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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Hatred must never reign again

BY JOHN THAVIS AND JUDITH SUDILOVSKI

JERUSALEM (CNS) — On his first day in Jerusalem, Pope Benedict XVI visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and said the suffering of Jews under the Nazi extermination campaign must “never be denied, belittled or forgotten.”

The pope called the Holocaust an atrocity that disgraced mankind, and said the church is committed to working tirelessly “to ensure that hatred will never reign in the hearts of men again.”

With his head bowed and his hands folded, the 82-year-old pope prayed silently before an eternal flame in the Hall of Remembrance, a stone monument to the 6 million Jews killed in World War II. He stood in the tent-shaped structure, where the names of some of the Nazi death camps are inscribed in the floor, as a prayer was recited for the victims, the resistance fighters and those who risked their lives to save Jews from the Nazis.

In a brief talk, Pope Benedict said he had come “to stand in silence before this monument, erected to honor the memory of the millions of Jews killed in the horrific tragedy of the Shoah.”

“They lost their lives, but they will never lose their names: These are indelibly etched in the hearts of their loved ones, their surviving fellow prisoners, and all those determined never to allow such an atrocity to disgrace mankind again,” he said.

Most of all, he said, their names are fixed in God’s memory.

“May the names of these victims never perish! May their suffering never be denied, belittled or forgotten! And may all people of good will remain vigilant in rooting out from the heart of man anything that could



CNS PHOTO/RONEN ZVULUN, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI observes a moment of silence after laying a wreath in the Hall of Remembrance at Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem May 11. Speaking at the memorial, the pope said the suffering of Jews under the Nazi extermination campaign must “never be denied, belittled or forgotten.”

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## LOOKING FOR GROTTOS

Today’s Catholic is seeking photos and background information about parish grottos across the

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The photos will be featured in a diocesan pilgrimage section in our June 7 issue. To have your parish grotto featured, please send a jpeg photo and background information before May

22 to Mark Weber, mweber@fw.diocesefwsb.org.



## ND Response to host prayerful demonstration

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Amidst continued protests, from the quiet and prayerful to the loud and obvious, one thing remains unchanged: President Barack Obama will give the commencement address and be honored with a doctorate of laws degree at the University of Notre Dame Sunday.

Those opposed to University of Notre Dame President Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins’ decision are not conceding defeat.

ND Response, a coalition of 12 Notre Dame student groups and organizations, will continue to stand for their university’s Catholic identity. The group received permission to host a prayerful demonstration on campus on commencement weekend.

“As students of this university, we invite all those interested in respectfully and constructively standing alongside us,” said ND

Response spokesman John Daly, Jr. “We hope you will join us in making May 16-17 days of powerful and constructive witness to the Catholic identity of Notre Dame and to the fundamental principle of the sanctity of life.”

According to ND Response, Bishop John M. D’Arcy will attend eucharistic adoration, which begins May 16 at 9:30 p.m. in the chapel at the Coleman-Morse Building. Anyone interested may sponsor an hour of prayer during this all-night vigil by e-mailing NDResponse@gmail.com.

Adoration will continue throughout Saturday night and Sunday morning. It ends at 10:45 a.m. with Benediction led by a Holy Cross priest, followed by an outdoor Mass held on the South Quad, near the Rockne Memorial. All priests, bishops and cardinals who travel to Notre Dame for this weekend

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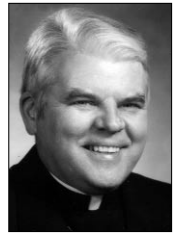
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# Visits to Catholic colleges are part of 'Ex Corde Ecclesiae'



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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## A visit to two colleges

Recently, during a four-day stay in the South Bend area, I made a pastoral visit to two local institutions of higher learning. One was a Catholic college, but certainly rather unique in our diocese; and the other was Mennonite. Both were interesting.

## Ancilla College in Donaldson

I went to Ancilla College as part of my pastoral care for our Catholic colleges. This is my responsibility under "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," which calls for the local bishop to have a close relationship of communion, mutual respect, trust and dialogue, with the Catholic colleges and universities in this diocese.

"Ex Corde Ecclesiae" indicates that even when he is not involved in the governance of the colleges, the bishop is not an outsider in these institutions.

Ancilla was, as always, very pleasant. Having been caught up in another meeting in Mishawaka, I was a bit late. The president is Dr. Ronald May. This is an institution where only 17 percent of the students are Catholic. So, it could be called a missionary college. In a recent book on Catholic higher education, it was called a college of the Diaspora. This term refers originally to the believers, the Jewish believers, who were dispersed or scattered away from their homeland and drew other people to belief in the one true God. The college is owned and under the guidance of the Poor Handmaid Sisters, a congregation with a storied history in this diocese.

Most of the students have found it very difficult to find the time and the resources, which enable them to attend this college. Dr. May told me, as he has in the past, that he is here because he is supportive of the spirit of the sisters. Originally, this college was for the training of these sisters. But for decades now, it has been the only possible source of higher education for many rural people in Marshall County and St. Joseph County.

## Included in our visit was Sister Carlene Wrasman, who is the official head of Campus Ministry

Among the faculty is Father Glenn Kehrman. Although he has taught theology in the past, I was informed that this semester he taught mathematics. Father Glenn is a graduate of Purdue, where he obtained a graduate degree in engineering.

We discussed a number of important issues, and I found the visit very productive. Dr. May spoke, as he had in my previous visit, about his deep appreciation for being part of the delegation of educators from our Catholic schools and dioceses who met with Pope Benedict XVI in his visit to this country, just over one year ago.

## A visit to Goshen College

Earlier in the same week, I had a different kind of a visit to Goshen College. Goshen, as you probably know, is a Mennonite school. I raced across from South Bend, arriving just as Morning Prayer was begun. After a hymn and introduction from Mr. Bob Yoder, the campus minister, I talked about the Year of St. Paul and Paul's devotion to the theology of the cross. Afterwards, Dr. James Brenneman, president of Goshen College and a distinguished biblical scholar, made a most gracious speech of welcome. He said that he considered himself a low-church Catholic or a high-church Mennonite. He presented me with a beautiful edition of the Bible, which included a portion that he, himself, had translated.

Later, I met with him in his office, and found out that he is both a distinguished biblical scholar and a scientist. He has a doctorate in both disciplines. We talked the-

Catholics and Mennonites have a painful history with some difficulties in the Middle Ages, but that was certainly not evident in this pastoral visit.

ology and biblical studies, and it was easy to see his own great respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching. He told me how much he welcomed the Catholic ministry at Goshen. This is under the direction of Mary Glowaski, our diocesan director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry. It was pioneered by Linda Furge and Sister Margaret Michael, CSC; along with Sister Jacinta Krecek, OSF; Maria Pirrie; and others.

Dr. Brenneman told me how much he appreciates the presence and work of Lupita Zepeda, who is currently the leader of the Catholic ministry at Goshen. I am also grateful to Father Chris Smith, pastor of St. John, Goshen, who has a strong presence at the college. About 5 percent of the students at Goshen are Catholic. Later, after meeting with those who work in our various colleges, I celebrated Mass for a group of 30, and had a most pleasant lunch.

Catholics and Mennonites have a painful history with some difficulties in the Middle Ages, but that was certainly not evident in this pastoral visit. I felt very much at home with President Brenneman and all those at Goshen.

## The result of prayers

I interviewed and accepted two candidates for the priesthood this week. One was from Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne, and the other from the small parish of St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton. This brings us to five, the number of young men who have been accepted for the seminary this year. I have no doubt that this is the result of all your prayers.

## Always more meetings

A wonderful meeting with the Presbyteral Council this past week. Among those things we discussed were: the Year of the Priesthood, which has been declared by Pope Benedict XVI, and will begin on the feast of the Sacred Heart. Also, an excellent discussion on the place of the tabernacle in the church. After consulting with the council, I will be preparing a document on this to be released soon. Also, a sharing about whether or not a reflection should be allowed at the end of a Mass of Christian Burial. The priests, all of whom are pastors, had very strong and highly appropriate advice on this matter.

Also, I was at a meeting of an excellent group of laity and priests, who give advice on endowments for our parishes and schools, called the Catholic Community Foundation, which is under the chairmanship of Father Tony Szakaly, CSC. This excellent endowment, if we can keep it growing, will strengthen our schools and parishes and other institutions for the future.

It was also my privilege to celebrate Mass at Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, on the exact day 140 years later when Bishop John Luers established Saint Joseph Hospital by purchasing an old hotel.

## Welcome Lou.

On June 2, my good friend Lou Holtz, former head football coach at Notre Dame, will be the guest speaker at a fund-raising event for the Women's Care Center, which takes care of babies before and after birth. I will tell you more about this event next week. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Women's Care Center in Fort Wayne at (260) 424-9377.

See you all next week.

# HATRED

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lead to tragedies such as this!" he said.

Pope Benedict's May 11 visit to the memorial came after a period of Catholic-Jewish tension, following the pope's lifting of the excommunication of a traditionalist bishop who publicly minimized the extent of the Holocaust. After sharp criticism from Jewish and other leaders, the pope reaffirmed his dedication to improving Catholic-Jewish ties.

Israella Hargil, 70, was one of six Holocaust survivors invited to meet the pope at the memorial and, although she said she is indebted to a Catholic for her survival, she also said she hesitated going to the papal event.

Hargil said she hesitated because the pope, as a boy, was a member of the Hitler Youth movement, an enrollment that he has said was obligatory. Hargil also said she was not happy about Pope Benedict welcoming back into the church Bishop Richard Williamson, a member of the Society of St. Pius X who had denied the extent of the Holocaust.

"The pope said (he) made a mistake (about Williamson) and that is a big thing," she said, explaining why she finally decided to accept Yad Vashem's invitation.

"I owe my life to Catholics and to the Poles who saved me," said Hargil.

At Yad Vashem, the pope, who lived under the Nazi regime in his native Germany, did not analyze the specific causes of the Holocaust. Instead, he focused on the remembrance theme of the memorial.

"One can weave an insidious web of lies to convince others that certain groups are undeserving of respect. Yet, try as one might, one can never take away the name of a fellow human being," he said.

And rather than remember his own personal experiences under Nazism, he made an effort to put himself in the place of the Jewish victims.

"I can only imagine the joyful expectation of their parents as they anxiously awaited the birth of their children. What name shall we give this child? What is to become of him or her?" the pope said.

"Who could have imagined that they would be condemned to such a deplorable fate!" he said.

"As we stand here in silence, their cry still echoes in our hearts. It is a cry raised against every act of injustice and violence. It is a perpetual reproach against the spilling of innocent blood," he said.

The pope later signed the memorial's visitors' book with phrase from the Book of Lamentations, "His mercies are not spent."

He quoted the scriptural passage at greater length in his talk, saying it was an important affirmation of trust in God that is full of significance for both Jews and



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO, REUTERS

**Pope Benedict XVI wears a shmagh, a Jordanian head scarf presented to him at the Regina Pacis center in Amman, Jordan, May 8. The center was the first stop on the pope's weeklong pastoral visit to the Holy Land.**

Christians. "The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness," the passage began.

One of the survivors the pope met, 83-year-old Edward Mosberg, told reporters afterward that the meeting was very emotional.

"I told the pope that he was born in Germany, but I don't look at him as a German; I look at him as a human being and head of the Catholic Church and I give him my respect," Mosberg said.

"But I also told him he knows that the Holocaust happened and that as head of the Catholic Church His Holiness should condemn all denials," he said.

Dan Landsberg, another survivor, said the ceremony and meeting with the pope was a very solemn occasion.

"I feel like the circle has been closed," he said. "There is peace between us and the church. I think it is respectful for the pope to be here and to respect this place and its history."

Avner Shalev, chairman of the Yad Vashem directorate, described the papal visit as "positive, important, a step forward, unique, exciting."

But at the same time, he said, he was disappointed "the pope did not mention the Nazi German perpetrators" of the Holocaust.

Hargil, the survivor who hesitated about meeting the pope, was accompanied to the ceremony by her 12-year-old granddaughter.

She told Catholic News Service that she was 4 years old and living in Brody, then part of Poland, in 1943 when the Catholic Miklaszewski family took her in. Hargil's father had worked for Jacenty Miklaszewski, whom she described as "very religious."

"He was ... very straightforward ... and took his faith very seriously. He lived his faith ... and saved me and other (Jews) as well, including my father," said Hargil.

The Miklaszewskis gave Hargil the Polish name of Ewa and introduced her as a niece whose parents had died in a bombing. Hargil's

mother had been tortured and killed by the Gestapo earlier, but her father stayed in hiding in a bunker in a nearby village.

Hargil attended a preschool run by Catholic nuns and recalls the Masses and Christmas celebrations as the only things of beauty in her life during the war years.

"Everything else was so gray and black and bad," she said, fondly recalling the smell of the church incense and the beauty of the church.

Another survivor who met the pope at Yad Vashem was Ruth Bondy, a journalist, who said she was unsure how she would feel meeting the pope.

"I am not Catholic so I don't feel the same emotions about meeting with him (as a Catholic would), but I know how to respect and appreciate his visit," she said.

Bondy was born in Prague, in what was then Czechoslovakia, in 1923. After the German occupation in 1939 she was forced to work as a farm laborer. Later she was interned in the Nazi-run Terezin Ghetto and in 1943 was transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. From there, she was sent to a number of work camps; when the camps were liberated, she was sick with typhus and weighed only 77 pounds.

Following her recovery she returned to Prague and, with the establishment of Israel in 1948, she immigrated.

Bondy has written numerous books and historical research works about the Holocaust period and Czech Jewry. She has won various awards for her writing and translation works.

Along with the survivors, Pope Benedict was introduced to Ivan Vranetic, 82, who said meeting the pope made him feel excited like a little boy. In 1970 Vranetic, a Catholic, was recognized by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority with its "Righteous Among the Nations" award for helping hide Jewish refugees in his hometown of Topeka, Croatia, when he was 17 years old.

# Pro-lifers pray for mothers

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Every Friday a few people come to pray and sidewalk counsel at the South Bend abortion business. This past Friday, May 8, was a little different. For the second year in a row, Saint Joseph County Right to Life called on area pro-lifers to participate in a prayer vigil in anticipation of Mother's Day.

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., 40 people stopped by for various periods of time to pray.

Kate Dosmann brought along her infant son. "I just felt it was a good place to be," she said. "I needed to come and be a witness and be present here." Dosmann was a 40 Days for Life participant as well.

Tom Gill, president of the Saint Joseph County Right to Life explained the event: "This is all about Mother's Day. Mother's Day is just two days away. It's a shame that two days before Mother's Day, abortions are taking place right here in South Bend. Mother's Day is supposed

to be a day we celebrate what mothers do, and their life-giving ability and love they have for their children. And yet there are mothers coming here to abort their children today."

Gill added, "The contrast of that is so striking that we need to make people aware of it. And this is an opportunity for us to do that. These women are being deceived. They don't understand. They are coming here because they think they don't want to be a mother. They don't realize because of the deception they already are a mother. The only question is do they want to be a mother of a dead child or a live child? And that's the choice they have to make. And unfortunately it's not going to be an informed choice for them because they aren't getting the information they need. Certainly not from places like this."

Around 12:30 p.m. sidewalk counselor Pam Washburn tried to speak to a customer arriving but to no avail. However, she only spent a few minutes inside and then came out and left.

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are invited to concelebrate Mass.

At 12:30 p.m., a rally will take place on the South Quad. According to ND Response, this rally will feature the following speakers:

Josephite Father John J. Raphael, a 1989 graduate of Notre Dame and principal of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, La; Elizabeth Naquin Borger, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate and former board chairman of the Women's Care Center; Dr. David Solomon, director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics & Culture, chair of the steering committee for the Notre Dame Fund to Protect Human Life; Holy Cross Father Wilson Miscamble, a professor of history at Notre Dame; and Lacy Dodd, a 1999 graduate of Notre Dame and member of the board of directors for Room at the Inn.

At the rally's conclusion, ND Response urges supporters to join seniors who have decided not to attend their own graduation. At 2 p.m., the Class of 2009 Vigil for Life will take place at the grotto. Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, will lead a scriptural rosary during the vigil.

While some members of the Notre Dame faculty and staff are excited to hear Obama's commencement address at the Joyce Center, others stand firm in their support of Catholic teaching.

Political science professor Tara M. Lavalley plans to take part in the day of prayer.

"My reason for doing so is simple," explains Lavalley, who is also a wife and mother of two adopted sons. "I am a Roman

Catholic, and therefore, I must stand up for the worth and dignity of all human life. For me, it is not a matter of debating the merits of differing interpretations of canon law or the democratic ideals of open political debate. Rather, it is a matter of following the way of the cross through my deeds and actions."

Philosophy professor Fred Freddoso is another faculty member who stands with ND Response.

"I don't know about you, but I'd much rather pray to Our Lord and listen to Father John Raphael, SSJ, Elizabeth Naquin Borger, David Solomon, Father Bill Miscamble, CSC, Lacey Dodd, and Father Frank Pavone than to go to commencement to hear a politician ... even if he is the president ... and a last-minute 'replacement' for the irreplaceable Mary Ann Glendon."

Freddoso refers to Judge John Noonan, the man tapped to give a speech in place of the Laetare Medal being awarded. The 2009 award was originally offered to recent U.S. ambassador to the Vatican Mary Ann Glendon. She later turned down the award in an April 27 open letter to Father Jenkins.

Daly says Noonan is not a strong enough replacement.

"He has a stellar pro-life background," explains Daly, "but his history of expressing vocal opposition to the church's teaching on contraception means that Notre Dame is providing a podium at commencement to, not one, but now two men who publicly and unabashedly differ with the church on key moral issues."

**For more information**, and to view the official NDResponse video, go to [www.ndresponse.com](http://www.ndresponse.com).

## Summer youth leadership conference features service within the diocese

BY KAY COZAD

NOTRE DAME — The Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has teamed with Campus Ministry of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, this year to offer a unique leadership experience for the teens of the area. The summer leadership camp, bcX-Servant Leadership, to be held at Holy Cross College from July 21-25, will feature service projects in the local area.

bcX-Servant Leadership, says Cindy Black, director of the Office of Youth Ministry, is a "mission trip in your own backyard," and open to all high school students in the diocese, including incoming freshman and seniors. The retreat offers opportunities to develop gifts and talents as a servant-leader and investigate Catholic teachings in the context of prayer and community.

The distinctive title of the mission trip, bcX-Servant Leadership, hopes to call youth to "be" Christ (bX) and "see" Christ (cX) in those they serve. X is the ancient symbol for Christ.

Benefits of the local proximity include opportunities to build long-term service relationships with local agencies and organizations and ensuring the understanding that service is not just a trip abroad but a lifelong attitude. The low cost makes the trip, in these economically challenged times, more affordable.

The mission trip will begin Tuesday evening with check-in and a session on service and Catholic social teaching on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Reconciliation and eucharistic adoration will follow Wednesday through Friday the students will set out in the community to serve at a different agency or organization each day. Black says this will give each student an opportunity to experience many forms of service.

"They can see where their gifts lie and can continue on. If they're good with the elderly, they can visit a nursing home when they return home," she reports.

The area agencies the students will serve include the Women's Care Center, Catholic Charities, the refugee resettlement program, Catholic Worker House, Christ Child Society

and the YWCA. Projects include painting murals, serving breakfast and lunch, cleaning and stocking shelves, landscaping and hands-on activities with children.

Upon return to the college where they will stay in dormitories and have access to the auditorium, the students will have time for prayer, eucharistic adoration, participation in and celebration of the sacraments and small group discussion.

"They need time to process and share their experiences. They're not just doing jobs that are fun but are true servanthood," says Black. Priests, seminarians and lay ministers will be on hand to facilitate the sessions. Praise and worship music will be provided by a band from Kentucky. Of the retreat opportunity Black's hope is to "go deeper into a relationship with Christ — be rooted in him to serve as he calls."

Saturday morning, the students will attend a special closing Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy followed by a picnic for family and agency members the students worked with throughout the week.

The students will truly be following Christ when they are asked to turn off all electronic devices, including cell phones, while doing service. However, they will be encouraged to create a blog in the evenings to share the experience of the mission with those who remain at home.

Black says this unique mission is new to the diocese and stems from the need to not only offer the youth opportunities for meaningful prayer, catechesis, sacraments and community, as the past



two summer leadership camps have offered, but also to focus on Christian service. These, Black says, are the five pillars of the youth ministry.

"God really does provide," says

Black as she explains that she and Megan Oberhausen, assistant director of the Office of Youth Ministry, took the need for service to prayer. Oberhausen had brought the homeland mission idea from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, but a location was undetermined.

Bob Kloska, vice president for mission advancement of Holy Cross College and former director of campus ministry there, soon contacted the diocesan youth office and together they developed the mission trip to be hosted at Holy Cross.

Black hopes that this unique service opportunity will grow and the ministry will be able to offer missions in the Fort Wayne area in the future.

"Service needs to come from the heart," says Black, adding, "We must see Christ in those we serve. If we approach service through the eyes of Christ, we can love as he did. A life of Christian service is rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ."

The mission program will be funded in part by a generous grant from Our Sunday Visitor. The cost is \$160 for registrations before June 1, \$200 for late registrations between June 1 and July 1. Applications and registration materials are available online at [www.diocesefwsb.org/youth](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/youth).

**For more information** or to offer ideas for service projects call (260) 422-4611 or e-mail [cblack@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:cblack@fw.diocesefwsb.org) or [moberhausen@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:moberhausen@fw.diocesefwsb.org)

## New campaign against embryonic stem-cell research launched

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the National Institutes of Health continued to gather comments on the draft guidelines that would permit federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a new campaign urging support for ethical cures and treatments "we can all live with."

The "Oppose Destructive Stem-Cell Research" campaign at [www.usccb.org/stemcellcampaign](http://www.usccb.org/stemcellcampaign) also encourages Web users to contact Congress and NIH to express opposition to the draft guidelines.

May 26 is the NIH deadline for public comment on the draft guidelines, which would allow the use of federal funds for stem-cell research on embryos created for reproductive purposes at in vitro fertilization clinics and later discarded.

The home page for the bishops' new campaign outlines the reasons that the proposed guidelines are considered unacceptable and provides links to USCCB resources on stem-cell research.

In a video on the site, Cardinal Justin Rigali, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said the U.S. bishops

"will be writing to Congress and the administration about the need to restore and maintain barriers against the mistreatment of human life in the name of science, and we urge other concerned citizens to do the same."

The campaign Web site says the proposed guidelines, drawn up after President Barack Obama's March 9 executive order reversed the Bush administration's prohibition on stem-cell research involving the destruction of human embryos, "would — for the first time — use taxpayer funds to encourage the killing of embryonic human beings for their stem cells."

The campaign also features three new ads for Web and print use, each focusing on the advances made in stem-cell research that does not involve the use of embryos.

"Embryonic stem cells have been hyped," says one of the ads. "But it's the adult stem cells that are showing hope."

On the campaign Web site, the bishops said members of Congress and the Obama administration have plans to expand stem-cell research.

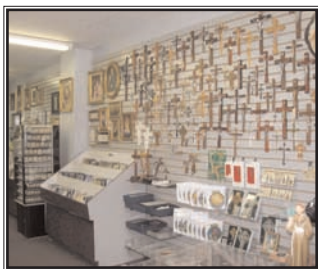
"They want to obtain stem cells by destroying human embryos specially generated for research through in vitro fertilization or cloning procedures — a 'create to kill' policy," they said.

### BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL 2009 SUMMER CAMPS

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# From guest to parishioner, mentor family eases transition

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — In the fall of 2007, a Stewardship Advisory Board was formed to investigate ways to improve stewardship within the parish. According to Betsy Quinn, director of evangelization and stewardship at St. Pius X, a strategic plan for stewardship was developed in January of 2008 that included expansion of the new parishioner welcome ministry. The concept of “mentor families” for new parishioners was formed from the plan and in the fall of 2008 the first training program for this ministry was held.

To ease the transition from guest to new parishioner, there are several phases in new parishioner welcome. The first step is registering with the hospitality ministers after a Mass or with the parish secretary Leona Wigent. Once registered, new parishioners receive a packet that includes a welcome letter from the pastor, a staff listing, site map, parish directory, school brochure, quarterly newsletter, stewardship information, coun-

seling information from a local counseling center and a refrigerator magnet printed with the church's phone number, Mass times and Web site.

Subsequently, the name of the new parish family is forwarded to a committee who call and welcome the family and to Quinn who offers the new parishioners the opportunity to participate in the mentor family program.

Established parish families who want to participate as a mentor family attend a training meeting where objectives of the program are explained. Discussion includes understanding the importance of welcoming and hospitality in the parish, establishing an initial relationship with the new parishioner family through personal contact, attending new parishioner gatherings with their assigned family and engaging the family in the life of the parish.

Each mentor family commits to the ministry for one year and may be assigned a new parish family each quarter. The mentor family is encouraged to communicate and socialize with the new parishioner family throughout the year.

“Whether sending a card,

calling, or e-mailing, the mentor family is encouraged to stay in contact with the new parish family,” Quinn explains. “The mentoring family may ask the new parishioner family if they would like to meet on doughnut Sunday or the pancake breakfast after Mass and talk. At Easter or Christmas the mentor family might ask the new parishioner family which Mass they will be attending and remind them to get there early for parking,” she adds.

The mentor family and new parishioner family initially meet at the new parishioner gatherings, which are held quarterly at the church. During the gathering the families go on a tour of the building, meet together for Mass, and have a dinner afterwards where they will meet the mentoring family. The priests, St. Pius staff and members of the stewardship core team are also present at the dinner to welcome them.

Kate and Mike Mannor, who became new parishioners at St. Pius in December 2008, recall being initially overwhelmed by the size of the St. Pius communi-

ty. But their fears were eased by the outpouring of love they witnessed following Mass.

“After Mass there were mobs of people standing around and talking, hugging and laughing so much that it took forever just to get to the door. We knew right away that something great was happening in this parish,” Kate recalls.

The Mannors' mentor family, Sally and Dave Flask,

have helped their family feel welcomed. “The Flasks were there with us for a tour of the church and facilities. They helped keep the kids happy and entertained while my husband and I paid attention to the details of the tour,” says Mannor. “These things all helped us to feel very comfortable, and helped us feel like this was our home parish sooner than expected.”

Additionally the Flasks encouraged the Mannors to become involved with church ministries.

“We have both attended Christ Renews His Parish retreats and through these experiences have continued to build new bonds with other parishioners. In just this short time, I'd say we are already shifting from



KAREN CLIFFORD

Mentor families assist new parishioners find their way in the large parish community at St. Pius X in Granger. Pictured in front from left are mentor Sally Flask, and new parishioner Kate Mannor, with son Michael. In back from left are mentors Jimmy Flask, Dave Flask, Betsy Quinn, director of evangelism and stewardship, and new parishioner Mike Mannor, with daughter Sophia.

just a ‘mentor family’ link with the Flask family to ‘good friends’ in a great parish,” Mannor exclaims.

On the “mentoring” side of the ministry, the Flasks also enjoy the new friendships that have evolved from their involvement. Sally Flask is encouraged by the expansion of new parishioner welcome found in the program. “It seemed like a natural fit for our parish and frankly, we were amazed that no one had thought of it before,” she notes.

Flask recalls that being in a new area or church can be very stressful and is hopeful that this new ministry will help to allay some of those fears.

“We remember what it's like to be the new family with no connections, just another set of faces in the pews. We want to help new families achieve that feeling of belonging that comes with knowing you are part of a community that cares, shares and worships together.”

“St. Pius is such a large parish that becoming involved is intimidating. We hope to change that perception by personalizing the parish, one family at a time.”

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## Nearly 25,000 celebrate 175 years of church growth in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Diana Torres' voice resounded with the nearly 25,000 other worshippers at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis May 3, thanking God for the blessings bestowed on the Catholic Church in central and southern Indiana for 175 years. "It's amazing to see this many people in one area for God," said Torres, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis, who came to the anniversary celebration as a confirmation sponsor for her niece, one of the more than 2,800 youths and adults confirmed during the Mass. About 200 couples were honored for 50 or more years of married life and religious jubilarians were praised for their many decades of faithful ministry and consecrated life. The readings and prayers during the Mass were in English, French, German, Igbo, Italian, Korean, Latin, Latvian, Spanish and Vietnamese, reflecting the many cultures of the Indianapolis community. "You don't realize how many Catholics and how many different cultures there are. It means unity, family and community. There are no barriers here," Torres told *The Criterion*, archdiocesan newspaper of Indianapolis.

## Pope condemns anti-Semitism, prays for interreligious harmony

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Reaching Israel, the country at the heart of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Pope Benedict XVI condemned anti-Semitism and prayed for a new era in which all believers in the one God would live in peace and treat each other with respect and justice. In his arrival speech May 11 at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv, the pope prayed that Isaiah's prophecy would be fulfilled and all the peoples of the world would walk along God's paths — "paths of peace and justice, paths that lead to reconciliation and harmony." The pope was welcomed at the airport with warm handshakes from Israeli President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as the greetings of other government officials and representatives from Israel's Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities. At a reception in the garden of the president's residence in Jerusalem that afternoon, Pope Benedict said, "I pray daily for peace born of justice to return to the Holy Land and the entire region, bringing security and renewed hope for all."

## Majority of Americans rely on faith in economic downturn, poll says

HUNTINGTON (CNS) — In a recent poll, a majority of adults said their faith will help them weather the country's continued economic downturn and more than half said they believe personal actions can

## ARCHBISHOP BUECHLEIN CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY MASS



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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein celebrates a special Mass marking the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis May 3 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. At right is transitional Deacon John Hollowell. The special Mass drew a crowd of nearly 25,000.

play a strong role in helping to turn around the economy. The survey, for which results were made public May 4, was conducted online in March by Harris Interactive, a national polling company, on behalf of *Our Sunday Visitor*, a Catholic publishing company in Huntington. The survey polled 2,315 adults 18 and older. In the poll, 70 percent of respondents agreed with the statement: "Strong faith is one of the most important elements to help one persevere through an economic crisis." When asked how the economy has impacted their spirituality or their personal lives, less than 10 percent said they changed the amount of time they attended religious services, sought counsel from church leaders or read more spiritual or self-help books. Only 2 percent said they had lost faith in God or a higher power during the economic downturn.

## Priest removed from parish, radio ministries over tabloid photos

MIAMI (CNS) — The Miami priest suspended from his parish and Catholic radio posts after photos of him with a woman on the beach were released by a tabloid magazine said he has had a romantic relationship with the woman for about two years and is in love with her. Father Alberto Cutie, who had been administrator of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Miami Beach and general director and president of Pax Catholic Communications, spoke about the unnamed woman in a May 11 interview with "The Early

Show" on CBS television. The photos of the Cuban-American priest — dubbed "Father Oprah" because of the advice he gives to couples on Spanish radio and television — were published in the Spanish-language magazine *TVNotas* May 5. Father Cutie opened the "Early Show" interview with apologies to the Catholic community, Miami Archbishop John C. Favalora and his fellow priests for his actions, which he called "imprudent" and "stupid." "I don't support the breaking of the celibacy promise," he said. "I understand fully that this is wrong."

## Catholics asked to pray for a nation on path to a 'culture of death'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature at the Vatican told about 1,300 Catholics May 8 that they must pray for the U.S. political leadership to change course from policies leading the nation into an "anti-life" and "anti-family" culture. During the sixth annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, U.S. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke also called the prospect of the University of Notre Dame granting President Barack Obama an honorary degree "the source of the greatest scandal," and questioned the Indiana institution's Catholic identity for honoring a politician who supports legal abortion. Archbishop Burke, former archbishop of St. Louis, expressed his disapproval that a majority of U.S.

Catholic voters cast their ballot for Obama in last November's election and said they should reflect on the direction the country has taken since he has been in office. He mentioned a policy that allows funding for overseas family planning groups that provide abortions and moves by several states to make same-sex marriage legal. He called on U.S. Catholics to have "open eyes to the gravity of the situation in our nation" and to be "clear and uncompromising" in a mission of ridding the country of the "great evils of contraception ... and so-called same-sex marriage."

## Catholic universities put potential speakers through vetting process

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Commencement season has arrived and the controversy over President Barack Obama's scheduled address at the University of Notre Dame's May 17 graduation ceremony has drawn a spotlight onto the end-of-the-year festivities at Catholic colleges nationwide. Though officials at some U.S. Catholic colleges and universities have said Obama would not have made it through their selection process to receive an honorary degree or serve as commencement speaker, others said he probably would. All those interviewed by Catholic News Service said candidates considered to deliver the commencement address at their college — or to receive an honorary degree — must meet specific criteria. "We do respect President Obama for the position he

is in, and if he would be so inclined to come here to discuss issues of the day, we would love to have him here for an academic exercise," said Rosalie Mirenda, president of Neumann University, a Catholic institution in Aston, Pa., that recently achieved university status. "But he probably wouldn't make it through the vetting process we have for selecting a commencement speaker."

## Pope visits ancient biblical site, launches new university in Jordan

MADABA, Jordan (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI walked a pilgrim's path at one of the Holy Land's most ancient sites, then launched a project for the Catholic Church's future in the region. The pope began his first full day in Jordan May 9 with a visit to Mount Nebo, the place where Moses glimpsed the Promised Land before dying. The pope stood in the sunshine and delivered a short speech, praising the tradition of pilgrimage and drawing a lesson from Moses' story. Moses reminds people today that they "are part of the ageless pilgrimage of God's people through history," he said. The pope then rode his popemobile to nearby Madaba to bless the foundation stone of the University of Madaba, the first Catholic university in Jordan, which is being built by the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. When completed in about two years, the university will have seven schools and 40 specialized fields of study. Like all of the more than 100 schools run by the church in the Holy Land, it will be open to students of all faiths.

## Visiting mosque, pope says believing in God means respecting others

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) — To believe in God is to pray, to be merciful and compassionate, to witness to the truth and to uphold the dignity of every person, Pope Benedict XVI said after visiting a monumental new mosque in Amman. Acknowledging that much of the history of Christian-Muslim relations has been marked by misunderstanding and tension, the pope said it is faith that calls members of both communities to respect each other and join together to promote the common good. The pope visited the King Hussein Mosque in Amman May 9, the second day of his eight-day trip to the Holy Land. It was his second visit as pope to a mosque; he made history in 2006 when he entered the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey, and stood praying next to the imam. Pope Benedict said the new mosque, with its copper-topped dome and four copper-topped minarets, and other places of worship "stand out like jewels across the earth's surface. From the ancient to the modern, the magnificent to the humble, they all point to the divine, to the transcendent one, to the Almighty."

## Afternoons of Reflection offered for lay ministers

The Office of Worship will provide Afternoons of Reflection to supplement parish retreats for extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and proclaimers of the word (lectors).

These Afternoons of Reflection will be led by diocesan seminarians. There are no registration fees for Afternoons of Reflection but registration by the Wednesday before the retreat is required.

The schedule is the following:

- Sunday, June 14, 1-4 p.m. — Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne; or Holy Cross Church, 1050 Wilber St., South Bend;

- Sunday, June 21, 1-4 p.m. — Immaculate Conception Church, 319 E. Diamond St., Kendallville; or Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 225 Gilliam Dr., Warsaw.

Many parishes provide their own parish retreats. All extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and proclaimers of the word must spend some time once a year in a retreat experience. This retreat experience does not have to be a diocesan retreat.

It can be a parish or even a personal retreat, if the pastor determines it will fulfill the requirement. Even those who are not involved in a particular lay ministry are welcome to register for the Afternoons of Reflection.

For a registration form visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/WORSHIP/](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/WORSHIP/) and click on the "2009 Afternoons of Reflection brochure" link.

## Congressman Joe Donnelly to speak at Ancilla commencement

DONALDSON — Ancilla College officials have confirmed that Congressman Joe Donnelly will be the speaker at this year's commencement ceremony, scheduled for May 9 in the Ancilla Domini Chapel.

Donnelly is the congressman for Indiana's 2nd District, a post he has held since Jan. 4, 2007.

A member of the Democratic Party, Donnelly graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1977 with a bachelor degree in government and is also a 1981 graduate of the University of Notre Dame's law school.

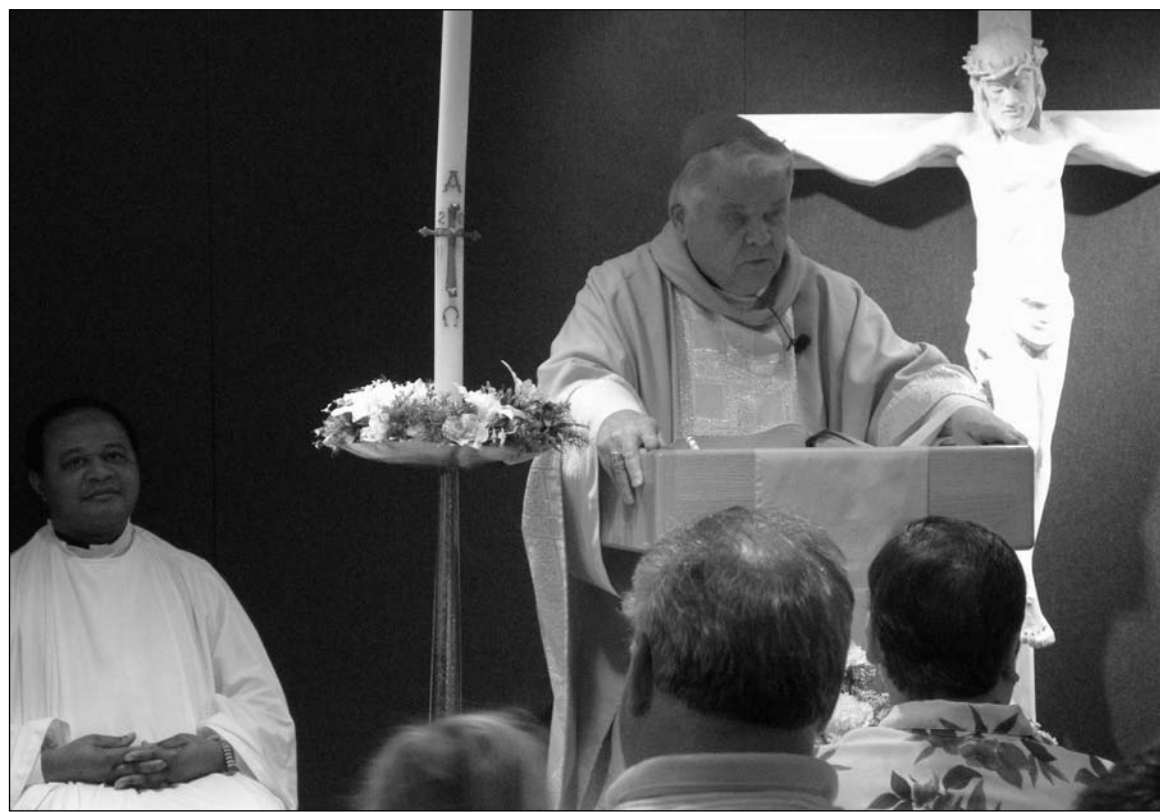
He has proven very active during his tenure as congressman, serving as a member of the Blue Dog Coalition and acting as a member of two committees that aim to meet the diverse needs of Indiana's 2nd District: Financial services and veterans' affairs. He has also served on the agriculture committee.

Congressman Donnelly previously served on the Indiana State Election Board from 1988 to 1989. He was a member of the School Board for Mishawaka Marian High School from 1997 to 2001, serving as president during the 2000-2001 term.

This year's commencement ceremony will mark the gradua-

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## ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 140 YEARS OF SERVICE



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St. Joseph Hospital located in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne celebrated its 140th anniversary beginning the week of May 4, with a variety of events and activities for the community, including the delivery of 140 cakes to local businesses and organizations, a proclamation by Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, unique historic question and answer signs displayed throughout the hospital, special T-shirts, a cake reception and picnic for associates of the hospital and an anniversary Mass. The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy and St. Joseph Hospital chaplain Father Daniel Chukwuleta on May 4 in the chapel of the hospital. The bishop told the full house during his homily that the hospital has always been a place of life, where the sacraments are readily available and the Gospel is preached.

tion of Ancilla College's 42nd class since opening its doors to the public in 1966.

## World Apostolate of Fatima honors jubilarians

FORT WAYNE — The Fatima Apostolate will honor 14 priest jubilarians, living and deceased, who have honored Our Lady of Fatima in a special way during their priesthood at a celebration scheduled June 13 at St. Jude Parish, 2130 Pemberton Dr., Fort Wayne. The rosary will be prayed at 7:50 a.m., Mass celebrated at 8:15 a.m. followed by a catered breakfast in St. Jude's basement hall.

Following the breakfast, there will be a showing of a short DVD film featuring the late co-founder, of the Blue Army, John Haffert, interviewing Dominic Reis, in 1956, a personal witness of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal.

Jubilarians priests to be honored

and their years of service include the following: Fathers Robert Traub, Herman Schnurr (deceased), 70 years; Father Paul Miller, 65 years; Fathers Raymond Balzer and William Peil, 60 years; Fathers Paul Bueter, Thad Kwak (deceased) and Camillo Tirabassi, 50 years; Fathers Laurence Tippmann, Msgr. James Wolf and Bosco Perera, OMI, 40 years; and Fathers Steve Colchin, Paul McCarthy and Bruce Piechocki, 25 years, as well as all priests and deacons. Father Herman Schnurr served the local apostolate as spiritual director from 1991-1998.

Msgr. J. William Lester will be the main celebrant and homilist at this Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All priests are invited to concelebrate.

All are invited to meet the jubilarians, to thank these priests who said "yes" to God's call to holy orders and who possess the power to act "in persona Christi Capitis."

Recently Pope Benedict declared 2009 the Year of the

Priest, which will begin June 19, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Reservations for the breakfast are requested before June 3 by sending name, address and \$6 per adult, \$3.25 per child ages 4-9 (children age 3 and under are free) to: James Momper, 8032 Westwood Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46818. For questions and information, please call Emma Momper at (260) 625-3281.

## St. Anthony alumni invited to attend Lewallen retirement party

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony De Padua Catholic School is extending an invitation to all former students, alumni, alumni parents and parishioners to join the current school community in wishing Principal Martha Lewallen well in her retirement. A party Sunday, May 31, from noon until 2 p.m. in the school gymnasium will consist of a luncheon,

short program and congratulations to Principal Lewallen for 27 years of distinguished service as a teacher and principal.

Those interested may access the school Web site, [www.stanthonybsb.org](http://www.stanthonybsb.org) for more information or may RSVP to [stanthonymcc@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonymcc@gmail.com). Everyone is encouraged to send notes, pictures and congratulatory messages to [lettersforlewallen@gmail.com](mailto:lettersforlewallen@gmail.com).

## St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth students receive Carson Scholarship

FORT WAYNE — Two students at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and one alumnus were award Carson Scholarships. Mark Hellinger, son of Mark and Karen Hellinger, is currently a seventh grade student. Nancy McNamara, daughter of Dan and Julie McNamara, is in the eighth grade. Samantha Rahrig, an alumni of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, has also been given this honor.

## Garrett principal receives business award

GARRETT — St. Joseph Catholic School, Garrett, received the 2009 Garrett Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award.

The award was presented to St. Joseph Principal Linda Speer at the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on Friday, April 21.

## School of Creative Arts to host graduate thesis exhibition

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis will open the "Graduate Thesis Exhibition," with works by Laura Adducci, Angela Applegate, Audrey Riley and William Eby on Saturday, May 23, from 7-9 p.m. at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery in the Mimi and Ian Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center.

This exhibition spotlights graduate students who are completing their master of arts degree through the School of Creative Arts.

The exhibition will run through July 1. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please contact Amy Schreiber at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

## Saint Mary's College grads noted for academic success

Three Saint Mary's College students — Rachael Johnson, Caitlin Brodmerkel and Megan Ryan — are all graduating from the college with summa cum laude designation. All three girls are 2005 graduates of Bishop Luers High School and also attended St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from kindergarten through eighth grade.

## BISHOP LUERS MATH TEAM GOES TO STATE



PROVIDED BY BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Super Bowl teams ended their regular season on April 21 at the area meet held at Paul Harding High School. Although the area meet is the qualifying event for state, only the top six teams in the state advance to the state competition. The Bishop Luers math team advanced to the state finals on May 9 at Purdue University. This is the second math team in Bishop Luers' five years in the program to advance to state. The team is coached by Ellen Douglas, math teacher at Bishop Luers. Team members shown are Henry Wu, Sean Driscoll, coach Ellen Douglas and Talitha Frecker. Other members of the math team not pictured are Lauren Hellinger and Michael Welling. Other teams earning a first place finish were science, fine arts and interdisciplinary.

## Going the extra distance ...

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The trek to Fort Wayne from places like Syracuse and Warsaw on a regular basis may seem daunting to some. But for Sarah Dockstader of Warsaw and Jeanna Hagen and Liz List from Syracuse, the drive to the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center for Education of Ministry classes was time well spent, despite the travel.

The Education for Ministry classes began in August of 2008, when the price for gasoline had skyrocketed. For three St. Martin De Porres parishioners and one Blessed Sacrament, Albion, parishioner, they found carpooling as a good way to counter the high prices. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise, because the carpoolers would discuss the classes on the way home.

"Each week our carpool grows closer as a group," said Jeanna Hagen, "sharing our weekly experiences (joys and challenges). We have the luxury of discussing the class on the drive home, clarifying information heard in lecture or by sharing our own thoughts on teachings presented." Hagen called this a "bonus blessing" as a participant in Education for Ministry program.

Education for Ministry is offered by the Office of Catechesis and is a two-year commitment for participants who, one night out of the week, travel to Fort Wayne or South Bend (for the next program) for classes in Old Testament, New Testament, Prayer, Creed, Liturgy and Worship, the Sacraments, Catechetical Methods, Morality and the Theology of Ministry. The program is sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor and participants find the classes very helpful.

Hagen, who is the director of religious education at St. Martin De Porres, told *Today's Catholic* that due to the knowledge gained by this program, the "fuller understanding of my faith enables me to more confidently share church traditions and teachings with catechists."

Liz List, who works in the office at St. Martin's and coordinates the youth ministry, said of the classes: "The more I know about the faith, the more I am able



CONNIE BRUNER

Students participate in two-year Education for Ministry program are shown in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center at a recent class. The next two-year program for 2009-2011 will be offered in the South Bend area beginning in August. To learn about the Education for Ministry classes, visit the diocesan Web site at [www.diocesefwsb.org/OC](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/OC) or call Connie Bruner at (260) 422-4611 Ext. 3351.

to share with others who come through the office as well the the youth I work with."

And Sarah Dockstader, who works in the nursery at Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, and helps with religious education opportunities, also found the classes helpful: "I want to learn how to teach various ages, whether I use that in ministry or just with my own children. I also want to learn more about the church for my own information, and so I'm more equipped to defend the faith when it's required of me."

Connie Bruner, from the Office of Catechesis who coordinates the Education for Ministry classes, noted: "This year we have 55 people participating in the program in Fort Wayne that began this last fall, and there are 11 who are getting ready to complete the two-year program in the South Bend area this spring."

The next two-year program for 2009-2011 will be offered in the South Bend area beginning in August.

Being just 40 miles away from Fort Wayne can mean a drastic difference in weather conditions. The carpool group missed one class on Revelation. Hagen said that "was disappointing for us. Driving in blowing snow and ice, it took us an hour to get to Merriam where we decided to turn around and go back home."

But Stockstader said the classes were cancelled on the nights the weather was the most difficult.

There is a time commitment, especially for those outside of the Fort Wayne or South Bend area. The Syracuse carpool group would leave at 5:40 p.m. Most class nights, they would return home around 10:30 p.m.

"The classes are so interesting and enjoyable that they are definitely worth the drive," Dockstader said. "I'm also blessed with a husband who is very supportive of this commitment, and that makes it much easier for me."

And Dockstader offered this recommendation: "There is so much for us all to learn. I think it's the responsibility of each of us as Catholics to be able to speak intelligently about and defend our faith. It's always a shame when we (especially cradle Catholics) aren't able to answer questions we're asked by people of other religions. It weakens the church as a whole when we can't explain what we believe and why we do what we do and it sets a poor example for our children."

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as songbirds do.

May the work that I will soon begin  
add to the light of your presence  
because it is done with great love.

May the work that I will soon  
begin speak like a prophet of old  
of your dream of beauty and unity.

May the work that I will soon begin  
be a shimmering mirror of your handiwork  
in the excellence of its execution,  
in the joy of doing it for its own sake,  
in my poverty of ownership over it,  
in my openness to failure or success,  
in my invitation to others to share in it  
and in its bearing fruit for the world.

May I be aware that through this work  
I draw near you.

I come to you, Beloved,  
with ready hands.



## Victoria Daugherty: Carroll High School co-valedictorian

FORT WAYNE — “My faith is a guiding force in my life. I know where to walk based on the tenets of my Catholic faith,” says Our Lady of Good Hope parishioner Victoria Anne Faustina “Tori” Daugherty, who is the co-valedictorian of Carroll High School in Fort Wayne.

Outside of her activities at Carroll High School, Daugherty is very involved at Our Lady of Good Hope.

“My mom and I co-founded the Amazing Apostles at Our Lady of Good Hope,” she says. “It is a special needs youth group, a group intended for individuals whose parents are not comfortable placing them into other youth group environments. We have an amazing group of apostles. They are a lot of fun and always ready to jump into whatever craft or skit we have prepared.”

Daugherty has an interest in pursuing occupational therapy studies at the University of Southern Indiana.

Her favorite classes are science. “I enjoy learning seemingly unrelated concepts and realizing that I can make connections between them,” she says. “Everything in science is inter-linked.”

And her most treasured memories include physics class experiments. Her teacher, she says, “strung a bowling ball on a metal chain and hung it from the ceiling.



**VICTORIA DAUGHERTY**

He, then, had students stand against a wall, hold the bowling ball against their foreheads, let go, and not move. The ball swung away from them but then toward them again.

When the bowling ball swung back at their heads, it did not hit them. I had fun laughing at my friends cringe as the ball swung just shy at their head as I cowered in my seat, refusing to try.”

She explains, “Air friction causes a loss of energy in a system. So, more potential energy (ball at rest near forehead) existed in the system than kinetic energy (ball swinging just short of forehead).”

Outside of school, Daugherty’s interests are in horseback riding, cross stitch and leading a youth group.

Daugherty thanks her parents, “for all that they have done to bring me so far.”

Her words of wisdom to younger students: “Give your all and never be discouraged. There are no limits to what you can accomplish if you remain persistent.”

## Julia Ankenbruck: Norwell High School, distinction

BLUFFTON — “My faith gives me motivation to strive to be a better person and motivation to help others. It has also had a huge influence on my morals and my character,” says Julia Ankenbruck who will graduate with distinction at Norwell High School in Ossian. Norwell high school does not single out valedictorians or salutatorians.

A member of St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton, Ankenbruck is involved with religious education, is an altar server, volunteers for church social events like the Lenten fish fry and participates in the blood drive.

At Norwell, “I think some of my most treasured memories from high school are times that I’ve spent with my friends. Also being the state champion for both marching band and drumline,” Ankenbruck says. Her favorite classes have been criminal justice and Spanish.

She adds, “I work a lot in my spare time, but I also enjoy dancing, hanging out with friends, shopping, spending time with the family.”

Next fall, Ankenbruck will attend Xavier University and plans to study



**JULIA ANKENBRUCK**

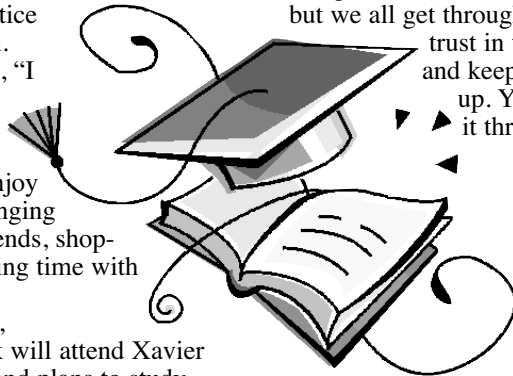
criminal justice with hopes of pursuing a career as a prosecutor.

Ankenbruck says, “I’d like to thank my parents for setting a good example and always pushing

me to strive for the best. I wouldn’t be who I am without their influence. I’d like to thank my family in general for all of their support and encouragement.”

And her words of wisdom for younger students: “I would tell younger students to follow their dreams, as cliché as that sounds. I would tell them not to let anything stop them or get in the way. I would also tell them to have fun and enjoy life. Middle school and high school can be rough, but we all get through it. Just

trust in the Lord and keep your chin up. You’ll make it through.”



## Nick Marchi: Mishawaka High School valedictorian

MISHAWAKA — “(Faith) is the center of my life. I owe all my talent and happiness to God,” says Nick Marchi, valedictorian of Mishawaka High School.

Marchi is a musician and plans to pursue music education and violin performance at Ball State University.

“I play violin at 11:00 Mass every Sunday,” says the St. Bavo parishioner. “I also help out on the Antioch youth retreats.”

His thanks extends to his parents, teachers, friends and God, and says his most treasured memory of high school is becoming valedictorian. His favorite classes are calculus and English.

Outside of school and the parish, Marchi listens to music and likes to “eat, sleep, watch TV/movies, hang out with friends, etc.”

In 10 or 20 years, Marchi says, “I want some type of job in the field of music and a family.”

Marchi’s words of wisdom to the younger students is a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: “Trust thyself, every heart vibrates to that iron string.”

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## Jessie Rose Sample: Northfield High School salutatorian

WABASH — “My faith has kept me grounded when I’ve faced challenges and temptations,” says St. Bernard parishioner and Northfield High School salutatorian Jessie Rose Sample.

Sample is a lector and member of St. Bernard Parish’s youth group.

Undecided about a major, Sample says she knows she wants to work with children as she pursues her education next fall at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Her favorite classes at Northfield have been home economics and chemistry. She says her most treasured memories are “hanging with friends and homecoming week.”

Outside of academics, Sample enjoys reading, volunteering and spending time with friends.

She thanks her parents and grandparents for their support.

In 10 or 20 years, she sees herself, “married with children, hopefully with an amazing job and lots of travel experiences.”

Sample’s words of wisdom to younger students: “Be more outgoing, have fun and smile.”

## Kaytlyn Troyer: Mishawaka High School valedictorian

MISHAWAKA — “My faith gives me the strength to keep on going and never give up hope because I know God has a plan for each of us and he knows what he’s doing,” says Kaytlyn Troyer, the valedictorian of Mishawaka High School and member of St. Joseph Parish in Mishawaka.

At St. Joseph Parish, “I help out with the parish’s vacation Bible school. I also am a eucharistic minister for the Antioch youth Masses, which are held at St. Bavo.”

The things Troyer treasures most about high school include “retreats, adoration and the time spent with my family and friends.”

Physics and calculus are Troyer’s favorite classes in high school.

Outside of academics, Troyer says, “I like to listen to Christian music, read, play ultimate Frisbee and just spend time with my family and friends.”

She will be heading to the University of Notre Dame next fall pursuing a degree in computer engineering.

Troyer says, “I would like to thank my parents, family, friends and God, who gave me the grace



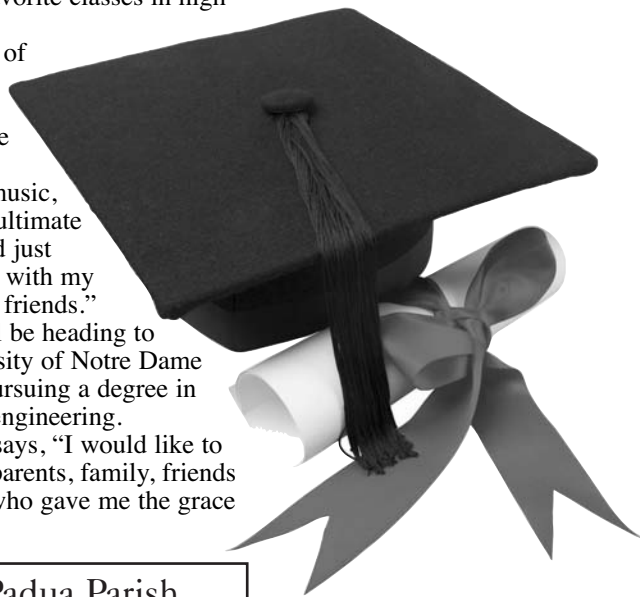
KAITLYN TROYER

to make it to this point.”

And 10 or 20 years from now, Troyer says, “I envision myself possibly being married and helping out with youth ministry, but I’m

open to whatever God’s plan for me is.”

Her words of wisdom for the younger students: “Never give up hope because every day holds new possibilities, and always remember that God is walking with you on every step of your journey.”



## Nikolaus Kleber: Bishop Dwenger valedictorian

FORT WAYNE — “My faith gives my life meaning. God has given me everything I have, and I need to give everything I have back to God. Thus, my faith prompts me to give my fullest effort in all my endeavors ‘for the greater glory of God’ even though the task may seem pointless,” says Nikolaus Kleber, Bishop Dwenger High School valedictorian.

A parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, Kleber has ambitions of pursuing a degree in engineering at the University of Notre Dame. His favorite classes at Bishop Dwenger have been calculus, advanced-placement chemistry and Great Catholic Thinkers.

Of his most treasured memories of Bishop Dwenger, Kleber says, “I always valued the school Masses. The students came together physically through celebrating Mass and spiritually through receiving the Eucharist. Even football games could not unite us in such a fundamental way.”

Kleber says, “A Catholic education is priceless. The loving environment and devoted teachers alleviate the strains of learning, and the Catholic world view gives purpose to our studies. A Catholic education helps one to become a fuller person, not just a scholar. Furthermore, we can use theology now through eternity, whereas general studies are only useful for this life.”

As for extracurricular activities, Kleber says, “I play the clarinet for the school’s marching band, pep band and pit orchestra for the spring musical. In addi-



NIKOLAUS KLEBER

tion, I compete as a clarinetist in ISSMA solo and ensemble festivals. I am also an officer for the National Honor Society, a captain for the mathematics academic team, a member of

the science team and a member of Knowledge Masters.”

His hobbies include collecting coins and, when time permits, playing Nintendo.

Kleber extends, first, his thanks to God. “He does not need me,” he says, “yet he gives me all things out of his love, including the people I want to thank. I thank my entire family, especially my mother and father, who lovingly support me and teach me things school never could. I also thank my dedicated teachers for their superior instruction and all the priests who have administered life-giving sacraments to us at Bishop Dwenger.”

As for plans after college, Kleber says, “We make plans, and God simply laughs at them. While I do have personal ideas for the direction of my life, I can guarantee that what I say now will not be the case in 10 or 20 years. Simply, I hope to be doing what God wants me to be doing in 10 or 20 years.”

And his words of wisdom for younger students comes from First Corinthians, “The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

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**Kaytlyn Troyer**

Mishawaka High School  
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**Nick Marchi**

Mishawaka High School

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*Kaytlyn*

## Olivia Lee, Bishop Dwenger salutatorian

FORT WAYNE — “I feel that my Catholic education has influenced every aspect of my high school career,” says Bishop Dwenger High School salutatorian Olivia Lee. “One of the things I have most enjoyed about going to a Catholic school has been the religion classes. I have really appreciated how the teachers integrate prayer and our Catholic faith into all the classes as well. Also, one of the most rewarding activities I have encountered has been service, which Dwenger strongly encourages, supports and makes it easy to become involved in.”

Lee adds, “I try to keep my faith in mind in everything that I do, whether its school, sports or relationships with friends and family. I just always try to trust that God has my life in his hands, and I pray that he helps guide me towards whatever he wants me to do.”

Lee is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

She says, “I would like to thank God for giving me so many opportunities and blessings in life. I



OLIVIA LEE

would also like to thank my parents for sending me to Catholic schools and always doing what was best for me, even if I didn’t like it.

Also, I want to thank all the wonderful teachers at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth and Bishop Dwenger who have fostered in me a love for learning and for my Catholic faith.”

Her favorite classes at Bishop Dwenger are morality, English literature and history.

At Bishop Dwenger, Lee has been part of the gymnastics and tennis team all four years of high school. “(I) have done gymnastics year round since I was very young,” Lee says.

Of her most treasured high school memories, Lee says, “are going to football games and cheering in the stands with the whole school; also, just spending time with friends and laughing together.

I will never forget winning state freshman year in gymnastics, or any of my gymnastics seasons. The sleepovers, practices, pasta parties, meets and state weekend have been what I will remember most from high school.”

Lee adds, “I also play the cello in Bishop Dwenger’s orchestra. Since sophomore year, I have been part of the Academic Spell Bowl Team as well. The past couple of summers I have volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club.”

Outside of school, Lee like to read, “fiction, nonfiction, magazines, newspapers, whatever,” she says. “During the summer, I love going to the lake and spending time with family and friends.”

Lee’s words of wisdom for the younger students: “I think it is important for younger students to keep in mind that they should always be themselves, be kind to everyone, and work hard in everything that they do. Also, if you’re ever unsure about something, nervous, or don’t know what to do, always ask God for his help.”

## Lauren Hellinger: Bishop Luers salutatorian

FORT WAYNE — “I think a Catholic education gives young people a chance to practice living out and learning the faith in a comfortable setting so that the faith is strong enough to them when they must face the real world,” says Lauren Hellinger, salutatorian of class of 2009 at Bishop Luers High School.

The Roanoke resident and member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne plans to study mathematics education at Purdue University with her sights set to teaching high school math or religion.

“My life would not be the same without my faith. It guides my actions and decisions every day,” Hellinger says.

She says she enjoys religion, journalism and math classes the most at Bishop Luers.

Her extracurricular activities at Bishop Luers include serving as president of Students Against Destructive Decisions and participating in soccer, swimming and tennis. She is a member of the Academic Super Bowl team, is a peer tutor and teaches religious education at St. Elizabeth.

Hellinger is also a Big Sister for the First Mentors program of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Other than activities at school, church and community, Hellinger likes to read, clean her home and “hang out with my friends.”



LAUREN  
HELLINGER

Hellinger says, “I would like to thank God for all of my blessings. I would like to thank my parents for sending me through 12 years of Catholic schools and for

always being supportive of me. I would like to tell my mom thanks for being my biggest fan and always putting us kids first in everything she does. I would also like to thank Michelle, Julia, Mark David and the rest of my family for being supportive and fun. I would like to thank my friends and their families for being there for me and for making high school so enjoyable. I could not have made it without my wonderful friends. Finally I would like to thank the teachers, coaches and staff at Luers for everything they have done for me, especially Mrs. (Eileen) Brodmerkel.”

Her words of wisdom to younger students: “Enjoy every minute of high school while you can. It is a wonderful time!”

## Kara Baumgartner: Bishop Luers valedictorian

FORT WAYNE — “The Catholic education I have received is priceless and a part of who I am. It has helped me to become stronger in my faith and taught me how to live and grow closer to God. I think that a Catholic education provides a solid foundation for students to enable them to be faithful, compassionate people,” says Kara Baumgartner, valedictorian of the class of 2009 at Bishop Luers High School.

Baumgartner is a member of St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne. “I love being involved in my faith, such as being a lector at my parish, participating in peer ministry at Luers, and helping with services like Vacation Bible School over the summer,” she says.

At Luers, journalism classes have been a highlight for Baumgartner. “I have also enjoyed my creative writing class, and my AP English class,” she says.

Baumgartner will attend Loyola University in Chicago next fall though she hasn’t decided on a major.

“One of my favorite high school memories is from this year when I went on the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C.,” Baumgartner says. “There was a big group of Luers kids that went on the trip, and it was a really amazing experience.”

Of other fond memories of Bishop Luers, she adds, “There are also many little memories I will never forget — sipping hot chocolate at a football game, listening to the slamming of the lockers as everyone celebrated another end of the school week one Friday, cheering ‘09’ with my fellow classmates at a pep assembly, and playing hide-and-seek in the school at the Junior/Senior Knights of Faith Retreat.”

Baumgartner is involved with



KARA  
BAUMGARTNER

many activities. “I have participated in Peer Ministry, journalism, Key Club, National Honor Society, World Culture Club, Academic Super Bowl, Junior/Senior Retreat Team,

freshman mentoring, Students Against Destructive Decisions, soccer, track and basketball,” she says.

Her list of thank-yous includes her parents, “for supporting me throughout these 18 years, for believing in me, for pushing me to be the best person I can possibly be.” She also thanks her little sisters, grandmother and godparents “for guiding me and always being there for me.”

And to her “extended family,” she adds, “I have been blessed with so many loving relatives, and I am so very grateful to have all of you in my life. My thanks go out to all of my teachers and coaches as well, especially to Mrs. (Eileen) Brodmerkel, who has taught me all four years here at Luers. I would also like to thank the Bishop Luers community and the St. Joseph Parish community, two places overflowing with love and encouragement, my ‘second homes.’ To my friends: you have made my life full of laughter and even tears when we laughed too hard.”

Baumgartner’s words of wisdom for younger students: “Take the time to enjoy high school. I know it sounds incredibly cliché, but the four years really do fly by. I can’t believe it’s already over for me. I just want everybody to realize that college or whatever follows high school will come soon enough, so don’t rush through it and don’t let it pass you by.”

## Catherine ‘Katie’ Firth: Marian High School valedictorian

MISHAWAKA

— “A Catholic education not only provides students with the opportunity to grow in their faith, but also a positive learning environment where they are able to develop intellectually,” says Catherine “Katie” Firth, valedictorian of the Marian High School class of 2009.

Firth, who is a member of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, says, “My faith is very important to me. I am so grateful to have a solid foundation for my life. I realize faith is a gift, so it’s important to share it, to encourage others by word and example to follow Christ.”

Firth’s favorite classes at Marian High School have been math and science, and next fall, she will be studying at the University of Notre Dame with a major in math and economics.

Firth says her favorite memories of Marian are “the time spent with good friends and important life lessons learned.”

At Marian, she was a member of the golf and swim team. “I also participated in mock trial and German Club, and served as president of the National Honor Society,” she says.

Honors have included winning Academic All-State honors, senior year; named to the Top Ten Academic All-State team; and awarded NIC Honorable Mention, senior year.

Outside of academics, she says, “I enjoy listening to music, reading, golfing, cooking and running.”

Firth says, “I would like to thank my family for supporting and encouraging me my entire life, and more importantly, for challenging me to become the best person I can become.”

In 10 or 20 years, Firth says, “I envision myself being happy.”

And she concludes with these words of wisdom for younger students: “I would encourage younger students to try to find and maintain balance in their lives. The temptation to become absorbed in one thing (or in many cases, too many things) is enormous, and finding that balance is key to being a well-rounded, happy person. Enjoy the freedom of your youth while you can.”



CATHERINE  
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## Michael Urda: Marian High School co-salutatorian

MISHAWAKA — “The value of a Catholic education is that it’s an education centered on the truth of Christ, which is the ultimate truth,” says Michael Urda, salutatorian of the Marian High School class of 2009. “That puts things into perspective and gives everything else you learn a real foundation. When you receive a Catholic education, the faith becomes an integral part of who you are — not something separate.”

A member of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend, where Urda attended school from kindergarten through eighth grade, he notes that he was baptized by Bishop Joseph Crowley.

“My Catholic faith is at the center of my life,” he says. “The faith that I learned at home, at St. Matthew’s and at Marian is a part of every aspect of my life and informs every decision I make.”

At Marian, Urda says, “I’ve really enjoyed almost all of my classes at Marian.” Particular favorites are history, biology, four years of German, Greek class and Father Dan Scheidt’s “Great Catholic Thinkers” class.

Urda will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall. He intends to major in classic — Latin and Greek — with hopes of following in the footsteps of his dad, brother and sister — and become an attorney.

Urda says, “At Marian, my extracurricular activities have included being a member of National Honor Society, as well as a four-year member of the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team, Junior Statesmen of America, and the German Club. I’ve also been an altar server all four years and a lector during my senior year. Quiz Bowl has been my favorite extracurricular. It’s very fast-paced, and I love competing against teams from the other high schools. Mr. Andrzejewski has been a great coach, leading our



**MICHAEL  
URDA**

team to the city championship two years ago and to the state tournament each of the last three years. I’m really going to miss it.”

Urda adds, “Outside of Marian, my primary extracurricular activity has been Scouting. I’ve been in Scouts for over 10 years. This past summer — my last as a Boy Scout — I helped build an outdoor shrine for the Blessed Mother at Marian and went on a backpacking trip with my dad and other members of our troop to Philmont Scout Ranch in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico. It was a great way to end up.”

In his free time, he says, “I enjoy reading, playing the piano, juggling, following the Cubs, Bulls, Bears, Blackhawks and Notre Dame, going to movies with my friends, and spending time with my brother and sisters and my mom and dad.”

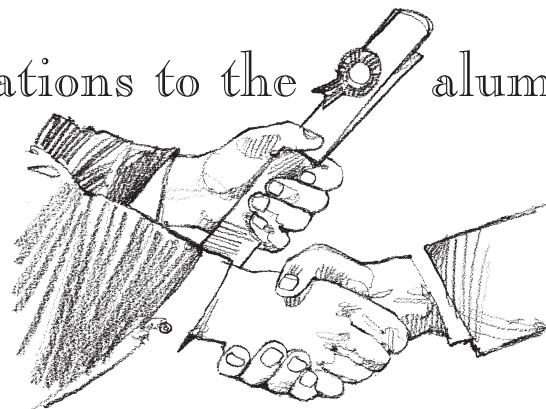
His notes of thanks are to his parents, brother and three sisters, “for being so great to me and so supportive.”

He adds, “I’m also especially grateful to Father Michael Heintz, Mr. Steve Dance, and Mrs. Julie Considine, and to our principal, Carl Loesch, and my teachers — particularly Mr. Andrzejewski, Mr. Tricker, Frau Cunniff, Mr. McCauley and Father Dan Scheidt — for their encouragement. And thanks, of course, to my friends, who have made the good times better and the not-so-good times bearable.”

Urda has these departing words of wisdom: “Be good to each other. Be nice to your parents. Always try your hardest to do your best. And, in the words of Winston Churchill, ‘Never, never, never, never quit.’”



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## Elise DeBuysser: Marian High School co-salutatorian

MISHAWAKA — The value of Catholic education at Marian High School is that it “instills a good sense of moral values,” says Elise DeBuysser who is the salutatorian for the class of 2009. “I always try to be a good person,” she adds.

The South Bend resident will head to Stanford University in the fall to pursue studies in environmental science, especially in the areas of water policy and conservation.

“I love going to the beach and hiking the dunes, any outdoor sport, chilling with friends at the coffee house,” says DeBuysser of her favorite ways to spend time.

At Marian, she founded and served as president of the Environmental Club, an organization active in recycling, conservation and education. She is also a member of the Alliance for the Great Lakes, is a research assistant at Notre Dame’s Center for Aquatic Conservation, is a member of the National Honor Society, plays classical guitar and participates in Reins of Life and the recently formed “Spotlight Dance Club.”

These have all brought about some of her favorite memories of Marian: “getting involved in great opportunities; getting stuck on the parking lot hill; driving my friend home in a snowstorm; learning ballroom dance; meeting great people; and finally feeling comfortable being myself.”

DeBuysser’s awards include being named the Senior of the Month, winning a gold medal in



ELISE DEBUYSSE

the National Latin Exam, earning first place for her piano solo and first place for her musical composition at ISSMA, as well as numerous awards for her science

research project. She served as Marian’s ambassador to the HOBY Leadership Conference at the end of her sophomore year.

Her favorite classes at Marian have been advanced-placement physics and Latin.

DeBuysser thanks, “all of the teachers and staff at Marian, the Lodge Lab at Notre Dame, and my family especially.”

After college, DeBuysser says, “I would like to work locally and internationally to help preserve our resources (especially the Great Lakes) through policy and diplomacy. Twenty years (into the future) seems like a long time to plan ahead, life is an adventure.”

DeBuysser’s words of wisdom to younger students: “Senior year is the best — the social dynamics are really chill. Get involved in what you want to do. If nothing is available, start something or go outside your school. Never get discouraged, life is a journey. I was failing chemistry when I first came to Marian, so I decided I was going to be a chef. But now I really love science and am going to a great university.”

## Michael Furdyna: Saint Joseph’s co-valedictorian

SOUTH BEND — “A Catholic education provides students with a faith-guided framework that they can use to apply their knowledge throughout their lives. It enables them to excel in all they do, and do so in a Christian manner,” says Michael Furdyna, co-valedictorian of the class of 2009 at Saint Joseph’s High School.

Furdyna, a Granger resident, is a member of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame and says of his faith, “My faith is a source of strength, comfort, guidance and motivation for me, and I try my best to keep it in mind in all I do.”

Favorite classes at Saint Joseph’s include those in the science and math departments, with advanced placement calculus and advanced placement biology the



MICHAEL FURDYNA

most exciting for the co-valedictorian. Furdyna was also active in tennis, the Quiz Bowl and GREIA tutoring, among other activities. In his spare time he enjoys reading,

playing trivia games, listening to music and hanging out with his friends.

Furdyna will attend University of Chicago with a major in biologic sciences. He hopes to enjoy a career as a doctor in a medical practice or in medical research.

Of the many memories he has of his high school years at Saint Joseph’s Furdyna says, “My most treasured memories are those of

all the wonderfully fun moments I have had with my friends in high school, especially when we would laugh so hard it hurt.”

His gratitude goes to his parents among so many who have supported and inspired him throughout his academic career at Saint Joseph’s. He says, “Above all, I would like to thank my parents. I would also like to thank my friends, and the faculty and staff of Saint Joseph’s High School. They all have done so much for me, and I am grateful.”

His words of wisdom for the younger students: “Always try to push yourself. Take the challenging courses if you can, and do the additional extracurricular activities. There will be days when you will wish you never did, but in the end your work will be worth it.”

## Renula Mitra: Saint Joseph’s co-valedictorian

SOUTH BEND — “The rigor of a Catholic education prepares students for higher learning,” says Saint Joseph’s class of 2009 co-valedictorian, Renula Mitra, who adds, “My faith provides me with strength and reassurance when I’m under pressure, and it helps me maintain a balance in my life.”

Mitra, a Granger resident, plans to attend Williams College to study economics and media studies.

While a student at Saint



RENULA MITRA

Joseph’s, Mitra enjoyed most of her courses, but says favorites include English, film studies, math, economics and French. This well-rounded student was active in fencing, tutoring and

playing the piano as well, and had a passion for her membership on the Fed Challenge team.

Outside leisure activities include playing in a rock band. She says, “Outside of that, I love to read, listen to music, watch movies and hang out with my friends.”

Of her high school experience Mitra cherishes many fond memories and says, “Several humorous

experiences in the classroom, long nights talking with my friends and working on scripts, and excited pursuits in creating projects are some of my treasured memories.”

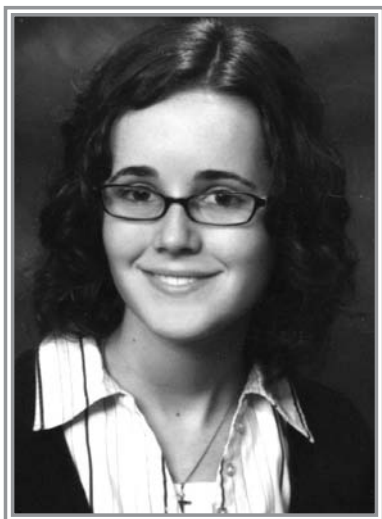
For those memories she has so many people to thank and says, “In particular, I would like to thank my parents for their undying support and guidance. They have sacrificed a lot for me, and I am so grateful and blessed to have them as my parents. In addition, I would like to thank some of my teachers for their support, inspiration and devotion to teaching.”

With her future wide open, this co-valedictorian shares these words of wisdom for other students, “Never study and work hard just to beat another person; do it for your own satisfaction, development and passion.”

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Valedictorian

Tori Daugherty



•Co-founder and leader of Amazing Apostles

•Parishioner - Our Lady of Good Hope

•Volunteer at Turnstone

•Equestrienne

•Future Occupational Therapist

*Thank you Carroll High School  
and hello to  
The University of Southern Indiana*

Congratulations on your hard work, being a great sister, a good Catholic role model and a wonderful daughter.

*We love you...*

**Mom, Dad, Bryan and Philip**



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
BISHOP DWENGER GRADUATES

Mary Black

and

Addi Tomlinson

and Best Wishes as you enter

Purdue University...GO BOILERS!

Your Aunt Lois is very proud of you.



## Brian Huang: Saint Joseph's salutatorian

SOUTH BEND — "A devout Catholic with a clear understanding of the faith and the mechanics of its defense is a better witness than the most eloquent of speakers," says Saint Joseph's class of 2009 salutatorian, Brian Huang, of the value of his Catholic education.

His faith has seen him through and he says, "My faith is inextricably tied to my very identity. Raised all my life in a Christian household, sometimes it can be hard to single out its influence. Especially in recent years, when my own will and strength would have failed me, it has given me the power to continue."

Huang, a resident of Granger, is undecided about the college he will attend but his intent is to study biochemical engineering with his sites set on earning a doctorate in biochemical or biomedical engineering to engage in cutting-edge research.

At Saint Joseph's Huang particularly enjoyed his "classes with Mr. Wojtowicz, apologetics with Mrs. Wales, macro and microeconomics with Mrs. Chismar, and biology with Mr. Carrier." He participated in a wide range of extracurricular activities including tennis, quiz bowl, mock trial and Fed Challenge, but the most significant, he says, was his musical studies. "I've been a violinist for nearly 15 years now and have only recently, during my high school years, begun to appreciate the blessing of music. Today, it is an enjoyable pastime and expres-



**BRIAN HUANG**

sion of my soul, all wrapped into one," he says.

The close-knit community at the high school was a driving force for the salutatorian. He says,

"One of the greatest parts about an education at Saint Joe is the amazing community. The support of my friends and teachers helped to sustain me through my weakest moments. I particularly remember hanging out with my friends at Lulu's café, taking a load off from a particularly trying week. We were playing a game in which we thought of five adjectives to describe each person's greatest strengths in the eyes of the others. When they chose my five, I was completely blown away. It remains, to this day, one of the most encouraging memories of my life."

For that and so many cherished memories, Huang offers heartfelt thanks to "my parents for raising me, my teachers for educating me, my friends for supporting me and my brother for simply being the best ever!"

His encouragement for younger students at Saint Joseph's High School — "Whatever you want to do, start early. Even if you don't know exactly what it is, you can always begin moving in some general direction. Success operates on a first-come-first-serve basis."

## Serrans of Fort Wayne present Christian Leadership Awards

FORT WAYNE — The 2009 Christian Leadership Award winners from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high schools attended a luncheon in their honor on May 1. The pastoral ministers, Barb Loomis from Bishop Dwenger and Sue Mathias from Bishop Luers, introduced their students and their achievements at the respective schools.

Jenna Roy, from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, was a class officer eucharistic minister and helped start the Social Justice Club at Bishop Dwenger. She will be going to Rwanda, Africa this fall for social work and as an educator.

Nathan Maskal, from St. Charles Borromeo Parish, played for the Bishop Dwenger tennis team and was in all bands except marching band. Maskal was in several clubs and has been accepted by Bishop John M. D'Arcy to attend the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Minnesota this fall.

Jessica Allphin, from St. Therese Parish, has been a peer minister for four years, the sound system expert at Bishop Luers, made honor roll all four years and was one of the chairpersons for the Junior-Senior Retreat. Allphin will be attending the School of Nursing at the University of Saint Francis this fall.

Jacob "Jake" Ware from St. Aloysius, Yoder, has been a peer minister for three years, made honor roll all four years and was

the Knights' mascot. Ware was in several clubs at Luers. He is also an Eagle Scout and will be attending Ball State this fall in secondary education.

Of special note, Jacob Ware was the third child in his family

to receive this award. The Chad and Kathy Ware family have been honored at the Serran luncheon for the last three years. They still have a freshman at Bishop Luers, and children in kindergarten and preschool at St. Aloysius.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE FORT WAYNE SERRA CLUB

Bishop Dwenger High School pastoral minister Barb Loomis, center, is shown with the Serra Club Christian Leadership Award winners Jenna Roy, left, and Nathan Maskal, right.



Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer is shown with Fort Wayne Serra Club Christian Leadership Award winners Jessica Allphin, Jake Ware and Bishop Luers pastoral minister Sue Mathias.



The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish family extends prayerful best wishes to the 2009 parish graduates of

**Homestead High School**

**Canterbury School**

**Bishop Dwenger High School**

**Bishop Luers High School**

*and in particular to*

**OLIVIA LEE**

**Salutatorian - Bishop Dwenger High School**

**and**

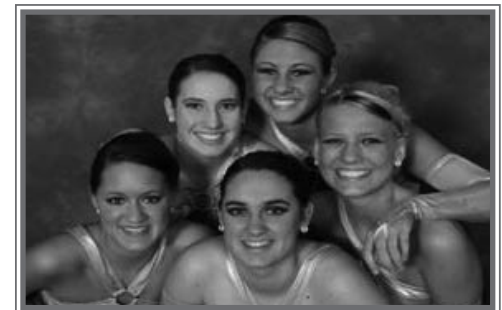
**LAUREN HELLINGER**

**Salutatorian - Bishop Luers High School**

*Alumnae of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Grade School*

*"May the Lord guide you in your journey"*

*Knights forever!*



Amanda Diltz, Jean Osberger, Brook Durbin, Abby Simon, Maria Schwab  
Halee Burkins (not pictured)

*Congratulations to our  
Marian High School Senior Poms!*  
*Love, Abby's Mom and Dale*

# SMC students receive service awards

NOTRE DAME — The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's College has announced that three students from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend were recognized with unique service and volunteer awards. The award winners were recognized at a dinner on April 29.

**Alma Bravo** of South Bend, whose intended major is nursing, will receive one of five new annual awards. Bravo was honored with the Sister Maria Concepta McDermott Award for service in education. Sister McDermott (1913-1990) was an outspoken voice for the rights of the poor.

Bravo is a first-year student who, as a Citizen Scholar, receives financial aid assistance for hours she works in the community. Bravo works at Warren Primary Center in South Bend as a teacher's aide in two English-as-a-New-Language (ENL) classrooms four days each week.

Bravo is a graduate of Riley High School and a parishioner of St. Adalbert's Parish in South Bend. She is the daughter of Nicolas Bravo and Rafaela Najar Bravo.

**Caitlin Brodmerkel** of Fort Wayne, who is majoring in nursing and biology, will receive one of five new annual awards. Brodmerkel was honored with the Sister Olivia Marie Hutcheson Award for service in the health field. Sister Hutcheson (1917-2008) was a compassionate nurse, hospital administrator, builder and spiritual guide.

Brodmerkel has worked at the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center in South Bend, which serves those without insurance and pro-

vides critical health care to those with few resources, since her freshman year, assisting with intake and patient assessment. She has also worked with the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Outreach Program since freshman year.

Brodmerkel spent 10 weeks in Kyarusozzi, Uganda, during the summer of 2008, where she worked as a nurse at a health clinic started by the congregation. She also taught health science at St. Joseph Hill Secondary School. Since returning, she has raised nearly \$10,000 for the clinic in Uganda.

Brodmerkel is a graduate of Bishop Luers High School and a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne. She is the daughter of Myron and Eileen Brodmerkel of Fort Wayne.

**Alicia Wilkins** of Mishawaka an elementary education major, will receive the Patricia Arch Green

Award for her exemplary service to the community's children through the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program at Saint Mary's College. Green (1939-2004) graduated from Saint Mary's in 1961 with an elementary education degree. She lived a life dedicated to serving others and believed in teaching by example.

Wilkins has given over 476 hours of her time to the CAT program over the past two years. She works as a teacher's assistant at Lincoln Primary Center in South Bend and as a tutor at the St. Joseph County Public Library.

Wilkins also participates in the "12 Days of Christmas" initiative, the "Yes, We Can! Walk for the Hungry" and the Pen Pals program.

Alicia Wilkins is a graduate of Penn High School and a parishioner of St. Bavo's Parish in Mishawaka. She is the daughter of Tammy Wilkins.

## Congratulations!

### Marian Class of 2009

We will miss your spirit and the many gifts and talents you have shared with us. As you join the ranks of Marian Alumni, we wish for each of you God centered lives and much success both personally and professionally.

#### Congratulations Knights of '09

Administration, Faculty, Staff & Underclassmen



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from the Administration,  
Faculty and Staff

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The Faculty, Staff and Students of  
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congratulate the Class of 2009  
who have received acceptances from the following:

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Central Michigan  
DePaul  
Eastern Illinois University  
Franciscan University  
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Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne  
Indiana University  
IUPUI  
Ivy Tech  
Loyola University Chicago  
Manchester College  
Miami of Ohio  
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Trine University  
University of Illinois  
University of Indianapolis  
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U. S. Marines  
U. S. Navy  
Valparaiso  
Warren Wilson University  
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Xavier University

*You are the light of the world...  
your light must shine before others, that they may see your good  
deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.  
~Matthew 5: 14-16*

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### Abigail Kleber IPFW

*Abbie, what a fantastic  
4 years of college! You have  
accomplished much and  
we are very proud of you.  
Love, Mom and Dad*



### Nikolaus Kleber Bishop Dwenger High School

*Congratulations, Nik,  
on your graduation - we are  
very proud of you. May God  
bless you as you start your  
college career at Notre Dame.  
Love, Mom and Dad*



Congratulations class of 2009

TODAY'S CATHOLIC



# Is rugged individualism compatible with Christianity?



## THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Rugged individualism has often been considered by many to be a virtue in our Western culture, especially in the United States. Another way of saying it is that independence, counting mostly on oneself alone, is considered a great attribute. It is the attitude that says, "I can do it myself without any help!" People are lauded and admired for reaching their goals with little or no real assistance from others. We hear it said glowingly, "She pulled herself up by her own bootstraps," or "He started that company single-handedly." In other words, they succeeded basically without any or much assistance. They were pretty much in

control.

Why is it often so difficult for so many of us to ask for or accept help from others? Why do we applaud those who seem extremely independent and, in our view, can take care of themselves? Why is saying that we need another's help too often considered some kind of a weakness?

Many of us find it much easier to give than to receive. We may be very generous and great at assisting others, but find it hard to ask for help when we need it or to allow someone to do something nice for us. I think this is so because, when we are in the role of the giver, we are more in control. When we permit others to give to us we can become vulnerable. Too often vulnerability is seen as a weakness.

Whether we like it or not, it is very difficult to go it alone in life. We need others and they need us. It would be very lonely if we carried out rugged individualism to the extreme. Our present world situation has shown us just how much we depend on one another.

As Christians we are called to love, and

true love according to Jesus involves give and take. To be part of a community is to be interdependent. There is no room for radical self-sufficiency in the life of one who follows Jesus. It is truly a gift, not a weakness, to allow others to show their love for us. We must learn to accept help graciously and be willing to help and support others when they need us. Jesus reminds us of this again and again, especially when he washed the feet of his disciples.

We all need one another whether we like it or not. It would be a good exercise to sit down and reflect upon all the people, whether directly or indirectly, we depended upon in a day. Consider the farmers who grow the food we eat or the police officers who keep our cities safe. Now is the time to think of others who have an impact on your life, and be thankful for them.

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## YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

# Grace for the graduate: A leap of faith, a new beginning

Dear Graduate,

I know how you're feeling — light headed and faint-hearted.

You're trying to process the culmination of four long years that flew by, trying to smile pretty and keep it straight — left hand takes diploma, right hand shakes, tassel flips from right to left.

You've managed to master biochemistry and the sociology of the cafeteria, Professor Martin and two inexorable roommates, and yet, these simple instructions have you feeling crisscrossed.

The hard part ought to be behind you, but you suspect the greatest challenge awaits: how to properly punctuate your college career.

You're treading in the deep end of emotion, torn between a weep and a cheer. Each goodbye you extend feels sorely inadequate.

I couldn't imagine life beyond college. I hated to leave the close quarters and the strong, sustaining circle of friendship I'd been living in. I was sure I would never again experience anything like it.

And I was right.

But I can assure you that the end of one good thing makes room for the beginning of another. You'll come to love your post-college life, with its new blessings and different rewards.

It, too, is deeply satisfying — perhaps more so, because you become a contributing member of society, not just a college student. You make your mark on a broader canvas.

So here is my summons to

you: Instead of dreading this change, embrace it. Invite and absorb the grace of a new beginning.

"When the heart is ready for a fresh beginning," wrote the late Irish poet John O'Donohue, "unforeseen things can emerge. And in a sense, this is exactly what a beginning does. It is an opening for surprises."

Heart-stopping, soul-stirring, life-giving surprises.

They won't arrive immediately, though. You must be patient.

As you wait for your future to unfold, take heart in this month's Scripture readings. "Beloved," St. John writes, "we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed."

It will be, he promises. "We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

That is what we do know, and it is enough for today: Every change that brings an uncomfortable waiting period will result in clearer vision to see and mimic God.

St. John offers additional solace later in the month. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

What a stunning promise, to leap from childhood to adulthood, from being unready to unlocking "all truth."

As you prepare to graduate, remember St. Rita, whose feast day is this month. She is the patron of impossible causes, which your job search may feel like.



## TWENTY SOMETHING BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

St. Rita faced a terrifying crossroads when her husband and sons died. The convent she yearned to enter refused her application. But she prayed fervently and its doors swung open.

Prayerful patience will open doors for you too.

Look beyond the obvious as you assess your current state: yes, you have a paper degree and deep debt to show for the last four years, but you've also developed a broader mind and a bigger heart, which the world desperately needs.

Keep your head up as you walk across that stage. You have so much to look forward to!

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn. Email her at [christina@readchristina.com](mailto:christina@readchristina.com).

# Bishop Luers High School class reunion information updated

- Class of 1964 (45 year) reunion is planned for the weekend of Aug. 21-22. Contact person is Jack Rauch at (256) 452-2610 or [jackr98765@aol.com](mailto:jackr98765@aol.com).

- Class of 1965 — Ken Hensch will host his annual class/family reunion on Oct. 10 on his property at 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Those attending are asked bring a side dish to share. Beer and soda are included. To RSVP, please contact Tom Schilling at [tjssynergy@comcast.net](mailto:tjssynergy@comcast.net) or at (260) 625-4083 or (260) 625-6924. The fax is (260) 625-6926.

- Class of 1969 (40 year) reunion is planned Saturday, Sept. 12, at Lester's. Contact persons Jim Nill [jnill@tmcc.com](mailto:jnill@tmcc.com) or Rita Hayes [rahazee@yahoo.com](mailto:rahazee@yahoo.com) and Patty Shank at [pls715@comcast.net](mailto:pls715@comcast.net).

- Class of 1970 — Greg Bosh is interested in starting to plan their 40th reunion. To help, contact him at (260) 410-2344 or [gwbosh@verizon.net](mailto:gwbosh@verizon.net).

- Class of 1974 (35 year) reunion is planned for Saturday, July 11, at Brookwood Golf Club from 6-11 p.m. Contact persons are Brenda Price at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3041 or (260) 447-7760, Ed Henline at (260) 483-0751 or Chuck Litchfield at (260) 639-3352. Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

- Class of 1979 (30 year) reunion is planned for Saturday, June 20. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne. Dinner will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Reed Road from 6:30-11:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Contact persons are Tess (Weber)

Steffen at (260) 456-6247 or [hoosiertoolgal@yahoo.com](mailto:hoosiertoolgal@yahoo.com) and Chris Andorfer-Ward at (317) 585-8826.

- Class of 1984 (25 year) reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 26, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Food will be provided by Casa and Nine Mile restaurants. There will be a cash bar. Contact Joe Strack at (260) 433-8995 or Dean Robinson at (260) 748-7545 or [mud.donor@verizon.net](mailto:mud.donor@verizon.net) for those interested in helping.

- Class of 1989 (20 year) reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. at Columbia Street West in the second floor banquet room. Classmates are asked send their favorite pictures and memories to share to contacts Maria Merz Parsenow at (260) 447-0591 or at [merpar9@aol.com](mailto:merpar9@aol.com) or Amy Hook Allen at (260) 436-0992.

- Class of 1994 (15 year) reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 27. Those interested in helping to organize the reunion should contact Bishop Luers High School Alumni Office.

- Class of 1999 (10 year) reunion is planned for Saturday, July 25, at Fire Engine House No. 5 on Broadway. Contact Gabe Ortiz [g\\_otee77@yahoo.com](mailto:g_otee77@yahoo.com) or Darcey Palmer-Shultz at [darceyps@gmail.com](mailto:darceyps@gmail.com) or Rachel Nix Dirig.

- Class of 2004 (five year) reunion is planned for Saturday, May 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight at Columbia Street West. Cost is \$20.04 per person. Contact persons are Molly Rowan and Brittany Rehner. E-mail your current mailing address to [BLHS.2004@yahoo.com](mailto:BLHS.2004@yahoo.com).

## EDITORIAL

## Let the graduates have their special day

Graduation commencements serve as a means to honor the graduates of our high schools, colleges and universities who have achieved a milestone and are ready to tackle another venture in life. In essence, it's the graduates who we honor. Indeed, it is their special day.

That is something we need to keep in mind this Sunday as the University of Notre Dame celebrates the class of 2009. Many groups from outside the university have called on people across the diocese and nation to come to campus to protest the university's selection of a commencement speaker, U.S. President Barack Obama, who will also receive an honorary law degree. Critics claim the president's record on life issues — support for legalized abortion and embryonic stem-cell research, reversal of the Mexico City policy and campaign promise to pass the Freedom of Choice Act and even more recently to examine reversal of the health worker's conscience protection clause — made him an inappropriate choice to be speaker and receive the honorary degree.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, himself a critic of the choice of speaker, responded with a statement: "After much prayer, I have decided not to attend the graduation. I wish no disrespect to our president, I pray for him and wish him well. I have always revered the office of the presidency. But a bishop must teach the Catholic faith 'in season and out of season,' and he teaches not only by his words — but by his actions."

His March 24 statement added, "My decision is not an attack on anyone, but is in defense of the truth about human life.

"I have in mind also the statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 2004. 'The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.' Indeed, the measure of any Catholic institution is not only what it stands for, but also what it will not stand for."

Just a few weeks later, Bishop D'Arcy once again addressed University of Notre Dame President Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins with another statement clarifying the U.S. bishop's statement from 2004 that even non-Catholics should not be honored at a Catholic university if their policies were in opposition with church teaching.

Critics of Bishop D'Arcy have claimed everything from "he should go to the commencement and form a dialogue with the President Obama," to "he should do more" which includes taking the university out of the Catholic directory to other ideas.

We are grateful to the bishop's leadership on this issue. We are assured he makes these decisions with much prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Having been our diocesan shepherd, now in his 25th year since May 1, the bishop knows the University of Notre Dame.

Bishop D'Arcy has been a strong voice when the media spotlight came down upon our diocese. He has encouraged the efforts of ND Response, a coalition of students who have worked with the Notre Dame administration in stating their concerns and organized activities that are characterized by respect, prayfulness, outspoken fidelity to the church and true concern for the good of the university.

While groups outside of the university and the diocese have threatened to "create a circus," Bishop D'Arcy advocates that his flock work with the program and events devised by ND Response.

In just last week's News and Notes column, Bishop D'Arcy said, "... I once again ask that everyone in the South Bend area stay away from the interlopers who have come here from outside to draw attention to themselves, who contribute nothing, except to divide us. Let us hope and pray that Notre Dame will have a quiet and peaceful graduation that the young people will remember positively."

Let us stay loyal to the cause for the protection of life. In many ways we see how divided we are on the issue of life that we should all embrace and how to best express our message and the church's message that life is sacred, from God, and calls for protection from conception, to the embryonic stage, to the child in the womb, to natural death. We need to unite and come to the best strategy for promoting life.

But at the same time, let the graduates have their special day. The graduation platform is not the place to debate issues.

**Today's Catholic editorial board** is Kay Cozad, Fred and Lisa Everett, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Michael Heintz, Tim Johnson and Vince LaBarbera.

# COMMENTARY

TODAY'S CATHOLIC welcomes letters from readers. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and address for verification. Today's Catholic reserves the right to edit for clarity and length. Address letters to: Today's Catholic • P.O. Box 11169 • Fort Wayne, IN • 46856-1169 or e-mail to: editor@fw.diocesefwsb.org

## St. Adalbert children's visit with Jesus

I definitely felt called to share this moving story with all of you. I mean "moving" because what I witnessed recently at adoration during our forty-hour devotion definitely moved me.

This year, it was suggested that the different grades at St. Adalbert were to be brought down to the church to spend time before Our Lord in adoration on the feast of St. Adalbert on April 23.

I would wait for the different classes at the church while the teachers brought them down, then I would point out to them that Jesus was present on the altar and that they should feel free to talk to him, for he was there truly listening. Then I would sit back quietly and try to allow them the freedom to approach their adoration according to their personal devotion.

What truly amazed me was that class after class asked me for permission to approach the main altar to be near Jesus. I felt that as long as they were respectful, this was a valid request. So I granted them permission to approach the monstrance, and I remained back at my pew supervising, observing and expecting the usual restlessness that comes with early childhood.

What followed was amazing. Those children witnessed to me. They seemed to enter into a special connection with their God. Some did not move until their teachers came to collect them. Some were moved to tears as they seemed to be sharing their lives' concerns with Our Lord. Although I witnessed their tears, I did not interfere because I was sure that they were sharing their problems with the right Person!

**Eduardo Sigüenza**  
Religious Education  
St. Adalbert Parish  
South Bend

## Edit letters for relevance

In recent weeks there have been at least two letters written in the commentary discussing vegetarianism and an end to all killings of animals. (Gregory Konger, May 10). Theologian I am not, although I've had over a decade of Catholic school education, perused the catechism extensively, but a ban on eating animals never appeared.

God does call us to respect the earth and its living creatures, but it is an insult to the church to try and use this paper as an outlet for ones own personal/political agendas, while fabricating a correlation to Catholic Scripture and dogma.

Our region has an abundance of secular news media where these actions belong. The Catholic Church is not Democrat, Republican, liberal or conservative. It's a community of the faithful called to serve the Lord. My prayer is that our diocesan publication can stand up and begin to edit letters for relevance to Catholicism.

**Paul J. Federspiel**  
Fort Wayne

## Grateful for Today's Catholic and TV Mass

I cannot let another week go by without thanking you and the diocese for sending to us the weekly publication of *Today's Catholic*. I had always been a subscriber but in this past year had not been able to continue it. Therefore, it was a joy to receive it. As a now somewhat homebound senior I enjoy reading about all of the parishes in our diocese. I also benefit from the Mass each Sunday on television.

I will tell you, also, that some years ago I worked at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Fairfield Avenue. I was the administrative assistant and accounts payable and receivable person for Father Christopher Hinckley. It was a spiritual pleasure to be in the rectory for five years. When I left St. John's (which I had to do in order to have benefits for myself and my disabled husband, since deceased) I went to Indiana University/Purdue University at Fort Wayne and enjoyed almost 12 years as the administrative assistant to several chancellors. We were members of St. John's so I was able to keep close to my church family. I now attend Our Lady of Good Hope Parish.

I wish you joy and happiness in your humble work with the parishes, Bishop D'Arcy and please know that I continue to pray for you, as you requested.

**Joanne M. Eagan**  
Fort Wayne

## CNEWA grateful for World Mission Sunday collection

Thank you for your check in the amount of \$5,153.78, representing a contribution to CNEWA's share of the 2008 World Mission Sunday collection of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. We are grateful beyond measure.

I sincerely wish that your loyal and generous parishioners could know how much their love and concern contribute to the well-being of the people of the Eastern churches. Buildings are maintained and renovated; liturgical books and supplies are distributed; rectories and convents are sustained and established.

Most important of all, the Eastern churches are made aware of the bond between them and the Catholic Church of the United States.

As you probably know, we send our share of the World Mission Sunday collection to the Holy See's Congregation for the Eastern Churches. Your donation is then used to support its operations and activities on behalf of the peoples and churches under its jurisdiction.

Please convey to your parishes the gratitude of Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation, and Cardinal Edward Egan, President of CNEWA. I certainly add my personal thanks to you.

May God bless and be with you.

**Gabriel Delmonaco**  
U.S. National Secretary  
New York

## Catholic Relief Services Collection serves millions

On behalf of Cardinal Francis George, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I extend my gratitude for your contribution of \$63,413.76 from the 2008 Catholic Relief Services Collection in your diocese.

Our national collections are catechetical opportunities. They help the Catholic faithful practice Gospel stewardship and provide tangible expressions of solidarity with the universal church. The Catholic Relief Services Collection, in particular, impacts the lives of millions of our brothers and sisters around the world and here at home.

The success of this collection is dependent on the good work of the diocesan leaders who guide and support local efforts to promote the collection. We would be grateful if you would also convey to them and to your priests and parishioners our heartfelt gratitude for response to the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Their commitment and generosity demonstrate genuine love and compassion for all who are helped by the collection — those who are truly Jesus in disguise.

Because of your personal support and the generosity of the faithful in your diocese we have the ability to respond year after year. Our next collection is scheduled in most dioceses the weekend of March 21-22. The millions of people that benefit from the Catholic Relief Services Collection continue to rely on our abiding financial support, prayers and pastoral solidarity. Be assured of my prayers for you and your people.

**Most Rev. John G. Vlazny**  
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon  
Chairman, Committee on National Collections  
Washington D.C.

# Mother loss: It matters not at what age

For most of us, it matters not what age we are — our mother's love remains the very essence of our lives. Mom was the one who supported us in our challenges, comforted us in our distress, believed in us when we didn't believe in ourselves and nurtured our very souls with unconditional love and acceptance.

And for those who have lost our mothers, it matters not what age we are, we sometimes feel we have lost our anchor and our life compass.

Tamara was nine when her 39-year-old mother died of cancer. Though her father remarried, her life, she says, was changed forever.

"I still grieve my mom's death, even now. I wonder what it would have been like to have her here for prom, graduation, my wedding," she says wistfully as she recalls the strong mother-daughter bond they shared. She adds, "She died too soon!"

Tamara's father ensured that she would mourn her loss in healthy ways, creating a memory

box that held favorite belongings, remembering her mom on special occasions and sharing stories and feelings as they arose.

Because of the grief work she embraced, the memory of her mother continues to have positive impact on the way in which Tamara navigates life.

To mourn the loss of the one who gave you life, whether by biological birth or by receiving you into her family, I believe in the importance of remembering. Memories help us stay connected to our deceased loved ones.

Tamara recalls with joy the special outings her mother would enthrall her with. Whether it was a trip to the library to huddle together over a favorite book, a special zoo day or a simple walk in the park, the time spent together gave her a sense of belonging and of being loved. And the memories live on.

As she awaits the birth of her first child, Tamara continues to remember her mom, and knows she will take the best her mother

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offered her and incorporate it into her parenting. "I intend to have special times for my child and me, just like my mom did. It's important that my child feel secure and loved," she says.

Unlike Tamara, I had my mother until I was an adult in my mid-30s. She was my rock and my sounding board.

As my three sisters and I sat vigil around my 70-year-old mother's death bed, we wondered how we would ever live without this courageous, bullheaded, loving woman. Now, 15 years later, I see

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# Called to love each other



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## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

### 6th Sunday of Easter Jn 15:9-17

The Acts of the Apostles once more provides an Easter season liturgy with its first reading. It is an important reading, since the lesson is important.

In this reading, Peter goes to the house of Cornelius, whose name suggests that he was a gentile and likely a Roman. His relatives and guests that day probably also were gentiles and Romans as well.

For devout, loyal Jews, if anything was worse than being a gentile, and of pagan stock, it was being a Roman. After all, Jews at the time were living under the crushing, unmerciful heel of Rome. Understandably, representatives of the Roman occupation especially were despised.

Yet, even these gentiles understood what Peter was saying. God was reaching to them, not only to the chosen people.

The lesson is that they understood Peter's proclamation of Jesus, and that Peter accepted them in baptism.

When Cornelius attempts to pay homage to Peter, Peter stops him. Peter protests that he himself is only human. Peter is not God. However, he was Christ's appointed representative and possessed power

given by Christ, the son of God.

The First Epistle of John is the source of the second reading. This reading has given Christians several of the best-known passages of the New Testament. It calls upon followers of Jesus to love each other. It states that God is love. God's love for humanity revealed itself in the gift of Jesus, and in the salvation achieved by Jesus for all who turn to God.

St. John's majestic Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a reservoir of theology, presented in the most eloquent language.

The reading's message is frank and direct. If anyone truly loves God, then this person will keep the commandments. By observing the commandments, people live in God's love.

Living in God's love produces joy. Thus, living by the commandments, because of love for God, brings joy into human life.

As the reading concludes, Jesus declares that no love exceeds the love that impels a person to surrender life itself so that a friend may live. "You are my friends," Jesus says. We are not slaves. For us, Jesus willingly submitted to death by crucifixion. Through Jesus, God chose us to live in the most preferred and special role, that of being the friends of God.

Then, as the reading's last remark, Jesus instructs us "to love one another."

### Reflection

The second reading makes quite clear the theological fact that loving is not simply an activity of God, rather God is love. What does this mean? From God's very character, identity and reality, selfishness is absent. Insecurity, the root of selfishness, is absent. God

has nothing to fear. He lives forever, forever giving life. So, God creates. So, God redeems.

When Christians are called to love each other, they are asked to be what they should be were circumstances not upset by sin. Love is much more than warmheartedness of kind gestures. Loving God requires us to keep the commandments.

We are humans, part of the human race, homo sapiens. Nevertheless, we are God's children, and since Jesus was the son of Mary, a human, we are brothers and sisters of Christ in our human nature.

Created by God, with the Lord as our brother, we properly should mirror Jesus in our lives. He gave life itself on Calvary as an act of love for us and an act of homage to God. Our love must be as intense.

How can we approach Jesus? Where can we find Jesus? Christ comes to us through and in the church. In the church, in its sacraments and God's word, Jesus still lives. In the church, the divine power given Peter still lives.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23a

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3,8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

## CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

The recent advent of swine flu (under whatever name it is referred to now) evokes memories of ancient plagues. This quiz looks at a very specific set of plagues.

- The plagues associated with Egypt are described first in this book of the Bible:**
  - Genesis
  - Exodus
  - Plagues
- The basic reason for the plagues was**
  - Moses wished to seek revenge for the enslavement of the Hebrews.
  - to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrews go.
  - to convince Pharaoh to give up Aton and worship JHWH.
- How many plagues were there?**
  - 13, this was the origin of 13 being considered unlucky
  - 12 — one for each tribe of Israel
  - 10, same as the commandments
- Both believers and scoffers agree that all but the final plague have this in common:**
  - They are all also consistent with natural phenomena.
  - They all begin with the Hebrew letter "Joth" same as the name Jahweh.
  - They are the same issues that the Hebrews had to deal with in the desert.
- The first plague turned this river red:**
  - the Nile
  - the Tigris
  - the Red Sea or Reed Sea
- The next included these creatures whose legs are a French delicacy:**
  - horses
  - frogs
  - truffles
- This natty term may refer to a variety of insects as this is somewhat vague:**
  - dragonflies
  - beetles
  - gnats
- And this next even had its own lord, Beelzebub:**
  - flies
  - Baal
  - newts
- Pharaoh was ultimately not cowed by this plague:**
  - disease of livestock, possibly a type of foot and mouth
  - the turning of all water into wine
  - an early version of marching bands playing incessantly
- This hot-sounding affliction even prevented some Egyptians standing**
  - inflammation of the heels
  - ear wax melting
  - boils
- Although Egypt is regarded as invariably sunny, it does indeed, albeit rarely, suffer from this plague:**
  - global warming
  - icebergs
  - hail
- The next plague was later in history a menace to the Mormons, and remains a threat to many parts of the world:**
  - the ban on polygamy
  - locusts
  - ants
- This of course occurs each night, but in Egypt when it happened during the day it obscured the Aton, a sun god:**
  - the moon waxed full
  - darkness
  - sun devils
- The final plague has no natural explanation. It was the**
  - death of the first born of every family who did not take specific precautions.
  - slaughter of the Hebrew children by the Egyptians who were concerned about their numbers.
  - the Black Death, which struck the Egyptians if they ventured outside.
- The fact that the Angel of the Lord did not inflict this on certain households gave rise to the name of the associated feast**
  - Booths (or huts) because the Angel skipped Hebrew booths
  - Lots, because lots of the Egyptians were killed.
  - Passover, because the Angel passed over certain houses

### ANSWERS:

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

# Why Bush and not Obama? The death penalty and abortion

**I am having trouble understanding why it was okay to have President Bush, who supports capital punishment, speak at the University of Notre Dame and not Obama, who believes abortion should be legal. I thought the church is against abortion and capital punishment. Please have an article explaining why it is okay to have a speaker at Notre Dame who approves capital punishment but not a speaker who approves of abortion. I know I am not the only Catholic who is having trouble understanding what appears to be a double-standard. — C.A.**

There needs to be an important distinction made here between capital punishment and direct abortion. It should be clearly noted that the church teaches today, as it has always taught, that the state has the right to inflict the death penalty on capital criminals. However, in recent times, especially because of the teaching of Pope John Paul II, our understanding has deepened of how this right is to be exercised by the state.

## THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

This is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2267, says about it: "Assuming that the guilty party's identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.

If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the

human person. Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities that the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm — without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity 'are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.'"

Ultimately, it is the officials of the state, like the president or governors, who have the responsibility of determining whether the conditions exist under which the death penalty could be imposed. Even though I think it fair to say that most church leaders would agree that the conditions, at least in the United States, do not warrant inflicting the death penalty on anyone, reasonable people could disagree on this point and still be good Catholics.

So if the president holds that the conditions do exist under which the death penalty could be imposed, we may disagree with

him about that judgment (even disagree with him vehemently), but that disagreement in itself would not disqualify him from speaking at a Catholic university.

On the other hand, there is no room for such judgment in the case of direct abortion and embryonic stem-cell research. These things are always and under any circumstance intrinsically evil, and, according to the U.S. bishops, "Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would

suggest support for their actions."

So, there is no double standard here because the church does teach that the death penalty can be used under certain circumstances, but direct abortion and embryonic stem-cell research can never be used under any circumstance, and those who advocate such positions should not be honored by Catholic institutions.

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

## What 'church' does ND belong to?

Of all the commentary I've read on Notre Dame's decision to invite President Obama to receive an honorary doctorate of laws at the university's 2009 commencement speaker, the most disturbing came from Father Kenneth Himes of the Boston College theology department. In a *Boston Globe* story about Professor Mary Ann Glendon's courageous (and correct) decision to decline Notre Dame's Laetare Medal because the university had defied the U.S. bishops' policy barring honors for pro-abortion politicians at Catholic events, Father Himes said this:

"There are some well-meaning people who think Notre Dame has given away its Catholic identity, because they have been caught up in the gamesmanship of American higher education, bringing in a star commencement speaker even if that means sacrificing their values, and that accounts for some of this ... But one also has to say that there is a political game going on here, and part of that is that you demonize the people who disagree with you, you question their integrity, you challenge their character, and you brand these people as moral poison. Some people have simply reduced Catholicism to the abortion issue, and, consequently, they have simply launched a crusade to bar anything from Catholic institutions that smacks of any sort of open conversation."

I trust Father Himes is not referring here to Professor Glendon, or William McGurn of the *Wall Street Journal*, or Holy Cross Father Wilson Miscamble, or the Notre Dame faculty, or me, or other serious critics of Notre Dame's decision. For if Father Himes is suggesting that any of us

has demonized the president, branded him "moral poison," reduced Catholicism to the abortion issue, or summoned a crusade to eliminate debate at Catholic colleges and universities, he is perilously close to committing calumny.

Yes, there are self-serving nuts in the forest, some of whom have seized the Obama/Notre Dame issue for their own purposes. By why does Father Himes waste time bashing fringe crazies? Why not engage the arguments of the serious critics? Why not attempt a theologically coherent defense of what seems an incomprehensible decision — awarding an honorary doctorate of laws to a man determined to enshrine in law something the Catholic Church regards as a gross violation of justice?

Another colleague (and Notre Dame grad), Professor Russell Hittinger, who holds the William K. Warren Chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Tulsa, clarified one key facet of this controversy in an e-mail. Notre Dame, he suggested, has adopted a "purely American low-church position of (institutional) autonomy," by acting as if the local bishop, John D'Arcy, has nothing to say to which the university must pay serious attention — although Bishop D'Arcy, a longtime Notre Dame booster, was speaking for the settled position of the American episcopate in asking the university's president, Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, to reconsider his decision to honor Obama. As Professor Hittinger continued, this fracas "has nothing to do with academic freedom nor with ecclesiastical supervision of routine academic procedures and judgments. It is ecclesiological all the way down — what church is Notre



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Dame 'in,' if any? ... Notre Dame is speaking and acting as though it were not a member of the local church, let alone Rome."

That's exactly right. There's also a high-stakes "political game" here, though not the one Father Himes suggests. The Obama administration is full of very smart political operators. Reading last November's electoral entrails, they've sensed the possibility of driving a wedge through the Catholic community in America, dividing Catholics from their bishops and thus securing the majority Catholic vote Obama received in 2008. And they've shrewdly judged that the soft underbelly of Catholic resistance to the Obama administration's radical agenda on the life issues is composed of Catholic intellectuals, their prestige institutions (like Notre Dame and Georgetown), and their opinion journals — the very people and opinion centers who claimed last year that Obama was the true pro-life candidate. It's a clever move on the political chessboard, and barring extraordinary actions from the bishops, it will likely meet with considerable success.

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## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 17, 2009

John 15:9-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle B: Jesus' promise that we are friends, not servants. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FATHER	LOVES ME	KEEP
HIS LOVE	MY JOY	ONE ANOTHER
NO ONE	GREATER	ONE'S LIFE
FRIENDS	IF YOU DO	MASTER
CALLED YOU	EVERYTHING	HEARD
CHOSE	APPOINTED	BEAR
FRUIT	WHATEVER	YOU ASK

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that my mother's legacy lives on in me and my sisters as we usher our own children into adulthood.

Since her death, we've gathered frequently to share stories, laugh and, yes, shed tears about the incredible woman we called mom. We see her strength in each other.

But remembering encompasses both the good and the ugly. Over the years my sisters and I have spoken of old wounds and forgiveness that refreshes the soul. Some may not hold dear memories and grieve what they feel they didn't receive from their mothers. Their mourning may include a life review as a springboard for forgiving a mom who did the best she

could with what she knew.

Healthy grieving allows our hearts to move forward toward healing.

I have learned of the importance of mourning a loss just as Tamara was able to do over the years with her father's guidance. It's never too late to start. It matters not what age we are, remembering how your mother enriched your life can provide a compass to guide you. And forgiving old hurts will set you free. A mother's love never dies, it remains yours for the asking.

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# Sports

## Lady Eagles cap 'our year'

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Since the first practice of the season, "Our Year" has been the motto for the St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Eagles girl's soccer team.

After coaching on and off at the recreational level for more than 20 years, Coach Jim Dwire explains, "We knew this was a special group of girls two years ago when they played together as fifth and sixth graders and made it to the championship game."

In 2007, the team lost 1-0 to the St. Charles sixth-grade team then were separated when half the group moved up to varsity as seventh graders. But the group was reunited this year as seventh- and eighth graders and have been focused on winning a Catholic Youth League (CYO) championship ever since.



And win a championship they did. The Lady Eagles defeated St. Vincent, 3-1, at Kreager Field on Wednesday night, May 6. The first goal came on a "Whitman to Whitman connection" with a nice cross from Mayson to sister, Annie. Megan Lee scored the second goal on another cross from Mayson Whitman. Finally,

late in the game, Kelly Dwire got off the final shot from right outside the 18. St. Vincent's goal was scored by Brea Rahrig on an impressive shot from around 30 yards out. The Eagles'

defense was anchored by Patsy Berghoff and included Taylor Gonzalez, Andrea Choka and Kate Eifrid.

"Our girls did a fantastic job all season. Their speed and intensity were keys to our success. Everyone gave all that they had

all season long and if they did have an off day, there was always someone there to back them up," Dwire summarized.

The 2009 CYO champs' roster was made up of 15 girls with a balanced mix of skilled club players, girls with speed and role players. Throughout the season, Dwire, along with the other Eagles' coaches, Greg Lee and Catherine Whitman, stressed that everybody plays defense — predicting that offense wins games and defense wins championships.

"We knew it would take the combination of potent offense and stingy defense this season," explained Dwire.

"We also had the luxury of a very good goalie in Kathleen Welling," Dwire added.

The team finished, 10-0, giving up only five goals the entire season and recorded six shut-outs.

It was a great day all around for the south side with the boys' team from St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel also winning the city championship by a score of 3-0 over St. Jude. Their story will follow next week.

**GARRETT K OF C HOST GOLF OUTING** The Garrett Knights of Columbus Council 1790 will host the fourth annual golf scramble at the Garrett Country Club on Saturday, June 13. Proceeds from this event will benefit Gibault Child Services Inc. Team and individual awards will be presented at the dinner. A \$60 entry fee includes green fees, cart, Gibault coolie, sleeve of balls, tees, beverage on course and dinner following the scramble. Registration forms may be obtained by calling Kim at (260) 357-5386 or Dave at (260) 925-3346.

## ST. JOHN GIRLS' TEAM WINS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP



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The Lady Eagles of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, defeated St. Vincent, 3-1, at Kreager Field on Wednesday, May 6, to win the CYO girl's soccer championship. In the photo are: front row, Victoria Bernardi, Taylor Gonzalez and Megan Lee; kneeling, Kate Eifrid, Kelly Dwire, Mayson Whitman, Mary Cerajewski and Haley Stroncsek; standing, Olivia Holman, Madison Steele, Annie Whitman, Patsy Berghoff, Andrea Choka, Kathleen Welling and Alexis Shifflett; back row, Coaches Jim Dwire and Greg Lee. Catherine Whitman was not present for photo.

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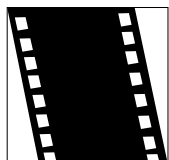
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## ST. JOHN-ST. JOSEPH TEAM WINS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP



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The boys' soccer team from St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel won the Catholic Youth Organization city championship by a score of 3-0 over St. Jude. In the photo are: first row, Nick Strack, Enzo Possemato, Collin Hire, Sean McManus, Sam Stroncsek, Anthony Hartle, Brenden Gonzales, Ben Oberley and David Shank; second row, standing, Coaches Joe Strack, and Mike Stroncsek, Brennan Mullins, Matt Williamson, Nick Burrell, Tom Hall, Channing Williams, John Fink, Jack Sturm, Tom Carrier, Cody Rine and Coach Dan Fink.



**MOVIE CAPSULES**

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

**"Battle for Terra" (Lionsgate)**

Ambitious animated parable, set on a distant planet that's being invaded by aggressive refugees from earth, in which a downed human airman (voice of Luke Wilson) finds his loyalties divided when he's befriended by one of the peace-loving, tadpole-shaped locals (voice of Evan Rachel Wood) his warmongering commander (voice of Brian Cox) is intent on destroying. Director Aristomenis Tsirbas' feature debut is an honorable, if at times heavy-handed, cautionary tale about prejudice, violence and environmental degradation, but the

battle scenes — especially as intensified by the 3-D presentation in some theaters — are too strong for the youngest viewers, and quasi-religious aspects of the aliens' culture may require family discussion. Moderate combat violence and a suicide. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

**"Star Trek" (Paramount/Spyglass)**

Exhilarating prequel to the "Star Trek" franchise as the youthful rable-rousing James Tiberius Kirk (Chris Pine) forgoes his delinquent ways to join the crew of the Starship Enterprise — including Leonard "Bones" McCoy (Karl Urban), Uhura

(Zoe Saldana), Sulu (James Cho) and Chekhov (Anton Yelchin) — where he soon clashes with rival Spock (Zachary Quinto) until they unite against the vengeful Romulan Nero (Eric Bana), intent on destruction. Director J.J. Abrams breathes new life into the series by skillfully balancing the well-executed action sequences with an absorbing human story, leavened with humor and optimism, and likable characters you care about, though some brief gratuitous sexuality and the use of several expletives restrict this to mature teens and up. Intense but not graphic action violence, a short but frisky bedroom scene with skimpy attire, some crude language and a single profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

**"The Boys: The Sherman Brothers Story" (Disney)**

Poignant biography of Walt Disney Studios' most famous songwriter team — Richard Sherman and Robert Sherman — whose cheery songs for such films as "Mary Poppins" and "The Jungle Book" belied a fractious personal relationship. Directed by their sons, Jeffrey C. Sherman and Gregory V. Sherman, the well-crafted documentary — which includes interviews with Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke, Angela Lansbury and others, as well as friends and family members — attempts to trace the roots of the conflict between these two disparate personalities, and also illuminates the mutual respect and love beneath the strained surface. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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## FUNDRAISERS

**Spaghetti dinners helps Shaw family**  
Fort Wayne — St. Henry Community Center will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 22, from 6-10 p.m. to benefit the surviving members of the Barry Shaw family. He left behind three sons and a wife when he died of cancer in April. There will be a silent auction, raffles and a band all evening. Tickets are \$5 per person. Donations can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank and the Barry Shaw Fund.

**Goulash dinner sponsored by youth group**  
South Bend — The Our Lady of Hungary youth group will have a goulash dinner Saturday, May 23, from 5-8 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$8 and children 6 and under are free. Presale tickets are \$7.50 presale and available at the rectory or school. Carry-out available.

**Pancake breakfast supports Women's Care Center**  
Fort Wayne — The Knights will have a pancake breakfast Sunday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on U.S. Hwy 27 South. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Care Center.

**Silver Hawks night with fireworks**  
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School will attend the Silver Hawks baseball game Friday, May 29, at Coveleski

Stadium, 501 W. South St. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Order a ticket voucher at [www.ourlady-ofhungary.com/SilverHawks.htm](http://www.ourlady-ofhungary.com/SilverHawks.htm) and redeem at the gate. Bring a blanket to sit on the lawn and students will be invited to participate in the fun on the field.

**Knights sponsor chicken dinner**  
Fort Wayne — The Precious Blood Knights of Columbus will have a chicken dinner with Father Joseph Gaughn Saturday, May 16, after the 5 p.m. Mass. Pro-life activist Bryan Brown with the Archangel Institute will speak about how the pro-life movement brought him into the Catholic Church. RSVP to Angie Turner at (260) 424-5535. A free-will donation will be taken for the chicken dinner served at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will support a new pro-life memorial at the church.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

**Little Flower Holy Hour**  
Fort Wayne — Father Gary Sigler will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour on Tuesday, May 19, at 7:15 p.m. in the cathedral since MacDougal Chapel is closed for renovation. Father Sigler is the pastor of Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne.

**NFP classes offered**  
Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, May 17, at 6 p.m. To register call (260) 489-1856.

## Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be Wednesday, May 27, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at St. Francis Convent. The theme for the day is "We are Called, We are Chosen (con't)." Bring your Bible. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Friday, May 22, to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

**Open house at St. Vincent de Paul Elkhart** — St. Vincent de Paul School will host an open house on Thursday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit classrooms, tour the school and meet the staff. Join the children at the school Mass at 8:15 a.m. in the church. For more information call (574) 293-8451.

## Father Ken Grabner to be at Holy Cross Village with new book

Notre Dame — Holy Cross Father Ken Grabner will discuss and sign his newest book "Gazing Into God's Open Heart: 101 Pathways to Joy" on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the Andre Place great room, 54515 St. Rd. 933 North. Lucinda Streiker-Schmidt, who

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### Auburn

Dorothy M. Ortiz Chew, 73, Immaculate Conception

### Elkhart

Anna Lillian Craigo, 60, St. Thomas the Apostle

### Fort Wayne

Dennis R. Kite, 54, St. Jude

John Stark, 88, St. Therese

Jerry D. Coleman, 54, St. Charles

Carolyn V. Keefer, 71, St. John the Baptist

Mary Rose White, 75, St. Henry

Richard J. Flory, 84, St. Peter

### Garrett

Matthew R. O'Connor, 34, St. Joseph

### Granger

Donald A. Kruk, 77, St. Pius X

### Mishawaka

Winifred J. Kwasny, 86, St. Joseph

Ida Madou, 86, St. Monica

Mary Jane Weber, 81, St. Bavo

Valeria La Cluyse, 98, St. Bavo

### Notre Dame

James D'Arcy Chisholm, 77, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

### South Bend

Isabel C. Medina, 81, St. Adalbert

Marilyn K. Swartz, 72, Little Flower

Howard J. Schmitt, 88, St. Joseph

Virginia M. Floor, 84, Holy Cross

Walter Dorn, 87, Holy Cross

Martha M. Michalak, 84, Holy Cross

Europa G. Frye, 76, Holy Cross

Lucille Rajska, 93, St. Stanislaus

Ed Sabaj, 88, St. Stanislaus

John Patrick O'Malley, 77, Little Flower

Richard E. Pittman, 74, St. Anthony de Padua

Aileen T. Bartkowiak, 81, Holy Family

Joyce L. Bonek, 78, Christ the King

Patrick E. LaPlante, 89, Little Flower

### Walkerton

Frank E. Kotal, 73, St. Patrick

Michael T. Kowalenko, 57, St. Patrick

grew up in the Amish church and eventually left, will also discuss her book, "A Separate God." No admission charge but reservations are required. Books available for purchase by calling (574) 251-2235.

## Open house planned

Fort Wayne — Villa of the Woods Senior Residential Living Center, 5610 Noll Ave., will have

an open house Tuesday, May 19, from 2-5 p.m. Call (260) 745-7039 for information.

## St. Vincent de Paul accepting donations

Fort Wayne — Donations are always accepted for cars, trucks and vans. Donations are tax deductible. Call (260) 456-3561 for pick up or drop off at the store, 1600 S. Calhoun St.

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Interested candidates should submit their resumes and letters of reference to:

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# New pipe organ enhances liturgy at St. Charles Church

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

The newest member of St. Charles Borromeo's music ministry has some great pipes.

No, the choir doesn't have a new member. The latest addition is a pipe organ.

The organ, newly installed in April, was a "labor of love," according to Msgr. John Suelzer. The impetus for the project was a planned gift from an unnamed donor. Msgr. Suelzer was approached by an elderly couple who wanted to bequeath their estate to parish. Their sole request was that the money be put to the best use, so it was later decided that the funds would be equally devoted to scholarships

and a new pipe organ. A second and third donor later stepped forth to dedicate some money toward the project.

The rest of the project was financed through SCRIP and private donations, Msgr. Suelzer noted.

"(The donations) all came together, and we had the money to purchase the pipe organ," Msgr. Suelzer explained.

A committee formed in May 2007 to oversee the large-scale project. The committee sought the advice of organ consultant Paul Skevington. Upon his recommendation, the Reuter Organ Company was the manufacturer of choice.

The "king of all instruments," according to Suelzer, the Reuter Opus 2237 boasts 23,000 pipes.



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On Feb. 25, a crew from the Reuter Organ Company delivered the organ, backed up by a team of parish volunteers. Everything had to be reassembled on site to fit the specifications. Installation was complete March 27 and the organ has since been in use.

This high-quality, hand-made instrument is the masterpiece of craftsmen in Lawrence, Kan. The intricacies of the pipes alone are impressive. Torched to create a marbled effect, they blend in well with the church's architecture.

"Every part of it is built from the bottom up," director of music and liturgy Karen Hope said.

Perhaps even more remarkable than the design are the dynamics and dimension of the instrument. The former electronic organ doesn't hold a candle to the richness of the pipe organ, Hope said.

"That one instrument can (produce a variety of sounds) is impressive," Hope said.

Echoing Hope's comments, Msgr. Suelzer called to mind the magnitude of the organs in the cathedrals of Europe. And now in modern times, the organ still serves the same purpose: "(An organ) enhances (the liturgy) and helps us to be more prayerful,"

he explained.

Another benefit of the organ is its timelessness, St. Charles organist Tim Robison said.

"The basic design of a pipe organ is the same as 50 or 100 years ago ... so it doesn't go out of date as soon as an electronic one," he said.

The pipes can last a lifetime with the proper cleaning and restoration, he noted.

Beauty takes work — 6,000 or more hours of it to be exact. Hope said the in-house labor, transportation and assembly well surpass this estimation.

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A recital concert and dedication ceremonies are planned for September. Details will be announced later.

## Medjugorje 2009 National Conference University of Notre Dame May 29, 30 and 31

### Speakers include



**Doctor Tom Jones** is a scientist, author, pilot and former NASA astronaut. He flew in four space shuttle missions and completed three space walks during his 53 days in space. His book, *Sky Walking: An Astronaut's Memoir*, chronicles his experiences. Doctor Jones is not afraid to speak publicly about the central role his Catholic faith has played in his life.

**Immaculée Ilibagiza** is an internationally known author and speaker. Her book *Left to Tell* recounts her amazing story of survival during the Rwandan genocide. She also authored the book *Our Lady of Kibeho* about the Church approved apparitions that occurred in 1984. Immaculee made her first trip to Medjugorje in the summer of 2007.



**Sister Rita Marie Sofka** left a successful business career at age 50 to enter the convent. This was after a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1991 and a conversation with Fr. Slavko Barbaric about her future. She is now a fully professed member of the Sisters of Life religious community in Bronx, New York where she works with young pregnant women.

**Michael O'Brien** was given a personal message from Vicka while on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1988 that changed his life dramatically. He became a singer for Our Lady. His *Sounds of Medjugorje* album has sold over half a million copies. Michael has performed in over 400 cities and 60 conferences, including the first conference at Notre Dame in 1989.



**Joseph Palko** founded the MIR movement in Ontario, Canada, in 2004 following a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. In 2008, he completed a seven month, 3,000 mile cross-country walk called *A Million Steps for Peace* to promote Our Lady's message: "Peace, peace, peace and only peace!"

**Father Mark Gurtner** went to Medjugorje as a teenager and felt a call to the priesthood while he was a student at Indiana University. He is well known as an outstanding preacher and teacher and is an expert on canon law. Presently, he serves as pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope parish in Fort Wayne, IN. Father also serves on the advisory board of Redeemer Radio.



### Conference Schedule

#### Friday, May 29

5:00 pm... Doors open  
7:00 pm... Conference begins  
Guest speaker  
Candlelight rosary procession to the Lourdes Grotto

#### Saturday, May 30

7:15 am... Doors open  
8:00 am... Morning session  
Holy Mass  
Guest speakers (all sessions)  
1:30 pm... Afternoon session  
6:30 pm... Evening session  
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

#### Sunday, May 31

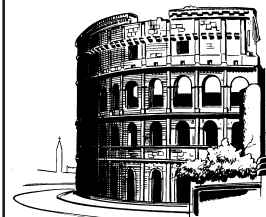
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8:30 am... Morning session  
Guest speakers  
1:00 pm... Holy Mass  
Procession and Consecration  
3:00 pm... Conference ends

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