

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Pope tells Australians of God's plan for creation, especially people

BY CINDY WOODEN

SYDNEY, Australia (CNS) — In the longest-lasting and longest-distance trip of his pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI spoke to Australians and to young people from around the world about God's plan for all creation, but especially for people.

The July 12-21 trip included several days of rest as well as meetings with representatives of Australia's government, Catholic Church and native fauna.

Relaxing July 13-16 at an Opus Dei-run center outside Sydney, the pope was treated to a visit from representatives of Sydney's Taronga Park Zoo, including a koala bear, a wallaby joey and an echidna.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, papal spokesman, said the visit was the idea of Australian church officials; "they are rightly proud of the species that are found only here."

Once the public part of his trip began, Pope Benedict spent his days combining World Youth Day activities with elements of a pastoral visit to Australia.

Before he left Australia July 21, the pope celebrated a private Mass with four Australian victims of clerical sexual abuse and their families. In a small chapel inside St. Mary's Cathedral, the pope also spent about 30 minutes talking to and consoling the victims.

Two days earlier during a Mass at the cathedral, the pope apologized publicly to Australian victims of clerical sexual abuse.

The pope said, "I am deeply sorry for the pain and suffering the victims have endured and I assure them that as their pastor, I, too, share in their suffering."

In his homily for the Mass, which included the consecration of the cathedral's new altar, Pope Benedict prayed for the rededication and renewal of

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Pope Benedict XVI holds up a monstrance containing the Eucharist during the World Youth Day vigil at Royal Randwick Racecourse in Sydney, Australia, July 19.

DEACON MOSER AWARDED BY SERRA CLUB



ELMER J. DANCH

Deacon Ronald Moser, right, was awarded for his 25 years of service as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Another award was presented for two years of distinguished service as president of the Serra Club of South Bend. Making the presentation was Richard D.

'Humanae Vitae': More than teaching on artificial contraception

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life") upholds the church's long-standing teaching that it is immoral for married couples to use artificial contraception. Even after 40 years, the document is still widely debated.

At 7,000 words, the encyclical is divided into three sections: the question at hand, doctrinal principles and pastoral directives.

In opening the encyclical, Pope Paul reviewed the arguments of those who urged a change in church teaching. He acknowledged concerns about population growth; changing social and economic conditions that impact the size of families, including a new understanding of the dignity of woman and her place in society; and scientific advances giving couples more control over nature. He also reviewed theological arguments calling for a new understanding of the role of procreation in marriage.

In starting his analysis of doctrinal principles, Pope Paul stated that conjugal love is grounded fundamentally in "God who is love." Given that understanding, he explained that such love is total, faithful and exclusive until death.

Such love, he stressed, exists to "bring new life into being."

"Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward procreation and education of children. Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute to the highest degree of their parents' welfare," he wrote.

At the same time, husband and wife are called to responsible parenthood, that is being open to the possibility of creating new life in every conjugal act, he said.

Pope Paul said it is acceptable for a couple to engage in the conjugal act when the woman is not fertile "since they always remain ordained toward expressing and consolidating their union." However, he maintained that the deliberate attempt to prevent

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Anglican bishop expects new wave of converts to join Catholic Church

BY SIMON CALDWELL

LONDON (CNS) — A tradi-
tionalist Anglican bishop has
called on the Catholic Church to
accommodate a potential new
wave of converts following the
decision by the Church of
England to allow the ordination
of women bishops.

"What we must humbly ask
for now is for magnanimous ges-
tures from our Catholic friends,
especially from the Holy Father,
who well understands our longing
for unity, and from the hierarchy
of England and Wales," wrote
Anglican Bishop Andrew
Burnham of Ebbsfleet, England,
in the July 11 edition of *The*

Catholic Herald, a London-based
weekly newspaper.

"Most of all we ask for ways
that allow us to bring our folk
with us," said the bishop, who is
a provincial episcopal visitor of
the Canterbury Archdiocese, or
"flying bishop," who ministers to
Anglicans who will not accept
women priests.

Bishop Burnham predicted
there would be defections among
Anglo-Catholic clergy and laity
because of the July 7 ruling by
the General Synod of the Church
of England, the mother church of
the Anglican Communion, to
move ahead with plans to allow
the ordination of women bishops.
Anglo-Catholics are those whose
customs and practices within

Anglicanism emphasize continu-
ity with Catholic tradition.

The bishop recently traveled
to Rome to discuss the reception
of large numbers of dissenting
Anglican traditionalists with
Cardinal William J. Levada, head
of the Congregation for the
Doctrine of the Faith, and
Cardinal Walter Kasper, president
of the Pontifical Council for
Promoting Christian Unity.

He was joined by Anglican
Bishop Keith Newton of
Richborough, England, also a fly-
ing bishop of the Canterbury
Archdiocese.

As many as 1,300 clergy
threatened to leave the Church of
England if special arrangements
were not made to guarantee they

would be under the authority only
of male bishops.

Bishop Burnham said the time
had come when Anglo-Catholics
had to decide whether to stay or
leave.

"Leaving isn't quite so easy as
it sounds," he said in his article.
"You don't become a Catholic,
for instance, because of what is
wrong with another denomination
or faith. You become a Catholic
because you accept that the
Catholic Church is what she says
she is, and the Catholic faith is
what it says it is. In short, some
Anglo-Catholics will stay and
others will go."

Pope assures Anglicans he is praying for Lambeth Conference

CANTERBURY, England (CNS)
— Pope Benedict XVI has
assured Anglicans meeting for
their once-a-decade worldwide
conference that he and other
Catholics are praying for them.

In a message to Anglican
Archbishop Rowan Williams of
Canterbury, spiritual head of the
worldwide Anglican Communion,
Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the
Vatican's secretary of state, said
the pope was "mindful that a pri-
mary objective" of the meeting
was "the spiritual renewal that
comes from prayer and contem-
plation."

The letter noted the internal
divisions that trouble the
Anglican Communion and said
some of those issues "pose a fur-
ther and grave challenge to the
hope for full and visible unity
that has been the long-standing
goal of our joint ecumenical
endeavor."

The letter, dated June 27, was
released in Canterbury July 21, as
the conference started its regular
working sessions, which run
through Aug. 3. Bishops must
consider the ordination of openly
gay clerics, the blessing of gay

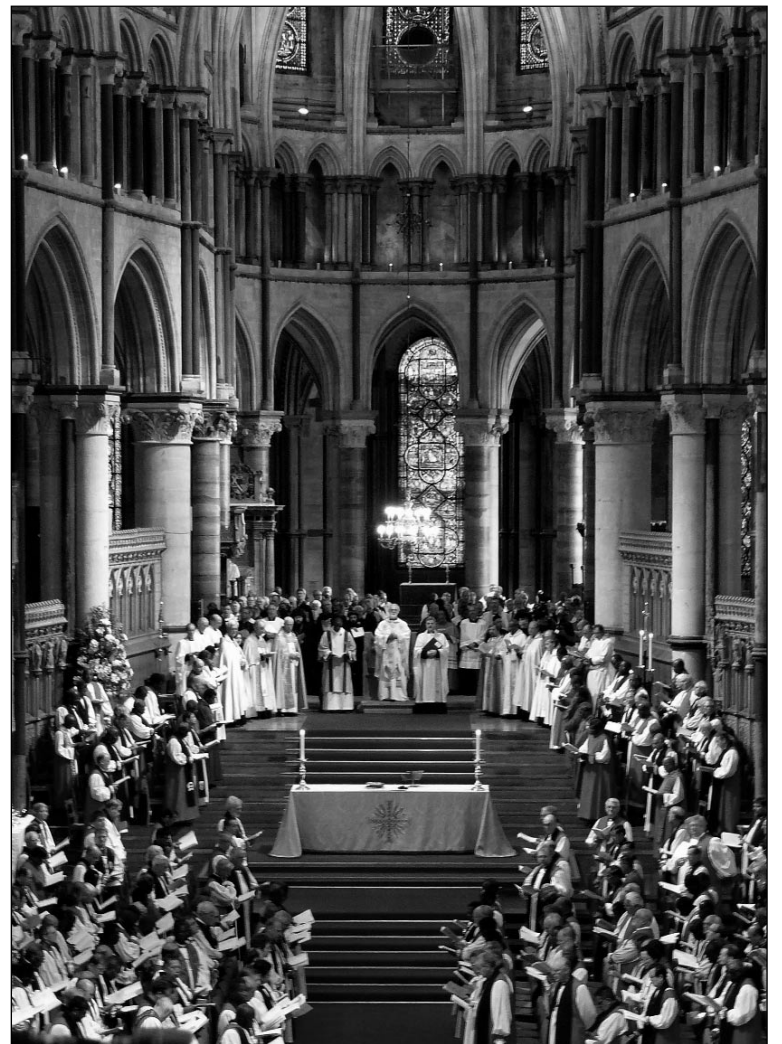
unions and the ordination of
women bishops in some Anglican
provinces.

A quarter of the world's
Anglican bishops, angered by the
ordination of openly gay U.S.
Bishop Gene Robinson of New
Hampshire, have boycotted the
Lambeth Conference. Some of
those bishops met in Jerusalem in
June and called for the creation
of a separate bishops' council to
address what they feel is lack of
action to protect traditional bibli-
cal Anglicanism.

Archbishop Williams did not
invite Bishop Robinson as an
official delegate, but the
American flew to Canterbury and
was seen in various booths at the
conference.

In his message, Cardinal
Bertone said Pope Benedict was
pleased that a Catholic delegation
led by Cardinal Walter Kasper,
head of the Pontifical Council for
Promoting Christian Unity, would
be at Lambeth.

"It is a sign of the fact that we
are indeed pilgrims together
toward the goal of unity that the
Lord desires for his disciples,"
the message said.



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY OF LAMBETH CONFERENCE

Anglican bishops meet for Sunday liturgy at Canterbury Cathedral during the once-a-decade Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England, July 20.

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pregnancy is immoral in all cir-
cumstances.

"Excluded is every action
which, either in anticipation of the
conjugal act or in its accomplish-
ment or in the development of its
natural consequences proposes,
whether as an end or as a means,
to render procreation impossible,"
he said.

The pope warned of several
consequences to using artificial
contraception, including a "wide
and easy" road to marital infideli-
ty, a lowering of sexual morality,

especially among young people,
and the danger of men losing
respect for women and reducing
them to "a mere instrument of self-
ish enjoyment."

After presenting his arguments,
Pope Paul acknowledged that the
church's teaching "will easily
appear to many to be difficult or
even impossible to fulfill."

He urged couples to develop
"solid convictions concerning the
true values of life and of the fam-
ily" and to work together to
achieve the discipline needed to
follow the church's teaching. He
predicted that couples who did so
would find their lives and marriage
enriched.

The pope also:
• Asked educators and the
media to develop programs more

favorable to chastity.

• Urged government authorities
not to permit contraception, abor-
tion or sterilization as means to
regulate births.

• Asked scientists to improve
natural family planning methods
"providing a sufficiently secure
basis for a regulation of birth
founded on the observance of nat-
ural rhythms."

• Called on priests to widely
share the church's teaching on
marriage and to show patience and
understanding toward those who
had difficulty following that
teaching.



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The encyclical "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life") marks its 40th anniversary July 25. It was promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1968.

Editor's Note: The full text of
"Humanae Vitae" can be found
online at www.vatican.va.

Canonization cause formally opened for Father Kapaun, Korean War hero

BY CHRISTOPHER RIGGS

PILSEN, Kan. (CNS) — History was made in the Diocese of Wichita June 29 as nearly 700 people witnessed the formal opening of the canonization cause of Father Emil Joseph Kapaun at St. John Nepomucene Church in his hometown of Pilsen.

But Father Kapaun's brother, Eugene, said his Korean War brother would have been humbled about the gathering and wouldn't have said much about the formalities, just a couple of words, perhaps: "Aw, shucks."

Father John Hotze, the episcopal delegate for the cause, also had two words after the ceremony was over: "Thank God!"

Father Hotze, who works in the diocesan marriage tribunal, was relieved that many months of work finally reached a milestone.

"It was a great day, a day we can be both proud of our past but also look forward to what is to come," he said in anticipation of the day the cause ends with Father Kapaun's canonization.

"If we are doing God's work then it will continue even faster than it's going now," he added.

Wichita Bishop Michael O. Jackels, who celebrated the Mass with retired Auxiliary Bishop Francis X. Roque of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services and several diocesan priests, reminded those attending the Mass that miracles are now needed to complete the canonization process.

In the church's process leading to canonization, the first step is the declaration of a person's heroic virtues, after which the church gives him or her the title venerable. In general, the church must then confirm two miracles before sainthood is declared. The first miracle is needed for beatification and the second for canonization.

Father Kapaun, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, died on May 23, 1951, in a North Korean prisoner of war camp. He was serving as a U.S. Army chaplain when he and his men were overrun during battle.

The chaplain had the chance to fall back to safety during the fighting but instead chose to stay and was captured along with his men. As a result of his heroic example in serving his fellow soldiers in the prison camp, his captors eventually forced him into the camp hospital, known to the prisoners as the "death house."

Father Kapaun is an authentic witness and is worthy of veneration, Bishop Jackels said after those involved in the cause took an



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY CATHOLIC ADVANCE

U.S. Army chaplain Father Emil Joseph Kapaun is pictured ministering to a soldier in this undated handout photo. The Diocese of Wichita, Kan., has formally opened his cause for sainthood. Father Kapaun died on May 23, 1951, in a North Korean prisoner of war camp. He was serving as chaplain when he and his men were overrun during battle.

oath to faithfully fulfill their position and signed a document attesting to their promise.

"Many of those who will be working on this cause are working motivated by their faith and by their dedication to Father Kapaun," Bishop Jackels said.

"I ask most of all that you commend to your prayers people who are in need of the intercession of Father Kapaun," he added.

He asked the faithful to especially remember Father David Linnebur, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Garden Plain, who has cancer and was unable to attend the Mass and opening of the cause.

"We hope to restore him to his pastorate if, in answer to our prayers, Father Kapaun intercedes before the throne of God," the bishop said.

There has already been considerable work completed toward Father Kapaun's cause. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore started the process in 1993 when, as head of the military archdiocese, he called for Father Kapaun to receive the title of servant of God.

Since then, both the military archdiocese and the Diocese of Wichita have been collecting information on Father Kapaun's life of virtue. The information gathered thus far will provide a basis for the documentation needed for the canonization process.

Msgr. Faber, senior priest of diocese, dies

FORT WAYNE — Msgr. William M. Faber, the senior priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and founding pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, died Monday, July 7, at Saint Anne Home. He was 99 years old and had celebrated 72 years as a priest in June.

He was born March 26, 1909, in Evanston, Ill., just outside of Chicago, to Michael and Susan Faber. He was the sixth child in a family of five girls and three boys. Msgr. Faber and his siblings were close. They sold vegetables at a roadside stand during the Depression, and he and one brother caddied at the local golf course, where he learned to love golf, a sport he played often and up into his 90s.

Since there was no Catholic high school for boys near his home, he would ride the elevated train with his younger brother into Chicago to DePaul Academy, across from the university. Despite passing Chicago's Quigley Seminary every day on the train, the presence of many fine priests in his life — including two uncles — and his older sister pursuing a vocation with the Sisters of Christian Charity, Msgr. Faber would later say he did not envision himself becoming a priest.

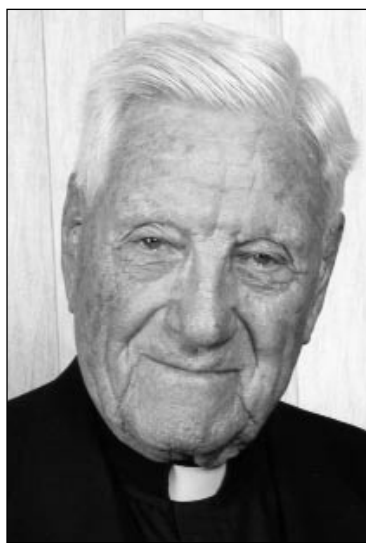
He had a strong relationship with the Virgin Mary, and, as high school came to a close, he entered into what he later called a "childish pact" to say so many Hail Marys if she would show him his next move. Shortly thereafter, his father, noticing his son's penchant for art, registered him at the Art Institute of Chicago. Upon learning of this, Faber shared with his father that he had been considering the seminary. His father arranged for him to attend St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, then located within the geographic boundaries of the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

After two years at Rensselaer, he spent two years studying theology at St. Gregory's Seminary in Cincinnati and four years studying theology at St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John F. Noll at Fort Wayne's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on June 6, 1936. His first assignment was Holy Angels Parish in Gary with Msgr. Thomas Jansen, the priest who had inducted him into the diocese for his seminary studies. During his six years at Holy Angels, Father Faber first became interested in guardian angels.

Bishop Noll then sent him to the marriage tribunal at the chancery office in Chicago for training. After that, he served as chaplain of St. Vincent's Villa orphanage. Father Faber gave full time to the 300 orphans, some of whom stayed in contact with him for years.

"He was good for entertaining the kids, and he kept them going," recalls Jim McArdle, who met Father Faber while living at the villa. McArdle and his wife, Agnes, remained close friends with Msgr. Faber for the rest of his life.

"He had a beautiful way of



MSGR. WILLIAM M. FABER

expressing the faith," recalls Agnes McArdle, saying that, for Msgr. Faber, the priesthood was a vivid and authentic part of himself, always true to how he saw his faith and lived it. She says that her husband "always had a great deal of respect for him," adding that Msgr. Faber was someone people couldn't help but respect.

During his time at St. Vincent's Villa, Father Faber was involved in various side responsibilities, such as beginning his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, moderating the Catholic Youth Organization and teaching scholastic theology at St. Francis College. He also served on the USO board, as a moderator of the NCCM and the NCCW, and as a judge on the matrimonial court.

In June of 1947, while still at the villa, Faber began, at Bishop Noll's request, the process of planning a new Fort Wayne parish, which he decided to call Queen of Angels, a name from the litany of Mary, one that acknowledged that angels and Mary were intimate parts of Father Faber's spiritual life.

His plan for Queen of Angels was to build a church building that would eventually be converted into a gymnasium, with a new church coming later.

"But the school became so popular, we kept building classrooms instead," he told *Today's Catholic* in 2006.

During his 25 years as founding pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, Msgr. Faber implemented the reforms of the Second Vatican Council and was named a Monsignor by Bishop Leo Pursley in 1966.

Msgr. Faber's sister, Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Brien worked as a teacher at Queen of Angels, and her son, Dan O'Brien, recalls, "He was probably the closest thing I ever had to a real father. My father died when I was five years old, and my mother never remarried."

O'Brien recalls fondly his uncle's sense of humor, a quality recalled by many, along with his love of woodworking and his skill with computers.

Father Dave Carkenord, who served for nine years at Queen of Angels with Msgr. Faber, recalls his kindness.

Father Dan Durkin, who served as a deacon at Queen of

Angels in 1972, recalls his helpfulness.

"He was a priest's priest," says Father Durkin, who grew up with Msgr. Faber as a mentor. "He's always been there and was always one of my best supporters."

In 1972, Msgr. Faber asked to be transferred to Immaculate Conception Parish in Kendallville and served there until 1980 when Bishop William McManus, who wanted to set the retirement age for priests at 70, asked him to retire. Though retired, Msgr. Faber kept busy with appointments until the 50th anniversary of his ordination in 1986. He wintered in Florida with his sister Betsy for 13 years, assisting in a Florida parish in his spare time. He moved into Saint Anne's Home in Fort Wayne in 2001.

Msgr. Faber's passing marks the third death of a founding pastor of a Fort Wayne parish in 2008. He was preceded in January by Father William Hodde, founder of Our Lady of Good Hope, and in March by Father Robert Hoewel, founder of St. Henry. The senior priest of the diocese is now Father Robert Traub, ordained in 1939.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy and around 30 priests of the diocese attended Msgr. Faber's July 11 funeral Mass at Queen of Angels, which dedicated its Msgr. Faber Activities Center to him in 1998.

"I remember Monsignor's reluctance to allow it to be named after him," Bishop D'Arcy said at the end of Mass.

Father Dave Carkenord gave the funeral homily, saying, "We're here because this man, this priest, touched our lives in a very real way." He added, "He brought us to faith through the way he lived."

Bishop D'Arcy shared excerpts from his correspondence with Msgr. Faber and said that Msgr. Faber would have found the presence of so many priests at his funeral very touching, adding that two other former pastors of Queen of Angels — Father Barry England and Father John Pfister — were present.

"He was a wonderful priest and set a great tone for the parish," Father Pfister told *Today's Catholic*, noting that, as a young priest, he sought to emulate Msgr. Faber.

Father Gary Sigler, the current pastor of Queen of Angels, said the parish still feels the presence of their very loving first pastor.

"There are so many people in the parish who tell me about Monsignor, who grew up with him," Father Sigler said. "They all remember him very dearly and very fondly."

Father Dan Leeuw, also present, cited Msgr. Faber as an ideal mentor, one who shared with him a devotion to Mary.

"I never heard him run anybody down," recalled Father Leeuw. "He was a very positive man."

Msgr. Faber's survivors include his older sister, Mary Pierre of Wilmette, Ill. and his nephew, Dan O'Brien.

'You get involved in things, because people are in need'

New Catholic Charities West administrator ready to help

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — It's 5 p.m. on a Wednesday — time for the food pantry to open. The lobby of Catholic Charities is filled with desperate people waiting for dried beans, rice and other staples to tide them over.

Times are getting tougher, says Jo Fisher. She's ready to meet the need. And as the new administrator for the West Region of Catholic Charities, she's already looking to expand.

"I won't be happy until I have another building for the pantry," she says. "Our two rooms are full now, and so are the freezers. The community is responding well to the need for food, and we'd like to expand our pantry hours to five days a week."

Fisher admits to being "maybe a little too sympathetic" to the plight of the down and out. She came into the job at the end of March with experience from other organizations that helped unwed pregnant mothers and the disabled. And like many people, some personal experiences have taught her the great value of empathy.

But her new job requires her to be a jack of all trades — from driving the food truck to fundraising.

"I've worked in fundraising, either in politics or church or just helping friends, for a long time. People have gotten to the point where they say 'okay, where are you working now, when is the event, and what do you want?'" she laughs. "Fundraising is a passion for me. I don't mind asking for things."

Her faith plays a big part in her ability to administer an agency that provides services to older adults, infants and children and immigrants. She was baptized Catholic as an infant, but



JUDY BRADFORD

Jo Fisher, new administrator for the West Region of Catholic Charities, stands in its food pantry, in South Bend. She sees the need to expand the pantry space and pantry hours to the poor.

not raised Catholic. She felt drawn to the church later in life and at the age of 24, was confirmed in the Catholic faith. She attends St. Michael Catholic Church in Plymouth.

She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Manchester College, while raising three young children. Along the way, she also earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Ancilla College.

She wanted to pursue a law degree but now says God had other plans for her. "It wasn't the way God wanted me to go. I think he was leading me in another direction."

Along with expanding the food pantry, she sees the agency getting more involved in immigration issues.

She also wants to bring on a part-time counselor to help married couples, families and adolescents with psychological issues. Currently, she oversees a staff of eight people, including five job developers.

Her new job is very rewarding. "This is the first job where I want to go to work every day, and stay late. You just get involved in things, because people are in need," Fisher says.

President Bush joined hundreds who gathered for Snow's funeral

BY GEOFFREY A. BROOKE JR.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President George W. Bush was among the hundreds of mourners who gathered July 17 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington for the funeral Mass of Tony Snow, former White House press secretary.

Snow, 53, died July 12 after a long bout with colon cancer.

"Tony Snow, the professional, is a hard act to follow, Tony Snow, the man, is simply irreplaceable," said Bush in a tribute immediately following the opening procession.

He also noted that once Snow's cancer returned for the second time, "he did not turn to despair. He saw it as another challenge to tackle. He found comfort in the prayers

he received from millions of Americans."

Vincentian Father David O'Connell, president of The Catholic University of America, was the main celebrant and homilist. Msgr. Walter R. Rossi,

rector of the national shrine, was a concelebrant. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington was presiding bishop.

The basilica, the largest Catholic church in North America, was filled nearly to capacity for the funeral Mass.

In addition to Bush and his wife, first lady Laura Bush, other public figures in attendance were Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, several Cabinet members, senators and congressmen, as well as other members of the Bush administration. Members of the press who had worked with Snow throughout his career as a journalist were also there.

In his homily Father O'Connell said, "Blessed are the

poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the merciful, clean of heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted, the just ... these are the measure of a Christian man. For Tony Snow, these were the ways he embraced to 'live boldly' and to 'live a whole life.'"

In 2007, Snow gave the commencement address at The Catholic University of America. In his address he encouraged the graduates to "live boldly" and to "live a whole life."

Father O'Connell noted that Snow's character showed in "his passion for what was good and right and true, in his love for God and family and neighbor and country."

Snow served as a speechwriter for the former President George H.W. Bush after a long career in print journalism. After the former president's term in office, he

spent time as a broadcast journalist until 2006, when he became White House press secretary for the current president. Partly because of his ongoing battle with cancer, Snow resigned from the post in September

2007.

The current President Bush noted in his remarks at the funeral that during Snow's time as press secretary, he was "an optimist who knew America's possibilities."

At the conclusion of the Mass, speeches were given by close friends of the late journalist; his brother, Steven; and Robbie Snow, one of the three children Snow had with his wife, Jill. The couple's two daughters are named Kendall and Kristi.

In between the speeches, Kendall joined the Colonial Singers, who had performed

throughout the Mass, to sing one song: "Promised Land."

The Rev. Matthew Covington, pastor at a Presbyterian church in Bowling Green, Ky., and a college friend of Snow's, said during his speech that several mutual college friends had been e-mailing each other saying that "there were no words" for the death of their friend.

Rev. Covington noted such a loss of words was ironic in relation to a man who was a "great master of words." One word he said described Snow was integrity, saying the man was "true to himself."

Snow's younger brother, Steven, drew upon many childhood memories of time spent with his brother. "Most of all he was someone who loved life," he said.

Jay McConville, a Snow family friend, spoke about his relationship with Snow, saying that the two never discussed politics and news but rather "(Snow) asked me about my family and then he told me about his."

Before Archbishop Wuerl said the prayer of commendation over Snow's cremated remains, which rested in an urn, Robbie Snow read the last paragraph from an article his father had published in *Christianity Today* July 2007:

"We don't know much, but we know this: No matter where we are, no matter what we do, no matter how bleak or frightening our prospects, each and every one of us, each and every day, lies in the same safe and impregnable place — in the hollow of God's hand."

Earlier, as he ended his homily, Father O'Connell said: "When he spoke to the graduates of Catholic University last spring, Tony shared an especially poignant and profound thought about his latest battle with cancer. He reflected that 'while God doesn't promise tomorrow, he does promise eternity.' For Tony Snow, that promise has now been fulfilled."

"Most of all he was someone who loved life,"

STEVEN SNOW



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Convention draws Catholics to evangelize through media

BY STEPHEN O'KANE AND ERIKA ANDERSON

ATLANTA (CNS) — It was a Catholic techie's dream. Hundreds of proudly self-professed geeks came together for the first Catholic New Media Celebration in Atlanta June 22.

There was delight-filled interaction in the crowd as priests and laypeople alike compared iPhones and iPods, podcasting equipment and computers. But there also was a focus on the real purpose of the day: building a community among Catholics evangelizing at the edge of technology.

The day was sponsored by Star Quest Production Network, a non-profit multimedia organization based in Conyers and involved in the production of audio and video programs faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The gathering addressed the role of new media in the church and exactly how various forms and expressions could come together as one.

Panel discussions and presentations on blogging, podcasts and traditional media versus new media helped experts and novices alike with how to improve, or maybe even begin, using new media to spread the Gospel.

When the doors to the conference opened, people found goodie bags full of new media paraphernalia on their seats. Father Bill Kessler, known in the blogging world as "Technopriest," led a prayer to focus the day.

"We have gathered here in your name, as we seek to spread the good news of salvation through the modern media," he said.

Greg Willits, chief operating officer of Star Quest, greeted the

crowd. "We are thrilled that you are here. Today is going to be a day to learn. ... It's about the work we still have to do," he said.

Willits emphasized the need for a community of those involved in new media, a sentiment that was repeated throughout the day. He joked that he now has "more friends online than ... in real life."

Willits then introduced the event's first act, Popple, a catchy guitar duo featuring Kyle Heimann and Dan Harms.

The young men seamlessly blended Simon and Garfunklesque harmonies with hilarious lyrics about video games, middle-school puppy love and converting to binary, which is how computers "think." But the duo also captured the meaning and purpose of new media in a song they wrote for the event.

"Welcome to the shift, welcome to the change, to a new evangelization, a new way of spreading the word," Popple sang. "The word stays the same, but the vessels have changed in the new evangelization, in a new Catholic media."

The day's keynote speaker was Father Leo Patalinghug, a Baltimore priest who is the executive producer and host of the PBS show "Grace Before Meals."

Father Patalinghug confessed that he is not a geek but still is able to perceive that new media is "new missionary territory."

"Catholics have to understand the importance of the new media," said Father Patalinghug. "What we don't realize is that Jesus was such a new evangelizer."

The priest encouraged those who podcast to continue doing it regularly and for those who are new to the scene to learn from those already participating in the new media. The secular media is



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Dan Harms, at stage left, and Kyle Heimann of the band Popple provide entertainment during the morning session of the Catholic New Media Celebration in College Park, Ga., June 22. Heimann is a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur, Ind.

was directed at the traditional media panelists, asking them if they feel threatened by the new media that is becoming ever more popular.

Tom Price, radio programming director for the Eternal World Television Network, said that all Catholic media is working for the same end, which ultimately is the salvation of souls, and that he does not feel threatened by the new media.

Echoing this statement were others, such as Lisa Wheeler, executive vice president and co-founder of the Maximus Group, a Catholic communications and marketing agency.

"Our goal is to support the communities creating the podcasts," she said, dismissing any thoughts that old media is "competing" against new media.

Jessica Handley, webmaster for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, pointed out that most people do not just listen to podcasts or watch online videos, but rather most people take advantage of many forms of media, which makes collaboration even more important.

"We have to reach people where they are," said Susan Gerdvil, a representative of www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

telling the "Catholic story" for the church and quite often muddles its true message, he said.

"If God can ordain me and use me in the media, there is still hope," he said, joking. "If we don't tell this story, someone else will."

Father Patalinghug continued to emphasize that all can be a part of this new evangelization, as long as they work together and help those who need it.

"Go out into the deep, new missionaries, ... and feed his sheep," Father Patalinghug concluded.

One panel at the Catholic New

Media Celebration brought together speakers from varying media backgrounds to discuss the differences between traditional media, consisting primarily of radio, newspapers and television, and new media, comprised of most electronic media such as podcasts and blogs.

Moderated by Lino Rulli, host of "The Catholic Guy" show on Sirius satellite radio's Catholic Channel, the friendly discussion brought to light some of the concerns of these two seemingly competitive methods.

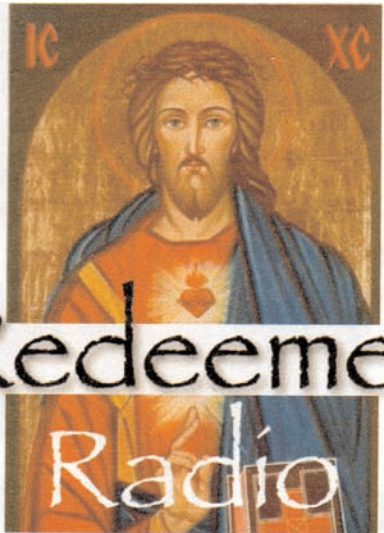
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A year after papal letter, Chinese church leaders see mixed results

HONG KONG (CNS) — A year after Pope Benedict XVI's letter to mainland Chinese Catholics, church leaders said some positive developments have resulted but more work needs to be done to achieve the letter's objectives. Chinese church leaders particularly referred to problems uniting the two Catholic communities: one whose leaders and institutions register with the government and one whose leaders refuse to register — seeing it as a method of government control — but operate in a semiclandestine manner. In eastern China's Zhejiang province, Bishop Xu Honggen of Suzhou told the Asian church news agency UCA News his diocese has engaged in dialogue with two priests working semiclandestinely there. The priests now have agreed to work openly with government approval, he said. Referring to a point in the papal letter that says, "every cleric must be incardinated in a particular church or in an institute of consecrated life and must exercise his own ministry in communion with the diocesan bishop," he said the registered church community sees no problem in this. However, he noted that in some places, some underground clergy still work in areas outside their dioceses. Bishop Xu said he believes unity between the registered and unregistered church communities "would move much more easily once the Vatican and China build ties."

Archbishop suppresses 18 New Orleans parishes; more closings to come

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — Confirming decisions he had announced in April in a post-Katrina realignment plan for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes signed letters July 3 closing 18 parishes and either merging them with others or changing their status to mission churches. Those closings will take effect in the near future upon the reassignment of pastors, said Father Michael Jacques, chairman of the archdiocesan pastoral plan steering committee. The closing parishes will have the opportunity to celebrate a final Mass or prayer service sometime in August. Archbishop Hughes signed the letters of suppression following a facilitation process in which parishioners were invited to town hall meetings to express their feelings and concerns about the closures and mergers. Each parish selected a leadership team that made recommendations to Archbishop Hughes. The decisions, announced at parishes July 11-12, involve 11 clusters of parishes. Archbishop Hughes also said four pairs of parishes would each share a pastor. "We expect the archbishop will be able to make the assignment of these priests in the affected parishes by the end of July," Father Jacques said. "Then a date for the final Mass or prayer service at each church will be given." Archbishop Hughes said in

NEWS BRIEFS

PEOPLE PASS OUTDOOR MARKET IN SUBURB OF HARARE



CNS PHOTO/PHILIMON BULAWAYO, REUTERS

People walk past an outdoor market in Avondale, a suburb of Harare, Zimbabwe, July 17. Inflation in the country shot up to 2.2 million percent, the highest rate in the world.

announcing the pastoral plan April 9 that his decisions were necessitated by post-Katrina realities such as the diminishing number of diocesan priests, population shifts and financial strains.

Cardinal: Faith includes solidarity with poor, care for environment

SYDNEY, Australia (CNS) — Growing in Catholic faith and experiencing the universality of the Catholic Church necessarily includes growing in solidarity with the poor and working to safeguard the environment, said Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The cardinal, president of Caritas Internationalis, formally opened a special exhibit in Sydney July 14 for the thousands of young people attending World Youth Day. "Blueprint for a Better World: The Millennium Development Goals and You" is an interactive exhibit set up by Caritas Australia, one of 160 national Catholic charities that form Caritas Internationalis. The Millennium Development Goals, adopted by the member countries of the United Nations in 2000, aim to halve the rates of world poverty — defined by the number of people existing on less than \$1 a day — by 2015. Cardinal Rodriguez said the exhibit would help young Catholics find concrete ways to put their faith into action and to support the essential role of Catholic and other faith-based groups in supporting the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals. "Without concerted effort," he said, "the Millennium Development Goals will slide down the international agenda" and be forgotten.

Minnesota pastor named bishop of New Ulm

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father John M. LeVoir, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, has been named bishop of New Ulm, Minn., by Pope Benedict XVI. The appointment was announced in Washington July 14 by Msgr. Martin Krebs, charge d'affaires at the Vatican nunciature. Bishop-designate LeVoir, 62, was until his appointment the pastor of St. Michael Parish in Stillwater, Minn. In New Ulm, he succeeds Archbishop John C. Nienstedt, who now heads the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese. Then-Bishop Nienstedt was bishop of New Ulm from 2001 until his April 2007 appointment as coadjutor for St. Paul and Minneapolis. In May of this year he succeeded Archbishop Harry J. Flynn when he retired. In December 2007 Msgr. Douglas L. Grams, vicar general, was elected by the diocesan college of consultors to serve as New Ulm's administrator until a new bishop was named. No date was set for Bishop-designate LeVoir's episcopal ordination and installation in New Ulm.

U.S. deacons and their families to gather for first time since 2004

HONOLULU (CNS) — The last time the deacons of the United States and their families gathered together was 2004 in Baltimore. This fall they are aiming for a warmer location: Hawaii. All deacons and their families are invited to attend the Pacific Catholic

Diaconate Conference Oct. 25-Nov. 1. It will be hosted by the deacons of the Diocese of Honolulu and Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva. The conference will be held onboard the *Pride of America*, a Norwegian cruise vessel, as it travels around to four Hawaiian islands — Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, which is known as the "Big Island," and Kauai. Details are available on the Web at www.deaconshawaii.org. The agenda will include talks and presentations on social justice and outreach, immigration, diversity, multiculturalism, marriage enrichment within the diaconate, and the spiritual and psychological development of the deacon. There also will be daily liturgies.

Mandela letter shows activist was inspired by work of Catholic Church

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (CNS) — South African human rights activist Nelson Mandela was inspired by the Catholic Church's involvement in social justice concerns during his many years of incarceration, he wrote in a letter from prison to the country's first black Catholic archbishop. Mandela, who eventually was freed and elected president in South Africa's first inclusive poll in 1994, also wrote to Archbishop Stephen Naidoo of Cape Town that he was uplifted by the pastoral care provided by clergy on Robben Island, where he was imprisoned for 18 years. The content of Mandela's letter, dated November 1984, was published for the first time in the July 9 issue of *The Southern Cross*, South Africa's Catholic weekly, to mark Mandela's 90th birthday July 18. Archbishop Naidoo, who under

apartheid laws was classified as "Indian," and Mandela had become friends before his appointment to Cape Town. Then-Auxiliary Bishop Naidoo regularly made pastoral visits to arid and tightly guarded Robben Island, where the former president had been incarcerated from 1964 to 1982.

Pope names Archbishop Amato as prefect of saints' congregation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Archbishop Angelo Amato, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to be the new prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes. The 70-year-old Italian, a member of the Salesian order, was a longtime collaborator of the future pope when he headed the doctrinal congregation. The Vatican announced his appointment July 9 and said he would be succeeded at the doctrinal congregation by Spanish Jesuit Father Luis Ladaria, 68, secretary-general of the International Theological Commission. Archbishop Amato was one of the principal drafters of the congregation's 2000 document, "Dominus Iesus" ("The Lord Jesus"), which underscored the unique and universal salvation offered by Christ and his church. In late 2002, Pope John Paul II named him an archbishop and secretary of the doctrinal congregation. As prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, Archbishop Amato succeeds Portuguese Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, who turned 76 in January.

In interview, Lennon called himself 'one of Christ's biggest fans'

LONDON (CNS) — British radio has broadcast an interview with John Lennon in which the late singer-composer claimed the Beatles were a Christian band that wanted to bring people closer to God. In the interview, aired for the first time in the U.K., Lennon described himself as "one of Christ's biggest fans." He claimed he was misunderstood when he said in 1966 that the Beatles were "more popular than Jesus," and he expressed disappointment that he could not marry his second wife, Yoko Ono, in a church. The interview was conducted in Montreal by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. in 1969 when Lennon, who was raised an Anglican, was at a peace protest. Three years ago, National Museums Liverpool bought the interview, which was broadcast on British Broadcasting Corp. Radio Four's Sunday program July 13. The Liverpool-born musician was asked to clarify infamous remarks to the *London Evening Standard* newspaper in which he said that Christianity will "vanish and shrink" and might not outlast rock and roll. Lennon said: "It's just an expression meaning the Beatles seem to me to have more influence over youth than Christ. Now I wasn't saying that was a good idea because I'm one of Christ's biggest fans," he said. "And if I can turn the focus of the Beatles on to Christ's message, then that's what we're here to do."

Serrans honor 138 altar servers

SOUTH BEND — In keeping with a time-honored tradition dating back to more than half a century ago, the Serra Club of South Bend honored 138 altar servers in 14 parishes in the South Bend area. All of them received special certificates of merit for their extraordinary service at the altar of God and for assisting their parish priests at a myriad of church functions.

Deacon Ronald Moser, retiring president of the Serra Club, who also serves as a deacon at St. Joseph Church of Mishawaka, said, "Pastors of parishes in the South Bend metro area have assisted in the Serra Club in paying special tribute to these young altar servers for any number of religious vocations have blossomed for this select group."

Deacon Moser, who completed two years of service as president of the Serra Club, has also served as chairman of the Altar Server program, which includes parishes in the Elkhart area. — *EJD*

Picnic honors religious

SOUTH BEND — The Serra Club of South Bend will host priests, deacons, religious brothers, nuns and seminarians at an outdoor reception and picnic beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, at the Ave Maria Council Knights of Columbus located at 61533 S. Ironwood Rd.

Richard Wasoski, newly-elected president of the Serra Club, said, "We are delighted to host the religious in our community for this annual affair, which is now in its 16th year."

The reception for clergy is one of the programs on the agenda, said Wasoski. This year, the Serra Club will host the annual Christmas dinner for seminarians and their families at a place to be announced later. — *EJD*

John XXIII Retreat Center offers August retreats

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

- **Releasers of Life, A Retreat for Women**, will be held Friday, Aug. 8, from 6:30 p.m. through Saturday, Aug. 9, at 4 p.m. The facilitator is Erin Davis. Women have a unique role to play in life; God in his love and wisdom, has made women to nurture beauty, cultivate relationships and release his life into the world. Fee is \$75, or for commuters, \$55. Participants should register by Aug. 4.

- **Creating Hope Retreat** will be held Saturday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Facilitators are John and Tina Gianfagna. This retreat is for cancer patients and those who support them. This day will help people cope with cancer through self-expression, creativity and prayer. The fee is \$25. Participants should register by Aug. 4.

- **Day of Solitude and Quiet Prayer** will be held Aug. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants may come for the whole day or for just a portion of it. The retreat will be a non-structured time for per-

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sonal journey. Participants should bring a bag lunch and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the center. Beverages and a continental breakfast will be furnished. The fee is \$15. Spiritual direction is available for an extra fee.

- **Spiritfest** will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24, from 1-5 p.m. The John XXIII Retreat Center will offer mini retreat presentations, a silent auction of a variety of items, games and more. The day is meant for the whole family and is free.

For additional information, call (765) 348-4008 or (888) 882-1391 or e-mail at john23rd@sbcglobal.net.

The center is located at 407 W. McDonald St. in Hartford City and owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Lindenwood holds quiet day of reflection

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken for the Quiet Day of Reflection program "Spiritual Listening." The Quiet Day of Reflection will focus on being attentive to what is happening in one's life and hearing God's voice within.

The facilitator is Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC) Sister Shirley Bell, who has a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University. She has been director of formation for the PHJC and for an inter-com-

munity formation program for several years and is currently the administrator of the Maria Center at the PHJC Ministry Center.

The program is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program fee is \$25 and includes the noon main meal. The registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 11. For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1763 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e-mail lw@lindenwood.org or visit www.lindenwood.org.

Indiana Knight officers take office

INDIANAPOLIS — Members of the Knights of Columbus held their annual convention in Indianapolis April 27, and the following officers were elected for the term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

The following assumed leadership roles: state deputy, Stephan Ziemba from Griffith, Council 3631; state secretary, Thomas Gawlik, Terre Haute, Council 541; state treasurer, Tom Axon, Fishers, Council 6923; state advocate, Lawrence Fluhr, Corydon, Council 1808; state warden, Tim Brown, Monterey, Council 11292; immediate past state deputy, Norman Stoffel, Huntington, Council 1014.

At the convention, it was also announced the Indiana State Knights of Columbus achieved Circle of Honor with a record-breaking new membership net gain of 1,203 members, the highest growth in its 115-year history.

Lend a HAND to benefit The Franciscan Center

FORT WAYNE — It's time again to lend a HAND. On Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, in partnership with Christian radio station Star 88.3, The Franciscan Center will be holding its Eighth Annual Help A Neighbor Drive, or HAND, to benefit those in need with donations of much needed nonperishable food and personal, healthcare items.

"This event has provided a great deal of assistance to our programs over the past seven years," explains Sally Ley, founder and CEO of The Franciscan Center, "we are very grateful to the staff and listeners of Star 88.3 for their support of our work. We operate a weekly Sack Lunch program, a Food Pantry and a Medicine Cabinet; with over 1,500 clients every week needing our assistance, this boost from Star 88.3 is immeasurable."

Star 88.3 on-air personalities will be broadcasting live from the following drop sites from 9 a.m. to noon; please note that two of the three sites are new this year:

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Aboite Center Road
- Peace Lutheran Church, Dupont Road
- The Anchor Room Bookstore & Café, Lahmeyer and Stellhorn roads

At any of the drop sites, one may enter to win special prizes from Star 88.3. Volunteers will be on hand to help collect donations of food,

over-the-counter medicine, paper towels, diapers, toothbrushes, etc. Collection trucks will be provided by Citywide Delivery.

The highlight of this year's HAND effort is the second annual youth group challenge. The rules are simple. Local youth groups can start raising cans of food, tubes of toothpaste, rolls of toilet paper, etc., as soon as possible. They then bring their total collection to one of the drop sites (making sure to mark their youth group name on each box), and the group with the most items will win a deejay and pizza party hosted by Star 88.3's Ace and John O.

For more information or to register a youth group for the challenge, contact Nancy at (260) 744-3977 or visit the Web at www.the-franciscancenter.org or www.star883.com.

Scouts to host retreat Aug. 15-17

ANGOLA — "You Shall Be My Witnesses" will be the theme of the 2008 Catholic Scout Retreat to be held Aug. 15-17 at Camp Chief Little Turtle in Angola. Cadet and senior Girl Scouts, second year Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venture, Varsity and adults are invited to attend this World Youth Day themed weekend.

Father Tony Steinacker, associate pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, and diocesan Scout chaplain, and diocesan seminarians will be a part of the retreat.

Check in will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15. Mass will be celebrated by Father Steinacker at 7:30 p.m. for the holy day, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Saturday, Aug. 16, will include a full day of training, catechesis and activities and conclude with evening Mass.

Departure from the retreat will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17.

Cost for youths is \$6 and adults, are \$3.

Reservations should be made by Aug. 2. Payment is due at check-in. To make reservations, contact Sean Bontkowski at (260) 338-1619 or e-mail him at fwsbscouts@gmail.com.

Dulcet to attend Daughters of Isabella meeting

SOUTH BEND — Elaine Dulcet, regent of the Notre Dame Circle of the Daughters of Isabella, will officially represent the organization at the Aug. 3-6 annual meeting at St. Louis, Mo.

Among the key issues to be discussed at the meeting will be leadership and special focus on programs in the future. Representatives will also have an opportunity to share ideas and programs and provide an exchange of ideas.

The convention will close with a Mass at the St. Louis Cathedral.

The order's history book by Dr. Carol Clement will be released at this convention. — *EJD*

Three received into the Secular Franciscan Order

BY DIANE FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — What began some 850 years ago by St. Francis of Assisi is still going strong today. The Secular Franciscan Order received three new members as Dick McCloskey, Tom Pilot and his wife, Cyndi Pilot all made their professions during a Mass last Sunday at a Mishawaka convent.

"St. Francis wrote a rule and form of life for lay people," explained Sister Agnes Marie of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. "It's a promise to live the Gospel life. It's a constant conversion in the positive sense, trying to live the Gospel we hear in the morning in our every day life."

Sister Agnes Marie, a sister of 48 years, has spent the last three years working with the Secular Franciscans. She describes the focus of living the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare as joyful and loyal to the church.

"St. Francis used a gentle, quiet way," she explained. "Life is not without crosses, but we keep our focus on Christ who is the center."

Secular Franciscans come from all walks of life, and according to Sister Agnes Marie, the order is growing. Locally, 40 people are fully professed or in the formation program, with five scheduled to make their professions next year.

Sister Agnes Marie says the fraternity meets one Saturday a month, meeting with the formation director for about an hour and a half. Following morning prayer and Mass, the group reconvenes for fellowship, discussing both business and spiritual items of the day and wrapping up around noon.

Tom and Cyndi Pilot, members of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame, consider themselves "cradle Catholics." When Cyndi was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001, the couple began a journey of faith that would take them literally around the world and back. Tom says a parish retreat set things in motion, paving the way for his response to Franciscan spirituality.

"I was receptive to it because I went through Christ Renews His Parish at Sacred Heart, both as a retreatant and later as a team member," said Tom. "It was a life-changing experience, bringing me closer to Christ."



DIANE FREEBY

Cyndi and Tom Pilot join Dick McCloskey as they make their formal profession into the Secular Franciscan order. The Mass was said at the chapel at the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka.

It was during his wife's second retreat that Tom heard about the Secular Franciscans. He had also decided to gift his wife with a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, where the Franciscan priests faithfully minister to the local parishioners and multitudes of pilgrims alike. It was during that pilgrimage that they again heard more about the Secular Franciscan Order from another woman on the trip.

The couple decided to begin formation, later making a 12-day trip to Assisi with Sister Agnes Marie. It would be a similar visit to Assisi that put things into motion for Dick McCloskey. When he and his wife, Anne, saw a flier at St. Pius X in Granger, they thought that might make a nice vacation.

"I had been away from the church for about 30 years," admitted Dick. "I would go to church when the guilt level got high enough."

While in Assisi, Dick says he found himself at the tomb of St. Francis as he waited for his tour group to catch up.

"As I sat and waited, I had a feeling just come over me saying I needed to get my spiritual life back on track. The feeling got stronger and stronger. I called Father Bill Schooler as soon as I returned and made my first confession in about 30 years."

Meanwhile, a family member who happened to also be a member of the Secular Franciscans invited the couple to attend a meeting.

"I felt really called," remembers Dick. "It kind of fit with the feeling I had sitting with St. Francis in the crypt."

The McCloskey's had been through unspeakable grief in recent years, losing their daughter, Katie, in the 9-11 attacks.

"When we lost Katie, the only thing that kept me going was my very basic faith," explained Dick. "That whole horrendous public mourning we went through ... looking back, I had a kind of Franciscan outlook at the time. I never had any real anger toward those who perpetrated the violence. I felt some good would come out of it, and it did."

Dick says the Katie McCloskey Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the South Bend Community Foundation, and so far six recipients have graduated from college.

Dick calls his association with the group a "good fit."

"This is a group of people with whom I can examine my spiritual life. This fraternity is more of a gathering to reenergize ourselves and to reinforce our faith."

Cyndi Pilot says being part of the Secular Franciscans has been amazing.

"Mentally and spiritually we live a more simple life," she said. "We have a more intense prayer life while also reaching out to others. It's very much in line with the messages of Our Blessed Mother in Medjugorje, about the five stones we have at our disposal to fight evil. They are prayer ... especially the rosary ... fasting, reading Scripture, the sacrament of reconciliation and daily Mass."

Tom pointed to the Franciscan symbol, the tau, and what it means. "Redemption, penance and conversion ... turning my life over to Christ," explained Tom.

Goshen parish dedicates parish center in memory of beloved deacon

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Church gathered with members of the Bleau family to honor Deacon Art Bleau a year after his passing.

A memorial Mass, dinner and dedication ceremony were held the evening of July 12 for the beloved deacon who served the parish for over 20 years. The parish center was dedicated and named The Deacon Art Bleau Parish Center in his honor — a fitting tribute to a man who along with his beloved wife Vicky, who preceded him in death — enjoyed spending fellowship time with their parish family at the center.

During the homily, Father Chris Smith, pastor, said the Gospel reading (Mt 13: 1-23) that spoke of seeds bearing fruit seemed "tailor picked for today. I couldn't help but think of Deacon Art."

He asked the congregation to raise their hands if they were touched by Deacon Art's ministry and said those raised hands were the fruits of his ministry.

"It was never anything flashy, nothing fantastic, but in his own very simple way he taught so many of us what it means to be a Christian to each other," Father Smith said.

Father Smith was assigned to the parish just a year before the deacon's passing, but he said he has heard countless stories of how Bleau would reach out and welcome strangers. Father Smith said parishioners could honor Bleau's memory by following his example and greeting one another and "truly becoming a family in God."

"We had a living example among us of how to care for one another, to truly love strangers and love one another," Father Smith said. "We celebrate the gift he and his wife were to our parish."

At the dinner held after the Mass several parishioners shared memories and thoughts of Deacon Bleau, including longtime friends Harold and Joan Wakefield. Harold shared that Bleau loved iced coffee and said, "I had the privilege of taking him a cup the day before he passed away."

Monica Cherniak shared that Deacon Bleau always told her to trust in the Holy Spirit and go where he leads.

"His biggest gift to us was to bring out our gifts — to give us

encouragement," Cherniak said. "What Art did for all of us was he would just know when you needed him and he'd come. He was somebody that lifted us up. And, if we could do one-tenth of that, we'd be honoring him and honoring the Lord."

Elaine Robinson shared she believed she was one of Deacon Bleau's "fruits," saying he really inspired her.

"He was all about peace," Robinson said. "He'd say, 'When you walk into a new place, say 'peace be to all who enter here and if they don't get it, it comes back to you.'"

Pat Turco said, "He had his special way with each and every one of us."

Deacon Art's daughter, Geri Ann Eash, spoke to those gathered at the center.

"On behalf of me, my brother and my whole family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are so pleased and proud of this honor you're bestowing on daddy."

Eash shared that, shortly before her father passed away, she was planning a trip back East where the family is originally from, and her father expressed that he wished he could go, too. Eash asked if he had ever wished the family moved back and his reply to her was, "The Lord brought us to Goshen, and this is where all our dreams came true."

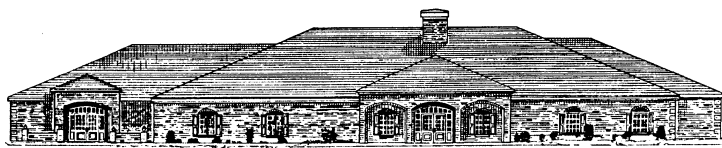
Eash said her father wrestled as a young man whether to join the clergy or get married. "He wound up trusting the Lord and he had it all, becoming a deacon was one of his greatest dreams," she said.

"He always wanted to make sure if you were honoring him, you also honored the Lord," Eash added. "He always said it was not his doing but the Holy Spirit working through him. Everything he did for you he did out of love. This was his family. He loved you all and he loved this parish and this community dearly."

Eash said she wanted to give a gift that was a bit of her father to the parish. She had her uncle and a cousin, who are artists, create a picture of her father being ordained and included a prayer that her father wrote and had copy written.

Father Chris Smith completed the evening with a blessing and a dedication of the parish center renaming it The Deacon Art Bleau Parish Center.

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Tons of recyclables equals cash for schools, parishes

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Collecting tons of recyclables and getting paid for it — almost \$300 in the case of St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne.

And Principal Jane Sandor happily accepted the check July 9, the first of which she received from Jeff Zolnik who operates CRS, a company that collects recyclables from about six Catholic schools and parishes in the Fort Wayne area.

St. John holds the honor of being the recipient of the largest CRS check this quarter, actually just 12 weeks for St. John — not bad for a school that just jumped into an arrangement with CRS the last weeks of school.

CRS pays schools and parishes, as well as the diocesan offices in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center building

— \$20 per ton of recyclables collected that may include newspapers, magazines, junk mail and paper, books (even hard bound) and cardboard. The company then presents a quarterly check based on the tonnage of the collections.

For items such as glass, plastics, “we encourage curbside recycling,” Zolnik said.

CRS provides the totes, collects the totes when filled, replaces them with empty containers, then transports the filled totes to their office in Fort Wayne where they are weighed and then sold to recycling companies.

As far as St. John the Baptist, they plan to use the money to help support the work of their Eagle P.R.I.D.E. (Positive Reasons I Decide Everyday) Committee. This is a group of parents, staff and students who provide leadership in promoting service opportunities for the St. John community. It is through the leadership of this community that St. John's made the decision to “go green.” Deirdre Fazio, parishioner, parent and PRIDE committee member, willingly accepted the challenge to coordinate the recycling program.

After talking to Zolnik, Fazio knew the recycling program was a win-win situation for St. John. The school had an opportunity to participate in recycling and get paid for their collections. “It's very easy,” Fazio told *Today's Catholic*

in a phone interview.

And parishioners' businesses have also become involved in helping their school community and the environment.

“Any parishioner can drop off at our facility at 1130 W. Main St. (in Fort Wayne),” Zolnik said. St. John the Baptist parishioners drop off a lot of paper, newspaper and cardboard throughout the week. “All they have to do is mention the school's or the church's name, and we credit it to them,” Zolnik said.

But to drop off the recyclables at CRS, a parish or school must be a customer, he added.

“As we're growing and reaching out to even businesses, what has happened (is) a lot of Catholic business owners are calling ... bringing things to us ...,” Zolnik said. “It's kind of neat when (mothers and fathers) read this and they talk to their bosses at their businesses, and their bosses will

say, ‘Well sure, go ahead, why not?’ and they donate it.”

As for Fazio's motivation, she organized a three-hour paper drive near the end of the school year that brought in \$40 to \$45 per hour according to Zolnik. Fazio said the school collected 4,100 pounds of news-

paper at the drive.

That was St. John's first paper drive with CRS, “and I expect the next one (tentatively set in September) to be even better,” Zolnik added.

“I think it's a real testament to the people of St. John's,” Sandor said. “When you ask them to show support for a new program or to continue to the investment they have at St. John's, they step up to the plate.”

And other ways to encourage “going green” and recycling, St. John School also collects cell phones, ink jet toner cartridges and plans to add fluorescent bulbs, Fazio said.

Fazio said the program is already successful at St. John, and she told *Today's Catholic* that she estimates that only 10 percent of school families is participating at the present time. That amount of participation is expected to grow substantially when school begins in mid-August.

Fazio added, “Some (parishioners) are recycling for the very first time.” She quipped that a few have become “dumpster divers” in search of the recyclable items.

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JEFF ZOLNIK



TIM JOHNSON

Jeff Zolnik, co-owner of CRS, left, presents a check of nearly \$300, the largest check of the quarter, to St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Principal Jane Sandor, right, after the school collected tons of recyclable materials for which CRS pays \$20 per ton. Zolnik told *Today's Catholic*, “That's our goal, to get all the parishes in this community” interested in the recycling program.

Zolnik, who is a member of St. Vincent de Paul, has initially contacted Catholic schools and parishes about CRS's paper program. Besides St. John, Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers are on board

with the program. And St. Patrick Parish, Arcola, fills six bins every weekend. Zolnik said he has a few other churches and schools waiting for appointments to start the program.

The CRS recycling program is an easy sell. And when motivated parents help steer the program, it gains momentum quickly. “When you get someone on board like Mrs. Fazio at each parish,” Zolnik said, “you've got your hands full.”

But there are other lessons learned too.

“I just think the lesson that we're teaching the children is paramount for their own well being and future,” Sandor said.

Zolnik said he expects the recycling momentum to be a grassroots movement, beginning at the parish and school level.

“People need to make it happen. We are leaders,” Zolnik said. “(Catholic schools) set the standard and other schools follow us.” He noted that several public schools have joined or are looking into the program.

“I'm just glad that Jeff brought this to us,” Sandor said.

For information about the CRS recycling program, contact Jeff Zolnik or CRS business co-owner, Candace Imbody, at (260) 969-0280; or e-mail: j_zolnik@hotmail.com.

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Time to hit the books and the fields BACK TO SCHOOL

Jack Swarbrick new athletic director at Notre Dame

BY DENNIS BROWN

NOTRE DAME — John B. “Jack” Swarbrick Jr., a Notre Dame graduate who has risen to national prominence as a lawyer, consultant and executive in the collegiate and Olympic sports industries, was appointed July 16 as the university’s 12th director of athletics.

Notre Dame’s president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, introduced Swarbrick at a news conference on the top floor of the University’s Hesburgh Library. The appointment is effective immediately.

“As most of you know, the Notre Dame mission is a combined commitment to excellence in undergraduate education and in research, scholarship and creativi-

ty, all in concert with our unwavering commitment to Catholic values and teachings,” Father Jenkins said. “Added to that is our long tradition of success in intercollegiate athletics, both on and off the field. Finding an athletics director who fits with this multifaceted mission is no easy task, but we were fortunate to have many outstanding candidates, both internal and external. We looked closely at some 30 potential candidates, and I am confident that Jack Swarbrick will be a superb athletics director for Notre Dame. I am delighted that he has accepted our offer and look forward to working closely with him.”

Raised in Yonkers, N.Y., and Bloomington, Swarbrick is a 1976 magna cum laude graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor’s

degree in economics. Upon graduating from Stanford Law School in 1980, he returned to Indiana to accept a position as an associate in the Indianapolis law firm Baker & Daniels. He was made partner in 1987.

At the same time that Swarbrick began his career, the city of Indianapolis was beginning its effort to become a world-class center for amateur and professional athletics. An employment law specialist, Swarbrick soon shifted his focus to sports and quickly became active in the city’s initiatives.

As a member of the Indiana Sports Corp., including the chairmanship from 1992 to 2001, Swarbrick led many of the city’s successful proposals to a wide array of athletics organizations — from the NFL to the U.S.

Olympic Committee to the Big Ten Conference. His leadership efforts have resulted in the city:

- Earning the bid to host the 2012 Super Bowl to Indianapolis
- Becoming the home of the NCAA national headquarters
- Hosting the 1987 Pan American Games
- Hosting the 1991 World Gymnastics Championships
- Hosting NCAA Final Fours and other college championship competitions and a wide array of national and world championships in the Olympic sports
- Securing rights to host the Big Ten Conference men’s and women’s basketball tournaments for five consecutive years beginning in 2008

Swarbrick’s work has focused on the representation of owners of sports teams and organizations that sanction or conduct athletic competitions. He has served as general counsel for numerous national governing bodies of Olympic sports, including USA Gymnastics and USRowing, and as a consultant to the 1996 Olympic Games. He also served as president and chief executive officer of LMiV, an Internet-based network of radio stations.

In his work as an advisor to

the NCAA, Swarbrick has:

- Coordinated the men’s College Basketball Partnership, an NCAA-led group that addresses the opportunities and challenges in the sport
- Worked with the NCAA’s Corporate Partners and Champions Program
- Served as a member of the NCAA Division I women’s Basketball Discussion Group
- Chaired the NCAA/USOC task force dedicated to developing proposals to expand sponsorship of Olympic sports among NCAA member institutions
- Developed the business plan for the new NBA/NCAA youth basketball enterprise

Before accepting the offer to lead his alma mater’s athletics department, Swarbrick had been a finalist for several high-profile positions in college athletics, including president of the NCAA and commissioner of the Big 12 Conference.

Swarbrick and his wife, Kimberly, are the parents of four children: Kate, a junior at St. Louis University; Connor, a sophomore at Wake Forest University; Cal, a junior in high school; and Christopher, a high school sophomore.

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Cheryl Layton at helm of St. Louis Academy

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

NEW HAVEN — While growing up in Antwerp, Ohio, family and friends always told Cheryl Layton she would make a good teacher.

And later in life, while doing graduate work in education, Layton recalls, "A college professor encouraged me to become a principal."

That was years ago but is now a reality for Layton who was hired this summer as the new principal at St. Louis Academy.

Mother of two grown children, Danielle and Zachary, Layton's very first job was at an IGA grocery where she worked both in the pizza shop and as cashier. After graduation from Antwerp High School in 1985, where she was voted by classmates as "most studious," Layton attended International Business College. With her diploma in hand she spent several years as a receptionist, medical transcriptionist and paralegalist.

Layton continued her education receiving a bachelor of science degree from IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne) in 1999. She majored in music and an outside field of history. In 2001, Layton put her name in with the Catholic school system hoping to teach with a limited license at some future date.

She was hired within two weeks at St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel and has taught sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade religion and social studies there for the past seven years.

After fighting the idea for several years, Layton admits, "I absolutely loved teaching."

She forged on, earning her master's degree in secondary education in 2004 and most recently her administrative license this past spring.

Again, Layton was not necessarily searching for a job, but encouraged by those around her to apply for the opening at St. Louis Academy.

"I feel like God spoke to me through others and guided me to the position. I was not sure I was ready to leave the classroom, but am very excited to be at St. Louis," says Layton.

Layton says she feels very comfortable and welcome by everyone at St. Louis after attending Sunday Mass this past month. She has plans to join the parish where her fiancé, Rick, is hoping to begin RCIA classes in the near future.

Layton is the oldest of seven children born to Dan and Eileen Layton. Her father attended St. Louis Academy and they have many distant relatives in the surrounding community.

"It is like coming home to a long-overdue family reunion. It is neat when people tell me they remember my dad going to school here. The roots run very deep," believes Layton.

When asked to describe herself in three words, the new leader says: "driven, creative and independent."



CHERYL LAYTON

Layton enjoys eating out and loves reading in her spare time. The three titles she is currently carrying in her bag include: "Mistaken Identity," "The Last Lecture" and "Go For Gold" by John Maxwell. Her favorite color would have to be red, but she likes yellow flowers.

While raising her children, Layton sang and played the organ for weddings and funerals and served as a church organist.

Layton will be joined by several new staff members for the 2008-2009 school year. One of their first goals is to increase enrollment by creating opportunities and events to bring nonparishioners to St. Louis.

"Just five miles east of New Haven is not that far. I believe St. Louis is a good choice for people looking for a private education for their children," says Layton.

Search committee chairman and parent Tracey Jacquay feels Layton is everything the school was seeking.

"She appears to be the type of person that will put her heart and soul into our school," says Jacquay. "We are so excited to

Chuck Grimm to share principal duties at St. Therese, St. Aloysius schools

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The halls of St. Therese School in Fort Wayne are familiar to Charles "Chuck" Grimm, who will be the principal of both St. Therese School and St. Aloysius School, Yoder, this year.

And St. Therese is familiar turf to Grimm, who taught there from 1992-1995, was an assistant principal there and was principal from 1995 to 2001.

Grimm worked a year as a corporate trainer for Sears, but went back into education at Benoit Academy, Fort Wayne, in 2002 as a teacher and development director. In 2006, he became principal at St. Aloysius School.

He expects being principal at two schools to be a challenge, but adds, "That's what drives me." His goal is to keep the two schools independent and alive on Fort Wayne's south side. At press time, St. Therese School had 130 enrolled, and St. Aloysius had 89 enrolled.

Both parishes have celebrations during the upcoming academic year.

St. Therese School is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The highlight event will be an All School Reunion Weekend, Oct. 10-12. Alumni are asked to submit updated

addresses and share memories at www.sttheresefw.org or contact Barb Pinkerton, a teacher at the school, via e-mail at bpinkerton@sttheresefw.org. The reunion weekend will include the following: Oct. 10 — a fish fry at 5 p.m. and a reception at 9 p.m. following the Bishop Luers homecoming football game; Oct. 11 —



CHARLES GRIMM

an open house at the school at 3 p.m., Mass at 5 p.m. and an alumni dinner at 6 p.m.; Oct. 12 — a pancake breakfast and school open house at 9 a.m.

Meanwhile, St. Aloysius Parish is celebrating its parish sesquicentennial. The parish was founded in 1859 and will host a highlight event next June on the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, June 21.

Grimm wants to be accessible to students, faculty, staff and parents and provide adequate time to both schools. The advice he has received from other diocesan principals is to see what works best for him.

Grimm, who finds communication to be one of his strengths, still hopes that parents at both schools will be understanding that messages and e-mails may not be returned immediately if he is at the

other school. The shared principalship, which has budget benefits to both parishes, will be successful as long as parents, teachers and staff are cooperative.

Grimm estimates driving time between the two schools at eight minutes. He plans to spend part of the day at St. Therese and part of the day at St. Aloysius.

He says both schools have dedicated families and are strongly family oriented. Much of the staff at St. Therese is the same as it was during his former principalship there. He is comfortable with them. He says there are many new families at St. Therese.

As of mid-July, Grimm says both schools were receiving inquiries from potential families relocating to the area.

St. Therese is beginning a pre-kindergarten program this year. St. Aloysius has had a successful program for a few years.

Catholic identity of schools is another strength for Grimm. His communication with parents include faith words for the week. He is a strong advocate of prayer and Mass.

At St. Therese School, Grimm hopes to initiate a morning rosary as children gather each day. Like St. Aloysius School, he plans for additional Mass times for students. Instead of just one all-school Mass per week, the students will attend either a primary-grades- or middle-school-student Mass during the week.

While times are difficult economically, Grimm says, "Parents still see the real value for Catholic education," helping their children grow in the faith and having their families active in the church. He also recognizes the importance of older parishioners and their support of the parish schools, both financially and as volunteers.

School begins Aug. 14 at St. Aloysius and Aug. 15 at St. Therese, an academic year full of potential and celebration.

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'I go to a Catholic school to learn, pray and celebrate Jesus'

BY KAY COZAD

Students give reasons for Catholic education

FORT WAYNE — Exemplary Catholic education has been a hallmark of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since the establishment of the first school on Cathedral Square, St. Augustine Academy, in 1846. Four high schools and 40 elementary schools currently comprise the network of remarkable educational opportunities for area children, and the distinctive academic and faith tradition established 162 years ago continues to nurture sound minds and hearts in the diocese.

As one of the 40 elementary schools, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School honors that tradition. In March of the past school year, Jeanne Kawiecki, director of liturgy and music and beloved music teacher there, assigned Brittany Jones and Stephanie Boss's fourth-grade students the task of expressing in their own words why they attended Catholic school. These soon-to-be fifth graders had much to say about the privilege of receiving a Catholic education.

All of the students agree that learning about Jesus and attending Mass twice each week is foundational to their Catholic education.

Evan Doelling writes, "It is very cool that we get to go to church at our school."

Classmate Mariah Mozzone adds, "I go to a Catholic school to learn about God and Jesus. I love going to Mass every Tuesday and Friday to listen to the word of God."

Young Emily Rotundo hopes to evangelize saying, "It is important that I hear the readings and the Gospel so that I can preach the word of God to people who aren't Catholic."

It is evident in each of the essays that learning about the faith is an integral part of what many of the students consider a "good education." Solid academics and innovative teachers round out their unique experience.

"My parents know that I get a good education here," writes Leah Schroeder.

She continues, "I can

pray, talk about Jesus and say the pledge of allegiance without getting in trouble. The teachers are very nice and teach us a lot."

Allison Wolk adds, "This school also has a better education, and has really Christian-like teachers."

Alyssa Stuczynski likes attending St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School because "we do not get much homework and the teachers are very nice," while Isaac Morken is drawn to the "small and enjoyable environment." And that intimate environment allows Lauren Keesling to "be around people that believe the same exact things as me."

Of course having good friends enlivens each of the student's well-rounded education. Joe

Schuhler enjoys lunch when he "can talk to friends in a nice way and tone."

Terese Schomogyi also notes that she and her friends love their school. "We all have so much fun here," she quips.

From the beginning, parents, hoping to pass their faith legacy to the next generation, have played a significant role in the education of these fourth graders as Nathan Pritchard writes, "My dad went to a Catholic grade school, and he is proud of me attending one, too."

Zach Powley maintains, "My parents like the discipline and structure here. It provides me with a lot of both!" He addresses

a hot topic for many area public and parochial schools with, "My parents also like the fact I wear a uniform."

Interestingly, several of his classmates agree that wearing a uniform makes clothing choices easier in the morning.

Allison Wolk simply adds, "I also like the uniforms because we look good in them."

Providing a state-of-the-art Catholic education with all its benefits is so important that cost is not a factor for these families, with Terese Schomogyi noting, "My parents want to send me to Catholic school no matter what the cost."

Claire Roberts adds, "We are very lucky because our parents pay a good \$3,000 per year so that we can learn more about God."

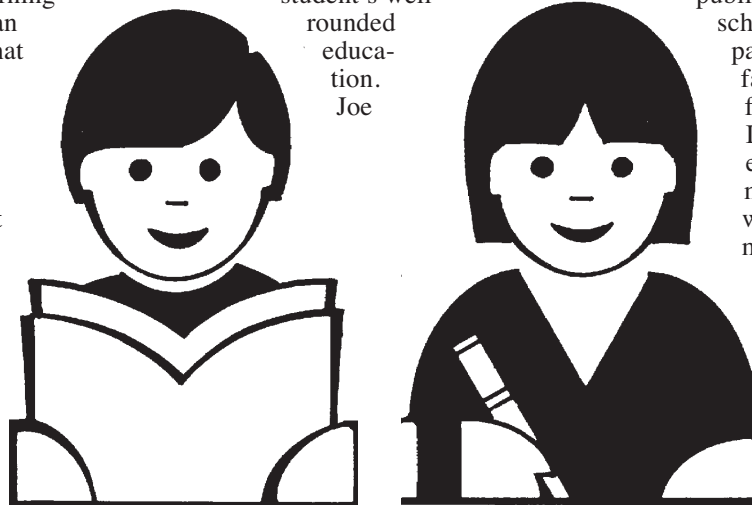
In addition to the rich faith tradition and exemplary academic curriculums, Catholic schools provide enrichment and extracurricular activities to enhance teamwork and life skills development. And of course, there's the music. "I go to a Catholic school," says Ethan Brown, "because in music class I sing religious songs and it's like praying twice."

"Mrs. Quicky (Kawiecki) says it is very important to sing in Mass and singing is the only thing that you will take to heaven and she's right," expounds Joey Mullins.

"And I enjoy singing," adds Abbie Grace Lee, "but knowing that it is praying is even better."

Perfect in her innocence, Allison Wolk sums it all up by offering, "I go to a Catholic school so that I can learn, pray and celebrate about Jesus."

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New St. Pius education center takes shape

BY JOE KOZINSKI

GRANGER — “Gathered as One” will be the unified hymn that connects the many generations of St. Pius X Parish as they put the finishing touches on their new education center slated to open at the end of August.

“Our concept in the construction of the education center stresses Catholic instruction as an important ministry,” said Father Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X. “We want to have an educational program in place that can provide for our parishioners’ spiritual needs from cradle to grave and to do that, we desperately required space.

“Our facilities were originally designed for a parish of 1,500 families, and now St. Pius X is at almost 3,000,” remarked Father Schooler. “The education center will now house; 1,000 religious education students, 420 plus Catholic school students (pre-school through seventh grade), youth ministries for middle and high schools, young adult education, sacramental preparation classes, RCIA, adult education, which include Bible studies and a guest speaker series, senior group, weekend retreats, music room and

even the Knight of Columbus.

“Our vision and mission statement I would like to say is new, but I actually borrowed the concept from Father Schulte’s catechetical center at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish,” explained Father Schooler. “I think that the project has brought the parish together with a common goal, and it continues to strengthen the bond as the building started taking shape.”

To make the transition from an established parish that now will have a Catholic grade school and that will be inclusive with all of the educational needs of its congregation takes communication and a unified staff that understands and embraces the parish philosophy.

Two key players in the transformation will be Elaine Holmes, principal, and Linda Jensen, director of religious education.

“I think that there is a combination of total excitement and nervousness, with the excitement superseding the nerves,” commented Holmes whose resume includes principal responsibilities at the grade school and middle school levels. “The change is a positive one that requires a building of community with the children and the staff.

“We have a task to establish our own climate and culture and also to connect the generations, the educational center is genera-

tional,” Holmes continued. “The philosophy drew me here, I will have three grandchildren attending the school and three grandchildren that will be attending religious education classes. It’s personally important to me to keep the two united and connected.

“Ninety-five percent of our teachers are parishioners. It was not an intentional hiring directive.

It just happened and showed the fantastic resources that our parish has,” remarked Holmes. “Some of our teachers instructed in our religious education program, and they all understand the importance of community.”

For years the religious education program was squeezed into small classrooms, mobile trailers and the rectory basement at times.

“What a difference the education center is going to make for the 1,000 children in our program,” Jensen said. “The education center will create a positive space so that the children can really focus on the Catholic teachings and the message of the Good

Shepherd.”

“The education center was built with the needs of all children. There will be spaces in each room for religious education storage and bulletin boards,” Jensen remarked. “We will celebrate the sacraments together, have our sacramental parent meeting together, have our retreats together; we are definitely a parish community.”

“The change is a positive one that requires a building of community with the children and the staff.”

ELAINE HOLMES, PRINCIPAL

“The bulletin boards in the classrooms will be a nice way to mesh the two groups of kids,” explained Jensen. “They will act like message boards that the students can express where they are at throughout the year.”

“Some religious education parents may be a little fearful of the parish

resources being directed toward the Catholic school, but it is an unfettered fear, Father Schooler and Principal Holmes are so inclusive in everything that they do,” Jensen said. “We are strength to each other and we all want St. Pius X to be a positive shining example to everyone how a parish community can provide for all its

members.”

To take on an endeavor of such magnitude cannot happen without people of varying talents and strengths coming together with a common objective and resolve.

“The astounding support from parish families, both young and old, that believe that Catholic education is essential from birth through the twilight years has been fantastic,” stated Betsy Quinn, director of stewardship and evangelization. “Without the generous support we would not have been able to see the project to its fulfillment.”

“The education center cost \$9.6 million, an additional \$1 million for land and \$800,000 for sewer and water,” Quinn explained. “Our parishioners understand the true calling of being stewards and to look to the future of the people that will be educated.

“With all the roadblocks that have been endured during this project, we will open the doors for the students on Aug. 27 as scheduled,” Quinn said. “Bishop (John M.) D’Arcy is scheduled to bless the education center in conjunction with the feast of St. Pius X just days before its opening.”

The Good Shepherd is the overwhelming inspiration for the education center; the focus has never been about a building made of stone and mortar but about the community and parish that will learn, pray and celebrate together.



JOHN DELEE

The gym floor is shown July 9 during installation at the St. Pius X Parish Education Center.



JOHN DELEE

A crosswalk connects the educational center with the church.



JOE KOZINSKI

Father Bill Schooler looks out the window to the new playground outside the Parish Education Center of St. Pius X Parish.



JOE KOZINSKI

Father Bill Schooler, right, pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, shows the new Parish Educational Center to parishioners and associate pastor Father Bob Lengerich. At left is Elaine Holmes, principal.

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Bishop reports on diocesan finances

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2007. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

Diocesan audit

The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer and Co., a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting principles are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that no exceptions were noted by our auditors. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the audit committee but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province which, in this case, is the archbishop of Indianapolis. As of Sept. 15, 2008, we will require a similar report for each parish in this diocese signed by the Parish Finance Council.

Living within our means

Every year, I charge our financial office and all our department heads with the responsibility of seeing that we live within our budget and that we do everything to avoid a deficit. We also ask our parishes to live this way. Such serious financial care is an important responsibility.

A careful examination of our records indicates that our actual expenses and our fiscal operation were within 3 percent of our prepared budget.

There is the ongoing problem of health insurance. During the first fiscal year that I was your bishop, the annual amount paid out in health insurance for the diocese was \$703,470. For the year, which we are reporting, the cost paid out by the diocese in health insurance was \$8,006,303. We are self-insured, with an excellent health insurance program, but, as is true nationally, this represents an ongoing fiscal challenge.

Parishes

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 21 years since the appeal began, 82 parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over \$82 million. Including efforts in progress, \$113 million worth of new buildings and renovations has been approved by the Diocesan Finance Council for parishes. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, \$107,368,295, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$4.2 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. As a result of the increase in the last four years, \$2.3 million from the appeal has been paid to 30 parishes to help them pay increased salaries to their teachers. Over \$24 million has been raised for building programs in our four high schools. All four high schools are presently engaged in or are preparing future building programs. The Legacy of Faith campaign is also parish-oriented. As of May 1, 2008, \$6,417,919 has been returned to parishes from the Legacy of Faith campaign. There were 11 parishes which had a combined drive. This means that, in addition to the Legacy of Faith, they sought to raise funds for a particular need, such as schools, increased classrooms, improvements in the church, etc. These parishes realized a total of \$34 million over and above their commitment to the Legacy. This is in pledges, which they hope to receive over three to five years. A more complete report on the Legacy of Faith campaign and its present status will be presented in the brochure for our upcoming Annual Bishop's Appeal. A report on the most recent appeal was in a recent edition of this newspaper.

Twinning parishes

A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain

targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 through March 2008, a total of \$1,515,702 has been received by 15 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools and must be expanded. I intend to organize a committee of pastors to examine the expansion of this effort so more parishes can be helped.

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to canon law, every parish must have a parish finance council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past two years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the parish finance council. This enables this review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, control has now been established similar to the accountability required of each diocese. Every parish must submit a report signed by each member of their finance council declaring they have seen the budget, the parish audit, and have met four times.

The Guardian Angel Society

A group of people devoted to our schools has formed the Guardian Angel Society, which has already raised \$1,277,889 in its first nine years to help with tuition for students in those elementary schools which have a genuine need. In addition, \$90,000 is pledged for its 10th campaign. There are no administrative costs for this initiative. All funds raised go directly to pay tuition. Special appreciation goes to William Dotterweich, who guides and oversees this important project.

I also wish to share with you the results of our parish offertory income. In the year for which we are reporting, 2006-07, the amount given by parishioners in the Sunday collection rose from \$35,388,779 to \$36,582,103. This is a total increase of \$1,193,324 in one year, approximately 3.37 percent.

High schools

Our high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives \$1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by \$150 in our high schools. This will help us to pay for the increase in teachers' salaries. Our high schools are also audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. Three high schools have debts to the diocese, and two are paying on those debts.

I continue to be encouraged with the strong religion departments in all four high schools, as well as campus ministry programs with vitality, and the fact that there are part-time priests in each high school teaching and doing pastoral ministry. The academic formation is outstanding and a true spirit of Christian community pervades our schools. I thank the devoted parents and others who, in the past several years, have raised over \$24 million for high school improvements.

Development Office

With resources from the bishop's appeal, we have been able to fund a strong Development Office. I have charged the Development Office with the responsibility of expanding the resources necessary to do the work of the church within our diocese by inviting participation and investment in our parishes and diocese. This office is having a significant effect on the diocese. This office works in five general areas: Stewardship, Annual Bishop's Appeal, Planned Giving, Catholic School Development Consulting and Capital Campaign Consulting.

The Development Office has facilitated stewardship education throughout the diocese. The concept of stewardship is rooted in holy Scriptures; and it is my hope and prayer that every parish will follow the stewardship way of life. Currently, 62 parishes (72 percent) have established a stewardship committee and are working on their annual renewal and yearlong stewardship effort. We must move in this area.

The Development Office has assisted parishes with development efforts. Because of their stewardship efforts, many parishes have experienced an increase in involvement of parish families and an increase in their offertory collection. Forty-nine parishes have reported an increase in their offertory since last year.

The Development Office has given counsel to 38 parishes, at no cost to the parish, for major capital campaigns. In

the last eight years, 41 parishes and four high schools have taken on major building projects.

Both the Development Office and Business Office have helped us to put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which will enable parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. It is my hope that many parishes, especially those with schools, will initiate an endowment. It only takes \$5,000 to start an endowment for a parish or diocesan institution. Currently, there are 87 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor and school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving — bequests, annuities, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and quarterly newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains \$11,211,583.

A very significant grant took place this year and deserves mention. In honor of the celebration of my golden jubilee, 50 years as a priest, the directors of Our Sunday Visitor voted unanimously to make a grant of \$1 million dollars to each of our four high schools. This grant was given as an endowment and for a particular, and much needed, purpose. The endowment will grant tuition assistance to each school for those who otherwise could not attend a Catholic High School. The amount given each year will be \$50,000, or 5 percent, whichever is greater. These funds have already been received, and the results will be available for students entering each of our four high schools this September.

Our Diocesan Office of Planned Giving is an available resource for parishes and schools that need assistance with promoting planned gifts and endowments that will strengthen our parishes and schools for the future. Under the direction of Elisa Smith, who is a CPA and has an extensive background in estate planning and charitable giving, the Office of Planned Giving conducts estate and charitable planning seminars in parishes, has established a charitable gift annuity program, and assists donors and their professional advisors with setting up endowments and charitable gifts through will bequests, life estates, charitable trusts, life insurance and retirement plan assets.

Investments

Our investments are overseen by Slocum Associates of St. Paul, Minn. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. Slocum Associates meet with our investment committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments earned a growth of 13.8 percent.

The road ahead

On May 1, I began my 24th year as your bishop. I have completed 51 years as a priest. We have observed the 150th anniversary of our diocese.

There are many challenges ahead. While the generosity of the people of this diocese has been extraordinary, and our institutions are stronger from every point of view, the church by its very nature always faces challenges.

One such challenge is the need for more priests. Pope Benedict XVI gave us two significant principles in his recent visit. He said, "It is more important to have good priests, than many priests." However, he also shared with us the following admonition in response to a question given to him by a brother bishop, "Let us be quite frank; the ability to cultivate vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is a sure sign of the health of a local church. There's no room for complacency in this regard. God continues to call young people; it's up to all of us to encourage a generous and free response to that call. On the other hand, none of us can take this grace for granted."

When the whole diocese grows spiritually through prayer and repentance, service of the poor and increase of faith, hope, and love, vocations will come. Indeed, both the number and the caliber of young men preparing for priesthood in our diocese is encouraging. On the other hand, our need is great. Seventeen of our parishes are under the pastoral care of priests from overseas. I place in the hands and heart of everyone, the responsibility to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

"I often think that prayer — the 'unum necessarium' —

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS

INCOME	
Tuition/Fees	13,838,340
Diocesan Assistance	1,706,731
Other Grants/Scholarships	1,468,334
Fund Raising/Athletic/Other	3,756,676
TOTAL INCOME	20,770,081
EXPENSES	
Administrative	
Cost of Employee	2,539,668
Other Administrative	2,318,352
Total Administrative	4,858,020
Instructional	
Cost of Employee-Teaching	8,128,649
Academic Department-Cost	134,805
Other Expense-Teaching	252,800
Cost of Employee-Supportive	964,535
Other Expense-Supportive	402,651
Total Instructional	9,883,440
Operational	
Cost of Employee	884,090
Other Expense-Operational	1,466,738
Total Operational	2,350,828
Miscellaneous	
Capital/Miscellaneous	0
Other Miscellaneous	3,372,943
Total Miscellaneous	3,372,943
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,465,231
SURPLUS/(LOSS)	304,850

84 DIOCESAN PARISHES

INCOME	
Offertory	36,586,253
Educational	27,269,028
Other Income	13,015,582
Special Collections/Donations	4,433,676
TOTAL INCOME	81,304,539
EXPENSES	
Church/Rectory	18,135,167
Capital/Real Estate	4,720,944
Educational	40,395,710
Other Educational Programs	1,655,348
Building Operation/Management	12,144,823
TOTAL EXPENSES	77,051,992
SURPLUS	4,252,547
*Diocesan Assistance	
Bishop Dwenger High School	511,596
Bishop Luers High School	348,994
Saint Joseph's High School	418,534
Marian High School	427,607
Total	1,706,731

Statement of revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2007

	Expendable Funds	Temporarily/Permanently Restricted Funds	Total Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Parish Quotas and Assessments	\$2,103,333	0	\$2,103,333
Donations and Bequests	1,742,298	\$225,661	1,967,959
Investment Income	3,379,782	202,754	3,582,536
Fund Raising — Bishop's Appeal	4,036,686	0	4,036,686
Insurance Premiums	10,239,243	82,482	10,321,725
Interest — Loans	543,439	0	543,439
Collections	268,269	0	268,269
Advertising	195,057	0	195,057
Subscriptions	192,579	0	192,579
Sale of Merchandise	336,068	0	336,068
Fees/Rentals/Workshops	325,965	0	325,965
Other	66,118	0	66,118
Gain on Sale of Assets	2,266	0	2,266
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$23,431,103	\$510,897	\$23,942,000
EXPENSES			
Ministry Services	\$2,259,639	0	\$2,259,639
Educational Services	2,792,181	0	2,792,181
Diocesan High School Assistance	1,706,731	0	1,706,731
Communications	844,024	0	844,024
Fund Raising — Bishop's Appeal	401,353	0	401,353
Insurance	7,364,351	0	7,364,351
Interest Expense	994,852	0	994,852
*Parish Assistance	233,697	0	233,697
Priests-Other Countries — Parish Assistance	33,866	0	33,866
Religious/Priest Retirement	319,208	0	319,208
Assessments	92,889	0	92,889
Chancery — Departmental/General	4,815,976	0	4,815,976
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	150,000	0	150,000
Catholic Charities Subsidy	403,972	0	403,972
** Charitable Contributions	82,000	0	82,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,494,739	0	\$22,494,739
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)	\$936,364	\$510,897	\$1,447,261

CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS

Revenues, Expenses and Budgets

	Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
Tribunal	414,946	460,656
General Administration	772,547	676,462
Parish Assistance	37,999	38,340
Personnel	328,420	239,200
Diocesan Services Agency	39,133	41,507
Data Processing	111,517	94,044
US Catholic Conference/Indiana Catholic Conference	92,890	93,318
Missions	5,383	5,383
Archbishop Noll Catholic Center	450,826	443,968
Misc. Properties	235,113	238,456
Hispanic Ministry	161,851	163,749
Accounting	123,384	130,020
Bishop's Appeal	264,262	266,492
Bishop's Office	147,104	65,516
Archivist	46,280	51,416
Today's Catholic	544,996	617,129
Office of Catholic Communications	132,781	162,045
Ecumenical	6,783	2,380
Sesquicentennial	109,811	223,462
Family Life/Pro-Life	129,725	140,719
TV Mass	166,246	172,652
Property Management	119,598	117,317
Office of Vocations	54,403	47,065
Campus Ministry	237,095	242,496
Office of Worship/Music Ministry	109,700	148,328
Spiritual Development	143,390	153,185
Victim Assistance Coordinator	4,664	4,306
Permanent Diaconate	22,342	3,000
Hospital Ministry	116,397	124,755
Ministry of Education	459,366	480,199
Religious Education Office	253,231	310,276
Seminarian Education/Priest Formation	633,103	675,400
Continuing Ed/Priests	66,917	45,600
Crisis Pregnancy Fund - Catholic Charities	403,972	400,000
Catholic Charities Property - South Bend	23,493	23,619
Foreign Priests Assigned to Parishes	33,866	21,700
Youth Ministry	78,004	152,335
Development Office	75,289	91,240
Cathedral Museum	6,907	5,851
Planned Giving	55,611	61,124
	7,219,345	7,434,710

*** Parishes receiving grants from the 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/Baptist, South Bend
- St. Joseph, South Bend
- St. Patrick, Walkerton
- ** Groups receiving grants from the Bishop's Appeal**
- St. Vincent de Paul Society — Fort Wayne and South Bend
- Vincent House
- Women's Care Center

Christ Child Society — Fort Wayne and South Bend

- Matthew 25
- St. Augustine Soup Kitchen
- Little Flower Food Pantry
- Chiara Home
- Chapin Street Clinic
- Catholic Charities
- COPOSH (Homeless Center, South Bend)
- Logan Center
- Center for Basic Learning Skills
- Hannah's House
- Life Athletes

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is the one aspect of vocations work we tend to forget or to undervalue!

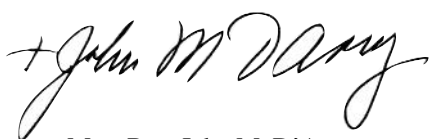
Nor am I speaking only of prayer for vocations. Prayer itself, born in Catholic families, nurtured by programs of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments is the first means by which we come to know the Lord's will for our lives. To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God's call."

— Pope Benedict XVI to the bishops of the U.S.

Recently, a committee appointed by me under the chairmanship of our vicar general, Rev. Robert Schulte, examined with great care some long-range solutions through parish mergers. I must now prayerfully consider their recommendations. While such possibilities are indeed painful, it must be considered for the spiritual welfare of all our people.

I pray every day for all of you, and for the spiritual renewal of our diocese. Also, I give thanks to God for all that has been accomplished; and I look forward with joy to every day that I am privileged to serve as your bishop. I also ask for your generosity as we approach our 22nd Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,



Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy

EDITORIAL

'Humanae Vitae' sets moral tone desperately needed today

July 25 marks the 40th anniversary of "Humanae Vitae," the encyclical that rightly earned Pope Paul VI his designation as a prophet — that is, a person to whom God entrusts a message for others that is often not well-received. In 1968, with the sexual revolution in full swing and in the face of enormous pressure (including from some bishops and cardinals) to change the church's teaching, Pope Paul VI sought the counsel of the Holy Spirit and reaffirmed the moral norm designating contraception as a serious evil.

It is almost hard to believe that only 40 years earlier, all major Christian denominations held to this same teaching, which had been the moral norm for centuries. Luther and Calvin, for example, both condemned the use of contraception. It was not until the Anglican Lambeth Conference in 1930 that the first major deviation from this teaching took place.

Those who take the time to actually read "Humanae Vitae" (available online at www.vatican.va) are often surprised and persuaded by the well-reasoned case that Pope Paul VI presents as to why "each and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life."

The pope set this moral norm in the context of a concise but beautiful description of the essential characteristics of married love. These characteristics of married love — that it be fully human, (and therefore freely chosen), total, faithful and fruitful — are expressed in a singular way in the marital act. Sexual intercourse is intended by God to be the most profound sign of the free, total, faithful and fruitful gift of self that a man and woman make to one another in marriage. It also makes possible a unique communion with God, who is not only love, but the Lord and giver of life.

This is a radical view, vastly different from the culture's conception of sex as little more than a recreational activity. In a recent issue of *America* magazine, Jennifer Fulwiler recounts how her journey from "pro-choice atheist" to "pro-life Catholic" reached its critical moment when she discovered the reason behind the church's teaching against contraception: "I had always assumed that (they) were outdated notions, even a thinly disguised attempt to oppress the faithful. What I found, however, was that these teachings expressed a fundamentally different understanding of sex. And once I discovered this, I never saw the world the same way again."

The essential evil of contraception is that it intentionally closes the couple to the possibility of communion with God as the Lord and giver of life, and in so doing, closes them to the possibility of authentic communion with each other.

Pope Paul VI was also prophetic in that he foresaw the serious consequences that would follow if contraception became widely available. First, he predicted that contraception would open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. One only need consider in passing the prevalence of adultery, divorce, cohabitation, abortion, STDs, promiscuity and pornography to realize that this prediction has indeed come to pass.

Secondly, the pope warned that men might forget the reverence due to a woman, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, and reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires. What we have discovered in the past 40 years about the harmful side effects of the pill, the most popular form of reversible birth control which was recently classified by the World Health Organization as a Group 1 carcinogen, certainly lends credence to this prediction.

Thirdly, the Holy Father raised the specter that governments might impose the use of contraceptives on their populations as a way to solve social problems. This prediction has certainly come true in various countries, especially in China whose "one-child" policy is enforced through coercive contraception, sterilization and even abortion.

Modern natural family planning methods offer married couples a scientifically based, morally acceptable way to regulate conception based on observation and interpretation of the biomarkers of fertility in a woman's body. The church promotes natural family planning because, unlike contraception, it respects the twin purposes of love-giving and life-giving, which God has joined together in sexual union. What Christ once said about marriage, "Humanae Vitae" said about the marital act: Let no one separate what God has joined.

Today's Catholic editorial board consists of Ann Carey, Don Clemmer, Fred and Lisa Everett, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Michael Heintz, Tim Johnson and Vince LaBarbera.

COMMENTARY

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Time to do all we can to stop the illegal crossings

There is a difference between legal and illegal immigration. The former has been long honored in our nation. We can both be against illegal immigration and be grateful for those who came here legally.

Undocumented immigrants are still illegally in the U.S. People from other countries do not have an inherent right to come to the U.S., to work or obtain any services from the American government. Those who come here illegally frequently use one or more fake identifications. They live their lives here based on lies. Many come here initially selling illegal drugs to make money quickly. Gangs have arisen on our soil from immigrants coming north. Government in a lot of places in the U.S. is spending a lot of money to give services to the illegal immigrants. Middle

income Americans are affected — it is not true that illegals take only the lowest paying jobs. I could go about the problems inherent in the current situation.

The marches some time ago by illegals for "rights" should have been a wake-up call. Large groups of unassimilated foreign nationals within a country not their own pose grave dangers to that country as history elsewhere has shown clearly.

While we as Christians and church should help those in need beyond and within our borders, it is wrong to turn this into a call for national governmental policies which will harm the U.S. The recommendations of the Indiana bishops would create incentives for more to come here illegally. It is not a service to anyone or to God to do that.

Added to these concerns is that a country with such open borders also inadvertently provide places of passage for terrorists to enter the U.S.

I know two illegal immigrants from Mexico. They are

wonderful men, husbands and fathers. So, this is in no way a prejudice against the illegals as persons.

But when I hear them talk about having another false identification if the one they are using becomes no longer usable and about how there are those who come here (at least) initially selling illegal drugs to Americans, I think it is time to do all we can to stop the illegal crossings.

We need to recognize the fact that illegals do not have the same rights as people legally here and those who are citizens. And we have to deal with the fact that America has knowingly allowed them to come here with the result that millions are now here.

We don't have to send them back to their countries of origin, but if we let them stay then we need to make them legal.

**Roger Schmucker
Goshen**

Reports on Catholic losses to evangelicals called 'exaggerated'

BY J. MICHAEL PARKER

SAN ANTONIO (CNS) — Large numbers of cradle Catholics in both the United States and Canada continue to identify with their Catholic roots even if they have become largely inactive in church life, Canadian sociologist Reginald Bibby told a San Antonio audience.

And what's more, large numbers of them express openness to getting more deeply involved if parishes provide ministries that are meaningful to their family members, he said.

Bibby, professor of sociology at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta, shared those findings in a keynote address in late June at the Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio in conjunction with the Oblate School of Theology's 2008 summer institute on "Megatrends in Church and Society."

Bibby, a Baptist, said that Catholics by their sheer numbers occupy a privileged position.

In the United States the Catholic population numbers 67 million, according to the 2008 Official Catholic Directory. That growth has roughly mirrored the rise in total U.S. population, from 218.6 million in 1979 to 232.4 million in 1999 and 305 million in 2008.

Canada's Catholics number about 13 million out of a total population of 33.4 million.

"You keep hearing that Catholic numbers are slipping," he said. "But if this is slipping, a lot of other groups would love to be slipping like this."

"Large numbers of Catholics are not actively involved in the life of the church," Bibby said. "But ask them about their openness to switch traditions, and the vast majority say no."

In the U.S. Religious Landscape Survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, he said, data for the United States show that on the surface some 7.5 percent of U.S. adults who were raised Catholic no longer identify themselves as Catholic.

While 31.4 percent of U.S. adults say they were raised Catholic, only 23.9 percent of them identify with the Catholic Church today, he said, again citing the Pew data.

"That kind of talk is bound to get some evangelistically-minded groups excited about what (the data) imply is a growing mission opportunity among former Catholics," Bibby said.

But he said approximately one-half of the respondents claim "no religion," and a majority of those will again identify themselves as Catholics as they get older and prepare for marriage and parenthood.

"The real story is the inclination of a growing number of people who were raised Catholic to move

temporarily into the no-religion category, versus switching to another group. Since many will re-assume their 'Catholic' identities as they get older, the mission-field notion is largely illusory," Bibby said.

So, "if somebody says he's no longer Catholic, keep the camera rolling and it will change," he added.

That confronts the Catholic Church with both a tremendous opportunity and a tremendous responsibility to get those people more regularly involved.

While about one in five Catholics say they attend Mass only once in awhile or never, Bibby said, "that may not make you happy, but you still have them. The question is what are you going to do about them?"

Huge numbers of those people are receptive to greater involvement if the right ministries are offered; 62 percent of those who attend church less than once a week said they would be receptive, as would 40 percent of teenagers.

What's needed to ensure that those temporarily "lost" from the Catholic fold, Bibby said, is solid ministry that's in touch with the importance Catholics place on family life.

"They're open to ministries that touch their family's life and that they feel are worth their time and resources," he said, especially in the areas of spirituality, personal needs and relationships.

Cross the border illegally

Perceived Myth: Most immigrants cross the border illegally
Known fact: Around 75 percent of today's immigrants have legal permanent (immigrant) visas; of the 25 percent that are undocumented, 40 percent overstayed temporary (non-immigrant) visas. Source: Department of Homeland Security

Immigrants in Indiana — number and work force

According to the 2000 census, 3.1 percent of Indiana residents are foreign born; residents totaled over 186,500. This includes those who are now citizens and those here as non-immigrants, such as refugees, students and workers with visas as well as the undocumented residents. Growth since 2000 is estimated to be approximately 68,000, raising the total to 4 percent of the total population.

Immigrants other than Latino

According to the 2000 census, immigrants in Indiana come from all continents and countries. 41.5 percent are from Latin America; 26.6 percent are from Asia; 23.2

percent from Europe; 4.2 percent from North America; 3.9 percent from Africa; and 0.5 percent from Oceania. Countries with the highest number of immigrants are Mexico, Germany, India, United Kingdom (England), China and Philippines.

Why don't they just get the documents? Why do they break the law?

Many undocumented immigrants come from desperate circumstances. Although it is difficult to leave one's home country and family, these individuals chose to leave their homes where there are limited job opportunities to improve the lives for their families, often to provide for basic human needs. Fathers and mothers are desperate to care for their family. Young men and women desire to work and they have a strong work ethic. Many businesses need workers and are interested in hiring these individuals, yet cannot hire willing workers with visas. For example, someone with requisite skills and with a job waiting may have to wait up to five years for the U.S. to process a work visa.

These are people who need work and are willing to work hard.

IMMIGRATION: MYTHS AND FACTS

BY THE INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Although many immigrants work at lower paying jobs, the wages are more than they can earn in their home and the value of the dollar is such that even a little makes a big difference to the family who is left behind. For the immigrant it is a matter of life, one's own and one's family. Left with few options, desperation forces one to break civil law in order to fulfill natural law.

Quote: "In his public ministry, Jesus was an itinerant preacher, moving from place to place, with nowhere to lay his head." — Mt

To correspond with materials distributed at parishes in the Diocese, the Indiana Catholic Conference offered this series of information pieces on immigration. Visit the Indiana Catholic Conference Web site at www.indianacc.org.

God will balance the picture



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 13:44-52

The First Book of Kings is the source of this weekend's first reading. As might be supposed, the two books of Kings take their name from the fact that they deal heavily with the kings of Israel, Saul, David and Solomon.

While these two books concentrate on these three kings, the books in fact are not political histories. The authors of these inspired books were not interested in politics, except when politics furnished some religious consideration or another.

The only thing that mattered in life was religion, the process whereby God related to the people, and they to God. Nothing else in the long run made any difference.

David and Solomon were almost magical figures in the ancient Hebrew mind. David was the king who confirmed his own, and the nation's, covenant with God. Solomon was regarded as the wisest of men.

Under David and Solomon, at least in the estimate of the Hebrews themselves, the unified kingdom of Israel had status among the nations of the ancient Middle East.

In this weekend's reading, Solomon realized that, despite his own intelligence and access to power, God was supreme. Solomon asked God not for power or wealth, but for the wisdom to be able to govern well. Again to emphasize the place of religion, governing well meant bringing the people to God, and God to them.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. The reading begins with a verse, long a favorite source of consolation for Christians: "We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love him." Paul wrote this epistle in part to encourage the Christian Romans as they faced the scorn of the culture of the time and indeed as they faced increasing pressure from the political authorities.

These verses in this readings call for strong faith, and for commitment to the fact that earthly life is not the be all and end all for humans.

For its last reading, the church offers a reading from St. Matthew's Gospel. The reading contains three short parables. These parables belong uniquely to Matthew.

Key to understanding the message is to note the eagerness of the pearl merchant to possess the truly precious pearl. He sells everything in order to buy this priceless pearl.

The Gospel presents the kingdom, and life with God, as an extraordinarily valuable pearl. If we are expert in assessing the value of pearls, if we are wise, we will put everything else aside and seek the pearl that is the kingdom.

Everything is the operative phrase. We must invest every part of ourselves in our quest for God. We must "sell everything," so to speak, to be true disciples.

The reading further reminds us

that saints as well as sinners people the world, and even the kingdom of God on earth. God, and only God, will balance the picture.

Reflection

This Liturgy of the Word calls us directly to the fact that our kingdom is not of this world, just as Jesus insisted before Pilate that the Redeemer's kingdom was not of this world. As followers of Jesus, as part of the mystical body of Christ, we are in the same situation.

Only the wise see that the enduring kingdom is not of this world. Belonging to this kingdom will require determination on our part. Everywhere, we will encounter obstacles and rebuttals.

Determination will be only halfhearted if it does not mean that we have discarded everything, including our instincts, our comforts and our obsession with ourselves, in order to be with God.

However, if we are so wise, and if we give ourselves to God, if we sell all for the pearl of great price, we will live eternally.

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119:57,72, 76-77,127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

Monday: Jer 13:1-11 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Jn 11:19-27

Wednesday: Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In early July, we, in the U.S., remember Father Junipero Serra, as does this quiz.

- Where was Father Serra from?**
 - Spain, specifically the Island of Mallorca
 - Portugal, specifically Oporto
 - North Africa, specifically Ifni
- He was a member of this religious order:**
 - the Dominicans
 - the Jesuits
 - the Franciscans
- He reached this rank in the clergy:**
 - deacon
 - priest
 - bishop
- He taught this discipline for a while:**
 - philosophy
 - Greek
 - chemistry
- He then went to this part of the New World:**
 - Argentina
 - Nova Scotia
 - Mexico
- He was going to Vera Cruz when he had an accident that left him with a permanent**
 - smile
 - stigmata
 - limp
- Despite this, he continued to**
 - have a serious disposition
 - behave like the other monks
 - walk most places he traveled
- Although he had an academic background, he was drawn to this activity:**
 - tight rope walking
 - missionary work
 - fishing
- He was assigned to lead a band of brothers in this territory, now in Mexico:**
 - Arizona
 - Baja California
 - Nuevo Leon
- He moved further north into this area, later a U.S. state:**
 - Oregon
 - Arizona
 - (Alta) California
- On July 1, he reached this settlement, home to the Padres baseball team, which was named in honor of Padre Serra:**
 - San Francisco
 - San Mateo
 - San Diego
- Here he founded the first of these:**
 - California missions
 - Order of Oblates
 - Discalced Franciscans
- Eventually, the total of these founded reached**
 - 12
 - 21
 - 25
- Ironically, the main obstacle to Father Serra in his work were**
 - hostile Indians
 - Spanish government officials
 - Recalcitrant American Protestants
- Today, the Serra Club works at fostering these:**
 - forests and owls
 - missions to Indians
 - vocations to the ordained life

ANSWERS:

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

Grief bursts

Have you ever heard an old familiar tune or caught a poignant scent on the wind that tugged at your heart strings or caused a tear or two to flow? If you have lost someone dear to you, you probably have experienced an event, sight or smell that has evoked a memory and drawn your grief to the surface.

These unexpected moments of sorrow and remembering are considered grief bursts, according to Alan Wolfelt, a leading expert in grief studies. I have also heard such moments referred to as grief occasions, grief wash or waves of grief. I'll stick with grief burst — because that's what grief has been known to do in my life ...

BURST!
It's been almost two decades since my husband Trent died in a car accident, and I still occasionally have those moments of intense memory that take me back. They come infrequently now, but in the early days of my journey, I was caught off guard by these seemingly random surprise attacks of

grief. During what appeared to me to be normal everyday events, such as grocery shopping or attending a church service, a haphazard burst of memory would cause intense pain. As I began to learn more about grief, through personal experience and study, I began to understand these moments are common among the bereaved.

I also learned that a natural response to a grief burst, though not necessarily the most socially acceptable, was the best for me. When I honored my grief, I was able to move forward through it. Those that know me understand these moments are a part of my life.

While watching my young daughters swing at a neighborhood park following my husband's death one day long ago, I noticed a father approach the swings with his own sweet daughter. A wave of sadness for my daughters' loss hit me like a tsunami, and I felt compelled to usher my children home to safety.

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

KAY COZAD

The instinctive response to retreat allowed me time to process my loss once again and move forward. Removing yourself from a painful situation even for a short time is an acceptable and compassionate response to grief.

Timing is a frustrating piece of the puzzle when addressing a grief burst. There is no schedule or roadmap by which to chart when and how grief will affect any one of us. A moment of grief may creep up like an insidious ache or wash in like a tidal wave of emotion. These moments come at any time, in any place and seem to have no boundaries. But whenever

and however grief grips us, we must respond to it.

Learning to expect these moments with compassionate self-care is essential to survival, especially in early grief. Be attentive to what you are feeling. Listen to your heart and body. They will tell you what you need to release your grief in healthy ways.

Carol experienced a grief burst when she attended a performance of "West Side Story" with her daughter, following her husband's death. "Tears came as I listened to the song, 'There's a Place for Us,'" she says. "My daughter reached over and took my hand and gave me a soft smile. The sadness passed."

Tears were a healthy instinctive reaction to Carol's grief burst, but may cause some a sense of embarrassment, particularly if the loss is months or years in the past. I encourage those I support to give themselves permission to express their pain through tears. This simple organic act not only cleanses the physical body but it lightens

the soul.

Fortunately, Carol's daughter acknowledged her mother's pain with care and compassion. Many times our bursts of grief cause discomfort to those around us. Surrounding yourself with caring people who will allow you to "be" in your grief at any moment will lift the burden of deciphering the socially acceptable response to grief.

As time moves forward and you begin to trust the unfolding of your unique journey of grief, you will learn how best to recognize and respond to the pain of loss. Honor your memories as they occur to you in healthy compassionate ways. Over time they will occur less frequently and eventually will bring you joy.

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The hate disease

A glimpse at what faces the next president of the United States can be gleaned from a speech by Dr. Attah Abu Al-Subh, culture minister of Hamas, which controls the legislative council of the Palestinian Authority. Speaking on Al-Aqsa TV on May 18, Dr. Al-Subh had the following to say about the current president, whom he styled "the master of killing, destruction, crime, violence, tyranny and injustice — little Bush":

"I can see the blood of the children of Afghanistan between his fangs. Their blood drips onto his lips and chest. He is Dracula, a vampire ...

"Bush thirsts for blood day and night. He derives pleasure from killing. He has surpassed all types of crimes and all sadistic traits. That's Bush for you. With all his audacity and insolence, Bush tears the Arab lands to shreds. He makes decision and has the audacity to call for the killing of life, and the killing of any person fighting for his right to live. That's Bush for you."

The clip of this screed is worth viewing: <http://memritv.org/clip/en/1774.htm>. Having not previously encountered Dr. Al-Subh's contributions to international understanding — like his defense of the anti-Semitic forgery, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, or his poem in praise of anthrax (read on Hamas television after the post-9/11 anthrax attacks in New York and Washington) — I expected to click the link and find a bearded lunatic badly in need of a bath and a shave, draped in bandoliers of bullets

and grenades and appropriately turbaned. On the contrary, the dapper Dr. Al-Subh denounced Dracula Bush while vested in a handsome gray suit with white shirt and natty gray tie. His is the refined face of Hamas. The message, however, is anything but refined — save for refined bile.

The next president of the United States should take a close look at Dr. Attah Abu Al-Subh; so should the people who will elect the 44th president. Dr. Al-Subh is not your random nutter. He is, by all appearances, a distinguished gentleman in late middle-age. Beneath the surface, however, boils a cauldron of hate: not simply for George W. Bush, but for the United States, for Israel, for Jews, for Christians who do not loathe Jews, for all those who impede the achievement of the political goals of Dr. Al-Subh and his Hamas colleagues.

Anyone who imagines that those goals include peace, freedom and justice is either a fool, or Jimmy Carter.

Taking the full measure of the politics of hate that shapes the daily drama of the Middle East is not simply a geopolitical imperative, as foreign policy realists might argue; it is also, and above all, a moral obligation. Why? Because sound moral reasoning about the pursuit of peace, freedom, security and justice must include a sober analysis of the obstacles to achieving those noble goals. Thus, any morally serious person, conservative or liberal, must acknowledge that the hatred embodied in the likes of Dr. Attah Abu Al-Subh is a major obstacle to the building of peace, freedom, security and jus-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

tice in the Holy Land and the adjacent region — as is the related inability of Arab political culture to recognize that its own pathologies have created its current incapacities.

I remember a glorious evening in September 1990, a month after the Iraqi invasion and rape of Kuwait. The walls of the Old City of Jerusalem were glowing in the gloaming, and I found myself in conversation with Abba Eban, former foreign minister of Israel and a prominent figure on the dovish end of Israeli politics. Eban, a spellbinding orator, was an immensely civilized man; his heart told him that peace had to be possible. But he had seen the enthusiastic Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein's latest wickedness, and he remarked, with sadness, "The poor Palestinians: they never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity." That is what the hate disease does to you.

That unhappy truth is no small part of what the American electorate, and the president we choose, must understand about the demons that beset the Holy Land.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for July 27, 2008

Matthew 13:44-52

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: gathering treasures to become a greater treasure. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HEAVEN	TREASURE	A FIELD
SELLS ALL	HE HAS	BUYS
AGAIN	MERCHANT	FINE PEARLS
A NET	FISH	EVERY KIND
FULL	THE END	THE AGE
SEPARATE	RIGHTEOUS	THROW THEM
FURNACE	TEETH	SCRIBE

TREASURES

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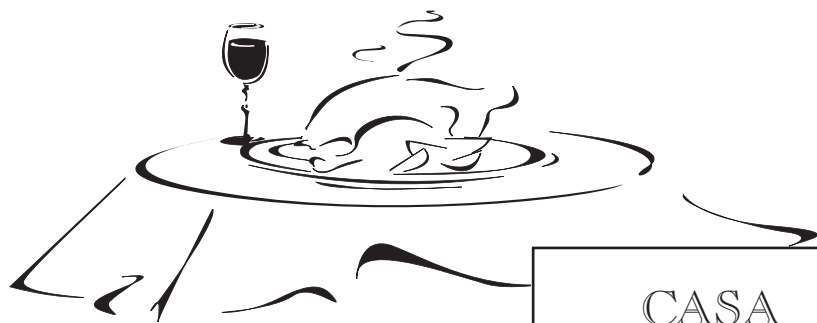
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DEVOTIONS

All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited Sunday, July 27, at MacDougal Chapel from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families, especially those families with difficulties. Attending will be Father Daryl Rybicki from St. John the Baptist Parish.

Little Flower holy hour

Fort Wayne — Father Mark Gurtner will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 7:15 p.m. Father Mark is pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish.

Apostolate of Fatima Mass, breakfast and meeting

Fort Wayne — The Apostolate of Fatima will meet at St. Joseph Church Saturday, Aug. 2, at 7:15 a.m. with confessions, meditation, rosary and Mass. Breakfast and a movie "Fatima, More

Important than Ever" by Michael La Corte, Executive Director of WAF USA will be shown.

FUNDRAISERS

Craft fair spaces available

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish has space available for its Nov. 1 craft fair of over 130 tables of hand-made items. Cost is \$40 per space. Call (260) 749-6077 for application.

Rummage sale

Pierceton — The Parish Life Society of St. Francis Xavier Parish, 408 Catholic St., is having a rummage sale on Friday, Aug. 1, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Sat. until noon.

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.

Spirit of Chicago cruise

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

MISC. HAPPENINGS

John Michael Talbot in concert

South Bend — Christian musician John Michael Talbot will be in concert on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at St. Anthony de Padua Church. Admission to the concert is \$17.50. Contact Frank Held at (574) 386-6412 for tickets, information or to volunteer.

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Prison ministry volunteers needed
Ossian — Christmas Behind Bars, a non-denominational prison ministry, will provide programs at Westville prison for two-hour rotations Aug. 2-3. Volunteers are needed. Musicians and corporate sponsors are needed as well. For information, contact Mark Michuda at (260) 760-1705.

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Aug. 17	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Bruce Piechocki St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton *(Will air at 6:30 a.m.)	Father Camillo Tirabassi Corpus Christi, South Bend *(Will air at 6 a.m.)	
Aug. 24	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Ron Rieder, OFM, Cap Ss. Peter and Paul Huntington	Father Mike Mathews Holy Cross/St. Stanislaus South Bend	
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the Catholic Church throughout Australia and asked the country's priests and religious to support fully the bishops' programs for protecting young people, assisting victims and bringing perpetrators to justice.

At an airport farewell ceremony before leaving for Rome July 21, the pope said the World Youth Day "experiences of prayer, and our joyful celebration of the Eucharist, were an eloquent testimony to the life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, present and active in the hearts of our young people."

"World Youth Day has shown us that the church can rejoice in the young people of today and be filled with hope for the world of tomorrow," he said.

Meeting Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and other government officials July 17, Pope Benedict praised efforts to promote reconciliation with the country's indigenous peoples, who had long been oppressed.

Dance, chants and art from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were included at many of the papal events, and elders



CNS PHOTO/WILL BURGESS, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI waves to pilgrims as he rides past the Sydney Opera House in the popemobile July 17 in Sydney, Australia. He had just addressed an estimated 150,000 young people who welcomed him to World Youth Day.

from the two groups prominently welcomed the pope to their land.

The pope's primary focus was on the thousands of young Catholics who came from some

170 countries to participate in the July 15-20 World Youth Day and reflect on its theme, "You Will Receive Power When the Holy Spirit Has Come Upon You, and

You Will Be My Witnesses."

More than 200,000 young people attended the July 19 vigil at Royal Randwick Racecourse and, police said, some 350,000 people were at the track for the July 20 closing Mass. World Youth Day officials estimated the crowd at 400,000.

"Do not be afraid to say 'yes' to Jesus, to find your joy in doing his will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness," the pope said in his homily for the Mass, which included administering the sacrament of confirmation to 24 young people from nine countries.

The world needs the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, he said at the Mass.

"In so many of our societies, side by side with material prosperity, a spiritual desert is spreading: an interior emptiness, an unnamed fear, a quiet sense of

despair," he said.

The pope told the young people that opening their hearts to Jesus and cooperating with the gifts of the Holy Spirit would transform their lives and help them bring a life-giving witness to the rest of the world.

Repeatedly during the trip, Pope Benedict described the Holy Spirit as God's creative, life-giving and courage-giving force.

The pope also spoke often of the need to protect the environment and respect the gifts of God's creation, but he made it clear to the young people that human beings are God's greatest creation.

"At the heart of the marvel of creation are you and I, the human family, 'crowned with glory and honor,'" as the Psalms say, he told the young people at the July 17 World Youth Day welcoming ceremony.

Just as the natural environment can be destroyed by selfishness and exploitation, he said, so too can human life be destroyed or damaged by not recognizing human dignity and the plan God has for each person's life.

"Experience shows that turning our back on the Creator's plan provokes a disorder which has inevitable repercussions on the rest of the created order," he said.

God gave people the freedom to make choices so that they would choose truth, goodness and beauty, the pope said.

"Our hearts and minds are yearning for a vision of life where love endures, where gifts are shared, where unity is built, where freedom finds meaning in truth and where unity is found in respectful communion," he said.

The young pilgrims, including more than 15,000 from the United States, were not the only young people on the pope's mind and on his itinerary.

After watching a dramatic World Youth Day presentation of the Stations of the Cross through the streets of Sydney, the pope went to visit young people recovering from alcohol and drug abuse and other disadvantaged people being helped by the Alive program of Catholic Social Services.

The pope told them they were "ambassadors of hope" to their peers because they have had the courage to turn their lives around.

"The choice to abuse drugs or alcohol, to engage in criminal activity or self-harm, may have seemed at the time to offer a way out of a difficult or confusing situation," he said. "You now know that instead of bringing life, it brings death."

The pope told them that Jesus loves them unconditionally and prayed that the Holy Spirit would be with them and would make them witnesses of the joy that comes from choosing to cherish the life God has given them.

Pope Benedict also set aside a morning to encourage ecumenical and interreligious dialogue in Australia by holding separate meetings with Christian leaders and with representatives of Australia's Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Zoroastrian communities.

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A STUDY PUBLISHED in the March 2007 issue of the *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* reports that hospice care may prolong the lives of some terminally ill patients.

Among the patient populations studied, the mean survival was 29 days longer for hospice patients than for non-hospice



Mark Schomogyi, M.D.

patients. "In other words, patients who chose hospice care lived an average of one month longer than similar patients who did not choose hospice care," said Mark Schomogyi, M.D., Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home's medical director.

National study
Researchers selected 4,493 terminally ill patients with either congestive heart failure (CHF) or cancer of the breast, colon, lung, pancreas or prostate. They then analyzed the difference in

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