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Pope opens year of St. Paul

Says apostle should serve as model

BY JOHN THAVIS



Pope Benedict XVI embraces Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople during Mass marking the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul June 29 at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

ROME (CNS) — Joined by other Christian leaders, Pope Benedict XVI opened the year of St. Paul and said the apostle's courageous witness to the faith should serve as a model for contemporary Christians.

"Paul is not a figure of the past that we remember with veneration. He is also our teacher, an apostle and a herald of Jesus Christ for us, too," the pope said at an evening prayer service June 28 in the Rome Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

The liturgy had a strong ecumenical tone. Accompanied by Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and representatives of Orthodox and Anglican churches, the pope lit the first candle from a large lamp that will burn in the basilica's portico throughout the coming year.

Then the pontiff led a procession through the "Pauline door" into the church, which was built near the site of St. Paul's martyrdom and holds his tomb. It was the inaugural event of a jubilee year that will run until June 29, 2009, in commemoration of the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle's birth.

Seated near Patriarch Bartholomew, the pope said in a homily that the Pauline year should send a strong signal of Christian unity. He warmly greeted the other Christian representatives, including many who had come from areas where St. Paul evangelized — in the Holy Land, Syria, Greece, Cyprus and Asia Minor.

St. Paul understood the essential value of Christian unity because he understood the church as the "body of Christ," the pope said. In St. Paul's time and in every age, repairing divisions is an urgent task, he said.

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Apostles in Arcola

Indian cardinal, bishop visit rural parish

BY DON CLEMMER

ARCOLA — "God speaks to us in events," said Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, archbishop of Ranchi, India, during his homily on Sunday, June 29, at St. Patrick Parish. The visit from the cardinal, one of the 115 who participated in the conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI, as well as Jesuit Bishop Felix Toppo was certainly an event.

"Being a small parish, we are always grateful, for instance, when Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy visits," said Ken Schaefer, president of St. Patrick's parish council. "We never would expect — and we were absolutely humbled and very grateful — that a cardinal would find it in his busy time to come visit with us."

This was especially significant as it coincided with the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, two apostles.

"The Lord has brought two bishops here, successors of the apostles," Cardinal Toppo said, adding lightly, "I don't know

whether Father Cyril did something or the parishioners have done something."

What Father Cyril Fernandes, pastor of St. Patrick, did was provide a place to stay for Bishop Felix — his bishop, who visits the parish about once a year — and the cardinal for most of the last week of June. Both Cardinal Toppo and Bishop Toppo had attended the June 15-22 International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, and Bishop Toppo had invited the cardinal to accompany him to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. This was only the cardinal's second visit to the United States. And since a number of the Indian priests serving in the diocese had been Cardinal Toppo's priests prior to the creation of new dioceses, this was an excellent opportunity to visit them.

"They have to adjust, culturally, psychologically and also socio-economically," Cardinal Toppo told *Today's Catholic*. "But I was happy to hear people are receiving

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Pope Benedict XVI presents the pallium to Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore June 29, the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. The pope presented 40 archbishops with the pallium, which symbolizes an archbishop's authority and unity with the pope.

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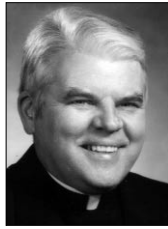
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Bishop D'Arcy remembers the life of a priest-friend



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The going home of a dear friend

You always heard Father Ed Sviokla before you saw him: "D'Arcy, what's happening?" he would say. His parents were born in Lithuania, and he was born in Brockton, Mass., a city where they manufactured shoes. There were lots of people from Lithuania in New England: strong in the Catholic faith, hardworking, a tribe that has known suffering. Ed was one of them. A mutual friend said to me about him recently, and it was true; he was very manly. He was always proud of the fact that he had played center field at Braves' field, where the Boston Braves played before moving to Milwaukee and Atlanta. He was a baseball player in the CYO leagues and had been chosen because of his prowess to play in a game on a major league field. He

never forgot it. He was a priest to the core and wanted you to know it.

For nearly 20 years, he came to a Notre Dame Football game along with other priest friends. He loved it and cherished several meetings with Lou Holtz. Talking a little football, but mostly talking about life; and the joys and sorrows that are part of it.

Every year, after attending a game and of course tailgating, we would return to the small chapel in downtown South Bend and have Mass with Father Sviokla, Father Jim Canniff, and Father Charlie Murphy and others, a simple Mass. Sometimes others would come, like Dee Dee and Mike Dahm; and Shirley and Paul Vorndran. They thought it was the best part of the day. There would always be a little prayer that God would allow us to be here one year hence; and so we were, year after year.

Finally, the big fella could come no more as his health began to decline, but he set out every weekend from Regina Cleri, the residence for priests in Boston, to offer Mass in a parish for a priest friend of his who was a pastor; "John, they can never take my priesthood away from me" he told me one time. He really loved being a priest, but loved life and joy and brother priests, and playing golf in Georgia in the winter. Finally, he could come no more. Then the

word came some weeks ago that he had a stroke and they found him on the floor of his room. Rushed to Massachusetts General Hospital, he only lived a few days.

They buried Ed Sviokla at Immaculate Conception Parish, Everett. Everett is a gritty, industrial town north of Boston where football is the major sport in the high school; and hard work is part of the fabric. It's an immigrant town: Italians mostly, but Irish and Franco-Americans as well. Ed served there with affection and love, as he had served earlier among poor people in St. Patrick's, Roxbury. But I will remember him at Notre Dame, concelebrating in the small chapel downtown, praying at the grotto and concelebrating also at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, where he was always overwhelmed with the number of young people at Mass crowding the aisles in the back of the church. He is one on the growing list that I shall very much look forward to see in heaven.

Safe home, dear Ed, safe home. May the angels lead you into paradise and may the martyrs receive you at your coming.

I'm off to my home town to visit my dear family and some priests — a chance to rest and a few nights at Fenway Park. See you soon.

Bishops to reconsider liturgy translation rejected in balloting

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After mail balloting of bishops who did not vote at the spring meeting in Orlando, Fla., a 700-page translation of one section of the Roman Missal failed to get approval from the required two-thirds of the members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The USCCB announced rejection of the translation of the proper prayers for Sundays and feast days during the liturgical year July 7 and said it would come before the full body of bishops again at their November general assembly in Baltimore, along with two other sections totaling about 500 pages.

No vote totals were made public, but the translation would have needed 167 "yes" votes to achieve a two-thirds majority of the 250 active Latin-rite U.S. bishops.

The rejected translation, in the works for more than two years, was the second of 12 sections of the Roman Missal translation project that will come before the bishops through at least 2010.

The translation had come from the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, known as ICEL, but at the Orlando meeting in June many bishops expressed frustration that recommendations they had submitted to ICEL to clarify the sentence structure or revise archaic language had been rejected.

In a mail vote after the inconclusive vote was announced June 13 in Orlando, the bishops decided not to send the translation back to ICEL if the document was ulti-



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Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., answers a question Nov. 13, 2006 in Baltimore from a member of the media during a press conference at the U.S. bishops annual fall meeting.

mately rejected. Instead they directed their Committee on Divine Worship to take suggestions from all the bishops once again and return the document to the full body of bishops for later consideration.

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship, said in the July 7 USCCB news release that the committee would "present the Gray Book to the bishops for renewed consideration, including the usual conference process that allows bishops to submit modifications to the text for consideration."

But "in hopes that the USCCB

will keep pace with the actions of other English-speaking conferences," two additional Gray Book translations will be submitted to the bishops for approval at the November meeting, the release said.

"If the texts receive an affirmative vote by the body of bishops, the original timeline will still be maintained, and the final text of the complete Roman Missal will be presented for approval in November 2010," it added.

ICEL's first draft of a translation of each section is called the Green Book, while the second draft incorporating changes suggested by the 11 episcopal conferences belonging to ICEL is called the Gray Book.

Bishop Serratelli noted at the Orlando meeting that four of the 11 bishops' conferences already had approved the Gray Book translation of the second section. Each section must also receive "recognition," or confirmation, from the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments after the bishops approve it.

Msgr. Anthony F. Sherman, executive director of the bishops'

Secretariat of Divine Worship, told Catholic News Service that the translation to be sent to the bishops for consideration in November will incorporate all of the changes approved at the Orlando meeting.

The third and fourth sections of the Roman Missal translation project total about 500 pages, he said.

During the debate in Orlando, several bishops expressed problems with the use of words such as "gibbet," "wrought" or "ineffable," saying they were no longer common English expressions.

"These orations need reworking if we are going to proclaim them without leaving people scratching their heads," said Bishop Victor B. Galeone of St. Augustine, Fla.

But Bishop Serratelli said in a column for The Beacon, Paterson's diocesan newspaper, that while the liturgical translations were "not dummed down to the most common denominator" they remain "readily accessible to anyone."

Writing in the June 19 edition of The Beacon, Bishop Serratelli said that "there is something more at stake than pleasing individual tastes and preferences in the new liturgical translations."

"Certainly, some sentences could be translated to mimic our common speech. But they are not. And with good reason," he added.

For more information, visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site at the following link:
www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2008/08-101.shtml.

Making history in Indianapolis

25 men ordained permanent deacons

BY SEAN GALLAGHER

INDIANAPOLIS — History was made on June 28 at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. That day, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein ordained the first class of 25 permanent deacons in the history of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

"That two-hour service was part of the history of the archdiocese," Deacon John Thompson of St. Augustine Parish in Jeffersonville told the *Criterion* newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis after the liturgy. "And it was a huge part, as far as I'm concerned. I was a part of it. Wow."

The new permanent deacons will be ministering in parishes and in the broader community in such places as jails, prisons, hospitals and nursing homes.

They will baptize, witness marriages and preside over funeral services. At Mass, they will be able to proclaim the Gospel and preach but will not serve as celebrant or consecrate the Eucharist.

In the ministry of the word, the deacons will teach the faith and provide pastoral guidance.

The deacons' ministry, however, will be focused on charity.

This ministry will flow from their ordination, which was marked by solemn rituals and heartfelt love shown by the friends and relatives of the new deacons that packed the cathedral.



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The 25 archdiocesan deacon candidates lay prostrate in prayer during the praying of the litany of the saints just moments before Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein ordained them as the first class of permanent deacons in the history of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The ordination liturgy took place on June 28 at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

"You felt love and the Spirit all the way through," said Cindy Stratman, the wife of Deacon Michael Stratman. "I felt that I completely gave him to Jesus today."

Deacon Stratman, who will minister at St. Patrick and St. Margaret Mary parishes and at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, had a large contingent of relatives in attendance.

He is the oldest of 13 siblings, and has four children and 12 grandchildren.

"I'm very proud that they're here," Deacon Stratman, 53, said after the liturgy. "I'm very humbled that they allowed me to give part of my life to the Lord in a

different way through the church.

"I was thinking of each one of them and praying for them (during the liturgy). I hope that I can minister to them as much as to the people of the church."

Deacon Stratman's youngest sister, Amy Stratman, 31, attended the ordination. She delayed her wedding until the fall so her brother could officiate at it.

"I was so proud and so amazed that my brother could do something like that," said Stratman, who lives in Lincoln, Neb. "He's going to be an awesome deacon."

Whether they are ministering to their families or the broader church, the new deacons, as

ordained members of the clergy, will be special sacramental signs of Christ for all the faithful.

"Dear sons and brothers, you are to be raised to the order of the diaconate," Archbishop Buechlein said in his homily. "The Lord has set an example that just as he himself has done, you also should do."

"As deacons, that is, as ministers of Jesus Christ, who came among his disciples as one who served, do the will of God from the heart: Serve the people in love and joy as you would the Lord."

Joy was on the mind of Father Clement Davis, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, as he talked about Deacon William Jones, who will be ministering at the parish.

"Bill is a man of joy," said Father Davis. "I would just hope that he would continue as a deacon to bring that joy to all the people that he serves. He is a real light and an uplifting factor in the lives of the people he knows and works with now."

Sharing that joy will be important at the start of Deacon Jones' ministry because it will be focused on comforting the dozens of members of St. Bartholomew Parish whose homes were severely damaged by flooding last month.

Deacon Jones injured his left arm while helping his employer, Mariah Foods, recover from the flooding.

"The last four weeks have been an incredible experience for me," he said. "It showed how God really does work in my life. To see everything build up and have everything culminate with

today's ordination, it's amazing how God works in our lives and how we have to trust in him."

The ordination was a culmination of five years of intense ministry for Benedictine Father Bede Cisco, who — as director of the archdiocesan office of deacon formation — led the 25 men through their discernment and formation.

"I'm delighted with the movement of the Spirit among them," he said. "And the Spirit will continue to work through them for the service of many people. I hope that they'll remember that they're always servants and bring that image of Christ the servant to every situation that they're in."

Becoming a sacramental image of Christ was on the mind of Deacon Donald Dearman, who will minister at St. Rita Parish and at Marion County Jail No. 1, both in Indianapolis. It was also at the heart of the ordination liturgy when Archbishop Buechlein laid his hands on Deacon Dearman's head.

Deacon Dearman said it was like God himself touching him.

"That's what I felt," he said. "And, in a sense, that's what it was. He was calling down the Holy Spirit on me. I've been going through all this for years. But at the touch of that hand, there was a transformation. That was Jesus entering into me."

For more photos from the ordination, log on to www.CriterionOnline.com. For profiles on the new deacons and more articles about them, log on to www.archindy.org/deacon

OSV looks at report alleging Catholic hospitals' ethical lapses

HUNTINGTON (CNS) — A national Catholic newspaper said a report alleging that thousands of sterilizations, and possibly some abortions, took place in 23 Texas Catholic hospitals from 2000 to 2003 has prompted Catholic hospital officials in the state to scrutinize their records and stirred intense discussions among hospital officials, directors of the facilities' parent health systems and local bishops.

The newspaper, *Our Sunday Visitor* in Huntington, published an investigative story about the report in its July 13 edition.

The report was made by a group of anonymous whistle-blowers who compiled hospital diagnostic and procedure codes to determine there were 9,684 instances of allegedly unequivocal "sterilization for contraceptive purposes" from 2000 to 2003.

The group, which *Our Sunday Visitor* said it contacted through an intermediary, also cited data indicating 39 abortions were performed at Catholic hospitals.

Group members noted, however, the data could be subject to interpretation because it could include morally acceptable procedures such as surgery to remove a baby that has died in the mother's womb or emergency services for an abortion performed at another location.

Andrew Rivas, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, the official public policy arm of the state's bishops, told *Our Sunday Visitor* that Texas bishops were investigating the report and seeking information from hospital administrators.

In response to the newspaper's investigation, the six Catholic health systems cited in the report, along with the Catholic Health Association of Texas, issued a statement stressing the good work done by Catholic health care providers and their commitment to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2001 "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services," which govern Catholic health care facilities.

The statement also said Texas Catholic health care providers neither permit nor perform direct abortion and that some sterilization codes on hospital documents could indicate "indirect" sterilizations described as the morally permissible result of an attempt to cure a "present and serious" pathology.

"The Catholic health ministries in Texas are engaged in investigating and interpreting the meaning of the data in the report and are in direct conversations with their bishops," the statement said.

The whistle-blowers' report, titled "U.S. Catholic Hospitals Betray Mission," was posted June 16 on a Web site called Wikileaks www.wikileaks.org/wiki/Catholic_hospitals_betray_mission. A separate analysis of the report was mailed to Vatican and U.S. church officials.

One of the report's researchers who spoke with *Our Sunday Visitor* said the group wanted to inform the public about the practices of Catholic health care systems and encourage accountability for practices they believe are not just confined to Texas.

The newspaper consulted three professors of biostatistics to comment on the methodology of the researchers. All of the professors said a complete analysis of all the procedure codes would require extensive study, but that on the surface the methodology looked reasonable.

Our Sunday Visitor also spoke with John Haas, a moral theologian and president of the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, about why some Catholic hospitals might be providing direct sterilization.

Haas said that while U.S. bishops are "exercising far more ethical oversight of facilities than they have in the past," there are widespread misunderstandings about the U.S. bishops' ethical

directives for health care facilities.

He attributed the misunderstanding not to "ill will, but just a shocking lack of understanding of the ethical principles and their application."

A sidebar story in *Our Sunday Visitor*, based on interviews with representatives from Texas Catholic hospitals, said they seemed confused about church teaching against sterilization.

An accompanying editorial in the newspaper's July 13 issue pointed out that the records in the whistle-blowers' report are at least five years old.

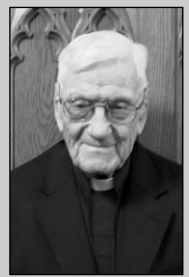
"It may well turn out that many of the hospitals named in the report have since done a better job of implementing the bishops' ethical directives for health care," it said.

But the editorial, signed by the newspaper's editorial board, also noted that some of the hospital representatives are confused about church teaching on sterilization, which "suggests the problem has not yet been fully addressed."

"Training in church teaching is a step in the right direction," the editorial said, but it also called for a stronger approach, urging Catholic social ministries "to step back and re-evaluate their role in society."

The editorial noted that as "disheartening as it is to learn of unethical practices in Catholic organizations," the whistle-blowers' report has "provided this country's bishops an excellent opportunity to review their relationships with the Catholic health institutions in their dioceses, to call for corrections where necessary, and, above all, to exhort them to fidelity to their Catholic identity."

Death of Msgr. Faber



At press time, Today's Catholic has learned of the

death of Msgr. William Faber. A full article will appear in the July 27, publication.

Pope recognizes miracles attributed to missionary in Hawaii, others

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has authorized publication of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Damien de Veuster of Molokai, clearing the way for his canonization.

The decree was the first of 13 published by the Vatican July 3 after Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, met the pope at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome.

Blessed Damien was a 19th-century Belgian missionary, a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Born in 1840, he spent the last 16 years of his life caring for patients with Hansen's disease, or leprosy, on the Hawaiian island of Molokai.

Blessed Damien died in 1889 and was beatified in 1995.

With the recognition of the miracle, the date for Pope Benedict's celebration of his canonization will be set later.

The miracle attributed to Blessed Damien involves the 1999 healing of Audrey Horner Toguchi, a Hawaiian who had been diagnosed with cancer. She had a tumor and other tissue removed and underwent radiation; when new tumors were found on her lungs, she decided to pray to Blessed Damien instead of undergoing the chemotherapy her doctors recommended. The lung tumors gradually shrunk and disappeared altogether.

Another of the decrees approved by the pope July 3 involved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Louis and Marie Zélie Guérin Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. Louis lived from 1823 to 1894 and his wife from 1831 to 1877.

In 1994, the Martins were declared venerable, one of the first steps in the sainthood process. But despite the active encouragement of Pope John Paul II to move the cause forward, the miracle needed for their beatification was missing.

Pope John Paul, in his letter on preparing for the third millennium, had written of the need to identify holy married couples and beatify or canonize them as examples to all Catholics.

"Precisely because we are convinced of the abundant fruits of holiness in the married state, we need to find the most appropriate means for discerning them and proposing them to the whole church as a model and encouragement for other Christian spouses," Pope John Paul wrote.

The last of the decrees published in early July recognized the heroic virtues of Chiara Badano, who died of bone cancer in 1990 just three weeks before her 19th birthday. The young Italian, who was born in Savona, was a member of the Focolare movement and was known particularly for the way she encouraged and consoled the groups of young people who would come to her bedside to offer her encouragement and consolation.

A miracle is still needed for her beatification.

Notre Dame hosts liturgy conference

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame's annual liturgy conference June 16-18 attracted priests, diocesan personnel and parish ministers from across the country and featured nationally recognized speakers, including Father Rick Hilgartner, associate director of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Divine Worship.

Father Hilgartner presented an update on what is happening in the church liturgically and focused most of his remarks on what he called the "big burning question": the status of the new translation of the Roman Missal, the book containing the prayer texts for Mass. Pope John Paul II promulgated the third edition of the missal in 2001, and work on translating the missal from Latin to English is ongoing.

The plan is for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy to finish its translation work by the end of this year, Father Hilgartner said. The U.S. Bishops will continue to examine sections of the translations at their regular meetings and hope to approve a final text in 2010. That text will then go to the Holy See for confirmation, and it is anticipated that the new English missal for the United States will be published in 2012.

Father Hilgartner said some people were concerned about the language in the new English missal being more complex and unfamiliar than in the 1970 missal, which currently is in use. However, he explained that church guidelines require an accurate translation of the official Latin missal, a quality lacking in the present 1970 missal.

Some things in the new missal may sound unfamiliar at first, he said, "but that does not mean it's a bad text." People will gain familiarity soon, just as they did with the 1970 missal, he assured the group. Some passages in the new missal are more beautiful, he noted, presenting examples of new texts that are richer, more biblical and more poetic than the texts from the 1970 missal.

The priest said that the bishops are very aware of the challenge involved in presenting the new missal to the people, for they realize that catechesis on liturgical changes following the Second

Vatican Council had been inadequate. This time around, he said the bishops are determined to do a good job and already are preparing formation and catechetical material to help dioceses and parishes educate people about the new missal.

Another representative of a department of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops presenting at the conference was Richard McCord, executive director of the Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.

McCord spoke on the bishops' national initiative to strengthen marriage and was one of several speakers to focus on marriage, a sacrament that the conference dubbed one of "The Forgotten Sacraments."

Professor David Fagerberg, director of Notre Dame's Center for Liturgy, which sponsored the conference, explained that the sacraments of matrimony, holy orders, reconciliation and anointing of the sick often don't

get as much attention as baptism, the Eucharist and confirmation. Hence, the conference invited 16 speakers to help attendees explore how Christ's life operates through the four sacraments that are not studied as much as the other three.

Precious Blood Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, director of the Institute for Liturgical Ministry in Dayton, presented the conference keynote address on how the sacraments are rooted in the paschal mystery. "Sacraments express who we are and who we are becoming," as we recognize one another as the body of Christ, she said.

Msgr. John Kasza, vice-chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit and an instructor in sacramental theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary there, was one of the presenters who spoke on the sacrament of the sick. He emphasized that people who think of this as the sacrament of the dying are incorrect, for the sacrament of

the sick is about healing as well as forgiveness of sins before death.

The church can better utilize the sacrament of the sick, Msgr. Kasza said, by expanding its use — as allowed by canon law — to people whose death is not necessarily imminent, but who are "in danger" of death because of old age, illness or a medical emergency. He also encouraged wider use of communal celebrations of the sacrament of the sick to help people better understand the sacrament.

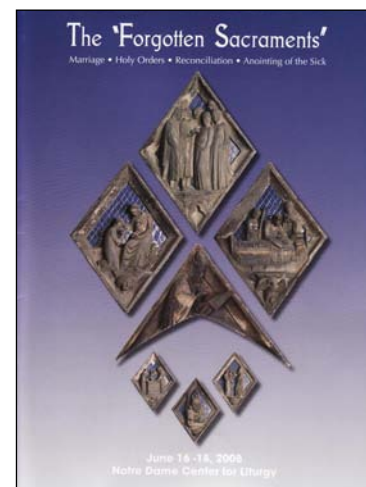
Also emphasizing the importance of communal celebrations of a sacrament was Father

William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Granger. Father Schooler noted that, while it is important to offer the first form of the sacrament — individual confessions — on a regular basis in the parish, it's also important to offer regularly the second form of the sacrament — a communal penance service, which includes individual confessions and absolutions.

"The second form reminds us of the communal nature of sin: What I do affects others," he explained.

Father Schooler emphasized that these communal services require a great deal of planning — including inviting enough visiting priests to hear individual confessions — and attention to details — including Scripture readings, music and ambiance, and properly placing confession stations. He shared with the group specific details about what his parish does to attract about 300 people to its Advent and Lent penance services.

The Notre Dame liturgy conference is an annual summer event that is open to any interested persons. Fagerberg invited people attending the conference to suggest topics for future conferences so that the center can address liturgical issues of interest and importance.



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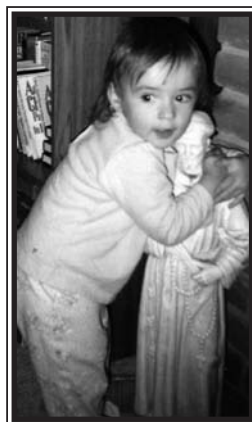
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Archbishop Raymond L. Burke of St. Louis meets with Auxiliary Bishop Robert Joseph Herman in St. Louis in this file photo from April 16, 2007. Archbishop Burke has been appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to head the Vatican's highest court. The announcement was made at the Vatican June 27. As prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature, he will hear appeals of decisions issued by lower church courts.

Archbishop expresses sadness at leaving St. Louis

BY JENNIFER BRINKER

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Archbishop Raymond L. Burke didn't hide his sadness during a news conference June 27 in St. Louis following his appointment as prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature at the Vatican.

Calling the appointment "bittersweet," the archbishop said, "I am deeply honored and also humbled by the trust which Pope Benedict XVI has placed in me. I have pledged the Holy Father to serve him with all my energies to the best of my abilities. I ask you to please pray for me, as these are obviously challenging responsibilities which I will be taking up."

Several minutes into the meeting, he paused and his eyes began to tear up. His reaction was met with loud applause from archdiocesan employees who were there.

Archbishop Burke, who turned 60 June 30, is the first U.S. bishop to be named prefect of the Apostolic Signature, which is the Vatican's highest court.

When the appointment was announced at the Vatican, Archbishop Burke ceased to be archbishop of St. Louis, where he had served for almost four-and-a-half years.

The archdiocesan college of

consultors met the afternoon of June 27 and elected Bishop Robert J. Hermann to serve as archdiocesan administrator until the pontiff names a new archbishop of St. Louis. Bishop Hermann, 73, has been an auxiliary bishop of St. Louis since 2002.

As head of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature, the archbishop will hear appeals of decisions issued by lower church courts. Many of the cases handled by the court are appeals to sentences of the Roman Rota dealing with marriage annulments.

Archbishop Burke said he learned of the appointment 10 days before when he received a call at his residence from Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

"There's a sadness at the thought of leaving St. Louis, as I've become so deeply involved in the life of the church here," Archbishop Burke said in an interview with the *St. Louis Review*, archdiocesan newspaper, after the press conference.

A native of Richland Center in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis., he said that when he arrived as archbishop in 2004 he didn't "have any association with St. Louis at all. But I quickly came to experience ... the wonderful Catholic families in this archdiocese."

PAUL

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"Who was this Paul?" the pope asked in his sermon. He cited the saint's own self-description as a Jew who was educated in Jerusalem according to strict ancestral law, and who later became, through an encounter with Christ, the "teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth."

The apostle's vocation endures, the pope said.

"We are not gathered here to reflect on a past history that is irretrievably surpassed. Paul wants to speak to us — today," he said.

The year of St. Paul was Pope Benedict's idea, and he has encouraged local church communities around the world to read and reflect on the apostle's contribution to Scripture.

The pope used his opening homily to do the same, examining three Pauline texts. St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he said, underscored the fact that his own faith was the product of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. That simple truth is relevant today, the pope said.

"His faith is not a theory, an opinion about God and the world. His faith is the impact of God's love on his heart. And so this same faith is love for Jesus Christ," he said.

The pope next pointed to St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, in which the apostle made it clear that announcing the Gospel required courage and was never free from struggle.

The important thing for St. Paul, the pope said, was never to hide the truth or sacrifice it in order to obtain a "superficial harmony."

Finally, the pope cited St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, in which he reflected on the fact that his years of evangelizing had brought him suffering.

St. Paul understood that "there is no love without suffering," and that "in a world in which the lie is powerful, truth is paid in suffering," the pope said.

After the pope spoke, Patriarch Bartholomew also delivered a short homily, noting St. Paul's immense influence on the history of the churches of the East.

In joining the Greek language and the Roman mentality of his time, the patriarch said, St. Paul had freed the church from any kind of restricted outlook and laid the foundations for the "catholic," or wide-ranging, scope of its mission.

Earlier in the day, the pope and Patriarch Bartholomew met at the Vatican. In a speech, the pope said he was pleased to learn that the ecumenical patriarch, too, had arranged for a Pauline year for his Orthodox faithful.

The pope said St. Paul's emphasis on unity applied not only to

Christian churches, but also in a wider sense to a modern culture that is marked by persistent conflicts and divisions.

The contemporary man or woman is confused and in a sense "ensnared by a certain hedonistic and relativistic culture, which places in doubt the very existence of truth," the pope said.

Christian churches need to respond together to that challenge, and St. Paul's words and actions can help promote this kind of cooperation, he said.

At a noon blessing at the Vatican June 29, the pope noted that the Pauline year would focus on Rome, where several pilgrimage sites related to the apostle have been readied. But it also involves places in Turkey, the Holy Land, Malta and other countries where St. Paul preached, he said.

According to tradition, St. Paul was born in Tarsus — in what is today Turkey — around A.D. 8, and was beheaded in Rome around 67.

In recent years, Vatican experts examined the area beneath the main altar of the Basilica of St. Paul and said they had identified definitively as the tomb of the apostle a marble sarcophagus bearing the inscription "Paul Apostle Martyr."

Because it is buried beneath building material, the experts decided against trying to open the sarcophagus, which is only partly visible.

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Traditionalists say they've met Vatican's deadline for reconciliation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The traditionalist Society of St. Pius X said it met the Vatican's deadline to respond to a memo outlining preliminary conditions for full reconciliation with the rest of the Catholic Church. However, a statement released by the Swiss-based society July 1 implied that the traditionalist group did not accept all the conditions set out in the letter, and it appealed to Pope Benedict XVI to lift the 1988 decree of excommunication against the society's bishops who were ordained without papal permission. The Vatican press office said July 3 that it did not plan to comment on the statement. In the July 1 statement, the Society of St. Pius said, "The very general — not to say vague — character of the demands singularly contrasts with the urgency of the ultimatum," adding that they appeared to be geared simply to promoting dialogue rather than resolving differences. The memorandum was given June 4 to the head of the society, Bishop Bernard Fellay, by Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, the Vatican official in charge of dialogue with the traditionalists.

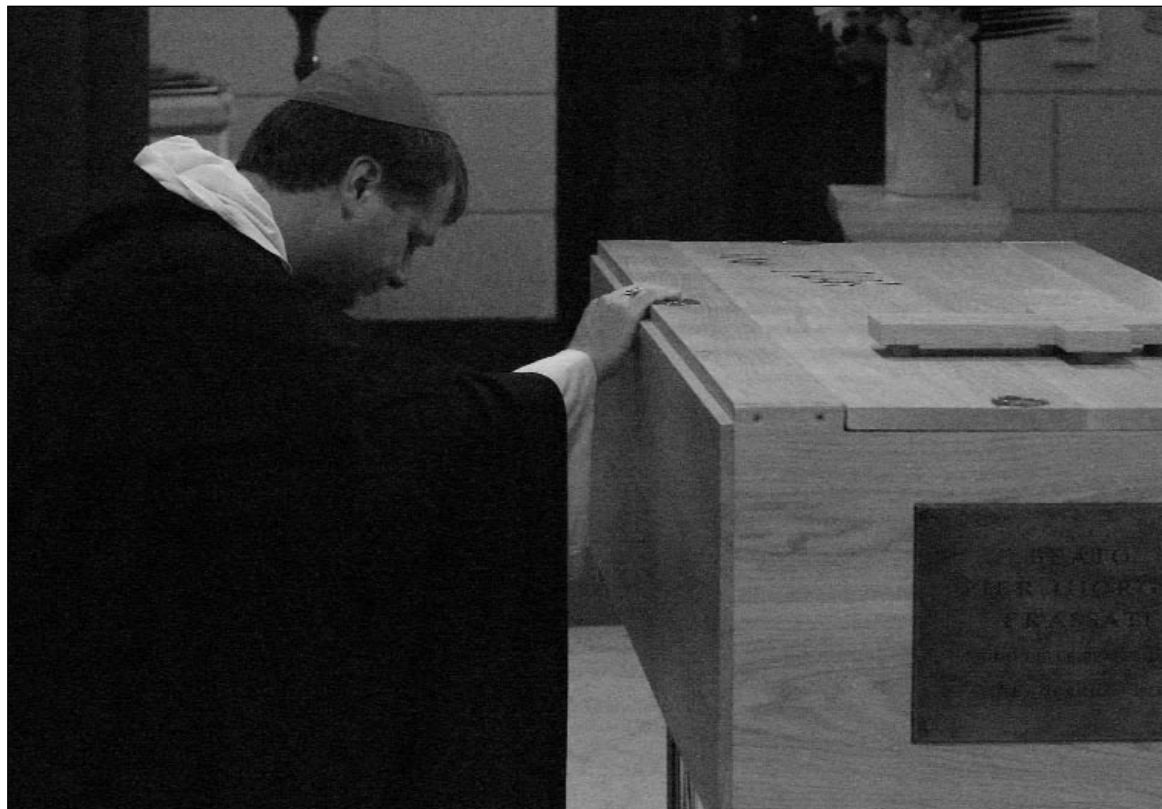
New bishops named for Wilmington, U.S. Virgin Islands

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Baltimore Auxiliary Bishop W. Francis Malooly, 64, as bishop of Wilmington, Del. He succeeds Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli, who in January turned 75, the usual retirement age for bishops. The pope also appointed Msgr. Herbert A. Bevard, 62, a Philadelphia pastor, as bishop of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He succeeds Bishop George V. Murry, who was named to head the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, in January 2007. Bishop Malooly's installation is scheduled for Sept. 8 and Bishop-designate Bevard's episcopal ordination and installation is scheduled for Sept. 3. Bishop Malooly, the 13th auxiliary bishop to serve the Archdiocese of Baltimore, was born there Jan. 18, 1944. He studied at the now-closed St. Charles Minor Seminary in the Baltimore suburb of Catonsville and at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained to the priesthood in May 1970, and his episcopal ordination was March 1, 2001. Born in Baltimore Feb. 24, 1946, Bishop-designate Bevard attended McDonogh School in Owings Mills, Md., graduating from high school in 1964. He joined the Catholic Church that same year. Later he entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pa. He was ordained a priest in 1972 for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Newly ordained Society of the Divine Word priests serve around world

TECHNY, Ill. (CNS) — The first assignments for the nine men

BISHOP PRAYS NEXT TO COFFIN OF FRASSATI



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Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Fisher, coordinator of World Youth Day, prays next to the coffin of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati at St. Benedict's Church in Sydney, Australia, July 2. The body of Blessed Pier Giorgio, who died in 1925, was placed in a closed zinc-lined coffin and arrived in Sydney for World Youth Day.

ordained as priests of the Society of the Divine Word in May will take them around the globe. The new priests — eight are of Vietnamese descent and one is from China — will serve in the order's western and southern U.S. provinces and in Mexico, Mozambique and Paraguay. Historically, Divine Word priests have "transcended boundaries — geographically, philosophically and culturally. Globally, we work together," said Father Mark Weber, Chicago provincial superior for the Society of the Divine Word located in Techny. The men were ordained May 24 in Techny by Auxiliary Bishop Dominic Carmon of New Orleans, who was ordained a priest for the Society of the Divine Word, known commonly as Divine Word missionaries and as Verbites. The Society of the Divine Word was founded in 1875 and currently has more than 6,000 members who serve the spiritual and social needs of people in 70 countries.

Vatican: Receiving Eucharist kneeling will be norm at papal liturgies

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Receiving the Eucharist on the tongue while kneeling before the pope will become the norm at papal liturgies, said the Vatican's liturgist. While current norms allow the faithful to receive the Eucharist in the hand while standing, Pope Benedict XVI has indicated a preference for the more traditional practice, said Msgr. Guido Marini, master of papal liturgical cere-

monies. Kneeling and receiving Communion on the tongue highlights "the truth of the real presence (of Christ) in the Eucharist, helps the devotion of the faithful and introduces the sense of mystery more easily," he said in a June 26 interview with the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. Pastorally speaking, he said "it is urgent to highlight and recover" these aspects of the sacredness and mystery of the Eucharist in modern times. Generally at papal Masses, those receiving Communion from the pope stand and the majority choose to receive on the tongue.

Cardinal urges Vietnamese Catholics in North America to integrate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As a cardinal from Vietnam began his U.S. tour, he advised Vietnamese Catholics living in North America to integrate with the faithful in their newly adopted country, but remain close to the culture of their homeland and remember its martyrs. "I tell them, 'You are here, you are not'" refugees anymore, said Cardinal Jean-Baptiste Pham Minh Man of Ho Chi Minh City in English. "I tell them, 'You should be a witness of faith for the people here,'" Cardinal Man said. The cardinal, who spoke to Catholic News Service in Washington June 24, discussed his U.S. tour, how he views recent dialogue between the Vatican and the Vietnamese government, and the role Vietnamese Catholics living in North America should have with the church in their

homeland. In the past several years, the cardinal said he has traveled to more than a dozen countries where Vietnamese Catholics now live and routinely encourages them to adapt to their local church communities while remembering Vietnam.

Chicago's Polish community welcomes Polish cardinal with 'great joy'

CHICAGO (CNS) — Polish Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow found his way into the hearts of Polish Chicagoans during a June 27-29 weekend visit. "Chicago welcomed me with great joy as one of its own," Cardinal Dziwisz said at a banquet for Bishop Abramowicz Seminary just before his departure for Poland June 29. "I was welcomed with words, with music and, most importantly, with open hearts." Cardinal Dziwisz, 69, is perhaps best known as the personal secretary to Pope John Paul II. He served the late pontiff for 12 years when then-Archbishop Karol Wojtyla was head of the Krakow Archdiocese, and then for all 27 years of his papacy. Pope Benedict XVI appointed then-Archbishop Dziwisz to Krakow two months after Pope John Paul died in 2005; he became a cardinal in March 2006. Cardinal Dziwisz's visit, following a pilgrimage to the June 15-22 International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, underscored the close ties that exist between the Polish people in Chicago and Poland.

Pope appoints U.S. cardinal to help lead synod on Bible

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI appointed U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as one of three delegate presidents for the world Synod of Bishops on the Bible this fall. The pope also named as delegate presidents for the Oct. 5-26 assembly Cardinals Oswald Gracias of Mumbai, India, and Odilo Scherer of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Vatican announced the appointments June 24. Though Pope Benedict, as pontiff, is president of the synod, the three cardinals will take turns presiding over the synod's daily sessions. The synod will bring together some 250 bishops to discuss the theme "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."

Priest's beatification is milestone for Lebanon, Haddad family

BEIRUT, Lebanon (CNS) — Tens of thousands of Lebanese witnessed the beatification ceremony of their beloved Capuchin Father Jacques Haddad in Martyrs' Square in central Beirut. Anna Maria Chemaly, a great niece of Blessed Haddad, whose name in Arabic is Abouna Yaacoub, arrived in Lebanon from Cincinnati with her three children a few days before the June 22 ceremony. She said it was exciting to return to her homeland and see posters and banners of her great uncle across the country. She attended the ceremony with her 13-year-old daughter, Hana, and about 30 other members of the Haddad family. They sat with 100 Catholic clergy, including patriarchs, bishops and priests. Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes, celebrated the Mass. "It was quite an honor to be part of this celebration," Chemaly said. Victor Haddad, Blessed Haddad's nephew and Chemaly's uncle, presented the family tree as part of the presentation of the gifts.

Louisville archbishop says bicentennial Mass a celebration of family

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — About 6,000 people gathered at Slugger Field in downtown Louisville June 29 to celebrate the 200th birthday of the Archdiocese of Louisville, an event they were told marked the church's first steps into its third century. From an altar built at the ball field's second base, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville told the congregation they should take pride in the familial nature of the church and its history in central Kentucky. "Isn't it a wonderful occasion to celebrate that we are a family of faith, hope and love?" he said at the start of his homily. "And by the way, happy 200th birthday!" Archbishop Kurtz was the main celebrant of the bicentennial Mass. Concelebrants included retired Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville; Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington; and seven other bishops.

Saint Joseph's High School honors excellence at end of year banquet

SOUTH BEND — The faculty and staff appreciation dinner for Saint Joseph's High School, held this year at the Knollwood Country Club, afforded everyone an opportunity to come together to recognize and celebrate the contribution of all faculty and staff members of the high school. Each year, special awards are given to members of the Saint Joseph's community who have dedicated themselves to the excellence of the high school.

Those members receiving recognition for five years of service were Paul Kuharic, Chris Mclean, Yvonne Rex and Mike Walsh. Ten-year awards went to Josie Dieter, Jim Fitzpatrick and Patricia LeGuern. A 25-year award went to Robin Benevich, and a 40-year award was presented to John Wojtowicz.

In addition to this, Wojtowicz was recently selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction. Having been nominated for this honor by one of his students, Wojtowicz was selected by the National Society of High School Scholars to receive this honor.

Saint Joseph's High School also presented three other awards for outstanding service. The Glenn Rousey Award is named for the principal at Saint Joseph's High School from 1980-1990. This year's recipient of the award, which recognizes an individual's remarkable dedication and generosity to the school, was Ben Dillon, chair for the mathematics department, calculus teacher and master of Power School.

The Bishop McManus Award is given to an individual whose contribution affirms the mission of the school. This year's recipient was Holy Cross Sister Ann Therese McAndrew, sacristan and office assistant.

The Thomas A. Gerencher Excellence in Teaching award, which is given to a member of the faculty who consistently exhibits excellence in teaching and was previously titled the Excellence in Teaching Award, was given to a member of the English department, Robin Benevich.

Faculty of Saint Joseph's who are retiring this year include the following: Jim Fitzpatrick, a member of the social studies department who has been with the diocese for 12 years, the last 10 of those at Saint Joseph's; Gail Miller, another member of the social studies department who has been with Saint Joseph's for 33 years; and Jann Brunner, a member of the science department for the past 36 years.

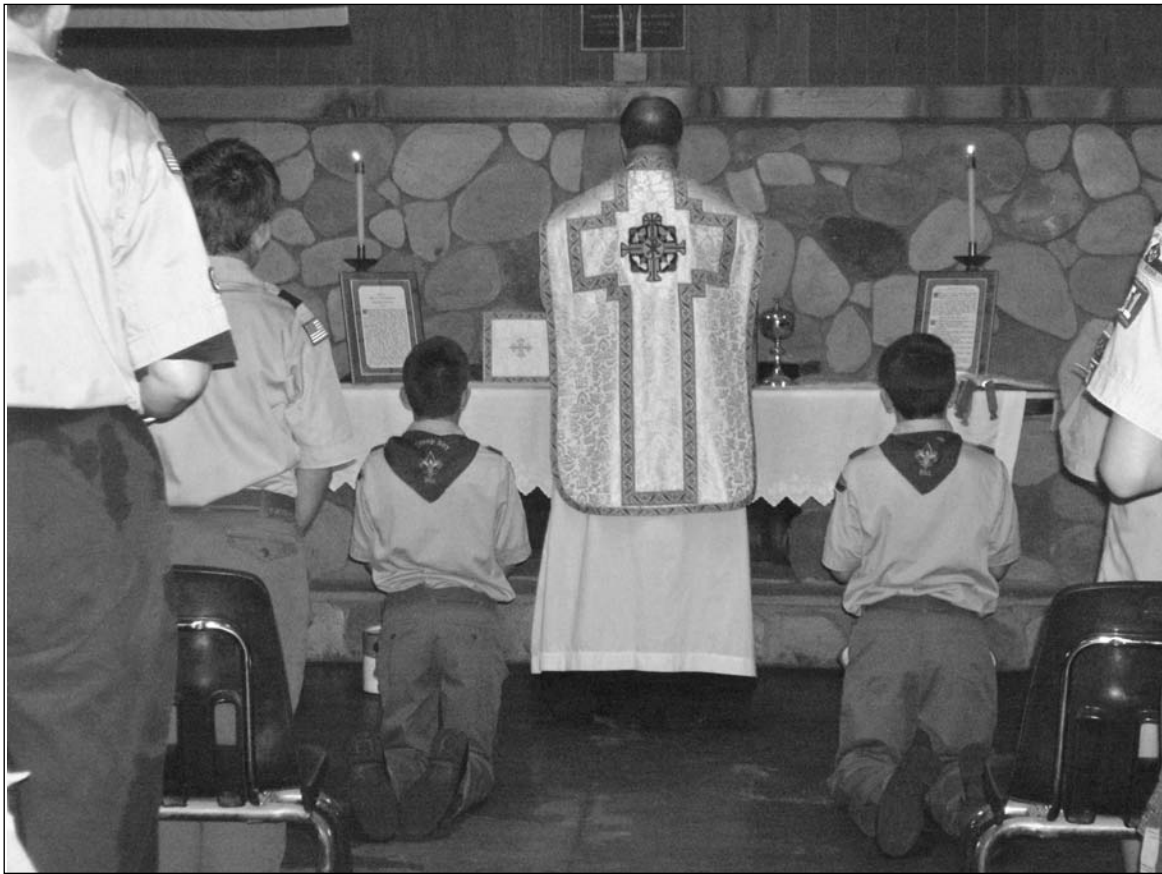
Basilica Mass no longer televised; available online

NOTRE DAME — Due to programming changes, Sunday Mass from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame no longer will be broadcast on the Hallmark Channel after June 29.

Notre Dame currently is seeking a future broadcast partner but, in the meantime, has made the Sunday Mass available via a live video stream at <http://basilica.nd.edu/>.

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The 10 a.m. Mass currently is being streamed, and, during the academic year, the 11:45 a.m. Mass will be streamed live. Both also are available for download.

New York-based Faith & Values Media, which produced the Mass for Hallmark, exercised an option in its contract that reduced its religious programming from five to two hours. For the past six years, Mass from Notre Dame has aired on Hallmark, and it aired on DIRECTV in 2007.

Our Lady of Czestochowa and sister city celebration planned

SOUTH BEND — A Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, at St. Hedwig Church, 331 S. Scott St., South Bend. Father Bob Lengerich, who recently coled a Catholic Heritage Tours trip to Poland, which included a stop in Czestochowa, South Bend's sister city, will be officiating.

A Polish potluck luncheon following the Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church, 309 S. Taylor St., South Bend. Traditional Polish hymns will be sung at Mass, and a Polish sing-along will follow after lunch. The luncheon's guest speaker is Mayor Steve Luecke who will speak about the South Bend-Czestochowa sister city program

and his experiences visiting Poland.

Polishes pastries, entrées or side dishes for the potluck may be dropped off at St. Patrick's before the Mass. From those who prefer to not bring food to the event, monetary contributions are welcomed.

For more information or to offer suggestions for songs, please call Fran Holmes at (574) 271-2090.

Saint Mary's College announces awards of distinction

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College is pleased to announce the recipients of four annual awards of distinction. The following is the list of the awards and the recipients.

Spes Unica Award: Professor Claude D. Renshaw, business administration and economics

This award recognizes a faculty member's eminent service to the college in some particular aspect of its development. Renshaw, who retired from the college in the spring, came to Saint Mary's in 1977. In 1979, he became the chair of his department, a position he held for more than 10 years. For almost 30 years, Renshaw and a colleague at the University of Notre Dame have coordinated and overseen a program where students help low-income taxpayers in the South Bend community prepare their taxes. Renshaw's work in the local

community includes co-authoring an annual tax-advice column in the South Bend Tribune.

Maria Pieta Award: Professor Mary K. Porter, mathematics

This award recognizes the quality of teaching done in courses for freshmen and sophomores. Porter, who came to the college in 1995, is known for exciting, challenging and encouraging her students. Because of her great faith in the students, those who may have doubted their ability to succeed are urged to persevere and excel. While generous with her own time, Porter fosters independence by persuading students to form learning communities and help each other.

St. Catherine Medal: Andrea M. Krebs 2009

Each year, Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic Honor Society, awards the St. Catherine Medal to a sophomore or junior who has demonstrated high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and has contributed to the college community in the spirit of Christian leadership. This award commemorates St. Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of scholars and especially of women scholars. Andrea Krebs of Oronoco, Minn., who is majoring in biology and mathematics, has tutored high school students and mentored young children. After completing college next spring, she plans to attend medical school and eventual-

ly provide health care in Central and South America.

Lumen Christi Award: Kristine E. King 2008

The Lumen Christi Award is presented each year to a member of the senior class who is recognized by the college community as an outstanding Christian woman, someone who has excelled in leadership and loyalty to Saint Mary's College, and whose presence has had a profound effect on the college community. It is the highest award the college confers upon a student. The recipient of this year's award, Kristine King of Green Bay, Wis., majored in business administration and economics and humanistic studies. King often served as a eucharistic minister and stood as a role model for her peers in her faith, maturity and ability to lead a life with God at the forefront. King was also a resident assistant for two years and a student ambassador for three years. In addition, she served as the editor-in-chief of the "Blue Mantle" (yearbook) and as a photographer for the *Observer* (the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's student newspaper).

Folk Choir director receives national award

NOTRE DAME — Steven C. Warner, director of the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir, has been named Pastoral Musician of the Year by National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Warner received the award, which honors both his 28 years' leadership of the internationally renowned choir and his widely used compositions of sacred music, Wednesday, July 2, at the association's convention in East Brunswick, N.J.

Warner was graduated from St. Michael's College in Winooski Park, Vt., and served there for two years as director of liturgy before joining Notre Dame's campus ministry staff in 1979. He earned a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame in 1980 and founded the folk choir the same year.

The folk choir comprises some 60 singers and instrumentalists who provide sacred music for Sunday morning liturgies in Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart, train musicians for Notre Dame residence hall chapels, and regularly tour in the United States and abroad for concert performances and musical workshops. Its voices are accompanied by flute, organ, violins, guitar, string bass, Celtic harp, cello, and bodhrán (Irish drum).

Among Warner's compositions are many songs from the folk choir's repertoire, including "Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts," "Make of Our Hands a Throne," "I Have Been Anointed," "Cruz Fidelis" and a musical version of the Lord's Prayer which many Notre Dame alumni and others call "The Notre Dame Lord's Prayer."

Updated amount for the homeless walk

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, raised \$7,328.19 that was donated to Vincent Village in Fort Wayne as part of the Homeward Bound Walk. A photo from the appreciation presentation was featured in the June 15, 2008 issue of *Today's Catholic*.

Management baton passed at Cathedral Bookstore

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral Bookstore recently bid a fond farewell to longtime manager Karen Magdich and welcomed Kara Slocum to the helm.

Magdich, a Fort Wayne native and St. Peter parishioner, leaves the bookstore after managing the business for 12 years and recalls joining the bookstore staff at the request of Sister Jane Carew of the Office of Catechesis, when only books and cards were sold there. During her tenure, many unique and handcrafted items have been added to the inventory.

"There have been changes," says Magdich. "The bookstore has grown a lot." While growing the business for the diocese, Magdich feels her faith has grown as well.

"I've come to love the church while working for the bookstore. I got quite an education," she says.

The bookstore began as a small media center and library in the 1980s. Sister Carew recalls the reel to reel films the lending library loaned to the parishes in the area. As the parishes began purchasing their own materials, the bookstore opened its space to more books and cards. It was housed in the Cathedral Center on Cathedral Square for many years before moving to its new location on the first floor of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in 2006.

Magdich enjoyed working with the office of catechesis to ensure that area parishes received the materials needed for their missions and programs.

"We do a lot of business with the parishes. It's our mission in a way," she says. However, she served the walk-in traffic with as much enthusiasm. "We are servants of the people of the diocese. I try to treat everyone who comes into the store like I treat the bishop," she says.

Retirement plans for this servant of the diocese includes traveling, enjoying the 23 acres she and husband Dick own and

spending time with family.

"I want time to be with the grandkids, to work in the yard, dig in the dirt ... a lot!"

As for passing the baton to Kara Slocum, Magdich says, "I think she'll fit right in and be good at this. She'll grow the bookstore. She'll be very pastoral with the people and bring new ideas to make it better than what it has become."

Slocum is a native of Fort Wayne and, along with her husband Rob and their four children, is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. She brings a bounty of skills and talents to the job including plenty of retail experience. She and husband Rob owned and operated Heaven's Treasures, a family-owned Catholic bookstore, for 11 years.

"We saw it as a ministry to encourage faith," says Slocum, who believes she will bring that same inspiration to the Cathedral Bookstore.

Following a friendly call informing her of the management position opening at the Cathedral Bookstore, she felt that God was leading her there.

"Working for the diocese is awesome. It's an honor to have been chosen for this position," says Slocum.

The position has her ordering and stocking existing product, meeting with salespeople, overseeing advertising and meeting the needs of the Office of Catechesis concerning special events. In addition to business expertise, Slocum brings an artistic and pastoral touch to the bookstore as well.

"I have an artistic flair," she says enthusiastically. "I think I can do neat things with the displays." But she adds that there is not much to change.

Slocum's favorite part of the job is being on the sales floor. "This is the whole reason why I got into the business. I wanted to deepen my faith and what better way than being around this product and bringing it to others." She finds it rewarding to assist customers in finding just the right item as well as encouraging them in times of need.



DON CLEMMER

New manager of the Cathedral Bookstore, Kara Slocum, left, stands with Karen Magdich who leaves the position after 12 years. The Cathedral Bookstore, located at 915 S Clinton St., carries a variety of gifts for all sacramental occasions as well as books, cards, music CDs and more. Store hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Slocum is grateful to be working with staff members Ruth Chronister and Pat Dodane, who bring years of experience to the table as well. Though they will miss Magdich, who "gave so much all the time," they are looking forward to working with Slocum, who "brings a different perspective to the store."

The new manager has hopes for the bookstore and would like to increase store hours and street traffic. "Sometimes even if a customer comes in and doesn't buy, they may want to talk or see a verse on a picture or pick up a book. It's a good place to spend time," she says.

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Karen Magdich invites anyone interested to special Masses at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception:

- Wednesday, July 16, at 8 a.m. offered for all employees of the diocese.
- Friday, Aug. 1, at 8 a.m. offered for all patrons of the Cathedral Bookstore.

New collection of 'Letters of St. Paul' published

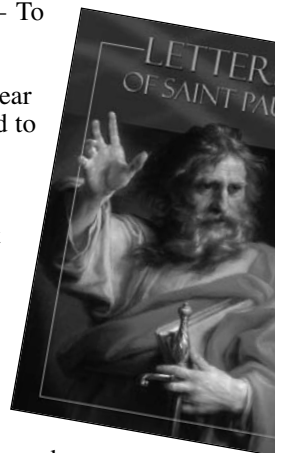
BOSTON (CNS) — To mark the special jubilee year dedicated to St. Paul, which Pope Benedict XVI formally opened June 28, Pauline Books &

Media has published a new collection of the "Letters of St. Paul."

The pocket-size, 290-page book also includes prayers related to St. Paul's letters, a study guide and an index of topics discussed by the saint.

In a foreword, Pauline Father Jeffrey Mickler calls St. Paul "one of the most influential figures in human history" and said he has special messages for students, working men and women, sailors, athletes and communicators.

"Most of all, however, people striving to be great lovers of God and neighbor will find in these letters soul-shaping wisdom and practical ways of sharing the Gospel with the world," Father Mickler said. "Savoring these letters as a whole will embed them in our hearts and minds, expand our capacity to love, and deepen our faith."



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More than 40 children discovered Jesus' miraculous power at Power Lab, this year's Vacation Bible School at St. Michael Parish, Plymouth. Held June 16-20 "Power Lab" gave children a new enthusiasm for God's word — and for Jesus while engaging them in fun, science-themed activities, games, crafts and music. In addition, there were interactive Bible adventures that drew kids into the experience. "Power Lab" concluded with a "Faith Fusion Finale," featuring participants singing the songs they learned at VBS. In the front row are Helen Lemler, Zoe Fritz and Isaac Lemler.

Formation of thoughtful, faith-filled executives

'Contributive identity' a focus of Notre Dame business ethics conference

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Over 200 Catholic educators gathered at the University of Notre Dame last month to discuss how business schools within Catholic universities can do a better job of educating thoughtful and faith-filled executives for the future.

The June 11-13 conference was cosponsored by 18 Catholic colleges and universities across the country and focused on three areas: the nature and status of business education at Catholic universities, practical curricular models and ideas that reflect the mission and identity of business education at Catholic universities, and conditions necessary to enable business education at a Catholic university to fulfill its goal.

Father Robert Spitzer, president of Gonzaga University, spoke at the first plenary session, setting the tone for the conference. A philosopher and frequent lecturer on business ethics, Father Spitzer said that a Catholic university's administration and campus ministry should join business professors in the effort to educate students in not just business, but also in culture. He identified several themes that have helped business professors successfully achieve that goal.

First is personal identity, which he said is key to making central to one's life the other themes. An "ego comparative" identity is rampant in our society, he said, and it leads to a quest for status, control and cutthroat competition. This range of emotions can be so powerful "it literally undermines and dominates our lives" and "destroys ourselves and our families," Father Spitzer said.

"This is a life of misery, and it is killing leaders, ethics and families, and is undermining efficacy of life," he said.

Trying to replace this attitude with a "contributive identity" asks "Catholic-Jesuit" questions, he said, such as: How do I make an optimal, positive difference to my family, friends, organization, community, church, culture, society and stakeholders in my organization?

"How can I optimally make the world a better place with my talents, my time, my energy, the world in which we live?"

If a critical mass of people within an organization make that identity shift from "me," to focus instead on making the world a better place, Father Spitzer said, the system will be "wide open" to make other changes in respect to faith, justice and virtue. This in turn makes individuals happier, improves workplace cultures and makes family life better, thus improving lives both individually and collectively, he continued.

The second theme is faith or spirituality. Since 70 percent of

has a soul.

"These are skills every leader can use," Father Spitzer said, "so encourage students to pursue the faith they have, and to seek faith if they don't have it."

The third theme is service and service learning: "Empathy galvanizes good leadership, and service galvanizes empathy," he said.

If a business leader has a sense about the intrinsic worth of another person, he said, that leader can successfully carry out the hard tasks of delivering bad news or asking for sacrifices, while at the same time looking out for both stakeholder groups and for members of the organization.

"When empathy results, people will trust you," he said.

Justice, the fourth theme, is needed along with service, he said, and he encouraged business professors to introduce students to the social encyclicals of the church. Those encyclicals, he said, are totally compatible with the free market system, and if students can take with them at least one principle from each of the 10 major social encyclicals, it will shape their decision-making lives as leaders or managers.

"This will utterly transform their lives and the culture in which they live," Father Spitzer said.

In other sessions at the conference, professors discussed what they had done in their classes to promote in their students this ethical, virtuous approach to business, and they talked about the role of Catholic business schools in helping a Catholic university fulfill its mission. The energy generated in these sessions was palpable as the professors exchanged ideas about the best approaches to making business education at their schools truly reflect Catholic values and enhance the Catholic identity of their institutions.

The conference was organized by Professor Patrick Murphy of the Notre Dame School of Business and Professor Michael Naughton of the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.

"Empathy galvanizes good leadership, and service galvanizes empathy."

FATHER ROBERT SPITZER

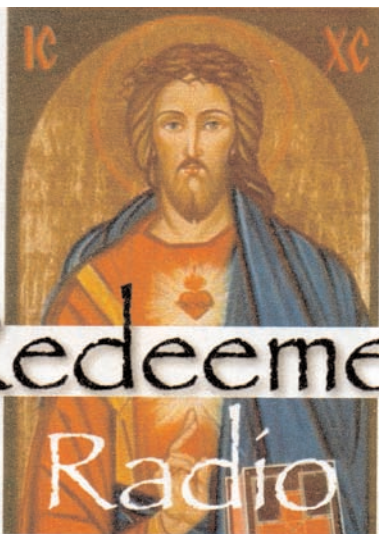
Catholic university students have a faith foundation, he said, business schools can encourage the students to utilize the faith they have. Students need to hear from business professors that the pursuit of virtue — particularly moral courage and humility — won't put them at a disadvantage in the business world, but really does lead to success, Father Spitzer said.

"Some students think you have to be cruel to succeed, but we, as mature professors, can convince them these virtues are very much worth seeking and help us to be great leaders, will produce 'esprit de corps' and empathy," he explained.

People of faith also tend to be ethical, he continued, and they are more likely to endure suffering and learn from failure, thus achieving a sense of peace. These people also have an expanded horizon that allows them to see the human person in his or her ultimate dignity, as someone who

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AN ERA OF BLESSINGS

Immaculate Conception celebrates the last 50 years

BY DON CLEMMER

AUBURN — Immaculate Conception Parish dates back to 1872, when a handful of families met in the home of Engelbert Ashley for Mass with a traveling priest. But the focus of this year's jubilee is the 50 years the parish has spent in its present church on its present site on East Seventh Street in Auburn. Bishop Leo Pursley blessed and dedicated the current church on Sept. 21, 1958.

Only two years after becoming pastor in 1954, Father Matthew Lange oversaw a massive fund-raising effort for a new church and school to replace the old church on Fourth Street.

"We had obviously outgrown it," recalls parishioner Kay Dimmich, noting that the old church belonged in an earlier era and had certainly passed its prime.

The new Immaculate Conception church is a modern brick building, and it has housed the parish through an era of growth and many blessings.

"I'm very proud of our church," says parishioner Joan Myers. She notes how she has grown spiritually, thanks to the parish. She notes the nine pastors who have served over the last 50 years. She notes the growth of the parish to around 500 families, and she expresses gratitude to the Sisters of St. Francis of Sacred Heart at Joliet, who staffed the parish school for its years of operation in the 1960s.

Just as Immaculate Conception Parish overcame the challenges of raising funds for a new church, the parish has met and overcome other challenges. For instance, the Knights of Columbus, Council 9186 Auburn, was started in 1985 by a few men in the parish. They had been told that starting a council would be impossible because this required at least 30 men to join. By 1986, 43 men had joined, and the Auburn Knights received their charter.

Another challenge has been the level of acceptance for Catholicism in DeKalb County, which the parish has done much work to improve in recent decades.

Parishioners recall outreach to area Lutherans by Father Mel Herber, pastor from 1982 to 1988, breaking the ice.

"I think Father Mel had a big heart," notes Myers. "He got people."

The thaw continued with Father Tom Lallak's continual presence and outreach to the community.

Father Babasino Fernandes, the current pastor, credits parishioners who have been visible leaders in both the parish and the community for the continued improved feeling.

The LifeTeen program at Immaculate Conception has been another positive contribution to the community, with 35-40 teens participating in the LifeTeen Mass twice a month.

"It's always something to look forward to," says Jamie Blessinger, a teenage parishioner.

Along with the LifeTeen program, Immaculate Conception also hosted its first XLT worship service in October of 2007, drawing nearly 150 teens. Involvement in these programs is overseen by the parish religious education program, which is directed by Phyllis Gurtner. Along with Karen Wrona, Gurtner has headed the program for 13 years but has been a member of the parish for much longer. Her experiences at the parish are what make it special for her.

"My four children were baptized here," she notes. "My son said his first Mass here. I feel so blessed and humble."

Gurtner's son, Father Mark Gurtner, is the only priestly vocation to come from Immaculate Conception. Ordained in 1996, Father Gurtner is currently pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne.

Along with Father Gurtner, Immaculate Conception has two other religious vocations, Sister Joyce Shanabarger and Sister Christina Fuller, both to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred heart at St. Francis Woods in Mokina, Ill.

While the parish is very proud of its members who have gone on to pursue vocations, it is also proud of the unique treasures that have stayed in place, namely, its works of art. These include a large mosaic of Mary over the main entrance to the church. Father Lange had envi-

sioned this mosaic from the beginning. Inside the church, the Stations of the Cross — a remnant of the 1912 church — are painted on copper. The parish didn't fully appreciate these works of art until the appointment of Father Hank Mascotte as pastor in 1979. Father Mascotte held a master's degree in art from the University of Notre Dame. Not only did he explain what was so impressive about the art that was already there, he also left behind an example of his own art — the sculpture in Auburn's Catholic Cemetery.

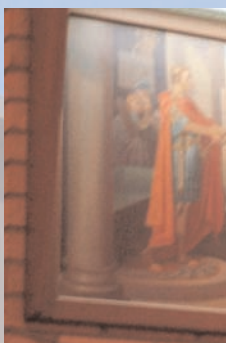
As the 50th anniversary of its blessing and dedication has approached, the church building has seen new decorations join its usual art. These include anniversary banners hanging near the altar and displays that detail different events of the last 50 years, from the campaign to raise funds for a new church to the vocations it produced. In May, the parish held a five-day mission in honor of its anniversary.

Along with these remembrances of the past, Immaculate Conception parishioners are also excited about the future and find themselves in the midst of a new plans for expansion, including a new rectory and parish hall.



Artist rendering of the current Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

The old Immaculate Conception Church building on Fourth Street, at left, served the parish from 1912 until the dedication of the present church in 1958.



The Stations of the Cross are painted on copper. They are originally hung in the present church. Parishioner Kay Dimmich says when she sees them, she feels the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Auburn's Catholic Cemetery is dedicated to the memory of Immaculate Conception pastor Father Hank Mascotte.

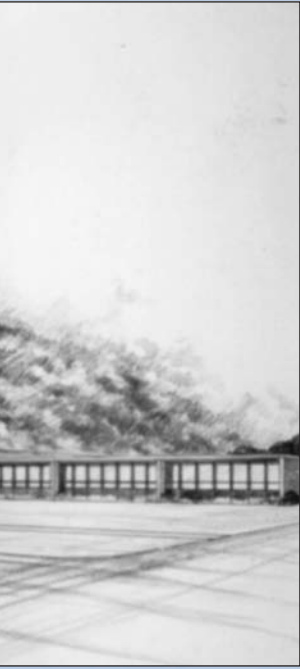
Upcoming celebrations

Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn will celebrate its Family Day Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate Mass at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Sept. 7, marking the rededication of the parish.



Above, the first class of eighth-grade graduates are seen in May 1964. Below, the most recent confirmation class is seen with Pastor Babasino Fernandes and Bishop John M. D'Arcy.



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Immaculate Conception's history defined by its pastors

Parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn are quick to credit the priests who have led their parish over the years. They say each one has brought his own unique gifts at the right time in the development of their parish. These priests include:

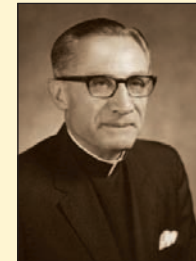
Father Matthew Lange (1954-1963, 1967-1970)

Father Lange spearheaded the campaign to build a new church, school, rectory and convent. Credited by the parishioners today as being very progressive in his approach to the parish, he conducted the 1956 fund-raising campaign for a new church and school. The goal of \$60,000 was surpassed by \$30,000.



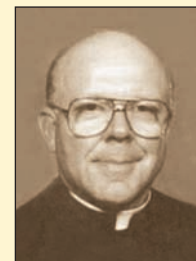
Msgr. Leo Hoffman (1970-1979)

Msgr. Hoffman is remembered as a formal and structured priest responsible for founding the parish council.



Father Tom Lallak (1988-1993)

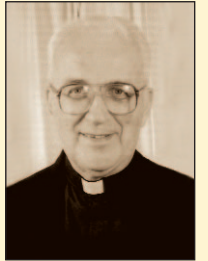
Father Lallak was a beloved pastor who became a recognizable figure to most of DeKalb County



thanks to his 20-mile bike rides. Also a lover of tennis, he volunteered for the DeKalb High School tennis program. He concluded every homily with, "Christians of Immaculate Conception, recognize your dignity." Father Lallak became ill with cancer, but served at Immaculate Conception till his death in 1993. An Our Lady of Grace Statue stands in his memory at the church.

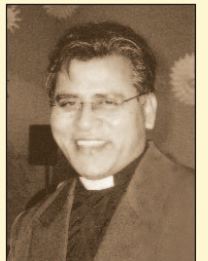
Father Ray Balzer (1993-1999)

Father Balzer is remembered primarily as a priest of prayer who showed by his example the beauty of different forms of prayer. While at Immaculate Conception, he had a room of the former convent renovated to serve as the parish Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. It was completed in 1995.



Father Babasino Fernandes (2005-present)

Father Fernandes brings to Immaculate Conception what one parishioner calls a blessing the parish never thought it would have: an international pastor. A native of India, Father Fernandes served in missions before coming to the United States and serving in Monroeville and Ligonier. He calls his parishioners at Immaculate Conception "loving people" who contribute greatly to their community.



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The 21st Annual Bishop's Appeal

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In a few weeks, we will launch our 22nd Annual Bishop's Appeal. I recall with gratitude the priests and laity who urged this new approach and the many who have worked on it over the years. I have always seen it as a work of love and sacrifice for the church and for the work of Christ.

As in the past, I wish to make a full report on the most recent appeal. In the weeks ahead, I will present in these pages the financial report of our most recent fiscal year. In our brochure for the next appeal, we will give a summary of the results up to now of our Legacy of Faith Campaign. All this is an effort to continue to meet our responsibilities to be as transparent as possible about the financial situation in our diocese.

The 21st appeal

For the sixth time, the appeal exceeded \$5 million. The total pledged is \$5,542,447, the second highest ever. The following numbers show the results of the past several years. The 18th appeal is not listed. That was the year the annual appeal was folded into the Legacy of Faith. In another sense, this year may have been the highest ever. One parish, St. Thomas, Elkhart, has been \$100,000 over goal each year. However, this year their overage was not included, since they were working on a combined campaign for a \$3 million improvement to their school.

	Total amount pledged
17th Appeal	— \$5,623,163
19th Appeal	— \$5,048,502
20th Appeal	— \$5,534,676
21st Appeal	— \$5,542,447

While the appeal went down slightly, as was expected after the Legacy of Faith, it has come back stronger each year. If all pledges are kept, over \$1.3 million will be returned to parishes this year.

However, there is one concern that must be faced. We have not reached the number of contributors that was attained in the 17th appeal. Thus, in the coming year, all of us must work together to increase the number of givers as well as the total amount. We have remained steadfast in the commitment that everything the parish achieves over its goal is returned to the parish. When the parish is strong fiscally and spiritually, the diocese is strong. At the conclusion of this report, there are listed the percentages attained by the various parishes. Unquestionably, the incentive of returning to parishes all funds over the goal, over the years, has proved to be a great motivation for our people.

Parish schools

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has greatly strengthened our schools. While we cannot equal public school salaries, since we do not have taxation, we have been able to make substantial improvements every year, and we hope to continue these efforts.

How to pay for these increases

While it is true that some large suburban parishes can fund these increases, almost half of our schools cannot do so. Also, if we ask tuition increases alone to carry these increased salaries; it would set tuition at a rate many families cannot pay. Our schools must remain within reach of working-class families. We initiated a historic change in hope of assisting in a substantial way a large number of parishes with schools. We did this by an increase in the appeal. Thus, each of the last several

years, 30 parish schools received grants from the appeal, which over seven years have totaled \$2.5 million. These schools are found listed at the conclusion of this report.

Legacy of Faith: A promise kept

In the year just completed, we began to distribute some of the results of the Legacy of Faith to our parish schools. You will recall, it was promised at the beginning of the Legacy of Faith that we hoped to have an endowment of \$20 million for our parish schools. From pledges kept, this endowment is now over \$18 million. We have just completed grants totaling \$828,000 to our parish schools. Every parish received a grant. In addition, \$300,000 from the appeal were distributed to parishes with schools.

These "basic grants" that have come from the appeal were always intended as a "bridge" until the endowment funds from the Legacy of Faith became available. Nevertheless, we will continue these basic grants in smaller amounts to parishes for a few years and no parish will receive a decrease in their overall amount. In fact, with both sources we hope to be able to distribute over \$1.2 million this year to parishes with schools. This will be the largest amount given from the diocese to Catholic elementary schools in our history.

Thus, we have taken a significant step in sustaining our parish schools. It all has been made possible by your generosity.

Please note that as in every year since the appeal began, we also will give grants totaling at least \$210,000 to parishes with special needs, who have applied and been approved.

Also, as will be noted in our brochure from the upcoming campaign, \$6,417,919 has already been distributed to parishes from our Legacy of Faith Campaign.

High schools

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has stabilized our four Catholic high schools. From the endowment, a total of \$3.5 million has been divided equally among these splendid institutions. The principal of this endowment stands at \$5,545,946 as of April 1, 2008; thus ensuring the continuance of our high schools for years to come. Including what comes from the endowment, the appeal gives \$1.7 million, spread among our four high schools, on an annual basis. This has kept tuition increases moderate so that our high schools can welcome everyone who wants to attend and can pay at least a minimum amount.

Other ministries

There is so much else. The appeal makes it possible to provide retreats for young adults at a cost they can afford. Recently, for the 15th consecutive year, I took part in such a retreat for over 150 young adults, including many young Hispanic Catholics. Parishes are having retreats and missions. Religious instruction for the formation of teachers of religion in our high schools, elementary schools and parish programs is especially encouraging. Our School's Office recruits good teachers and works to strengthen the curriculum of all our classes.

Priests

The strong relationship between priests and parishioners in our diocese continues to show itself in the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The appeal has been successful because it has put the parishes first; also, because the priests make it their own. This is not a "downtown" effort, but an effort

that is rooted in the parishes.

The appeal helps to train our priests. I believe we will have at least 17 young men studying for the priesthood in the coming academic year. Two are scheduled to be ordained on Oct. 25, 2008, and three more in the fall of 2009. The appeal makes this possible and also funds our vocation efforts. Indeed, our seminarians themselves have completed a discernment retreat for those interested in the priesthood. It will be funded by the appeal.

The appeal has made it possible to bring priests from other countries, including the countries of Latin America. Indeed, recruiting quality priests from Mexico and other countries has become increasingly necessary with the influx of those who speak Spanish.

Currently, 17 of our parishes are being cared for by priests from overseas. The appeal makes it possible to bring these priests here so that all our people may have the holy Eucharist and the example of the Good Shepherd.

Lay leadership

I wish to thank Dr. Michael and Jeanne Mirro, of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne. Their leadership over many years, but especially in this recent appeal, has been critical to our success. I thank also Brian and Jeannelle Brady, of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart; as well as John and Julie Kenny, of Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne; and Peter and Nancy Baranay, of St. Pius X, Granger. This wonderful group, working throughout the year in concert with their bishop, has proved to be a great blessing. I welcome Paul and Kathy Schoenle, of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, to our team.

For me, the appeal is a year-round responsibility. It is part of our effort of evangelization. I undertake it each year with joy, as do our priests and laity.

A look ahead

Here is what Pope Benedict XVI said about our schools in his recent visit:

"Their long term sustainability must be assured. Indeed, everything possible must be done, in cooperation with the wider community, to ensure that they are accessible to people of all social and economic strata. No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation."

Along with strong parish leadership, the Annual Bishop's Appeal sustains our schools. It also makes it possible to assist the homeless, help those without adequate medical care, and provide clothing for children in need. As in the past, we will provide a video to be shown at all our parishes and will continue to give full reports to our people.

I present these results with gratitude and joy, sustained always by your generosity and the grace of God.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,



Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

21st Annual Bishop's Appeal

Percentage of goal reached
— highest to lowest

Parish	Percent
St. Patrick, Ligonier	212.9
St. Michael, Waterloo	183.2
St. Mary Assumption, Decatur	168.1
St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville	168.0
St. Catharine, Nix Settlement	166.9
St. Joseph, South Bend	164.9
Sacred Heart, Notre Dame	163.2
St. Jude, South Bend	161.9
Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne	160.7
St. Pius X, Granger	159.4
St. Mary Annunciation, Bristol	157.3
Queen of Peace, Mishawaka	154.0
Immaculate Conception, Avilla	151.0
St. Francis Xavier, Piercetown	150.2
Blessed Sacrament, Albion	146.7
St. Mary of the Lake, Culver	146.3
St. Stanislaus, New Carlisle	145.7
St. Mary Presentation, Geneva	145.6
Christ the King, South Bend	145.1
St. Joseph, Mishawaka	145.0
St. Paul, Clear Lake	144.4
St. Michael, Plymouth	142.5
Immaculate Conception, Kendallville	142.4
St. Joseph, Bluffton	141.6
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne	141.0
St. Aloysius, Yoder	140.4
St. Peter, Fort Wayne	140.4
St. Louis, Besancon	140.0
St. Joseph, Garrett	137.5
St. Mary, Huntington	136.9
St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne	135.4
Cathedral/Immaculate Conception, FW	134.6
Sacred Heart, Warsaw	134.2
St. Anthony, Angola	134.1
St. John the Baptist, New Haven	133.7
St. Gaspar, Rome City	133.2
St. Patrick, Walkerton	131.8
St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne	131.3
Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne	129.8
St. Patrick, Fort Wayne	129.4
St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend	128.0
St. Vincent, Elkhart	126.3
St. Patrick, Arcola	126.3
Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne	126.0
Ss. Peter & Paul, Huntington	125.6
St. Monica, Mishawaka	124.0
St. Bernard, Wabash	123.0
St. Dominic, Bremen	121.4
St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne	120.9
Holy Family, South Bend	120.8
St. Joseph, Roanoke	119.8
St. Mary, Fort Wayne	119.7
St. Jude, Fort Wayne	117.8
St. Martin, Syracuse	116.2
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw	116.1
Holy Cross, South Bend	115.8
Immaculate Conception, Ege	115.7
St. Mary Assumption, Avilla	115.4
St. Therese, Fort Wayne	114.9
Corpus Christi, South Bend	114.5
St. Henry, Fort Wayne	113.9
St. John the Baptist, South Bend	113.7
St. John Bosco, Churubusco	113.3
St. Paul, Columbia City	112.6
St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend	112.2
St. Augustine, South Bend	110.1
St. Robert, North Manchester	109.8
St. Bavo, Mishawaka	108.5
St. Patrick, South Bend	107.7
St. Joseph, LaGrange	107.6
Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne	107.0
St. Mary Angels, Big Long Lake	106.0
St. Stanislaus, South Bend	105.8
St. Adalbert, South Bend	105.2
St. Joseph, Fort Wayne	103.8
St. Hedwig, South Bend	102.7
St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne	102.4
Little Flower, South Bend	100.6
Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend	100.3
St. Casimir, South Bend	100.0
St. Thomas Apostle, Elkhart	100.0
St. John Evangelist, Goshen	92.0
Sacred Heart, Lakeville	91.2

Comparative Appeal summaries

as of April 30, 2008

19th Appeal (05-06)	20th Appeal (06-07)	21st Appeal (07-08)
\$5,048,502	\$5,534,676	\$5,542,447

Parishes receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal

- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart
- Precious Blood, Fort Wayne
- Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne
- St. Henry, Fort Wayne
- Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne
- Benoit Academy, Fort Wayne
- St. Therese, Fort Wayne
- St. Joseph, Garrett
- St. Mary, Huntington
- St. Patrick, Ligonier
- St. Monica, Mishawaka
- St. Michael, Plymouth
- Holy Cross, South Bend
- Holy Family, South Bend
- Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend
- St. Adalbert, South Bend
- St. Augustine, South Bend
- St. John the Baptist, South Bend
- St. Joseph, South Bend
- St. Patrick, Walkerton

Groups receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal

- Fort Wayne St. Vincent de Paul Society Vincent House
- Women's Care Center
- South Bend Christ Child Society Matthew 25
- South Bend St. Vincent de Paul Society
- St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
- Little Flower Food Pantry
- Chiara Home
- Chapin Street Clinic
- Catholic Charities
- COPOSH (Homeless Center, South Bend)
- Logan Center
- Fort Wayne Christ Child Society
- Center for Basic Learning Skills
- Hannah's House
- Life Athletes

Hessen Cassel school mourns loss of beloved principal, Robert Herber

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — "The Gift," one of Max Lucado's touching works, may be the perfect title to describe Robert Charles Herber's time on this earth. Herber was truly a gift to all whose path he crossed. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, principal, coach, neighbor and friend, Herber will forever be remembered as a gift.

The book was just one of Herber's suggestions on a list for his staff at St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel to read over the summer months. Herber, who died June 28, had been serving as their principal since 2002. During the month of June, first-grade teacher Carol Sarasien had underlined an excerpt from another of the five selections recommended: Norman Vincent Peale's "The Power of Positive Thinking." She felt the author's description of a professor depicted Herber to a tee: "He respected their personalities and was constantly building them up ... a word of approval from him meant much ... little wonder this honored guide of youth has the affection and devotion of thousands of people whose lives he touched. ..."

Sarasien continued in her own words, "Mr. Herber was like a foster-father to all of us at St. Joseph. He loved each of our kids like his own."

The frequent visitor of Barnes and Noble left a significant impact wherever he went. Often referred to as the "Bionic Man" because of two hip replacements, two new knees and a rebuilt shoulder, Herber stood 6 feet, 4 inches and wore a size 15 shoe. It was not only his stature but his heart that was big.

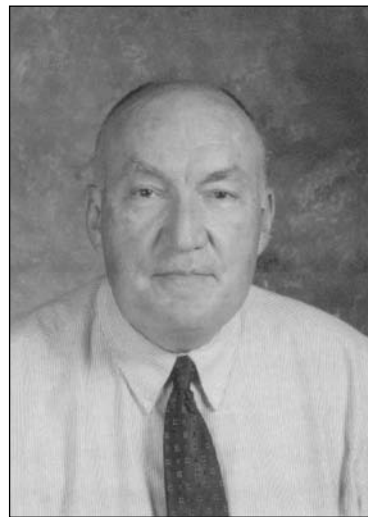
Working by his side in the school office for the past three years, Tricia Anderson was most struck by the way the little children flocked to Herber. "Despite his height and booming voice, even the kindergartners would run to him and hug his legs when he came down the hallway," Anderson recalls.

She also remembers his strict orders for her when she started in the office: "My door is always to be open to the students."

An emotional Anderson summarized, "I just loved working for Mr. Herber."

Although he wore a tie to school everyday, the cowboy at heart would much rather be clad in denim and his boots. Herber loved horses, his dogs, golfing and travel, and his one-of-a-kind sense of humor entertained all who knew him.

He will also be remembered



ROBERT HERBER

as a very reverent and prayerful man with a deep devotion for the rosary. He could be found at Mass on weekday mornings, overlooking his student body from the choir loft with prayer book in hand. Herber also prayed faithfully with his staff that they would bring Jesus into each school day.

With 39 years logged in education, teaching was woven into the very fabric of Herber's being — whether he was instructing

dents by being fair and tough.

When reflecting on their many years as educators together, Tone echoed the sentiments of so many who knew Herber, "He was a good friend, a real person of integrity and character. I will miss him."

After 18 years in administration at Heritage, New Haven and Woodlan high schools, where he gave several current educators their first jobs, Herber could have easily retired. But instead he came to Hessen Cassel to give back to Catholic education. He often told many that he felt his years there were not work at all, but simply his way to fulfill his calling.

At the small Fort Wayne rural grade school, he continued the work he had begun countless years ago — touching lives, one by one, encouraging each and every student, no matter what their background, to be the best they could be.

Herber, who resided with his wife on the back-end of the family farm in New Haven, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on the cool evening of Saturday, June 28, at the age of 61. Born the only son of the late Robert J.

and Leona E. Herber on Jan. 19, 1947, Herber had four older sisters and four younger: Suzanne Gerardot, Marjorie Stewart, Kathleen Koepke, Rebecca Byrket, Mary Muns, Karol (Kam) Dehr and the late Patricia Henry and Joan Kapp.

Herber was a fullback on the first football team at Woodlan High School, which he graduated from in 1965. He then went on basketball scholarship to St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, and the University of Saint Francis. Herber married Claudia Huguenard on Aug. 7, 1971 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The couple have two children: a daughter, Janelle (Michael) Logan, and a son, Breck (Lisa Koop). Herber's family rated above all else and his grandchildren, Elliott, Claudia, Joshua and Eliza, were his whole world.

On Thursday morning, July 3, a beautiful send-off was held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where Herber was a member.

The school children from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel sang the Hail Mary before the Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Herber. Family members, colleagues, students and players alike, will fondly remember Robert Herber, a man of great faith, a man who made a big difference, as a special gift in their lives.

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TODAY'S CATHOLIC ARCHIVES

More than 1,800 coats were distributed last October to nearly 900 needy families in the Fort Wayne area. Over 65 schools and agencies participated. The Christ Child Society coat distribution is one of the many services of the Fort Wayne chapter. Both the Fort Wayne and South Bend chapters of the Christ Child Society receive some funding through the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

EDITORIAL

The search for shepherds

Like rings made by a pebble tossed in a pond, a suggestion by a parishioner to a pastor in one city has led to a special vocation devotion being adopted in other parishes in the diocese.

It was five or six years ago, when Father Gary Sigler was pastor of St. Mary Church in Huntington that a parishioner described a brief vocation rite that he had read about that involved a family receiving a chalice at Sunday Mass and then taking the chalice home where it would be displayed on the mantle or some other reserved space. Then each day for one week, the family would gather near the chalice and offer prayers for religious vocations.

On the following Sunday, a different family would receive the chalice, and the custom would continue throughout the year.

Father Sigler liked the idea and introduced it at St. Mary's, and now through the clerical grapevine this practice has spread and is now observed at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne (with a traveling crucifix), and at Queen of Angels and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes in Fort Wayne.

That the observance has been warmly received is attested by the fact that at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, when the chalice, which is carried in a special box, is returned, there are frequently letters, photos and comments describing what a favorable experience it was to have the vocation chalice with the family for one week. Also at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the chalice accompanied this year's confirmation class on a retreat and will probably be used in connection with liturgies celebrating the October ordination of Drew Curry, who is currently serving a diaconate internship there.

Obviously, a rite such as that of the vocation chalice is based on faith, hope and patience; the results are not like water from a rock. But consider how many other prayers for vocations are offered privately as parishioners observe one family receiving the vocation chalice — and also the unrevealed benefits to the family that fulfills its promise to gather daily in prayer for that one week.

In further support of such spiritual effort, consider the words of his holiness Benedict XVI, who says: "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."

Economic woes create perfect storm for church

When the economy runs into rough terrain, gas and food prices get a lot of attention, and politicians talk about how average American families face hard times. And this is true.

What doesn't get as much attention is how a poor economy creates a rough time for the church as well. For instance, when money is tight, a person is probably less inclined to give to charitable causes and the church. When the majority of a parish adopts this mentality, collection totals drop, and the parish — itself facing the same rough economy — becomes strapped financially.

What is particularly unfortunate about this is that, while a low collection makes it more difficult for a parish to pay its bills and employees, it also makes a parish less capable of giving charitably to the poor of the community, the poor who are particularly in need during this time.

Catholics should remember that poor economic times are when the church is called upon in terms of tending to those in need. Therefore, we must bear in mind that the church still needs us to give as generously as possible to facilitate its good work. It is a simple matter of reaching beyond oneself and realizing that there is always someone in greater need — especially now.

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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Half human, half animal?

British scientists have recently received a green light from their regulatory agency to create "hybrid embryos." Using cloning technology, these embryos are made out of human and animal parts. By injecting a human nucleus (the "human genetic package") into a cow egg that has had its own genetic package taken out, a defective human embryo can be created.

People sometimes imagine this would make a half-human, half-animal creature and, hence, the name "hybrid embryo." However, because the nuclear genetic package is entirely human, the new embryo would actually be human with various cow molecules present as "contaminants" within the embryo's biochemical machinery. The reason for trying to produce these maimed human embryos is to be able to destroy them before they grow too large, prior to reaching two weeks of age, in order to obtain their stem cells.

This bizarre project of creating partially damaged human embryos using cow eggs is being promoted largely because of the difficulty of getting women to agree to donate their eggs. Most women balk at the idea of handing over their own eggs voluntarily so that scientists can use them for cloning experiments. Not only is the procedure for obtaining eggs invasive, painful and dangerous for women, but they often feel a natural protectiveness towards their own eggs, their fertility, and any children they might engender.

This instinct to "protect our own" is deeply rooted not only in human beings but throughout the animal kingdom, and only the most cursory ethical reflection is needed to grasp the moral problem with creating human offspring in laboratories, using an admixture of cow components, in order to scientifically cannibalize them.

We see this natural instinct to protect one's embryonic offspring very powerfully illustrated in the case of the Emperor Penguin. It is the only mammal bold enough to remain in Antarctica throughout the entire winter, while others migrate to warmer climates. The story of the breeding habits of Emperor Penguins has fascinated millions in the recent big-screen movie, "The March of the Penguins." These animals find one mate, to whom they are singularly faithful, and each female lays one softball-sized egg, which she hands over to her mate. She then strikes out on a two-month feeding frenzy in the waters of the ocean, leaving her partner to incubate the egg through the worst of the polar winter, having only his body fat to sustain him.

Through shrieking windstorms and weeks of winter darkness, the

male carefully balances the egg containing the growing embryonic penguin on the tops of his feet, where there is an apron of densely feathered flesh, which seals out the deadly cold. That egg remains on his feet for more than 60 days, and during that period, the male eats nothing and loses up to half of his own body weight. If the egg should happen to fall out of its protective hutch, it can freeze solid on the polar ice in a matter of a few short minutes. The mother normally returns around the time the child hatches. After hatching, an emperor chick spends its first two months nestled within its mother's or father's belly pouch, where the temperature hovers at a protective 96.8 degrees Fahrenheit. Parents take turns caring for the young chick, feeding it regurgitated food until it eventually becomes ready to exit from its secret hutch and face the brutal elements of Antarctica.

The incredible solicitude of the Emperor Penguin for its own pre-born offspring, scrupulously protecting them even in their most vulnerable embryonic stages, is a powerful testament to the proper order of creation, where older members of the species naturally go to great lengths to assure the safety and well-being of younger members.

Part of the progress of human civilization over the centuries has been in a similar protection for the young, where children have come to be seen as a sacred trust, an end in themselves, and not merely a means for the satisfaction of parental (or scientific) desires. Father Raymond de Souza has summarized the matter well:

"It is a hallmark of Western civilization that children are to be seen as good in their own right, persons with rights and dignity entrusted to the care of their parents. This is such a commonplace idea that we do not stop to consider it a great civilizational achievement, but it is.

In the ancient world, both infanticide and child sacrifice were not rare, and in general, the legal status of the child was akin to other property in the household. It was the long painstaking work of centuries — drawing upon both religious and civil resources — to arrive at the



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

cultural and legal consensus that the child does not exist as an object for the benefit of others, but that the child must be treated as a subject for his own sake."

Today, however, we are being powerfully tempted to subvert these primary intuitions and instincts by forcefully removing our young from the protective harbor of the womb via abortion, and by going even further and desecrating our own embryonic children as mere objects for scientific aggrandizement, treating them as repositories for deriving spare parts or stem cells.

Some in our society pretend that this type of scientific research represents "progress," but it actually represents a regress to a time when children were considered objects to be disposed of by others. One reason that "The March of the Penguins" was such a hit was because of the way it highlighted the kind of parental love, protection and sacrifice to which each of us naturally is drawn. The destruction of our own through embryonic stem cell research — as much as some might wish to cloak it in terms of techniques such as "hybrids" — is a reversion to the barbarism of former ages.

The remarkable extent to which many members of the animal kingdom seek to protect their own embryonic offspring should give us pause as a society to reflect on basic questions and help us regain our moral equilibrium lest we continue to rush headlong into transgressing our own nature and our most sacred obligations toward our young.

Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey

1779-1851
feast - July 15

This French girl organized her farm family in daily silence and prayer. During the Revolution, she rescued people, warned priests and taught children the catechism. A private vow of virginity in 1798 led her to try religious life unsuccessfully. She set up a school for poor children, and in 1807 she and other women began the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. Her own effort to join the order's growing missionary work in French colonies was cut short by illness. Despite controversy, the order flourished and Anne Marie is highly regarded for her treatment of blacks in the 19th century.



A look at immigration law

Perceived myth: Today's immigrants are different than those of 100 years ago

Known fact: The percentage of the U.S. population that is foreign-born now stands at 11.5 percent; in the early 20th century it was approximately 15 percent. Similar to accusations about today's immigrants, those of 100 years ago initially often settled in mono-ethnic neighborhoods, spoke their native languages, and built up newspapers and businesses that catered to their fellow émigrés. They also experienced the same types of discrimination that today's immigrants face and integrated within American culture at a similar rate. If we view history objectively, we remember that every new wave of immigrants has been met with suspicion and doubt and yet, ultimately, every past wave of immigrants has been vindicated and saluted. — Source: Census Data

Has immigration law changed over the years?

Current immigration law has helped to create the present crisis. The problem is that current laws permit too few persons to enter to work or to be united with family

members. The immigration system is broken and today's unrealistic low visa limits help drive illegal immigration. The national economy requires more immigrant workers than are allowed to enter. The problem with not permitting access to work or to immigrate legally is that individuals are forced to stay once they make the treacherous trip here. Legal channels need to be widened to meet needs of today's realities.

Moreover, families often have long waits, sometimes up to 15 to 20 years to be reunited. For persons who desire permanent residence, the time between application and admittance is unreasonable — in many countries such as Mexico and those in Central America the wait is five to 10 years. Even an individual married to a U.S. citizen with children must wait years for their status to be clarified. Family reunification must be given greater priority.

It is also asserted that the new immigrants do not want to learn English or become Americans. But experience has shown that within 10 years of arrival, more than 75 percent of immigrants speak English well; moreover, current demand for English classes at the adult level far exceeds supply. The

IMMIGRATION: MYTHS AND FACTS

BY THE INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

children or second generation all speak English. Greater than 33 percent of immigrants are naturalized citizens, and given increased immigration, this figure will rise as more legal permanent residents become eligible for naturalization in the coming years.

In the past, the number of individuals permitted to enter was more realistic to meet the needs of

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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.

Union with God is true freedom



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 13:1-9

The third and last section of the Book of Isaiah is the source of the first reading for this weekend.

This reading was composed when pious Jews easily could have become disillusioned and uncertain in their devotion to God. For decades, Jews exiled in Babylon, the capital and center of the once powerful Babylonian Empire, longed to leave the pagan environment of the great city, coincidentally in present-day Iraq, and return to their own homeland.

At last, as Middle Eastern political fortunes changed, these Jews were allowed to go back to their ancestors' homes. However, upon returning, they found no "land flowing with milk and honey." Life was hard. Difficulties were many. For so long they had dreamt of hurrying from Babylon to the security, order and peace of the Jewish land. Yet, they found destitution and misery. God had spared them, but for what?

Certainly many were angry with God. Most probably the author of this third section of Isaiah was one of several, or even many, prophets who reminded them that God's work must be

their own. God had freed them, but they had to create a society of justice and prosperity.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans supplies the second reading. Written to the Christians of Rome about two generations after Jesus, Paul refers to their "sufferings." The legal and political systems in the empire are turning against Christianity. It is a time on the very threshold of persecution.

In any case, the culture of the Roman Empire in the first century stands directly opposite of the values of the Gospel.

The apostle consoles and challenges these Roman Christians. He reminds them that sin ultimately enslaves humans, demeaning them and robbing them of freedom. Sin has disordered creation itself, so creation "groans" in agony.

Jesus is the redeemer. He gives true freedom to people. This freedom opens the way to peace and eternal life, despite the hostility or chaos all around.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the familiar parable of the farmer who sows seed in different places, some conducive to growth, others not. Similar passages occur in Mark and in Luke. It is in the synoptic tradition.

A great crowd awaits Jesus. As are people everywhere, at any time, these people thirst for the truth and insight that only God gives.

Almost certainly, everyone is a Galilean and therefore of rural backgrounds and circumstances. The imagery of a farmer and the sowing of seed is easily understood.

Agriculture still often is a game of chance. It was all the more so when Jesus preached in Galilee. Hot days easily scorch seeds that fell on shallow soil. Birds and

pests are everywhere. Weeds suddenly appear. Here and there is good soil, able to receive the seeds and produce a yield.

The message is clear. God sows the seeds in our heart. We must be humble enough to receive God's word. As an aside, here again in the Gospels the disciples have privileged access to Jesus. They question the Lord about the technique of speaking in parables. Jesus explains that parables assist in understanding great mysteries. Jesus explains this parable. He prepares them for their future role.

Reflection

A saint once said that Christians should pray as if salvation depended solely upon God, and live as if salvation depended solely upon their own virtue.

The first step to being redeemed is to be humble enough to admit the need for God. The second step is to be humble enough to live according to God's word, not by our own instincts or hunches.

We are all farmers. Circumstances play against us.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

Monday: Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21 Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 (Ps) Is 38:10-12, 16 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

July 12 is celebrated in the north of Ireland as marking a victory over Catholicism. This shift in Catholic fortunes was marked in the Irish Catholic mind as the "Penal Times." This quiz looks at that era in Ireland.

1. This action by Henry VIII added a religious dimension to the often troubling relations between the Irish and the English:

- a. his acceptance of the title of Defender of the Faith
- b. his break with Rome
- c. his alliance with the Scots

2. But this openly Protestant monarch (Henry's daughter) had even clearer ambitions to extend English rule in Ireland:

- a. Mary
- b. Lady Jane Grey
- c. Elizabeth

3. This act by the pope freed Irishmen of any allegiance they had felt to the English crown:

- a. Elizabeth was named the Great Satan.
- b. The pope issued a Fatwa against her.
- c. The pope excommunicated her.

4. The Irish Catholics traditionally sought assistance against England from these two Catholic powers:

- a. Holland and Denmark
- b. Scotland and Wales
- c. France and Spain

5. A British policy of replacing Catholics with Protestant settlers in Ireland resulted in waves of settlements often referred to the

- a. Book of Invasions
- b. Babylonian captivity
- c. Plantations of Ireland

6. However, this was never completed and had most of its affect in this area, still largely Protestant:

- a. Munster in southern Ireland
- b. Ulster in northern Ireland
- c. Connaught in western Ireland

7. But things really got bad for Catholics when this man, having had English King Charles I executed, turned his attention to Ireland:

- a. Sir Francis Drake
- b. Sir Walter Raleigh
- c. Oliver Cromwell

8. This marked the beginning of the imposition of anti-Catholic laws such as:

- a. Catholics could not hold public office or have weapons or a horse worth more than five pounds.
- b. Catholics could not speak Irish.
- c. Catholics could not leave their native county.

9. Travelers to Ireland often notice a lack of older Catholic churches. One reason is that during Penal Times, Catholic churches were:

- a. dismantled and buried to hide them from the British
- b. simply handed over to the Protestant Church of Ireland
- c. destroyed by mobs

10. A few decades later, the English again turned on their own king, this time exiling King James II because he was

- a. Catholic
- b. culturally French
- c. a secret Mason

11. His final defeat in Ireland was in 1690 at this battle, named after the historic river at which it took place:

- a. the Battle of the Liffey
- b. the Battle of the Shannon
- c. the Battle of the Boyne

12. Although this site lives on in memory, ironically

- a. it is now dried up and full of peat moss
- b. its whereabouts are unknown
- c. it is in the independent, mostly Catholic, Republic of Ireland

13. Penal Times did not see an end to Catholicism; indeed some inventive customs and artifacts arose. One was the use of Mass Rocks. These were

- a. like pop rocks, designed to make noise to warn of oncoming troops
- b. big rocks where, deprived of churches, Catholics could attend open air Masses
- c. types of hip-hop but in Gaelic

14. Penal rosaries were developed. These differ from regular rosaries in

- a. being a one-decade ring of beads, easily concealed in the hand from prying eyes
- b. being sharp and ready to be used as nun-chucks
- c. having clear beads, which could not be seen, only felt

ANSWERS:

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

Excommunication is not punishment, but prompt conversion

So often I hear from friends and acquaintances, "so and so" — often Catholic politicians who vote for abortion rights — should be excommunicated, or we read in Today's Catholic someone or a group has been excommunicated. Just what is excommunication? How is it applied? How is it taken away? Anonymous.

An excommunication is a penalty imposed by the church upon a person in order to bring about their conversion and submission to rightful church authority. If one is excommunicated, then several things are forbidden to them. First, they are forbidden to have any ministerial participation in celebrating the sacrifice of the Eucharist or any other ceremonies of worship whatsoever. This means that a priest, deacon or bishop who is excommunicated cannot celebrate any of the Catholic rites, and an excommunicated lay person cannot serve in any ministerial roles, such as lector, extraordinary minister of holy Communion or godparent.

Second, excommunicated persons are forbidden to celebrate the sacraments or sacramentals and to

receive the sacraments. This part is self-explanatory. They cannot receive Communion, go to confession, receive a blessing, receive the anointing of the sick, etc.

Third, excommunicated persons are forbidden to exercise any ecclesiastical offices, ministries, or functions whatsoever or to place acts of governance. This applies mostly to clerics (deacons, priests and bishops) who could not exercise offices in the church they might hold if they are excommunicated. For example, if a pastor should become excommunicated, he is then forbidden to exercise his office as pastor.

Excommunications can happen in various ways. However, there are two basic kinds: "Latae sententiae" and "ferendae sententiae." "Latae sententiae" excommunications happen automatically by the very act of doing something. For example, a person who in some way would abuse the holy Eucharist would incur a "latae sententiae" excommunication. It would happen by the very act of doing it. However, it must also be noted that in order to incur the excommunication, violation of a

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church law that has excommunication attached would have to be gravely imputable to the person by reason of malice or negligence. In other words, similar to the commission of a mortal sin, a person has to know that they are violating the law to which excommunication is attached and then choose to do it freely anyway.

So one can imagine, for example, a case of abortion committed by a 17-year-old Catholic girl who is virtually being forced to have the abortion by her family. Abortion has the penalty of excommunication attached to it, but chances are this 17-year-old girl did not actually incur it because she was probably not acting freely, and she may not have known that the penalty of excom-

munication was attached to this action.

The other kind of excommunication, "ferendae sententiae," is an excommunication, which is imposed for various violations of church law by a church authority, for example, the bishop of a diocese, a church court or the Holy See. This kind of excommunication is only imposed after a process of investigation that an actual violation occurred and after warnings to the person to repent.

An example of a violation, which could involve the imposition of a "ferendae sententiae" excommunication, would be the active promotion of women's ordination to the Catholic priesthood.

There are many different ways in which excommunications can be lifted, and it varies according to what law was violated, which incurred the excommunication, and who may have imposed it. Generally speaking, diocesan bishops are the ones who have the power to lift excommunications. However, some excommunications are specifically reserved to the Holy See, which means that only the offices of the pope can lift

them.

For example, the excommunication for abortion can be lifted by the diocesan bishop (in our diocese, Bishop John M. D'Arcy has delegated this power to all the priests of the diocese), but the excommunication for abusing the holy Eucharist can only be lifted by the Holy See. It is also helpful to know that if a person is in danger of death, any priest can lift any excommunication.

For a list of those violations of church law which involve excommunication, one can look to canons 1364-1399 in the Code of Canon Law.

The church is very cautious in imposing an excommunication and does so only for the most serious of crimes. The purpose of excommunication is not the punishment of the individual but always to prompt their conversion.

Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne answered this week's question.

Being an original

I took my youngest children to the pool the other day. I was wearing the bathing suit I had purchased new last year, and I was also wearing my newer, cute, matching sleeveless cover-up. The suit is brown ("the new black," I had been told by the salesgirl) and white patterned on top. The bottom is a cute, coordinating, brown skirt, with a white and brown crisscross tie. Last year, while the other ladies sitting by the pool watching kids were still in black (so passé!), I was decked out in the new cool color. I even had large, brown sunglasses, brown and white sandals, and a matching beach bag. I was set!

Imagine my horror upon entering the fenced in pool area today, in my suit, which had been ultra cool last year, when I saw not one but five brown suit skirts in the exact color I was wearing! My first reaction was to want to crawl under the nearest pool chair and my first thought, I'm sorry to say was, "I've got to get out of here. I need to get a new suit. I wonder if I have the checkbook to stop at Kohls on the way home? Turquoise ... turquoise might be a nice color. ..."

At the root of this full-blown vanity attack was this realization: I wanted to be different. In fact, we all to some degree want to be unique. We all want to carve out a place in this world, which is just our own. We don't want to wear the same outfit as someone else or sport the same haircut. What else could explain a woman being mortified at seeing another woman wearing "her" dress at a party or evening out? Why else do children argue, "I" said it first or saw it first or thought it first?

Wanting to be unique explains why my daughter programmed "favorite child" as the identification for her ringtone on my cell



EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Theresa A. Thomas

phone. Why, it's the reason people even get ringtones. People want to be unique so they do things that mark themselves as different. Some go farther than others in trying to accomplish this. They may paint their living room bright orange, get a tattoo, climb a mountain in South America, all for the sake of originality.

Wanting to be unique is the reason people get annoyed when someone copies them. Tell me, when someone compliments you on your cologne or perfume, don't you secretly hope they will NOT go buy the same scent? We all want to be original, like the Mona Lisa or Michelangelo's Pieta. We want to be irreplaceable, unrepeatable, different.

Social scientists tell us when the first born child is a high academic achiever; often the next child finds a different way to excel. If the first-born is a loner, the second-born is often a social butterfly. If the first-born child is high strung and ambitious often the next child will be more laid-back. This, they tell us, stems from a human basic yearning to carve out one's own distinct identity. But do we need to?

The fact is, like a snowflake that varies in design from every other snowflake, we are different from one another inherently. God created us each with different looks, gifts, talents, strengths and weaknesses. Romans 12:4- tells us, "For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so

we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another... we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..."

We don't have to try to be different. We simply are different. And if we rest in the fact calmly we will feel a heck of a lot better about ourselves and be able to appreciate others' gifts more too.

St. Francis de Sales said, "Be who you are, and be that well."

Indeed. If we are always looking over our shoulder to see what others are doing like, or unlike us, then we miss the opportunities in front of us, the joy of the moment. We become like I was today, afraid of looking like another person, not realizing that even if I were wearing the same thing as another woman at the pool, I could never, ever be the same as her. God's infinite beauty and goodness causes him to create no two things exactly alike. We are all different. We are all "an original."

Theresa Thomas, parishioner of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend, is the mother of nine children and wife of David. Visit her Web site at www.theresathomas.typepad.com.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for July 13, 2008

Matthew 13:1-9

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a parable of widely sown seeds. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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MYTHS

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legal immigrants and workers and to accommodate the economic needs of the country. The U.S. is a nation of immigrants. We are also a nation of laws, and our laws must be updated to meet today's needs and realities. Immigration is a federal responsibility and Congress needs to act on compre-

hensive immigration reform. Comprehensive immigration reform on the national level is the solution.

Quote: "The church of the 21st century will be, as it has always been, a church of many cultures, languages and traditions, yet simultaneously one as God is one — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — unity in diversity." — Pastoral letter, "On Welcoming the Stranger," U.S. bishops, 2003.

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER TO HOST CHEERLEADING CAMP FOR CHILDREN Bishop Dwenger High School will be holding a cheerleading camp for children, grades kindergarten through 5, July 28 to Aug. 1, from 9-11 a.m. The cost for the camp is \$30, and an optional camp outfit is available for an additional \$30. For a registration form or more information, contact Bishop Dwenger at (260) 496-4700 or visit www.bishopdwenger.com.

Kids learn sports for a lifetime of fun, fitness

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — For the past 11 years, an outstanding program in our community has been in place at McMillen Park's Lifetime Sports Academy (LSA) offering group lessons in golf, tennis and swimming. Not only does LSA boast a reputation of talented coaches and highly-trained instructors, but better yet, the program is absolutely free of charge.

Dates for the safe and fun youth instruction for 2008 will be running from June 9 through July 25. Founding director, Tom Hogan, reports that the sports program registered over 1,200 children ages 8-18 from all over Fort Wayne and the surrounding communities in just the first two and half weeks.

LSA, which operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the seven weeks, also has a pavilion program, which organizes games such as chess, bumper pool, table tennis, arts and crafts. In addition, area youth can participate in various special activities like driving range sessions, soccer, volleyball, softball, kickball and a junior lifeguard course when they are not in the group lessons. Open swimming for the whole family takes place on Friday mornings and those enrolled in the LSA are also able to partake in a summer lunch program provided daily by Fort Wayne Community Schools, again completely free of charge.

Nicole Platter of New Haven, who just learned of LSA from a friend this summer, said her daughter Emily, who will be a

fifth grader at St. Louis Academy this fall, really enjoys the popular program. Platter, whose husband is currently deployed to Iraq, added, "It's a great way to be involved at no cost."

Also participating for their first time, the Frecker family from Yoder is spending many of their morning hours at LSA this summer. Mom, Jodie, remembers hearing about LSA last summer and thinking it sounded "too good to be true." Her first concern was the supervision, but she has been very impressed with how the program is run.

"My son's golf instructor was in the PGA and there are plenty of adults and responsible teenagers on hand to keep things running smoothly," she made clear. Frecker has even received a free golf lesson herself so that she can experience the new sport her 12-year-old son, Dominic, is learning.

"LSA really is unbelievable," she concluded.

Through a funding partnership with the City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation and many private donors, LSA has continued to benefit our community with healthy activities since its grand opening in 1997.

Hogan explains, "Our vision has not changed, but our staff has doubled (since inception)."

In addition to the program itself, there are other perks at LSA. Participants have the opportunity to qualify for a free tennis racket after they successfully attend seven tennis lessons. They can also earn free golf clubs through instruction and testing.

Participants have tallied more



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Emily Platter, 10, of St. Louis Academy, New Haven, practices her golf swing at the Lifetime Sports Academy in Fort Wayne.

than 700 sets of golf clubs and 900 tennis rackets in the past 10 years.

Director of Marketing Sarah Nichter explains, "Swimming, tennis and golf are great lifetime sports, which are important once

we get out of school and don't have teams to play with. Also, it's a great training ground for many high school and college teams

who are now receiving many of the kids who were active LSA participants."

LSA is also a great avenue for parents looking to help their child fund college. A scholarship program, named in honor of the legendary Tom Jehl, who was very generous to both the establishment of LSA and to the University of Saint Francis (USF) is available to college students attending USF.

One of this year's recipients, Robert Gallmeyer, a 2008 Bishop Dwenger graduate, has spent his summers at LSA since around the fourth grade. The only child of Mike and Teresa Gallmeyer, Robert is now employed by LSA as a golf instructor. Because of his participation in LSA over the years, being actively involved in volunteering and maintaining above a 2.7 grade point average at Bishop Dwenger, Gallmeyer was awarded the full-tuition scholarship.

Planning to major in sociology, Gallmeyer describes, "I really enjoy working with the youth and hope to make it a career path."

It is not too late to walk-on to the 2008 program. No preregistration is required for any of the programs at LSA, and children are encouraged to come as often as they like and stay as long as they wish at any point during the seven weeks. For more information call (260) 427-6000 or visit www.fortwayneparks.org/programs.

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TWENTY SOMETHING
BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

It was the cold Chinese food that did it. I finally broke down. Two weeks ago, I picked up some Chinese takeout on my way to a meeting with a few colleagues. Somehow, the 10-mile drive from city to suburb took me on an hour-long expedition that ended with cold food and a sour temperament. As I nibbled on microwaved lo mein, I vowed to finally purchase the Global Positioning System (GPS) I had long been considering. Some drivers keep their cool when they're lost. I get flustered and frazzled, my chest constricting with every mile amiss. So GPS has quickly become an indispensable part of my car (and my well being). When I make a wrong turn, the GPS earns its keep, quickly calibrating. No need to waste precious time and pricey gas going any farther in the wrong direction — I can immediately right myself. Imagine if the same device could apply to major life decisions. As soon as you wander off track, you'd be alerted: Exit! Wrong turn. Wrong school. Wrong job. Wrong mate. And just like that, you'd be guided back onto the right course.

In reality, decision making is much harder. Discernment has become a foreign concept to many young adults. Hollywood portrays decision making as a split-second act — as planes are boarding and brides are walking down the aisle. Real-life discernment is not so dramatic. It cannot be cleverly scripted or neatly aligned to a soundtrack. Rather, it takes time, as is suggested by the meaning of the word. To discern means to distinguish or separate by sifting. Synonyms for the verb — to perceive or recognize — also imply the passage of time and careful consideration. By definition, discernment does not, cannot happen in a flash. We are able to discern when we pray and reflect, examining a decision on the pages of a journal or on a walk with a friend. Just as I plug in my GPS, we can better navigate life decisions when we stay plugged in to our power source. With God as our fixed point of reference, knowing which turns to make becomes clearer. We can also glean direction from those who have traveled before us: the saints, the Scripture writers and church leaders. They faced difficult junctures, and many left written maps behind. When I turned to the saints, I was comforted to learn that discernment is not described as a separate, obscure skill to be clinically studied. Rather, it operates in con-

junction with other virtues, one reinforcing another. St. Francis of Assisi's prayer for discernment reads: "All-highest, glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity and profound humility with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may do what is truly your holy will." Before he asks for wisdom and perception, St. Francis prays for faith, hope, charity and humility. Likewise, St. Paul writes to the Philippians, "This is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value ..." Grant me faith "with wisdom," St. Francis prays. Grant me love "in knowledge," St. Paul submits. They are closely intertwined, one wrapped inside the other. St. Augustine puts it even more simply, saying, "Love and (then) do what you will." If you truly love God, he suggests, then by doing what you will, you'll be doing God's will. The more fully we love God, the more naturally we discern his will — head and heart operating in harmony, leading us in the right direction. **Christina Capecchi** is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn. E-mail her at christinacap@gmail.com.

Catholics asked to pray for WYD; Vatican announces indulgences

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI asked Catholics around the world to pray for the young people who will gather with him in Sydney, Australia, for the celebration of World Youth Day. To help encourage the prayers of all, the Vatican announced July 5 that the pope had authorized a special indulgence for anyone who, "with a contrite spirit," raises a "prayer to God, the Holy Spirit, so that young people are drawn to charity and given the strength to proclaim the Gospel with their life," a Vatican decree said. Pope Benedict spoke about his July 12-21 trip to Australia when he met visitors at his summer villa south of Rome for the July 6 recitation of the Angelus. World Youth Day runs July 15-20 in Sydney. "I invite the entire church to feel like participants in this new stage of the great youth pilgrimage throughout the world begun in 1985 by the servant of God John Paul II," who convoked the first World Youth Day, the pope said. Focusing on prayers for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Catholic youths around the world, the Sydney celebration can be "a renewed Pentecost," the pope said. The pope asked everyone to join him in praying that the Spirit would fill the hearts of young Catholics with "interior light, love for God and their brothers and sisters, (and with) courageous initiatives" to bring Jesus to every land and every sphere of life. The July 5 decree about indul-



This is a June 3 screen capture of the World Youth Day-related Web site www.benedict.org. The Web site offers daily pilgrim news in English and Spanish for the final days leading up to World Youth Day events. gences connected to World Youth Day included the offer of a plenary, or full, indulgence to all the young people who will gather with the pope in Sydney. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven. The conditions necessary for receiving a plenary indulgence include having recently gone to confession, receiving the Eucharist and offering prayers for the intentions of the pope. The decree signed by U.S. Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, head of the Vatican office that deals with indulgences, said a partial indulgence also is available to all Catholics who are contrite for their sins and offer their prayers with the pope for young Catholics.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

An Overview of the Life of St. Paul

South Bend — Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parishes will have Father Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, OP, to speak Tuesday, July 15, from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Smith Center Garden Courtyard (building next to school where parish offices are located). In case of inclement weather, the talk will be moved to Holy Cross Church.

Prison ministry volunteers needed

Ossian — Christmas Behind Bars, an ecumenical prison ministry featured in the June 1, 2008 issue of *Today's Catholic*, will provide three programs at once in different areas of the Westville prison with 3,500 inmates to groups of 150 each at two-hour rotations on Aug. 2-3. Two hundred to 300 volunteers are needed. Volunteers can help one or both days. Musicians and corporate sponsors are needed as well. For more information, contact Mark Michuda at (260) 760-1705.

Feast of St. Henry offers celebration

Fort Wayne — St. Henry Parish will celebrate the patron saint's feast day on Sunday, July 13, with a Bavarian style meal from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parish center.

Victory Noll to host ice cream social for cancer survivors

Huntington — An ice cream social for cancer survivors will be held Sunday, July 13, from 2-4 p.m. and will feature a program with a guest speaker from the American Cancer Society. There will be a question-and-answer session and handout materials will be available. Admission is free. Reservations are appreciated but not required to Susan Wilhelm at (260) 356-0628, ext. 128.

Little Flower holy hour

Fort Wayne — Father Bernard Galic will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, July 15, at 7:15 p.m. Father Galic is pastor of Holy Family Parish in South Bend and also vocation director for the diocese.

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.

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.

FUNDRAISERS

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, July 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

Hidden treasures rummage sale

Bristol — St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ribs and chicken for sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish will offer Port-a-Pit chicken and ribs Saturday, July 19 from 3-6 p.m. at the church. One half chicken \$5, one half slab ribs \$6. Drive-through only.

Rib and chicken dinner offered

Garrett — St. Joseph Parish will offer a rib and chicken dinner at the school gym from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50 and children \$4.50. Meal tickets also offered in a raffle for a 19-inch flat screen TV.

St. Adalbert offers fun fair

South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish, 2420 Huron St., will have a fun fair on Saturday, July 26, from 1-9 p.m. Polka Mass at 5 p.m. Food, games, bingo and entertainment.

St. Jude announces parish festival

South Bend — St. Jude Parish will have a festival Friday, July 18, from 5:30-11:30 p.m., and on Saturday, July 19, 12:30-11:30 p.m. Food, casino games, bingo, live music, kids' games and

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amusement rides. For more information, call the parish office at (574) 291-0570.

Queen of Angels garage sale

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have a garage sale Friday, July 18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 19, from 8 a.m. to noon in the activities center, 1600 W. State Blvd. Handicap accessible.

Our Lady of Hungary parish festival

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary Parish, 829 W. Calvert, will have a parish festival Saturday, July 19, from 4-10 p.m. Hungarian food: Kolach,

Langalo, cabbage and noodles, goulash, sausage and hotdogs bake sale, beer, tips, raffles, kids games and Karaoke. Music and dancing start at 6 p.m. with the Jim Deka Trio.

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.

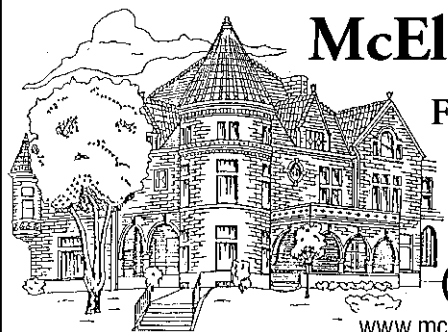
Biology Teacher

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them.”

This was evident at St. Patrick Parish, where Father Fernandes is a beloved figure, overseeing growth in the number of parishioners, as well as the construction of a new parish hall.

“These are events, and God speaks to us in events,” the cardinal said in his homily. “And God speaks only the word of love. For me, it is an experience of love to be here, among you, my dear sisters and brothers.”

The Sunday Mass at Arcola was even more of an event, as it included the cardinal baptizing a young parishioner, Sophia Marie Gallucci, and coincided very closely with the 30th anniversary of the cardinal's being named a bishop. The cardinal said that, since he served as a teacher before being made a bishop, never serving as a parish priest, the visit was special to allow him to meet and pray with people on the parish level.

Cardinal Toppo also shared with the parishioners some of his experiences in the 2005 conclave, which he called “a deep spiritual experience,” as well as his encounters with Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He displayed a laminated prayer card on which she wrote for him, “Be only all for Jesus. Love only Jesus. Keep only Jesus. God bless you, Mother Teresa,” and said the message is for everyone.

Prior to arriving in Arcola, Cardinal Toppo had been one of several cardinals at the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec to give a report on the status of church life in his country. He spoke of how the church in India is enriched by the presence of several rites and Eastern traditions.

Cardinal Toppo told *Today's Catholic* that the diversity of rites makes Catholicism in India more visible and allows it to evangelize the culture.

“Asia is a mosaic of people, where two-thirds of the population of the world live,” he said. He also said that it is true that Asia is the newest frontier in the church.

“Jesus came to save the world, the people, and at the moment, two-thirds of the population is in Asia,” he noted. “So therefore, if Christianity means anything for humanity, it has to focus on Asia.”

The church in Asia is strong, he said, in spite of poverty and other social evils. He added that, given the increased secularization and decreased vocations in the West, he feels it is appropriate that priests from Asia are now serving in the Western countries that first evangelized Asia.

“Now it is our turn, in a way, to share our faith,” he said.

St. Patrick Parish, Arcola, is definitely pleased Cardinal Toppo shared his faith with them, and Ken Schaefer said they feel abundantly blessed.

“You never know what comes out of those visits,” he noted, “whether we're going to see some vocations, which we are praying for, and we pray for his safety from now on.”



RON ULASZEWSKI

Cardinal Telesphore Toppo of Ranchi, India blesses a woman as part of the anointing of the sick at a Sunday Mass at St. Patrick Parish, Arcola. The June 29 Mass also included a baptism.



TOM PITZEN

Cardinal Telesphore Toppo holds up a prayer card autographed by Mother Teresa of Calcutta during a reception in his honor at St. Patrick Parish, Arcola. Sitting by the cardinal are Father Cyril Fernandes, left, pastor of St. Patrick, and Jesuit Bishop Felix Toppo, right.

Today's Catholic

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:

C.S. Lewis's "The Great Divorce"

Literary, spiritual and intellectual great C.S. Lewis, who is responsible for the epic Chronicles of Narnia series, here presents a short allegorical tale depicting hell as a sprawling and desolate city and heaven as a dazzlingly beautiful outdoors scene. The story follows the narrator — presumably Lewis himself — as he joins some of the other inhabitants of hell on a bus ride to heaven, where they are greeted by the glorified forms of people they knew on Earth.

What follows is an eye-opening and sometimes unsettling account of how, as beings with free will, human beings adopt mindsets, fall into traps and make all sorts of excuses that keep them from embracing God's love and salvation. This involves people who suffer lust, possessiveness and, as Benedict XVI would call it, the dictatorship of relativism.

Lewis relates the story in a conversational narrative style that drips with British charm and makes every character not only realistic, but engaging.

These characters, particularly the mentor that Lewis meets in heaven, convey some weighty truths — for instance, that nothing is good or bad, but that only God is good. And anything that is oriented toward God becomes holy and glorified, where anything turned away from God becomes corrupt and empty. Lewis applies this truth to the scope of an entire human life, asserting

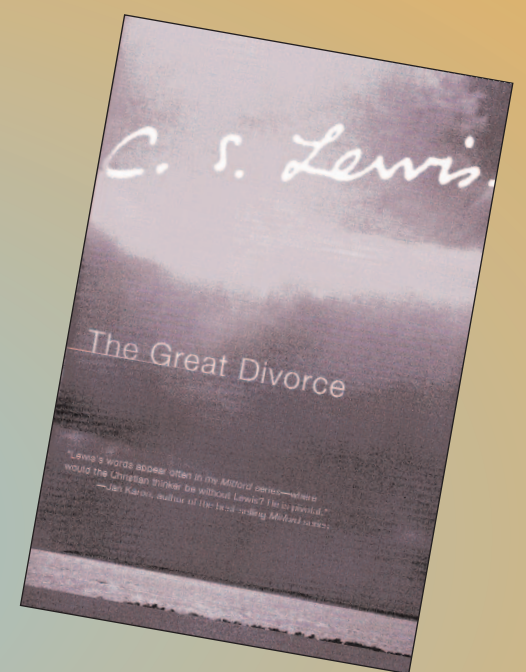
that someone who has embraced God will see even their worst experiences as time of rich blessing because of the meaning God brings. His depiction of hell then is of a state of mind, quite literally, being trapped in one's own mind and delusions, unable to connect with God and heaven, the ultimate reality, the only reality.

Lewis was Anglican, not Catholic, and the book, taken at face value, does not match the teachings of Catholicism or, as Lewis himself points out, any belief system. But he is not trying to teach dogma. He is using creative storytelling to convey deep realities about the nature of God, Jesus, heaven, hell, salvation and free will. Lewis paints a picture of how human beings can ultimately choose to be part of something true and eternal or collapse forever into themselves.

About the author

C.S. Lewis is one of the most influential Christian writers of the 20th century. He served on the faculties of Oxford and Cambridge Universities and wrote over 30 books in the areas including fantasy, children's literature and popular theology. Some of his other works include “The Chronicles of Narnia,” “Mere Christianity,” “The Screwtape Letters” and “A Grief Observed.”

Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/blog for discussion on this book.



Questions for discussion

Why are so many aspects of heaven painful and destructive to the ghosts?

What qualities do the different ghosts exhibit that keep them from ultimately embracing God and salvation? In what ways do I exhibit these qualities?

What is the great divorce referenced in the title?

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