



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Vatican orders study of women religious institutes in U.S.

BY CHAZ MUTH

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican has initiated an apostolic visitation of institutes for women religious in the United States to find out why the numbers of their members have decreased during the past 40 years and to look at the quality of life in the communities.

The announcement was made Jan. 30 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington by Sister Eva-Maria Ackerman, a member of the American province of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George.

She will assist Mother Mary Clare Millea, a Connecticut native who is superior general of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an international religious institute that has its headquarters in Rome.

Cardinal Franc Rode, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, appointed Mother Clare as the apostolic visitor.

The cardinal sent letters detailing the task to both the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, the two major organizations representing heads of women's religious orders in the U.S.

It is too early to know how many volunteers will be enlisted to visit nearly 400 Catholic institutes for women religious in the U.S., how much it will cost or

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Sister Margaret Hunt rings a bell at the Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen in Elmira, N.Y., in this July 14, 2004, file photo. An announcement was made in Washington Jan. 30 that the Vatican has initiated an apostolic visitation of institutes for women religious to find out why the number of their members has decreased during the past 40 years.

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Chris Zorich encourages service at Corpus Christi School visit

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — A bear of a man, Notre Dame hero and former Chicago Bear Chris Zorich smiled out at his audience. The students at Corpus Christi School in South Bend, who responded generously to the theme of service for Catholic Schools Week, waited to hear what the man known for wrapping up opposing running backs had to say to them.

"I just want to let you guys know," Zorich began, "somewhere out there you're helping someone like me."

The kids could hardly believe it. How could a big, strong, successful guy like Chris Zorich possibly need anybody's help?

"My mom and I were really poor," explained Zorich as he reflected on growing up in a rough Chicago neighborhood. "We didn't have any money at all. There were a lot of gangs and it was really hard for my mom to raise me all by herself."

The former defensive tackle thanked the students for supporting area charities like the food bank, Women's Care Center and Portage Manor.

"I know you guys are involved in book drives, clothing drives and food drives," said Zorich. "I went to the library all the time as a kid because it was the only place warm enough in the winter and cool enough in the summer. That's why I love reading books. It's really cool you're giving books to people like me!"

Zorich told his rapt audience how he made his way to the University of Notre Dame, despite the many challenges he faced every day. He didn't begin playing football until his sophomore year in high school, where he just wanted to hang out with his friends. When he tried to play as a freshman, his mother had other ideas.

"She was totally against it," remembered Zorich. "Even though I was 6-foot, 1-inch

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TELLING OUR FAITH STORY

I came back to the Catholic Church because it's home. I never really fully left the church, just visited occasionally. Every time I returned I had an emotional reaction, a



sense of homecoming. At my cousin Kathleen's — a devout Catholic — funeral, I decided to fully rejoin the church. I joined a small group, Renew 2000 — something I'd never done — and developed friendships with members of my parish family. I've discovered, through involvement in ministries and parish activities, what "parish family" really means.

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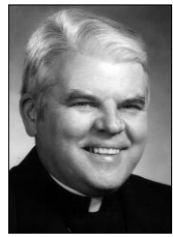
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Diocesan catechetical program gets national recognition



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

On the teaching of the faith

Having just finished Catholic Schools Week with our two traditional You Can Lend A Hand lunches, and preparing now for an All Schools Mass at the Joyce Center on the campus of Notre Dame (the Fort Wayne Mass was called off because of bad weather), sets me to pondering about some important matters. One of the central reasons for all the energy and treasure that we put into Catholic schools lies in the hope that in these schools we are teaching the faith. It is no secret that in the '60s and '70s there was a certain weakness in what was then called CCD programs and even in Catholic schools — a great lapse in teaching the content of the faith.

With the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, and the national and international directories, all translated into Spanish, we have received, especially from Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, a clear guidance and an opportunity if we can grasp it.

In this connection came some wonderful news this week. There is a test called ACRE. It is given throughout the country to students in the fifth and eighth grades, and also in high school. It is under the direction of the National Catholic Education Association. Recently, our Office of Catechesis received a letter and a phone call from a Professor John Convey, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton professor in the Department of Education of Catholic University. The purpose of his letter was to congratulate us on the fact that our schools consistently score among the highest in the nation on these tests. In particular, he pointed to a test taken in 2005 by our grade 8 students who are now seniors in high school. I believe they were among the highest, if not the highest, in the country.

Credit to many

Many people have earned this recognition. First of all, Sister Jane Carew and her Office of Catechesis. Sister Jane would be the first to say, however, that could not have been done without Our Sunday Visitor Institute. Our Sunday Visitor Institute has given us a number of grants, which has allowed us to send teachers, first to the University of Dayton and in more recent years to the University of Notre Dame theology departments, to be prepared for a master degree in theology or catechetics. Sixty-five people have completed their training. Many teach in our high schools, and others are directors of religious educa-

tion, and some are on the diocesan level. Another 20 are in the pipeline.

One of the results of this is that you now have religion teachers in our elementary schools, who teach all the religion in grades 6, 7 and 8.

In the past, you might have had a seventh-grade teacher who was excellent in English or algebra, and also teaching religion, without any special training or expertise. This has changed. In addition to Sister Jane and Our Sunday Visitor, I must thank Professor John Cavadini and many of his colleagues in the theology department at Notre Dame, who have presented excellent courses in church history, liturgy, theology, catechetics and so forth. So much depends on the catechist. How can one love God, or even think of a priestly or religious vocation, unless God is known. How joyful it was to hear this good news, and that the Office of Catechesis has been asked to write an article for a forthcoming book on catechetics. This brought great joy to our diocese, and especially to the bishop. We also are reaching public school children through this effort, but we must do more in this area.

I can't believe it is 52 years

On Feb. 2, I celebrated 52 years as a priest and it is a joyful day, always, because over the years, each of my sisters has called, and also my nephews and niece — all happily married with children of their own. I will miss a call from my sister, Mary, but I know she is praying for me in heaven.

I am grateful to God for many things, but more and more I thank him for this vocation. The Catholic priesthood has gone through profound events; but the life, if lived properly, is a source of joy to the one called, and through him, for the church.

The church is always able to arise by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to reform itself and grow closer to Christ. I think of the men who were ordained with me, many now gone to God, and sadly, some of whom have left the priestly life.

Believe it or not, there were 72 of us — 58 as I recall for the Archdiocese of Boston. A number went to Latin America, when Cardinal Cushing established the Saint James Society. Three of that goodly number came to this diocese a few weeks ago to assist at St. Matthew Parish, and they were as filled with love for Christ, and the church, and for preaching the Gospel, as when they were young. It was a joy to observe my anniversary with them by a concelebrated Mass at the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters in Mishawaka followed by a superb breakfast.

I celebrated noontime Mass on this anniversary at the cathedral chapel, which was full, and I hope to find a day or two of prayer and meditation between these two anniversaries: of Feb. 2 and Feb. 11, the day I was ordained as a bishop — two days observed on the church calendar in honor of Our Lady.

The sacrament of confirmation

This weekend, I will have the first of approximately 40 confirmations, and it will be held at St. Therese Church in Fort Wayne. I believe this will make my 34th season of giving this sacrament.

Unfortunately, I do not have an auxiliary bishop now, so I cannot go to all the small parishes. Our priests have been very cooperative in bringing a number of parishes together, especially at our cathedral and co-cathedral. As the springtime develops, one gets a little weary, but I must say I have never grown tired of conferring this sacrament. When I had an auxiliary bishop in good health — Bishop Crowley or Bishop Sheets or Bishop Jenky, CSC, it was a little easier. But what an opportunity — to speak to thousands of young people and their parents at a special moment in their life, and to open up for them the meaning of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in this final of the three sacraments of initiation.

Also, you see the vitality of parish life — everywhere people, young and old, joining together at a special moment when this gift of the Holy Spirit, won first by Christ on the cross, is given to us.

I will have two bishops come in for a short period to help me. One is Bishop William Houck, retired bishop of Jackson-Natchez in Mississippi. A true missionary, he has been here the last few years, and all have found his homilies to be inspiring for the young people. Also, Carl Mengeling, retired bishop of Lansing, will be here for a week in May. He is a native of the Diocese of Gary, where he served many years as a priest and is well-known to many of our priests. It will be helpful to have them here. I am also looking forward to participating in seven parish missions during the season of Lent.

You Can Lend A Hand

This program, made possible by Quality Dining and the Fitzpatrick brothers, has raised millions of dollars for our Catholic schools. Once again, our grammar school children will be selling these books. There are many positives here. In a time of economic downturn, you will be saving money for meals. In addition, your parish school will be helped considerably. We need to provide ever more funds for tuition grants if we are to keep our schools strong and welcome those in need. This effort is very helpful.

I will see you all next week.

Bishops say economic stimulus must help vulnerable families, the poor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Poor families and vulnerable workers should be central priorities in any economic recovery legislation Congress adopts, said the U.S. bishops.

"Low-income families and individuals are experiencing the greatest hardship and have the least capacity to cope in this time of economic crisis," Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., said in a Jan. 28 letter to the House and Senate.

This segment of the population also is more likely to quickly "use these new resources" provided in any stimulus package "to purchase the essentials of life and to help move our economy forward," he said.

Bishop Murphy wrote the letter on behalf of the bishops as chairman of their Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. A copy of it was released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office of Media Relations.

"Economic policies that assist and protect 'the least among us' are the right thing to do morally. I believe they are also very effective economically," he said.

"We urge Congress to act quickly and wisely with a constant attention to addressing the human impact and moral dimensions of this recession," he said.

The House Jan. 28 approved an \$819 billion economic recovery package with a 244-188 vote. The Senate was scheduled to begin debate on its version Feb. 2. Its bill provides similar spending outlays.

Among provisions in the House measure were \$145 billion in tax cuts for individuals (\$500 per per-

son) and couples (\$1,000 per couple), \$43 billion to extend unemployment benefits, \$40 billion to subsidize health care insurance for the unemployed, and \$4.7 billion to extend the Earned Income Tax Credit. Other provisions include transportation projects, grants for local school districts, energy-efficient public housing and college tuition grants.

House Democrats initially pushed to include spending for family planning programs for low-income and temporarily unemployed women, but took it out of the bill before the vote.

Such an expansion of family planning coverage was strongly opposed by the bishops, said Bishop Murphy in his letter, because it would "neglect women's real needs and serve no legitimate purpose for an economic stimulus package."

Among provisions the bishops said they wanted to see were:

- Efforts to strengthen and expand the refundable child tax credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit for more poor and working families; a temporary increase in nutrition assistance with more resources for food stamps and the expansion of eligibility for unemployed workers and legal immigrants; and the protection of low-income families from losing Medicaid and social service assistance.

- Increased funding for the federal home energy assistance program for low-income families.

- Extension of unemployment insurance benefits to people in states with disproportionately high unemployment rates.

- Increased funding for a pro-

gram that helps families avoid eviction or obtain new housing.

- Capitalization of a new housing trust fund, which will employ workers in the construction or rehabilitation of homes for families facing dire situations.

- Creation of jobs for unemployed and underemployed people in private, nonprofit and public sectors that advance important national priorities, reflect good stewardship of resources, and meet urgent and emerging needs, especially in the areas of alternative energy, the environment and infrastructure.

Bishop Murphy said the bishops opposed any provision to require the use of E-verify — an electronic verification system for use by employers — by every organization receiving funding from the stimulus package.

"This provision could slow down implementation of the package and any subsequent economic recovery, because organizations would have to enroll in, learn and implement the system," he said.

Bishop Murphy called on lawmakers to avoid partisan or ideological agendas and to focus on the needs of the poor. The House version, however, was passed with no support from Republican members; 11 Democrats also voted against it.

"This is a time to pursue the common good, beginning with help for the families and communities most hurt by this crisis," Bishop Murphy said.

"I pray that working together you can find the courage, wisdom and skill to build a prosperous economy with greater justice for all," he said.

TELLING OUR FAITH STORY

Today's Catholic is looking for witness accounts, 50 words or less, answering one of the following:

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who will pay for the study, Sister Eva-Maria said during the press conference at the national shrine.

"We hope to discover and share the vibrancy and purpose that continue to accomplish so much, as well as to understand the obstacles and challenges that inhibit these individuals and institutions, thus limiting their growth and/or redirecting their resources and outreach," she said.

The study — which is expected to be completed by 2011 — is in no way connected to the apostolic visitation of more than 200 U.S. seminaries and formation houses in 2005 and 2006, which was ordered in response to the sexual abuse crisis that hit the U.S. church, Sister Eva-Maria said.

It was not known why the Vatican chose to do this study now, why the U.S. was singled out and what prompted the Vatican congregation to order it, she said. "I don't even want to speculate."

Once the study is concluded, a "comprehensive and confidential"

report will be given to Cardinal Rode, but its findings are not expected to be made public, Sister Eva-Maria said.

"First, Mother Clare will solicit voluntary input from the superiors general through inviting them to make personal visits with her in Rome or in the United States," she said. "During the second stage, the major superiors in the United States will be asked for information such as statistics, activities and community practices. Selected on-site visits will be made during the third stage."

Catholic women religious have been involved in education, health care and a variety of pastoral and social services in the U.S. since before the nation was founded in 1776, said Mother Clare in a prepared statement released at the press conference.

"I am truly humbled and a bit overwhelmed," she said of her assignment. "While I have visited each of the communities and missions in my own congregation, the thought of gathering facts and findings about nearly 400 institutes across the United States can be daunting in scope."

A Web site, www.apostolicvisitation.org, has been launched to provide basic information about the project.

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and 240-pounds, she was afraid her little baby would get hurt. Sophomore year I did something I don't want you guys to do — promise me you'll never do this — I signed her name on the permission slip. When I started coming home late because of practices, I told her I was busy with extracurricular activities. When she found out what I was doing, she started to cry. But playing football saved me from my neighborhood. My mom finally gave in and came to my last game."

Zorich said his journey to Notre Dame wasn't easy. Even though he lived 90 miles away, the city boy didn't know where Notre Dame was.

"A guy came to my high school and asked if I'd like to go to Notre Dame," recalled Zorich. "I said 'yes, but my mom doesn't like to fly.' I thought Notre Dame was in France because of the Hunchback of Notre Dame movie."

Zorich found his way to cam-

pus, where he started for three years under Coach Lou Holtz and recorded a career 219 tackles while helping the team win a national championship in 1988. As Zorich neared graduation with a degree in American studies, tragedy struck when his mother suddenly passed away from a heart attack. The All-American mourned his loss while working hard to finish school.

"Then I was drafted by the Chicago Bears," Zorich told the students. "I went from feeling really down to being really up. A few years later I started a charitable foundation in my mother's honor."

The Christopher Zorich Foundation (www.chriszorich.org) provides broad community support to those in need. Included is the Zora Zorich Scholarship, bestowed annually at the University of Notre Dame, along with youth programs, support of various women's shelters and a holiday gift program to help disadvantaged children and families.

"The first thing I started was a turkey delivery program in Chicago," said Zorich. "We passed out a bunch of frozen turkeys on Thanksgiving Day, but the prob-

lem was, people didn't have enough time to thaw them for Thanksgiving dinner. So the next year we delivered a little earlier and helped about 1,500 people. Over the next 15 years the foundation helped over 150,000 people. We help with clothing and food drives, just like you do."

Zorich, who went back to school to earn his law degree after playing several years in the NFL, is now back in South Bend. He works at his alma mater, helping other student athletes at Notre Dame get involved with community service.

Chris Zorich apparently made a big impression on some of the Corpus Christi students, even before he set foot in their gym. Earlier in the week, fourth-grader Matthew Nemeth and fifth-grader Paige Schreiber both dressed up as Zorich and chose him as the person they admired most for his service to others.

"I picked him because he played with little kids and he made a foundation in honor of his mother," said Schreiber. "It was really fun having Chris Zorich come to our school."



DIANE FREEBY

Chris Zorich, a former Chicago Bear and member of the last Notre Dame football team to win a national championship, chats with a young student during his visit to Corpus Christi School in South Bend.

New archbishop says installation a 'graced' moment for all Catholics

BY JOE KOHN

DETROIT (CNS) — The installation of a new bishop is a "graced moment not just for him but for his particular church and all her members as well," said Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, installed as the new head of the Detroit Archdiocese Jan. 28.

In his first homily, alternating between English and Spanish, Archbishop Vigneron called his installation an opportunity for the entire local church, numbering 1.4 million Catholics, to renew its Christian identity.

More than 200 priests from throughout the archdiocese and more than 25 bishops from throughout the country were at his installation Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

The bishops included his predecessor, Cardinal Adam J. Maida, as well as Cardinals Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles and Francis E. George of Chicago and retired Bishop John S. Cummins of Oakland, Calif., whom then-Bishop Vigneron succeeded to head that diocese.

Also in attendance was Metropolitan Nicholas, head of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit.

Archbishop Vigneron's Jan. 5 appointment to succeed Cardinal Maida meant a homecoming for him: He is a native of Mount Clemens and was ordained as a priest for the Detroit Archdiocese in 1975.

During the installation Mass, after he took his seat on the bishop's chair, or the cathedra, he dedicated himself anew to his flock and encouraged all Catholics of the archdiocese to rededicate themselves to the wisdom of God.

As he sat down he was greeted by thunderous applause from the hundreds of priests, deacons, men and women religious and laypeople who filled the cathedral.

After accepting his crosier from Cardinal Maida, he stood to acknowledge the cheers of the congregation, and with a smile on



CNS PHOTO/LARRY A. PEPLIN, MICHIGAN CATHOLIC

Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida hands Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron his crosier during his installation ceremony at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit Jan. 28. A native of the Detroit Archdiocese, Archbishop Vigneron returns there after serving for six years as bishop of Oakland, Calif.

his face, waved to the congregation.

In his homily, reflecting on the ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas, he talked about true wisdom leading to Christians making a "total gift of self."

Speaking in turn to fellow clergymen, laypeople, then parents and young people in particular, he emphasized the example of Christ's complete wisdom in the giving of himself on the cross — an act he said is misconstrued by unbelievers as weakness and foolishness.

He urged them to renew the baptismal promise to "renounce the empty show that passes as wisdom in the world" and to "place all their hope for real happiness in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and the life of the world to come which is already lived in the communion of the church."

At the close of the Mass, Archbishop Vigneron spoke more informally, thanking the congregation for welcoming him and the bishops and religious leaders for greeting him. He also expressed gratitude to those who put the liturgy together.

He gave special thanks to those

who traveled from the Diocese of Oakland to see his installation. About 15 people in the congregation stood at his request.

He drew laughs when he stated that the priests of Oakland believe "they're giving me back, with value added."

Archbishop Vigneron's family was in the front row of pews during the ceremony. The archbishop stopped to kiss his parents during the recessional, during which the congregation applauded.

"We're just elated," said his father, Elwin, after seeing his son installed as Detroit's archbishop. "We're just ready to bust out we're so proud, so happy to have him back here. That was hard on us for him to leave and go to Oakland. ... This is much better."

Archbishop Vigneron's sister, Patricia Maxwell, added that the Mass was emotional for the family.

"Everything was just so beautiful and moving," Maxwell told *The Michigan Catholic*, Detroit's archdiocesan newspaper. "And everybody here just seemed to be so receptive. We're just so glad to have him home. He's a humble, holy man."

Scholar explores hope and suffering in Moreau lecture

BY BILL SCHMITT

NOTRE DAME — Analyzing the motto of the religious community that founded the University of Notre Dame, one of the school's leading theologians said recently that Pope Benedict XVI himself has evoked similar principles in expressing the power of hope for a suffering world.

John Cavadini, chair of Notre Dame's department of theology and director of the Institute for Church Life, said the motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross, "Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope," is a tribute to the cross not as a synonym for suffering per se, but as the reality of God's love for humanity acted out by Christ, to be shared by all Christians.

Communion with Christ's suffering on the cross "opens us up to God and thus to our fellow human beings as well,"

said Cavadini, attributing insights from Pope Benedict's 2007 encyclical "Spe Salvi."

"In the hope that this generates, we are impelled away from an overly individualistic notion of salvation and toward a community-oriented vision of blessed life."

That vision encourages joining together in making this a better world, said Cavadini as he delivered the inaugural Blessed Basil Moreau lecture on Jan. 22. His talk, "The Cross Our Only Hope: Two Views of Suffering in the Christian Tradition," explored differing ideas about whether suffering, as such, is good or bad. In interpreting the motto, he concluded, hope does not come from suffering, but rather from solidarity in Christ's sacrificial love.

The reflections on the motto were timely as Notre Dame and its founding religious community were celebrating the memorial of

Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau, who adopted the phrase.

Moreau's memorial occurred on Jan. 20, and was marked with a Mass in the university's Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The combination of the Mass, the Moreau lecture and other events during the week was given the title, "Holy Cross: Faith in Our Future." One more casual assembly, called "Men in Black," featured a panel of Holy Cross priests talking about their life and work.

The lecture event included follow-up remarks by Mary Ellen O'Connell, a professor in the Notre Dame Law School and expert on the role of international law in war and peace. She said any university can dispense facts about suffering in the world, but, in the spirit of Moreau, the message in Notre Dame scholarship is a hopeful responsiveness based on solidarity with the suffering.

"Those who suffer
throughout the world are
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suffering of Christ."

MARY ELLEN O'CONNELL

"Those who suffer throughout the world are connected to us through the suffering of Christ," O'Connell said, "and we aim at using our knowledge, talent and love to search for ways to mitigate that suffering."

Father Basil Moreau, who founded the Congregation of

Holy Cross in the aftermath of the French Revolution, was a scholar himself, said Holy Cross seminarian Kevin Grove, in his introduction to the lecture event. "I can only imagine that he smiles upon our gathering tonight," Grove said.

He added that he hoped the anticipated lecture series would be "the venue in which professors of many fields have the opportunity to integrate the deepest thought, the most excellent and broadest scholarship, and the earnestness of heart which still characterizes the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross and the University of Notre Dame."



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Catholic lawmakers offer bill to fix gaming law, help parish festivals

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's economy is not the only area suffering a setback. Parish festivals have also suffered a setback due to tougher laws regulating charitable gaming aimed primarily at keeping professional gamblers out.

Regulations promulgated by the Indiana Gaming Commission in the winter of 2008 state that if an individual works at a festival, the individual may not participate in any of the festival events. This rule negatively impacts a parish in a number of ways. Many small parishes rely on participation of parish members who also work the festivals as much as non-members and the public at large for the festival to be a success.

Two Catholic lawmakers Reps. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) and Matt Bell (R-Avilla) have co-authored a bill, HB 1664, to allow festival workers to participate in activities other than the game they are working. The measure will only apply to festivals.

Messmer said Ernest Yelton, the executive director of the Gaming Commission, has allowed some flexibility in the regulation of the statute, including exempting food workers, and those participating in a multi-day festival, but without a change in the statute the commission cannot allow what the statute prohibits.

Messmer, a member of Holy Family Parish in Jasper, who co-chairs his parish's picnic festival with his wife, said they had 184 gaming workers and 310 food workers at their last event.

"We have over half the parish working the event, and a smaller parish might have everyone working the event," said Messmer. "Legally no one can participate if they are working."

"In the Evansville diocese, we were pretty adamant about getting the regulations out to everyone so that we wouldn't be fined," said Messmer. "We saw in every parish in the county probably between 5-10 percent minimum income reductions. These events were all well attended and had good weather. The problem was people at the parish were complying with the law and not participating because they were working the event," said the Jasper lawmaker.

"What HB 1664 would do is allow individuals who work at the

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BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

event to also participate as long as they were not playing the game they are working at," he said. "In reality, that's probably what everyone would have done, but we've been pretty adamant in the Evansville Diocese about getting training out so that we all knew the rules and followed them."

"There were a couple of problems that we saw this year. Not only have we seen a loss of income, but the people who worked at the charitable event this year said, 'yes I'll work this year, but next year I'm not working.'"

"Half the fun of working an event is once you're done working, you can then participate in the festivities. So then if you don't have workers or the volunteers necessary, the parish won't be able to man the event in future years," said Messmer.

Rep. Matt Bell (R-Avilla), parishioner of St. Mary's of the Assumption, in Avilla, and co-author of the bill, said, "I serve as the ranking minority member of the public policy committee, which is where we deal with issues of gaming and other controversial things like alcohol policy. And charitable gaming laws are hard to crack," he said. "Charitable gaming laws cannot be about the good and honest churches and community service organizations who are trying to raise money. Unfortunately, we have to write laws that keep the bad factors out," said Bell.

A similar bill was introduced during the 2008 legislative session, but the chairman of the House Public Policy Committee where the bill was assigned did not give the bill a hearing so then it died.

The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the bill. Calls to your representative to support the bill will encourage Rep. Van Haften to give it a hearing. Bills must clear the house of origin by Feb. 25.

Genealogical ties to the Catholic faith

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — Sometimes when we search out our dreams, we are led to things that we never could have imagined.

St. Pius X parishioner Wendy Summers and her husband James joined Amway in 1995 and one of the company's spokespersons encouraged them to put pictures up in their home that remind them of their dreams. Wendy cut out pictures from magazines and put them up on her refrigerator and bathroom mirror at home, and also carried one with her in her day planner.

The picture in her day planner was a big two-story white house with a porch that wrapped around the entire second floor. "I loved that house, I wanted that house. I carried that dream everywhere that I went," Wendy recalls.

In 1998, Wendy and her extended family went to a Thanksgiving family reunion of the Metoyer family, which are maternal relatives in Louisiana. She and her siblings brought their children to stress the importance of learning about their family history. Wendy was especially excited to see this area of Louisiana for the first time.

While visiting, Wendy and her family took a tour bus to Melrose Plantation, a National Historic Landmark in the Cane River Country and home of a Metoyer descendent from the mid-18th century. As the tour bus approached the large residence called "The Big House," she sensed something about the house seemed familiar.

"I realized it was the house, the house of my dreams," says Wendy. "When I opened my day planner and pulled out the picture I had carried for years, I realized my dream house was the home of my ancestors."

Wendy is very proud of her ancestry and her early Catholic roots in America. Her maternal American lineage can be traced back to the birth of Marie Thereze Coincoin, a slave born in Natchitoches, La., in the year 1742. Referred to as Coincoin, she was the daughter of African slaves Francois and Marie Francoise.

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Francois. According to Gary Mills' book, "The Forgotten People," Francois was baptized on Dec. 26, 1735 by Father Pierre Vitry, a priest of the Company of Jesus serving the parish of St. Francois des Natchitoches.

Novelist Elizabeth Shown Mills and wife of author Gary Mills, states in her novel, "Isle of Canes," that Coincoin was baptized on Aug. 24, 1742 by Father Arcange Capuchin. Coincoin became the mother of 14 children, 10 of whom were with Frenchman Claude Thomas Pierre Metoyer. During the early 18th century, Wendy explains, people of different races were not allowed to marry. Wendy's lineage comes from Claude Thomas Pierre and Coincoin's fourth child, Pierre II and his second wife, Marie Henriette Dorothee Monet Cloutier.

The importance of the Catholic faith in the Cane River area of Louisiana is noted in "The Forgotten People." Slaves were routinely baptized Catholic and participated in the rituals of the faith. In his book, Gary Mills states, "The rosary was said at home every night before retiring, and the children were always led in their bedtime prayers by an older adult who knelt with them. The church bell rang the Angelus every morning at six, calling the faithful to daily Mass if there was a priest on the Isle, and again at that hour of the evening."

The concept of connecting with the deceased was evident at Easter gatherings in the area. Easter celebrations were held at a cemetery where people came to observe the end of Lent. In "The Forgotten People," Mills notes that children hid eggs around grave markers, but that in doing so were not signifying disrespect of the dead. "On the contrary they were viewed as a means of sharing life once more with loved ones long departed," he explains in his book.

All of Wendy's maternal ancestors remained in Louisiana until 1925 when her grandmother Irene Evelyn LeGras, a sixth generation descendent of Marie Thereze Coincoin, moved to Chicago.

In 1989 another of Wendy's ancestors made news when Mother Henriette Delille became a candidate for sainthood in the Catholic Church. In 1859 Wendy's great-



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In collecting family history, Wendy Summers, a parishioner at St. Pius X, Granger, has traced her Catholic roots in America. Her maternal American lineage can be traced back to the birth of Marie Thereze Coincoin, a slave born in Natchitoches, La., in the year 1742. Referred to as Coincoin, she was the daughter of African slaves Francois and Marie Francoise. The earliest accounts of Wendy's Catholic heritage can be traced to Coincoin's father Francois. According to Gary Mills' book, "The Forgotten People," Francois was baptized on Dec. 26, 1735 by Father Pierre Vitry, a priest of the Company of Jesus serving the parish of St. Francois des Natchitoches.

great grandmother, Emma Metoyer, married Jerome Sarpy Jr. Henriette Delille was Jerome's father's half sister.

According to the *Clarion Herald*, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Mother Henriette founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1842 to provide for the care and education of slaves during the pre-Civil War era. This was at a time when educating slaves could result in the death penalty. Mother Henriette's cause for beautification has been submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

Next week in part II of this series, Wendy talks about people who have played a significant role in her religious journey. Additionally, St. Pius X parishioners share insights on Wendy's spiritual influence on their faith.



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Vatican: Holocaust denial by traditionalist bishop is unacceptable

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Remarks made by a traditionalist bishop who denied that millions of Jews were murdered during World War II are unacceptable, “foolish,” and in no way reflect the position of the Catholic Church, said the Vatican’s top ecumenist and major dialogue partner with the Jews. “Such gibberish is unacceptable,” said German Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations With the Jews in an interview with the Italian daily *La Repubblica* Jan. 26. British-born Bishop Richard Williamson of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X has claimed that the Holocaust was exaggerated and that no Jews died in Nazi gas chambers. He repeated his position in a Swedish television interview recorded last November but aired Jan. 21 — on the same day Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication against Bishop Williamson and three other bishops who had been ordained against papal orders in 1988 by the late French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. The Vatican made the decree public Jan. 24. The Vatican released a statement Jan. 27 from the head of the Swiss-based society, Bishop Bernard Fellay, who apologized for the damage caused by Bishop Williamson’s remarks and said they in no way reflect the society’s positions.

Bishop’s remarks on Holocaust strain US Jewish-Catholic relations

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Strained Jewish-Catholic relations are being felt beyond the Vatican and Israel as U.S. rabbis express their displeasure with Pope Benedict XVI’s decision to lift the excommunication of a traditionalist bishop who has minimized the severity and extent of the Holocaust. “It has been very hurtful to our Jewish partners,” said Father James Massa, executive director of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. “They’ve been calling us for answers for what this means. The mood is very tense.” The Chief Rabbinate of Israel Jan. 27 postponed indefinitely a March meeting with the Vatican in protest over the pope lifting the excommunication of British-born Bishop Richard Williamson, who has claimed that reports about the Holocaust were exaggerated and that no Jews died in Nazi gas chambers. He was one of four bishops of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X whose excommunication was lifted by the pope Jan. 21. The pope Jan. 28 renewed his “full and unquestionable solidarity” with the Jews and condemned all ignorance, denial and downplaying of the brutal

POPE PETS LION CUB AT GENERAL AUDIENCE



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Pope Benedict XVI pets a lion cub held by a performer of the Medrano Circus during his weekly general audience at the Vatican Jan. 28.

slaughter of millions of Jewish people during the Holocaust. According to a letter posted on his blog Jan. 30, Bishop Williamson apologized to Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos for “having caused to yourself and to the Holy Father so much unnecessary distress and problems.”

Claims on embryonic stem-cell trials said to ignore other progress

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Reports touting recent approval of human clinical trials of a treatment for spinal-cord injuries using embryonic stem cells ignore the “great strides” already being made using adult stem cells, according to leaders of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. “News stories are playing up the potential of the use of embryonic stem cells, as they have been for nearly a decade, despite the lack of significant progress,” said an unsigned commentary posted Jan. 26 on the Web site of the Philadelphia-based bioethics center. But adult stem cells “are already in extensive clinical use,” the commentary added. Geron Corp. in Menlo Park, Calif., announced Jan. 23 that the Food and Drug Administration had approved human clinical tests in paralyzed patients with acute spinal cord injury, using a stem-cell treatment

developed from destroyed human embryos. The stem-cell line used to develop the treatment came from embryos that had already been destroyed before former President George W. Bush’s 2001 announcement barring federal funding of any stem-cell research involving embryos destroyed after the date of Bush’s decision.

Pope says love, not euthanasia, eases the suffering of the dying

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Love is the only thing that can ease the suffering of the terminally ill and it is the only worthy response of those who value the life that is ending, Pope Benedict XVI said. Christians must have the courage to say publicly and clearly that “euthanasia is a false solution to the drama of suffering, a solution unworthy of the human person,” the pope said Feb. 1 during his midday Angelus address. Marking the Italian Catholic Church’s celebration of Pro-Life Sunday, the pope said helping a terminally ill person die might give the impression of easing that individual’s suffering, but the only authentically human response to the suffering of another is the witness of “love that helps one face pain and agony in a human way.” Pope Benedict said, “Of this we are certain: No tear — not of one who suffers, nor

of one who is near to that person — goes unnoticed by God.” The pope entrusted to Mary all those who are suffering and all those who care for them, “serving life at every stage: parents, health care workers, priests, religious, researchers, volunteers and many others.”

Psychological testing in seminaries can offer insights, some say

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Psychological assessments of seminary candidates offer vital insights during the screening process, said U.S. seminary rectors in remarks about a Vatican document that recommends some use of psychological testing in seminaries. The Vatican released the document “Guidelines for the Use of Psychology in the Admission and Formation of Candidates for the Priesthood” Oct. 30. Approved by Pope Benedict XVI, it was written by the Congregation for Catholic Education. The document notes the value of using psychological evaluations in some cases, but when it was released the education congregation’s prefect said it discourages using such assessments as a screening tool for all candidates. In an interview with Catholic News Service, Father Dennis J. Lyle, rector and presi-

dent of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, said psychological evaluations provide key information when selecting seminary candidates, but he agreed those assessments should not be the only determining factor in the screening process.

Pope sends message, chalice to new Russian Orthodox patriarch

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI gave a chalice to the new patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church and expressed his hope that Catholics and Russian Orthodox can improve their relationship. “It is my earnest hope that we will continue to cooperate in finding ways to foster and strengthen communion in the body of Christ in fidelity to our savior’s prayer that all may be one so that the world may believe,” the pope said. Pope Benedict’s message to Patriarch Kirill of Moscow was delivered by a high-level Vatican delegation attending his enthronement liturgy in Moscow Feb. 1. The pope also sent Patriarch Kirill a chalice as a sign of his hope that the Catholic and Orthodox churches soon will be in full communion with each other, the Vatican said Feb. 2. Patriarch Kirill, 62, was elected patriarch Jan. 27 after serving almost 20 years as chairman of the Russian Orthodox Church’s department for ecumenical relations. In that position, he had met Pope Benedict three times over the past four years.

The deeper one’s faith, the greater one’s generosity, cardinal says

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (CNS) — Noting that churchgoers’ generosity to charity has declined in recent decades, U.S. Cardinal John P. Foley told a Catholic donors group that “generosity is related to faith; the greater and deeper our faith, the greater will be our generosity.” In an address Jan. 29 to a meeting of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities, or FADICA, Cardinal Foley, grandmaster of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, recalled his childhood and young adult years when even children commonly tithed a percentage of their allowance or other earnings to their churches and other charities. An advance copy of the text of his speech was released by his Vatican office. “What has happened in the years since the 1950s,” when people like his parents “gave easily,” he asked. He recalled his mother and father donating “at least 10 percent and as much as 20 percent of their income to the church, depriving themselves of new coats or a new car because they knew that the Little Sisters of the Poor or the Dominican sisters who cared for those dying of cancer needed the help much more than either of them needed a new coat.”

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend receives grants

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend recently received grants totaling \$12,000 from the Black and Indian Mission Fund, Washington, D.C. The grant money will be used to assist Black and Native Americans in need at the following parishes and schools:

Black American Grants

South Bend:

- Holy Cross School — \$2,000 for tuition for one non-Catholic student
- Holy Family School — \$2,000 for tuition assistance for Freedom 22 Program
- Our Lady of Hungary School — \$2,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Adalbert School — \$2,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Augustine Church — \$1,000 for African American Tutor Program
- Fort Wayne:
 - St. Mary Church — \$1,000 for tuition assistance for non-Catholic high-school students

Native American Grants

South Bend:

- Holy Family Church — \$1,000 for assistance to two Native American families in need
- Our Lady of Hungary School — \$1,000 for tuition assistance for 13 students

The annual diocesan-wide collection to assist the Black and Indian Missions will be taken up on March 1, the first Sunday of Lent.

WoodsUp.com features Lincoln bicentennial materials

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — As the United States prepares to celebrate the bicentennial of former President Abraham Lincoln's birth and his influence on the history of our nation (Feb. 12), the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods have included information about Lincoln's life on their children's Web site, www.WoodsUp.com.

The Web site is dedicated to educational materials for children of all faith traditions, primarily prepared for fourth- through eighth-graders.

In honor of one of our nation's greatest leaders, WoodsUp.com features information and photos of President Lincoln. Materials include personal memories of his early years in Indiana, a time line, some of his speeches, his visit to Richmond, Va., at the end of the Civil War and his assassination. There also is a listing of Lincoln bicentennial Web sites that might help in planning lessons.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP D'ARCY CELEBRATES BASIL MOREAU FEAST



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Holy Cross Father Charles Lavelly carries the processional cross at Holy Cross House where Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated a Mass Jan. 20 in honor of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregations of Holy Cross. Holy Cross House is the venue for retired members of the Holy Cross Congregation, priests and brothers, many of whom have special needs. Bishop D'Arcy celebrated Mass with priests who have served all over the world — in Nigeria, Uganda, Bangladesh, Brazil, Haiti, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Tanzania and others.

WoodsUp.com not only features history, but also art and music, environment, peace and justice, information about St. Mother Theodore Guérin and a faith and values section. The history and peace and justice sections comply with the new Indiana Academic Standards. Additionally, the history lesson plans include the Indiana Core Standards.

USF director of campus ministry receives certification

FORT WAYNE — Janet Patterson, director of Campus Ministry at the University of Saint Francis, has recently been certified by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by way of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA), a national professional association for campus ministers.

Patterson has been director since 2005 and came to Fort Wayne from the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, where she served as pastoral associate at St. Richard Parish in North Olmsted. She has a master's degree in ministry from Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio and is a certified pastoral minister in the Cleveland diocese.

For more information on cam-

pus ministry call (260) 399-7700, ext. 6703.

Forever Learning Institute classes begin

SOUTH BEND — The spring semester for the Forever Learning Institute, located in the Little Flower Parish Center, 54191 Ironwood Rd., begins March 2 with "Something for Everyone Over Fifty" classes and the 21st Century Lecture Series. Registration will be held on site on Feb. 17-18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by mail.

For class information, fees and registration forms visit www.foreverlearninginstitute.org.

USF lecture explores the life of Christ

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host a lecture by Sister Jacinta Krecek, assistant professor of theology, entitled "Meeting Jesus in St. Bonaventure's Tree of Life" on Sunday, March 1, at 3 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

Sister Krecek will examine how St. Bonaventure's Tree of Life, "Lignum Vitae," 1260, explores the life of Christ through the power of imagination and draws a deeper understanding of

God and mankind.

Time for questions and answers will follow with light refreshments. This free public lecture is sponsored by the department of philosophy and theology and the school of arts and sciences.

For more information contact Angie Springer at (260) 399-8066 or aspringer@sf.edu.

Serra funds vocation program in Mexico

The Serra International Foundation has presented a \$2,000 grant to the "Come and See" vocation program for women in Guadalupe, Mexico. This program allows young women to explore religious life for a three-month period and then enter a discernment period of religious life at a Mexican convent for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

In addition the Serra Club of South Bend annually donates \$500 to the "Come and See" program.

In 2008, three women entered this first phase of the program and two have advanced to the next level of commitment.

The "Come and See" program is conducted and administered by Sister Michelle Toepp, CSC. Sister Toepp is a graduate of

Marian High School and Ball State University. She is the daughter of Dr. John and Marilyn Toepp of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish.

Lindenwood hosts eating disorder retreat

DONALDSON — Registration is now underway for a 12-Step Compulsive Eating and Eating Disorders Retreat to be held at the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. The retreat is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27 and will end at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. Program fee is \$165 for single room, \$135 per person for a double room and \$85 for commuters.

This weekend retreat will focus on 12-step living and spirituality for men and women. For information or to register call (574) 935-1763 weekdays, e-mail lw@lindenwood.org or visit www.lindenwood.org. Registration deadline is Feb. 20.

College Goal Sunday gives free help to Indiana financial aid students

INDIANAPOLIS — College Goal Sunday is a charitable program of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA) that provides free information and assistance to Indiana families filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

For Indiana students seeking undergraduate admission to a college or technical school in 2009, it is important to file the FAFSA — the form required by educational institutions nationwide — so that it is received by the federal processor by March 10. By filing on time, students have an improved chance of receiving federal and state grants, loans and scholarships, as well as other financial aid.

College Goal Sunday 2009 is at 2 p.m. (local time) Sunday, Feb. 15, at 36 sites statewide. At the event, financial aid professionals from Indiana colleges and universities walk through the FAFSA line-by-line and answer families' individual questions. This year, all sites offer FAFSA online capabilities and many have Spanish interpreters. For more information, visit www.CollegeGoalSunday.org.

Bishop Luers announces LuersKnight

FORT WAYNE — This year Bishop Luers High School is proud to be celebrating 50 years of quality Catholic education. As a tribute to the last 50 years of success, LuersKnight 2009 will be held on Friday, April 24.

Hall's will provide the dinner, along with entertainment by the Luers Jazz Band and Minstrels. To purchase an advertisement in the booklet, or for an individual, family or corporate table, contact Laurie Miller at (260) 704-0857 or e-mail at TLMiller1988@comcast.net.

CELEBRATING THE LITURGICAL SEASONS WITH

St. Jude art and environment committee focuses on church beauty

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — What began as a stewardship project for a Small Christian Community group has turned into a spiritual venue for creativity and commitment. Sarah Johnson, longtime parishioner of St. Jude Parish, along with her husband Rick and the members of her Small Christian Community, decided one day to practice what they preached.

The group became committed to helping the Arts and Environment Committee (AEC) in charge of decorating the church sanctuary and surrounding area for the church seasons.

“Seven years ago, after complaining about church decor, we decided to do something to help. We started by hanging things and fetching things,” says Johnson. Eventually, she adds, they became the committee.

Currently, in addition to meeting monthly in their Small Christian Community, the AEC members also meet twice each year to plan the decor for Christmas and Easter. Johnson sends out monthly e-mails to “connect with members” and share her thoughts on the upcoming season. “I let them know what we have to do. Organizing it is good on e-mail,” Johnson reports.

Johnson has inspired the group to take field trips several times each year to other churches to observe the decor for a particular season. The group has also been known to take sojourns to the Shippshewana flea market and other unique areas in search of inexpensive but unique wares.

This creative bunch works with a budget based on donations and Johnson says, “Sometimes we have to be more creative. But God has always given us what we needed.”

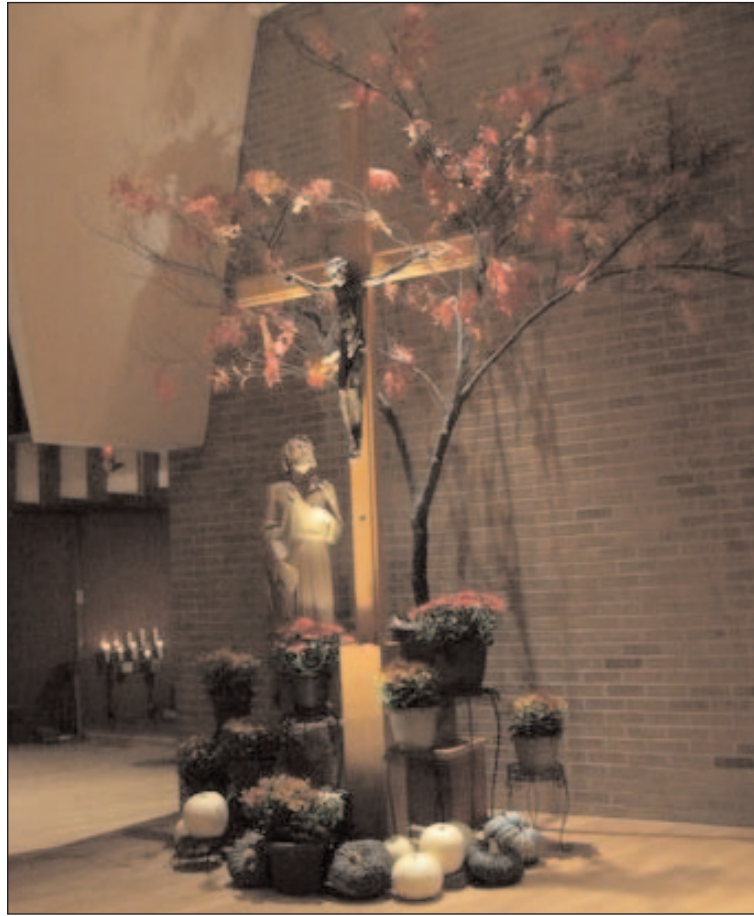
That includes nature’s bounty, with the group providing beautiful arrangements that mirror what’s going on outside. “We go out as a group and cut down dead plants to use each year. We have gathered pumpkins in the fall. We even used a dead tree and glued leaves on it one time,” says Johnson.

Other arrangements have included a Lenten display of a crown of thorns, with 30 pieces of silver and for the Triumph of the Cross, St. Jude’s crucifix, laden with bouquets of flowers, lay on the altar steps well in reach of any prayerful hand.

The AEC works as a team with the parish administration. Johnson meets with St. Jude’s pastor, Father Tom Shoemaker, monthly during the liturgy meeting to keep him abreast of what the committee has planned. And bulletin blurbs offer information to St. Jude parishioners on the meaning of the church decorations in any given season.

The group follows the “Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy.” The source book is issued each year as a fresh resource on liturgical music, prayer and environment.

Many of the members of the committee have an art or theology background. “Each has his own talent and does what they’re good at,” says Johnson, who orders the flowers to adorn the altar and surrounding area.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ST. JUDE ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

St. Jude’s Arts and Environment Committee uses natural elements such as dead tree limbs to create this fall arrangement inspired by the tree of life.

Another member waters and cares for the plants.

And over the years this creative group has learned much about not only the church calendar, but seasonal colors and liturgical plants. “We learn from each other,” says Johnson, adding that during any particular season each member of the group will com-

plete a unique part of the design and then collectively critique the look. “Each sees it in a different way and works differently. We’re fortunate to have great and dedicated people who enjoy this. Everyone enjoys each other and works as a team. Anyone can fix anything at any time. No one is the boss,” reports Johnson.

Each season requires a creative vision for decorating the church. From seasonal flowers such as poinsettias to Easter lilies, St. Jude’s AEC transforms the sacred sanctuary space into a bouquet for the eyes. And to assist with the longest period on the church calendar, called Ordinary Time, committee members occasionally move the green plants adorning the altar into different spots in the church and in different arrangements. “Our biggest challenge,” says Johnson, “is we don’t want it to be boring for people.”

Of her involvement with St. Jude’s Arts and Environment Committee Johnson reflects, “I feel satisfaction that we do it, and Jesus would be happy with it. He guides us with everything. We all feel that way. We’re here because it’s what he wants us to be doing right now.”



The committee uses seasonal flowers such as poinsettias and special lighting techniques to decorate for Christmas events.



St. Jude’s Arts and Environment Committee decorated the crucifix with purple fabric and thorns depicting the agony of Christ during Lent. The red fabric was added for Passion Sunday.

FILE CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR PRAYER

Diocesan Environment and Arts Committee supports building growth

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — With the growth around the diocese within the past decade, from the building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw to the completion of the adoration chapel at St. Thomas the Apostle in Elkhart, the members of the diocesan Environment and Arts Committee (EAC) have been very busy.

The Environment and Arts Committee, under the auspices of the diocesan Office of Worship, is comprised of seven men and women from all around the area, who share their expertise with Bishop John M. D'Arcy in construction, architecture, engineering, canon law, church building aesthetics and more. Their job is to oversee church renovation and the design of new worship space.

Brian MacMichael, director of the Office of Worship and member of the EAC, says the group typically meets on an as-needed basis, but continues to communicate regularly as to upcoming liturgical projects within the diocese. Each parish, he says, is responsible to alert the committee of any new building or renovation plans.

New plans require a step-by-step process, says MacMichael. Contacting the EAC with plans and ideas is the first step in the building process. As the parish begins the project, the committee is consulted at

every stage of construction for advice and approval with the finance council. "Many times the committee meets on site to offer advice," says MacMichael.

The advice the committee offers is rooted in church doctrine using knowledge from not only canon law, the general instruction of the Roman Missal, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and papal documents, but also the guidelines set forth in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) document, "Built of Living Stones," from 2000.

"Our resources have a theological and sacramental element," says MacMichael, adding that any new worship space is "not just a meeting place, but must be appropriate for Mass, liturgy and worship."

As with moving the tabernacle in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Warsaw (see story at right), all liturgical changes in a church must be approved by the committee. Typically MacMichael meets with parishioners of any parish interested in building or renovating to "get an idea of what they want." He then presents the idea to the committee to be scrutinized by each member. "Everyone has input," he says.

With the broad base of experience within the committee, the members have proposed ideas that have been well received by the parishes. "Parishes have been open to new ideas," says MacMichael, adding that the committee's job is to offer guidance for a beautiful and prayerful place, not to tell them what to do. "We make them aware of options," he says.

Many of the churches are cognizant of the closures of older churches and work to share the beautiful religious artwork, hand-crafted liturgical furnishings and stain glass that is salvaged when building or renovations take place.

"The church is looking to give old things a new home," says MacMichael. "There are groups who work with salvage, so these things don't get thrown out. It's a viable option for parishes." MacMichael takes great interest in the process of discovering unique pieces that would benefit a specific church building and hopes that this "dialog between traditional and

new" will continue in the years to come.

"I'm excited to see the designs in the next 20 years. The new churches get the opportunity to create an example for other churches to evangelize. They persevere modern needs

but harken to the tried-and-true that gives glory to God," he says.

MacMichael's personal emphasis for the committee — "We're not just here to quote a document. We articulate and promote a vision. The bishop does that — and this is why we're doing it. Once everyone understands the importance of sacred architecture and art, it changes everything."

For more information on the Environment and Art Committee visit www.diocesefwsb.org

"We articulate and promote a vision."

BRIAN MACMICHAEL,
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP



KAY COZAD

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine tabernacle was moved from its original placement at the far right of the altar to the center of the church directly behind the altar, under the guidance of Bishop John M. D'Arcy. The move, approved by the diocesan Environment and Arts Committee, makes the tabernacle more visible.

Centering the tabernacle at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church becomes common trend

BY KAY COZAD

WARSAW — Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine, built in 2004-2005, atop a hill on the outskirts of Warsaw is a spiritual haven for the local Catholic Hispanic and immigrant population. The parish family had been meeting for Mass and gatherings for over 25 years in a small building in Milford. The church, a design of Ruben Santos, Oakland, Calif., winner of the international design competition, is a beautiful stucco building in Hispanic tradition. The sanctuary seats 500 people and the building itself includes a meeting room, classrooms, a kitchen and dining area and ample parking.

The altar area is well lit with natural lighting and is elevated by a rich wooden three-tiered platform. Originally, the tabernacle, the ornamental locked box used as the receptacle for the consecrated hosts of the Eucharist, was located off the right side of the altar. Though this placement was liturgically correct by all standards, Father Paul Bueter, then-

pastor, by the recommendation of Bishop John M. D'Arcy, has recently had the tabernacle moved to be centered directly behind the altar.

"Bishop encouraged us to put the tabernacle in the center. It was approved by the (diocesan) Environment and Arts Committee," reports Father Bueter, adding that a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe now graces the wall to the right of the altar where the tabernacle once stood. Currently both the picture and tabernacle can be seen by all parts of the church. "It works better," he says.

According to Brian MacMichael, director of the Office of Worship and member of the Environment and Arts Committee, Bishop D'Arcy, from his meetings with the pope and other bishops across the country, emphasizes recapturing the benefits of having the tabernacle accessible to the people. "The tabernacle houses the Eucharist and gives the church its sacramental nature. It should be in an open place," he says.

The tabernacle by church law

may be situated in a separate chapel, where it is accessible for personal adoration time before the Blessed Sacrament. But that, says MacMichael, must be balanced with church worship. "It seems there is a lot of enthusiasm when the architecture benefits from having the tabernacle in the center of the sanctuary for Mass. Now in Our Lady of Guadalupe the tabernacle is very visible."

As for the popular opinion of the parish, Sister Joan Hastreiter, a Sister of St. Joseph and pastoral minister at Our Lady of Guadalupe, reports, "The people are very pleased. We used the same things as before, just in different positions. The tabernacle looks very beautiful in the center as bishop wanted it. And the parishioners are thrilled (the picture of) Our Lady is up where the tabernacle was."

Since Bishop D'Arcy encouraged the priests of the diocese to maintain or move their church's tabernacle to the center of the altar area, four parishes, with the approval of the Environment and Arts Committee, have moved their tabernacles.



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A new meaning for the shamrock

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — “Irish Town” was the term used for the neighborhood of St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne 120 years ago; its first three pastors were named O’Leary, Delaney and Monahan, and for years, it has been a tradition to have a green strip on the pavement in front of the church on St. Patrick’s Day.

With the passing of time, parish closings and shifted neighborhoods, the shamrock held high by St. Patrick’s statue symbolizing the Holy Trinity could well represent the three cultures, which now make up the living stones of St. Patrick — Mexican, Anglos and Vietnamese.

Blending with this cultural crunch, are two priests, new to St. Patrick’s — both are members of Society of Divine Word Missionaries (SVD).

Thirty-five-year-old Father Khoa Nguyen (pronounced Kwa When) spent his early childhood in Saigon and grew up in northern Virginia after his family moved to



FATHER KHOA NGUYEN, SVD

the United States.

Regarding his vocation to the priesthood, he says, “When I was little I enjoyed ‘playing Mass’ and loved going to Mass as a child,” but did not however, consider a religious vocation ... and when the idea of the priesthood did occur, he told himself “that’s impossible because I am not a good person.”

Since he was good in math and computer science, he attended George Washington University and got a degree in electrical engineering, thinking that would be his career for life.

Toward the end of his college years thoughts of the priesthood returned in a prevailing way, but

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At St. Patrick’s, Father Nguyen assists the pastor, Divine Word Missionaries Father Chau Pham, in ministering to the Vietnamese parishioners as well as the Anglos.

Also on hand temporarily at St. Patrick is another Divine Word Missionaries priest, 43-year-old Father Robert Ratajczak. He is here for five weeks to brush up on his English and Spanish (he is already fluent in French and his native Polish).

Father Ratajczak never “played Mass” when he was a kid. “I skipped Mass and went to church because my mother told me to.”

After completing college in Poland, he went to nursing school, with the intention of going to the

island of Madagascar to assist in healthcare there.

It was at this point that Nurse Ratajczak experienced the feeling that “there was something missing,” and made casual inquiries about the novitiate with Divine Word Missionaries. He was told that his nursing skills would be quite useful in the missionary field, and with that encouragement, decided to try it for one year and never left the Society. He studied theology in Canada, did his overseas training in Asbury Park, N.J., and then went to Africa for eight years, returning to Canada four years ago.

St. Patrick’s is truly an interesting place these days. Three mornings a week there is an intimate Mass in the sacristy with three or four worshipers present. On Sunday mornings there are Masses in English and Vietnamese followed by a Spanish Mass at noon with standing room only.

This year on St. Patrick’s Day the traditional green stripe will probably be painted on Harrison Street once again, but in actuality, this grand old parish now is truly a place where many flags are flying.

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EDITORIAL

Make those suffering a priority

With more and more people losing their jobs and jobless figures increasing, the church once again finds herself hearing the cries of those suffering.

Last week, the U.S. bishops urged Congress and the Senate to make poor families and vulnerable workers central priorities as Congress adopted economic recovery legislation.

These words were similarly echoed by Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the You Can Lend a Hand luncheon, sponsored by Quality Dining, Inc., at the Fort Wayne Light of Learning recognition event. Bishop D'Arcy was the keynote speaker at both the Fort Wayne and South Bend events and noted that economic difficulties often contribute to a downturn in numbers of students at Catholic schools.

"We must not let that happen," Bishop D'Arcy said.

He said for high school students, "we're going to try to make more funds available for scholarships, from grants." And he encouraged parishes with schools to do the same: "We must not lose children because of this (economic) downturn."

It's always been the position of the Catholic Church to care for those in need. Pope Benedict XVI said in his encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" ("God Is Love"), that the church can no more forget the ministry of charity, than it can forget the ministry of the Word and the sacraments.

Last week, we reported on a study on the state of Catholic schools in the U.S. conducted by Holy Cross Father Timothy R. Scully, professor of political science and director of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives, and presented to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Father Scully led a task force study and says the decline in enrollment in Catholic schools is largely due to finances.

Father Scully's words of wisdom, which we can all take to heart and that go beyond the current economic downturn, were: "The fundamental shift that has to occur in the church in order for our Catholic schools to recover the importance that they have always held is that we as a Catholic community have to commit ourselves to the work of this apostolate. The work of Catholic education is the responsibility of all Catholics. It's not just the responsibility of parents who have children. It's the future of our church."

In many parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the commitment to Catholic education is strong — as a parish ministry and as a tool of evangelization. Our schools often welcome non-Catholics. Some of these fruits have been families deciding to join the church.

We encourage our parishes — with or without schools — to support Catholic schools or nearby Catholic schools. We encourage families to consider Catholic education for their children. We encourage parents who think they may not be able to afford Catholic education for their children to talk to their parish priest.

As Bishop D'Arcy said at last week's luncheon, "It is very critical that young people meet Jesus Christ in the classroom, in the chapel and at Mass; but especially learning the faith and asking questions ..."

Stimulus that bolsters the innate dignity of the human person

Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, New York, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development of the USCCB, commented, "Low-income families and individuals are experiencing the greatest hardship and have the least capacity to cope in this time of economic crisis." Bishop Murphy added in the letter that these people are also more likely "to use these new resources quickly to purchase the essentials of life and to help move our economy forward."

He said, "Congress should resist pressure to advance ideological or partisan agendas. New measures to expand contraception coverage or prescribe rules for immigrant employment are particularly inappropriate in legislation to promote economic recovery. Attention to those most affected by the crisis with priority for the poor and vulnerable can restore economic growth by rebuilding hope and opportunity for those who are losing their jobs, their homes, and their chance at a decent life for their families."

Stay tuned to see how this turns out in the U.S. Senate.

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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Prolife voter must weigh all issues

I am angry at Richard M. Doerflinger's assertion in *Today's Catholic* Feb. 1 issue, "Pro-Obama Catholics urged to send post card," that Catholics who voted for Obama must send the FOCA vote postcards as "penance." I am pro-life and will be sending my post cards, but absolutely not as penance for my vote. My vote was cast for Obama because I believed him to

be the true champion of social justice in this past election.

Christ says to take care of our poor, and in my opinion, Obama has definite plans to create jobs and get people out of poverty. Christ says to take care of the sick, and Obama's plan to create free health care for children and reduce the cost of good health care for those of us without insurance was both reasonable and achievable.

Obama was the only candidate with concrete ideas for protecting God's earth. There are so

many other issues at play in an election, and a voter must weigh all of those issues before voting.

Do Obama's Christlike ideals outweigh the issue of abortion? In my opinion, they do. I will not criticize those Catholics who feel that the vote for the antiabortion candidate outweighs the other issues. So please do not tell me that I must do "penance" for a vote I made with much thought and based on what I believe to be Christian principles.

Ann Britzke
Goshen

Rabbi Michael Signer remembered as friend, promoter of dialogue

NOTRE DAME — The richness of a diocese is found not only in the faith of its community, but is also found in the many friends it treasures in other faith communities. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was enriched by the presence of Rabbi Michael Signer, who died of pancreatic cancer on Jan. 10. He was 63.

In 1992 Rabbi Signer chose to move from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles to the University of Notre Dame, accepting the Abrams Chair in Jewish Thought and Culture.

This professional choice, to be a presence in the Catholic world, was founded on his conviction that a Jewish teacher at a Catholic school would have a profound impact. His presence will be felt in Catholic classrooms he never will see, because he educated those who educate.

Rabbi Dr. David Ellenson, president of Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, in his eulogy at Michael's funeral, said: "I felt a profound loss when he and Betty departed Los Angeles and moved to South Bend. ... Notre Dame was blessed to have his presence on their campus, though even I could not fully have imagined all he would accomplish in his position as Abrams Professor or how much it would mean to both the Catholic Church and the Jewish community that such a learned, passionate and committed scholar-rabbi was now present in the highest international and national circles of Catholic-Jewish dialogue and academic discourse. I took and take such pride in all he accomplished while occupying that chair and was ultimately grateful that he made that move as well as for the unbreakable chord

that continued to link us together."

Michael always insisted that the dialogue between Christians and Jews was done first in personal friendships; this guaranteed its future. The steps forward and the painful steps backward, which mark the slow work of interfaith dialogue, were always noted by Michael in his honest commentary, followed by the listening and the struggling for clarity and insight available among friends. And how many friends — inside and out of the department of theology at Notre Dame — recited daily the 23rd Psalm in solidarity with Michael after he began his struggle with cancer. There were many friends of such different backgrounds reciting Psalm 23 finally at the prayer services when his wife, Betty, sat shiva.

Michael's scholarly expertise encompassed medieval biblical exegesis, history, liturgy and the Jewish-Christian dialogue. He was an international scholar, lecturing and teaching classes from Jerusalem to Rome, Poland to Los Angeles.

In 2005 he was declared the annual "Person of Reconciliation" by the Polish Council of Christians and Jews. He showed courage, verbal precision and insight in writing, with three others, the document, "Dabru Emet: A Jewish Statement on Christians and Christianity." Published in 2000, it remains a gift to the Christian community, still discussed and reflected upon.

I was invited to join a tour organized by Michael and Betty to Poland in 2007. I remember, especially, a visit to The Old Jewish Cemetery in Lublin.

Our group of 50 was composed of Catholic and Jew, theological



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and rabbinic students, American, Israeli, Polish and German. The graveyard had escaped Nazi destruction only because it was on land constantly fought over by Russian and German troops. Betty obtained a relevant permission, the door was unlocked in the old stone wall, and we entered. There were old tires and trash heaped at the bottom of the hill, but the graveyard was miraculously there, with graves dating from 1541, mostly of distinguished rabbis, scholars and Jewish leaders. We visited the grave of Yaakov Yitzhak Horowitz, the Seer of Lublin. It was intact, enclosed in its metal bower. I was overwhelmed by the richness of history, the evidence of a vibrant community, the reverence of those visiting the cemetery and by our presence there together. I listened as the rabbinic students were translating the headstones and discussing the stories of the famous teachers. Michael had brought us to a holy place, and invited us in.

May his memory be for a blessing.

Let he who makes peace in the heavens, grant peace to all of us and to all Israel. Let us say, Amen. — From The Mourner's Kaddish.

Nancy Cavadini is the South Bend coordinator of the Diocesan Ecumenical Office.

Children grieve too

A host of research and support venues have been developed in recent years to educate and assist the bereft adults of our communities. But what of our children? Their grief is as real as any adult's, but is many times overlooked or misunderstood.

Following their father's untimely death, my two young daughters found themselves lost in the parade of people streaming in to comfort me. There were important matters to attend to, but even in my darkest moments I felt it important to invite my children to participate in any way they could.

Of course, decisions must be based on age appropriateness, but I have no regrets about allowing my girls to take part in the funeral or mingling with the influx of mourners that filled our lives for months. After all, whether we like it or not, death is a part of life.

According to Alan Wolfelt, author and leading expert in grief studies, children have an innate ability to distance themselves from the pain when it becomes

too confusing or overwhelming. A child may run off to play after hearing the news of a loved one's death. Some unknowing adults may misunderstand and find that behavior troubling. But it is a child's natural survival instinct at work.

At the visitation, my girls moved between solemnly stroking their father's face to playing with Barbies in the corner of the funeral home. In the days that followed, I noticed them observing that same pattern of intermittent grief bursts mingled with normal life activities.

As the months and years unfolded after Trent's death, I periodically invited my girls to join me in my grief. As my daughter Emily, now 20, says, "Just because a child isn't saying anything does not mean they aren't hurting just as much as everyone else. They simply need support to know it's okay to talk about or express their emotions in an appropriate way."

My daughters have taught me, that every age of development lends itself to a deeper under-

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

KAY COZAD

standing of the meaning of death. As preschoolers my daughters only understood that they missed their daddy, who was no longer coming home. Their cries for him then were quite different than the tears they shed at his absence during their own high school graduations.

Many times, in different age groups, children respond to loss in unconventional ways that raise the eyebrows of some well-intended adults. Comments alerting these children to thinking that they may not be "grieving the right way" only reinforce their desire to stuff their pain.

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Imitate Jesus in loving others



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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 1:29-39

The Book of Job is the source of this weekend's first reading. This book furnishes few details about the identity of Job. It is nonetheless one of the great literary works in the Old Testament since it so remarkably captures the struggle experienced by many believers as they try to keep their faith in the merciful God despite problems in their lives.

Scholars disagree as to when this book was written.

A misreading of Job has led to a phrase that has gone into English common speech. It is the reference to the "patience of Job." Clear in many places in this book is the fact that Job was not always so patient with God. Actually, he usually was impatient.

In this weekend's reading, Job vents this impatience. He asks if life on earth is not in reality chiefly drudgery? Each human being, Job writes, is a slave to the vicissitudes of life. Personally, Job says he has been assigned "months of misery." "I shall not see happiness again," he writes drearily.

St. Paul's First Letter to the

Corinthians provides the second reading. Here Paul insists that he was free to accept the call to be an apostle or to spurn the call. He chose to accept the call.

Accepting the call, and because of the call, Paul evangelizes. He proclaims the good news. He goes far and wide. He explains the identity, and mission, of Jesus. His life as apostle is an act of service, and of love, rising from faith. He says, in fact, that he is a "slave" to his faith.

St. Mark's Gospel provides the last reading. It is the story of the Lord's curing of Peter's mother-in-law. (Matthew and Luke have their versions of the same story.)

The story is clear. Merely by touching her hand, Jesus cured the woman. She was so fully cured, in fact, that she immediately rose from her sickbed and began to wait on Jesus and the disciples. Healthy again, she cared for others.

While the cure is extraordinary, Mark does not make the fortunate mother-in-law the centerpiece of this reading. Rather, Jesus is the focus of the story. Christians have remembered the miracle long. Indeed, archeologists have found traces of this mother-in-law's house in Capernaum. They confirmed their discovery by the fact that ancient Christian inscriptions were found on the walls.

Then, Jesus heals the sick and drives demons away. Then, alone, Jesus went to a distant place to pray. Since there are no deserts in the vicinity of Capernaum, Jesus must have gone some distance, or at least to a barren place. Simon and the others pursue Jesus, longing to be near the Lord, needing the Lord.

Reflection

The church continues to introduce us to Jesus, a process begun weeks ago at Christmas and underscored in the feast of the Epiphany and the feast of the Lord's Baptism.

Jesus is the son of God, with all the power thus implied. His role is to bring to humanity God's mercy, strength and life.

The condition of Peter's mother-in-law, and the anxiousness with which Peter and the others search for Jesus, tell us about ourselves. Conditions occur in life, as overwhelming as those faced by Job. We are powerless. We need the Lord, as the apostles did.

In Jesus, we gain the power to live despite our problems. In the Lord, we gain eternal life, the only permanent reality.

However, Jesus does not break down the doors of our hearts. We must seek the Lord. He awaits us.

Finding the Lord means that we from then onward must imitate Jesus in actively loving others.

READINGS

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Campilsson

In January, we remembered Thomas Aquinas, but this quiz looks at the first Thomas in Christian history.

- How many Kings of Israel were named Thomas?**
 - only one — the one mentioned in John's Gospel
 - two — Big Thomas and Thomas Thumb
 - none
- In John's Gospel, which person has a key role at the beginning of the episode involving Thomas?**
 - Jesus, who baptizes Thomas in the River Styx
 - Mary Magdalene, who goes to the tomb
 - Mary, the mother of God, who is sending Jesus on a mission
- Also in that Gospel, the same person (in question 2) brings what news to Peter and "the disciple whom Jesus loved?"**
 - that the Romans had lowered the price of crosses
 - that Jesus' body had gone
 - that Oedipus had been named king
- Where are the disciples when Jesus first appears to them?**
 - in a locked room
 - in prison
 - in the temple
- What does Jesus tell them?**
 - "The first shall be last."
 - "Peace be with you."
 - "Thou art Peter and on this rock ..."
- What authority does Christ confer on the disciples during this visit?**
 - the power to forgive sins
 - the power to ordain to the diaconate
 - the power to convey the Eucharist via the Appian way
- Why was Thomas not impressed by this?**
 - As a zealot he was only interested in politics.
 - He could not hear as there was too much noise.
 - He was not there.
- Thomas' Greek name was given in Scripture; what is it?**
 - Titus
 - Didymus
 - Apostolis
- What did that Greek name mean?**
 - related to the ruler Tito
 - twin
 - messenger (of god)
- What does Thomas refuse to do?**
 - follow the guidance of the Lord
 - accept the leadership of Peter
 - believe that Jesus appeared to them
- How long does Thomas remain in this frame of mind?**
 - a week
 - We do not know, the Scripture is vague on these details
 - 26 years
- Jesus appears and tells Thomas to do something very specific:**
 - To put his hands into Jesus' side and see his hands
 - To select the replacement for Judas Iscariot
 - To cook two doves and offer one to him and eat one
- What happens next?**
 - Thomas selects Matthias.
 - Thomas puts his hand into Jesus' side.
 - Thomas professes belief.
- Thomas only appears in John's Gospel, true or false?**
 - true
 - false
 - unknown, there is a Thomas mentioned in Mark, Acts and Luke, but we cannot tell if it is the same one
- Where in the Scripture do we learn that Thomas brought Christianity to India?**
 - in the Acts of the Apostles
 - nowhere, as that was just made up for this quiz
 - it is nowhere in Scripture, but is strong tradition in Kerala in India

ANSWERS

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

Mapping the route of the Exodus

What is the route of the Exodus?

The book of Exodus says that the Israelites departed on their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land beginning at the city of Rameses where they had been living.

There were two main routes to take from Egypt to Palestine: 1) the route along the shore of the Mediterranean Sea where they would be more visible, or 2) the desert route where they could be less noticed.

God had the Israelites take the desert route, going from Rameses to Succoth, Etham, Pihahiroth, Baal-zephon, and Migdol, sites in the eastern delta region of Egypt on the way to the Gulf of Suez or the Sea of Reeds.

H. Vos says these five sites cannot be located with certainty, but the New American Bible places most of them in a southeasterly direction toward the Gulf of Suez, and then mentions Pihahiroth may have been on the west shore of the sea, where the Israelites were and



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Baal-zephon on the opposite shore.

The book of Exodus says the Egyptian pharaoh and his army were pursuing Moses and the Israelites. Moses was able to lead his people across the Gulf of Suez safely, but the Egyptians did not make it.

The Israelites entered the Sinai peninsula and marched to Marah where the water was too bitter to drink. Moses threw a piece of wood in the water and it became fresh. The Israelites moved southeast to Elim where they found springs of water and palm trees

The Israelites then went into the desert of Sin and were hungry.

God provided them with manna. The New American Bible says the manna may be similar to a natural substance still found in the Sinai peninsula. It is a sweet resin or honeydew secreted by aphids living on tamarisk bushes that is valued by Bedouins today. The Bible says the manna tasted like wafers made from honey. God also sent quail, which still flock to Sinai each year on their autumn migration from Europe.

Eventually the Israelites reached Mount Sinai. Moses went up the mountain and received the Ten Commandments. Today you can visit Mount Sinai and take the "Path of Our Lord Moses" up the mountain that starts behind St. Catherine's monastery.

In the plain below the mountain, where the Israelites rested, is the Chapel of Aaron, the brother of Moses, where the golden calf is said to have been made.

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

The value of a 'secret shopper'

"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." That's what the old adage says. If that's true, then my college-aged son's heart (as well as stomach) is full as he just landed a second semester job the envy of any healthy, robust 20-year-old male. He's a "secret food shopper" for the university. Basically, he eats and gets paid for it.

A secret food shopper is a food critic, of sorts. The university — I'd love to tell you which, but I don't want to blow his cover — gives him \$25 a week to buy specific food from specific campus establishments and rate the quality, service and general experience. He's paid just above minimum wage for his trouble and consumption of various foods in addition to his compensation is definitely a perk. This sounds to me like an ideal situation — extra food for a 6-foot, 1-inch perpetually hungry kid who works out every day, steady money for extras at school, and the opportunity to offer an opinion. Wow.

So, his first assignment was yesterday. He apparently sauntered into the prescribed establishment, and nonchalantly ordered the pre-designated single pizza and salad. I tried to imagine him munching on it thoughtfully. I had always thought of him as more of a "quantity over quality" kind of guy when it comes to food, but he told me he is taking this job quite seriously and immediately filled out the necessary paperwork to report to University Quality Control. My son will repeat this undercover mission, with various establishments and various entrees, five times this week.

After my first thought that this is the perfect job for my son, came my second thought: I bet this really helps keep the various food



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establishments on their toes. If, at any moment, a critic may come in, undisclosed and order food, the workers surely must be trying their best every minute of the day, never quite sure when they will be evaluated. I bet this improves the quality of both the food and service. Since food quality is one consideration for conscientious college shoppers, it makes sense for the university to hire a real student to do the evaluating... which brought me to my third thought.

Wouldn't it be neat if we each had a spiritual secret shopper to keep us on our moral toes as well? Imagine a "plant" in our home or office, secretly tallying up our attitudes and actions. Monday's evaluation card might read:

"Unnecessary gruffness with child. C for overall attitude." Ouch. Better work on patience and kindness. ... Or Tuesday's evaluation might reveal, "Ignored spouse's need for a listening ear." Oh dear. Time to start paying attention. Try again. How happy we would be on Wednesday to read, "Unexpected patience with fussy child. A+ good work." Or, "Went out of the way for a co-worker when extremely busy. A." With an evaluation card coming in we'd be forced to look at our actions objectively and regularly and strive harder to keep that Christian attitude we know we need to have if we are to get to heaven.

The truth is, we do have that secret shopper. It's called our conscience, and often it just needs a little prodding to awaken to fulfill

its duty in our lives. A daily secret shopper visit or what's more widely known as an examination of conscience, will go far to help us evaluate ourselves along our pathway in life.

A wise priest once suggested it is advisable to pray before rising so that every opportunity of the day may be seized and that all actions may be pleasing to God. This should happen even before our feet hit the ground from our warm beds. The same priest recommended a nightly examination of conscience, not only so we would be able to remember our sins for our monthly confession on Saturday, but also to make daily adjustments — quality control if you will — in our actions and attitudes.

I'm really happy for my son's new job. It suits him well. And it helps the university maintain high standards for its food and service. But mostly, I'm glad that my conversation with my son about his new line of work, made me realize there's room for quality control in my own spiritual life. Thanks, son, for reminding me that we all need to be guardians of our souls, and watch ourselves. We all need to be our own secret shoppers.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February 8, 2009

Mark 1:29-39

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Jesus cures the sick, including in Peter's family. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HOUSE	SIMON	ANDREW
JAMES	JOHN	FEVER
TOLD HIM	ABOUT HER	HAND
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HOPE

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Research has shown that unresolved childhood grief leads to a higher risk of troubled behavior, including drug and alcohol abuse, difficulties in school and violent behavior. Supporting children in their grief is essential to their well being and our job as adults is to invite them into situations that will affirm their natural need to mourn.

Emily says, "It helped me when people, especially my close family members, told me it was okay to grieve, because I felt I needed permission." She adds, "Some kids feel they have to wait for an adult to talk about the deceased person first. They see the adults crying and are either confused or afraid to express emotions because they don't want to upset the adults further. So it's the adult's responsibility to approach the child and invite them to be sad at the same time."

"Adults need to understand that kids want to talk about the person who died or how they're feeling but often don't know how to express it. As a child in grief, I found that it helped when an adult asked me specific questions about my feelings or thoughts on the deceased person," she says.

Children have a natural need to remember and honor their

deceased loved ones with ceremony. As with most children, my girls were encouraged at the silly yet meaningful ceremonies we created over the years, including story telling, sending notes and pictures to the heavens on colorful helium balloons and creating memory books.

Emily reflects, saying, "When an important person dies during someone's childhood, it's so important to keep their memory alive. I absolutely love to hear stories about my dad ... it never gets old. And to hear a new story or see new pictures is like uncovering a precious treasure I can never get enough of."

Her advice to adults, "People need to understand it's okay to talk about the deceased to kids. Trust me, we want to hear and learn everything about them we can. It's our way of connecting and remembering that person."

Supporting our children in grief is paramount to their emotional and spiritual development. And with the community resources currently available and a caring heart, we can be like Jesus when he said, "Let the little children come unto me." Our children are worth it.

Kay Cozad is a certified grief educator and news editor for *Today's Catholic* newspaper.

Hessen Cassel site offers great CYO basketball competition

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the sixth week of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) league play, the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel site hosted a day full of great competition.

In the girls' match-ups, St. Aloysius continued their win streak downing St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 7, by a score of 45-11. Maria Zaremba led all scorers with a stellar performance and 18 points.

In a non-conference game, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel topped the seventh grade Lady Cardinals from St. Charles, 17-11.

And finally, in yet another classic battle between two long-time rivals, St. Jude beat St. Charles, 38-26. The Eagles are now 5-0 in

conference play and 16-2 overall. Coach David Westendorf explained, "Our games with St. Charles are always close."

Meeting 13 times over the past four years, the Eagles have dominated with a 10-3 record over their Gold League foes. However, the games historically have a very narrow win margin and the Lady Cardinals handed the Eagles a 41-35 loss earlier this season at the holiday tournament over Christmas break.

On the boys' side, St. Charles got the best of St. Joseph, Decatur, winning, 44-26. In a seventh grade match-up, St. Jude beat St. John, Fort Wayne, 40-12. Finally, Mark Eifert's scrappy St. Vincent seventh-grade team downed Blue League powerhouse, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 48-36. Squire coach Jim Knapke summarized,

"Even though we had them out-sized, their hustle and aggressiveness won the game. They are a fundamentally sound, well disciplined team."

Boys

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 36; St. Vincent (7), 48 — Teeters 16, Fiacalde 17

St. Jude (7) 40; St. John, Fort Wayne (7), 12 — Stoner 10, Volmerding 6

St. Charles, 44; St. Joseph, Decatur, 26 — Cooney 13, Kohne 10

Girls

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 17; St. Charles (7) — Beckman, Tobe 4, Sordelet 8

St. Aloysius, 45; St. John Fort Wayne (7), 11 — Zaremba 18, Taylor 7

St. Jude, 38; St. Charles, 26 — Warfield 10, Peters 9

ICCL crowns divisional winners, post-season tourney begins Saturday

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The unbeaten St. Joseph Wildcats of Mishawaka snared their third successive championship in the Inter-City Catholic League, which concluded its 64th season by crowning four division champions. The post-season tournament begins Feb. 7.

St. Joseph won the Martin DePorres East division with a perfect 10 mark, and Our Lady of Hungary won the west division. St. Joseph of South Bend won the John Bosco East and Christ the King took the Bosco West division.

Summary of the season ending games:

St. Joseph, South Bend, edged St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, 32-29. St. Joseph was paced by Tommy Favorite with 12 points. Peter Murphy and Andrew Schafer each had 10 points for St. Thomas in the loss.

Queen of Peace beat Mishawaka rival St. Monica, 40-30, in a game where Nick Johnson tossed in 21 points for the winners. Patrick Hunsberger

had 14 points for St. Monica. With the 10 points of Matt Rozycki, St. Matthew beat St. Anthony, 27-17.

In the game that clinched the division title for St. Joseph, Mishawaka, Michael Whitfield paced the St. Joe team with 23 points, and Noah Deitchley also had 10 points, helping them defeat St. Pius X of Granger, 53-23.

Christ the King won the west division of the John Bosco League in a game led by Joey Speybroeck with 11 points over the Holy Cross team, 30-18.

St. Michael of Plymouth beat St. Jude, 33-27. St. Michael's Davis Payne and Michael Day each had 12 points. Alex Stopezynski also had 12 points for St. Jude.

Holy Family edged Corpus Christi, 22-18. Corpus Christi was led by Tim McNamara with 14 points.

Our Lady of Hungary beat St. John the Baptist, 40-21, to clinch the West Division of the Martin DePorres League. Our Lady of Hungary was paced by Dominique Sanders with 10 points. Justin Crawford had 13 points for the St. John team.

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO CORPUS CHRISTI



DIANE FREEBY

The Corpus Christi seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball team won the Inter-City Catholic League Colors championship on Jan. 12. In the photo are the following from the Corpus Christi team: front row, from left, Hali Barany, Emily Lindzy, Haley Powers, Lillie Renbarger, Shannon McMahon and Lindsey Cyr; and back row, Mary Kaczorowski, Claire Jilek, Nicole Francoeur, Sarah Bogol, Tori Plummer and Mary Freeby.

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FAITH AND FORGIVENESS:

The Nickel Mine School shooting and the Amish response
 South Bend — St. Catherine Parish, 19704 Johnson Rd., will host an evening with Steven M. Nolt, co-author of the book "Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy" Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Reflections on the Catholic view will be offered by Jay Landry.

Bishop Luers to perform Beauty and the Beast
 Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers High School drama department will perform "Beauty and the Beast" this spring. Thursday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at 2 p.m. following a tea party luncheon, and a last performance Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale

April 15 for \$10. Tea party and performance tickets are \$15.

Valentine's Day program for couples at Victory Noll Center
 Huntington — "Deep Waters Cannot Quench Love," an evening for married couples to renew their love and relationship with one another, will be Friday, Feb. 13, from 6:30- 9 p.m. The cost for the program is \$20 per couple. Registration must be received by Feb. 11. The center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. For information or to register, contact Sue Wilhelm at (260) 356-0628, ext. 128.

Mardi Gras celebration planned
 Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will have a Mardi Gras celebration featuring live entertainment by the Bel Airs Saturday, Feb. 21, from 6:30-

11:30 p.m. at the parish hall, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. Tickets are \$20, \$35 per couple in advance or \$25 per person at the door. Contact stvmardigras@gmail.com for information.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
 South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$2.50. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert.

Holy Name Society plans fish fry
 New Haven — The St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 6, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children 5-12 \$3.50 and children under 5 free.

REST IN PEACE

Fort Wayne Theresa Kay Butler, 65, Our Lady/Good Hope	Steven L. Kammer, 62, St. Charles	South Bend George J. Tezich, Sr., 87, St. Matthew Cathedral
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Ervin J. Kleber, 76, St. Vincent de Paul	Granger Dori Ann Walsh, 56, St. Pius X	John R. Turk, 81, Our Lady of Hungary
Joan T. Parnin, 80, St. Jude	New Carlisle Joyce C. Zielinski, 76, St. Stanislaus	Ralph C. Selesky, 87, Christ the King
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Robert C. Bireley, 86, St. Therese	Joseph H. Wroblewski, 81, St. Stanislaus	Kathy L. Buszkiewicz, 57, Little Flower
Mary Margaret Redding, 92, St. Charles	Raymond J. Krych, 81, St. Stanislaus	Rose Tarr, 95, St. Anthony de Padua
Dorothy R. Wagoner, 88, St. Peter		Edward J. Witucki, 81, Corpus Christi

Catholic networking offered
 Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business network will have a Mass followed by a meeting Friday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 a.m. at St. John Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave. Bring your business cards. For more information visit www.thecatholicbusinessnetwork.com.

Drive-through fish dinner
 Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Knights of Columbus will

have a drive-through fish dinner Friday, Feb. 13, from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$8 per meal.

Fish fry for Knights
 Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 6, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Knights hall on Bell Drive. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12.

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FORT WAYNE LIGHT OF LEARNING RECIPIENTS HONORED



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Quality Dining, Inc. hosted the annual Luncheon In Celebration of Excellence in Catholic Education at the Fort Wayne Marriott in Fort Wayne on Jan. 29, and launched the You Can Lend a Hand coupon booklet campaign, which will be sold at diocesan schools. At the event, 21 educators from the Fort Wayne area received the Light of Learning award in recognition of their positive impact on Catholic education. Those teachers are: John Bennett, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne; Marilyn Fech, Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne; Denise Zahm, Huntington Catholic, Huntington; Lisa Krouse, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne; Karen Chesterman, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne; Elise Rupright, St. Aloysius, Yoder; Monica Smith, Sacred Heart, Warsaw; Michelle Story, St. Bernard, Wabash; Pamela McGraw, St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne; Cynthia Welling, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne; Melissa Gabet, St. John the Baptist, New Haven; Sharon Braun, St. Joseph, Decatur; Deborah Brough, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne; Margaret Norris, St. Joseph, Garrett; Emily Nichter, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne; Susan Sherburne, St. Jude, Fort Wayne; Susan Nice, St. Louis Academy, Besancon; Nora L. Jackson, St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla; Vickie Lortie, St. Therese, Fort Wayne and Davah Engle, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. Jane Sandor of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, is this year's administrative recipient. Bishop John M. D'Arcy served as the luncheon's keynote speaker. In addition, Sister M. Jane Carew, co-director of the Office of Catechesis was honored with a special recognition from Bishop D'Arcy. The luncheon centers on the theme of Catholic Schools Week, which is Catholic Schools Celebrate Service.

HERE IS THE CHURCH AND HERE IS THE STEEPLE



PHOTOS BY MARK WEBER

Despite Fort Wayne's most severe January in 30 years, a new steeple was put in place at St. Peter Parish. Modern methods make one wonder how the original steeple went up 137 years ago.

SOUTH BEND LIGHT OF LEARNING RECIPIENTS HONORED



KAREN CLIFFORD

The luncheon recognized 18 recipients of the "Light of Learning" award — May Baldinelli, Christ the King; Cynthia Berryman, St. Joseph, South Bend; Douglas Clark, St. Adalbert; Kevin Downey, Saint Joseph's High School; Kelly Filson, St. Michael; Gisella Foust, St. Anthony de Padua; Christine Fox, St. Thomas the Apostle; Jamie Hayes, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen; Jennifer Howe, St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart; Ann-Marie Kankel, Queen of Peace; Margaret Keusch, St. Matthew Cathedral; Sister Clare Marie Klein, CSSF, Holy Family; Trisha Perry, Corpus Christi; Brandi Sapp, St. Bavo; Michelle Tranter, Our Lady of Hungary; Benjamin Tricker, Marian High School; Jaclyn Voss, St. Jude; and this year's administrative recipient is Sister Pat Gavin, SSND, St. Monica.

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