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Blue Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica

**Notre Dame honors police,
firefighters, rescue workers**

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Area police officers, firefighters and rescue workers were honored for their service to the public at a special Blue Mass at the University of Notre Dame on Oct. 28. Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, president of Notre Dame, was the principal celebrant of the Mass, and several other priests affiliated with the university concelebrated.

The Blue Mass — named for the blue uniforms worn by most police and fire departments — has been celebrated every year at Notre Dame since 2001 to honor public safety officers now serving, as well as those who have died.

Holy Cross Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, explained in his homily that the first Blue Mass at Notre Dame took place just a few weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The Notre Dame community wanted to express respect, admiration and appreciation for what the police, fire and emergency personnel did to help the Sept. 11 victims out of their sense of honor duty, even at the cost of their own lives, Father Warner said. Notre Dame also wanted to join with the shock and sorrow felt by the families of the fallen heroes.

"Early on, however, we came to the realization, probably for the first time in so striking a way, that what these men did that fateful morning in New York



ANN CAREY

Entering Sacred Heart Basilica to celebrate the annual Blue Mass, Notre Dame President Father John Jenkins passed some of the public safety officers who were honored at the Mass.

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More than 600 third- and fourth-grade area students, teachers, principals and others gathered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne to celebrate an All Saints Day Mass on Nov. 4, with Bishop John M. D'Arcy as main celebrant. Shown are third- and fourth-grade students from St. Joseph School, Monroeville. From left are Jared Brinkman as St. Stephen, Siarra Small as St. Agatha, Sam Beauchot as St. Joseph, Sofia Love as St. Rose and Monica Scott as St. Monica.

Pope reminds that death brings eternal life for loved ones

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The death of a loved one brings pain and sadness, but Christians believe their loved ones will have eternal life in Jesus Christ and that they will be united again with them in heaven, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 3 in memory of the 10 cardinals and 103 bishops who had died in the past year, Pope Benedict ended three days of commemorations of "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith."

Marking the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints, the pope said just as God has created thousands of different kinds of beautiful plants and flowers, so has he given the world male and female saints, young and old, from every race and culture.

The beauty of the saints, he said during his noon Angelus address, should lead to a desire in every Christian heart to be like them and to spend eternity in their company.

Reciting the Angelus publicly again Nov. 2, the feast of All Souls, Pope Benedict said, "It is very important that we Christians live our relationship with the deceased in the truth of faith and see death and the beyond in the light of revelation."

The subjects of death and eternal life are

"realities particularly subject to superstitious beliefs," he said without providing examples.

Repeating questions he raised in his 2007 encyclical, "Spe Salvi" (on Christian hope), the pope asked if Christian faith still gives people hope and if they still desire eternal life or think that earthly life is all there is.

While no one knows exactly "what it is or how it will be," eternal life will be like "immersing yourself in the ocean of infinite love where time — a before and an after — no longer exist. Fullness of life and joy: This is what we hope for and expect from our being with Christ," he said.

Celebrating the memorial Mass Nov. 3 for the cardinals and bishops who died in the last year, Pope Benedict said the hope that they will enjoy eternal life in heaven is not based on their age or wisdom or achievements, but on the fact that they dedicated themselves to Christ and to serving others.

"The world gives credit to the 'wise' and 'talented,' while God shows special favor to the little ones," he said.

The eternal life of each person is not something that begins with death, but begins with the choices they make in this world, especially the choice to "open ourselves to the mystery of God and welcome him into our midst."

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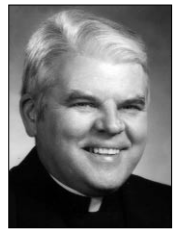
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Catholic Burmese refugees meet with Bishop D'Arcy



NEWS
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

An important discovery

For several years, many refugees from Burma have come into the Fort Wayne area under the guidance of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities. I have often inquired whether or not there were any Catholics in this group, so that we could respond to their spiritual and sacramental needs, as is the serious obligation of our local church, and especially the bishop. I have been told that all were Buddhist.

Some weeks ago, at a press conference called by Mayor Tom Henry, a young woman approached and was introduced by her employer. She was a Catholic, and told me there were several Catholics among the approximately 5,000 Burmese who have come here after great suffering in refugee camps in Thailand. Remember, all of them are here legally, and are fleeing an oppressive government. They are helped by the U.S. government and are refugees, not migrants.

In order to meet them, I arranged for them to come to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the noon Mass on the feast of All Saints, and later at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center for a soup and sandwich lunch.

It was a very moving experience. One young boy goes to Queen of Angels School, and his English is perfect. Others are in public schools. Some children need to be baptized. Others need preparation for first holy Communion. Some have been sent to other Christian churches, and have not been helped to return to the Catholic Church. All hungered to live fully their Catholic faith. There were many tears. I am grateful to my assistant, Maureen Schott, and also to Kathy Denice of *Today's Catholic* staff, who is a member of the board of directors of Catholic Charities, for arranging this event.

They all agreed that they wished to be part of the cathedral parish. I shall be working with Father Schulte, the rector, and parishioners, to see that they are helped spiritually and in every other way. For them, it was a coming home.

Surely, this was a moving experience to see their desire to be fully embraced by their Catholic Church.

We will need places for them. Pope Benedict XVI has pointed out in his encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est," that while the church's social agencies have a responsibility to everyone, and must resist any kind of proselytizing, a special obligation of charity must be exercised towards those

whom the Scripture calls "the household of the faithful."

Anyone wishing to provide transportation for them to Sunday Mass should call my office at (260) 422-4611. Their needs are for food, jobs and religious instruction.

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

I was leaving South Bend after two intense days, and I turned down Ironwood, and found my way to the place where every week the lives of children not yet born are mercilessly destroyed. As you know, it is adjacent to the Women's Care Center, where lives of babies are saved, and women are helped to choose life.

I have been told by my Pro-Life Office, that there was a 24-hour vigil for 40 days. True enough. I found two women praying and I sat with them for awhile. One of them asked me to lead the rosary, which I did. In all, there were three women there during my time. One told me she came every week day night for a few hours. Others spent an hour there, deep into the night. Earlier, another woman told me that she came at 2 a.m. with her son, a student at Notre Dame.

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and have not been helped to return to the
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There were many tears.

And also Fort Wayne

The following Sunday after a demanding day, including two Masses at St. Patrick's, Ligonier, one in Spanish and one in English, I drove to the site in Fort Wayne. Here I found a well-lighted tent next to the Baptist Church; I met the Baptist pastor and his wife and mother, and also a Lutheran pastor. I met several Catholics there, mostly from St. Vincent Parish. There were signs everywhere about fasting and praying for 40 days. The tent was well lighted and was a very welcoming place. I was told that those present were convinced that there had been two "savings," and this was also recorded in the evening paper. How could one not support this endeavor? Does it not say in the Scriptures, from the Lord himself, that "this kind is cast out only by prayer and fasting?" It is an ecumenical effort, which is entirely appropriate. It involves prayer and fasting as requested in the Scriptures. It is a witness, also, of our faith, to which we are called. My presence in both sites was very brief compared to those who went there day after day. I tip my hat to all of them, and together with the two Christian pastors, we prayed for all who had spent time in these sites, and we prayed

for change of hearts among those tempted to snuff out the life of the unborn child. I was told about children from St. Charles, St. Vincent and St. Jude schools coming in procession one afternoon to pray. Several priests also came to fast and pray.

North to Ligonier

I celebrated two Masses at Ligonier, installing Father Wilson Corzo as new pastor, first in English and then in Spanish. The Mass in English was well attended, but the Spanish Mass was standing room only. A packed church, five or six rows deep in the rear and down the side aisles. Remember — another Mass, equally full, was to follow.

As with Albion, it was painful for me as bishop to speak during the break between the two Masses about the many pastoral changes in this parish; and how for one year there was no full religious education program, except for first Communion and confirmation.

Much joy about Deacon Jacob. Jake Runyon, who had served there during the summer, and also joy and satisfaction about Father Corzo's presence. He is going home to visit his mother, but he will be a strong and steady influence on these two parishes. Also, he has incardinated in this diocese, so his life will be given to our people. The parish has been on track, but much work has to be done.

At my request, I have received an excellent pastoral analysis from Deacon Runyon and another from Stan LeMieux, who is a candidate for the diaconate and has been a strong presence at St. Patrick Parish. With God's help, and hard work, we will strengthen this important parish; we will ask the intercession and prayer of the great missionary, Patrick, who is the parish patron.

It was a joy this week to dedicate a new building at Saint Mary's College, and then hustle over to St. Anthony's Parish to close a parish mission. There was a very fine crowd, and it was a privilege to celebrate Mass and preach on the the holy Eucharist.

The last word

Following our tradition, we give the last word of the baseball season to the late distinguished Professor Bart Giamatti, president of Yale, commissioner of baseball and Red Sox fan. "It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone. You count on it, rely on it to buffer the passage of time, to keep the memory of sunshine and high skies alive, and then just when the days are all twilight, when you need it the most, it stops."

See you all next week.

Homily from October 25 ordination

BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

FORT WAYNE — This moment of faith and love which we are living together, calls us to give thanks to God for the gift which only he can give; the gift by which through the ancient sacramental rite of the laying-on of hands, these two young men are consecrated forever so that they may, by the power of Jesus Christ, make present in the world the Good Shepherd, who offered himself for our salvation. They are to give themselves for the sanctification of the souls committed to their care in the parish and of the diocese.

The two candidates show their readiness to give their whole selves to God, and to the work of Jesus Christ, by the gesture in which they prostrate themselves on the floor of the sanctuary. A gesture, which Pope John Paul II called "evocative"; in the sense that it evokes the deepest sentiments of the human heart.

By this, they signify their desire to give themselves wholly to God forever, without reservation.

Indeed, they could not even

consider such a decision, such a gift, unless he had given them his love, and his strength, and made it possible for them to say "yes."

So we are celebrating God's gift of love to each one. They pray that their offering may be pure, and holy, and sinless, and without reservation. For so many will depend on them. Their faith will be tried and tested. For this is always the way for those who offer themselves to God.

The ordaining bishop, too, must allow himself to be open to the extraordinary event of which he is the minister. The bishop should be made humble, accept his unworthiness; and grasp anew his vocation, which is above everything else, a call to union with Jesus Christ.

Those who are in attendance must be open to the words of this ancient rite, so you may grasp more fully how great is God's love for you, that he is providing two priests so that you will have the Eucharist, and the word of God, and the Good Shepherd is made sacramentally present through these two new priests.

The two deacons, about to be priests, through the love and action of God, must accept the

life of sacrifice and love to which they are called in imitation of the Good Shepherd, especially with these words, which have reference to the holy Eucharist, "Understand what you are doing, imitate what you handle, in other words, imitate the Eucharist — the Lord's sacrifice — and then finally model your life on the Lord's cross." These words are twice addressed to the ordained.

Always remember that a fruit of such a life is gladness and joy. When any of us allow ourselves to be filled up with the love of Jesus Christ for the world and for us, the result is gladness, and the purest joy that can be experienced in this world.

Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, has said this about office in the church — the office of priest or bishop:

"Spiritual office in the church rests on the existential posture of the servant who has learned how to allot second place to his own will in favor of the will of the persons to whom he belongs."

May it be so for these two new priests — and through their life and ministry for all of us as well.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Withdrawal of Holy Cross priests from Little Flower Parish, South Bend, in 2010

October 26, 2008

My Dear Parishioners of Little Flower Parish,

It was with pain and sadness that I learned from Father David Tyson, CSC, provincial of Holy Cross, of the decision made by the Holy Cross Congregation to withdraw from Little Flower Parish, South Bend on July 1, 2010.

This parish, under the patronage of St. Therese, a modern saint and a doctor of the church, was founded by Holy Cross over 70 years ago. It has been a vital parish, noted especially for devotion to the poor, and the implementation of Catholic social teaching. Its food pantry is known far and wide. I have grown close to the present pastor, Father Neil Ryan, CSC. Father Ryan has strengthened the parish and brought it closer to the bishop, which is a central task of any pastor; and has worked hard with the parishioners to see that the parish debt was addressed and eliminated. He is serving with great devotion.

Even while this brings sadness, it is also a time of gratitude — gratitude to the Congregation of Holy Cross for their service here in this parish for 70 years, and their devoted service to so many of our parishes.

I am also grateful to Father Tyson and his council that they have given us considerable time before their departure, thus making possible planning and consultation.

This decision, surely not easy for Holy Cross, reminds us of the call to pray that more young men of good quality will come forward for the priesthood. Indeed, the Lord has commanded such prayer: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers for the harvest." — Lk 10:2.

I want to assure the people of Little Flower Parish that the diocese will take up the responsibility of giving strong and exemplary pastoral leadership to this parish. I commend the parish to our beloved St. Therese, the parish patron, and to her intercession. Working together with the parishioners and parish staff, we will do our best to build on what the Holy Cross fathers and the parishioners have done, and try to strengthen this parish in every way.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

John M. D'Arcy

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

YouTube messages in English, Spanish offer church's view on marriage

BY CAROL GLATZ

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As U.S. voters from coast to coast prepared to decide ballot questions related to same-sex marriage Nov. 4, the U.S. bishops took their campaign to keep the traditional definition of marriage as the union of a man and woman to a popular video-sharing Web site, YouTube.

A version of the video in English, online at www.youtube.com, features Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' recently created Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage.

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of San Antonio, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, presents the same message in Spanish.

Both videos also can be viewed on the USCCB Web site at www.usccb.org/bishops/marriagedefense.shtml.

The videos were posted online just before Election Day, when voters in California, Arizona and Florida were to face ballot questions that would define marriage as between one woman and one man. Connecticut bishops also have asked Catholics in their state to support a constitutional convention proposal on the ballot, so that a recent state decision permitting same-sex marriage there could be reconsidered.

"Certain groups and individuals are trying to make same-sex unions the equivalent of marriage," the archbishops said in their videos. "This is a false idea being

proposed and, in some cases, imposed by a minority. This is nothing less than the radical redefinition of marriage — denying the truth that it is exclusively the union of a man and a woman."

The messages warn that if successful "this effort of redefining marriage to include same-sex unions will bring confusion to what marriage actually means. This confusion could spread and have enormous legal consequences for the rearing of children, public education, employment and religious freedom.

"Children would be forced to learn that marriage is merely one kind of loving relationship among many," they said. "Churches would be prevented from witnessing to and teaching about the necessary and singular role of love between a man and a woman.

"Same-sex unions and marriage are completely different realities," they continued. "Reaffirming the traditional understanding of marriage is neither discrimination nor the denial of rights.

"Like all people, homosexual persons have the right to be treated with respect and to live in peace with the support of their loved ones," the archbishops stated. "But it is to the benefit of all members of society that the institution of marriage be preserved as the relationship of a man and a woman that serves the common good in a distinct way. Society needs marriage in order to establish and sustain that basic unit of society in which men and women love each other and transmit life to their children who are the fruit of that love."

The videos are the latest in a series of activities to emerge from

the ad hoc committee; Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George, USCCB president, announced its establishment Oct. 15.

The committee assists the bishops and state Catholic conferences in education, catechesis, public policy advocacy and communications strategies.

Campaign finance reports in California showed that the USCCB also contributed \$200,000 in support of the state's Proposition 8, which would define marriage as the union of a man and a woman.

Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, USCCB director of media relations, said the donation came at the request of the California bishops from a USCCB "contingency fund that had been used before for issues like this," such as assisted suicide.

"It's a very important issue in California and in our country," she said of same-sex marriage.

The USCCB did not donate to the campaigns for traditional marriage in Florida and Arizona this year, but gave \$30,000 to fight moves toward assisted suicide in Washington state, she said.

With a \$1.4 million contribution, the Knights of Columbus was among the major donors in support of Proposition 8. Various Knights councils in California and across the country also donated small amounts, according to campaign finance records.

In all, Proposition 8 supporters had raised nearly \$31 million — about \$24 million of it from within California — as of Oct. 30, while opponents of the proposal raised more than \$33 million, \$22 million of which came from within the state.



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Pope Benedict XVI kisses the main altar as he celebrates a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 3 in memory of the 10 cardinals and 103 bishops who died in the past year.

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"If, therefore, we are saddened by having them taken from us and missing them still causes pain, faith fills us with a deep comfort knowing that, just as it was for the Lord Jesus and always thanks to him, death no longer has power over them."

The 103 bishops remembered at the papal Mass included six from the United States: Bishops James D. Niedergeseg of Nashville, Tenn.; Daniel A. Hart of Norwich, Conn.; Donald W. Montrose of Stockton, Calif.; Charles A. Buswell of Pueblo, Colo.; and Auxiliary Bishops Juan A. Arzube of Los Angeles and Walter Paska of the

Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

In preparation for the memorial Mass, Msgr. Guido Marini, the pope's master of liturgical ceremonies, had the altar in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica replaced. The memorial Mass traditionally is celebrated at the Altar of the Chair in the apse and not at the main altar above the tomb of St. Peter.

Maria Cristina Stella, spokeswoman for St. Peter's Basilica, said Msgr. Marini had asked that the 1975 bronze altar be removed and that the 1907 marble and gold altar that had been there previously be returned.

The 1907 altar "is a more traditional form and its iconography blends better with the gold of Bernini's sculpture of the Chair of St. Peter," she said. The older altar is expected to remain in the basilica permanently.

Politics, liturgy, priorities focus of bishops' fall meeting

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Meeting less than a week after the election of a new U.S. president, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will discuss “the practical and pastoral implications of political support for abortion.”

But the agenda for the Nov. 10-13 USCCB fall general assembly at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel also will focus on a wide range of other issues, including such frequent topics as liturgical translations and priorities for the work of the bishops' conference itself.

The agenda item on politics and abortion was added after comments on abortion by two Catholic politicians — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California and Democratic vice-presidential nominee Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware — during separate appearances on “Meet the Press” drew responses from the chairmen of the bishops' doctrine and pro-life committees.

It is unclear whether the bishops' discussion was expected to focus on or result in a document. Some of the discussion also could take place behind closed doors, since only parts of the meeting's first two days are open to the media. The rest of the meeting will be breakout sessions, executive sessions and time for prayer and reflection.

Consideration of several sections of the English translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal will take up much of the meeting. First to come before the bishops will be a 700-page translation of the proper prayers for Sundays and feast days during the

liturgical year, which was rejected at the June USCCB meeting in Orlando, Fla., and in subsequent mail balloting.

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

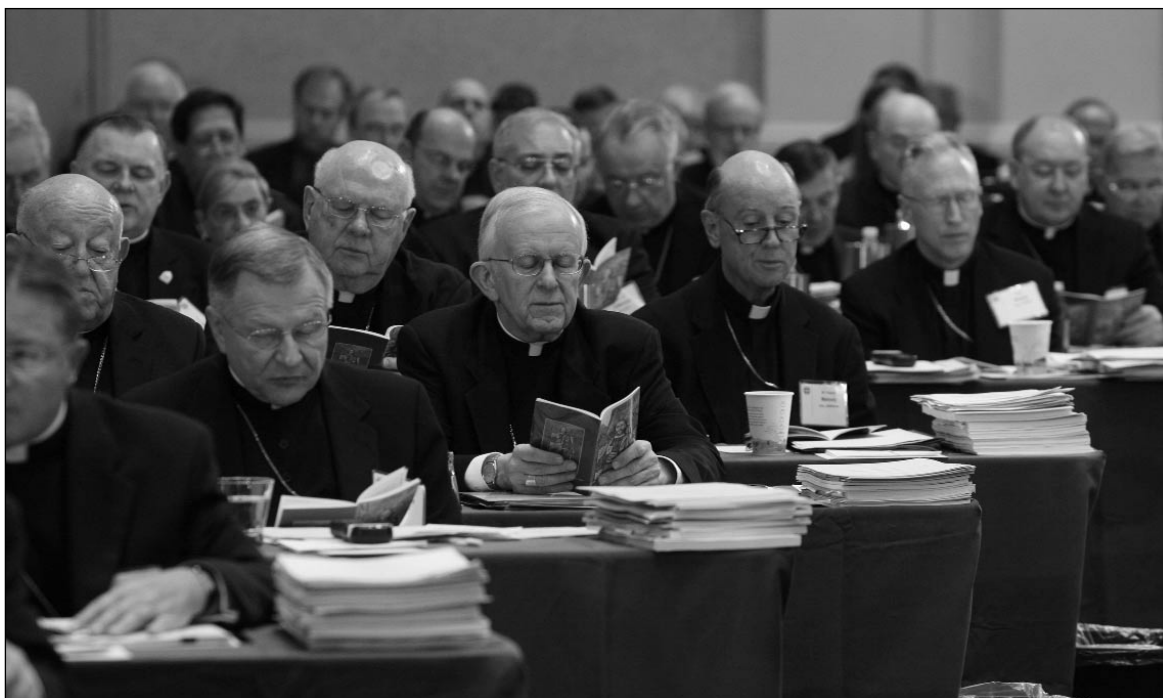
The translation had come from the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, known as ICEL, but at the Orlando meeting many bishops expressed frustration that recommendations they had submitted to ICEL to clarify the sentence structure or revise archaic language had been rejected.

The Vatican recently gave its approval to the first section, a translation of the main constant parts of the Mass — the penitential rite, Gloria, creed, eucharistic prayers, eucharistic acclamations, Our Father and other prayers and responses used daily. That section had been approved by the U.S. bishops in June 2006.

Also coming up for a vote in November are the revised Grail Psalter for use in the United States and the Order for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb.

A translation of the eucharistic prayers for Masses with children also had been slated to come before the bishops, but Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship, said in a Sept. 29 letter to his fellow bishops that the Vatican “intends to remove” that section from the Roman Missal and to “publish a separate text at a later time.”

“I am withdrawing the action item ... from the agenda of the November 2008 meeting,” Bishop Serratelli said, adding that “the



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U.S. bishops pray at the opening of their fall meeting in Baltimore in 2007. Politics and liturgy will be topics discussed at the bishops' fall meeting in Baltimore Nov. 10-13.

texts will be addressed at a later time to be determined” by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., USCCB vice president, will present a report in November on the work of five task forces focusing on conference priorities — strengthening marriage, faith formation and sacramental practice, the life and dignity of the human person, cultural diversity in the church and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Also scheduled for the November meeting are presentations on the “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services” and on “Reflections on Covenant and Mission,” a 2002 statement of the National Council of Synagogues and the USCCB Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

In June the bishops directed their Committee on Doctrine to begin revising the ethical guidelines for Catholic health care institutions to reflect recent church documents on medically assisted nutrition and hydration.

has drawn criticism from Cardinal Avery Dulles as “ambiguous, if not erroneous, in its treatment” of evangelization, mission and other topics. Others have joined in that criticism in recent months.

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, who is beginning the second year of his three-year term as USCCB president, will deliver his presidential address at the gathering and a new USCCB secretary will be elected to succeed Bishop

George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio.

Bishop Murry was elected last year to complete the three-year term of Bishop Kicanas when the Tucson bishop was chosen as vice president.

Also to be elected are chairmen-elect of the committees on National Collections, Cultural Diversity in the Church, Doctrine, Pro-Life Activities and Communications.

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The documents include a 2004 address on the vegetative state by Pope John Paul II to an international congress and a 2007 response by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on questions raised by the USCCB on artificial nutrition and hydration.

The “Reflections on Covenant and Mission” statement, which repudiates “campaigns that target Jews for conversion to Christianity,”



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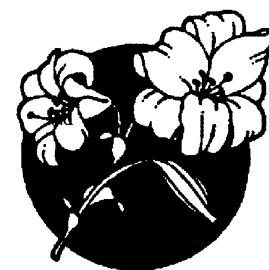
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Catholics, Muslims gather in Indiana for annual Midwest dialogue

BY STEVE EUVINO

CROWN POINT, Ind. (CNS) — In a first for the Diocese of Gary, Catholics and Muslims gathered there for the annual Midwest Muslim-Catholic Dialogue Oct. 26-28.

They met at Catholic and Islamic institutions to engage in interreligious dialogue because, as its mission statement declares, the dialogue "is part of our core identity as people of faith."

Representatives from several states and the District of Columbia attended a series of scholarly sessions and public sessions dealing with such issues as religious freedom, religion in the public square and immigration, as well as an analysis of the American legal structure as it relates to Islamic law.

Joan Crist, director of the Gary diocesan Office of Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs, said the purpose of the dialogue, started in 1996, is to "create understanding between our two religions."

Sessions were held at the Northwest Indiana Islamic Center in Crown Point, Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting and the Gary Diocese's pastoral center in Merrillville. The schedule allowed time for the five daily prayers of Islam and for Masses and Catholic prayer services.

Gary Bishop Dale J. Melczek, offering a welcome Oct. 26 at the Islamic center, said that in the past year leaders from both faiths have made public efforts toward making peace between the two groups.

Noting that Christians and Muslims comprise 55 percent of the world's population, the bishop quoted from a Muslim letter that stated: "If Muslims and Christians are not at peace, the world cannot be at peace."

Quoting from the Quran, the sacred book of Islam, the bishop noted that "without giving the neighbor what we ourselves love, we do not truly love God or the neighbor." He likened that to the apostle James, who wrote: "My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it?"

The bishop also quoted from Catholic bishops in Africa who said that although Catholics and Muslims hold some similar fundamental religious values — the need for prayer, the uniqueness of God and the importance of almsgiving, fasting and pilgrimages — bigotry, intolerance, militarism and fundamentalism by a tiny minority are the main sources of conflict.

While these bishops acknowledged these challenges, Bishop Melczek said, "they urged that we place the difficulties in the hands of God and move forward with a spirit of hope."

In his welcome, Imam Mongy el Quesny, the Islamic center's spiritual leader, listed some of the religious figures both faiths hold in common, including Noah, Moses, Jacob, Joseph, Benjamin, Aaron and John the Baptist.

"Let us come together for a common word," the imam said,



CNS PHOTO/TIM HUNT, NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary and Imam Mongy El Quesny of the Northwest Indiana Islamic Center chat Oct. 26 at the center in Crown Point during the opening session of the 2008 Midwest Muslim-Catholic Dialogue. This was the first time the Diocese of Gary hosted the interreligious dialogue.

and that word is justice.

He added that Christians and Muslims both have lived in this country for a long time, but he said it was not until he spent some time in New York that he experienced tension between the two groups. He prayed the dialogue would help the two groups "bring all the issues that can bring us together."

He also prayed that God would give dialogue participants knowledge and compassion to "lead to a straight path to God ... and forgive any mistakes we made in this life."

Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny of the Detroit Archdiocese, who is archdiocesan ecumenical and interfaith adviser, said the challenge of dia-

logue sessions is to see "how our dialogue advances the mission of peace" and how these sessions can bear fruit — "fruit that will last."

Muslims in the U.S. can learn from the history of American Catholics, said Sayyid M. Syeed, the Washington-based national director of the Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances of the Islamic Society of North America.

Catholics who immigrated to America faced hardships, but in time they became accepted and now are recognized for their schools and hospitals.

Just as Catholics have contributed to American society, said Syeed, so too do Muslims, not through isolation "but by building bridges of understanding."

Pope says 'first being' created world intentionally

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The world did not emerge out of chaos; rather it was created intentionally by "the first being," Pope Benedict XVI said.

The Creator also is involved not only with the origins of the universe, but continually sustains the development of life and the world, said the pope during an Oct. 31 audience with 80 participants of a Vatican-sponsored conference on evolution.

Scientists, philosophers and theologians from around the world were attending the Oct. 31-Nov. 4 plenary session on "Scientific Insights Into the Evolution of the Universe and of Life" at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

The pope said the topic was timely and has elicited interest worldwide.

"Questions concerning the relationship between science's reading of the world and the reading offered by Christian revelation naturally arise," he said. Popes Pius XII and John Paul II had found there was "no opposition between faith's understanding of creation and the evidence of the empirical sciences," he said.

"In order to develop and evolve, the world must first be, and thus have come from nothing into being. It must be created," the pope said.

But God's work in creating matter and life out of nothing did not end there, he said. The Creator founded the cosmos and its developments and "supports them, underpins them and sustains them

continually," he said.

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that people's conception of creation must transcend not just the origin of the universe and its history, he said.

Creation is not just the starting point of life; it is "the foundational and continuing relationship that links the creature to the Creator, for he is the cause of every being and all becoming," the pope said.

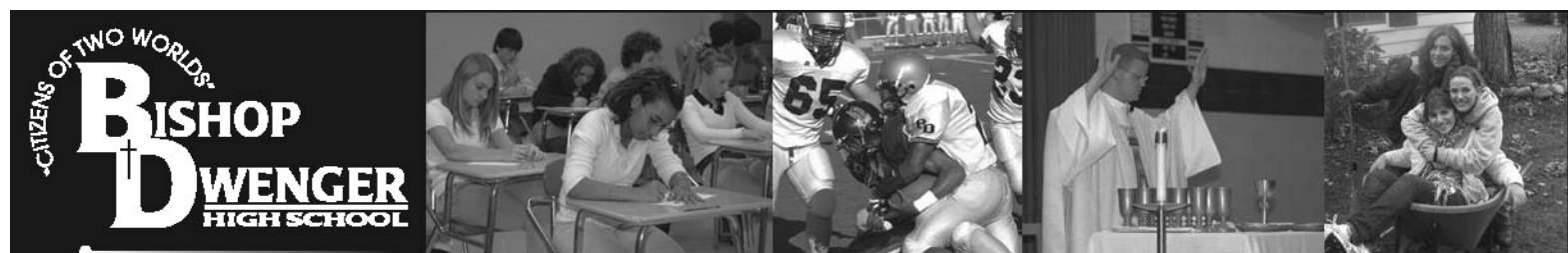
The church teaches "every spiritual soul is created immediately by God — it is not produced by the parents — and also that it is immortal," the pope said, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

In fact, science has helped deepen the church's understanding that humanity has a unique and distinctive place in the cosmos, he said. Only the person, a spiritual being, has a hunger and capacity for God, he said.

The pope said the evolution of life and the world "resembles an ordered book." Looking at nature as a book that can be read is an image that has its roots in Christianity, he said, adding that "Galileo saw nature as a book whose author is God."

Nature "is a book whose history, whose evolution, whose writing and meaning we read according to the different approaches of the sciences, while all the time presupposing the foundational presence of the author who has wished to reveal himself therein," Pope Benedict said.

"The world, far from originating out of chaos, resembles an ordered book; it is a cosmos" that can be studied and understood, he said.



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Religion seen as having different role in '08 than previous elections

WASHINGTON (CNS) — However the post-election analysis interprets the actual influence of the religion-based aspects of this year's presidential campaign, the rules of that part of the political playbook may have changed for good. Without even seeing exit-poll data, it was clear that several presumptions about the role of religion in presidential politics from the last few elections got turned on their head this time. "Precedents are being set," said Burns Strider, who served as religious outreach director for Sen. Hillary Clinton's campaign for the Democratic nomination for president. For instance, typical of faith-based outreach in the 2004 campaign was an e-mail letter sent to tens of thousands of parishioners by a group of ministers who led Protestant megachurches, Strider said at an Oct. 30 forum in Washington co-sponsored by Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the PBS show "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly." The letter focused on what it called core principles for Christian voters, principally opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage. "We haven't seen that this time," Strider said.

Financial crisis is reminder to help poor, says Vatican's U.N. nuncio

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — Public reaction to the current financial crisis should not be limited to criticisms of what went wrong or expressions of sympathy to those most affected, said Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Vatican's apostolic nuncio to the United Nations. Instead, world leaders need to "come up with the ways and means to avoid similar crises in the future," he said. In an Oct. 30 address to the U.N. General Assembly as part of a panel discussion on the global financial crisis, the archbishop urged delegates not to forget those "at the edges of the financial system" such as retirees, small family businesses, cottage industries and those who rely on their savings as an essential means of support. "Above all," he said, "there is a need to invest in people. Once the inevitable financial salvage operations are over, governments and the international community should invest their money in aid to the poorest populations."

Unaccompanied migrant and refugee children a U.S. and global issue

FAIRFAX, Va. (CNS) — David Siegel takes a highly personal view of his job as acting director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the Department of Health and Human Services. He said that means he knows the names and personal stories of all 2,300 or so children in his care under the programs for unaccompanied minor aliens and minor refugees. "If you ask me, I can tell you their names, where they came

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IRAQI REFUGEES SHARE SNACK OF GRAPES IN LEBANON



CNS PHOTO/PAUL JEFFREY

Hussein and Samina Khafagi share a snack of grapes with their four children in their small apartment in Beirut, Lebanon, Oct. 3. They are refugees from Iraq and receive assistance from the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center, which is funded by Catholic Relief Services.

from, their ages and gender, their histories," he told an audience at the Conference on Protection of Unaccompanied and Separated Children Oct. 22. "It's an awesome responsibility." The three-day conference at George Mason University in Virginia dealt with topics such as returning immigrants and refugees to their home countries and their families, tracing family members and meeting international criteria for determining the best interests of a child.

CRS evacuates workers from eastern Congo amid increased conflict

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although two Catholic Relief Services workers in eastern Congo have been evacuated to neighboring Rwanda amid the escalating conflict, they are planning to return to another part of the country as soon as possible to help with relief efforts, said a CRS official. "This was not a formal evacuation," said Paul Miller, Africa policy adviser for CRS, the U.S. bishops' aid and development agency. He said the two workers, who were evacuated Oct. 30, happened to be in the violence-torn region after working on a nearby water-assessment project. CRS officials decided Oct. 29 that the workers should leave the area when the "situation became quite tense," said Miller, referring to incidents

of government soldiers shooting civilians that night in Goma. The next morning, the workers walked across the border into Rwanda, where they were picked up by a CRS vehicle. Eastern Congo's proximity to Rwanda and the region's mineral wealth have contributed to the ongoing violence in the region. The 1994 ethnic genocide of Tutsis by Hutus in Rwanda spilled over into Congo, and since then Rwandan rebels and Tutsi militants have been fighting the Congolese army, despite a ceasefire signed in January.

Bishop Morin establishes task force to review CCHD funding of ACORN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A task force has been convened to review how funds from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development have been used by local affiliates of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, commonly known as ACORN. Auxiliary Bishop Roger P. Morin of New Orleans, who chairs the U.S. bishops' CCHD subcommittee, said in a mid-October letter to his fellow bishops that the task force is part of a multipronged effort designed to ensure that church funds are being spent according to the guidelines of the bishops' domestic poverty-fighting program. Bishop Morin's decision to form

and lead the task force follows an earlier decision to suspend \$1.13 million in grants to 40 local ACORN affiliates for the funding cycle beginning July 1, 2008. The grants had been approved by Bishop Morin's subcommittee and by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at its June meeting. The suspension came soon after CCHD officials learned that ACORN disclosed June 2 that Dale Rathke, the brother of ACORN founder Wade Rathke, had embezzled nearly \$1 million from the organization and its affiliates in 1999 and 2000.

Ten years after Mitch, Central Americans remain vulnerable

SANTA MARIA MANICERA, Nicaragua (CNS) — Ines Vanegas is a survivor. Whether it was good fortune or an accident, she escaped death when Hurricane Mitch sent a wall of mud and water racing down the slopes of the Casita volcano Oct. 30, 1998, burying two villages and killing more than 2,000 of her neighbors in about five minutes. Badly injured, she survived, as did her husband and three children, although all bear physical and emotional scars from the event. Ten years later, she and her family live in a cramped dirt-floor house on a small lot far from the small field they still farm on the vol-

cano's fertile slopes. Rising costs for everything from fertilizer to school notebooks leaves her at the mercy of a local loan shark; she worries about the next payment she has due. Her husband went to Costa Rica as a migrant worker but was so humiliated by his treatment there that he came home penniless. "If we're going to suffer, it's better to do so at home," Vanegas told Catholic News Service. Vanegas and her neighbors became the poster victims for the devastation of Hurricane Mitch, which left more than 10,000 people dead throughout Central America.

Group hopes to make Catholic high school attainable for more

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Father Peter Stravinskis went to Catholic high school back in the 1960s, tuition was initially \$150 a year. By the time he graduated it had doubled. Now the school's annual tuition of about \$8,000 not only gives him pause but also keeps him extremely busy. The priest, a noted scholar, author and apologist, is also the executive director of the Catholic Education Foundation, a group based in Rochester, N.Y., that provides scholarships nationwide to Catholic high-school students. Several groups with the same name provide Catholic school scholarships to students within their own diocese or archdiocese. For example, there is a Catholic Education Foundation in Los Angeles, Kansas City, Kan., Joliet, Ill., Lansing, Mich., and Louisville, Ky. — to name a few. But the Rochester group is the only one that provides scholarships across the country. It also only focuses on high schools, something Father Stravinskis said is unique.

Russian church official welcomes quick response to Jesuits' murders

OXFORD, England (CNS) — An official of the Russian Catholic bishops' conference has welcomed the quick official reactions to the murder of two Jesuit priests in Moscow and insisted that Catholic clergy will not be deterred from working in the country. "We've received condolences from representatives of Russia's state president and parliament and strong reactions from press and TV, as well as from other religious communities who were shocked by this dreadful crime," said Father Igor Kovalevsky, conference secretary-general. As investigations were under way into the murders of Fathers Otto Messmer and Victor Betancourt, whose bodies were found late Oct. 28 in their Moscow apartment, Father Kovalevsky told Catholic News Service, "It's clear the authorities are fully engaged in inquiries and determined to apprehend the perpetrators immediately and do everything in their power to ensure appropriate punishments." He said the conference had not received "news of any previous threats or possible motives for the killings."

Local Catholic Campaign for Human Development awards grants in South Bend, Fort Wayne

The local Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the Catholic Church's domestic antipoverty program, has awarded grants totaling \$16,000 to four local and area institutions who demonstrated an ability to attack the causes of poverty by empowering the poor.

Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States in 1970, the campaign is the nation's largest private-funding source of projects that empower the poor, and work to eliminate poverty and injustice in the United States. An estimated 37 million Americans live in poverty — more than the population of California.

Those receiving grants and the amount of the awards are:

In South Bend

- St. Adalbert and St. Casimir parishes — a \$5,000 community organizing grant for their Immigration Rights program helping to explain both how immigration law functions on the local, state and federal levels as well as the rights people have regardless of their documentation status

In Fort Wayne

- Catholic Charities — a \$5,000 community organizing grant for its Extended Care Management Services for Refugees program
- Vincent Village, Inc. — a \$5,000 community organizing grant for its Basic Financial Literacy Project for homeless families with children
- Bishop Dwenger High School — a \$1,000 education grant for its tutoring and summer program at the Euell Wilson Center

The annual CCHD collection will be taken-up on the Nov. 23 weekend in all parishes of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A total of 25 percent of the donations stay in the diocese for local/area distribution through selected grant applications, approved by Bishop John D'Arcy. Grants are awarded based on need, not religious affiliation.

According to Ann Helmke, director of the CCHD program for the diocese, two types of CCHD funds are available in the diocese: organizing grants — those engaged in empowering the poor and working to bring changes in policies, institutions and laws; and education grants — those which build solidarity between poor and non-poor, and educate Americans about the root causes of poverty.

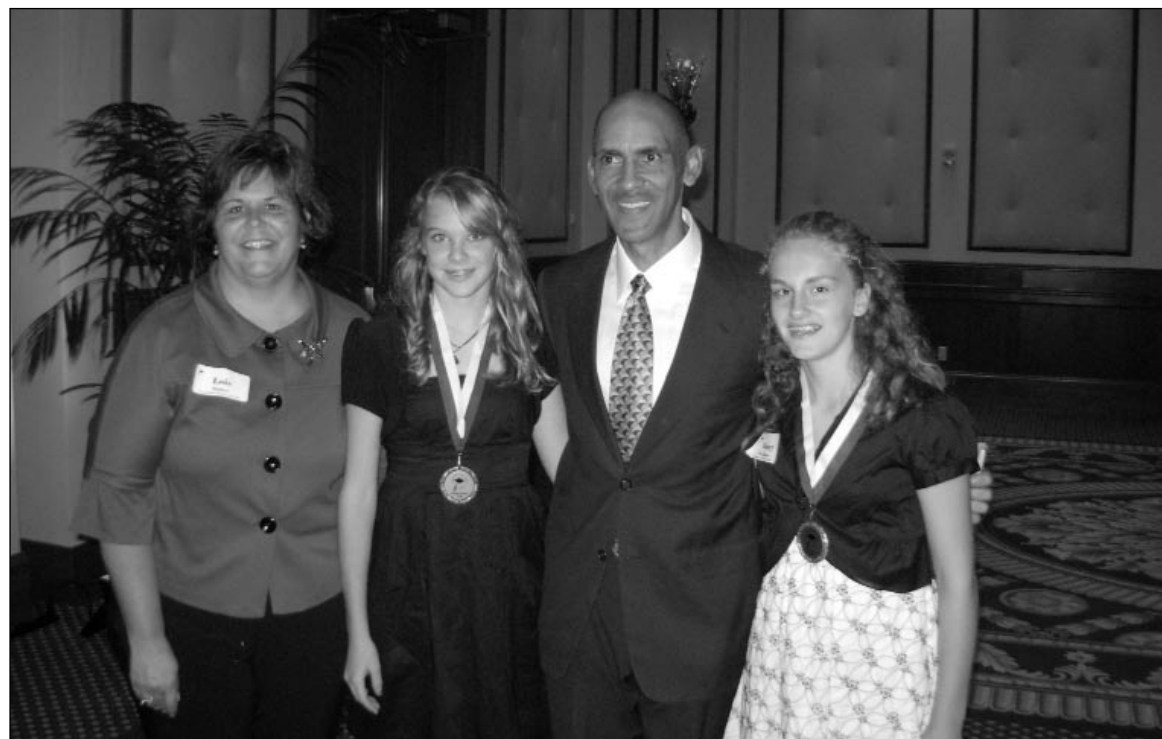
For 38 years, CCHD has distributed more than \$300 million in grants to self-help projects nationwide. This year, CCHD is supporting approximately 315 local projects in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Knights of Columbus give blood

During the months of December 2008 and January 2009, members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus throughout the state of Indiana, will be participating in blood drives in as many councils as

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Samantha Rahrig, a St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth alumna, and Nancy McNamara, an eighth grader at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, received the Carson Scholarship Award, a monetary scholarship award to be used for college. The students and their parents, Dr. Jerry and Sarah Rahrig and Dan and Julie McNamara, and Lois Widner, principal of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, attended a dinner with Coach Tony Dungy from the Indianapolis Colts. Many students were honored at the Carson Scholarship Dinner in Indianapolis. Coach Dungy talked to the students and gave out the awards as well. In the picture from left is Lois Widner, principal, Samantha Rahrig, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth alumna, Tony Dungy, and Nancy McNamara, an eighth grader at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School.

possible. This is the first year that a concerted effort will be made in this life giving activity.

Indiana Knights have been responding to the needs of the Indiana community in disaster relief during recent tornadoes and floods. This planned blood drive is just another way Indiana Knights serve the community. All Indiana Knights are urged to participate in this life giving effort.

Write a will at the University of Saint Francis

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host a Write a Will event on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 4-6 p.m. in the Bass Mansion as part of the "Leave a Legacy" initiative by the Planned Giving Council of Northeast Indiana (PGCNI).

"We invite you to make an appointment to meet with our volunteer attorney, Jane Gerardot, about your will and your charitable bequest," Sister Marilyn Oliver, director of planned giving at the University of Saint Francis, said. "Simple wills that contain at least one charitable bequest will be written with no cost for those who attend the event. And remember, you don't need to be wealthy to leave a legacy; you only need to

have a cause you care about and the 'will' to make a difference."

"Leave a Legacy" is a national campaign in partnership with the PGCNI and is partnering with several sites in Fort Wayne for events during the week of Nov. 10-14. A complete list of sites can be found at www.pgcni.org/waw.html. The purposes of "Leave a Legacy" are to promote awareness of the need to have a will or estate plan and to encourage charitable giving from estates.

To make an appointment call (260) 486-6016. For more information visit www.ncpgi.org.

Ancilla hosts book fair

DONALDSON — Ancilla College announces that it will host Books Are Fun, Ltd.'s Book Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Book Fair will be located at Ancilla College in the hallway outside the business office.

Take this opportunity to purchase unique books and gifts at 40-70 percent off of retail prices. Buy a book for that special occasion, birthday or holiday. Included in this book fair are children's books, general interest, best sellers, CD's and much more. A portion of all proceeds benefit Ancilla College's Annual Fund, so come check out the huge selection.

Contact Tom Sibal of Ancilla College at (574) 936-8898, ext. 355 for more information.

Schools celebrate saints

SOUTH BEND — For the past several weeks, fourth grade students at Holy Cross School have been studying the lives of their favorite saint. Each student has chosen their favorite saint and has completed a detailed study of the saint. They have researched why the individual became a saint, printed a picture of their flag and country of origin, have developed a prayer card and symbol for the saint and completed a three paragraph story about their saint.

The students culminated their study on Oct. 31, and processed at the 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Church, South Bend, where they shared facts about their saint. After Mass, the children shared their knowledge with the first- and second-grade students.

At St. Anthony De Padua School, students also celebrated All Saint's Day on Oct. 31 with an all school and community Mass beginning at 8:15 a.m. The morning began in the church foyer with a procession by the fourth-grade students who have all selected a saint to profile in class and come to church dressed as that saint.

This year's fourth-grade class

highlighted 31 saints, both male and female. Many of the children researched to find a saint that fits their interests or who is the patron saint of something they find important.

St. Vincent welcomes Marilyn Fech to Catholicism Revealed

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, will once again offer its Monday night series, Catholicism Revealed from 7-8:30 p.m. An optional rosary begins each night at 6:30 p.m.

On Nov. 17, Bishop Luer High School theology teacher Marilyn Fech will be the speaker on the topic, "Satan, Do You Recognize Him?" Fech will explore the role of Satan in today's world as well as challenge attendees to examine where Satan is impacting personal lives.

Fech has been a member at St. Vincent Parish for 17 years. She is married and has three children, two grandchildren. Fech has a master's degree in education from Purdue University and a second master's degree from the University of Dayton in Theology. She is active in adult catechesis especially in RCIA.

Another upcoming session includes Father Gary Sigler and Rabbi Mitch Kornspan, speakers on "A Priest, A Rabbi and You," on Nov. 24.



Shown above at the 40 Days Victory Rally in South Bend, from left, are David Bathon, Luke Bruner, Mary and Thomas Akre, who played key roles in organizing and staffing the vigil.

40 Days for Life celebrates with end rally

SOUTH BEND — During the 40 Days for Life in South Bend, the community rallied around prayer and fasting at the abortion facilities in South Bend and Fort Wayne.

In South Bend, 500 people were involved in the 24/7 vigil at the abortion clinic. The total number of persons involved was 5,000. At least three babies' lives were saved according to organizer Mary Akre.

A woman arrived at the clinic and approached Luke Bruner, who was nearby praying, and asked him if he worked at the clinic. He said no, but she proceeded to ask his advice for her dilemma. She had eight children and was considering aborting the one she was carrying.

Luke asked, "Who gave you the child?" The woman replied, "God did." Luke said, "Then how could you ever throw away a gift from God?" The woman replied, "Oh my God, I can't do this."

The woman is getting help from the Women's Care Center and keeping her baby.

Refugee admissions increase, but still far below pre-9/11 numbers

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The number of refugees admitted to the United States in the fiscal year ending in September increased substantially over the previous two years, though it still falls far short of resettlements before the 2001 terrorist attacks brought changes to admissions requirements.

Of the more than 60,000 refugees admitted between October 2007 and September 2008, nearly 30 percent — 17,283 people — were resettled through Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In 2007, the U.S. admitted just 48,281 refugees, compared with 94,222 who arrived in the 2000 fiscal year, before post-9/11 security concerns changed the vetting system for refugees. Since then, the annual admissions number has dipped as low as 39,201 in 2003.

By comparison, MRS on its own processed tens of thousands of refugees each year in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1980 alone, MRS handled the entry of 132,000 of the 207,000 admitted nationwide. Most of them came from Vietnam.

The U.S. figures for 2008 include 13,823 Iraqi refugees. Of those, 4,234 — 31 percent — came in through the MRS network, according to Mark Sloan, associate director of processing operations for MRS.

As of June, with a quarter of the fiscal year to go, the U.S. had admitted only about a third of its target of 12,000 Iraqi refugees, so more than 8,000 came in the last three months.

Sloan said there currently are between 1.5 million and 2 million Iraqi refugees in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and other parts of the region.

A target admissions quota set by the White House in September would allow 80,000 refugees this fiscal year. That includes 37,000 from the Near East region that includes Iraq. Sloan said the majority of those will be Iraqis, followed by Bhutanese and Afghans.

Another 5,000 visas are available for Iraqis who are classified as "special immigrants." That includes people who worked for the U.S. gov-

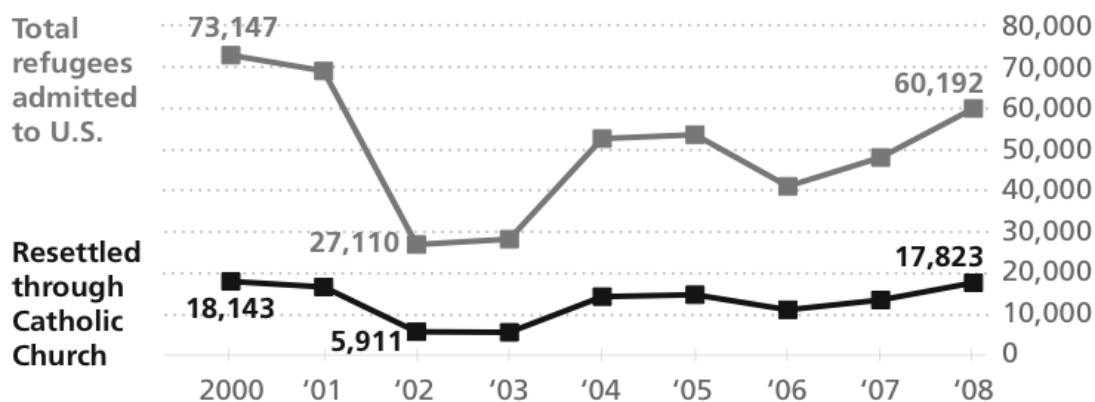


MARK WEBER

Burmese refugees living in Fort Wayne were luncheon guests of Bishop John M. D'Arcy following a noon Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on All Saints Day. Several interpreters made it possible for a direct and significant exchange of information between Bishop D'Arcy and each member of the group. Fort Wayne has the largest Burmese refugee resettlement population in the United States.

Refugee Resettlement

The Catholic Church resettled 30 percent of refugees admitted to the U.S. this year.



The church's refugee resettlement is handled by Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and its diocesan affiliates. The drastic drop in refugee admissions in 2002 and 2003 was a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Source: Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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ernment or U.S. contractors in the region and are considered to be at risk because of that association.

Sloan said so far MRS sees no reason the U.S. would not meet next year's target for Iraqi refugee admissions. He cautioned that in a volatile region, refugee resettlement could be hampered by changes in political climate brought on by events such as a recent U.S. military raid into Syria targeting an arms-smuggling network.

In an Oct. 22 press release with the MRS data, Johnny Young, executive director of MRS, said diocesan agencies, parishes and other community entities "went above and beyond the call of duty to help refugees build new lives."

The "bulge" in admissions in the last quarter of the fiscal year created strains on the dioceses that received the refugees, the release said.

It also noted that the "unaccompanied minor" program in 10 dioceses found foster care for 190 children who were in the United States without an adult guardian and for another 43 unaccompanied child refugees whose arrival is anticipated. Only about 50 unaccompanied minors are typically expected in one year, it said.

Sloan said the majority of refugees expected to arrive this year are from Bhutan, Burma and Iraq.

"However, we may see the first arrivals of a new group of Eritreans from Shimelba camp in Ethiopia toward the end of the fiscal year," he said in an e-mail reply to queries from Catholic News Service.

Refugees are admitted to a third country such as the United States after processing that includes extensive background screening in whatever country they are currently living in. The office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees oversees that processing worldwide.

The UNHCR reported 11.4 million refugees in its care in 2007.

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Ornate Noll house has place in Fort Wayne history

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — Nestled in the quaint West Central neighborhood, the house at 1415 Washington Blvd. is an unassuming gem of religious and historical significance.

The former residence of Archbishop John Francis Noll, the 100-year-old house was designed by Toledo, Ohio, architect Harry Wachter as a Craftsman style home, according to the West Central Neighborhood Association of Fort Wayne's Web site, www.westcentralneighborhood.org. It was originally built for Robert Millard, a partner in Moellering & Millard Wholesale Grocers and involved in the Fort Wayne Rolling Mill. From 1923 to 1925, the house was occupied by Bishop Herman J. Alerding.

But perhaps its most famous resident, Archbishop John Francis Noll, lived there from 1925 to 1956. Currently the house is occupied by Fred and Karen Allina.

Sprawling at nearly 9,000-square feet in size, the house was originally designed to take in the view of the landscaped entrance to nearby Swinney Park.

Architecturally, the house has a rough, stucco exterior and clay tile roof. The trademark enclosed porch with exposed rafters was originally an open pergola. Inside, the colonial style prevails, including a living room with a tiled fireplace, original plaster ceiling moldings, and two sets of leaded-glass French doors open to the side yard.

Perhaps the house's hidden jewel is the chapel designed by



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This private chapel of Archbishop John F. Noll was designed by Alvin M. Strauss who also designed the Lincoln Bank Tower and the Embassy Theatre.

architect Alvin M. Strauss, known for the design of Fort Wayne landmarks such as the Lincoln Bank Tower and the Embassy Theatre.

"In 1935 a wing was added that included a chapel where the archbishop's biographers say he said daily Mass," local historian Tom Castaldi said. "In its day, the

home featured rose marble pillars, ornately carved plaster ceiling, stained-glass windows imported from Germany and Italian murals ... not your ordinary home."

The Allinas' love affair with the historic house began in 1988. It was through the recommendation of a real estate friend that

they discovered the house. But first impressions aren't always what they seem, the Allinas soon found out. The house seemed uninviting, with its unruly weeds and unhinged door.

But Karen especially felt drawn to the house and knew it was "meant to be ... I couldn't get over it," she said. "It was the most amazing house."

The Allinas worked on the house 16 months prior to moving in. Then on Dec. 19, 1989, the couple and their three daughters officially called

1415 Washington Blvd. home.

From here on, the house was a do-it-yourself project, Karen said.

"(The girls) learned how to do everything ... paint, drywall, cut tile," she recalled. "They were in on all this stuff."

Karen said that through this can-do attitude, the girls, now grown women, were empowered and learned not to fear failure.

"If you don't know how to do something, you seek people out and find things out," she always told the girls.

Throughout the years, the Allinas have embraced the house's rich history. But the historical element was not always apparent to the family, she said. Rather, the Allinas bought the house with little or no knowledge of its famous inhabitant, and then discovered relevant details along

the way.

"We really feel like we're almost curators of a museum," she said.

Karen said Archbishop Noll ran the diocese from inside the house, which spurred their interest in the life and times of the church figure. Notably, her daughter Emily used the house as the subject of high school history project.

Additionally, church archives and narratives have also provided a look into Noll's life.

"Because of (the archives), we had a chance to learn about him and his family ... it was like a treasure hunt," Fred said.

Karen said, based on her research and secondhand accounts, she believes Archbishop Noll was a pleasant and well-respected

man.

"He was a kind and gracious person ... everything you'd imagine a priest would be," she said.

Castaldi said the Noll house should be revered as a testimony to the greatness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

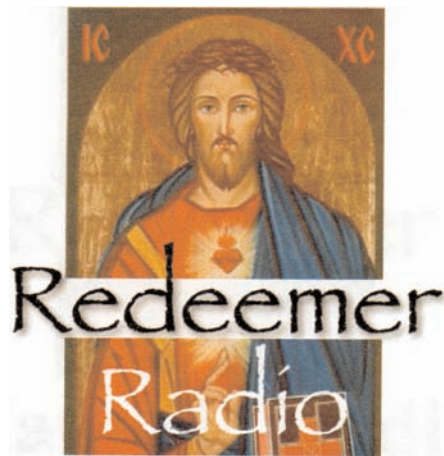
"The house stands today as a reminder to Catholics of home to the man who spoke up for the truth and beauty of Catholicism," he said. "To the community-at-large, (it stands) as the home of a notable man of faith and of national acclaim."

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The last chord

Judy Throm retires as cathedral organist

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Could a young girl, an only child, daughter of the organist for the Presbyterian church in Rushville, Ind., ever imagine that the future would find her as a Roman Catholic organist and director in the choir loft of a majestic cathedral conducting a mixed choir, a brass ensemble, and tympani for the ordination rite in the Catholic faith?

Impossible, says Judy Throm, who on the last day of this year will retire as director of music and liturgy and choir director for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Judy's entire life has been filled with background music beginning at age 4 with piano lessons from her mother. Two years later, she began piano lessons outside the home, and in high school, found a band and music teacher who gave her serious encouragement about a career in church music. At this point in her life, Judy was studying organ and filling in as church organist in various Protestant churches in Rushville.

Music then led to romance. As a music major at Butler University in Indianapolis, Judy met her future husband, Ed Throm, who was also pursuing a career in church music and at the same time, had a deepening interest in the Catholic faith, and as a college student, entered the church.

In Indianapolis, Judy too, took instructions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, but at the time, could not take the final step toward conversion. Regardless, Ed and Judy married in the church and began a family that included one son and one daughter.

It was after their second child was born that Judy reconsidered becoming Catholic. "I wanted all of us to be together," she recalls, and requested instructions for a second time and then embraced the faith, completely unaware that this act was a mystical self-anointment as a musical evangelist leading to years of worship at an ethereal level. She would, in the years to come, through fate and her faith, touch thousands of lives anonymously as they worshipped in all seasons.

In 1966, Judy and Ed, with Ed Jr. and Katie moved from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne, where Ed, at the request of Msgr. Charles Gerardot, become organist at St. Jude Parish, a position he would hold for 14 years.

The next career move for the Throms came when Father John Kuzmich, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne hired Ed full-time and Judy, part-time as organists.

Judy continued to freelance, playing for one year at St. Charles and five years at the Jewish Temple.

These years also found Ed and Judy having lots of fun performing a duo piano-vocalist team providing sing-along entertainment for Rotary, The Serra Club and the Fort Wayne Chancery holiday parties.

The music in their lives stopped with a crash with Ed's death in 1991 and Judy's immediate takeover at



MARK WEBER

Judy Throm, director of music and liturgy, will retire at the end of this year.

full-time organist and music director at the cathedral.

Other than preparing for Advent and the Christmas season, the high note of Judy's last year was planning for the October ordination of Fathers Curry and Bauman. Such ceremonies require weeks of practice and planning. This also calls for calm nerves on Judy's part, because some of the singers are from our town, and although they have rehearsed with the music, they do not practice with the other singers until a certain time rehearsal two hours before Mass; when that begins, Judy plays the organ, directs the ad hoc choir, a brass quartet, tympani and coordinates responses with the cantor. Considering this, one can understand why Judy Throm must be torn between leaving such exhilarating experiences behind her and looking forward to the tranquil rewards of retirement.

Terry Broberg-Swagin, a cantor who has worked with Judy for 11 years, says, "As a professional musician myself, I have been impressed with so many aspects of Judy as a musician. She has schooled the Cathedral Choir in a wide repertoire of music, ranging from Latin motets to contemporary pieces. She works the choir hard so that we push ourselves to become better musicians, but more importantly, better ministers since Judy stresses that we pray through our music. Judy has a true zeal for the house of the Lord."

Dyne L. Pfeffenberger, close friend

and fellow musician of 26 years recalls that "her tasteful organ music is truly an integral part of the congregation's prayer and sacred ceremonies. And, of course, the wonderful choral concerts she presents at midsummer and Christmas time are eagerly anticipated and enjoyed by all."

On Judy Throm's approaching retirement, cathedral rector Father Robert Schulte says, "Judy has been a valued and important member of the staff of the cathedral for 26 years. Her musical talent and abilities have blessed many who visit the cathedral to pray and worship. Judy sets high standards for herself and brings that excellence to others. She has helped others to develop their musical talent and seeks to provide a reflective and participatory involvement for the congregation. I know Judy leaves with regret, as she feels it is time to retire from full-time ministry. We thank her deeply for her faithful contributions to the cathedral parish for so many years."

When Judy's decision to retire at the end of 2008 was final, a search committee for her replacement was formed and the position was advertised. That there were 24 prompt responses speaks to the esteem held for the position of director of music and liturgy and choir director for Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Without a doubt, much of the high regard for this particular position is the result of the dedication and devotion of the one who leaves it; Judy Throm.

Andy Krizman shares musical talent

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

"Music, the greatest good that mortals know, and all of heaven we have here below." — Joseph Addison, "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day"

GRANGER — Andy Krizman's love of music is apparent in every word he sings, and every note he plays. The year 2008 has provided this young adult and parishioner of St. Pius X Parish several musical venues that showcase his love for God and community.

One of these musical milestones was achieved on May 18, when Krizman was presented with an organist training certificate by Jeremy Hoy, St. Pius X director of liturgy and music. The Organist Training Program is part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Music Committee and the Office of Worship.

According to the Music Committee and Office of Worship's brochure, "The program provides current church organists the opportunity to advance their level of service and hymn playing, while also helping to deepen their understanding of liturgy. For those who are interested in becoming church organists, the program offers training in liturgy and in organ skills, as well as the opportunity to serve the diocese either as a paid or volunteer musician in the student's parish or as a substitute organist on an 'on-call' basis for the diocese."

Hoy, who was Krizman's private organ teacher over the past three years, notes the workload for the program includes playing psalms, alleluias, hymns, wedding marches, repertoire for funerals, and Mass parts such as preludes and postludes. While Krizman was one of St. Pius' younger students in the program, all age groups are encouraged to participate. Applicants should be at least high school age and are carefully screened.

The "final" of the organist training program is to play a Mass critiqued by members of the diocesan music committee. Because Krizman played at several Masses earlier this year, the committee accepted Hoy's recommendation of completion and waived their required presence at



KAREN CLIFFORD

Andy Krizman is shown at the organ at St. Pius X Church in Granger.

a Mass.

Krizman's love of music began at a very early age. One Christmas, Krizman's older brother Mike received a keyboard and he a drum set from his parents Mike and Helen Krizman. Because Krizman was intrigued by the keyboards, both boys began piano lessons. Mike moved on to guitar lessons, while Krizman continued with the piano and added voice lessons.

During a conversation with Krizman's father after Mass, Hoy discovered that Krizman was a piano player.

Krizman recalls, "Jeremy said I should be taking organ lessons and I said that it would be pretty cool." Hoy soon found that Krizman's musical talents extended beyond playing the piano and the organ. During the last part of his sophomore year, while playing piano for the gym Mass, Krizman expressed an interest in becoming a cantor.

At that time, Krizman was assuming some of the responsibilities of the departing associate director of Liturgy and music and Hoy was concerned that playing and singing at various Masses might be too heavy a workload. But Krizman persevered and convinced him that he could handle multiple responsibilities.

"Andy easily would do three Masses one weekend, two of them playing and one singing," says Hoy. "And he was also a great help when I was sick at the last minute, and he was called in

to do something for me."

Extracurricular activities outside of St. Pius kept Krizman's schedule full this year. During the month of April, he played the part of the pirate king in the musical, "The Pirates of Penzance" at Marian High School. He participated in local rock bands, and composed his own music for the piano. Additionally, Krizman was captain of the varsity tennis team at Marian, and taught tennis at Knollwood Country Club and the Racquet Club.

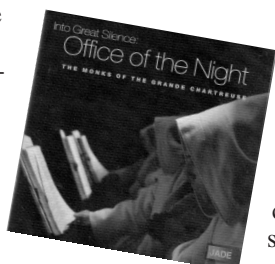
This fall Krizman began his freshman year at Notre Dame majoring in architecture. Music continues to play an important part in his life on campus. To enhance his vocal abilities, Krizman is taking voice lessons through Notre Dame's School of Music and is participating in the school's glee club.

The glee club has as many as five performances a week and members are required to sign up for at least one third of all scheduled events. Krizman is looking forward to touring with the Glee Club this fall when they perform in the northeast United States.

Krizman's instrumental gifts will continue to be used at Notre Dame as well. On Sundays, he will be playing the piano at Stanford Hall's dormitory Mass. In addition, St. Pius X parishioners can still look forward to Krizman sharing his musical talents during Christmas and summer vacation.

silence recorded by the film director Philip Groning during his six-month stay at the monastery in Grande Chartreuse.

"Every night, the monks of the Grande Chartreuse," as stated in the liner notes by the album's producer Groning, "leave their cells at 15 minutes past midnight to meet in the church and sing matins and lauds. Two, three, sometimes even three-and-a-half



hours of homilies, psalms, reading and a profound silence."

Many have noted on various Web sites and blogs about the album that they find the chant meditative, others say it relaxes them.

This is the first time the Office of the Night has been made available in its entirety to the public.

The faithful servant and the junkyard dog

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Leroy Brown (the baddest man in town), Beethoven and the beatitudes are all within the piano repertoire of 17-year-old Tom Saul, a junior at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.

As the youngest of nine, and separated by 21 years from his oldest sibling, one could think that his older brothers and sisters might call him "the kid" or "baby brother," but the diminutive does not apply when the youngest brother plays classical music for an older brother's wedding; a reverie by Claude Debussy, and later at the reception sits in with the band to knock out "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown" and "Mustang Sally." That's when they all say with pride, "That's my brother Tom!"

Tom Saul's musical talent came to the attention of his parents, Jim and Anne Marie, at age 4, when they realized he was picking out tunes on an old upright instead of punishing it and put him in the hands of a professional piano teacher, Donna Noble, at age 6.

At the present stage of his musical education, he takes weekly lessons at Sweetwater

Sound and also comes under the guidance of Karlene Krouse, director of music and theater at Luers, who has spent many hours of rehearsal and performance time with Tom when he was the pianist for the Bishop Luers' musicals, "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Damn Yankees" and when he sang and danced in other shows.

Besides playing for musicals, he plays piano at the Luers' school Masses on the first Monday of each month. This also calls for planning and rehearsal time with Krouse, and playing liturgical music in particular,

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reminds him that the combination of senses allowing him to see notes on the page and have them come out through his finger tips is a gift and that it behooves him to be the faithful servant "from whom much is expected."

He is not shy about stating that such direction comes straight from the shoulder of his mother.

Tom Saul is to be admired

for his musical talent, how he shares it liturgically and how it becomes part of the Luers Spirit ... furthermore, such admiration for an individual is enhanced when a 17 year old avows with no reserve that a parent is his life coach.



MARK WEBER

Tom Saul, a member of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, contributes to the Luers Spirit by sharing his musical talent in Bishop Luers liturgies and theatrical productions.

Escape to pray the Office of the Night with monks

CD: "Into Great Silence: Office of the Night, The Monks of the Grande Chartreuse" Jade, M2-36382

In July, Jade, a division of Milan Records, released a followup release CD to the soundtrack of the film "Into Great Silence." The two CD-album is a collection of chants, readings, prayers and sounds of

Art as bridge to Scripture emerges as a topic at Synod of Bishops

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The use of art as a bridge to Scripture and faith has emerged as a significant subtheme at the Synod of Bishops on the Bible.

Bishop Friedhelm Hofmann of Wurzburg, Germany, told the synod that the history of Christian architecture, figurative art, music and literature offered a valuable resource, one that should be used to incite the curiosity of people who do not attend church.

Using artistic works can help explain the importance of "Christian culture" and eventually lead people to the faith, he said. At the same time, the church should reach out to artists and involve them in the proclamation of the word of God, he said.

Some Eastern Catholic bishops spoke at the synod about the rich tradition of Oriental iconography, describing the icon as an expression of "visual theology" with specific shapes, colors and symbols that can aid in the contemplation of Scripture.

The theme of art was picked up Oct. 14 by synod observer Natalja Fedorova Borovskaja, an art history professor at the Russian Academy of Fine Arts.

She said that as a young woman growing up under state atheism in the Soviet Union, she never thought about God except when encountering works of art, music and literature.

"For me, Christian art, especial-

ly Russian icons and Italian Renaissance painting, became a route to the space of God's life," she said.

To promote art's relationship with Scripture, she said three things were important:

- Receiving the work of art in the heart "like a prayer."
- Highlighting the deep religious symbolism in art, recognizing that "the life of art in the world is the sacred history of God's mercy."

- Seeing the artist in the light of God's love. That means accepting that the lives of many artists are crossed by sins, mistakes and temptations, but also by moments of light and the creation of highly spiritual works, she said.

"Not every painter lived like Fra Angelico," she said, referring to the 15th-century Florentine monk who spent much of his life painting in his monastery.

Organizers of the synod tried to highlight artistic works at the daily assemblies of the 253 participants.

Illustrations from the St. John's Bible, a hand-copied and hand-illuminated version of the Scriptures, have been displayed in the atrium of the synod hall and are being reproduced on synod liturgical booklets.

On Oct. 13, Pope Benedict XVI and the entire synod took a break and attended a concert. The Vienna Philharmonic performed the sixth symphony of Anton Bruckner, a 19th-century Austrian composer whose music was strongly influenced by his Christian faith.

Catholic gospel music making a joyful noise unto the Lord

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It may seem as if gospel music has been with us all our lives.

But the genre didn't begin until Thomas A. Dorsey, widely regarded as the father of gospel music, changed his tune.

A blues pianist who once recorded the raunchy "Tight Like That," which sold an amazing 7 million copies, he dabbled in what were at the time called "evangelistic songs," getting two of them published in the Gospel Book, a publication of the National Baptist Convention, a predominantly African-American denomination.

Dorsey took credit for coining the term "gospel songs" — church music with a blues underpinning. His dabbling had become a mission by the time his first wife died in childbirth in 1932, after which he wrote the much-loved "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Dorsey went on to write more than 800 songs, helping to create a genre that came to be known as gospel music.

Catholic gospel music didn't get started until a few decades later, thanks in part to the renewal and aggiornamento, or updating, of the church brought about by the Second Vatican Council, and moves toward enculturation and the use of the vernacular in the liturgy.

Msgr. Raymond East, director of the Office of Black Catholics for the Archdiocese of Washington, traces the birth of Catholic gospel music to Father Clarence Joseph Rivers, an African-American priest who applied the principles he saw in the blossoming liturgical folk music scene of 40-plus years ago to his own experience.

"He was the first one to start publishing national resources, 'chronologuing' African-American culture and music and doing it from a scholarly basis," Msgr. East said in an interview with Catholic News Service.

"What was basically unique about Father Clarence Rivers was that he was a composer and a musician. One of the first compositions I heard was his 'Mass of Brotherhood,'" the priest said. "He had composed that, and it was a beautiful jazzlike liturgy, with all parts of the Mass (sung)."

It took time to gain acceptance — Msgr. East said pastors of that time often declared that Catholic gospel music "wasn't traditional enough" or "not Christian" — but it started gaining footholds in large U.S. cities with large African-American populations.

Today, most parishes with a sizable African-American population are likely to have a gospel choir, although most people who hear and lead the groups say Catholic gospel music sounds different from its Protestant counterparts.

"Our theological beliefs are different. Roman Catholic use of the Lectionary and liturgical seasons maps out a specific plan that is cyclical in nature. Our emphasis



CNS PHOTO/JIM WEST

Members of Metro Catholic Gospel Choir perform at St. Augustine-St. Monica Church in Detroit Aug. 22.

on feast days and solemnities is a different experience from that of our Protestant sisters and brothers," said Meyer Chambers, director of the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir and co-chair of the special interest section for African-American musicians in the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

"(Pope) Pius X said that music is the handmaid of the liturgy. In that role music has a place that serves several different needs," Chambers told CNS.

"Sometimes it is meant to accompany the ritual action. Sometimes it is meant to proclaim the psalm. Sometimes it is meant to stand alone. While a number of choral functions overlap between Catholic and Protestant choirs, I think it's more accurate to say that their primary functions are different," he said.

In some cases, because of a lack of Catholics skilled in gospel music, Protestants assume the roles of choir director and musicians.

"We embrace those people without training them in liturgy, so you end up with some odd musical selections at odd, inappropriate times," said Kevin Johnson, director of music at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Atlanta and at Spelman College, a historically black college in Atlanta.

But there are plenty of instances, according to Msgr. East, in which Protestants hired for liturgical ministry in Catholic parishes join the church.

"After they played in the Catholic Church for years ... after they witnessed the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) — another area that makes black Catholic gospel unique is the music for the rite, there was no regular Protestant gospel music for the rite — after you do (Easter) vigil after vigil and the rites, you start thinking, 'Maybe this Catholic thing is all right,'" Msgr. East said.

Rawn Harbor is one of them, although he says he considers himself "an exception, not the rule." In 1979, after eight years of doing gospel music in Catholic churches, "I decided, 'I'm here every Sunday, every week, because I'm teaching in the Catholic school. Why not become Catholic?'"

Msgr. East said Catholic gospel music has served to build bridges between African-American Catholics and their Protestant counterparts, as well as serve as a tool for evangelization.

Marjorie Gabriel-Burrow, director of the gospel choir for St. Augustine-St. Monica Parish in Detroit and a participant in the Metro Catholic Gospel Choir, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, confessed that being the director is hard work.

"It's not easy dealing with choirs," said Gabriel-Burrow, 53, a lifelong Catholic who started playing organ in church as a teenager in Washington, and whose pastor sent her to all sorts of workshops and conferences to learn more about liturgy.

She eventually co-edited the "Lead Me, Guide Me" hymnal, a near-mandatory resource for African-American Catholics for the past 21 years.

One time, she told CNS, she was so stressed she told God that "the day I get uninspired, I quit!"

"Thank God there was nobody else in church but him," she said. "Goodness! He has kept me doing something that's unbelievable. It's been an experience. ... It's been a good experience."

Chambers says he's gotten flak for accepting whites into his choirs.

"My response has been simple: one faith, one church, one baptism. For the most part, what affects group dynamics is the personality of the individual," he added. "This is sometimes evident in the assigning of solos. Not every person of color is meant to be a soloist. Not every white person is never meant to sing solos in a gospel choir. It's about talent, perseverance and practice."

"One cannot do an authentic version of a gospel song and not expect some reaction to it which elongates that piece of music, and the reaction is longer than what is expected by liturgical classicists as normal," Harbor said.

Gabriel-Burrow likes to feature works by African-American composers because, she said, "if I don't do it, I don't know who else will."

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Expressing appreciation

There are special times during the year when most of us make an extra effort to express our gratitude and appreciation for the people in our lives and the gifts we have been given — Mother's and Father's Day, birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, to name a few. There is also a day for grandparents, bosses and secretaries. These occasions are the bread and butter of many retailers. For the most part they are marketing tools to get us to spend our money. On the other hand, they serve as reminders to us of the importance to give thanks.

As Christians we know that all we have is a gift, including the people in our lives. And just as it is important to express our love, we are also called to show our gratitude, not just on special days, but always.

Gratitude is something we learn. Many parents try to teach their children to be thankful. One often hears a mother or father say to a small child after he or she receives something, "What do you say?" I was also taught to write thank-you notes when I received a gift or was invited to a dinner, etc. Now people send e-mails or virtual cards.

In our world it is so easy to get wrapped up in our much too busy lives that we can forget to perform even simple acts of courtesy. Too often we fail to express our appreciation for acts of kindness we receive. Many times we won't even think about it. Even worse, some of us may consider some good deeds done as things others are supposed to do.

I have heard people say they rarely thank people in the service industries because "that is what they get paid for." Some children have a similar attitude about their parents. They don't think about thanking them for what they do because they feel that is what parents are supposed to do. Then there are those, as my father used to say, who think the world owes them a living. We can take a lot of things and people for granted, including God.

As in all meaningful relation-



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

THE CUTTING EDGE

ships, gratitude is also important in our relationship with God. When it comes right down to it, all we are and have comes from our gracious God. A good habit to develop in our evening prayer or some other time of the day is to reflect on the past 24 hours and give God thanks for the many blessings, great or small, we have received. Even the fact that we had another day of life is something to thank God for.

I have written many times about my admiration of the people of Uganda, East Africa, before, but it is worth doing it again. The people in that country have a beautiful custom of giving thanks for everything in their lives. The word they use is "webali." Any time a person goes to someone's home, the host thanks that person for visiting. Or if someone has a conversation with another, that person would thank him or her for speaking. They express gratitude for every human action no matter how big or small. It is an important part of their culture.

I don't think we have to go that far but I do believe our world would be a better place if we regularly expressed our genuine appreciation for life and all that we receive from God and one another.

St. Paul says it simply in Colossians, "... Always be thankful." And I would add, and don't forget to express it.

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A slice of pumpkin bread: How hospitality heals

I can bring any mood to my grandma's house, and it will be lifted in a few seconds as the door swings open and her arms spread wide.

I opt for hot cider and pumpkin bread. Grandma serves me the end piece, covered in frosting.

The crackling fireplace muffles the ticking clock that usually dictates my day. I can talk and talk; she will listen and listen, leaping alongside each remark and every emotion.

I leave with a lipstick smudge on my cheek and a sureness I am loved.

Lately I have been reflecting on hospitality, a virtue that doesn't get nearly the air time as charity or forgiveness, patience or moderation. It seems especially foreign, even antiquated, to young adults who hop from one small apartment to another, interacting at bars, entertained by Wiis.

"Do not neglect hospitality," Hebrews 13 tells us, "for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."

This neglected virtue can invite holy exchanges. And we can practice it every hour of the day — no matter the size of our bank accounts or our knowledge of Martha Stewart tips.

Hospitality is not just a virtue you exercise when hosting a party in your home; it's something you carry wherever you go, whether you serve or are being served by a worried waitress or exhausted cashier. It's not just about refilling empty glass-

es; it's about refilling confidence and restoring hope.

"Anticipate one another," St. Paul tells us. "Exercise hospitality. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."

Hospitality takes many shapes and forms. It is a bobby pin quickly retrieved from a purse, a Band-Aid, a tissue. Fresh-baked muffins in a French-fry culture.

It is attentive listening, the kind that happens when you remove the iPod earbuds and embrace the moment.

We exercise hospitality when we confess shortcomings and crack dumb jokes to put others at ease.

Hospitality allows for honesty and whispered pleas for help. It lets us be our authentic selves and emboldens others to do the same.

It cultivates talent and calls people forward. My first mentor, Terry, facilitated editorial meetings for aspiring young writers. Her bright blue eyes, rosy cheeks and generous laughter invited us to toss out story ideas without reservation. Under her guidance, we advanced along an uncharted path, from concept to first draft to publication.

And we kept writing.

Our priest Father Mike embodied Marty Haugen's hymn "All Are Welcome." He built us a new church and revived our spirit. New committees formed. New leaders emerged. Our parish grew by nearly 50 percent.

Dorothy practiced hospitality



TWENTY SOMETHING
BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

in my college cafeteria, scanning our cards and greeting us each by name. At least for a moment, her warm smile helped us forget that we were sleepy and stressed. She pointed disoriented freshmen to the stack of trays; she kept them moving forward.

Hospitality is a mark of affirmation, a signal that someone is special, like the ribbon bow on the baby shower invitation or the gold ink used to announce the retirement party. Little touches, big impact.

This brittle season begs for hospitality. The November chill keeps us inside, numbing us to entreaties for mittens and money, tempting to stay in our sweatpants and live online. Stocks are plummeting and heating costs are surging. It is easy to think only of our own burdens and bills.

But then our hearts would never grow and we could never entertain angels.

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EDITORIAL

We voted, now what?

Historical ... groundbreaking ... heated — all words to describe an election that now is behind us. It is time to gather the voting signs that blanket lawns and put the voting machines back in storage for two more years.

But one thing that we Catholics cannot put aside after Nov. 4 is the U.S. bishops' statement, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility." In summary, it provides the social framework for the American Catholic Church and how the Gospel values are imbedded into the many facets of our faith.

If we Catholics live by the standards set forth by the document, perhaps we could bring about the "change" that candidates and so many Americans were seeking. In other words, it can act as a guide for us as a synopsis of Catholic social teaching with its seven key themes.

We are reminded by the U.S. bishops that human life is sacred from conception to natural death. Violations to this sacredness include abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and destruction of human embryos for research. When we look at the teachings of the church, we are also reminded that Catholics are compelled to oppose genocide, torture, unjust war, use of the death penalty in most situations as well as to pursue peace and help overcome poverty, racism and other conditions that demean human life.

As Catholics, we are called to protect the family, based on marriage between a man and a woman. The family is the fundamental unit of society. And it cannot be redefined, undermined or neglected. The document summarizes, "Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies."

The bishops proclaim that every human being has a right to life, "the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible." Religious freedom, access to human decency — food, shelter, education, employment, health care and housing.

The bishops also encourage Catholics to embrace the needs of the poor and vulnerable. How does our society treat the weakest among us?

"Faithful Citizenship" also adheres to the dignity of work and the rights of workers. "The economy must serve people, not the other way around," states the document.

The document goes on, "Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort."

And, "care for the earth is a duty of our Catholic faith," the bishops say in "Faithful Citizenship."

These are social values that the church proclaims, whether it is an election year, or not. This is what the Gospel tells us that our lives as Christians entails. These seven key themes of social teaching should hopefully guide our service to fellow Americans.

Whether it is our local community, our state or our town, the Gospel calls us to pursue these themes, they are neither Republican nor Democrat — they are Gospel values.

In a perfect world

In a perfect world, both political parties would embody these values. But as we have heard over the last few months, the political parties vary in degrees in how they adhere to these teachings. As Barbara Budde, director of the parish social ministry office of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Austin, Texas, commented in a Catholic News Service news article on Sept. 29, "Faithful Citizenship" is "uniting Catholics, whatever their passions may be: from ending abortions to greater access to health care or ending poverty. Politicians may split these issues," she said, "but we don't."

When we sing, we pray twice

It has been said that singing is a way of praying twice. Music ministries enhance our liturgies across the nation and each parish has its own rhythm and style. As faithful parishioners we can appreciate the effort that the music minister in our parish puts forth to enliven and enrich our eucharistic celebrations. Next time you attend Mass raise your voice high in gratitude for your parish music ministers.

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

COMMENTARY

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Parish school remains hub of community

To the special committee on Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I submit the following:

The recommendation of the special committee to close St. Aloysius School came as quite a surprise to me as well as other members of our parish community.

St. Aloysius Parish will celebrate 150 years of its existence

this year. For 132 of those years it has been fortunate to have its parish life centered around its elementary school. The school has been, and remains, the hub of our parish community.

Closing Benoit Academy was not the same as closing St. Aloysius. Benoit was not closing 132 years of history, and was highly subsidized by the diocese. St. Aloysius has a committed parish behind it and, with few exceptions, pays its own way.

A time may come when it will not be viable to continue with our school, but now is not that time. Closing this school will not send

80 students to St. Therese nor will it impact in a positive way the financial results of the diocese. I believe both of these assumptions by the committee are not correct.

I ask that you give your decision a more thorough review, including a visit to our community to review the facilities, meet with teachers, the principal and parents. Closing St. Aloysius School would change this parish community forever and it would be a wrong and unnecessary decision at this point in time.

Donald J. Andorfer
Fort Wayne

Living with the 'Johnson gene'

My grandpa Johnson had it. So did my dad. I have it. And we recently discovered two of nephews, my brother's sons, have it. This gene is that itch to play music. It includes the ability to hear a song, sit down at a guitar or keyboard, and play it.

For my grandpa and dad, and now my nephew, the guitar is the instrument of choice. And although I love the guitar, especially the resonant guitar, which I picked up while in college, I find the greatest joy playing the organ at my parish, St. Aloysius, Yoder.

Music has brought me many friends ... from my bluegrass jammers at Uncle Dave Macon Days in Murfreesboro, Tenn., to talented musicians near my own neighborhood — some who have gone on to develop their talent and make it their livelihood.

And I could never discount the numerous musicians and singers who have blessed my life while serving as a music director at St. Aloysius. It is gratifying to nurture a young cantor or choir group at children's Masses and then see them go on to Bishop Luers, get involved in their high school's tremendous music programs, and really develop that talent.

My mom and dad made music available at our house, but they never pushed it on us. My sister took accordion lessons for some time, but I destroyed her accordion career when she became discouraged that I could hear a song on the radio and play it without the music in front of me. Is that a gift? My music friends, who learned to play by ear, tell me I'm not any more special than they are. I'm just a guy from Yoder, be humble!

When I was a student at Bishop Luers back in the early 1980s, my German class actually had a German umpah band. Guess what I played? But what inspired me to learn to play addi-

tional instruments was a comment that my English teacher, Miss Kathy Imler, made one day in class: "A real musician can play more than one musical instrument and different types of musical instruments" such as guitar, keyboards. That was the nudge I needed!

If you have the "Johnson gene," as my friends call it, and you develop it, you must make a gift of it. That is my encouragement to my nephews, 9, and a soon-to-be 6-year-old, who shows positive signs that he will be a keyboardist — at least on our living room piano.

My ties with the secular music industry pretty much broke off when I assumed the responsibilities as editor of *Today's Catholic* and became a husband and dad.

But after 25 years of playing the organ at St. Aloysius and planning the liturgical music there, scheduling cantors, choirs, etc., that is where I feel most at

MANY HATS



BY TIM JOHNSON

home with music. To help others praise God with music — what better gift could I extend to the faith community that I love so much! I hope to keep plunking the keyboards and organ pedals until I can't handle the narrow stairs up to the loft. I guess that "Johnson gene" isn't so bad.

Tim Johnson is the editor of *Today's Catholic*.

Benen

fifth century
feast — November 9

Legends suggest this son of an Irish chieftain in Meath may have attended St. Patrick's first Easter Mass in Ireland about 433. There are several stories about his first meeting with Patrick: In one, he was so taken with Patrick's words that he scattered flowers over the future saint while he slept; in others, he asked to travel with Patrick and it was Patrick who chose the baptismal name Benen, from the Latin "benignus," meaning kind. Benen became a close disciple of Patrick and as one of his successors was the first to evangelize Clare and Kerry in the west of Ireland.



Saints for Today

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Popes remain influential figures

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A confluence of anniversaries this fall has turned the Vatican's attention to deceased popes, who still loom large in the church's living memory.

In a seemingly continual procession of conferences, films, liturgies, speeches, books and articles, four late pontiffs in particular — Popes Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II — have been celebrated, praised, defended and, in some cases, proposed for sainthood.

On some days, the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, has carried more news about departed popes than on the current occupant of the chair of Peter.

Pope Benedict XVI has been in the forefront of the commemorations, giving speeches and celebrating special Masses for his predecessors, and drawing frequent lessons from their teachings.

Why does the church keep looking back?

"Because tradition is fundamental for the church. We look to the past so that we can look to the future," said Giovanni Maria Vian, director of the Vatican newspaper.

For the church, he said, the teachings of previous popes don't merely have historical meaning, but are still alive.

The period of August-October this year marked the 50th anniversary of the death of Pope Pius and the election of Pope John, and the 30th anniversary of the "year of three popes," with the death of Pope Paul, the election and death of Pope John Paul I, and the election of Pope John Paul II.

But the memorializing really began in July, with the 40th anniversary of Pope Paul's encyclical, "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life"). Pope Benedict not only strongly defended its teachings against birth control, but also went out of his way to praise Pope Paul's courage and "far-sightedness" in promulgating a position that would inevitably be criticized by many.

In September a massive campaign began to highlight the holiness of Pope Pius and defend him from accusations of failing to do enough to save Jews during World War II.

A committee of Catholic leaders was formed to promote his legacy, several conferences —

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including one with Jewish participants — were organized, dozens of articles appeared in Vatican publications, and a photo exhibit went on display next to St. Peter's Square.

Pope Benedict celebrated a 50th anniversary memorial Mass for Pope Pius, commending not only his wartime actions but also his innovative leadership in areas of liturgy, biblical interpretation and ecclesiology.

In October, it was Pope John Paul II's turn, with major celebrations, conferences and papal messages marking the anniversary of his election in 1978, culminating in the premiere screening at the Vatican of a new film about his life.

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St. John Lateran is significant for all



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran in Rome Jn 2:13-22

Last weekend, the church replaced the liturgy of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time with the liturgy of the feast of All Souls.

This week, instead of the liturgy for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

As was the case last week, the church has lessons here to teach.

Actually, St. John Lateran is the principal church in Rome. St. Peter's Basilica, probably to the surprise of most Catholics, is not the major church in Rome.

Historic circumstances associated St. Peter's so intimately with the popes.

St. Peter's is a shrine, not a cathedral. Cathedrals are the churches in which local bishops celebrate the Eucharist and preach especially in their official positions as shepherds of the flock.

In Rome, St. John Lateran is the cathedral, the seat of the pope. Since the pope, the bishop of Rome, also is the chief pastor of the church universal, St. John Lateran has significance for every Catholic.

This link with the pope reminds us that we all are part of the church.

The dedication of any church is important since by dedication we set a space on earth aside for God, there to hear God's holy word, and to be with God in Jesus in the Eucharist.

For the first reading, the church offers us a beautiful passage from the Book of Ezekiel. The prophet sees water flowing from the temple. The Holy Land then, as now, as always, was very arid. Water meant life. Life flowed from God's house, from God's presence.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. It describes us, the people of the church, as "God's building." We are the brick and mortar of the structure that makes God visible on earth, in which God dwells. Christ is our foundation stone.

The last reading is from the Gospel of John. It reports the event, so familiar to Christians, when Jesus entered the temple area in Jerusalem and found there a virtual marketplace. He drove the merchants away, insisting that the temple was God's house, the holiest of places.

He denounces the merchants for making God's house a place not just of business, but by their cheating and greed, a place of sin.

Reflection

We can be overly literal in reading this passage from St. John's Gospel. Of course, Jesus ridded the sacred precincts of the temple of merchants and charlatans, preying on the devout.

However, John saw more in this event. John recalled that Jesus was the true temple of God. Jesus would be killed and in three

days would rise. It was just as Jesus predicted that the temple would fall and in three days be restored.

There is no place for sin in the true temple of God. John further saw a community aspect in the group of believers surrounding Jesus. They were united to the Lord, by the Lord's own design. He was united with them. The bond was created by none less than God.

We are now in this community, which is the church. There can be no sin among us. We cannot allow our greed or dishonesty to defile the holy temple that is Christ.

St. John Lateran, as any dedicated church, has a pragmatic purpose. It provides us with a setting for prayer, for hearing the word of God, and for the Eucharist.

It also represents us as we are the church. We are the body of Christ, resurrected and living in the world. Christ is in us. We are in Christ.

We are God's people. In God's mercy, the pope guides us and ministers to us.

READINGS

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-6 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In November, the USA chose a new chief executive. Methods of selection vary, but throughout the Bible and church history leaders have emerged. This quiz looks at some of them.

1. The father of what was to be the Jewish nation, Abraham, was led out of this region to the Holy Land:

- a. Egypt
- b. Ur of the Chaldees
- c. The Ottoman Empire

2. This descendant of his, while starting off inauspiciously as a slave, rose to be an important leader in Egypt:

- a. Isaac
- b. Jacob
- c. Joseph

3. He ended up second in command to the Egyptian ruler who had this title:

- a. Hatshepsut
- b. Pharaoh
- c. Potiphar

4. When things turned sour in Egypt for the Hebrews, this leader arose:

- a. Moses
- b. Micah
- c. Miriam

5. What was unusual about him as a leader of the Hebrew slaves?

- a. He was by religion a priest of Dagon.
- b. He was more interested in fishing and bull baiting.
- c. He had been raised as an Egyptian prince.

6. Although he led them to the Promised Land, he did not

- a. actually cross into it himself.
- b. have any interest in their well-being; it was a hobby.
- c. know at the time that he was supposed to have led them to Chad.

7. The Israelites were led at times by Judges. One of these, Deborah, was an unusual leader for that time, being

- a. Hittite
- b. female
- c. Jewish

8. Eventually the Jews chose a king as leader. Who was the first king?

- a. Endor
- b. Sargon
- c. Saul

9. He was eventually ousted by this man, who became Israel's most revered king ever:

- a. Samuel
- b. David
- c. Solomon

10. The last leader of the united Jewish kingdom (Israel, Judah) was this king known for his wisdom:

- a. Zebedee
- b. Joachim
- c. Solomon

11. These leaders, religious rather than political, had a major, often troubling, role in Israelite society:

- a. the prophets
- b. the zealots
- c. the protesters

12. Which leader called for a census which resulted in Jesus being born in Bethlehem not Nazareth?

- a. Herod
- b. Antiochus
- c. Augustus Caesar

13. Who did Jesus choose as leader of the apostles?

- a. Paul
- b. John
- c. Peter

14. His spiritual descendants, bishops of Rome, are commonly referred to as:

- a. The Holy He-man
- b. The pope
- c. The Grand Poobah

15. Who is the leader of the Catholic Church?

- a. Benedict XVI
- b. The College of Cardinals
- c. Jesus Christ

ANSWERS:

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

One can visit the Church of the Our Father on the Mount of Olives

Where did Jesus teach the apostles the Our Father? Anonymous

St. Matthew's Gospel includes Jesus teaching the Our Father in the Sermon on the Mount. St. Matthew does not identify the mount, but merely says Jesus "went up on the mountainside." Tradition locates this Sermon on the Mount of the beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel.

St. Luke, however, speaks of Jesus visiting Martha and Mary at Bethany near the Mount of Olives by Jerusalem in southern Israel. Then St. Luke says Jesus "was praying in a certain place," and Jesus teaches his disciples the Our Father. St. Luke does not specifically identify the location, but may be inferring the Mount of Olives.

Father Jerome Murphy-O'Connor says the apocryphal "Acts of John" (A.D. third century) attests to the existence of a particular cave on the Mount of Olives associated with the teaching of Jesus.

You can visit the Church of

the Paternoster or Our Father on the Mount of Olives today. This church commemorates Jesus teaching the Our Father to his disciples.

K. Prag says that originally a cave on this site was venerated as the location where Jesus taught his disciples. Both Eusebius, the father of church history, and the pilgrim from Bordeaux in France (A.D. 333) record that a church was built here by the order of the Roman Emperor Constantine along with the instigation of his mother St. Helena. It was called the Church of the Disciples and also the "Eleona," meaning "the church of the olive groves." The Mount of Olives is famous for its olive groves.

G. Freeman says this cave was also designated as the place where Jesus delivered his last discourses in the Gospel of St. John. The nun Egeria (A.D. 384) mentions liturgical services in the Eleona Church during Holy Week. This cave then was associated with Jesus' teaching on the end of the world and the last judgment. This church was

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destroyed by the Persians (or Iranians) in 614.

Later on, in the ninth century, there is mention of the church where Jesus taught his disciples.

Staffed by one priest and three monks. In the Crusader period of the 12th century, this cave became particularly associated with Jesus teaching the "Our Father" to his disciples. The Crusaders built a modest chapel here in 1106.

A. Knopf says that here have been found versions of the Our Father in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin carved into the stone. Also located here was the Church of the Credo where the disciples

supposedly composed the Apostles' Creed. In 1872, Princesse de la Tour D'Auvergne founded a Carmelite convent here. The inner wall of the cloister commemorated the teaching of the Our Father. In the cave with 32 copies of the prayer in 32 different languages.

In 1910 the Byzantine foundations over a cave were discovered beneath the cloister. In 1915, they tried to rebuild the basilica on the ancient foundations over the cave.

Today this Church of the Paternoster contains steps going

down to the cave where Jesus taught his disciples. The cave is a combination of ancient rock cuttings, concrete supports and marble furnishings. The nearby cloister, which was moved, contains 68 copies of the Our Father in different languages inscribed on Palestinian tiles set in the walls. Also by the church is a baptistery paved with mosaics. Then there is the tomb of Princesse de la Tour d'Auvergne.

Father Richard Hire pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse,

Finding good role models

Accomplishments are great, but it's the people who really count.

Football season is over for another year. My sophomore son Matt had the privilege of being able to play on the varsity team. As a fullback he took a lot of hits and had to fight for yardage, but he also experienced some great successes. Something I treasure in my heart is the game he ran for two touchdowns, including one for 60-plus yards. What an exhilarating feeling for me as a mother to see him cross the goal line with the ball and contribute so significantly to the team for a win. Our entire family was cheering (and waving pom-poms, and holding up posters and ringing an obnoxious bell) when that occurred. It was fun and very gratifying.

But as successful as that game was, as satisfying that run was, and as fulfilling the ultimate win was for me as a mother, (and undoubtedly it was for Matt too) it doesn't compare to the deep satisfaction, joy and gratitude I have in my heart for the positive role models my son has encountered in this sport, which contribute far more to his success as a person than any sports win or outside achievement.

I know every football practice that Matt attends he is taught, mentored and encouraged by a godly coach who prizes character above achievement (although he works towards both) and who challenges each player to value respect, honesty and fairness, despite whatever hardships that life of integrity may bring. This is far more important to me than any win.

My husband and I try to carefully choose those who influence our children's lives, and our children are fortunate to have many exemplary adults around them.



EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Theresa A. Thomas

Their piano instructor is a dedicated woman who has worked for our family for 13 years, and who demonstrates patience, kindness and a "can-do" attitude week after week. The teachers and principal at my kids' Catholic high school encourage and motivate my teens to do and be their best.

My teens are lucky to have friends whose parents are fine role models too. I know that each time my son goes to Thomas' house ... or Evan's house ... or Chase's house ... or Hank's house, or that my daughter goes to Becca's or Christine's that their parents look after my kids as they would their own, and hold them to the same standards I would. They love their Catholic faith as we do. I love their kids as I know they love mine.

Right now my children are with their dad at a (belated) All Saints Day party thrown by my sister and her husband. It is an event where cousins can play saint Bingo, do Catholic crafts and pop black "balloons of sin" in an uplifting and faith-enriching atmosphere.

It is so important to surround our children with quality people, who will reinforce the values that parents are trying to teach. Who we associate with does matter, and care should be given each time we consider an activity for our child. Who is leading it? What are his or her life principles? Do they merely speak it, or do they actually demonstrate virtue? Sometimes hard decisions will have to be made to steer

children from places where important values aren't being taught or demonstrated. Other times, it will be easy to decide (or help them decide) what activities to pursue or places to go or not go. Many parents thank God on a daily basis for the presence of a Catholic school close to them. I know I do.

Some of us will naturally have great role models within our own family of origin. This is ideal of course. But if you're hard-pressed to find a fine example in your own family tree, or you live too far for family to be an ongoing positive presence, don't be discouraged. Ask yourself if perhaps you are being called to be the example for others. Organize the saint party. Call the parents of your children's friends and invite them all over for an evening of fellowship. Ask your child's friend to accompany you to a pro-life talk or Catholic event, and take them out for ice cream afterwards. Thank the teacher or coach who takes the time to treat your child well. We can be blessed and bless at the same time, and we must realize that accomplishments are great, but surrounding our kids with the right people is even greater.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for November 9, 2008

John 2:13-22

Following is a word search based on a Gospel reading appropriate for a church's feast day: Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PASSOVER	THE JEWS	TEMPLE
SHEEP	DOVES	MONEY
CHANGERS	A WHIP	OVERTURNED
TABLES	HOUSE	CONSUME ME
WHAT SIGN	SHOW US	DESTROY
RAISE IT UP	FORTY-SIX	HIS BODY
RAISED	THE WORD	SPOKEN

TEMPLE CHANGE

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Later in the month, Pope Benedict led memorial prayers at the tomb of Pope John, whose election in 1958 was marked in countless Italian newspaper and magazine articles, as well as a new film and a popular TV miniseries.

Increasingly, the memory of deceased popes has been kept alive through sainthood causes. The cause of Pope Pius is perhaps the most well-known and the most controversial, with his cause currently on hold during a "period of reflection," but sainthood causes are in fact active for all of the previous five popes.

Pope John was beatified in 2000. Pope John Paul I's cause passed a recent milestone, with approval of the diocesan phase of investigation. Pope Paul's cause has also reached the Vatican. And the "santo subito!" — "sainthood

now!" — movement is still pushing for the quick beatification of Pope John Paul II.

The push to canonize deceased popes is a relatively recent trend. Over the last 700 years, only two popes were declared saints. Yet today, it seems almost a given that sooner or later a pope will be proposed for sainthood after his death.

Luigi Accattoli, a respected Italian journalist who has covered the Vatican for decades, wrote after the death of Pope John Paul II that papal canonizations were "pointless" and that the church would better spend its energy by looking for less renowned saints.

He said the starting gun for the papal "race for sainthood" was fired by Pope Paul, when at the end of the Second Vatican Council he simultaneously launched the causes of Popes Pius and John.

There's no doubt recent popes have been holy men, he said. But sometimes rushing to proclaim sainthood for a pope is simply a way for "the Roman hierarchy to canonize itself," he said.

Sports



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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES LIDGE HUGS TEAMMATE AFTER WINNING WORLD SERIES

Philadelphia Phillies' Brad Lidge, right, hugs Chase Utley Oct. 29 after the Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays in game five to win Major League Baseball's World Series in Philadelphia. Lidge grew up in St. Thomas More Parish in Denver, where he was an altar boy and where his parents, Ralph and Debbie, are still members. Philadelphia defeated Tampa Bay 4-3 to win their first championship since 1980.

Undefeated Mishawaka Saints claim ICCL football championship victory

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Undefeated for the fifth time in 25 years at the helm of the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, a sense of euphoria should envelop the Coach Tony Violi, instead his team's latest championship has been bittersweet.

"Different, it just feels different," explained Violi. "In the past four weeks we have endured the passing of my mother and the loss a player's father after a two-year battle with cancer."

"Emotionally the kids have answered every setback; key injuries, personal losses and grieving," remarked Violi. "It has been a tough month, but I think these factors have made the team stronger."

The Saints started the championship game against the St. Anthony-St. Joseph Panthers with a long drive culminated when starting quarterback Vince Ravotto told his coach to go with the fade route and then executed it to perfection by hitting Noah Deitchley on a 15-yard touchdown strike.

The only other scoring in the first half came on a patented 62-yard weaving scamper by the Saints' Michael Whitfield to make the tally 12-0 at the intermission.

The Panthers came out of the locker room ready to compete and narrowed the margin when quarterback Frankie Karzcewski found Tommy Favorite for a 52-yard touchdown pass. This was the first score of the season given up by the Saint first-team defense.

How the Saints would respond was the question. The answer was the offensive line of Joe Walter, Neal Eakins, Dillon Gohn, Chris Ross, Reilley Neuklis, Tim Morris and Austin Dennen. The Saints went to a punishing ground game that featured two more touchdown runs of two and five yards by Whitfield.

Adding a two-point kick by Chase Lentych-Hack completed the scoring and the perfect season with a final score of 26-6 for the Saints.

This weekend will have the annual showdown between the ICCL and the CYO champions of Fort Wayne at Marian High School's Otolski Field.

At 1 p.m., St. Anthony-St. Joe will host St. John-New Haven and at 3 p.m., the Saints will play Sts. JAT (Sts. Joseph-Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese).



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Inter-City Catholic League Vice President Jeff Booher presents the trophy to the Mishawaka Saints after taking the ICCL football championship on Sunday.



PROVIDED BY STS. JAT

The Sts. JAT team, shown above, won the CYO opportunity to play the Mishawaka Saints at the diocesan playoff next Sunday. Sts. JAT was the runner-up team. Holy Cross, a Lutheran school that is part of the CYO league, clinched the championship title, but agreed rules put the Sts. JAT team in the diocesan playoff.

B-team action

In B-team playoff action, the semifinal game between the St. Anthony-St. Joe Panthers faced off against the Corpus Christi Cougars.

The Panthers started off the scoring and never looked back as they posted a 32-0 dominating victory over the upstart Cougars. The Panther's Oliver Page again showed that he could do it all when he connected on a TD pass to Justin Koehler, ran for a score of 17 yards and booted a two-point conversion.

Chris Lippert also had a big day for the Panthers with scoring runs of 53 and 56 yards. Justin Drinkall finished off the contest

with a 45-yard interception for a touchdown.

The other half of the bracket pitted The Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders against the Mishawaka Catholic Saints.

The showdown featured a one-man wrecking crew as Peter Rymysza slammed the door shut on the Saints with touchdown runs of 19 and 77 yards as the Crusaders prevailed, 12-0.

The semifinals set up a rematch in which earlier in the season the undefeated Panthers gave the 7-1 Crusaders their only loss, 19-18. Neither team has been scored upon during the playoffs. The B-team Championship Game will be played at Otolski Field at 5 p.m.



PROVIDED BY THE CARDEGLES

The 2009 Cardegle Cross-Country team.



The girls Cardegle Cross-Country team celebrates at the Cardegle Invitational at Shoaf Park.

CYO cross country tallies final results

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Reporting the final results of the 2008 Catholic Youth League (CYO) cross country action, a pleased Coach Dan Kaufman said, "We had a great season and a great bunch of kids." The overall records compiled were an outstanding 50-10 for the boys and an impressive 38-24 for the girls.

In the last half of their season, the Cardegles ran in the New Haven Classic. With approximately 220 runners in each race, the boys won the small school division scoring 25 points by placing all seven runners in the top 13.

Luke Miller was third overall clocking a 13:57. Jacob Malmstrom, Sean McManus, Jacob Kohlmeyer, Tyler Johnson, Mark Bergoff and Scotty Jauch were the other top finishers for the CYO runners. The top five all finished in the top 25 in the large and small school combined race and received plaques.

In the small school girls' group at New Haven, the Cardegles finished fourth. The top females were Karen Eckrich, Maddy Obergfall, Danielle Colone, Gabrielle Acree, Emily Miller, LeeAnn Moeller and Abby Schwaiger.

In a triangle meet Sept. 30, the

girls' squad lost to Memorial Park but beat Northwood. The boys beat both teams. At the Carroll Invitational on Oct. 4, the boys had a fantastic day finishing second to middle school powerhouse Maplecreek, 41-69. The Cardegles were led again by Miller, the Bishop Dwenger-bound eighth grader, who finished second by two seconds with an outstanding time of 10:07 (second fastest in Cardegle history). He was followed by the other Cardegle individual award winners: Malmstrom, Kohlmeyer, Bergoff and Johnson.

The girls' finished sixth in the same meet and were paced by Eckrich, Acree, Miller, Obergfell and Moeller.

In the season finale on Oct. 9, the sixth annual Cardegle Invitational, the host boys won for the fifth straight year tallying 25 points. The girls took their meet for the third straight year with 37 points at Shoaff Park. The Lutheran team was second in both competitions. Miller was the overall winner in 10:30 in the boys' race, and Addie Reimbold of St. Joseph-St Elizabeth was the girls' champion with a time of 11:59.

Gator Girls, Commodores and Knights all crowned volleyball champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball tournament action, three new champions were etched in the record books for the 2008 season.

For the small school division, the Gator Girls from St. Aloysius got by St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel in three games (25-23, 14-25, 15-9) to take first place. St. Aloysius finished third place in the league with a 4-2 record. Their losses during the regular season came at the hands of the top two seeds in the tournament, St. Therese and Queen of Angels. On the road to the championship match, St. Aloysius was victorious over St. Louis-St. Rose and a scrappy Queen of Angels squad while St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel knocked a tough St. Therese team out in a battle at the net.

In her fifth season, Gator Girl Coach April Wyss and sister, Sarah, reported that Maria Zaremba had an outstanding tournament with phenomenal hitting. Wyss explained, "Maria's drive to get a trophy her eighth-grade year propelled her teammates."

The Gator Girl roster listed 12 seventh- and eighth-grade players this season.

The St. Joseph, Decatur Commodores finished their season in grand style earning the top spot in the all-seventh grade league by beating a strong team from St. Vincent, 25-20, 14-25 and 15-8. Serving leaders for the match were Jordan Rumschlag with seven points and two aces; Emily Smith with six points and three aces; and Madison Cook with six points and two aces. Julia Brewer and Monica Wilder each served for five points. The defensive leaders were Miranda Vogelwede and Rumschlag with six digs and Cook, Smith and Wilder with five



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digs each.

Running the offense for St. Joseph were Brewer and Cook with four assists each and Smith with three assists. Kill leaders were Smith and Rumschlag with three a piece while Cook and Vogelwede tallied two each. Rising from a fourth-place seed after a 4-3 league finish, the Commodores settled the score with St. John New Haven in the first round of the tournament. The Raiders had beat Decatur in regular season play. The semifinals were equally exciting with a big win over a feisty St. Charles team, 25-22, 20-25, 15-9.

"Our ball control and serving were excellent — that got us through the tournament," summarized third-year coach Mike Wilder. Wilder is assisted by his sister Deb.

In her seventh and final season, the St. Jude Eagles gave Coach Martha Payton something to cheer about. The Eagles opened their season with a loss to long-time rival, St. Charles, but ended it by beating the Cardinals in the large-



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school CYO tournament championship.

"It was like somebody shot an electric wave through my body," explained Payton.

Payton and assistant, Megan Urbahns, agreed it was like all four years of coaching this same group

of girls paid off in the last five minutes of the final match. The Eagles won the first game, then were down by seven in the second. Payton called a time out trailing 12-19. St. Jude tied things up at 19, with the final points going back and forth, back and forth,

finally pulling out the win 25-24.

"I was so proud of our girls when they didn't give up," added Payton. St. Charles is coached by long-time friend, Laura Hattery, and the two teams have split the four years of championships since fifth grade. Breaking Cardinal Hannah Hattery's serves was one of the Eagles' toughest tasks in the game.

"We really had to come together as a team to get the job done," explained Payton.

For the victors, Payton pointed out that Elizabeth Chandler, Kelsey Richard and Cierra Feipel really stood out in the championship game and were exceptional at the net while Marissa Jasinski and Ari Jehl were forces in the back row digging up everything sent their way. In the league standings, the Cardinals were the top seed for 2008 while St. Jude finished in second place with a 5-1 record. After being rivals for so long, many members of the two teams are expected to switch gears and become teammates on the 2009 Bishop Dwenger roster.

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Cardegle Invitational, Oct. 9 at Shoaff Park

Boys team results:

1. Cardegles, 25
2. LutheRun, 71
3. Canterbury, 74
4. Blackhawk Christian, 96
5. Huntington Catholic, 124
6. St. Vincent, 158
7. St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, inc

Top 10 boys:

1. Luke Miller, Cardegles, 10:30
2. Jacob Rienking, LutherRun, 10:42
3. Jake Malmstrom, Cardegles, 11:10
4. Nathan Sutaphong, LutheRun, 11:11
5. Zach McLaughlin, LutheRun, 11:29
6. Jacob Kohlmeyer, Cardegles, 11:30
7. Mark Berghoff, Cardegles, 11:37
8. Sean McManus, Cardegeles, 11:41
9. Al Stovall, Canterbury, 11:42
10. Tyler Johnson, Cardgles, 11:43

Girls team results:

1. Cardegles, 37
2. LutheRun, 49
3. Canterbury, 90
4. Blackhawk Christian, 100
5. Huntington Catholic, 141
6. St. Vincent, 148
7. St. Joe/St. Elizabeth, 156

Top 10 girls:

1. Addie Reinbold, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 11:59
2. Courtney Colby, Canterbury, 12:41
3. Sarah Doerffler, LutheRun, 12:46
4. Danielle Colone, Cardegles, 12:56
5. Gabrielle Acree, Cardegles, 12:57
6. Daniella Moeller, LutheRun, 13:04
7. Karen Eckrich, Cardegles, 13:07
8. Allison Mooibroek, Blackhawk Christian, 13:11
9. Maddie Obergfell, Cardegles, 13:18
10. Kate White, Canterbury, 13:19

At the year end awards banquet, the guest speaker was Eric Ade, head coach of the Bishop Dwenger High School's cross country program. Honors for 2008 were awarded as follows:

- Top 7 girls — Danielle Colone, Karen Eckrich, Gabrielle Acree, Emily Miller, Maddie Obergfell, Abby Schwaiger and LeeAnn Moeller

- Top 7 boys — Luke Miller, Jacob Malmstrom, Jacob Kohlmeyer, Sean



PROVIDED BY THE CARDEGLES

The St. Jude-St. Charles Cardegle team with awards after winning the Cardegle Invitational Oct. 9, at Shoaff Park.

McManus, Tyler Johnson, Mark Berghoff and Tony Giron

- Most Valuable Runner Award — Luke Miller and Danielle Colone
- Most Improved Runner Award — Mark

Berghoff and Emily Miller

- Mental Attitude Award — Scotty Jauch and LeeAnn Moeller
- Cardegle Award — John Richter

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FUNDRAISERS

Fish fry
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 7, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 5-12. Children under 5 free.

Fish fry at St. Aloysius
Yoder — St. Aloysius will have a carry-out only fish fry Friday, Nov. 14, from 4:30-7 p.m. Menu consists of fish, broasted potatoes, coleslaw, roll and dessert for \$8.

Turkey bingo
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth HASA will have Turkey bingo Sunday, Nov. 23, at St. Elizabeth's School cafeteria from 1-3 p.m. Food, family and fun includes bingo prizes of Scrip certificates, cash and frozen turkeys. Volunteers and donations welcome by calling Jennie Klinger at (260) 625-5056.

Cookie walk announced
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a cookie walk Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish hall.

Tenderloin dinner offered
Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will host a tenderloin fry on Friday, Nov. 14, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Knights' hall on Bell Drive. Cost of a dinner is \$6, which includes tenderloin sandwich, fries, coleslaw and drink.

Authentic Hungarian dinner
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary will have a Hungarian dinner featuring chicken Paprikas, beef goulash, tarhonya, langalo, kolach and cucumber salad in the school auditorium, 735 W. Calvert, Saturday, Nov. 15. Cocktails served at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$22. Cash bar. Proceeds will benefit the OLH Alumni Room. Tickets sold before and after 11 a.m. Mass or at the rectory.

Athletic department hosts trivia night
South Bend — The St. Adalbert School athletic department will host a trivia night Friday, Nov. 21. Ten person teams are \$100. Teams can bring their own tail-gate style food and a cash bar will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. Game is from 7-10 p.m. Call (574) 288-6645 for reservations by Nov. 18.

Card party and euchre tournament
Yoder — St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus will have a card party and euchre tournament, Saturday,

Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the school basement. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m. Entry fee \$5.

Blue and gold raffle tickets now on sale
Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger Saints Alive! is now selling raffle tickets for a grand prize of \$15,000. Call (260) 496-4804 for information.

MISC. HAPPENINGS
Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis
Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series continues with "Tai Chi" by Diane Martin, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Doerner Center, Room 156. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

Day of Reflection
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Give Thanks and Praise." Please bring your Bible. The cost of the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 14 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Sanctuary to host breakfast club
South Bend — Sanctuary at St. Paul's, 3602 S. Ironwood Dr., will offer a Breakfast Club, featuring Southold Dance Theater and segments from the Nutcracker on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m. Breakfast and admission are free. Contact (574) 299-2250 for reservations.

High school youth ministry to host Father Glenn Kohrman
New Haven — The KLS youth ministry will bring Father Glenn Kohrman to speak Sunday, Nov. 16, from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Louis Besancon Parish. Mass at 6 p.m. will be followed by dinner and speaker on the topic "The Church and Real Love in a Politically Correct World." Admission is free.

Fifty percent off sale
South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society, 3408 Ardmore Tr., will have a half price sale Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sale does not include large appliances, automobiles and electronics.

Fall extravaganza
South Bend — St. John the Baptist School will have a fall extravaganza dinner-auction Saturday, Nov. 8. Doors open at 6 p.m. to the Holy Family Parish Center, 56405 Mayflower Rd., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 per person and include auction and Polish style dinner. Live auction starts at 7:30 p.m., silent auction starts at 6 p.m. and closes at 8:45 p.m. Cash bar. Tickets and information by calling (574) 232-9849.

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.

CRAFT FAIR/BAZAARS
Rosary Altar bazaar
South Bend — Holy Cross Parish's Rosary Altar will have a bazaar Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym, 1020 Wilber St.

Craft Fair
South Bend — Sanctuary at St. Paul's will have a craft fair Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 3602 S. Ironwood Dr. Call (574) 299-2250 for information.

Craft bazaar at St. Mary's
Avilla — St. Mary School, 232 N. Main St., will have a craft bazaar Sunday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths are still available for \$20 by calling (260) 897-4287.

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.

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FATHER DREW CURRY CELEBRATES MASS OF THANKSGIVING



BY KAY COZAD

Father Drew Curry celebrates a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, on Nov. 2. He celebrated his first Mass of thanksgiving at his home parish of Holy Family in South Bend on Oct. 26. Father Curry has been assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish as associate pastor.

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under extreme circumstances, is not fundamentally different from what the men and women who serve us and our communities as police officers and firefighters and emergency medical technicians do every day," Father Warner said.

Local public safety officers are no different from the heroes of Sept. 11, he said, as he addressed the officers who filled the front pews of Sacred Heart Basilica.

"We do not want to fail to thank you and to thank your families for the often selfless ways you carry and handle your responsibilities with commitment and courage that is not commonplace."

Father Warner observed that most people want to live life in peace, with conditions that offer all people the possibilities that life offers, but those conditions don't just happen. Peace, especially peace with justice, is a gift from God, but also and always peace is the fruit of human effort as well.

Referring to the Gospel reading of the day, in which Matthew recounted Jesus teaching the beatitudes, Father Warner said that the public safety officers live the beatitudes "in concrete ways." Like Jesus, these public safety officers are often the last recourse for people in dire need, he said, and are always ready to be the first responders when people need help.

"We thank you for facing situations that can suddenly become dangerous — and even life-threat-



ANN CAREY

Police, firefighters and rescue personnel from area agencies lined up outside Sacred Heart Basilica before the annual Blue Mass honoring public safety officers.

ening — with courage and resolve. We thank you for handling well the days and times when everything is routine, but always (remaining) vigilant at the same time," Father Warner said.

Holy cards and medals of St. Florian, patron of firefighters, and St. Michael, patron of police officers, were available for all the officers in the back of the basilica. After the Mass, a reception for the officers and their families took place in Notre Dame's Coleman Morse Center.



Police officers, firefighters and rescue personnel in dress uniform filled the front pews of Sacred Heart Basilica for the annual Blue Mass at the University of Notre Dame.

Today's Catholic

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:
"Called Out of Darkness" by Anne Rice

This month's Book of the Month Club selection is the captivating memoir "Called Out of Darkness," by Anne Rice

"Called out of Darkness" is the powerful story of Anne Rice's journey of spiritual transformation from cradle Catholic, through adult atheism, to a return to devout Catholicism.

Rice shares the childhood memories of her home, church, family life and traditions in New Orleans. This view is a rich and colorful reflection of "faith, beauty and harmony" that she experienced growing up as a devout child in a deeply religious Irish Catholic family.

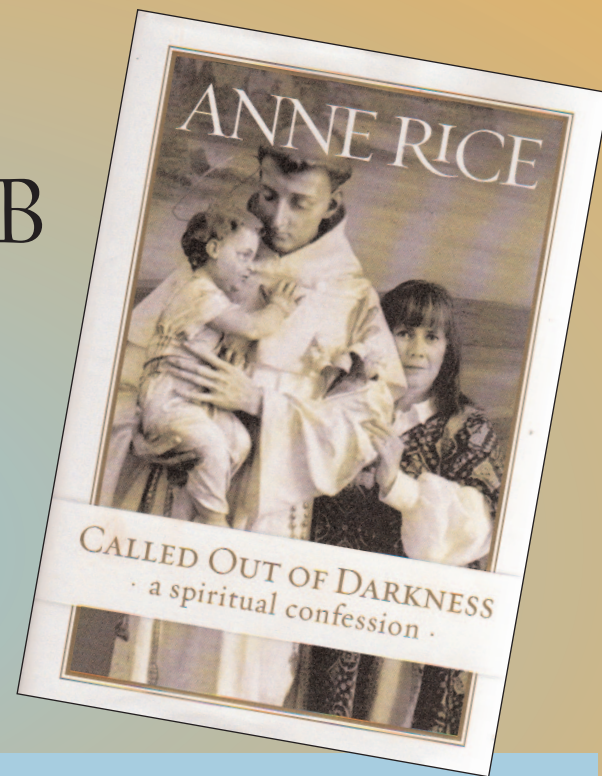
The deterioration and death of Rice's alcoholic mother led her to a powerlessness that she resented. Rice's "faith began to crack apart," and she left for college to explore the world in search of broader experiences, risk and the life of an artist. As she settled into school and marriage in Berkeley, Calif., she became a nationally known writer of books on vampires and the realms of good and evil, reflecting her own moral struggles. She says during this time she retreated from Catholicism, and stopped believing in the God of her youth.

During that time, Rice experienced personal tragedy when her 5-year-old daughter died of leukemia. She then had a son, Christopher, and spent 38 years writing books that took her on a spiritual journey back to God.

While researching her books, the groundwork for the atheism she embraced became shaky and she eventually lost her faith in the "nonexistence" of God.

In her courageous struggle back to her roots in the church, Rice says it was only through love and trust that belief followed. This book allows religious and secular readers to enjoy the colorful and descriptive world of Anne Rice and her intensely powerful conversion.

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



Questions for discussion

1. Think about times when you have doubted your faith. Did you think that you were alone?

2. How do you think that you could help someone who has questions about their faith and is considering leaving the Catholic Church?

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