a partner with sports organizations requiring that all coaches complete a three-hour interactive workshop. More than 4,000 coaches have completed

the workshop during the past two years and 90 percent of them have recommended it to their colleagues.

In order to become PLC partners, youth sport organizations must commit to guaranteeing substantial playing time to all children.

"We decided to dig our heels in, insisting that all children get meaningful playing time at least through the eighth grade," Power said. "If we truly believe that sports are fun, build character and help children to develop psychologically as well as physically, how can we justify the inequities in playing time that we see at all levels and in all kinds of youth sports programs across the country?"

For more information, contact F. Clark Power at (574) 631-7343 or F.C.Power.1@nd.edu

Help support diocesan high schools through exchange support

The DMD Private High School Program offers families in the Michiana area an opportunity to support Diocesan High Schools through hosting a foreign exchange student. The program has worked with Saint Joseph's High School and Marian High School over the past several years in enrolling tuition-paying foreign teens who enhance the international atmosphere at the schools. Host families in turn are afforded the opportunity to learn about

another culture and mentor a foreign teen.

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St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church 'bags' a success with new collection method

SOUTH BEND — Eco-friendly shopping bags and an announcement by the priest were all it took to get one local Catholic parish excited about donating food to the newly poor. The congregation of St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church more than filled its food pantry for the poor recently, using new shopping bags provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"It was an incredible response," said John Cheeseman, president of the St. Anthony de Padua Vincentians, the parish group that is affiliated with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. "There were 275 bags given out on Memorial Day weekend. The next Sunday, every bag that came in was filled. Even people who didn't have bags also brought in food in plastic bags. Every space in our pantry was taken up by the collection, and we donated the extra to the main pantry at St. Vincent de Paul, on Ardmore Trail."

Cheeseman said the shopping bags were a "major influence" in getting the parishioners to bring food in. The bags, which measure 13 inches by 13 inches, are made of recycled plastic and are blue, with St. Vincent de Paul and its phone number written on them. They were purchased by the society to make it more convenient for parishioners to donate regularly.

Also helping to launch the bag program was an announcement by Father Derrick Sneyd, pastor of St. Anthony's. Father Sneyd asked the congregation: "If you have three cans of baked beans in your home pantry, can you share one with the needy? If you have six rolls of toilet paper in the bathroom cabinet, can you share two with the needy? If you have five boxes of a variety of cereal, can you share one with the needy?"

Apparently, the parishioners answered "yes" and proceeded to fill the bags and return them.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeing a large number of new clients due to the high prices of groceries and gasoline. Since mid-April, the agency has seen 400 new client-families requesting emergency food. These are families with children who have never requested assistance in the past.

Father Barry England honored with reception, mayoral decree

BY SUSAN BAXTER

MISHAWAKA — At St. Bavo Church down on Eighth Street, a very important “yes” turned 40 years old on June 1. More than 500 celebrated in the packed little church, sang and thanked God. Even the secular world saw the significance of the moment: June 1, by mayoral decree, was set aside as “Father Barry England Day.”

Father Joseph Isanga gave the homily at the Mass of thanksgiving, honoring Father England’s 40 years in the priesthood and noting the pastor’s passionate commitment to humanity.

“Father Barry is the superglue for this community,” Father Isanga said. “He will wake up in the middle of the night and willingly go where he is needed. He is here for his people — to baptize them when they are small and to say their last prayers with them when they pass into the next life ... He is here from birth to death.”

He then spoke of the pastor’s commitment to the Eucharist, the ultimate expression of unity: “The best thing we can do to respond to Father England’s call is to remain together.”

These words resonated through the Mass, concelebrated by eight of the Lord’s finest, on to Deacon Kevin Ranaghan’s presentation of an apostolic blessing from Pope Benedict XVI, which had been requested for Father England by Father Joseph Binta. “Remain together.” Not so easily done in a culture that calls for individualism.

More than 2,000 years have passed since the Lord held a piece of bread high above the heads of the twelve, broke it, and declared:

“Take this, and eat it — all of you. This is my body, which will be given up for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

From age to age, the faithful struggle and fail to comprehend this act. Jesus certainly must have understood the consternation. He also understood the complete dependence on him to keep the people together. Yet on the eve of his unimaginable suffering, Jesus gave his disciples the Holy Mass. In effect, he spoke to the wretched tendency to disunity: “You may take me and tear me to pieces for whatever purpose you think you have, but I will use those pieces to unite you in one body, one church, one Spirit.”



SUSAN BAXTER

Eight priests concelebrated a Mass of thanksgiving in honor of Father Barry England’s 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Pictured are, from left: Father Don Goetz, classmate of Father England’s at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati; Father Terry Fisher, pastor of St. Joseph’s in Mishawaka; Father Matt Sienkiewicz of Three Oaks, Mich.; Father England; Father John Pfister, pastor of St. Mary’s in Huntington; Jesuit Father Brian Daley; Father Joseph Isanga; and Holy Cross Father Jim Bracke. Not pictured is Father Henry Byekwaso. A reception and dinner followed the Mass.

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Precious Blood pastor celebrates anniversary

CARTHAGENA, Ohio — The Missionaries of the Precious Blood announced the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Father Leroy Moreeuw, CPPS.

Father Moreeuw, 71, a native of Detroit, entered the society in 1963 and was ordained on May 18, 1968. He has been involved in parish ministry, vocations and teaching during his 40 years as a priest.

After his ordination Father Moreeuw became an instructor at Brunnerdale, the society’s high school seminary in Canton, Ohio, from 1968 to 1972. In 1972, he was appointed associate pastor of St. Peter Church in Harper Woods, Mich. He first came to Our Lady of Good Counsel as an associate pastor in 1975, and served there for seven years at that time.

In 1983, Father Moreeuw was named pastor of Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne. Since 1996, he has been the pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Cleveland.

Father Moreeuw’s anniversary, will be celebrated in a special liturgy on July 1 at St. Charles Center in Carthage, Ohio.



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Precious Blood priests depart from St. Gaspar, diocese

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

ROME CITY — At the end of June, a priest of the Precious Blood, Father Matt Jozefiak, will leave St. Gaspar del Bufalo in Rome City. His departure marks the end of an era of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood priests serving parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Established as a Precious Blood parish in 1957, St. Gaspar's has experienced the richness of these dedicated missionary priests who have shepherded the faithful in the spirit of their founder, St. Gaspar del Bufalo. Some common characteristics of these priests have included a familial relationship with the parishioners and an ability to guide the people into a deep prayerfulness. Above all, they have demonstrated their deep love and reverence for the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

"I enjoy sharing the primary message of Precious Blood that we have been reconciled by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus," says Father Matt.

"We have a message that God is loving and forgiving." During his four years at St. Gaspar's, Father Matt has really focused on spreading that message to the young people.

"One of the neat things since I've been here is the exposure we've given young people to the precious blood (through eucharistic adoration). The young people really enjoy that time. ... Young people don't have a lot of time for quiet. This is how they discern God's call for them. The parish needs to

provide an opportunity for this."

Mary Arend, liturgy coordinator of St. Gaspar's, acknowledges that the Precious Blood priests have strengthened the beliefs of the parishioners.

"The thing that stands out most of all the Precious Blood fathers is the emphasis they have always given to the precious body and blood of Jesus," she says. "They have emphasized that (the Eucharist) really is the body and blood of Jesus."

She adds, "The number one thing is celebrating liturgy. There are usually 30 people or more celebrating daily Mass. ... The precious blood of Christ is truly and substantially present. ... We know that and we experience that and I think that is the most precious gift they have given us."

Men who become Precious Blood priests intend to belong to a close community. As the members of their community have been steadily dwindling, it has not always been possible for priests assigned to different parishes to live in close community with other Precious Blood priests. The parish where a priest is assigned becomes his community, his family.

Joanne Weaver, secretary at St. Gaspar's says of the Precious Blood priests, "They're caring to us. If someone's dying ... at three o'clock in the morning ... Father Matt will be there a couple hours until they die. They're faithful about visiting the sick. (Father Matt) goes out with the parishioners from daily Mass a couple times a week."

According to Arend, "We have a Precious Blood flavor, a certain something extra. ... I

"We have a Precious Blood flavor, a certain something extra. ... I think it's mainly because they are priests who choose to live in community."

MARY AREND



JOANNE WEAVER

Provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, Father Angelo Anthony, presents a plaque to Precious Blood Father Matt Jozefiak, pastor of St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish, and Dr. Jay Hayes, president of the parish council at Mass on June 8. The plaque, thanking the parish for its support of the order, was part of the ceremony formally transferring the parish from the Precious Blood priests to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

think it's mainly because they are priests who choose to live in community. ... Father Matt lived alone, so he didn't get to live in community with other priests, but he lives in community with us. ... He's the dad. He builds relationships with us ... like a family."

"Precious Blood, like every religious community, lives like a family," says Father Matt. "A lot of Precious Blood priests visit

here. A lot of parishioners have gone to the mother house."

Precious Blood has missions in over 25 countries. Many of the parishioners at St. Gaspar's have visited a Precious Blood mission in Guatemala. Father Matt believes this gives them a

sense of the world as a family of believers.

"I think what St. Gaspar's gets is that sense of family."

The parishioners plan to stay connected with Precious Blood. They have a small group called Precious Blood Companions for laity that meets to pray while strengthening bonds of community and faith. With the Missionaries of the Precious Blood leaving, membership to the Companions will be opened to all of the St. Gaspar community who wish to keep this connection. Retreats are offered annually, and a Precious Blood brother oversees the various companion groups around the country.

When Father Matt arrived at St. Gaspar's four years ago, he told the parishioners that he would probably be their last Precious Blood priest.

"The sad thing about our community is that we are having a vocations problem," he says. "That's the only reason we're leaving."

He will be moving to the Diocese of Toledo where he will be near several other Precious Blood priests who will support each other with weekly gatherings, something he wasn't able to participate in while a pastor at St. Gaspar's.

Concerning Father Matt's departure, Weaver says, "We have a lot of sad people in the church, but we understand. ... We're thankful for the four years we've had him."

"I have never seen such heartbreak as with the Precious Blood leaving," says Arend. "Somehow we are really going to grow. ... We will grow as a diocesan parish somehow."

Realizing it is difficult to find enough priests to shepherd the many parishes of our diocese, she says, "I really thank Bishop D'Arcy that he found another priest to send so we can continue as a parish."

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Eucharistic Adoration Chapel dedicated at St. Thomas

BY DIANE FREEBY

ELKHART — Amidst the current construction and renovation project at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart, another special project has already been quickly and quietly completed.

The new Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, moved from its location in the school to the church, opened last weekend.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy presided over the Saturday evening Mass and provided the official blessing of the new chapel.

In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy reflected on the readings, which were specially selected to focus on the Eucharist.

"It is Catholic tradition that Jesus remains present in the Eucharist after Mass," said Bishop D'Arcy. "I wish to thank Father Bill Sullivan for providing for five days a week of adoration."

Bishop D'Arcy noted the importance of making time to quietly adore Christ, pointing to the example of Pope John Paul II, who began every morning in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop D'Arcy said he also tries to pray that way for a half an hour each day. For

those who may wonder how to fill that time of quiet prayer, Bishop D'Arcy shared some suggestions he has learned along the way.

"I ask God to forgive my sins, to help me do his will, and to help me to know and love him better," he said.

Bishop D'Arcy also suggested using some of that time to pray especially for our priests.

"Please, there would be no Eucharist without priests," he said. "Pray for priests and for those who might become priests. These prayers before the Blessed Sacrament will strengthen the parish and the diocese."

Design for the new chapel began last fall, construction started in May and was finished just about one month later. Lifelong St. Thomas parishioner Robert Borelli said he is happy with the change.

"We've always had an adoration chapel by the school," Borelli explained. "It's better to have it here in the church. The architects did a great job of blending it right in."

The new chapel is 500 square feet and features the window used in the original building.

The chapel will be open for eucharistic adoration Monday through Friday, from 3-9 p.m.



EARL HUXHOLD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy offers a prayer of blessing in the new Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart. The new chapel was dedicated June 21.

Ancilla announces creation of Ruth and Lawrence Castaldi Scholarship

DONALDSON — Ancilla College has announced the creation of the Ruth and Lawrence Castaldi Scholarship Fund, a fund made possible through a generous \$250,000 gift given by Ruth Castaldi.

As part of the agreement, \$125,000 of the gift has been, in turn, donated by the college to the Marshall County Community Foundation. Those funds will remain earmarked for Ancilla College students, and the foundation will add \$25,000 in matching gifts to the fund.

The other \$125,000 has been set aside by Ancilla College in a permanently restricted fund.

According to the terms set forth by the Castaldi family, the purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide financial aid for students enrolled at Ancilla College who might otherwise be underserved academically.

"My mother (Ruth Castaldi) grew up in the Depression and really wanted to go to college, but wasn't able to afford it," said Becky Jones, who spoke on behalf of the Castaldi family. "She wanted to make this available to other people who might be having trouble affording college. She wanted to help kids whose lives could be improved by college, but weren't going to (earn scholarships) on academic or athletic merit."

Both Jones and her sister, Diana (Castaldi) Scheeler, mentioned longtime family friends Will and June Erwin as the ones who helped familiarize the Castaldi family with Ancilla College.

"Both of my parents had been involved in several schools, but in recent years, Will and June Erwin spoke so highly of Ancilla that my mother became interested," said Jones. "She liked giving to a Catholic college. She talked with



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Ancilla College has announced the creation of the Ruth and Lawrence Castaldi Scholarship Fund, a fund made possible through a generous \$250,000 gift given by Ruth Castaldi. In the photo from left are Marshall County Community Foundation Board Chairperson Tammy Houin, Linda and Tom Castaldi (nephew), Marshall County Community Foundation Executive Director Jennifer Maddox, Diana Castaldi-Scheeler, June Erwin, Will Erwin, Ancilla College Dean of Academic and Student Services Dr. Joanna Blount and Ancilla College Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Todd Zeltwanger.

me about it a lot, about Ancilla and how much she admired it. She had gone there to visit with the Erwins, and she made it clear with all of us, especially my brother (David Castaldi), that she wanted to leave some money for Ancilla in her will."

"It's an interesting story," added Todd Zeltwanger, executive director of institutional advancement at Ancilla College. "They were not that acquainted with the college before, but once Mrs. Castaldi came out and looked around, she and her family wanted to leave a lasting legacy with this scholarship. You don't know how much of an impact that can have on the future of the community."

Jennifer Maddox, executive director of the Marshall County Community Foundation, expressed her deep gratitude on behalf of the foundation.

"We're grateful to the Castaldis — Ruth, Lawrence, David, Diana, Becky and Loretta — for their vision of a better Marshall County and their ability to make a significant impact through Ancilla College," said Maddox. "We also appreciate Ancilla's wise use of resources by establishing this scholarship at this time to take advantage of our Generations Initiative."

"We look forward to this scholarship serving students at Ancilla College long into the future."

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Pilgrimage rose makes 'run' through Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — A cross was formed on the city of Fort Wayne during The Running of the Silver Rose pilgrimage conducted on June 14 and 15.

The Running of the Silver Rose is a pilgrimage of a rose made of pure silver from the mountains of Mexico. The rose travels each year from various locations in Canada through the United States, finishing in Mexico at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe by Dec. 12, the feast of Our lady of Guadalupe.

The Running of the Silver Rose pilgrimage was started by Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus in 2001.

The Tree of the Cross was walked across Fort Wayne on June 14 by Knights from Council 11353

(St. Vincent), Council 451 (Father Thomas A Brandon), and Council 12417 (Knights of Our Lady).

The ceremony started with a rosary and Mass, with a blessing of the Silver Rose by Father Jason Freiburger, associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul.

Members of Council 11353 walked The Silver Rose north to south five miles from the starting point. The Silver Rose was then transferred to members of Council 451, which walked The Silver Rose north to south by seven miles to the stopping point, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, thus completing the Tree Of The Cross.

On June 15, members of Council 12379 (St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel) completed the Arm of the Cross by walking The Silver Rose east to west six miles from St. Charles Borromeo to Queen of Angels.

120-year-old gown is fabric of family faith tradition

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — It all began at the loving hands of a young Catholic mother in Huntington. Barbara Ufheil crafted a delicately laced white gown for the baptism of her first born son, Joseph, in 1888 at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. For sentimental as well as practical purposes, following the touching ceremony, Ufheil wrapped and stored the beautiful garment for future use. Three more children were born to Ufheil and baptized within a five-year span, each wearing the hand-sewn baptismal gown on the day they were initiated into the faith.

Ufheil's youngest child Helen, anointed in baptism wearing the gown in 1893, grew up to marry Frank Yeranko and carried on the tradition of adorning the family babies in the special gown for baptism with three of her own, one at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, the other two at St. Mary's in Fort Wayne. Her children Ray, Helen and Bernadette became the second generation to don the beautiful frock.

The third generation came with Ray's five children, each of whom was consecrated to Christ wearing the now precious gown, dating through 1940 to 1960. Bernadette's five children added to the ever growing number of family members who were blessed with baptismal oil in the heirloom cloth during the 40s and 50s as well. And Helen, who married into the Keefer family, raised two sons, Tom and James in the 1950s, who were also counted among those who wore the gown.

Fast forward 102 years to 1990 when the same well-loved ruffled gown was unwrapped and worn by a fourth generation member of the Ufheil family, four-week-old Mary



PROVIDED BY DIANE KEEFER

Helen Keefer holds her granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth, at the infant's baptism at St. Charles Borromeo Church in 1990. The hand-sewn lace gown Mary wears was 102 years old then and had been worn by 40 family members over four generations. The gown was retired in 2002 and is displayed in the Fort Wayne History Museum along with the family's genealogy.

Keefer. She was to become the 21st member of this generation, which included her own brother Michael, to be baptized while wearing the remarkable gown, though one set of twins required

that only one wear the gown at their baptism. Many of the fourth generation infants were baptized in Fort Wayne parishes including St. Peter, St. Charles, Queen of Angels, St. Vincent and St. Joseph.

The youngest child of Tom and Diane Keefer, Mary was born on Sept. 8, the date marked on the Catholic Church calendar commemorating the birth of the Virgin Mary. Consequently, her name, though "not on the list" of possible Keefer baby names, was chosen for the newest member of the family.

Mom Diane learned of the extraordinary gown while attending other family baptisms and had hoped to dress her infant daughter in it on her special day of initiation into the church. Not surprisingly, second generation Bernadette had lovingly safeguarded the traditional gown wrapped in tissue and stored in a special box.

So though Tom and Diane were a little worried about caring for the well-worn gown, four weeks after tiny Mary was born, she too was bedecked in the flowing lace.

"It was great," says Diane, "because it was beautiful and had history." She adds wistfully, "It's filled with a lot of blessings. It had been blessed many times before."

The baptism of Mary Elizabeth was held at St. Charles Borromeo Church, with parents, godparents, friends and family in attendance. Following the ceremony the extended family gathered for pictures with the newly baptized infant beside the statue of the Blessed Mother. One of the more notable photos highlights Grandma Helen with baby Mary

in her gown. And of course, the long flowing gown with its layers of delicate sheer lace, ruffled cuffs and buttons tracing the back, was the topic of conversation.

"It was the talk of the day," says Diane. "All the relatives were baptized in the gown and have their own story. So every

time someone new is baptized, you get to hear all the stories."

As the family reflected on the rich tradition of the past and the beauty of the day, it was decided that the now frail, time-worn gown should be honored and so retired. In 2002, the family donated their

precious hand-sewn baptismal gown to the Fort Wayne History Museum where it is currently displayed with a genealogy of this faith-filled family.

Diane speaks for the family when she says, "It's great that it's in the museum, in a safe place. We hope it's preserved and that it inspires other families to carry on their own traditions."

Interesting enough, the religious significance of the names of the first and last infants of the 40 family members to wear the gown over the 102 year span — Joseph and Mary — has not been lost on this deeply-rooted Catholic family.

As for future generations of the Ufheil family, Diane says, "We hope the next generation would start a new gown when they start having babies."

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DIANE KEEFER

Tippmann Large Family Fund provides subsidy for Catholic education

BY DEB WAGNER

When one hears the surname of Tippmann in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, several characteristics come to mind. Some people might describe the Tippmann's as "generous." Some might ask with uncertain curiosity, "Didn't a priest come out of that family?" "Lots of children," a few may quip. Still others in the for profit and not-for-profit business worlds refer to them as "entrepreneurs" and "philanthropists" respectively. Out of these descriptions, one could easily see how the Mary Cross Tippmann Large Family Fund obtained its name.

The Mary Cross Tippmann Large Family Fund began in the mid-1990's as a result of the sale of a warehouse building owned by the Tippmann family. The family originally wanted to gift the building to the diocese, but Bishop D'Arcy decided it was best to sell the building located in Lafayette, Ind. and then gift

the moneys from the sale to the diocese.

The bishop asked the sellers several times how they wanted the money from the sale of the building to be used. After some prayerful and thoughtful consideration, it was decided that the money would best be suited to help large, Catholic families pay Catholic school tuition. John Tippmann, Sr., believed then and now that it is difficult to raise a large family, especially if you want them to have a Catholic education. Fred Tone, principal of Bishop Dwenger High School, was consulted and in agreement with the decision.

Bishop D'Arcy asked that a committee be formed to determine how the annual annuities

from the initial donation be distributed and establish guidelines to follow in years to come. The committee consisted of John Tippmann, Sr.; John Gaughan, superintendent of Catholic schools at the time; Joe Ryan, controller for the Diocese of Fort

Wayne-South Bend; and Msgr. J. William Lester, among others.

Three hundred families annually apply for a portion of the approximately \$125,000 available. Between 150 and 160 families receive some financial assistance. The fund provides another option for families who want their children to have a Catholic education and would have, in the past, perhaps resorted to home-schooling or public school education due to their family size and financial situation.

Families with three or more children in Catholic schools from kindergarten through grade 12 may apply for Mary Cross Tippmann Large Family Fund by contacting the schools. When the Mary Cross Tippmann Large Family Fund was first established, the committee reviewed all of the applications submitted. In the last few years, however, the committee has relied on the FACTS pro-

gram used widely in the schools to screen applications for basic qualification requirements. The committee then reads the applications containing special circumstances that would put an unusual financial burden on a family, such as the loss of a job or sudden family illness.

A special thanks is due to the late Mary Cross Tippmann, her legacy and the generosity of her offspring for providing financial assistance to large Catholic families with school-aged children.

Mary Cross Tippmann was the family matriarch who raised 16 children and influenced the lives of 135 grandchildren, 460 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren in Catholic doctrine and dogma before her death in 1970. She also received accolades for her faithful and courageous support of innocent human life. According to John Tippmann, Sr., in her honor, "there is no end in sight (to the fund) as long as Catholic education is valued by the bishop."

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World Apostolate of Fatima brings message of hope

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — Michael La Corte, executive director of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA (formerly the Blue Army), spoke at the quarterly meeting of the local faithful on June 14. With the Odessa Pilgrim Virgin statue in the background, La Corte recalled the message of Our Lady of Fatima, which is a message of hope, not despair.

Norlin Rueschhoff, professor of accountancy emeritus from the University of Notre Dame and member of Christ the King Parish, South Bend, was in attendance because he has been “praying the rosary since college.” Michael Berndt from St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mishawaka is “very devotional to Our Lady” and saw this gathering as “a good opportunity to pay respects to Our Lady before (the statue) goes back.”

The World Apostolate of Fatima is one of the largest movements comprised of mostly laity throughout the world. These followers are responding to the requests made by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. Through three children, she asked for personal conversion, recitation of the rosary daily for world peace, penance and reparation to the Eucharist and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On July 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary told the children that if Russia was converted, peace would exist, but if not, the wrongdoing would be spread throughout the world. To this end, La Corte cited the current world terrorism.

He explained that Blessed Virgin Mary teaches believers two very important things. First, hell does indeed exist, though it is rarely mentioned. And, secondly, citing the Cold War as an example, “war is a consequence of our offense against God.” La Corte said that our Lady predicted this decline and said our

actions, without some radical spiritual intervention, can annihilate nations.

How do we change the economic, moral, medical and spiritual decline that puts us on the brink of trouble with the fire and brimstone in today’s world? According to La Corte, one finds change in making acts of reparation daily. Perhaps one of the greatest politicians with the Soviet oppression realized that if the problems in today’s world are spiritual, then the solution must also be spiritual. Though the pursuit of happiness used to be attained in this order — God, country, family and self, where self was not of pleasure or materialism — La Corte said that the attainment of happiness is now widely considered to come in a far different order — self, self, self.

La Corte contended that we used to think America is great because it is good, but just maybe we are no longer as good as we used to be.

He said, “I think we’re amoral. We don’t know good from bad. We are so in love with materialism that we have lost our sense of spiritual self.”

To overcome this, he encouraged people to engage in prayerful meditation as a means to strengthen the spiritual self. Through meditation, he reported that one’s brain actually begins to shut off the brain’s ego center where the thirst for materialism is cultivated.

La Corte referenced his days in public school as a child at which time the school day was often opened with the “Our Father,” which he believes has little to do with self and materialism: “Thy kingdom come, thy will — not my will — be done.” However, in 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to take references to God out of our schools. Since that time, La Corte said there has been a 500 percent increase in murder and other violent crimes and a 750 percent



BRIAN EICHMAN

Michael La Corte speaks on the message of the Virgin Mary in Fort Wayne on June 14. La Corte is executive director of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA.

increase in sexual offenses. Obviously, some people might think that politicians prioritize their values as self, family, country or self, country, family. But as said earlier, maybe it is more about self than anything else.

La Corte says that no one is talking about ending the war with a peace treaty in the Middle East because no one knows how. It is a spiritual battle conquered by reparation to Mary.

At the beginning of his presentation, La Corte promised to leave the audience hopeful, not despondent, and he did just that. He reminded members of the World Apostolate of Fatima that even though we are the greatest exporter of our culture in the lack of respect for human life, technology, the news media and music, which pushes the limits of

Film on loan

A film on loan from Michael LaCorte, executive Director of World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, to increase knowledge on spreading the message of Fatima will be shown Saturday, June 28, after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish at Brooklyn and Hale, in the school basement. For information call Betty at (260) 749-9396.

offending God, the Cold War was tough and we prevailed. He says we can prevail today by using the message of Fatima.

Our Lady promised that, in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph and an era of peace will be granted to all mankind.

In the early 1970s, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was carried on a historic visit to Russia, but the communist government refused its entrance at the Port of Odessa. The statue has been kept and even restored after an unfortunate fire in 2003 at the World Apostolate of Fatima in Washington, NJ. The statue will now be returned to the people of Russia in Kazan, Tartarstan, and its return has even been requested by Muslims there. That was a battle won through the spiritual weapons that Our Lady gave us. So, too, can the battle for peace be won if the message of Our Lady at Fatima is followed.

Two families, an ocean apart, reunited by St. Gaetano

BY NADIA MARIA SMITH

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Not many people can say they have a cousin for a saint. But Justin Catanoso can, and he writes about it in his first book, “My Cousin the Saint: A Search for Faith, Family and Miracles,” published this May by William Morrow.

The book brings to life one of the church’s newest canonized saints, St. Gaetano Catanoso, an Italian parish priest who served in a rural region with extreme poverty, a high rate of illiteracy and was a breeding ground for crime.

Canonized in October 2005, the Italian diocesan priest was one of five men in the first group of saints proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. He lived from 1879-1963.

Known for a spirit of charity, humility and sacrifice, St. Gaetano was dedicated to the holy face of Christ. He revived Marian and eucharistic devotions in his local

parish and founded an organization to help subsidize education for poor seminarians.

He also opened an evening school for children in his parish who had to work at home or on the farm during the day.

His devotion to the Holy Face led him to found the Daughters of St. Veronica, Missionaries of the Holy Face, in 1934. St. Veronica is the woman who approached Jesus as he carried his cross and gave him her veil so he could wipe his face.

“Padre Gaetano came to believe he could do no less than to love with the same kind of intensity that Jesus loved. How else could he soften so many hardened souls?” Catanoso writes in his book. “Like St. Veronica, herself, Padre Gaetano would fall in step with the many, many poor hobbling all around him. He would wipe their faces of tears and blood. He would love them blindly, radically, unconditionally.”

In his book, Catanoso uncovers the paths of his sainted cousin and that of his grandfather, Carmelo. The only Catanoso family member to emigrate to the United States, Carmelo established the American branch of the family in this country.

The 2005 canonization of St. Gaetano spurred a family reunion and set author Catanoso on a personal journey of faith. Until then, he had been a self-described lapsed Catholic, more of a cultural Catholic than anything else.

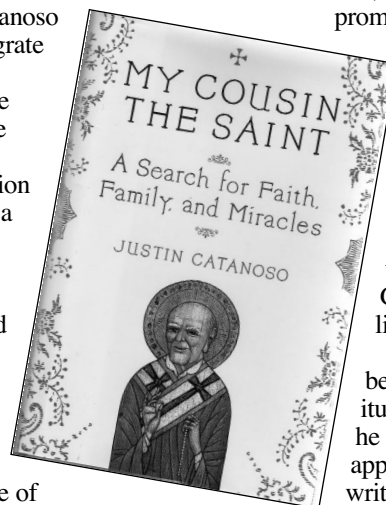
“I remember sitting there, in the middle of St. Peter’s Square, at this most extraordinary ceremony on this picture-perfect day with 100,000 people in the square, thinking, ‘The faith is so palpable in the square and I am a spectator to it. That’s not good enough. I am

going to give this a try,’” Catanoso recalled.

At that moment, he said, he promised himself he would start going to church and understanding the Mass, which was so central to St. Gaetano’s life.

As he began that spiritual journey, he was approached to write a book about his cousin.

So Catanoso, a Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist and journalism instructor at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, set off in “search of faith, family and miracles.”



The resulting book has been hailed as “a glorious book,” by Jesuit Father James Martin, the author of “My Life With the Saints” and acting publisher of *America* magazine.

“Part spiritual journey, part detective story, part travelogue, Justin Catanoso’s engrossing new memoir shows how discovering God always leads to discovering yourself,” Father Martin wrote in his review of the book.

Catanoso was scheduled to speak about his cousin and his family May 29 at St. Cornelius Church in Chadds Ford. Msgr. Gregory Parlante, the pastor, attended St. Gaetano’s canonization and his family is related to the Catanosos through marriage.

More information about the author and his book can be found at the author’s Web site, www.justin-catanoso.com.

A legacy of faith, hope and service

LISA M. PETSCHÉ

My paternal grandmother died 19 years ago, at age 81. This year marks the 100th anniversary of her birth. To honor her life and her legacy, one of my uncles is compiling a booklet of memories.

Grandma was one of seven children, born and raised on a farm in Austria.

She came to North America in her early 20s, securing employment as a domestic worker until her marriage. Her first child, my father, was born in the middle of The Great Depression.

Grandma bore 13 children in all — 10 more than I have. I'm amazed that she managed to ensure everyone's needs were met, especially without the many conveniences today's mothers take for granted.

She and Grandpa were still raising children when the grandkids began arriving.

Despite the sacrifices her life involved, Grandma was never known to complain. In fact, she used to remark how blessed she was to have so many children, all healthy (she'd lost two young siblings to illness). Eventually her grandchildren numbered 33, and she had several great-grandchildren at the time of her death.

What I remember most about Grandma is the warm welcome — including a big hug — she would always give. When you showed up at her door, she made you feel you had just made her day.

The first thing you noticed upon entering her house was the image of the Divine Mercy — a picture of Jesus with rays of light radiating from his heart — on the wall.

Also of note were the dozens of photos of grandkids on display.

I don't recall many toys, but my siblings and I enjoyed playing with a big box of Legos. Grandma also kept a supply of crayons and coloring books in the kitchen table drawer. Everyone who completed a page would sign and date it.

When our family visited after Mass, Grandma would bring out tea and juice, cookies and mints. She always wanted to serve you

something, regardless of the time of day.

One weekend, Grandma slept over while my parents went away. My sisters and I made apple strudel with her, clearing the kitchen table so we could roll out the dough. No strudel we've ever had compares to Grandma's mouthwatering recipe.

I also have special memories of a New Year's Eve spent with Grandma (by then widowed). At midnight we went out her back door and came in through the front, for good luck. While outside, we spiritedly smashed saucers — old ones, also for luck — at Grandma's urging.

Grandma wasn't well enough to attend my wedding, so after the ceremony, on the way to the photo studio, my husband and I took a detour so we could visit her. The photographer was annoyed at this disruption to our carefully planned schedule, but I insisted on including my Grandmother in our special day. We had several shots taken in her living room. These are the last pictures I have of Grandma, who died a few months later.

Grandma had a strong faith that God would take care of things. For example, an insurance salesman came to her door during a time when buying anything nonessential was out of the question. Grandma pointed to the picture of Jesus behind her and said, "He's my insurance." The Lord did not let her down.

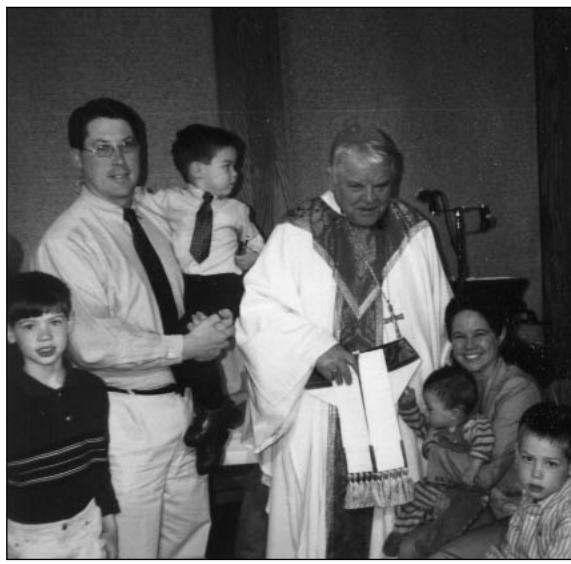
As my aunt said at Grandma's 80th birthday celebration, "She'd be the first to admit that without her rich faith and trust in God's provision, she couldn't have cared for so many so well."

When asked for gift ideas for special occasions, Grandma would reply without hesitation that she didn't need anything. She was satisfied with living simply. If you insisted on giving a gift, she requested a donation to a charity that helped the poor. She placed everyone's needs above her own.

What a wonderful legacy of faith, hope and service Grandma left her family and others whose lives she touched.

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PRINCIPALS ATTEND TELEVISED MASS WITH BISHOP D'ARCY



ELMER J. DANCH

Among the special guests at the Trinity Sunday televised Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy over WNDU-TV were the principals of both Marian High School and Saint Joseph High School and their families. At right, Bishop D'Arcy is with Susan Richter, principal of Saint Joseph's High School, and her family that includes husband, Patrick, and sons Ryan, 18, and Matthew, 14. Bishop D'Arcy is shown at left with Carl Loesch, principal of Marian High School, whose family includes Marie Harrer; Connor, 8; Michael, 5, Patrick, 3, and John, 8 months.

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EDITORIAL

Politics limited in healing society's problems

Almost from the moment the Emperor Constantine granted official status to the Christian faith in the beginning of the fourth century, there was among some Christians a (false) hope in the promise of a Christian empire. One need only read Eusebius of Caesarea's orations on the person of the emperor in the divine plan to witness this remarkable yet ill-founded fervor: the emperor and his empire were myopically viewed by Eusebius (and others, as well) as chosen and privileged instruments of the divine will for the human race. However, the sack of Rome by the Goths in A.D. 410 prompted a bishop from the provinces to undertake a serious and sustained reconsideration of the role of the church in society. Augustine's "City of God" (a hefty tome which nonetheless repays the reader's efforts) offered a much less sanguine view of the possibilities of a "Christian Empire." One of Augustine's clear purposes in writing was to convince believers that an alliance between the Church and any political system, party or figure is dubious at best: a "Christian Empire" by its very nature lacks the capacity for critical self-reflection. Remaining good citizens of the empire, Catholics are called to exercise a healthy suspicion of all political movements and movers, recognizing the fallen nature not only of individual but also of common life. Christians, Augustine stressed, live as peregrini (pilgrims or, more accurately, resident aliens or settled migrants) in this life and should recognize the limits inherent in human efforts to make this world "perfect." The kingdom of God, initiated by the Incarnation and present but not yet in its fullness, cannot be produced or effected solely by human efforts (no matter how well-intentioned). Thus, Christians should understand the limitations of politics and the political enterprise in healing the deepest problems which vex the human heart and contemporary society.

Catholics and politics

Catholics, then, should be equally circumspect about all politicians, parties and movements, scrutinizing them carefully in light of the Gospel and the received tradition of the Catholic Church. That is, they should be suspicious of politicians who can so blithely divorce *vita* from *doctrina* — their "personal views" from their public persona. It is, after all, precisely the unity of *vita* and *doctrina* that offers the clearest witness of the truth and power of the Gospel; the saints (the martyrs in particular) are evidence of this. Political parties, driven by their desire to gain office (and, once there, to remain in office) are careful to cultivate particular constituencies and attempt to cater to the interests of various groups within society. This should force Catholics to be shrewd ("wise are serpents" was Jesus' actual advice) in recognizing the motives (often less than hidden) of candidates and parties in vying for office and in attempting to curry favor with constituents.

Catholics have a serious obligation to be good citizens and to participate in public life and discourse. Catholics who make the platform or agenda of any party or pundit — whether Democrat, Republican, Green or Libertarian (the list goes on) — the standard by which elements of their Catholic faith are alternately highlighted or suppressed do neither their church nor their nation any service. Too many Catholics have, in the course of history, uncritically and unwittingly brokered Faustian bargains with any number of political agendas and become mere instruments of some political machine, surrendering in the process the integrity of their faith. Rather, it is the reserve and independence of Catholics, their liberty from obligation to and refusal to privilege any one party or political ideology, which best serve both their church and their community. The danger for Catholics is to presume that their Catholic faith is but one ideology among many others, all equally valid, from which one culls bits and pieces in accord with one's taste. Catholics must scrutinize cautiously the "signs of the times" and allow their faith to help clarify public debate. The best contribution Catholics can make in society is to be thoroughly and unabashedly Catholic.

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

COMMENTARY

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Germans settled St. Mary Church in South Bend

Regarding the June 8, 2008 *Today's Catholic* article on St. Patrick's Church celebrating 150 years in South Bend, my wife and I enjoyed the article(s) very much but

observed that there is an element that may need some minor amplification.

The German families actually built St. Mary's less than two blocks away (400 block South Taylor) and worshipped there for many years. Ultimately, the church was torn down for a housing project and relocated to Locust Road, opening in 1960. In fact, my wife and I were married at the new church, celebrating the first

nuptial Mass in July 1960.

The story of the German migration and information on St. Mary's is nicely covered in an insightful book entitled "Voices of America: German Settlers of South Bend," written by Gabrielle Robinson.

Pete Ryan
South Bend

Fondly remembering Tim Russert: Death of a partisan

BY DOUGLAS W. KMIEC

I was on "Meet the Press" only once, paired with former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, for whom Tim Russert once worked. Other lesser hosts might be expected to favor their old boss. Not Tim.

Tim was indeed a partisan — a partisan for truth as best as it could be ascertained by the human mind in the exploration of opposing points of view.

I was to defend the proposition that it was improper to deny John Roberts' nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court based on his Catholic faith. Prominent scholars and senators had argued that Roberts was unsuitable, given his Catholicism and the church's well-known opposition to abortion.

Several things were immediately apparent: Tim likely knew as much or more about the topic than either of his guests, and he was not about to let us dodge the more difficult nuances of questions. Here is part of the colloquy:

Russert: "Professor (Kmiec), many Catholic politicians are faced with the following prospect, that individual bishops in different dioceses can refuse them Communion if they are seen as proponents of abortion. If, in fact, as you said, the Supreme Court in effect formulated the law in *Roe v. Wade*, if a Catholic justice of the court doesn't take assertive steps to undo that law, could they be denied Communion in respective dioceses and is that an appropriate pressure from the Catholic Church?"

Kmiec: "Cardinal (Theodore) McCarrick ... said it the best. This is a question of pastoral counseling. It's not something that really should be dealt with at the Communion rail. ... The sacraments shouldn't be used as a weapon. ... But again, the Supreme Court of the United States really needs to (re-)examine (abortion) as a matter of law ... not as a matter of Catholic faith, ... not as a matter of any other personal philosophy. It's a question of whether abortion ... can be found in the text and history and structure of the

Constitution."

"There's no conflict between John Roberts' faith and this constitutional system," I argued, "because this constitutional system is premised upon the dignity of the human person."

That actually was a bit of Catholic advocacy, and as a matter of his own Catholic faith, I speculated that Tim would let it pass without rebuttal.

Silly me.

Tim adroitly questioned the governor, illustrating that the way sitting Catholic jurists like Justice Antonin Scalia avoid an irreconcilable conflict between faith and law is not with my fancy implied reference to Pope John Paul II's instruction on personhood, but simply by sticking to the text of the Constitution, which says nothing about the subject.

Cuomo affirmed the Scalia position, and in one masterful move Tim brought the conversation back to its original focus, illustrating in a unique way some common ground.

Whether he realized it or not, Cuomo's affirmation of Scalia underscored my original contention that if judges follow their intended role they have no moral complicity in the laws they interpret.

But it also allowed Cuomo an opening to reaffirm his long-standing view that Catholics cannot just impose their doctrine on their non-

Catholic American neighbors — at least without extended and respectful argument in the democratic process (or, I might add, persuading jurists that the Constitution has an intended and inescapable natural law foundation).

One thing I know for sure, St. Peter is in no position to give Tim Russert a hard time at heaven's gate. If there is any delay whatsoever, look for Tim to sit the one-time fisherman and early church organizer down at the table and, with that smiling but tenaciously prepared look, ask, "Isn't it true, Peter, that earlier on the night before Christ died, you denied him three times, and yet here you are today the keeper of the gate of the kingdom? How do you explain that?"

Like so many other guests on "Meet the Press" when confronted with the thoroughness of Tim's preparations, I suspect Peter might be tempted to bob and weave his way to some sort of answer.

Advice to the first pontiff: Don't try it, just wave Tim on through.

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Blessed Madeleine Fontaine and Companions

died 1794
feast - June 27

Martyred during the French Revolution, Mother Madeleine Fontaine, 71, and Sisters Francoise Lanel, Therese Fantou and Jeanne Gerard, all in their 40s, were Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Their community at Arras cared for the town's sick and ran a girls' school.

In 1793 their goods and school were confiscated, but they refused to take an oath demanded by the Revolutionary Convention. Arrested in February 1794, they were executed in June. The nuns went to the infamous guillotine singing "Ave Maris Stella"; they were beatified in 1920.



Enforcement and immigration problems

Perceived myth: Better border enforcement will solve the immigration problem

Known fact: From 1986 to 1998, the Border Patrol's budget increased six-fold and the number of agents stationed on our southwest border doubled to 8,500. From 1993 to 2004, spending for border enforcement nearly quadrupled. Yet, the number of unauthorized arrivals increased. Moreover, U.S. border enforcement strategies have channeled migrants to more remote crossing points, resulting in increased fatalities, a growth in smugglers and traffickers, and reduced chances of apprehension. Insufficient legal avenues for immigrants to enter the U.S., compared with the number of jobs in need of workers, have significantly contributed to this current conundrum. — Source: Immigration and Naturalization Web site

Doesn't illegal immigration threaten our security?

Some immigrants are illegal (undocumented) because they are denied entry for work or to be

reunited with family. They seek to come legally but cannot because the law's limits are unrealistic. People wish to come to work, to make a life for themselves and their families, and to contribute to the well being of the community. They do not come to harm the U.S. or its citizens.

Others are illegal because their student or work visa has expired. While they may have a job, they cannot change their status because of the backlog of requests and the limits (quota) for visas each year. The limits are reached usually within the first two months of the year. Even persons with professional degrees and experience are limited. The system must be changed and updated.

Border enforcement alone will not keep out persons determined to do harm. Only a policy that addresses the push and pull factors that compel most immigrants to come will enable border patrols to do their job. When border procedures allow for immigrants to come through regular channels, the U.S. will be able to know who is here and why. Border agents will also be able to use resources to concentrate on

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those seeking entry outside the system, who may wish to do harm. The U.S. would be better protected with a policy that takes into consideration the reasons people immigrate.

Quote: "The child Jesus was a refugee who, along with Mary and Joseph, fled the terror of Herod into Egypt." — Mt. 3:14.

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.

Faith critical in learning to trust God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles Mt. 16:13-19

This weekend, the church celebrates the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, both of whom were martyred in Rome in the early days of Christianity.

Peter, or Simon, was the Galilean fisherman whom Jesus called to be an apostle and whom Jesus then commissioned to be the head of the Christian community. Paul was a Jew from Tarsus. Obviously from a family of means, since his family was financially able to educate him, Paul studied under the great rabbi, Gamaliel, in Jerusalem. Later, he campaigned against the newly initiated Christian movement.

However, in a dramatic encounter with the risen Lord, Paul converted. He went on to be the greatest missionary, taking the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean world.

The first reading for this feast is from the Acts of the Apostles and centers on Peter. Clearly the first Christians were interested in Peter, their interest obliquely giving testimony to his place at the head of the church.

In this reading, King Herod, the Roman pawn who had tried the Lord on Good Friday, turns his

attention to the Lord's followers. The reading notes that the king already has beheaded James, the brother of John. Then Herod arrested Peter.

Imprisoned and in chains, Peter is at Herod's mercy, or seemingly at Herod's mercy. The entire Christian community is praying for Peter. Suddenly angels appeared, broke his chains, and escorted him to freedom.

St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy is the source of the next reading. Timothy was Paul's convert and disciple, but he was more. Paul regarded him as a son. Timothy was with Paul on some of the apostle's missionary trips. The tradition is that Timothy eventually became the first bishop of Ephesus.

Paul tells Timothy in this letter that time is running out. Paul says that the end is near, that he has finished the race.

Regardless, Paul insists that he has kept the faith. Called by Jesus, Paul asserts that he has never wavered.

St. Matthew's Gospel supplies the last reading. The setting is Caesarea Philippi, then and now a very picturesque site at the headwaters of the Jordan. Important in this reading is the exchange between Jesus and Peter. Peter states that Jesus is the "Son of the living God." The Lord replies that God inspired Peter's statement. The Lord goes on to confer authority over the community upon Peter.

Jesus refers to "keys." In the ancient world, chief stewards, or officials akin to modern prime ministers, wore the keys to the ruler's house on a necklace, as a symbol of their position. The reference was immediately clear to all present for this conversation between the Lord and Peter.

Reflection

The first reading, from Acts, and the last reading, from Matthew's Gospel, come together in this fact. Peter enjoys the special protection and inspiration of God. In Matthew, the Lord gives Peter the task of leading the community. Acts is filled with examples of Peter's leadership as it actually unfolded.

Furthermore, in Acts, God protects Peter and intervenes to allow Peter to continue to serve the church.

Peter had a divinely-assigned role to play in the revelation given by and in Jesus. Through Peter the revelation continues.

Important in all the readings is faith in God. It is vital to the story revealed in Acts. The entire church prayed for Peter's release, realizing and respecting Peter's position, trusting that God's divine power would humble the might of Herod and restore Peter to freedom.

Faith is critical in the stories in Acts and in Matthew. In the second reading, Paul urges Timothy, and us, to trust in God. God will be with us.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:16b-23 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-8 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50:7-13, 16b-17 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 9:14-17

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

While China and Burma are recovering from natural disasters, this quiz takes a look at one of the first chronicled disasters, the Great Flood.

1. There are fairly clear links between the Genesis account of the flood and this nation's (empire's) traditions of a great flood:

- a. the Babylonian
- b. the Hibernian
- c. the Caledonian

2. Specifically, there are similarities with this ancient epic:

- a. Beowulf
- b. the Epic of Gilgamesh
- c. the Book of Jubilees

3. It is not altogether clear if the flood was localized or universal, partly because the term used for earth can also be used to describe

- a. a submarine environment
- b. a lake
- c. land (all land) or a land/country

4. What was the basic reason for God sending the flood?

- a. None, God did not send it, Satan did.
- b. He was displeased with man's wickedness and regretted creating humans.
- c. Men were putting trash in the rivers and destroying forests.

5. Common to several ancient Middle Eastern narratives is a promise by God to

- a. ease up until mankind had turned from sin
- b. never flood the land again
- c. save mankind next time

6. What was the sign of this promise?

- a. the rainbow
- b. the entrails of a sacrificed sheep
- c. the Cherubim on the Ark

7. The figure who ensured mankind's survival of the flood in Genesis was this man:

- a. Joseph
- b. Bar Kochba
- c. Noah

8. Why was he spared?

- a. God could not find him when it came time to dunk the sinners.
- b. God found him to be righteous.
- c. God needed a witness in case things went wrong.

9. What was his key practical aid to survival?

- a. the ability to swim a marathon
- b. the ark, a type of boat
- c. an ability to fly over large bodies of water

10. Repopulating the earth makes Noah, to most authorities, a second

- a. Adam
- b. Jesus
- c. Creator

11. While for Christians the saving Noah can be seen as a "type" or forerunner of

- a. Adam
- b. Jesus
- c. Creator

12. There is a strong suggestion in Gen. 9 that before the flood all people were

- a. Jewish
- b. dead
- c. vegetarian

13. Also, what easy to miss minor detail might explain why men have to seek and hunt animals?

- a. God put "dread fear" into all the animals.
- b. After the flood, the neon was washed off and they were harder to see.
- c. After the earth dried, all animals were one shade or hue of mud or another.

14. God admonished Noah and his family to

- a. cook up only one of each animal
- b. clean the ark out quickly
- c. be fertile and multiply and fill the earth

15. 1 Peter 3 sees another more sacramental significance of the flood and man's survival, linking that event to

- a. drowning
- b. baptism
- c. the ritual bathing of the Essenes

ANSWERS:

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

Novenas are for communion, not negotiation, with God

When does a novena become superstitious? For example, is it superstitious to say a prayer by a certain time of the day, or promise to publish the prayer, for the prayer request to be granted?

Anonymous

The purpose of all prayer is to deepen personal communion with the triune God and to make us more available and open to his will. Novenas are traditional ways of praying that mark out a specific period (usually nine days — the term “novena” comes from adjectival form of the Latin word for “nine”) dedicated to a particular saint, event in salvation history, or one of the various titles of Our Lady or the Lord himself (Sacred Heart, for example). If we remember that the purpose of prayer is to make a request to God, while all the while desiring that our will be in accord with his (remember: “thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”), we won’t risk the danger of superstition. However, if we think of prayer as a kind of negotiation with God, and of God as somehow arbitrary or capricious — just waiting for us to make a mistake so he can withdraw his

love or care, or needing to be placated (as though he is in need of anything from us) — then we run the risk of superstition. Remember that God always and only wills what is good for us, and that he is not fickle or moody (like we so often are). Novenas are a beautiful way of focusing our prayer and our attention, but we should not let the mechanics of them — or the sometimes curious requirements often associated with them, like placing copies of the prayer in a church, for example — detract from their genuine value of uniting us to God and his saving will.

What does the Year of St. Paul actually mean? Can you offer suggestions how we can get to know his teachings better?

Anonymous

In the recent years, popes have dedicated a particular year (largely because of an anniversary) to a particular person or event in the history of the church. This year (technically June 28, 2008 — June 29, 2009) marks the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul (A.D. 8-9). By focusing the church’s attention on St. Paul, the

THAT’S A GOOD QUESTION

pope hopes that this deepens and renews the faith and the practice of the faith among Catholics. Paul’s proclamation (kerygma) of the lordship of Jesus Christ went beyond the Jewish communities (of whom he himself was apparently very much a member) to non-Jewish, gentile communities, strengthening the universality of God’s revelation in Christ and revealing the providential desire that all people hear the Good News preached to them and be saved. One of the best ways to come to know St. Paul better is to read his letters, found in the New Testament. The earliest is probably First Thessalonians, though much of his teaching and language from his various letters is already familiar to us. Spend some time reading

his letters. I suggest actually starting with First Corinthians, which talks about the challenges facing the church then (and also now), but the key is to read the letters slowly, prayerfully and after asking God to open your heart to what he wants you to hear.

Are prayer labyrinths New Age? I’ve read they have been around long before Christianity. Are they an accepted means of prayer by the church? Where are some labyrinths near Fort Wayne or South Bend? Anonymous

Prayer labyrinths are currently all the rage, I suppose, in some circles. While I don’t know of any in this area (which certainly doesn’t mean there aren’t any), and I am not certain of their remote origins, I do know that even some of the medieval cathedrals have something like that in the stones of their floor (I am told Chartres in France has this). One of their purposes is to demonstrate the fact that life for Christians is a journey or pilgrimage, that we’re always “on the way,” so to speak. The Lenten Stations of the Cross offer some-

thing similar. In praying the stations — and often physically moving around the church — we unite our life, our journey, to his, and hope to see and understand our “story” within his “story.” The various kitschy trends we can call “New Age” often pick bits and pieces from various religious traditions, but the problem is they infuse them with a very different meaning. As Catholics we see our life not in terms of fate, but rather in terms of Providence: his desire to save us (often despite ourselves), and the way God can make good use of our freedom (even if used badly by us). The key is that we understand ourselves in terms of what God has done for us in Christ; unfortunately, our temptation is too often to understand what God has done in Christ in terms of ourselves, which is a dangerous prospect and which inverts the real relation we share in faith.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend answered this week’s questions.

Navy SEAL, ‘martyr of charity’?

Prior to Maximilian Kolbe’s canonization in 1982, there was considerable debate in higher church circles about whether this Polish Franciscan, who had sacrificed his life in the starvation bunker at Auschwitz to save the condemned father of a family, should be canonized as a martyr. John Paul the Great, agreeing with the many Poles and Germans who wanted Kolbe honored this way, overrode the decision of two specially appointed judges and proclaimed in his canonization Mass homily that “Maximilian Mary Kolbe, who following his beatification was venerated as a confessor, will henceforth be venerated also as a martyr!”

During the pre-canonization debate, some theologians and canonists suggested that a new category — “martyr of charity” — be created to cover situations like Kolbe’s. The Franciscan priest had not, after all, been killed “in hatred of the faith” (odium fidei,) at least according to the traditional understanding of that ancient criterion for martyrdom. The Nazi officer who agreed to Kolbe’s voluntary substitution of himself for the condemned prisoner had evinced no interest in the fact that Kolbe was a Catholic, a Christian or a priest; Kolbe was just another Pole to be starved to death. So why not split the difference and call Kolbe a “martyr of charity”?

In “Witness to Hope,” I suggested that John Paul II was making an important theological point in declaring St. Maximilian Kolbe a martyr, period: systematic hatred of the human person (as in Nazism and other totalitarian systems) was a contemporary version of “odium fidei,” for the faith taught the inalienable dignity of the human person and those who hated the person implicitly

hated the faith. In any event, the argument over what constitutes “martyrdom” continues (most recently, at a plenary session of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints) and will likely continue long into the future.

The idea of a “martyr of charity” continued to intrigue me, though, most recently in the case of Petty Officer Second Class (SEAL) Michael Anthony Monsoor, who died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on Sept. 29, 2006. Michael Monsoor was a devout Catholic of Arab Christian descent, who had grown up in Garden Grove, Calif. Two years after his high school graduation, he enlisted in the Navy, where this superb athlete was soon attracted to the toughest of the tough, the Navy SEALs. A year after completing SEAL training, Monsoor deployed to Iraq. A month into his deployment, he rescued a fellow SEAL under fire, winning the Silver Star.

His chaplain remembers Michael Monsoor requesting the sacrament of penance at their first meeting; he was also a regular Mass-goer. Sacramentally, he was prepared for Sept. 29, 2006, when his SEAL team was ordered to work with an Iraqi Army unit to set up an anti-sniper overwatch position. An insurgent threw a fragmentation grenade, which bounced off Monsoor’s chest and fell to the ground. Crouching next to the only exit from the overwatch position, Michael Monsoor could have escaped. Instead, he threw himself onto the grenade to shield his comrades from the impending explosion. Thirty minutes later, Michael Monsoor was dead, but his teammates and their Iraqi allies were alive.

On April 8, at the White House and in the presence of the young SEAL’s parents, President Bush posthumously awarded



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Michael Monsoor the Congressional Medal of Honor, America’s highest award for military valor. A video of the ceremony is available at www.navy.mil/moh/monsoor. It’s hard to watch without tearing up, as the president did in speaking of an extraordinary act of self-sacrificing heroism.

No one knows whether, in the split-second of his decision, Michael Monsoor thought himself called to the martyrdom of charity; like most Catholics, he’d probably never heard the term. But everything we know about this remarkable young SEAL suggests that his instantaneous decision to give his life for the sake of his teammates and allies was rooted in his Catholic faith and his understanding of its demands.

And that’s why it’s worth considering the possibility that Michael Anthony Monsoor died as a “martyr of charity.”

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for June 29, 2008

2Timothy 5:6-8, 17-18

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading for the feast of Peter and Paul: the farewell letter of Paul to the church. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

ALREADY	POURED OUT	LIBATION
THE TIME	I HAVE KEPT	THE FAITH
CROWN	LORD	ON THAT DAY
LONGED FOR	STOOD BY ME	GAVE ME
GENTILES	HEAR IT	RESCUED
LION’S MOUTH	EVIL	HEAVENLY
KINGDOM	GLORY	AMEN

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Sports

BISHOP'S TROPHY ENDS IN A TIE The Bishop's Traveling Trophy, a symbol of the spirited rivalry between Marian and Saint Joseph's High Schools will be shared for the first time in its eight year history. The winner is declared by the number of points for each of the sports activities. This year both schools totalled 14 points. Each school will keep the trophy for six months beginning in September. The trophy program was originally set up by the Serra Club of South Bend.

Swimmer celebrates medals earned in Special Olympics

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

GRANGER — Katie Williams, 29, of St. Pius Parish is more than happy to tell how she won the three medals, two gold and one silver, that she brought back from swimming at the Special Olympics state meet held recently at Indiana State University, Terre Haute.

"A lot of hard work and the love of God did it for me. I prayed everyday, and I just hope, and I worked. God gave me the chance to do this," says Katie, who exclaimed that she was so happy after winning the first medal that she "even kissed the pool deck!"

"I did not expect to do this well. I am still in shock. I am speechless. I was expecting to be in the top three, but not to be that good," she says, having received one gold for the 25 freestyle event and another for the 50 freestyle and one silver medal for the Individual Medley swimming.

Katie has been swimming since the age of five, starting at the Devon Country Club in Indianapolis and then at Knollwood Country Club since 1992, after moving to the area with her family.

Katie explains, "I have also been involved with the Special Olympics from 1990-1993 and then again from 2001 to the present."

This isn't the first year that Katie has brought home medals from meets. As she says, "I have several gold medals for state championships for Special Olympics and have also set a pool

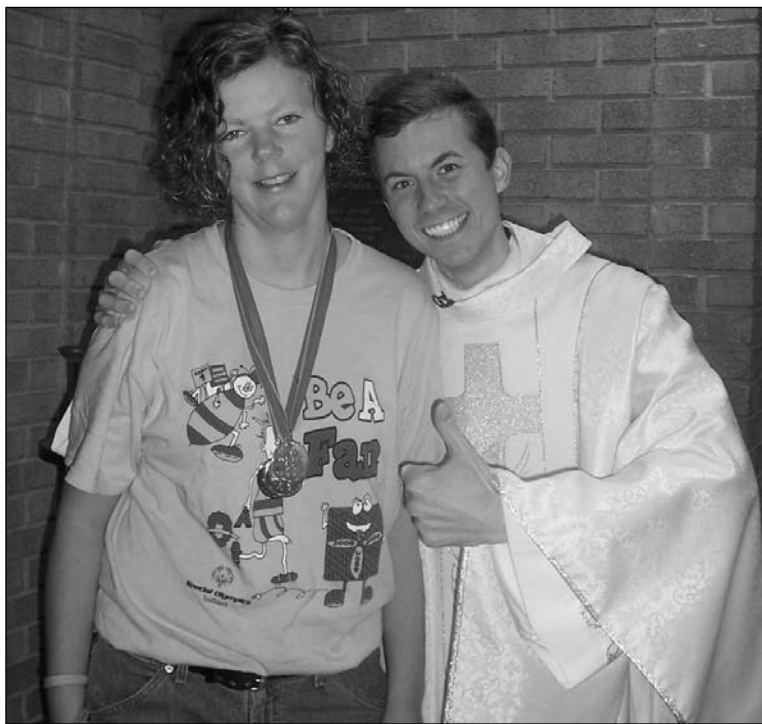
record in the 200 breaststroke for USA Swimming and the coaches award for USA Swimming as well as been nominated through St. Joseph County Special Olympics for a spot on Team USA for Special Olympics."

Swimming is something Katie loves, and it shows not only by her awards but also by her enthusiasm and happiness when she talks about the sport.

"I enjoy swimming because I love so much getting up in the morning and being around the coaches and some of the greatest swimmers from across Indiana. Being part of some of the greatest swimming organizations has allowed me to meet so many people. It is just so amazing that this sport can take so much out of me, but in the end I would love to give back so much for the sport I love so much," says Katie.

Her faith and special people have been her inspiration.

"Father Bob Lengerich has inspired me so much during the swim season because of his homilies," she says. "They have given me so much to be thankful for and for helping me let go of things. He has given me so much and I am truly blessed and grateful for his support. I have always found a way to smile because he always brings my smile back to me, and I am so grateful for that." She goes on to tell, "He talked about Disney characters at one point which really helped and inspired me. In Disney, that is where dreams come true! He gave me a lot of positive talks which really helped and kept my head in the game."



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Katie Williams proudly stands wearing her medals with Father Bob Lengerich who has been one of many who helped inspire Katie to do her best at the Special Olympics state swim meet recently.

Father Lengerich speaks glowingly of Katie. "Katie has worked so hard for so long. We're all proud of her accomplishments and proud of her. The medals that she received at state are more than just trophies for swimming. In order to win, Katie had to do more than just swim. She had to believe in herself and grow in self discipline and understanding and humility and courage. This isn't something that happens only one hour a day. This kind of personal growth

demand a total commitment. Katie has committed herself to Christ and he has blessed her efforts. Now she's a blessing and an inspiration to others.

"Katie's success comes from all the sacrifices she was willing to make. She's given up a lot of time and other pursuits in order to achieve her goal. St. Paul tells us that just as athletes give up many things to win a crown of leaves that withers, we all need to be willing to give up things in order to

win the crown of glory waiting for us in heaven. Katie's proven that she can walk the walk and talk the talk. And she shows us that we can do it, too."

Katie is grateful for all the help from so many.

"I would also like to thank coaches Nathan Piwowar, Lori Hendricks, Janet O'Tousa, Lindsay Wanecke and my parents and Margaret Hicks for being supportive of me through the good times and the troubled times and I will be forever grateful to my friends and any people who have spent countless hours with me being in a grouchy mood. Notre Dame men's basketball player Kyle McAlamey was also truly an inspiration. Without Kyle's smile and words of wisdom, I would be lost," says Katie. To anyone whom she has missed or forgotten to mention, Katie says, "I would like to say thank you for being my greatest fans of support!"

For the near future, Katie is "just going to enjoy the summer and just get back to it (swimming eventually) and whatever happens, happens."

"What I would like to do in the future in swimming is to continue to swim well and swim hard until someone has the talent to stop me. I would like to teach younger kids how to dream big and to work hard because champions aren't born overnight."

For younger athletes, the smiling Katie has some words of wisdom: "Dream big dreams because dreams really do come true when you dream big dreams and keep praying."

Raiders named city champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

NEW HAVEN — After a scoring change, the St. John the Baptist, New Haven, boys were recently named the 2008 city meet champions in Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field action while St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth was bumped to the runner-up ranking.

The city meet was held at Bishop Luers on Saturday, May 10. This was a repeat performance for the New Haven boy's team who went undefeated during the three regular season meets. The girl's team also took top honors for 2008 — the third year in a row for the Lady Raiders.

The bulk of the Raiders' team points were scored by Andrew Hoffer, Conner McCann, Sam Johnson and Colin Stuerzenberger who made up the winning 4x100



PROVIDED BY ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, NEW HAVEN

The St. John the Baptist, New Haven, boys were named the CYO city meet champions in track and field.

relay team. In addition to anchoring the relay, Hoffer took a gold medal in both sprint events and placed in the long jump. McCann added points in the 200-meter dash, 100-meter hurdles and shot put.

By placing in the long jump, 800- and 1,600-meter runs, Stuerzenberger also paced his team. Johnson increased the team ranking with his performances in

the 100- and 400-meter dashes. Solid finishes from Josh Laurent, Luke Current, Colten Painter and Andy Kohrman also scored team points in the Raiders' winning effort at the city meet.

In his 10th season as head coach, Greg Lawrence had help from assistants Scott Voelker, Linda Heddens, Greg Wiehe and Jeremy Fendel this season.

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Lorica band preserves, performs and promotes Celtic melodies

JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — There are currently dozens of Celtic bands in the Northern Indiana region, reflecting popularity of the Irish, Scottish or Welsh sounds. Mostly, the bands play in taverns, or at festivals.

But Lorica plays in church — St. Patrick's Church, to be exact, during the Mass.

"There are so many Celtic groups," says Helen Cawley, who plays violin and fiddle for Lorica. "So, we asked 'how can we be different?'"

The answer was to play liturgical music, often from "Dante De," an Irish hymnal published in 1928 with lyrics in Irish. Cawley's husband, Kevin, has translated some of the songs into English — or come up with English lyrics when the literal translation can't be sung to the Irish melody.

Either way, the band has worked to preserve, perform and promote Celtic melodies so that all people attending the 5:30 p.m., Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's can participate in them (second Sunday of the month only).

For Helen Cawley, the band has been a way to continue pursuing an interest from childhood.

"When I was a child, I was always interested in my family's genealogy," she says. "My father was part Scottish. My grandmother gave me a tape of Irish music when I was 10. I started playing the violin at age 8."

In 2000, she started attending lessons and jam sessions with David James, a world-renowned



JUDY BRADFORD

The Lorica band warms up for Sunday Mass on June 8. From left are Meggan Young, Kevin Cawley, Helen Cawley and Kate Shoup. Not pictured are band members Richard Allen and James Young.

local musician who is the only American to win solo senior in the All-Ireland Championships of the Festival of Irish Traditional Music. He plays fiddle and dulcimer.

Lorica formed out of those sessions. The band gets its name from the Lorica of St. Patrick, a powerful prayer that invokes God's strength and wisdom and draws to mind rich, active images. It serves as the foundation for many traditional Irish hymns.

Kevin Cawley has written lyrics for a dozen of the "Dante De" melodies and freely offers them to other liturgical musicians who might want to use them in church, provided they give him credit. (visit www.nd.edu/~wcawley/dd.htm). If you want to record or publish them write to him at

wcawley@nd.edu.)

The band also plays, with a Celtic twist, some of the songs found in the standard hymnal at St. Patrick's. Meggan Young, who plays drum and sings for Lorica as well as serving as a cantor during the Mass, says she enjoys adding Celtic "ornamentation," such as a small trill or two, in traditional hymns.

"I love the freedom of the sound of Celtic music. It seems to naturally flow from experience, and it has such a rhythm of life, a natural, joyful element. Not all of the music is peppy, in fact some of it is somber, but it's the kind of music that resonates with me."

The band also plays for weddings.

D'Souza book takes on arguments of atheists

REVIEWED BY YORK YOUNG

What's so great about Christianity might be an easy question to answer for us Catholics when we're having a conversation with other Christians. But what if you were challenged by a nonbeliever, an atheist, somebody who scoffs at the name of God? It gets a little more complicated then, doesn't it?

The lead question above is answered in "What's So Great About Christianity," by Dinesh D'Souza (Regnery, \$27.95), a writer who has made a living on tilting at windmills from a conservative political persuasion. Here he takes on atheists and deconstructs their own arguments to display the nonsense for what much of atheism is.

With slick prose and well-reasoned arguments, D'Souza turns the reasons atheists use to bad-mouth God and Christianity back on those making the accusations and shows that much of the arguments are ad hominem in nature, trying to break down the resolve of Christians with venomous attacks. Examples include: "All religions and all churches are equally demented in their belief in divine intervention, divine intercession, or even the existence of the divine in the first place" (Christopher Hitchens); "The great unmentionable evil at the center of our culture is monotheism" (Richard Dawkins); Christians dis-

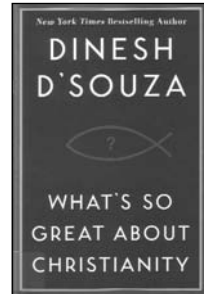
play "the lunatic influence of religious belief" (Sam Harris). All three have recently written books touting the greatness of atheism, and how the world should be embracing non belief in God.

For these individuals, the only thing more difficult to believe in than God is the fact that the populace hasn't readily embraced their own teaching. They are so confident in their unbelief that they call themselves "Brights" (as in the rest of us are dim bulbs).

D'Souza takes on all their arguments, exploiting the flaws in their proselytization. By the way, to them, proselytizing by Christians is unacceptable (so much for freedom of speech). He shows how many of the arguments they trot out are inaccurate and merely used for sensationalism, such as the Inquisition or the Galileo case in the 16th century. And atheists are totally oblivious to the havoc that their belief has caused, mostly in the 20th century.

Many critics — no doubt friendly to D'Souza, in general — are comparing his writing here with C.S. Lewis' "Mere Christianity." While D'Souza's effort is commendable, let's not go overboard.

This book is a good defense of the faith and amply puts the atheists in their place. It's a good starting point for anyone looking for an articulate defense of Christianity.



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FUNDRAISERS

St. Hedwig Polish Festival

South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a Polish festival Sunday, July 6, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Hedwig Memorial Center, 331 S. Scott St. A polka Mass begins at 11 a.m. and continues with Polish food and music by the Soundstations.

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.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Beginning experience weekend planned

Donaldson — A Beginning Experience weekend will be July 11-13 at Lindenwood Retreat Center. This program assists persons work through deep feelings of grief, anger, depression and loss. Reservations are needed by July 20 to (574) 261-0123. The weekend fee is \$175.

Hand in Hand adoption meeting planned

Albion — Hand in Hand international adoptions will have a free orientation meeting Tuesday, July 8, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 210A N. Orange St. Call (260) 636-3566.

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.

ND football season ticket raffle

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

Workshop on conscious aging planned

Huntington — A workshop Peace and Purpose, the Journey of Conscious Aging will be held Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Noll Center, 1900 W. Park Dr. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$30. Call (260) 356-0628, ext. 174 to register by July 8.

DEVOTIONS

Women's retreat 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. For information call Patty at (260) 483-2285 or Cheryl at (260) 747-7006.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Deacon Fernando Jimenez will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, July 1, at 7:15 p.m. He has been assigned to diaconate ministry at St. Michael Parish, Plymouth for the summer.

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.

Corporate Communion announced

South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572 will celebrate a Corporate Communion on Sunday, June 29, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stanislaus Church. Breakfast will follow at Tom's Restaurant, 131 S. Lafayette St.

Quiet day of reflection offered

Donaldson — Lindenwood Retreat Center will offer a day of reflection and will focus on Writing Ways: Exploring Writing as a Threshold to Spirit, with facilitator Judith Diltz. The program will be Monday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$25 and includes lunch. Register by July 14 to (574) 935-1763.

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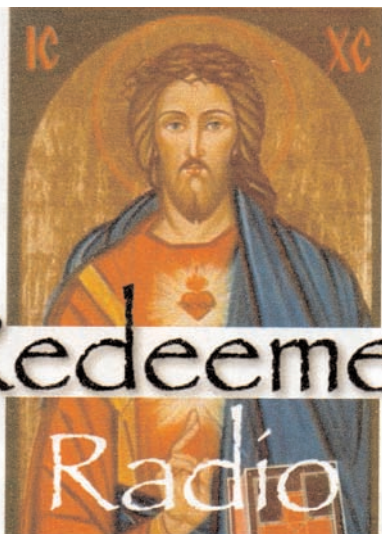
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Knights crowned baseball state champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The RCA Dome, Conseco Field House and now Victory Field — Bishop Luers High School (BLHS) fans are getting to know their way to Indianapolis pretty well after traveling to the state capital for a third time and bringing home a third state championship.

A triple crown can be a very difficult to earn for a horse and its rider and just as tough for a school and its athletes. The Knights accomplished the unprecedented feat this school year by defeating Elwood 14-8 for the Class 2-A baseball championship on Saturday, June 14, earning the third jewel.

At a recognition assembly on Sunday evening, Principal Mary Keefer said, "This is not just about three state championships, this is about how good our baseball team is. We make it (a triple crown) look easy. But it was no easy task. This baseball team has worked so hard on and off the field all season long."

When a season ends, regardless of wins and losses, there are always special bonds and special memories etched into history that can never be replaced and will never be forgotten. Spearheaded by Assistant Coach Jeff Bunn,

this baseball team made special things happen off the field by embracing a relationship with autistic children through their "Strike Out Autism" program. On the field, this 2008 group went 30-3 and accomplished both of their goals for the season: winning 20 games and winning a state championship.

Senior pitcher Kevin Kiermaier clearly remembers setting these goals with his coaches and teammates at the 6 a.m. Saturday morning Indiana Tech practices back in January. "It is a

great feeling for me and my team," he proudly summarized.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy congratulated the Knights and thanked them for allowing him the opportunity to join them in hitting

practice. At 75, the lifelong fan of the game was grateful for their gracious encouragement after nearly wearing out Kevin's arm. Bishop D'Arcy also commended the spiritual and academic accomplishments of the school and then told the crowd, "These are the good ole days at Bishop Luers High School."

Reaching the summit of his 22-year coaching career, Head Coach Gary Rogers added his thanks to the faithful Bishop Luers fans, his players and coaches for their support during both the regular season and post-

"It is a great feeling for me and my team."

KEVIN KIERMAIER



PROVIDED BY BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Senior members of the Bishop Luers High School 2008 baseball team present Principal Mary Keefer with the state championship trophy — the third jewel in the school's historic making of a triple crown.

season. He described this spring as "awesome," a word he admitted using several times over the championship weekend.

Before the official medal ceremony, Keefer jokingly assigned Athletic Director Matt Lindsay with contacting *Sports Illustrated* to request Bishop Luers be moved up in their recent national ranking now that they have added the baseball title.

Assistant Coach Bob Henry spoke after that, reminding the crowd that the state champi-

onship represents all players who have ever been part of the baseball program at Bishop Luers. He then gifted his state medal to his son, Dexter, who, like many other BLHS alums, was part of great baseball teams that just didn't quite make it to the state finals. The emotional Henry had coached three of the 2008 seniors on a travel team through their Little League years.

The 18-member roster of the first-ever Bishop Luers state baseball championship team

included: Kevin Kiermaier, Tyler Watts, Dan Wyss, Joe Crouch, Chuck Andrews, Josh Archbold, Cameron Baker, Isaac Baker, Tyler Bunn, Aaron Franke, TyQuan Hammock, Spencer Millard, Dan Peppler, John Till, Charlie Pfister, Josh Ulrey, Tim Kawiecki and Quyuan Mattox. Coaches this season were Gary Rogers, Bob Henry, Jeff Bunn, Mike Allen, Todd Gallaway, Eric Millhouse and Rick Allen.

BISHOP MAKES ANNUAL BLOOD DONATION



DON CLEMMER

Bishop John M. D'Arcy speaks with Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan of Congregation B'nai Jacob while making his sixth annual blood donation at the American Red Cross in Fort Wayne on June 19. Bishop D'Arcy, along with other religious leaders, gave blood to promote the need for blood and to encourage people to donate blood over the summer.

ST. MARY'S DEDICATES NEW MINISTRY



DON CLEMMER

Bishop John M. D'Arcy prays at a ceremony blessing Ave Maria House, the new daytime shelter ministry of St. Mary Parish in Fort Wayne. The house, next door to the rectory on Madison Street, will allow people to read a newspaper, watch television, have a cup of coffee or carry on a conversation. Parishioner Dottie Carpenter, who had the idea for Ave Maria House, says the house will be a place where people "are treated with dignity and respect."