

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Parish merger announced



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Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville and St. Jude Parish, South Bend, are shown above.

St. Jude, South Bend, and Sacred Heart, Lakeville, to become St. Catherine of Siena

Father John Delaney, pastor of St. Jude Parish, South Bend, and pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lakeville, announced at all Masses Sunday, Oct. 12, at both parishes, that Sacred Heart Parish will join with St. Jude Parish to form a new parish under the patronage of St. Catherine of Siena. The effective date of the merger will be Nov. 1, 2008, the feast of All Saints.

"One reason for this change is a more equitable distribution of priests," said Bishop John M. D'Arcy. "During the last five-year period from 2002 to 2007, Sacred Heart Parish has had a total of 27 baptisms, 46 first Communions, 48 confirmations, two marriages and 25 funerals. St. Jude Parish, on the other hand, has had 115 baptisms, 179 first Communions, 167 confirmations, 28 marriages and 92 funerals," Bishop D'Arcy said.

"St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, which borders St. Jude Parish, had for the same period a total of 292 baptisms, 290 first Communions, 338 confirmations, 78 marriages and 265 funerals," he remarked. "All of these parishes are the same in the sense they each have only one priest, who is the pastor. St. Pius X Parish, a neighboring parish which has had two priests for most the above time period, has had a total of 664 baptisms, 737 first Communions, 588 confirmations, 185 marriages and 190 funerals," Bishop D'Arcy added.

"In a time when there are fewer priests, we must join parishes together for the best possible pastoral

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Two ordained to priesthood at Cathedral on Oct. 25

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D'Arcy will ordain Deacons Andrew (Drew) Curry and Kevin Michael Bauman, both of South Bend, to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Both men studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and were ordained to the diaconate on June 2, 2007, at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

Deacon Curry was born in Kansas City, Mo., but is a lifelong member of Holy Family Parish in South Bend. His parents are Paul and Deborah Curry. He has a younger brother, Matt, and a sister, Kristen. Curry attended Holy Family School and is a graduate of Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend. He also studied at Indiana University, South Bend, and Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. His studies for the priesthood were at St. John's Seminary, Boston, and the Josephinum. Curry has been a

teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, and served at St. Pius X Parish, Granger. Since June of this year he has been assigned to diaconate ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne.

Deacon Bauman is a native of South Bend. His parents are the late Michael and Rosemary Bauman. He has three sisters, Hazel, Vicki and Rosie, and a younger brother, Jon Kevin. The family is a member of St. Matthew Cathedral. In South Bend, Bauman attended Our Lady of Hungary School and graduated from Saint Joseph's High School. He also attended Indiana University, South Bend, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Notre Dame where he served as a chair/professor in the Department of Romance Languages and Literature before entering the seminary. In addition, Bauman received an ABD degree from Indiana University at Bloomington and is fluent in Spanish. His seminary studies have been at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and the Josephinum.

This past July he was assigned to diaconate ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart.

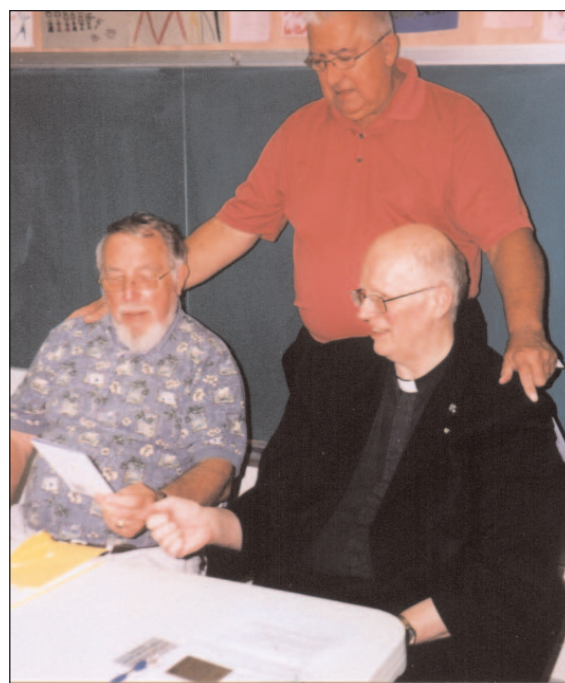


KEVIN BAUMAN



ANDREW CURRY

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



BY ELMER J. DANCH

Planning special programs for Priesthood Sunday on Oct. 26 in conjunction with a nationwide observance conducted by Serra USA are Father Paul J. McCarthy, chaplain of the Serra Club of South Bend; President Richard D. Wasoski, left; and immediate past President Deacon Ronald J. Moser.

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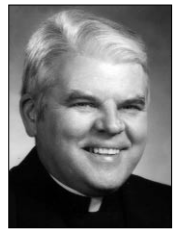
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Conferral of holy orders is an overwhelming experience



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The ordination of two priests

On Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception it will be my privilege to ordain to the holy priesthood two deacons from our diocese who have completed their seminary training and served an additional several months in parishes. Drew Curry is a native of Holy Family Parish, South Bend, and a graduate of Saint Joseph's High School in that city and also taught one year at Bishop Dwenger High School. He is a graduate of Franciscan University at Steubenville, Ohio.

He has worked these past several months at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and I know there will be a huge crowd from that parish.

Kevin Bauman is a parishioner of St. Matthew's, South Bend, and served as a professor of modern languages at Notre Dame. In fact, he was interim head of that department. Fluent in Spanish and English he has served at St. Vincent's, Elkhart, where there is a very large number of immigrants from Mexico and other Latin American countries. A large crowd is also expected at the ordination from Elkhart. This will be a day of great joy for our diocese. A conferral of holy orders is an overwhelming experience for a bishop, at least for this bishop. To place in the diocese, in a parish, a new priest is something that happens only after many things have taken place.

Almost always it requires a home where there has been prayer and where the will of God is central. They usually come from a home which is marked by joy. Joy as St. Paul tells us is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. A joyful home then is where there is prayer and the will of God is central. A parish is central too. These two young men grew up in parishes where there was a lot of vitality, and where the priest is seen as significant. In talking with the young men over the years, I find that it is often some priest who they knew in their parish who has since been transferred, but they remember him and they do so with gratitude.

More and more we are finding that the candidates come from a parish where there is an active youth ministry. Now this is not universal. The Holy Spirit is not limited, and there are other instruments. Sometimes there is a Catholic school or a religious education program, but in recent years a youth ministry with certain characteristics has proved a major instrument. Among these characteristics are a strong and visible presence of the priest. Adult lay leaders, perhaps husbands and wives who have

received training, have been found to be more effective than a peer ministry of the young people, although there is some value to that also. There should be a youth ministry where the Eucharist is central and which is marked also by instruction or catecheses with emphasis on personal prayer. Such places are bringing the best results. Then there is a long admissions process followed by an intense program of prayer and learning in the seminaries. If any one of these areas is neglected: home, parish, careful discernment by the diocese, a strong seminary, the church will suffer. We have seen this in the last two decades. I give thanks to God for these two young men and the other 16 now studying in our seminary. I urge your continued prayer that more young men of good quality will come forward to live this demanding but beautiful life.

Parish ministry to youth

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A time in Elkhart

St. Vincent's, Elkhart, is a major parish in our diocese. It is a parish that has always welcomed immigrants. Italians in the early days and also an enclave of African Americans. It is quite an industrial town that is currently afflicted even more than other communities by the drastic downturn

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in the economy. It was a railroad town and for many years a place for the manufac-
tured home industry, as well as pharmaceu-
ticals and musical instruments and, of
course, leisure vehicles — an industry
which suffers drastically in economic hard
times.

I headed there recently on a Saturday,
missing the Notre Dame-North Carolina
game.

St. Vincent's is under the dedicated lead-
ership of Father Phil DeVolder. Father Phil
has suffered a most severe illness requiring
months of injected antibiotics and a visit to
the famed Mayo Clinic. Thank God he is
nearly better. He has suffered deep pain,
which he told me last year he had offered
for the spiritual well being of his people.
He is an exemplary priest.

There are seven Masses. Count them —
seven — at St. Vincent's every weekend. I
believe there are three in English and four
in Spanish. I celebrated two of the after-
noon Masses on Saturday, the first English
and the second in Spanish. What a joy it
was to hear Father DeVolder invite all the
people to the ordination in Fort Wayne. I
followed up on this as well. It was a special
joy to see Deacon Bauman preaching in
Spanish to his people about the holy
Eucharist. We have 15 parishes in which
Mass is celebrated in Spanish every week-

end, and now we will have a new priest flu-
ent in both languages. In fact next year the
three deacons who are scheduled to be
ordained as priests are fluent in Spanish.
Two are of Mexican heritage and the other
the very capable Jake Runyon, a member of
the celebrated Tippmann family, has spent a
summer in Mexico and does quite well in
Spanish. So three priests next year, already
deacons, fluent in Spanish. God is provid-
ing in his own way and his own time.

St. Catherine of Siena

I've been reading about this remarkable
lady whom I have always admired. It was
not easy to choose a patron for our new
parish. St. Paul was strongly considered
because this year is dedicated to him. So
was St. Theodore Guérin, but we already
have two Latin Mass communities in her
honor. Some suggested Sister Faustina or
Padre Pio or St. Teresa Benedicta of the
Cross (the former Edith Stein who was
killed at Auschwitz) be considered.

Catherine was a woman of intense
prayer, a mystic. She was very much a
woman of her time devoted to the reform of
the church and the spiritual renewal of
priests. It was a time when there was scan-
dal among the priests and lack of leadership
of bishops and the pope. She
devoted herself to bringing the
pope back to Rome from
Avignon, so he could be a true
pastor. She was a woman
involved in what today would be
international affairs and also one
who visited the sick and dying.
With the new and great emphasis
of Pope Benedict XVI on care for
the poor and needy, she is a
patroness for our time.

She is one of three women
who are doctors of the church.
South Bend is a place of learning
where theology is studied seri-
ously, and we are a diocese
where many suffered in the
recent scandal. She is a saint for
our time and a beloved saint of our new
parish.

There were 89 parishes when I came. A
new parish was established making 90. This
marks the closing or merging of 10 parish-
es. We have done it slowly and steadily, but
it is never easy. I look forward to further
progress and hopefully a new church just
outside of South Bend. As of Nov. 1, we
will have 80 parishes. More mergers are
being considered.

When Father John Delaney arrived at St.
Jude's, there was a very large debt. Through
good stewardship and strong pastoral and
fiscal leadership this has been overcome,
and significant funds are present in the
parish. To raise money for a new church
and build it, especially in these hard eco-
nomic times, will not be easy. It will be a
steep hill. We will all work together and get
it done.

Baseball report

Alas, this team is keeping me up too late.
At this writing, we are trailing two games
to one after a tough loss in the early hours
of Sunday morning. I remain hopeful, but
anxious. Still, a good ballgame on nearly
every night. What could be better than that.

Say a prayer for our two new priests, and
I will see you next week.

STATUE OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



CNS PHOTO BY NANCY WIECHEC

A statue of St. Catherine of Siena stands near Castle Sant'Angelo in Rome. She is one of a few women to be given the title of doctor of the church. She was born in 1347 in Siena, became a Dominican nun, cared for the sick and prisoners and played an important role in resolving the Great Schism of the 14th century. Catherine is also well known for her mystical experiences and spiritual instructions. Her feast is April 29.

Why Catherine of Siena?

BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The choice of Catherine of Siena as the patroness of the parish created by the merging of Sacred Heart, Lakeville, and St. Jude, South Bend, came only after widespread consultation. Many names were presented for consideration. The name of Catherine of Siena was mentioned frequently.

I chose her because she is a woman of heroic virtue with strong faith and a profound humanity, which are most needed in our time. Catherine was a woman of intense prayer, an extraordinary contemplative. We live in a time where, on the one hand, there is a great hunger for communion with God and prayer. At the same time, we are part of a generation, which finds it difficult to pray. There is a hunger for prayer along with many obstacles in the culture, such as constant noise and distractions.

She is a light for the women of this time. Although called to intense prayer and communion with Christ, she was devoted to the issues of her time, especially peace between the city-states of Rome and Florence, and she worked intensely for this goal. She left her life of prayer to serve the sick and the dying. She has been called a "mystic activist."

Her call to the pope to return to Rome from a palace in France, and serve as a good shepherd for the

church, is well known. But she also devoted herself to the renewal of the clergy, aware in her time as we are today, of the failures of a few priests, which have brought scandal to the church. Fully aware of such scandal, she never lost sight of the beauty of the priestly life and the purity of heart, which it requires.

She was intensely devoted to the holy Eucharist. This also applies to the age in which we live. Many people, especially the young, are finding once again a spirit of prayer and contemplation in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, whether reserved in the tabernacle or in eucharistic adoration. Catherine of Siena lived an intense life in a time of suffering in the church and a time of war, a time when there was great need for the renewal of the clergy. She devoted herself to all these concerns, but always in close communion with Christ, her Savior.

It can be said that her writings are a kind of prediction of a truth taught in the Second Vatican Council; namely, the universal call to holiness.

Also, she made clear in writings the call to love of neighbor; and her life of prayer brought her more fully into the service of those in need.

She teaches that one's profession, or state in life, or one's circumstances in the world, must not be seen as obstacles to a life of holiness. One biographer says of her.

"In an era when many Christians thought more about their relationship with God than their relationship with other people, Catherine taught that love of God had no meaning without love of neighbor. That love of God could not be expressed, except through love of neighbor, and that our salvation depends on our relationship with our neighbors." — A. Baldwin, "Catherine of Siena — A Biography."

Who, then, is Catherine of Siena? A woman who worked for peace in the world of her time. A woman devoted to the reform and renewal of the church, and especially of priests. A person voluntarily offering her sufferings for the sake of the church. Someone devoted to the Roman pontiff, the successor of Peter; a doctor of the church; a woman of intense holiness; a woman who inspired other women of her time; a saint; the patron of Europe; and the patroness of our new parish in South Bend.

It is especially appropriate that she is named as patroness of this new parish on the 20th Anniversary of the Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II on the "Dignity and Vocation of Women," ("Mulieris Dignitatem").

In a time of great difficulty for the church, she brought people to the Eucharist as the source of true renewal. May she do the same for us.

Catherine was born in 1347 and died in 1380.

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care. Such good governance is the responsibility of the bishop," said Bishop D'Arcy.

In 2002, a committee of priests supported by Bishop D'Arcy with auxiliary Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC, serving as chair, made several recommendations of parish mergers including eventually joining three parishes: St. Mary of the

Annunciation, St. Jude and Sacred Heart. This is now complete.

"This step was considered also for the spiritual well-being of all concerned," Bishop D'Arcy continued. "I am convinced that drawing these parishes together, with proper leadership, will bring about a more vital parish community with a stronger parish life. It will make possible serious consideration for a new church for the merged parishes."

St. Jude Parish, 19704 Johnson Rd., has about 700 registered families while Sacred Heart Parish, 63568 U.S. 31 South, has a total of

about 200 registered families.

"The choice of St. Catherine of Siena as patroness of the parish, honors one of the three women who have been declared Doctors of the Church. In a time of great difficulty in the church, her holiness and devotion to the Eucharist served as a stimulus to the renewal of clergy and laity," said Bishop D'Arcy.

This brings to 10 the number of parishes closed or merged during Bishop D'Arcy's time as bishop. The bishop indicated that other mergers are under consideration.

DECREE OF MERGER FOR SACRED HEART PARISH, LAKEVILLE, INDIANA, AND ST. JUDE PARISH, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

According to canon 515.2 of the Code of Canon Law, "The diocesan bishop alone is competent to erect, suppress, or alter parishes ..." The Second Vatican Council, in its Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, 'Christus Dominus,' number 32, teaches that in creating or in any way changing the status of a parish, the bishop is to be motivated by his concern for the salvation of souls. This teaching was expanded upon by Pope Paul VI in his apostolic letter, Ecclesiae Sanctae I, number 21, "Every possible effort should be made that parishes where, because of too great a population or too large a territory or for any cause whatsoever, apostolic activity can be exercised only with difficulty or less effectively, should be suitably divided or dismembered, as the circumstances require. And likewise parishes which are too small should be united as conditions and circumstances demand."

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On Dec. 6, 2007, I convened the Presbyteral Council of the diocese for the purpose of consulting with them regarding the status of Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville, Indiana, and St. Jude Parish, South Bend, Indiana, in accord with canons 127 and 515.2. The matter was presented to the council for advice. After lengthy discussion, each member was asked individually for his advice. The advice of the council, without a dissenting opinion, was to merge Sacred Heart Parish with St. Jude Parish.

I also consulted with both parishes. On Oct. 5, 2007, I convoked an open hearing, well announced in advance at Sacred Heart Parish. There was a large attendance and full consultation took place.

The next day, on Oct. 6, 2007, I held a similar hearing after the Saturday evening Mass at St. Jude Parish. Both of these meetings were extensive and were attended by neighboring pastors, including the Vicar Forane, Rev. Terry Fisher.

Father Fisher was also consulted both as a neighboring pastor and as the Vicar Forane.

Therefore, after careful consideration of the advice of the Presbyteral Council as well as the input of pastors of each parish and the various members of the parish communities, I decree the following:

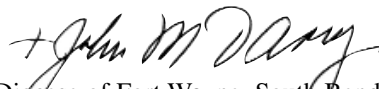
I, the undersigned Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in virtue of my pastoral office and in conformity with the Code of Canon Law, after consultation with the Presbyteral Council in accord with the norm of law, as well as with various members of both parish communities, do hereby decree, that, in accordance with the norm of canon 121, Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville, Indiana, is joined with St. Jude Parish, South Bend, Indiana, to form a new parish which is hereby named the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena. This will be effective Nov. 1, 2008, the feast of All Saints. Its territorial boundaries will be:

Beginning at the intersection of Trunk Railroad and Indiana 223 (Crumstown Highway) and moving clockwise: Trunk Railroad to Grant Street to Indiana Avenue to Brookfield Street to Prairie Avenue to Gertrude Street (which becomes Linden Road) to Norfolk Southern Railroad Line to Donmoyer Street to Twykenham Street to Clayton Drive to York Road to Byron Drive to Sampson Drive to Southernview Drive to Ironwood Road to Kern Road east to Highway 331 to the St. Joseph County-Marshall County line west to Primrose Road to Kern Road west then returning to Indiana 223 (Crumstown Highway) to Trunk Railroad.

Further, in accord with canon 121, the Parish of St. Catherine of Siena, will assume all assets and debts of St. Jude Parish, South Bend, and Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville. Also, in accord with the norm of law, although the parish itself is named Parish of St. Catherine of Siena, the current consecrated church buildings will retain their respective names of St. Jude and Sacred Heart.

Further, I decree that all parish records and registers from Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville, Indiana, be transported to St. Jude Church, South Bend, Indiana, where they will be maintained and preserved in accord with the norm of law.

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy, DD., S.T.D.


Diocese of Fort Wayne, South Bend
Rev. Robert C. Schulte, Chancellor

Catholics honor priests in national event

CHICAGO — On Sunday, Oct. 26, Catholic parishes throughout the United States will show support for their priests with prayer, celebration and dialogue. The last Sunday of October is designated as Priesthood Sunday, a one-day celebration of the priesthood organized by parish lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International.

"The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood," said Father Richard Vega, President of the National Federation of Priests' Councils. NFPC represents more than 26,000 U.S. priests.

Priesthood Sunday was established in 2003 to provide a way for Catholic communities to express appreciation for the devoted priests who serve them so faithfully despite recent negative attention in the media. Such a celebration is increasingly relevant in light of the declining number of priests in the U.S. Only about 4,000 of the 19,000 parishes in this country currently have more than one priest. Many priests serve two or more parishes by themselves.

The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry are asked to develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring both priesthood and their own priests. Special liturgies, Priesthood Sunday celebrations and the opening of a dialogue between priests and parishioners are encouraged. Priesthood Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the last Sunday of October, but some dioceses and parishes may celebrate at a different time to coincide with other planned events.

Lay parish leaders are invited to visit www.priestsunday.org for suggested liturgies, social celebrations, reflections, and downloadable graphics, guides and posters.

"Affirming and supporting our priests are some of the most important things that we can do as Serrans," says Gary Davis, past president of the USA Council of Serra International, the nonprofit organization coordinating Priesthood Sunday. The USA Council is responsible for disseminating information to parishes interested in honoring their priests on this very special day. "Our priests give of themselves every day in so many different ways. It is an honor to recognize them in a manner in which entire parishes may join together in an outpouring of appreciation," said Davis.

Priesthood Sunday is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International.

More than 11,000 members in over 300 clubs are active in the United States. The USA Council office is based in Chicago.

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Divine Word Father Tom Ascherman likes the plaque in the entryway to St. Patrick's Church, the one that says all people are welcome and to "check your prejudice at the door." It reminds him of the motto of his order, "One heart, many faces." Both sayings are appropriate given the heavily diverse makeup of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, with its small English-speaking community and large Hispanic and Vietnamese communities.

Father Ascherman is the new associate pastor of St. Patrick's. He came to the parish in early September and joins St. Patrick's pastor Father Chau Pham, who, like Father Ascherman, is also a Divine Word Missionary.

It isn't unusual for diocesan parishes to be staffed by priests of religious orders. Around half of the parishes in South Bend have Holy Cross priests, and different communities of the Franciscans have staffed parishes in Angola, Huntington and elsewhere. But as the Divine Word Missionaries adopt St. Patrick's, Father Ascherman makes it clear that the order would not take on any other parish in the area.

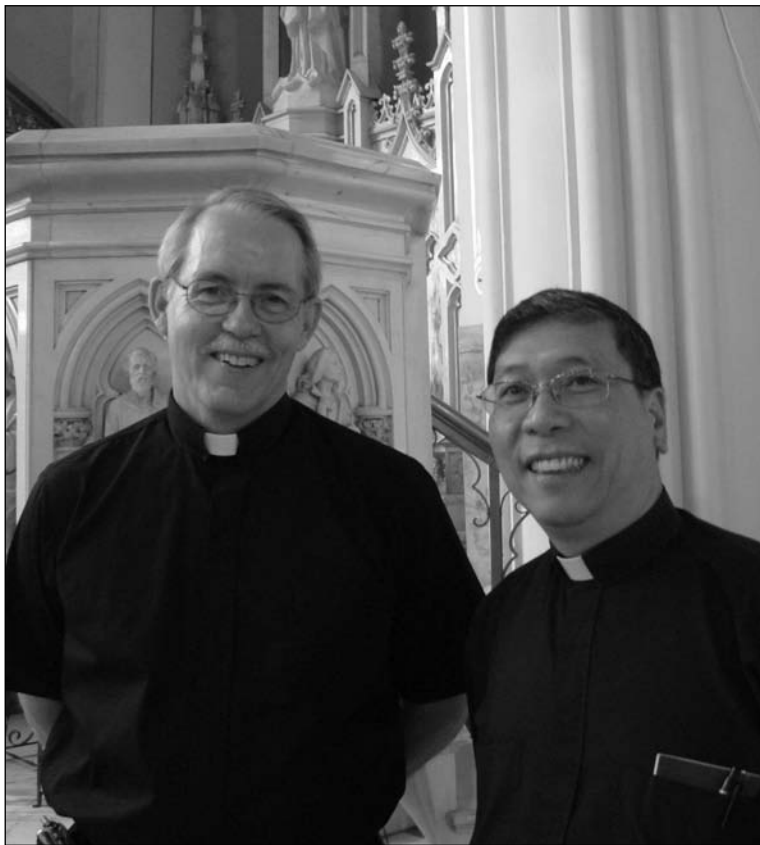
This is due largely to the diversity of St. Patrick's and the Divine Word Missionaries' charism of reaching out to people of different cultures.

"The challenge is to develop a genuinely Catholic parish, Catholic in the sense that there's room for everybody," Father Ascherman says. His order encourages more than tolerating differences, but embracing them and living in harmony. "That becomes the best witness possible to the Kingdom of God."

After coming to the United

Diversity in community

Divine Word Missionaries adopt St. Patrick Parish



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Divine Word Fathers Tom Ascherman and Chau Pham serve together as associate pastor and pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne. Their order specializes in promoting cultural diversity as a sign of God's love and kingdom.

States in 1895, the Divine Word Missionaries immediately started reaching out to the African American community. For about 60-80 years, this order was the only outreach by the Catholic Church in that poor and marginalized community.

"And that was pretty much the only way an African American could become a priest," Father Ascherman notes.

Since Civil Rights, the Divine Word Missionaries have shifted their focus to migrant groups, which is still in keeping with the order's effort to give a witness against racism, which Father

Ascherman calls one of America's original sins.

"My question always to people is, 'For you, what color is an American?'" he quips.

Father Ascherman's background is well suited for such ministry. He speaks English, Spanish and a couple other languages. As a deacon, he ministered to indigenous people in the deserts of Mexico. Since being ordained in 1982, he's taught in Iowa, worked in Hispanic ministry in Washington, served at a parish in Mexico City and even held the post of mission secretary of the entire order in Rome,

where part of his job was to evaluate the missionary challenges posed by each region of the world.

Leaving that post and returning to the U.S., Father Ascherman says the "American church has a way of genuinely welcoming the stranger," which is "a huge piece of witness."

Coming to St. Patrick's was also due to the fact that Father Ascherman is now the vice provincial for the local province of the Divine Word Missionaries, headquartered in Chicago. The parish provides a parish with a diverse makeup not too far away. It also allows Father Ascherman to live with another Divine Word priest.

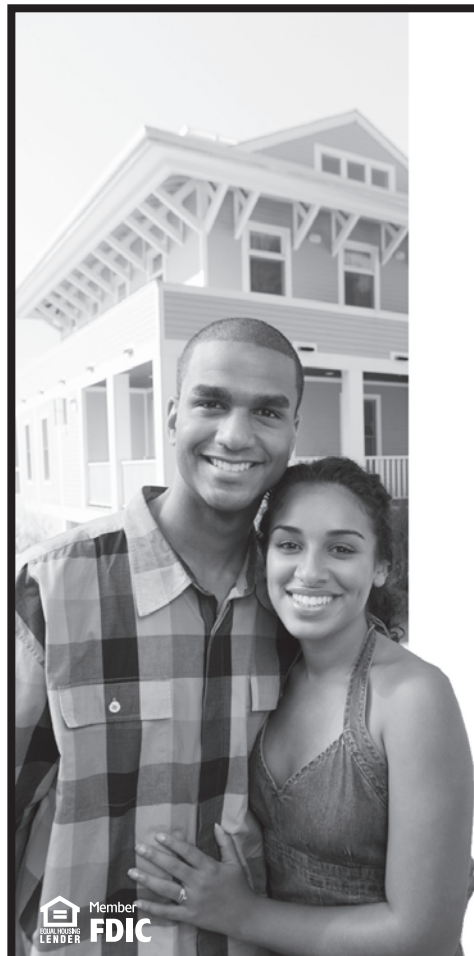
"We try to live together as brothers," Father Ascherman notes, saying their ministry is enriched by their daily example of community and diversity. Father Pham is an American citizen, but is also Vietnamese. Father Ascherman's roots are in Minnesota and Iowa.

Living in community is easier for the Divine Word Missionaries than some orders, who are scaling back and pulling out of parishes and dioceses. With 65,000 priests and brothers around the world, Divine Word is the largest order of missionaries in the world.

"We're continuing to grow very fast," Father Ascherman says, attributing this in part to the order's recruitment among the people it serves, from African Americans, to Hispanics, to Vietnamese.

This sort of rapid growth is also happening at St. Patrick's, a community Father Ascherman describes as "thriving," with a large community of adults and an even larger community of children.

"I'm baptizing about 10 a week," he says.



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Notre Dame law professors discuss political aspects of abortion

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Notre Dame students filled the auditorium in McKenna Hall here the evening of Oct. 8 to hear a discussion about whether a Catholic can justify voting for a pro-abortion candidate. The event was sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture and had been organized just a few days ahead. In his welcome remarks, the center's director, David Solomon, noted that the large crowd turning out on such short notice testified to high level of interest in the topic.

The two speakers were Notre Dame Law Professors Gerard Bradley, a member of the Catholics for McCain National Steering Committee, and Vincent Rougeau, a member of the National Steering Committee for Senator Barack Obama's Catholic National Advisory Council.

Bradley told the enthusiastic but polite crowd that the pro-life position consists basically of two beliefs: First, people begin at conception; and second, it is morally wrong to intentionally kill any innocent person. This is not a matter of religious faith, he said, for one can figure out when people begin, by reflecting on scientific facts about human development; and one can figure out that killing is wrong by reflecting on the natural law that is inscribed on our hearts and in any secular, legal or religious code.

"So it won't do to say that abortion is regrettable, or awful, or a tragedy that should be rare, or even to say that in some sense abortion is evil or wrong," he said. "Abortion is these things, but it's more: It's wrongfully killing a human being who has the same right not to be killed as everybody else, including you and me."

The moral responsibility for the injustice of abortion is not limited

to those immediately involved, any more than the injustice of slavery was limited to slaves and their owners, Bradley continued. In each case, unjust laws and public policies established the legally-sanctioned, sinful social structure. And in each case, the injustice would have ended by simply extending the law's protection equally to all persons.

"So, just as it is wrong to support or promote public policies which made slavery possible, it is wrong to support or promote public policies and laws which expose the unborn to destruction through abortion," Bradley said.

"Anyone who votes for a declared pro-choice candidate is prepared to, and if the candidate is elected, will materially cooperate in the injustice of those abortions which occur on that candidate's watch. In other words, helping to put a pro-choice candidate in office helps make the candidate's unjust policies about abortion a legal reality."

A proportionate reason would be required to justify voting for a pro-choice candidate, Bradley continued, and he said to judge whether that proportionate reason existed, one should put oneself in place of those who would suffer the cost, and apply "The Golden Rule" of treating everyone equally. If you would not support a candidate who denied rights to another class of persons — like immigrants — then you should not support a candidate who denies rights to the unborn, he said.

Professor Rougeau told the student crowd that both he and Professor Bradley are committed Catholics who support church teachings on abortion and want to work toward a time when abortions don't happen. They part ways, he said, on one's obligations in a pluralistic society. He also stressed that he did not speak for Sen. Obama's campaign.



GERARD BRADLEY

"No American Catholic should feel he or she must vote for a particular party, because that is not good for our democracy," Rougeau said.

He claimed that there is a difference between "pro-choice" and "pro-abortion," and said that he does not accept that Obama is pro-abortion. Obama, he said, supports maintaining a legal regime that permits abortion, but has committed himself to policies that would lower the abortion rate. There is "compelling evidence," he said, that an increase in social welfare spending makes abortion rates decline.

Most Americans, he said, support Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Given that reality, he continued, it is unlikely that in our democracy, a change "could be imposed on the American people if it is one the vast majority do not support." Additionally, he argued, if Roe v. Wade were overturned, abortion would probably be legal in most states because most Americans want it to be legal. Thus, whether Obama or McCain were elected, abortion would still be legal for the foreseeable future, he said.

Before deciding to support Obama, Rougeau said he thought



VINCENT ROUGEAU

about three questions. First, he considered whether the Bush administration and the Republicans had done even a fair job of protecting and promoting the common good, and whether they had been good stewards of America's resources — in particular, in peace and justice. And, he pondered whether special attention was given to the needs of the weakest among us: the poor; strangers; children, born and unborn; and the sick. He wondered if the Bush administration had recognized our nation's responsibilities to humanity around the world, and he decided that the answer for the most part was "No."

Since that answer was "no," he considered whether Democrats would do a better job, and he answered "yes." Thus, Rougeau decided that the conditions of proportionality could be met to vote for the pro-choice Obama, particularly since he believes the Democrats are much more in tune with Catholic social thought, more likely to direct public money to those in need, and more attentive to the overall common good.

In a question-answer period following the presentations, students eagerly lined up at microphones. Junior Mary Kate Daly asked how

one could support Obama when there is such a strong discrepancy between his pro-abortion voting record and what he says about making abortion rare. Bradley responded that it is "naïve" to hope abortion becomes rare because the "elephant in the room that hasn't been discussed" is the proximate cause of abortion: "too many people having sex who have no interest in kids."

This situation isn't eased by money, Bradley said, because it has more to do with morality. And since abortion solves a problem for people, he continued, like many other kinds of evils, it will always be tempting. To begin any effort to cause abortion to be obsolete, he said, we must repair the family, and "The law — the great teacher — has to teach that abortion is wrong."

Rougeau responded that some of Obama's votes do seem inconsistent with his position now, but he explained that what goes on in legislation isn't always clear since there is a lot of strategic voting, so one must be careful in drawing a firm conclusion about how some-one votes.

Another student said that since Obama had pledged to sign the "Freedom of Choice Act," which would in effect stop Catholic hospitals from practicing Catholic social teaching, she couldn't see how Obama supported Catholic social teaching. Rougeau said that he had been unable to confirm that alleged quote, and that it came only from "certain sources." In any event, he said, he disagreed with aspects of FOCA and said it may not be constitutional.

The election discussion was funded by the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life. The founders of that fund, Bill and Peggy Dotterweich of Fort Wayne, were present for the program and introduced to the audience by Solomon.

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Pope canonizes four saints, calls for end to violence in Orissa state

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI canonized four new saints, including the first native-born saint from India, where Christians recently have come under attack from Hindu gangs. After the two-hour liturgy in St. Peter's Square Oct. 12, the pope made a pointed appeal for an end to violence against India's Christian minority. He spoke after declaring sainthood for St. Alphonsa Muttathupandathu, a nun from southwestern India who was known for her holiness during a lifetime of suffering. The other new saints included an Italian priest, a Swiss missionary sister and an Ecuadorean laywoman. The pope said their lives of faith and sacrifice should inspire contemporary Christians in all walks of life. As he pronounced the canonization decree, enthusiastic pilgrims waved flags and held up pictures of the new saints. After the liturgy, the pope called for an end to violence against Indian Christians, in the wake of attacks on church personnel and institutions. "As the Christian faithful of India give thanks to God for their first native daughter to be presented for public veneration, I wish to assure them of my prayers during this difficult time," he said.

Cardinal describes Bible Belt as 'frame of mind'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Bible Belt refers geographically to parts of the southern United States, but it is also "a frame of mind" in which Bible passages and images are alive and relevant to life, said Texas Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston. The cardinal addressed the world Synod of Bishops on the Bible Oct. 11, sharing stories of faith from his region and suggesting the Catholic Church draw up a "compendium for the reading and sharing of sacred Scripture." Cardinal DiNardo said the document should be addressed to the faithful, not experts, and should "highlight the rich and useful methods and approaches in the church, past and present, for reading, interpreting, praying and living the word of God." Cardinal DiNardo told the synod he was speaking on "behalf of Catholics who live in the famous Bible Belt of the southern United States. But, though a location, the Bible Belt is a frame of mind also." He said, "There are surely issues and problems with this mindset, but it has kept alive a biblical imagination and vocabulary" as well as a sense of God still at work in the world.

Bishops criticize 'judicial activism' in ruling on same-sex marriage

HARTFORD, Conn. (CNS) — The Connecticut Supreme Court's Oct. 10 decision permitting same-sex marriage in the state was "a terribly regrettable exercise in judicial activism," the state's Catholic bishops said. The court "has chosen to ignore the wisdom of our elected officials, the will of the people, and

PILGRIM HOLDS STATUE OF ECUADOREAN SAINT



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A pilgrim holds a statue of St. Narcisa de Jesus Martillo Moran, a 19th-century Ecuadorean known for her deep prayer and penitence. Pope Benedict XVI canonized four new saints Oct. 12 in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

historical social and religious traditions spanning thousands of years by imposing a social experiment upon the people of our state," the bishops added in an Oct. 10 statement. In a 4-3 decision in *Kerrigan v. Commissioner of Public Health*, the court majority said "the state's bar against same-sex marriage infringes on a fundamental right in violation of due process and discriminates on the basis of sex in violation of equal protection." Eight same-sex couples sued after they applied for marriage licenses in 2004 in the town of Madison and were denied the licenses. In 2005 the Connecticut Legislature said same-sex couples in the state could enter into civil unions, with the "same rights and privileges" as spouses in a marriage," but continued to define marriage as "the union of one man and one woman."

Victims of hurricane's fury lost as to next steps

OAK ISLAND, Texas (CNS) — The first day Cathy Tran arrived back on Oak Island after Hurricane Ike forced her to leave, she slept on the floor of her home. All she had was a floor — no roof, no walls, no possessions. Her home was destroyed by the storm surge, possessions thrown around by the tide and waves. Others residents Tran knew in her neighborhood slept on the ground where their homes used to be, attacked by the mosquitoes that swarm the area. Things are a little better for the Magana family — they have walls. They're the walls of a tent on a driveway. When the Magana family arrived back two days after the Sept. 13 storm, they found

most of their home was left where it had been — and someone else's home was there as well. A neighbor's house was destroyed and parts of it were against the Maganas' home. Now they live in a tent in their driveway, spending their days cleaning up their property and moving debris to be hauled away by trucks. It was stories such as these that Bishop Curtis J. Guillory of Beaumont listened to as he visited with the residents of Oak Island Oct. 2; many of them are members of Our Lady of Light Parish in Anahuac.

Catholic PSAs on poverty, marriage rank high in frequency of airings

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Public service announcements on poverty and on marriage developed by the U.S. bishops rank high in the number of times the spots have aired. In an era when television stations have cut back on the number of PSAs they air in favor of paid advertisements, in-house program promotional ads and infomercials, the poverty and marriage spots have been given the equivalent of more than \$35 million in free airtime, according to an Oct. 9 news release from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development's "Poverty Line" PSA — aimed at raising awareness of how many people live below the poverty line — ranked in the top 10 percent of the 852 PSAs that received at least one airing in 2007. Since CCHD's "Poverty USA" spots began airing in 2001, the different ads have received 223,324

airings, according to Nielsen Media Research. The worth of the donated airtime amounts to more than \$32.1 million.

Fourteen parishes in Greensburg Diocese to close by Oct. 30

GREENSBURG, Pa. (CNS) — Fourteen parishes will close and two others will merge into one new parish by Oct. 30 under a plan announced by Greensburg Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt. In addition, 26 parishes will begin a new or modified partnership arrangement in which one priest provides pastoral care and administration for two or more parishes, Bishop Brandt said at an Oct. 6 press conference. Parishioners in the affected parishes were told of the decisions at Masses Oct. 4-5. Bishop Brandt said the changes will allow the diocese to better position priests in parishes where the populations are growing. Citing the aging and declining numbers of priests and parishioners, the bishop explained the diocese faced moving from a "historical model" to a "pastoral care model" with both diocesan and religious-order clergy serving the diocese.

Cafardi resigns as university trustee after backing Obama

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Following his public endorsement of Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama, a Catholic legal scholar has resigned from the board of

trustees at Ohio's Franciscan University of Steubenville. Nicholas P. Cafardi submitted his letter of resignation Oct. 6, which was accepted by the school's president, Franciscan Father Terrance Henry, on behalf of the board, according to a statement issued by the Catholic university Oct. 7. The resignation came a week after a Religion News Service column on Obama written by Cafardi, dean emeritus and a professor of law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, appeared in the *National Catholic Reporter*. In the column he endorsed Obama in spite of his support for legal abortion and stated, "We have lost the abortion battle — permanently." A statement issued by Franciscan University said Cafardi's exit was voluntary. He had served on the board of trustees since 2002.

Bishops tell how Sunday liturgy centers on Bible for many Catholics

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For millions of Catholics around the world, the Sunday liturgy is a service revolving totally around reading the Bible because there are not enough priests to celebrate the Eucharist each week. During the world Synod of Bishops on the Bible, church leaders from Latin America, Africa and Asia praised the work of the catechists or "delegates of the word" who lead the Sunday services and called for better training for them. Bishop Guido Plante of Choluteca, Honduras, said that since the first 17 lay "delegates of the word of God" were sent out in 1966 to lead Holy Week celebrations in isolated villages of Honduras more than 10,000 laypeople have been trained and sent out in Honduras and neighboring countries. They are not just Bible readers, they do not just work on Sundays and most of them do not get paid for their ministry, said Bishop Plante, a Canadian-born missionary. "They are real promoters of Christian communities," he told the synod Oct. 11.

Pope Benedict praises Pius XII, but sainthood cause still on hold

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Among the thousands who crammed into St. Peter's Basilica for a Mass commemorating Pope Pius XII, many were hoping for an announcement about his beatification, a step toward sainthood. That didn't happen. Pope Benedict XVI strongly praised Pope Pius and prayed that his sainthood cause would make progress, but he made no promises and set no dates. He did not declare Pope Pius "venerable," the step that would have advanced the cause and, no doubt, would have prompted much applause in the basilica. To make sure that no one got the wrong idea, the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told reporters not to expect the pope to go off and sign such a decree immediately after the Mass. The pope was demonstrating his "spiritual union" with those hoping for canonization, but gave no indication about future steps, Father Lombardi said.

Redeemer Radio to host fall Sharathon

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, will host its upcoming fall Sharathon, with the theme of "Cast Your Vote for Catholic Radio," Oct. 22-24, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Celebrating the start of its third year of operation, Redeemer Radio is a local independent Catholic radio apostolate that serves the Catholic community of Fort Wayne, northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio by broadcasting the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith. The station offers a variety of programming including programs from national Catholic networks, including Relevant Radio, Ave Maria Radio and EWTN, as well as a growing number of locally-produced shows and specials.

The "Cast Your Vote for Catholic Radio" Fall Sharathon will again be hosted by Jerry Usher at the studios of Redeemer Radio. Usher is the renowned host of Catholic radio's most popular national program, "Catholic Answers Live," heard on Redeemer Radio weekdays from 6 to 8, mornings and evenings.

Throughout Sharathon, Jerry will be joined by local and national guests who will give of their time and share their perspectives on the vital importance of Catholic radio to the local community. Listeners will be asked to support Redeemer Radio over the three days of the Sharathon. Pledges from individuals and businesses will be accepted by phone (260) 436-1450 and toll-free 436-1450, by mail at "Redeemer Radio," 4705 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804, on-line at Redeemer Radio's Web site www.redeemerradio.com or in person at the studio on Illinois Rd. Volunteers will also be welcome.

Luers alumna will attend inauguration

FORT WAYNE — Haylee Eckert, Bishop Luers High School Class of 2008 graduate, will be attending the Presidential Inaugural Conference and the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States this January 2009.

Eckert attended Princeton University summer school for political science. Through her participation, she has been given the opportunity to spend a week in Washington, D.C., this coming January to be a part of the many festivities connected to the inauguration. This will include viewing the parade in person and attending the inaugural ball that evening.

Eckert is a double major in political science and business currently at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.

SJRM to hold third annual NICU reunion

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center will welcome back alums from its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) on Sunday, Oct. 26, for its

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Students Gabriella Thomas, left, and Andreas Palmert work with their teacher Karla Panariello on a colorful, hand-painted birdbath that was auctioned off at the St. Bernard School, Wabash, annual ball and auction on Oct. 11.

third annual NICU reunion. The reunion, which brings together babies and their families who spent some time at Saint Joseph's NICU for a variety of reasons, will be held in the Upper Deck at Coveleski Stadium in South Bend from 12-2 p.m.

"This is going to be another fantastic, amazing celebration," says Dr. Monty Dobson, medical director of SJRMC's NICU. "We take care of them one at a time and to be able to see them all together like this will be just overwhelming. They each have a story and when you see them again, that incredible story comes right back to you."

Lunch will be provided by Coveleski Stadium and there will be games available, as well. NICU graduates are encouraged to dress in costume for Halloween. To RSVP or for more information, please contact SJRMC's Bonnie Yoder at (574) 237-7023.

Busy fall schedule for South Bend Serra Club

SOUTH BEND — President Dick Wasoski has announced the fall schedule as the Serra Club of South Bend concludes its 60th anniversary celebration.

A Day of Reflection was conducted by Father Paul McCarthy, chaplain of the Serra Club, on Sept. 12. Twenty-nine Serrans and parishioners attended the prayer service at St. Stanislaus Church in New Carlisle.

Speakers at the Serra fall meetings have included Mary Szymczak, coordinator of the new permanent deacon program for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Mary Akre, chair of 40 Days for Life in South Bend, Dr.

Jack Rohe, professor of business at University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College and Frances Holmes, spiritual leader.

Upcoming speakers include Ferdinand Ruccanti, a Catholic artist on Oct. 19. Dr. Thomas Pratt, an engineering professor at University of Notre Dame, with wife Mary and family, will speak on home schooling on Nov. 7. Dr. Norlin Rueschhoff, retired professor of accountancy and treasurer of the Serra Club, will share his religious experiences while traveling in Europe, including Fatima, on Nov. 21.

Joan Dudzinski, vice president of membership, is heading a membership drive for new members. A Serra informational session was held at Andre Place, Holy Cross Village. Current membership is 38 with a goal of 40 for this program year.

On Dec. 30, the Serra Club of South Bend will host the annual Christmas seminarians' luncheon at St. Francis Convent, Mishawaka, where Bishop John M. D'Arcy, the seminarians and their families will be honored. The Serrans of Fort Wayne are invited to attend. Recitation of the rosary will begin at 11 a.m., celebration of Mass at 11:30 a.m., followed by the lunch and program.

The salute to the 16 seminarians is the final activity for the 60th anniversary celebration of the Serra Club of South Bend.

District Governor Dick Dornbas stated, "Congratulations to the SCSB on their distinguished efforts for 60 years. Great strides have been made and there is an opportunity to achieve, even more by praying, promoting and fostering the priesthood and religious life. ...The sky is the limit." — EJD

Bishop welcomes new Serran officers

FORT WAYNE — Bishop D'Arcy celebrated Mass with the Fort Wayne Serrans, enjoyed lunch, welcomed the incoming officers and gave an enlightened talk about everything from the parishes to prayers for vocations Friday, Oct. 3.

When the bishop came to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend there were 90 parishes and today there are 80 parishes with 17 of the priests being from other countries. There are currently 60 active priests with two being ordained this October. Eighteen young men are currently in the seminary and three new young men are being accepted this year.

The bishop stressed praying for vocations and that the Life Teen Ministry throughout the diocese is very important, but the Eucharist must be the center of attention. He continues to review the possibility of more church mergers in the future.

Even though the bishop, 76, is one year past retirement, he stated that it normally takes two to three years for a replacement. The bishop also stated that he will stay in the Fort Wayne area after retirement. — EJD

Fall Lecture Series announced at USF

FORT WAYNE — The Department of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Saint Francis will begin its Fall Lecture Series on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium with Dr. Adam DeVille's lecture,

"Catholics and Politics."

In "Catholics and Politics," DeVille will help attendees explore the upcoming presidential race as a Christian and discuss what the church has to say to guide voters at the polls.

Future fall lectures include Dr. John Bequette's "Christian Humanism in the Lives of the Saints" on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. and Dr. Earl Kumfer's "John Duns Scotus: Architect of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception," exploring Scotus' role in shaping Catholic belief in Mary's freedom from sin on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Both lectures will be held in the North Campus Auditorium.

All lectures are free and open to the public. Question and answer sessions will follow the lectures. For more information, contact Angie Springer in the School of Arts and Sciences at (260) 399-8066.

November ND conference focuses on the family

NOTRE DAME — "The Family: Searching for Fairest Love" will be the focus of the annual fall conference sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture Nov. 6-8.

As in years past, top experts and scholars on the topic will be participating, including Msgr. Charles Brown of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Helen Alvaré of The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; John Finnis of Notre Dame and Oxford University; and Janet Smith of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

The conference will gather together dozens of scholars to examine the family, including its origins and status in society and under civil law. The conference also will focus on challenges the family faces in the modern world and offer hope for the future of the family.

The gathering will celebrate in a special way the anniversaries of two papal documents closely related to the family: Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter, "Mulieris Dignitatem" "On the Dignity and Vocation of Woman", celebrating its 20th anniversary; and Pope Paul VI's encyclical, "Humanae Vitae," celebrating its 40th anniversary.

The 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and 7 plenary sessions in McKenna Hall Auditorium are free and open to the public. On Nov. 6, John Finnis will speak "On Retranslating 'Humanae Vitae.'" On Nov. 7, Elizabeth Schlitz of the University of St. Thomas School of Law will speak on "Does Sarah + John = 3? The History and Future of Complementarity in Catholic Feminism."

More information about the conference is posted on the center's Web site at www.nd.edu/~ndethics/events/fall_confs/sffl/sffl.shtml. Anyone interested in attending sessions in addition to the two plenary sessions must register and will find a link for registration on the above Web page. — AC

USF-sponsored Vincent Village Halloween is 'spooktacular' event

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The children who are assisted through Vincent Village, transitional housing for homeless families, will have a grand Halloween this year thanks again to the efforts of some innovative students attending the University of Saint Francis (USF). The annual Halloween party, hosted by the USF Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA) Studies Club, will be held Oct. 30, in the St. Hyacinth Community Center on Holton Street.

Amie Loubier and Jen Bell, youth service coordinators at Vincent Village, work with Children's Cottage at the community center to house the event and the team at USF to provide numbers and ages of the children who will attend. Loubier says she is grateful for the work of the USF volunteers, saying, "What they do is something great. The kids really look forward to it. The whole family can enjoy the activities together."

According to Cindy Ruich, physical therapy assistant faculty member of USF and club advisor, the gathering draws over 80 children ranging in age from infants to teens, who attend with a parent or guardian. The children are given

the opportunity to participate in games, have their faces painted and enjoy a pizza dinner. But the fun doesn't stop there. Each child may also choose a Halloween costume to keep, for wear on Halloween at trick-or-treat activities. They are also offered a pumpkin to decorate and a trick-or-treat bag filled with candy.

"The kids are very excited," says Ruich, who has attended the event in years past. She adds that the USF students are just as excited as the children.

The PTA Studies Club is comprised mainly of students in the two-year physical therapy assistant program at the Fort Wayne campus but is open to any USF student, including those in pre-physical therapy assistant studies. As many as 15 of the over-40 student club members volunteer their time at the Halloween party. All members have the opportunity to assist in some way, says Ruich, even if they can't attend the party, including baking brownies and cupcakes, and filling the candy bags for the event.

The studies club began this venture in 2003 when its members joined the occupational therapy assistant (OTA) program students, who had originated the project in 2001. When the OTA program at USF was discontinued in 2005, the



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University of Saint Francis students Rochelle Rehm, standing, and Kaelen Poindexter, seated at the table, paint pumpkins last year at the annual Halloween party for Vincent Village youths and hosted by the USF Physical Therapy Assistants Studies Club. The event will be held Oct. 30 this year in the St. Hyacinth Community Center on Holton Street.

PTA Studies Club members hoped to continue this good work and for the last three years have developed a network within the community that collects costumes and Halloween sale items throughout the year, providing trick-or-treating fun for Vincent Village children.

Ashley Norton, graduate of Bishop Luers High School, current physical therapy assistant student and president of the PTA Studies Club is the primary organizer of the Halloween event. She is in charge of collecting donations, as well as planning games and activities, and receives assistance from the USF campus and faculty where drop boxes are located for donations.

Norton reports that the project has grown so large that the university has provided a closet area in the PTA lab room to store the donations as they arrive. Local retail merchants and restaurants contribute to the event as well, donating Halloween items from

candy and pizza to costumes and prizes for the games. It truly is a community effort, says Norton, who upon graduation this May plans to return each year to volunteer at this special event.

"It's something we can do for the kids who don't get a lot of opportunities to have a fun Halloween because of cost. To see their faces and how happy they are is great," says Norton.

This project, which delights the youngsters from Vincent Village each year, is only one of many outreach services the club provides throughout the year. Members are also involved in fund-raisers such as massage-a-thons for student relief, wheelchair soccer at Turnstone, a local program for physically-challenged children and adults, a formula drive for infants in Haiti and a blood drive in partnership with the USF nursing program.

All of the events provide an opportunity for these bright students to shine their light on the local, as well as global communities in need.

So once again, thanks to the kind hearts and creative minds of the Physical Therapy Assistant Studies Club, there will be some grateful ghouls and goblins, princesses and pumpkins who will have the opportunity to enjoy some traditional "trick or treats" this Halloween.

For more information or to donate to the University of Saint Francis sponsored Vincent Village Halloween party project contact Ashley Norton at anorton@verizon.net.

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Deacon Andrew Curry anticipates ordination into the priesthood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — October 25 is a day long anticipated by many, but none so much as by Deacons Andrew Curry and Kevin Bauman, who will be ordained into the holy priesthood at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will confer holy orders on the two as he concelebrates the memorable ceremony with the priests of the diocese.

Andrew Curry, or Drew as he is known to friends and family, has walked a steady path to the priesthood. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., in 1980, the oldest son of Paul and Deborah. Deacon Curry moved with his family to South Bend as an infant, where he, along with siblings Matthew and Kristen, attended Holy Family School. He graduated from Saint Joseph's High School in 1998.

As a youth, Deacon Curry recalls having "a lot of friends" with whom he played baseball, basketball and football every chance he got. He excelled at cross country running in high school as well. A self-professed average student, Deacon Curry found a passion for architectural and mechanical drawing in high school. Yet his deep and ever-growing faith formed his path.

"Faith was very much influenced by my family," says the deacon, who credits his parents for much of his faith formation. The Curry family, as members of a Marian prayer group, gathered with other Catholic families to sing hymns and pray the rosary every Sunday night during his elementary and high school years.

The priesthood was mentioned only once by his father during a Notre Dame

football game when Deacon Curry was eight years old. "I said to him, 'I would (be a priest) if I could play basketball,'" says the deacon with a grin.

Deacon Curry's formation continued when he attended World Youth Day in Denver in 1993 and by high school he came to realize his desire to share his faith with others. "Living for Jesus Christ and spreading the Gospel is a worthy and noble way to live," he says, but adds that his academic record detoured him from thinking of the priesthood as a viable vocation.

Then during a high school retreat, Deacon Curry began to question the role of media in his life. By his freshman year at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, he was cutting back on TV watching, reading more and even purging his CD collection of rock-and-roll music. He attended several Andrew Dinners sponsored by the vocations office each year for young men interested in the priesthood, and during his junior year of college, he called his pastor to apply for seminary. He was encouraged to earn his degree.

So in 2002, with a philosophy degree in hand, Deacon Drew began his teaching career at Bishop Dwenger High School. The next year saw him at St. John's Seminary in Boston investigating the priesthood and Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, to complete his studies.

Of attending seminary he says, "I realized I was in the right spot when I got there."

During his seminary formation Deacon Drew taught sixth-grade religion in a

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Deacon comfortable with God's call

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

ELKHART — Already established in his career as a professor of Spanish literature at the University of Notre Dame, Kevin Bauman sensed a void.

"It was just a feeling of an absence in my life, a lack of fulfillment," he says. This void sent him on a journey of discernment, starting in 1999 through 2000. But it wasn't as if he was unhappy. He mentored students who came to him with their troubles and taught them in the classroom.

But it wasn't until a discussion with then Father Dan Jenky — who served at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend and is now bishop of Peoria, Ill. — that gave him direction.

"He asked if I'd ever thought about becoming a priest," says Bauman, 48, who is currently serving as deacon at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Elkhart. "I thought I was too old, but it opened up a whole new world of opportunity that I didn't think was available to me.

And while he admits he's coming into the priesthood a little late — his seminary buddies often joke with him that at least he'll be ordained before Social Security kicks in — he perhaps is more settled in his decision than many of his seminary mates who are younger.

"I don't feel fear or trepidation or uneasiness," says Bauman, who attended Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Mich., as well as Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. "Some of the young express these, but I feel very comfortable with the Lord's call. He's given me that peace."

He's learned to "fall in love with the person of Jesus Christ," which is perhaps from where his peace comes.

"You can know all the church doctrines and Scriptures, but at the end of the day, it's just you and the Lord Jesus Christ," he says. "And there is nothing anyone can give you than what Jesus Christ can give you."

Despite his late coming to the priesthood, Bauman says he doesn't look at his 12-year teaching career at Notre Dame wasted in any way because he sees how God led him to teaching. Bauman knew he was where he was supposed to be, helping other people's children with their troubles, praying for them, counseling them.

"They sensed that I cared," Bauman says of his students. "It wasn't just being a professor or an administrator. I was called to be a good neighbor, friend, advocate — all of that in total. I look back on it and I can see where God called me out of myself at different junctures. And it has all come full circle."

Indeed, even his passion is not far from his academic pursuits. He said he has a passion to work with Hispanic people and loves the culture, food and Hispanic expressions of faith.

"They're not cafeteria Catholics," Bauman says. "They're very emotive and they want all the church has to offer."

And now he's only looking forward to the day he can serve more fully.

"I've been a deacon since June 2007, and I've been in a holding pattern," he says. "Being ordained will give me a fuller sense of where God is calling me. And I'll be able to serve people more freely."

Upon his ordination, he says, he believes he'll be able to yes.

"In a way, it's like a dream come true, but also a new beginning," Bauman said. "It will be a beautiful affair with great joy, but I look forward to the day after the wedding."

Currys attribute son's spiritual development to church family

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — Even at a young age, Drew Curry's parents saw a deep spirituality brewing within him.

The Currys, Paul and Deb, remembered taking Drew, along with his brother, Matthew, and sister, Kristen, to deliver food to those who needed it on a cold December evening. The family was confronted with the reality of poverty.

The needy family's children had to sleep in a hide-away bed by the front door that was barely covered enough to keep the cold from stealing in.

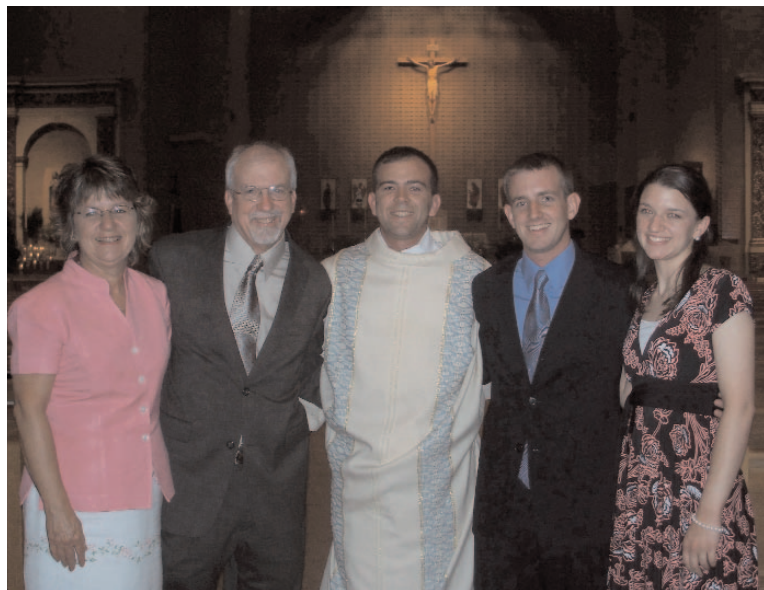
While the incident moved entire Curry clan, "That touched Drew," said Drew's dad, Paul Curry.

While only one incident on a lifelong journey to Drew's ordination to the priesthood, it seems indicative of many experiences that have led the Curry's son to heed God's call.

Originally from Kansas, the Curry family moved to South Bend and made Holy Family Church their home in 1980 when Drew was eight months old. The family worked to involve itself in church activities, making Holy Family their home away from home.

For his part, the couple said, Drew became part of the parish's youth group early on and spiritual retreats became a normal part of his life. And they believe that through their entire family's involvement with the parish, Drew's worldview was formed by a variety of faithful people.

And as his parents, the Currys say their first inkling that God was calling Drew to service start-



PROVIDED BY THE CURRY FAMILY

The Curry family is shown in this photo at Drew's ordination to the diaconate. Pictured are, from left, Deb Curry, Paul Curry, Drew Curry, Matthew Curry, Kristen Curry.

ed during his undergraduate years at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, when he changed his major from elementary education to philosophy.

"That's when I knew things were changing for him," Deb Curry says. "I didn't know what, but that was our first insight that things were going to be different."

In one sense, he's still the same athletic Drew who has a heart for youth. But in another sense, it seems that God has given him a deep understanding of his calling as he's become well traveled, spending time in Europe — including Rome and St. Peter's Basilica where he attended Mass — Egypt and Turkey, say his parents.

"He has a passion for youth,

and he wants to share his passion for Jesus with others," says Paul Curry.

He added later that Drew, 28, "does have gifts and talents that lend themselves to ministering to youth." But his son also finds joy being involved with baptisms, marriages and marriage preparation, funerals and preaching.

The couple say they've worked to instill in all of their children a sense of listening for God.

"We want all of our children to find in their hearts what God has in store for them and how they can contribute," said Deb Curry. "And this is Drew's calling."

And his father describes his son as "a fine young man. I'm proud to be his father. He's

bright, energetic and athletic. He's just a good guy."

His parents also added that he has a deep devotion to Mary and admires Pope John Paul II as well as Pope Benedict.

And their thoughts about their son's ordination?

"I feel joyful," said Paul Curry. "I'm proud of all three of my children's different journeys."

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS CURRY AND BAUMAN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

In prayerful support of Deacon Drew in his ministry and preparation for the priesthood, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish offers a book of prayer available in the gathering area for parishioners to write well wishes and personal commitments to pray for him in preparation for his ordination.

The parish also began a special novena to St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, on Oct. 15 to pray for Deacon Drew and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The nine-day novena will conclude on Oct. 23 during a special holy hour, where the book of prayer will be presented to the deacon. Holy hour will include Scripture readings, reflection, benediction and prayer.

Easy-G, the St. Elizabeth youth group, of which Deacon Drew is an integral part, has prayed as a community before the parish Vocations Chalice for a week in support of his vocation.

Bishop Dwenger High School celebrated a special Mass on Friday, Oct. 10, in the school chapel in prayer support of both Deacons Curry and Bauman, with eucharistic adoration all day until 3 p.m. Special school-wide prayers for the deacons, including a novena, are being prayed each day by students and staff until ordination day.

Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend will offer a special Mass on Monday, Oct. 20, for the deacons, celebrated by Holy Cross Father Neil Wack in the school chapel. The Mass is open to all students, faculty and staff and will begin at 7:15 a.m.

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parish in Boston and was involved in youth ministry, campus ministry and RCIA at Josphinum. He was part of a parish ministry in Columbus last year as well.

In June of 2007, Curry was ordained as transitional deacon of the church at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

Following graduation from seminary with a master's of divinity degree in May of 2008 and a brief visit home, Deacon Curry was assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish where he has "jumped in with both feet."

"My love for the parish has grown as I get to know the people more. Father Jim (Shafer) is an excellent priest mentor," says the deacon. And much to his delight, the youth ministry provides a venue for not only evangelization but sports as well.

According to Maggie Landrigan, youth minister at St. Elizabeth, Deacon Curry is reaching the teens with ultimate Frisbee play. "He has a deep love for the church that he's excited to share with the teens. Ultimate Frisbee ... is an excellent outreach tool for us and is a fun way for him to interact with the teens. He's probably the best player. We're very blessed to have him."

Pastor Father Jim Shafer says, "It's been a joy to work with

Deacon Drew. He jumped into the high school youth ministry program, which now has a weekly holy hour of adoration just for the teens. He is eager to work and has a willingness to step forward and take responsibility."

Jim Kitchens, pastoral minister at St. Elizabeth says, "He is a very gentle, soft soul and he causes that to happen wherever he goes. He's a keeper!"

Deacon Curry has been busy performing many baptisms, funerals and marriages as well as preaching at Masses at St. Elizabeth, and says, "I believe it's God's will that I am to be a priest. It's a joy to live a life totally given to Jesus. It's about serving people, about praying for and with the people, and bringing them to Jesus in the sacraments."

This prayerful young man gratefully anticipates his upcoming ordination day in communion with Bishop D'Arcy and the diocesan priests as well as excited family and friends and says, "Ordination day, just like a wedding day, has the rest of life contained in it. On Oct. 25, I'll be thinking of all the things I'll be doing for the rest of my life."

Father Curry will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving as a priest at his home parish of Holy Family in South Bend on Oct. 26 and on Nov. 2, his first Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish, which will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Father Curry will also celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. that day followed by a special party with Easy-G, St. Elizabeth's youth group.

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NOVENA AND SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

Parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart are preparing for the ordination of Deacon Kevin Bauman by praying a novena, holding a holy hour and taking up a collection as a gift from the parish.

The special collection will be taken up at Masses the weekend of Oct. 18-19. The holy hour is being held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and public and private prayer.

Father Philip DeVolder, pastor, also asks parishioners to offer this special novena prayer beginning Oct. 16 for both men being ordained:

Father of the harvest, in your grace you have called Deacons Kevin and Andrew to the holy priesthood to share in the saving work of your Son. We thank you for this precious gift. In your goodness, make them holy and preserve them from the attacks of the evil one. Make them good and worthy ministers of the Gospel, devoted servants of the Eucharist and all the sacraments of the church. Use them to bring many souls to Jesus. In our poverty we ask you to share with them the riches of your grace and wealth for alone and unaided, we cannot hope to please you. Amen.

St. Vincent's is hoping to get a group of 100 to travel to the cathedral in Fort Wayne for the ordination on Oct. 25.

The bus trip is being offered at no cost to the parishioners and some are traveling down individually but with the cost of gas, the parish wanted to offer transportation.

Father Kevin's first Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish will be Oct. 26 at 5:30 p.m. A simple reception will follow in the Mother Teresa Center.

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John 21:15

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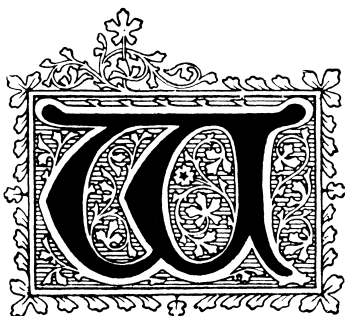
Worldwide Marriage Encounter has for many years held a World Priest Day to honor and acknowledge all priests who lead the Catholic Church. This year's event

coincides with a similar event observed by the Serra Club.

"The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the church via the sacrament of holy orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests," said Tony and

Cathy Witczak, the WWME National Secretariat Team.

The national ecclesial team further explained World Priest Day by saying, "It is designed to be a day or several days to rejoice in the sacrament of holy orders. On this day, or during the week preceding or following it, Catholics across the country are encouraged to affirm priests."



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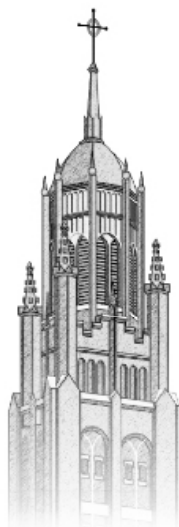
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Deacon's friends sing his praises, commitment

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — Deacon Kevin Bauman's ordination will be a special event for many at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

While he's currently serving at St. Vincent De Paul in Elkhart, St. Matthew is his home parish and where he discovered after a 12-year teaching career at the University of Notre Dame that God was calling him to the priesthood.

Ann Haines, of Buchanan, Mich., who got to know Bauman through his friendship with her son Greg, called him her "adopted son."

She said she's known him about one year and it didn't take long for her to warm up to him.

"He's so strong in his faith," she said, adding that he's "delightful, joyful and peaceful" all at once.

She said she has no doubt he'll make a wonderful priest.

"When he's on the altar, he's so thrilled to be there and offering sacrifices and giving of himself," Haines said. "You can feel the joy coming from him."

Tom Farwell, who plays organ at St. Matthew's and directs the Cathedral Singers, agreed with Haines that Bauman will be a good priest.

"He's very warm and easy to

get to know," Farwell said. "He's also talkative and down to earth."

Farwell said that people can tell that Bauman has a commitment to the priesthood because he gave up an academic career as a professor at Notre Dame.

"He has a strong commitment to the people of God," Farwell said.

And for both Haines and Farwell, Bauman's ordination will be a special one for them.

Farwell will even play the organ for his friend's first Mass.

Farwell himself said that he always considered becoming a priest and so was moved when his friend announced his call and intention to become a priest.

"I was afraid I would not be worthy enough, and I was more afraid," Farwell said of his own inner thoughts of becoming a priest. That is why he is excited for his friend's journey.

Haines said she believes Bauman's ordination will be an emotional one for her because she will be watching someone she cares about devote his life to Christ.

"You can feel his feelings and his emotions," Haines said. "It's wonderful for him to be a part of that."

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EDITORIAL

The word of God remains forever

As we are all greatly aware, we find ourselves in the midst of the greatest economic crisis arguably since the Great Depression. This crisis has caused anger, pain and fear. There is no question that a good number of people have been hurt by this crisis.

In the face of this, our Holy Father has given us as followers of Christ the proper perspective. Speaking to a group of bishops on the occasion of the opening of the Synod of Bishops in Rome the pope said that this economic crisis shows us the importance of building our lives on the word of God. Money will fail us, he said, but the word of God is true reality. The pope, of course, was not being insensitive to the plight of those who have been greatly hurt by this crisis but rather reminding us all that the things of this world will ultimately fail us. Only the word of God remains forever.

A good that may come out of this crisis is a refocusing of our priorities. Of course, not everyone is infected by materialism, but it is hard to live in an incredibly prosperous country like ours and not be somewhat affected by the drive to possess. One good that could come out of this crisis is purification for all of us from the effects of materialism. Our priorities can be refocused so that those things that we truly need to live will be made plain to us, and those things that were merely "wants" can be seen for what they are.

Another good that could come out of this crisis is a more generous spirit toward those who are worse off than us. God created us to live together and to help each other. This crisis may make it even plainer to us where we can help those who are unable to obtain even what they need to live. If we have not been affected as severely as others, maybe we can ask the Lord where we can share a bit of the burden of the crisis.

As Mother Teresa once said, the problem with the world is not that there is not enough but rather that we do not share.

Again, there is no question that a good number of people are experiencing authentic pain and suffering in their lives because of this crisis, but maybe this crisis will serve to help us all live more simply and be more sensitive to sharing with our brothers and sisters who may be in need.

Ordination to the priesthood

On the last Saturday of this month, two of our young men who have been studying in the seminary will be ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. That is two men this year, please God, three men the following year, and one more the year after that. If God wills, that would be six new priests in three years for our diocese.

There is still much work that all of us need to do for vocations, but we can give thanks to the Lord of the harvest for providing us with a growing abundance of new vocations to the priesthood for our diocese. Please keep all our seminarians in your prayers.

A farewell

Don Clemmer, the assistant editor of *Today's Catholic*, has accepted a position as assistant to media relations with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He joins another former diocesan employee, Deirdre McQuade, who is the assistant director for Policy and Communications at the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

Don has worked closely with updating our digital presence — managing our Facebook group, a social network that appeals to younger Catholics, maintaining our blog and producing our weekly podcast, a 15 -minute newscast that highlights stories from the newspaper. We will miss Don, but we are also excited about the opportunity that will employ his talents.

Good luck and God's blessings to you, Don.

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

COMMENTARY

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Boy meet girl's parents 60 years ago, Indiana style

I aimed my dad's '38 Chrysler between the ruts on the gravel road. "It's just over the hill," Marianne said. She was referring to her parents' farmhouse on Mulberry Road, Marianne and I had met just a week ago on a blind date and I was going to meet her Mom and Dad for the first time.

I was so nervous when I pulled into their driveway, I almost hit a tree. I couldn't imagine that Marianne's parents were going to be too impressed with the man their daughter was bringing home to meet the family. They were practicing Catholics, and although I was baptized a Catholic, I hadn't seen the inside of a church since grade school. But I wasn't all bad, I reasoned ... I did have a steady job and was never in trouble with the law.

I must have passed their first test, because they asked me to stay for supper. It was a meal only farmwives knew how to fix — a mountain of mashed potatoes, gallons of brown gravy and wall-to-wall fried chicken. But I was too on edge to enjoy the meal. From the corner of my eye I could see Marianne's brothers eyeing me and giggling. It was going to be a long night.

I was right. After supper, the whole family did a very strange thing. They all paraded into the living room and each person picked out a chair or section of sofa and knelt down. "We're going to say the rosary now," Marianne's dad announced.

If he had said that we were all going to run barefoot through the barley, I couldn't have been more surprised. I didn't know how to react. Although he said, "we are going to say the rosary," I wasn't sure if he meant me too, and I was too flustered to ask. I thought of saying that I would wait in the kitchen, but something about that didn't seem right. So I gulped a few times; picked out a chair next to Marianne and knelt down. It was the first time I had prayed in five years.

Looking back at that night, I can see in it an invitation from God to come home. I don't think anyone would have thought the less of me if I had waited in the kitchen, but something (or Someone) inside of me wouldn't let me do it. It was a moment of grace I could have refused. But God took my "yes" and changed the direction of my life. In the last book of the Bible, Jesus tells us that he stands at the door of our life and knocks. The latch is on our side.

Don Grooms
South Bend

Editor's note: On Oct. 23, 2008, Marianne and Don Grooms celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They are members of Little Flower Parish in South Bend.

Difficult times calls for the rosary

As they say drastic times call for drastic measures. I wouldn't consider these to be drastic times, but it certainly is a time of uneasiness — examples being floods, fire, earthquakes, tornados, and yes, war, not to mention the moral breakdown of our younger society.

We all agree that kids are growing up faster and making unwise decisions in their early teens that will affect them into their adult life. Pregnancy pacts, teen abortions and of course drunk driving.

What are the answers? Can we as parents and role models take much of the blame? Yes, and no. We ultimately have the major responsibility to set the high standards and modeling to our children. They look to us for answers; they watch us in our daily lives. Don't kid yourselves, they want discipline and they need structure.

Our children are and must be our priorities. In other words, they come first; before our toys and our time. By time, I mean we owe them our attention, even when we are exhausted and burned out.

This my friend is a true sacrifice, but it is an obligation. We must buy into their education and provide them with the needed help they deserve. We all agree the news isn't good. So here is what all of this is leading up to. The main point of this article is not to put our children down in a way or to criticize our parenting skills.

I have an idea and here it is. Let's put down the remote and pick up the rosary. What have you got to lose except a media that is dominated by commercials? Television advertisements aren't 30-60 seconds long, but three to six minutes long. They are not every 15 minutes but every six to nine minutes. Check it out. Many of today's authors believe that a child's attention shortsens by so many TV commercials.

Our thoughts are interpreted so often it is hard to focus on any one

subject. But why not just turn off the TV and focus on the rosary. We all should have one and we all know how to say the decades.

Or how about just hold the rosary and talking as a family? This may sound strange to some, but no stranger than what the media presents. The rosary is a powerful symbol of what the Blessed Mother means to us all. Carry a rosary; clutch it and pray.

Jim Augustine
Osceola

How about some common sense

An election season is in full swing.

Once again, we see the abortion issue raised in various ways. We hear about it being less important than the economy.

How has abortion come to be such a big issue? If common sense were employed, it wouldn't be an issue at all, and our legislators and candidates would be on the same page.

What do I mean by common sense? Well, you see, the fertilized egg of an eagle is protected by law — 16 U.S.C. 668-668c. This law does not allow the eagle "egg" to be disturbed in any way.

The "egg" gets the exact same protection in the "womb" as born/older eagles outside of the "womb."

How can this be? It must be because the eagle egg is considered to be an eagle.

We don't ever hear the question of "when does the egg become an eagle?" nor is it questioned in the law itself. It is a common sense assumption.

Why can't this same protection be offered to the fertilized eggs of humans?

For those who cannot comprehend the need to support this type of protection for the human "eggs," are they lacking common sense, or is it above their pay grade?

John Wessel
Aurora

Hedwig

1174-1243
feast - October 16

A laywoman from Bavaria, in southern Germany, Hedwig married the duke of Silesia, in southern Poland. Henry I encouraged his wife's numerous charitable activities, one of which was founding an abbey of Cistercian nuns at Trzebnica. The couple vowed to live chastely after their seventh child was

born in 1209. When Henry died in 1238, Hedwig moved to the abbey, where her daughter Gertrude was abbess, but without becoming a nun. She used her fortune to aid the poor and suffering nearby, and is remembered for increasing German influence in Silesia.



Crucifix

Indiana Knights of Columbus achieve Circle of Honor

Members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus achieved for the first time in the history of the state, the prestigious Circle of Honor award for the 2007-2008 Supreme Council year. This award has only been given out for the past 17 years to those jurisdictions that attained membership goals set by the Supreme Council. The state of Indiana brought in 1,203 new members during that period or 134 percent of the state membership goal.

Putting that into perspective, that placed Indiana Knights of Columbus Councils 13th in the world for successful membership campaigns from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Included in the Knights of Columbus jurisdictions are all 50 states, Canada, Poland, Philippines, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Guam and Puerto Rico. Indiana councils worked hard to achieve this honor, proving that Team Indiana working together can make a difference in the lives of other



THE INDIANA KNIGHTS

BY BOB HARTENSTEIN

Catholic families throughout the state who said yes to Christ.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, charitable, fraternal organization with over 1.7 million members from around the world; with over 33,000 proudly claiming Indiana as their home.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael McGivney 126 years ago at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, Conn. Father McGivney had a dream of establishing a council in every parish. Last year due to the effort of many Indiana Knights, five new councils were added in the state helping to achieve Fr. McGivney's dream.

On Aug. 6, State Deputy Norm Stoffel of the Indiana Knights of Columbus and his

wife, Sandy, accepted the Circle of Honor Award from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the annual convention held in Quebec, Canada. Circle of Honor is the highest accolade given to state councils for achieving excellence in membership growth. Congratulations are due to all Indiana Knights for this Indiana first.

Norm and Sandy Stoffel reside in Huntington, Indiana and a thank you goes out to Norm and Sandy for their untiring leadership over the past two years.

Consider first, last the kingdom of God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 22:15-21

The second part of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend's first reading. The context is a very bad time for God's people.

The two Hebrew kingdoms no longer exist. Both were victims of a military onslaught from neighboring, and very strong, Babylonia. The invasion swept away the structures of the two kingdoms. The dynasties were eradicated. Independence was lost. Many were dead. All survivors were at the mercy of the invaders.

Even these survivors were not left alone to mourn their losses. The invaders took many of the survivors to Babylon, the capital of the empire. There the Hebrews were kept, not exactly as hostages, but their lives were miserable.

However, times eventually changed. The Babylonians themselves fell to the intrusion of a powerful neighbor, Persia.

The Persian king, Cyrus, had no interest in the exiles from the once Hebrew kingdoms, so he allowed them to return home. For the exiles, it was a day of unequalled joy.

A most novel turn of phrase was the prophet's depiction of King Cyrus as an instrument of God. The reason that this was a novelty was that Cyrus was a

pagan. He was not in any sense a son of Abraham. His ancestors had never followed Moses across the Sinai Peninsula in the Exodus. Yet, God used Cyrus to accomplish the divine will. The divine will was to effect the survival.

This weekend's second reading is from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians. Thessalonica was a Greek city on the Greek mainland of the Balkans. It is one of the few New Testament cities still existing as an important center. It is the site of the modern Greek city of Saloniki.

The epistle comes from Paul, along with his disciples Silvanus and Timothy.

Paul had to reassure, encourage and strengthen Thessalonica's Christian community, trying to exist in the midst of a hostile, pagan culture. He also had to assert his own credentials. He was an apostle, specially chosen by Christ. His authority came from the Lord. Paul insisted that he was a most devout believer in the message of the Lord Jesus.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the last reading. It is one of the best-known passages in the New Testament.

Again and again, this text is used to defend the principle of separation of church and state, almost as if it is that there are two reservoirs of authority on earth, one the state, the other God.

This is not the Gospel's message.

Jesus is presented with a text. In a way, the Lord could not have won. If the Lord spoke against paying taxes, then the Roman law would be violated. The Romans were unforgiving. He would be doomed. Yet, if Jesus approved paying taxes, then the Lord would endorse the hated Roman conquest and occupation.

Jesus fell into neither trap. He bluntly stated that the spiritual is

the most important. Consider first and last the kingdom of God.

Reflection

Sadly this magnificent lesson from Matthew's Gospel is diverted to a consideration, indeed a presumed teaching of Christ, about the separation of church and state.

Of course, church-state relations of course are real, and these relations have serious implications. Surely, the state deserves respect.

However, supreme over everything is the Gospel. Even civil authority must submit to God. Even civil law must reflect divine law.

"Render to God the things of God." The things of God are not on this side, civil concerns on the other. Instead, everything belongs to God. He alone deserves homage and obedience.

The image of the coin is important. It bears Caesar's profile, thereby being contemptible in Jewish minds. Give the emperor the coin. Give God true devotion.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 45:1,4-6 Ps 96:1,3-5, 7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4c-6 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 13:1-9

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campion

On Oct 23, we celebrate the life of a saint whose name is well known (at least in California). But not as much is known of his fascinating life — the saint, John Capistrano.

- As his proper name "St. Giovanni da Capestrano" suggests he was from
 - Spain
 - California
 - Italy
- His family were nobles originally from
 - France
 - China
 - Nebraska
- He was a member of this order:
 - the Franciscans
 - the Knights Templar
 - the Hospitallers
- Very unusual for a member of a religious order, he was actually previously
 - a Protestant
 - married
 - destined for poverty
- Forsaking his homeland at times he journeyed north to
 - Canada
 - Tierra Del Fuego
 - Poland and Germany
- Again, not typical for a saint, John was accused of
 - heresy
 - opposing the pope
 - being crazy
- This actually led to
 - the pope pushing him out the window on top of a crowd of pilgrims
 - a commitment in an asylum for 53 years
 - a hearing in Rome on charges of heresy
- The result of this was
 - his release after a failed lobotomy
 - the acquittal of John and his companions
 - flat pilgrims
- Like some other clergy who were educated and literate, John was used as
 - a clown
 - a diplomat
 - a mercenary
- He was engaged in confronting the heretical followers of this Bohemian:
 - John Hus
 - Bela Skoptoy
 - Carol Wroclaw
- Extraordinarily, when he turned 70, John — far from retiring
 - went to war
 - got married again
 - dieted for four years and lost 143 pounds
- Who did this involve?
 - Matilda the Pretty, daughter of the Duke of Poland
 - The order of Anti-fryers
 - The Turks who were attacking Belgrade
- This earned him the nickname
 - The bigamist brother
 - The soldier priest
 - The skinny schismatic
- John has several places named after him. One in California is a city and a
 - cave complex
 - mission church
 - mosque
- There is a mission named for him in Texas in this city:
 - San Antonio
 - Santo Juano el Flaco
 - San Marcos

ANSWERS:

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

Beatitudes mount their importance in plain language

Where did Jesus' Sermon on the Mount take place? Anonymous

The Gospel of Matthew says Jesus went up on the mountainside, sat down, his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them: "How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs." This is called the Sermon on the Mount. The Gospel of Luke, however, says Jesus came down the mountain, stopped at a level stretch where there were many of his disciples and a large crowd and he said: "Blest are you poor; the reign of God is yours." This is called the Sermon on the Plain.

The New American Bible says, in this sermon, Jesus announces religious happiness for the poor, that is, those who lack material goods and stand in need of the spiritual blessings promised by God.

At the time of Jesus, many religious people thought that human afflictions and sorrow was the punishment for personal sin. In contrast, Jesus says Christians should help the poor and the

afflicted: "I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

The Sermon the Mount contains the eight beatitudes. The Sermon on the Plain shows four beatitudes and four woes.

Father John McKenzie says the word "beatitude" is a technical term for a literary form found both in the Old and New Testaments. A beatitude is a declaration of blessedness on the ground of some virtue or good fortune. There are 26 beatitudes in the Book of Psalms. For example, Psalm 128 sings, "Happy are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways."

In the New Testament the eight beatitudes show that wealth, pleasure and food have nothing to do with one's true happiness, which is found only in the kingdom of God.

The traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount is on a hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee on the western side of the lake in the northern part of the country of Israel. Near Heptapegon or Seven

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

Springs the pilgrim Egeria (A.D. 381) says "on a mountain is the cave to which Jesus climbed and spoke the Beatitudes. G. Freeman says the remains of a fourth-century chapel of the Sermon on the Mount were found here, with part of the mosaic surviving. The remnants of this mosaic floor are now on display at Capernaum.

J. Finegan says this chapel was a rectangle with a vestibule, a main hail and an apse, projecting to the east and partly hewn from the rock and partly constructed. A small side chapel is also in the rock on the north side of the hail. A colored mosaic floor with geometric and floral patterns was probably added in

the fifth century. Underneath the nave of the church is a natural cave that could be the cave Egeria spoke of. Southwest of the chapel are the remains of a courtyard built out on the slope, as well as the remains of a little monastery.

K. Prag adds that at Seven Springs there are also the remains of reservoirs and channels that fed water-driven grain mills in more recent times.

The higher hill northeast of the Seven Springs and the early chapel of the Sermon On the Mount is now called the Mount of the Beatitudes. Near the summit of this green hill is the modern Church of the Beatitudes built in 1938 to commemorate the Sermon on The Mount. The church overlooks the northern shore of the lake.

Baedeker says the church was constructed of local basalt. For the arches white stone from Nazareth was used, and Roman travertine for the pillars. The octagonal shape of this Byzantine-style church commem-

orates the eight beatitudes. Each of the eight beatitudes is inscribed in Latin on each of the eight sides of the church. There is a great dome with a gold mosaic above and a gallery or ambulatory all around from which to view the lake and the places where Jesus lived and worked. The dome symbolizes those who were persecuted for Jesus. This is sometimes called the ninth beatitude, since the traditional eighth beatitude has two parts: 1) blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake, and 2) blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you.

Marble veneer cases the lower walls of this church. Near the church are beautiful, colorful, peaceful gardens with many flowers and fruits that create an environment conducive to contemplation.

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

The Supremes and the rest of us

Justice John Paul Stevens is 88, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 75. Justice Anthony Kennedy is 72. Justice Stephen Breyer is 70. Justice David Souter is 68. Given those demographics, the next president of the United States will likely nominate at least one, and perhaps several, justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Once upon a time, that would have been considered a non-issue in a presidential election. Things have changed, however: the court now plays a major, substantive role in our national political life that would have surprised, and perhaps dismayed, the Constitution's framers. Indeed, the combination of its own assertiveness and the Congress's pusillanimity has turned the Supreme Court into the cockpit of the American culture war.

Beginning with the Everson decision in 1947, the court has read the First Amendment in ways that seem to imply an establishment of secularism in American public life. Supreme Court decisions upholding racial quotas and defending a "right to pornography" (including Internet child pornography) have incensed many Americans, of all races, classes and religions. The court's abortion jurisprudence since the early 1970s has imposed a radical regime of abortion-on-demand on the entire country, Speaker Nancy Pelosi's confusions on the facts here notwithstanding. The recent Boumediene decision on the alleged habeas corpus rights of alien terrorist suspects held abroad inserted the court into the national security debate in an unprecedented way.

The court acquired considerable moral authority in 1954 by its wise decision in Brown v. Board of Education, which accelerated the nation's journey to equality before the law (while

effectively reversing the mistake the court made in Plessy v. Ferguson, the 1896 case in which segregation laws were held constitutionally permissible). Some would argue, and not without reason, that that moral authority has now decayed into potentially dangerous forms of judicial arrogance. Mistaken decisions are bad enough; to have nine unelected lawyers instructing more than 3 million Americans to fall in line and stop criticizing the court's work raises grave questions about the health of our democracy.

This trend toward the judicial usurpation of politics — which is widespread throughout the federal judiciary, and culminates in the Supreme Court acting as an unelected and unaccountable national legislature — has been challenged intellectually by notable legal scholars, whose work has now borne fruit in a genuine debate, within the federal courts and on the Supreme Court, over the limits of the judiciary's role in our public life. That debate, in turn, has begun to have real effect in some federal judging. Yet things are now balanced on a knife's edge, such that the next president could well determine whether, for the foreseeable future, the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts play a more modest role in settling controverted issues or become an even more dominant force in both domestic and foreign policy.

Thus Catholic voters may wish to pose several questions to both major presidential candidates:

- In the encyclical "Centesimus Annus," the late Pope John Paul II wrote that the church's regard for democracy rests in part on the possibility of citizens participating in governance, and in part on the democratic system's public accounta-



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bility. Are you concerned that the increasing role played by federal courts in adjudicating hotly contested questions of public policy threatens the moral texture of our democracy, and indeed the entire democratic process?

- Recent Supreme Court opinions have cited foreign and international legal materials in interpreting our constitution. What role, if any, should contemporary foreign law play in American legal reasoning?

- Does the constitution mandate a "naked public square," shorn of religiously-informed moral argument?

- Was Justice Byron White (appointed to the court by President Kennedy) correct in describing Roe v. Wade as an exercise in "raw judicial power?"

- How do you regard recent Supreme Court thinking on the rights of alien terrorists in U.S. custody?

- Has the Supreme Court's acceptance of certain types of racial and gender quotas advanced or impeded the project of "liberty and justice for all"?

- Does the Supreme Court have the authority to impose same-sex "marriage" as a constitutional right?

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 19, 2008

Matthew 22:15-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading, Cycle A, about a trick posed with a coin. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PLOTTED	ENTRAP	SENT
DISCIPLES	HERODIANS	SAYING
TEACHER	THE WAY	ACCORDANCE
TRUTH	TELL US	LAWFUL
TO PAY	MALICE	HYPOCRITE
COIN	TAX	CAESAR
TO GOD	HEARD	AMAZED

A COIN

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P H H L U W A E D C N P
O C E E R K E W C V A S
C A W R T D H O F D N U
R E A D O P R T R U J L
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Sports

End of season CYO wins lead to football semifinals

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) 2008 gridiron tournament action got underway at Bishop Dwenger on Oct. 12.

The first game of the postseason saw the third place seed, St. John, New Haven, down the Cardinals from St. Charles, 30-0.

On the first series, running back Dillon Carey had a 45-

yard touchdown run making it 8-0

Raiders at the half.

In the second half,

the Cardinals

could not contain

eighth-grade quar-

terback Jake

Britton. Britton had

a 20-yard reception

from Carey then added

two touchdown runs of 38

and 21 yards for New Haven.

Adam McCarthy went 3-4 on

PATs.

In the second game of the day,

top-ranked St. John, Fort Wayne-

Hessen Cassel beat St. Jude, 33-0.

Eagle Thomas Starks threw two

TD passes, one to Nick Burrell

and one to David Shank. Brandon

Dock rushed for another score as

did Brendan Gonzales. Sam

Stroncsek also threw a touchdown

pass to Channing Williams. Ben

Oberley, Anthony Hartle and Tom

Hall each scored extra one-point

conversions in the win. St. Jude

showed great effort in their last

outing of the 2008 season. Next

up, Holy Cross shut out Most

Precious Blood-Queen of Angels

wrapping up the season for the

hardworking Royal Reds.

Finally, in a battle between the

fourth and fifth place seeds, Sts.

JAT (Joseph/Elizabeth/Aloysius/

Therese) continued their winning streak by defeating St. Vincent, 32-

0, to advance to next week's semi-

finals at University of Saint

Francis. Knight Coach Mike

Deiser reported that his defensive

line did an outstanding job and got

big plays from Luke Martinez and

Will Nolan. Offensively, every-

thing was ticking in another great

team effort. Extra-point kicker,

Trey Casaburo, was flawless

again making 4-4

attempts through the

posts.

Ending his first

season with the

Panthers, St.

Vincent Coach

Cory Kitchen

summarized, "I am

proud of the effort

of our team through

a lot of adversity. We

were very unlucky with

many serious injuries (three bro-

ken arms, a damaged knee, etc.)

that finally caught up with us in

the playoffs. It is not the way we

wanted to end the season, but St.

Vincent football will be back."

The Sts. JAT Knights will

spend the week preparing for the

exciting rematch with the Eagles

from St. John, Fort Wayne-Hessen

Cassel, who they upset on Sept. 28

in a regular season clash, 24-16.

The second game of the semifi-

nals will feature another thrilling

battle in which the St. John, New

Haven Raiders, 6-2, will seek

revenge against a tough Holy

Cross unit. The Crusaders, 7-1,

handed the Raiders a 24-8 loss in

the final match-up of regular sea-

son play on Oct. 5.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE ATHLETICS TO HOST HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR FAMILIES OF LOGAN CENTER The Saint Mary's College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) in conjunction with the athletic department will be hosting a Halloween party on Sunday, Oct. 12, for children and families of Logan Center in South Bend from 1-3 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility. Various Saint Mary's varsity athletic teams will be hosting the families while providing crafts, games, snacks and entertainment for all. Each year the party brings out approximately 60 children and their families.

ICCL varsity football eyes the playoffs

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — With Inter-City Catholic League varsity playoffs beginning Sunday, Oct. 19, the last week of football action brought regular season play to a close.

In a contest that pitted the Mishawaka Catholic Saints against the Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders, the Saints came out the victors, 14-0, at Marian High School's Otolowski Field.

Noah Deitchley caught two touchdown passes in the game — one for 23 yards from Vince Ravotto, and the second one for 26 yards from Michael Whitfield. Chase Lentych-Hack kicked the extra point.

Saint Joseph's High School hosted the other varsity match between the St. Matthew Blazers and the Holy Family Trojans.

The victorious Blazers were led by Dominique Sanders' two touchdown passes. The first a 60-yard strike to Connor Mars and the second was a 10-yard completion to Alex Stopzynski. Tyran Ottbridge added a 51-yard touchdown romp and Neal Dowling converted on two extra point attempts to give the Blazers a 22-0 win.

Game one of the playoffs pits the Holy Family Trojans against the Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders at Marian High School at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19.

In B-team action, the regular season has another week of games before the playoffs begin Sunday, Oct. 26.

The St. Anthony-St. Joseph Panthers tried to keep their unblemished record pristine as they faced the undefeated Mishawaka Catholic Saints.

In a thrilling contest for first place, Oliver Page had a 22-yard scoring scamper for the Panthers countered by a 22-yard run by Ryan Schafer for the Saints. The game was ultimately decided when Danny Pinter of the Panthers recovered a fumble in the end zone for the final tally of 13-7.

The Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders tried to remain just one game out of the hunt by matching up against the Corpus Christi Cougars at Saint Joseph's High School.

The Crusaders were victorious by a score of 28-0 accomplished with scoring runs of 17 and 20 yards by Brendan Connelly, scoring runs of 28 and 16 yards by Peter Rymysza and two extra points kicked by Jacob Jobe.

The Holy Family Trojans recorded their first victory of the season at the expense of the Granger Catholic Titans 13-7. The Trojans scored on a 6-yard jaunt by Nicholas Williams and a 30-yard aerial connection courtesy Max Harrison to Jordan Kazmierczak. Kyle Killilea rumbled 25 yards with a fumble recovery for the Titan's only score.

It could not be done without the managers

BY ANNIE PRYOR

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Luers Field atmosphere was thick with intensity, all eyes searched for the athlete who was about to make the play of the season. In a moment, the game was over; lights flashed, buzzers blared. The champions screamed until their voices cracked. As they pumped the air with sweaty fists, the team victoriously lifted one another higher and higher on their sweaty shoulders. For the managers, however, the night was not at a close. They still had to pack up and look forward to unforgiving tasks such as bleaching war-stained jerseys.

With the completion of any event, another is close on the managers' heels. Some managers may work up to three games per week, and that does not include the time consuming practices.

Bishop Luers High School senior Alicia Frieberger admits, "I have to put a lot of time into managing boys' tennis. We help out and fill in during practice and at matches help set up and get water."

Senior Mandy Scher said, "To tell you the truth, managers are like moms. We clean up after the players. We do their laundry, fix their equipment. We make them food and if they get a boo boo, we clean it up, slap a band-aid on it and tell them to go back out there and play nice with others."

For some, being a manager is an opportunity for a college scholarship or even a career in sports management. Many managers have taken the job simply because it is a great way to make friends.

In truth, this working volunteer staff is not completely unappreciated for their hard work. For example, junior football player Nick Abbott, who was injured for a few weeks, said, "I never really realized how much work the managers do for the team until I became an honorary manager and had to help them."

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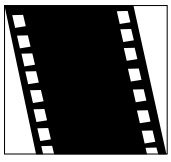
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MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) – Following are recent capsule reviews issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting.

"An American Carol" (Vivendi/Mpower)

Heavy-handed conservative satire in which a left-wing, America-hating filmmaker (Kevin Farley), out to abolish the Fourth of July, is visited by the ghosts of some of the nation's past leaders

(Chris Anglin, Kelsey Grammer and Jon Voight) who urge him to repent. Director and co-writer David Zucker's slapdash reworking of Charles Dickens is too busy hectoring to score many comic points. Brief partial nudity, some sexual and brief scatological humor, some crude language, one use of profanity and vulgar gestures. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

"Body of Lies" (Warner Bros.)

Taut and engrossing Mideast thriller about a conscientious U.S. intelligence agent (Leonardo DiCaprio) who — in an environment of deception and betrayals — seeks out an Osama-like terrorist leader while taking orders from his long-time colleague, a hard-nosed CIA

chief (Russell Crowe) back in Virginia. Director Ridley Scott maintains a good pace, and there are intelligent performances by all, including Mark Strong as the agent's Jordanian liaison, while the culturally enlightened script encourages humanistic understanding of the politically and socially volatile region. Relatively brief but graphic images of violence, torture, and medical procedures, pervasive rough language and profanity, and some blunt sexual expressions. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is L — limited adult audience. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R.

"The Express" (Universal)

Inspiring fact-based sports drama, set against the background of the civil rights movement of the late 1950s and early '60s, in which

a hard-driving Syracuse University coach (Dennis Quaid) hones the skills of a gifted African-American football player (Rob Brown) while he, in turn, challenges the coach's conservative reaction to changing times. Director Gary Fleder's rousing tribute to the first African-American recipient of the Heisman Trophy, which also features Omar Benson Miller as the star's best friend, highlights the role faith played in shaping his values while effectively personalizing the problems and lessons of the era. Brief nongraphic premarital sexual activity, occasional crude and crass language, some uses of profanity and racial slurs; possibly acceptable for older teens. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

"Happy-Go-Lucky" (Miramax)

Likable, nearly plotless comedy, about a persistently good-natured grade schoolteacher (Sally Hawkins) and her circle of friends, relatives and acquaintances. Hawkins' mannerisms are sometimes grating, and the film, though never dull, is occasionally static, but the story builds and its heroine's eccentricities become more tolerable as writer-director Mike Leigh's film progresses, while its heroine's unshakable optimism and deep compassion for others proves ultimately affecting. Some rough language and brief profanity, some crude expressions and sexual remarks, and an implied nonmarital sexual encounter. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.



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FUNDRAISERS

Lasagna dinner

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish will have a lasagna dinner, Friday, Oct. 17, from 5-7 p.m. at the parish hall. Adult tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Children 3 and up are \$3.

Craft show at Precious Blood

Fort Wayne — The Most Precious Blood Rosary Society, 1515 Barthold St., will have a craft show Saturday, Nov. 1, at the parish. Crafters needed. Call Mille at (260) 422-8766.

Spaghetti dinner

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Oct. 23, from 4:30-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children 5-12 \$3, children under 5 free.

Soup kitchen announces fundraiser

Fort Wayne — St. Mary's Soup Kitchen will have an event Saturday, Oct. 25, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. in Oechtering Hall. Music, dancing, karaoke, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, food, cash bar and door prizes. Tickets are \$10 at the door. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Chili supper planned

Monroeville — St. Rose Parish, 205 Mulberry St., will have a chili supper Saturday, Nov. 1, from 4-7:30 p.m. A children's carnival with games, prizes and cake walk is also planned.

Fall luncheon and card party

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will party on Friday, Oct. 24, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Msgr. Faber Activities Center. Cost is \$8. Men and women are welcome. Call Henrietta at (260) 482-1660 or Rita at (260) 424-6345 for information.

Holiday bazaar

Mishawaka — The St. Joseph Church holiday bazaar will be Saturday, Oct. 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 80 craft and household item tables, raffles and baked goods will be offered. Bring canned or boxed food items and receive one free entry to the mini raffle for each item donated.

Fancy fair and cookie bar

Rome City — St. Gaspar Parish will have a fancy fair and cookie bar on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch available. For table rental call (260) 854-4888.

Craft fair helps music department

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters will have a craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in

the school's gymnasium. Booth space is still available by calling (260) 483-5750.

Fish and tenderloin fry

Bluffton — A fish and tenderloin fry will be held Friday, Oct. 17, from 4-7 p.m. in the social hall, 1300 N. Main St. Adults \$9, children 6-12 \$6, children 5 and under free. Carry-out available.

Fish dinner hosted by Knights

Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will host a fish dinner on Friday, Oct. 17, at the Knights Hall at 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and available in advance by calling Tom Sibal at (574) 935-8442 or at the door. Drive-through service available at the Columbus Club south door.

St. John plans rummage sale

South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish's Altar and Rosary Society will have a rummage and bake sale Oct. 18-19, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

DEVOTIONS

Youth Mass for New Haven area

New Haven — A youth Mass will be held Sunday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. at St. Louis Besancon Church, located five miles east of New Haven on old Lincoln Hwy, off Hwy 30 for all parishes in the New Haven area. A high school program will follow from 7-9 p.m. with free food and the evening topic is on "Music — You Are What You Hear." Friends welcome.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Edward Erpelding will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7:15 p.m. Father Ed is pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla.

Retreat offered at Victory Noll

Huntington — Victory Noll Center will offer the retreat, "Spirituality: Our Relationship with God" Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sister Joetta Huelsman, PHCC, will be the facilitator. The cost for the program is \$30 per person and includes lunch. Registration deadline is Oct. 19.

APeX Ministries to appear at St. Vincent de Paul

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will have a presentation by APeX Ministries on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Jugglers Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer will use their talents to reach the hearts of God's people through entertainment, laughter and personal testimony. For information, contact the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and Formation at (260) 422-4611 ext. 3348.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Central Catholic alumni invited

Fort Wayne — Central Catholic High School alumni are invited to stop by the CCHS alumni tailgate tent for the battle of the bishops game at Bishop Luers High School on Friday, Oct. 17, from 5-9 p.m. A section in the bleachers is reserved for \$5 per person.

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Rebecca Kiessling to speak

Yoder — St. Aloysius Parish will have Rebecca Kiessling speak on "Conceived in Rape: A Story of Hope," Friday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the activity center. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Father Michael Heintz, Ph.D. to speak at St. Charles

Fort Wayne — Father Michael Heintz will speak on Models of Discipleship Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Charles Church. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series continues with "Sleep Hygiene" by Cheryl Erickson, on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Doermer Center, Room 156. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

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