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Prayerful, respectful and faithful

BY DIANE FREEBY

ND Response coordinates activities in support of life

NOTRE DAME — “The people who refuse to give up ... and I speak here specifically to students and alums ... they’ve taken on the role of teachers here. While the administration and many of the faculty sold out easily for the photo-ops, you and some of your alumni brothers and sisters who can’t be present today, showed the benefits of your Notre Dame education. You held firm to foundational principles of respect for life and the dignity of every person!”

That’s how Holy Cross Father Wilson Miscamble praised the pro-life student coalition group, ND Response, and their supporters on the sun-kissed Sunday afternoon of May 17.

Thousands of people, some of whom traveled great distances, gathered on the University of Notre Dame’s south quad and responded with thunderous applause. They gathered in support of life, and the stance taken by Notre Dame students opposed to the invitation of President Barack Obama to speak at this year’s commencement ceremony. Many were upset he would receive an honorary doctorate of laws degree from the university that same day.

Groups from outside the diocese showed their opposition to the university’s decision and grabbed national headlines with protests at the university entrance.

ND Response chose to prayerfully, respectfully and faithfully make their opposition known in a different way.

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Hundreds of people joined the two dozen Notre Dame seniors at the grotto to pray the glorious mysteries instead of attending the commencement ceremony with most of their other classmates. Father Frank Pavone, director of the national group Priests for Life, led the scriptural rosary. Before receiving a final blessing, the graduates each placed a white rose in the grotto, in memory of children lost to abortion who might have been in their graduating class.

Holy Land trip ends with appeal for peace, hope message

BY JOHN THAVIS

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI closed his Holy Land pilgrimage by delivering a plea for peace and a message of Christian hope.

In Jerusalem at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher May 15, the pope prayed at what Christians believe is the place of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection. In a talk, he returned to a key theme of his eight-day visit to the region: that the church can bring healing to a land torn by conflict and mistrust.

Christ’s empty tomb “speaks to us of hope,” he said.

“The Gospel reassures us that God can make all things new, that history need not be repeated, that memories can be healed, that the bitter fruits of recrimination and hostility can be overcome, and that a future of justice, peace, prosperity and cooperation can arise

for every man and woman,” he said.

At an ecumenical encounter in the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate headquarters the same morning, the pope pointed to the future, calling on Christians of the Holy Land to educate a new generation of “well-formed and committed Christians” who can help shape the life of society.

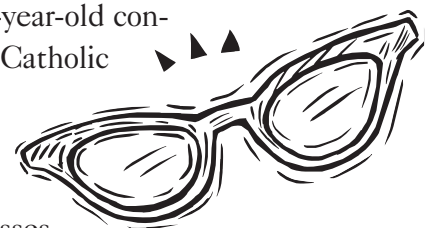
The 82-year-old pontiff left Israel for Rome later in the day. At a Tel Aviv departure ceremony he declared himself a friend of both Israelis and Palestinians and urged them to “break the vicious circle of violence.”

“No friend can fail to weep at the suffering and loss of life that both peoples have endured over the last six decades. Allow me to make this appeal to all the people of these lands: No more bloodshed! No more fighting! No more terrorism! No more war!” he said.

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SHARING OUR FAITH

I am an 87-year-old convert to the Catholic faith. One morning I couldn't



find my glasses.

After praying about them I found them under my kitchen stove. I picked them up with tears in my eyes and made the sign of the cross. I thanked God for helping me locate my glasses.

I am now a strong believer in prayer and faith.

Blanche Marie Baker

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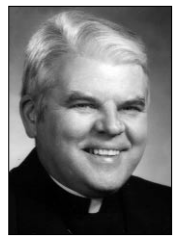
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Weekend touched by sadness, but also great hope



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A weekend to remember

It started, as it always does, when I celebrated the baccalaureate Mass at Saint Mary's College. For me, it marks the beginning of graduation weekend at Notre Dame.

Afterwards, an excellent dinner presided over by President Carol Mooney. Here, I met Judy Woodruff — the famed commentator from the "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," on public broadcasting. We talked about her son who is handicapped with spina bifida.

On Saturday, I presided at the baccalaureate Mass for the 2009 class at the University of Notre Dame. As always, I had the privilege of speaking to them at the conclusion of Mass. I told them it was my 25th time in attendance at this Mass, and I was surprised by the warmth of their applause.

After a humorous story about my own graduation from high school 60 years ago, I reflected on "Fides et Ratio." In the words of Pope John Paul II, "Faith and reason are like two wings, on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." I shared that in a Catholic education you learn that there is a deep harmony between faith and reason. Faith purifies reason. Reason helps us to understand our faith and express it to others, which is the work of the theologian. This year, I did not attend the usual lunches and dinner. After celebrating the television Mass, taping it to be broadcast the next morning, I joined about 200 people at the famed Lourdes Grotto at Notre Dame, and I led them in the recitation of the rosary.

This, and other events, were prepared by ND Response. This is a group of students, many of them devoted to the pro-life cause, and a large number majoring in theology. With their great proficiency on the Internet, they organized a response to the coming of President Obama. I was so impressed with these young people. Their response was restrained, dignified and substantive. I only recall three of the names. Mary Daly of Louisville, Ky, a junior; and her brother, John, who graduated this year. They led the rosary with me. Also, Michele Sagala, a graduate who quietly chose not to attend her graduation, and who will work this year at St. Pius X Parish under the guidance of Father Bill Schooler in the catechetical program organized by Professor John Cavadini and the Institute for Church Life.

After praying at the grotto, I drove to the beautiful chapel at Alumni Hall. It was the first resident chapel I ever entered at Notre Dame, and it was Father Hesburgh who brought me there. We were going to lunch in the spring a few weeks after I came to this diocese. He brought me in to pray, and told me that he had also brought Archbishop Montini of Milan to this chapel. Montini later

became Pope Paul VI and was a close friend of Father Hesburgh.

A packed church

The Alumni Chapel is one of the more beautiful places at Notre Dame, and it was packed — people standing in the aisle. Father Kevin Rousseau, CSC, a quiet hero of these days, exposed the Blessed Sacrament, and provided a very comfortable chair and kneeler for me. I stayed about 45 minutes. There was not a sound in the chapel, just quiet prayer. The group was made up of students and their parents. I met a man who had come from St. Louis. There were also small children. When I left there about 10:50 p.m., the church was still crowded. After watching the news with the students, I found a Starbucks for a muffin at 11 p.m. with Fred and Lisa Everett, our pro-life directors, and we left at midnight as they were closing.

A necessary distinction

It is necessary to distinguish. First, there are the protesters who came weeks ahead of time, and who said that they were going to turn this into a circus. My Good Friday message asked all Catholics not to join them in their protest, and most did not. They must be distinguished from the other group who came to be with the students. They arrived on Friday or Saturday in buses to pray and found places to stay as best they could.

They worked cooperatively with ND Response and conducted themselves with dignity and prayer.

A Sunday to remember

On Sunday morning, I arose early and celebrated Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish. I had been asked to say Mass on campus, but it seemed more appropriate to be at the cathedral. At the end of Mass, I shared a few moments of reflection with the parishioners of St. Matthew's to help them perceive more clearly the meaning of this weekend. Here is a summary of what I said.

The issue

Barack Obama is elected president and he is going to be president. He will do some good things, and some things we do not agree with. This is true of all presidents. It is certainly appropriate that he be invited to speak at Notre Dame on the great issues of the day. That is the work of a great university. The issue is the award. A university that wishes to remain closely associated with the Catholic Church and with the Successor of Peter, gives someone a doctor of laws. But when in the first months of his presidency and all his political life he has spoken and acted, he has voted for and executed laws and administrative decrees that deny protection to the unborn child and support the death of that child. That is the issue. This should be clear.

Sunday morning, I followed a wonderful tradition of these past several years initiated by Professor Lawrence Cunningham of the theology department. A brunch was held, and this year it was at the home of two good friends Gary and Lisa Anderson. Gary is a distinguished professor of Old Testament at Notre Dame and a brilliant scholar. Their

lovely home, just a few steps from Notre Dame, was packed with those young men and women who had majored in theology. Their parents were with them. I had some fun with the parents, thanking them for these beautiful children, expressing my empathy with their concerns as to whether or not their child would ever bring home a month's pay with their newly gained theological expertise. I was pleased to meet many members of the theology faculty at this brunch. I shared a few words on the present difficulties as I had at St. Matthew's.

On to the campus

Earlier in the week, I had communicated that I would not attend the campus effort on Sunday; but at the grotto on Saturday night, I realized that it was a requirement for the bishop to be present with these beautiful young people and with those whom they had drawn to Notre Dame and to a pro-life rally on the south quad.

I arrived to a stirring address by Professor Bill Miscamble. Bill is from Australia, and is a great scholar, and a former chair of the history department, and a good friend of mine. This stirring address was received with great enthusiasm. I was invited to the platform, and said that I would not be so bold as to speak after Bill Miscamble, which was like batting after Babe Ruth. I said that in this time of sadness, I had thought there were no winners. I was wrong. The young people were the heroes. The dignity and the substance and the prayer, which they brought to these events, was extraordinary. I learned from Michele Sagala at the grotto the night before about the intentions that they highlighted for their prayers. I called her to announce them publicly, which she did. Here they are, as best I can remember:

- The conversion of the heart of President Barack Obama;
 - The strengthening of the pro-life movement nationally and internationally;
 - That Catholic universities be strengthened in their Catholic identity;
- They prayed thousands of rosaries for these intentions.

How can you honestly, as a bishop, stay away from a group that has made such presentations and is dedicated to such causes? I told them John D'Arcy was not important, but the Office of Bishop was, and I was honored to be with them.

I was pretty exhausted when I drove back to my residence in Mishawaka with the Franciscan Sisters. While I had stayed away from the media as the weeks approached, I spoke several times in these last days to the local media of this diocese.

I am grateful to Father Michael Heintz, who at my request served as the commentator for WSBT during the graduation ceremonies. He brought clarity and light, as he always does, to conversations becoming more and more intense. So ended my 25th graduation weekend at Notre Dame, the only one touched by sadness, but filled, also, with great hope, because of the young people and because of Christ, who can surely bring good out of this difficult moment. Let us pray for this.

I will see you all next week.

Obama calls for mutual respect, dialogue on abortion, other issues

BY GENE STOWE

NOTRE DAME (CNS) — President Barack Obama took on the controversy swirling around his commencement address May 17 at the University of Notre Dame, urging those bitterly divided over abortion and other issues to adopt an approach of mutual respect and dialogue.

Welcomed to the ceremony and frequently interrupted with applause, Obama invoked then-Notre Dame president Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh's winning an agreement in the 1960s from deeply divided U.S. Civil Rights Commission members during a fishing trip in Wisconsin as a model of persevering dialogue.

"Open hearts. Open minds. Fair-minded words. It's a way of life that has always been the Notre Dame tradition," Obama said, positioning dialogue as the hope for solutions to enormous modern problems.

"Your class has come of age at a moment of great consequence for our nation and the world — a rare inflection point in history where the size and scope of the challenges before us require that we remake our world to renew its promise; that we align our deepest

values and commitments to the demands of a new age," he said.

"We must find a way to live together as one human family. Moreover, no one person, or religion, or nation can meet these challenges alone. Our very survival has never required greater cooperation and understanding among all people from all places than at this moment in history."

Obama listed war, gay rights and embryonic stem-cell research among difficult issues that demand dialogue, but he spent the bulk of his talk on the abortion issue.

Critics of Notre Dame's decision to invite Obama, including more than 70 bishops, said the president's support of legal abortion and embryonic stem-cell research made him an inappropriate choice to be a commencement speaker at a Catholic university and to receive an honorary degree from Notre Dame.

The local bishop, Bishop John M. D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend, announced weeks before he would not attend the ceremony, and a student group, ND Response, and other protesters held daily demonstrations. On commencement day, the student group also received permission to hold a vigil for life at the grotto on campus as an alternative gradu-

tion ceremony.

During the main commencement ceremony in the Joyce Center, a handful of hecklers were escorted out during Obama's talk — once with a student-led "We are ND" chant drowning out the protesters' shouts.

Obama said he had learned to choose careful language on the issue during his race for the Senate in Illinois, when a pro-life doctor complained that his Web site referred to abortion opponents as "right-wing ideologues who want to take away a woman's right to choose." Obama had the words removed.

"And I said a prayer that night that I might extend the same presumption of good faith to others that the doctor had extended to me," Obama told the graduates and their families.

"Because when we do that — when we open our hearts and our minds to those who may not think like we do or believe what we do — that's when we discover at least the possibility of common ground," he said.

Acknowledging that positions on abortion are in some ways irreconcilable, he urged respect for conscience and recognition of the

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STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Lou Holtz to speak at fund-raiser

He was never just a football coach, although that is a great and noble profession. In fact, he is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, and will join other great Notre Dame coaches and players this summer. His teams won more games than any other football coach at Notre Dame, with the exception of the great Knute Rockne. He won a National Championship at Notre Dame, and those who followed it closely believed that a fair judgment would have awarded two. His teams went to eight straight, Jan. 1 bowls.

Still, despite all the golden Octobers, this is not what it is about with Lou Holtz. It was about teaching young men, representing the university with dignity, treating everyone with respect, living up to his Catholic faith, and his first and primary vocation, which was being a good father and husband.

Early on — shortly after he had met Pope John Paul II — a group of priests, dear friends from Boston, came every year to a game at Notre Dame, and Lou would often find some time to meet with them. After the first such visit as we were leaving, I said, "Lou, what does it mean to be the head football coach at Notre Dame?" I thought he would talk about the pressure, and the media spotlight, and the demands of history.

I was wrong.

"It means if you have an eight o'clock meeting, you can find a seven o'clock Mass. When you want to go to confession, you just walk across the campus to the basilica. When you are leaving at ten o'clock at night, the Lady on the dome is smiling down at you." That is when my priest friends and I knew that Notre Dame had the right man as their coach.

Several years ago, the Women's Care Center was founded by a Notre Dame professor, Janet Smith, Ph.D., and directed by Ann Murphy Manion — a Notre Dame graduate, whose father, Ed, was a long time and celebrated professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School. These centers have saved the lives of thousands of babies. It is the largest, and most successful, such institute in the country. They came to Fort Wayne several years ago. Fort Wayne has long had a strong pro-life community. Their success has been so great, that Ann wrote to me and asked what we could do to put this on a more sound footing.

I wrote to Coach Holtz who, along with his wife, Beth, helped the Women's Care Center, while coaching at Notre Dame and since then. We will have a huge fund-raiser on June 2 at the Grand Wayne Center. A sterling committee has been working hard on this event. Tickets are still available — the cause is special: protection of the life of the unborn child, and assisting that child before and after birth, and assisting the child's mother as well.

If you would like to hear an outstanding talk and contribute to a great cause, please call the Women's Care Center at (260) 424-9377.

At baccalaureate, Bishop D'Arcy says he's not giving up on Notre Dame

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Encouraged these past few months by the coalition of pro-life students known as ND Response, Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend made it clear that even though he would not attend the university's commencement ceremony, he is not giving up on Notre Dame.

"It remains a privilege to be associated here with you," Bishop D'Arcy told the graduates Saturday evening at the Joyce Center, during the 25th baccalaureate Mass celebrated at the University of Notre Dame.

Bishop D'Arcy said, "I see these classes, one after another, year after year coming here. They put it all together. It's very beautiful ... this Mass, and your worship and your prayer."

Shortly after the White House and the University of Notre Dame announced that U.S. President Barack Obama would be giving the May 17 commencement address and receive an honorary law degree, Bishop D'Arcy announced he would not attend the commencement this year.

Bishop D'Arcy, along with many other U.S. bishops and cardinals, pointed to the 2004 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' letter on Catholics in political life,

which reads: "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental and moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions."

While Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, University of Notre Dame president, believes he is not violating the spirit of the U.S. bishops' letter because Obama is not Catholic, he did stress to the graduates during the baccalaureate Mass homily that we are all called to serve others in love.

Father Jenkins spoke of three Notre Dame alums whom he believes model this love. One is a poet, another a physician. The third, a 1959 graduate, is political columnist Mark Shields who recently addressed the problems facing Notre Dame in the wake of Father Jenkins' decision.

"As a proud graduate of Notre Dame and, frankly, as an admirer of Jenkins, I am not an uninterested bystander in this controversy," Shields wrote in a March 29 column. "My university likes to think of itself, not immodestly, as the place where the Catholic Church does its thinking."

Shields defends Obama as merely a "major political leader" and not a "champion of legalized abortion." He argues that while Obama is decidedly pro-choice,



DIANE FREEBY

Bishop John M. D'Arcy addresses students at the baccalaureate Mass in the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame on May 16.

other issues such as the economy, health care and the war in Iraq are more important to Obama.

"When I listen to him," Father Jenkins said of Shields, "he always brings to his analysis a deep sense of the moral struggles that are at the heart of the political debate. And the moral responsibilities of political leadership and citizenship. In that way, his commentaries, I think, model a real sense of service in leadership and service to us."

In comments made later that evening, following the rosary that Bishop D'Arcy led at the grotto as

part of an all-night pro-life prayer vigil, he reiterated church teaching, calling upon Pope John Paul II's words in his encyclical on the "Evangelium Vitae," ("Gospel of Life").

"All the other rights, which are so threatened ... the right to work, the right to a home, the right to health care are rights that must be defended," Bishop D'Arcy said. "But they're meaningless if you don't have life."

Bishop D'Arcy said he is saddened by the division that has occurred as a result of Father

Jenkins' decision to honor President Obama during commencement, but he is also uplifted by the efforts of Notre Dame's pro-life students.

Following the rosary, which wrapped up just before 10 p.m. Saturday evening, Bishop D'Arcy joined students who packed Alumni Hall Chapel for eucharistic adoration. Students and others prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament through the night, until Benediction at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Bishop D'Arcy stayed for nearly an hour and was greeted with shouts of support as he left the chapel. One person cried, "We love you, Bishop D'Arcy. Thank you!"

As Bishop D'Arcy made his way back across campus late Saturday evening, he reflected on what is happening at Notre Dame, saying he expects God to draw something good out of it all.

"You see in a lot of the young people a real devotion to the Blessed Mother, a real devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, an intelligence and dignity," he said. "So I think there's great hope and those of us who are older have to be inspired by them, but also inspire them in their leadership. There's always hope, but there's always going to be a struggle ... a struggle for Christ."

RESPONSE

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Made up of 12 campus groups, ND Response held its most recent and largest protest on May 17, beginning with Benediction then celebrating the Eucharist in an outdoor Mass. Eight priests celebrated the Mass, and Holy Cross Father Kevin Rousseau gave the homily. A strong supporter of ND Response, Father Rousseau praised the students for taking a stand.

"The students that I have come to know here on campus have reminded me that in all things, we must respond in love. And to respond with love in hard times, we must ask Our Lord for the grace," he said.

Pro-life rally

Following Mass, ND Response invited several pro-life advocates to speak at a rally, also held on the south quad. All the speakers had Notre Dame ties, and each gave strong witness to the culture of life.

Father Miscamble spoke of the great odds the university has overcome since its founding by Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin. He pointed to the devastating fire of 1879 that left most of Sorin's work in ashes, yet did not deter the priest from his dream of building a strong Catholic university in the wooded area of northern Indiana.

"Notre Dame challenged them to serve God and neighbor, and as it did so, it proudly proclaimed its Catholic identity and proclaimed its loyal membership to the church," said Father Miscamble. "A church that was, and still is, unafraid to speak of moral truths and foundational principles and beliefs. In the process, Notre Dame came to hold a special place in the hearts of Catholics all across America."

"Now, friends, jump ahead to today," continued Father Miscamble. "The formal leadership of the university still pro-



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy pays tribute to the Class of 2009 and their witness to life. ND Response leader Mary Daly introduced speakers Lacy Dodd and her daughter Mary Logan.

claims its fidelity to this vision ... but of late, that rhetoric seems to ring rather hollow. The words have not been matched by the deeds."

Father Miscamble called the university to task for bestowing an honorary degree of law upon President Obama, saying the administration does not have "major problems" with Obama's policies supporting near-unlimited access to abortion and embryonic stem-cell research. He also said while the Obama visit suggests that the university leadership has surrendered its religious identity, he is encouraged by the pro-life students, faculty and "ordinary Catholics."

"... There is so much good at Notre Dame that you can never, never relent in your efforts to call this place to be its best and true self, proud of its Catholic identity and its loyal membership in the church," he told those in attendance

Bishop D'Arcy offers encouragement

Although Bishop John D'Arcy declined to attend the 2009 commencement ceremony, he made a

surprise visit to campus and was called up to the stage following Father Miscamble's talk.

"I found myself saying in recent weeks that this is a sad time, that there are no winners," recalled Bishop D'Arcy. "But I was wrong. The heroes, as Father Bill said, are the young people on campus, the students who in the great tradition of Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict, their protest was carried out with love, and with prayer, and with dignity and with respect. But with a firmness, also, to what is right. So there are heroes and all of you here today are heroes, and I'm proud to stand with you. Thank you."

Other speakers

Chris Godfrey, who earned his law degree in 1993 after spending nine years playing professional football, praised the dedicated professors who taught him about good and just law. But he says their voices were not the dominant ones on campus, and he fears the commitment to excellence is waning. Godfrey put the solution in football terms, sharing a story about one of Vince Lombardi's legendary teams that was taught how

to play football so well that they became famous. Their celebrity caused them to begin to play poorly so Lombardi brought them back to basics.

Godfrey thanked the students of ND Response for getting back to basics, and their efforts to restore Notre Dame's priorities.

Godfrey gave a game ball to ND Response leader Mary Daly, and she held it up to a cheering crowd before introducing the next speakers.

Notre Dame graduate Lacy Dodd (class of 1999) shared her moving story of seeking help at the Women's Care Center when she learned she was pregnant just months before her own graduation. Liz Borger, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate and former chairman of the board at Women's Care Center, gave further witness. She shared how a Notre Dame professor founded a group dedicated to helping women choose life for their babies.

At the rally, Mary Ann Glendon was named the winner of the Bishop John M. D'Arcy Award, given by the Orestes Brownson Society. Glendon was originally named this year's Laetare Award winner by Notre Dame, but she later declined when Father Jenkins indicated that her commencement speech would help balance Obama's address to the graduates.

Josephite Father John J. Raphael, a 1989 graduate of Notre Dame currently serving as a high school principal in New Orleans, told the crowd he was honored to participate in Sunday's pro-life rally. As an African-American who attended Notre Dame, Father Raphael encouraged the students to carry on, even if they feel like they are a lone voice crying in the wilderness. "You are not alone!" he said.

Father Raphael also talked about the challenges that come with making a witness for truth. He recognized that some on campus have even called their witness racist.

"The truth is, you are anything

but racist!" exclaimed Father Raphael. "Racist is Planned Parenthood's conscious targeting of African-American and Latino communities for surgical and chemical extinction through abortion and contraception. Racist is the fact that 37 percent of the abortions in the United States are performed on African-American women and their babies, who only comprise 13 percent of the American population. Racist is the genocidal magnitude of the 447,000 African American babies whose precious lives are destroyed each year before they ever get a chance to see the light of day. Racist and sexist is the presumption that a poor, unwed mother with the right kind of support and assistance does not have the capacity to love her baby enough to allow him to live with her, or with another loving family, despite the circumstances of his conception."

As the rally ran long, Father Frank Pavone, director of the national group Priests for Life, led a scriptural rosary at the groto. Twenty-four seniors who boycotted the commencement ceremony, being held at the same time, received a final blessing from Father Rousseau after the rosary.

When asked about the relatively few numbers of seniors who stayed away from President Obama's address, Father Pavone was undaunted.

"We had twice as many here as Jesus chose to start the church... that's pretty good!" he said.

Graduates and their parents lingered on campus. Those who did not attend the commencement ceremony said they had no regrets.

"We're completely proud of her," said Don Gayou, a dad from Wisconsin whose daughter Jane stood up for life.

Jane Gayou says she will always remember her years at Notre Dame warmly.

"I'd much rather be at a commencement with my friends," she said. "President Jenkins did make that decision, and I think we just made something wonderful out of it."



DIANE FREEBY

As Holy Cross Father Kevin Rousseau prepares the final blessing at the ND Response rally, pro-life members of the Notre Dame Class of 2009 toss their caps into the air in celebration.

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Father Jenkins, former Laetare winner urge dialogue, respect in talks

BY GENE STOWE

NOTRE DAME (CNS) — Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, and Judge John T. Noonan, a former winner of the university's Laetare Medal, joined President Barack Obama in calling for civil dialogue and mutual respect in their remarks at the university's commencement May 17.

Father Jenkins, in his introduction for Obama, made a forceful case for inviting the president even though he does not share Catholic views on abortion and embryonic stem-cell research — and he praised Obama for accepting.

"Others might have avoided this venue for that reason, but President Obama is not someone who stops talking to those who differ with him," Father Jenkins said. "Mr. President, this is a principle we share."

He invoked the Second Vatican Council's "Gaudium et Spes," which calls for respect, courtesy and love for "those who think or act differently than we do in social, political and even religious matters."

"If we want to extend courtesy, respect and love — and enter into dialogue — then surely we can start by acknowledging what is honorable in others," said Father Jenkins, who was widely criticized by bishops and others who objected to the president being commencement speaker and said granting him an honorary degree violated church teaching.

He also cited Pope John Paul II's "Ex Corde Ecclesia," which says a Catholic university should be "a primary and privileged place for a fruitful dialogue between the Gospel and culture."

"Of course, dialogue is never instantaneous; it doesn't begin and end in an afternoon," Father Jenkins said. "It is an ongoing process made possible by many acts of courtesy and gestures of respect, by listening carefully and speaking honestly."

"Paradoxically, support for these actions often falls as the need for them rises — so they are most controversial precisely when they can be most helpful," he added.

Father Jenkins said the honorary degree for Obama honors his

qualities and accomplishments, including the hardships he overcame, his close family ties and his choice to serve the poor rather than seek wealth when he graduated from college.

"He is a leader who has great respect for the role of faith and religious institutions in public life," Father Jenkins said. "He has said: 'Secularists are wrong when they ask believers to leave their religion at the door before entering the public square.'"

"He is the first African-American to be elected president," he said, prompting a standing ovation, "yet his appeal powerfully transcends race. In a country that has been deeply wounded by racial hatred, he has been a healer."

Noonan, the 1984 Laetare Medal winner, compared the debate over life issues to the 19th-century debate over African-Americans' rights that long had respected leaders Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass on opposite sides.

"Debate is not now about to close. At its center are the claims of conflicting consciences," he said, adding that differing consciences should be met with love no matter how vexing they may be.

"To satisfy that frustration by shunning or denouncing your unseeing companion will accomplish little beyond expressing your exasperation," he said.

Noonan referred to the inscription on the Laetare Medal — "Great is truth. It will prevail" — to urge his listeners to be confident that truth will not fail in the debate.

"Noonan also referred, without naming her, to Harvard Law professor Mary Ann Glendon, the former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican who was chosen for the 2009 Laetare Medal but turned down the medal because of the honorary degree that was to be given to Obama.

"By a lonely, courageous and conscientious choice she declined the honor she deserved," Noonan said. "I respect her decision. At the same time, I am here to confirm that all consciences are not the same; that we can recognize great goodness in our nation's president without defending all of his multitudinous decisions; and that we can rejoice on this wholly happy occasion."

OBAMA

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"heart-wrenching decision for any woman to make, with both spiritual and moral dimensions."

"So let's work together to reduce the number of women seeking abortions by reducing unintended pregnancies, and making adoption more available, and providing care and support for women who do carry their child to term," he said.

"Let's honor the conscience of those who disagree with abortion, and draft a sensible conscience clause, and make sure that all of our health-care policies are grounded in clear ethics and sound science, as well as respect for the equality of women," he said.

"Each side will continue to make its case to the public with passion and conviction. But surely we can do so without reducing those with differing views to caricature," he said.

Noting he was not raised in a particularly religious household, he said he was "brought to Christ" by the witness of co-workers in service on the south side of Chicago and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. Obama acknowledged Catholic parishes helping fund an organization called the Developing Communities Project.

He contrasted faith and certainty, describing a doubt that fosters humility.

"It should compel us to remain open and curious and eager to continue the moral and spiritual debate that began for so many of you within the walls of Notre Dame," he said.

"And within our vast democracy, this doubt should remind us to



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U.S. President Barack Obama greets graduates following the commencement ceremonies at the University of Notre Dame May 17. Obama was the commencement speaker and an honorary degree recipient.

persuade through reason, through an appeal whenever we can to universal rather than parochial principles, and most of all through an abiding example of good works, charity, kindness and service that moves hearts and minds," fulfilling the golden rule shared by religious and nonreligious people.

Obama invoked Father Hesburgh's twin images of Notre Dame as a lighthouse of Catholic wisdom and a crossroads where different cultures can converge. The priest, now 91, attended the commencement.

Obama also recounted how Father Hesburgh, the sole surviving member of the first U.S. Civil Rights Commission, brokered the deal that became the basis of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by flying the members to Notre Dame's Land O' Lakes property: "They fished, and they talked, and they changed the course of history."

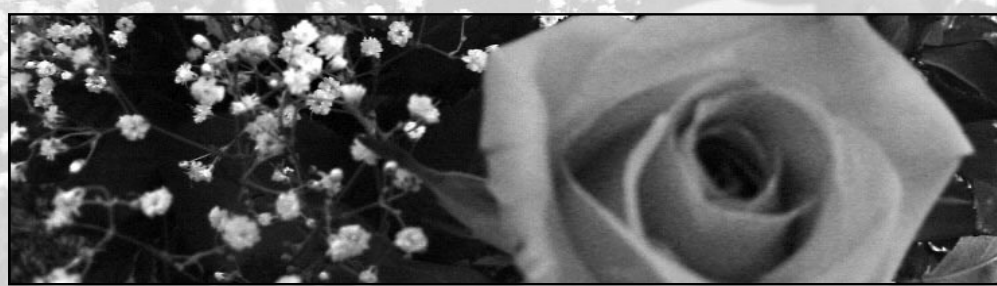
"I will not pretend that the challenges we face will be easy, or that the answers will come quickly, or that all our differences and divisions will fade happily away," he said. "Life is not that simple. It never has been."

"But as you leave here today, remember the lessons of Cardinal Bernardin, of Father Hesburgh, of movements for change both large and small," he continued.

"Remember that each of us, endowed with the dignity possessed by all children of God, has the grace to recognize ourselves in one another; to understand that we all seek the same love of family and the same fulfillment of a life well-lived. Remember that in the end, we are all fishermen."

Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of Notre Dame, and Judge John T. Noonan, who won the university's prestigious Laetare Medal in 1984 and delivered a brief speech "in the spirit of the Laetare Medal," also addressed the protests that erupted after Obama accepted Father Jenkins' invitation to speak.

On May 16 a group of leading Catholic theologians and other leaders published a full-page advertisement in the *South Bend Tribune* daily newspaper in support of Father Jenkins' invitation to Obama, and the graduating class selected the priest as their senior fellow.



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Polls find more Americans call themselves 'pro-life' than 'pro-choice'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Less than four months into President Barack Obama's term, opinion polls are finding that Americans are taking a dramatic turn toward greater opposition to abortion. A poll conducted May 7-10 as part of the annual Gallup Values and Beliefs survey found that a majority of Americans (51 percent) described themselves as "pro-life" with respect to the abortion issue, while only 42 percent said they were "pro-choice." The results were made public May 15. It marked the first time since Gallup began asking the question in 1995 that more respondents said they were pro-life than pro-choice, and was a shift of 7-8 percentage points from a year earlier, when 50 percent said they were pro-choice and 44 percent said they were pro-life. Obama is a strong supporter of keeping abortion legal. Some groups that promote abortion have said his November 2008 election was a mandate to expand access to and federal funding of abortion. A separate Gallup Poll Daily survey conducted May 12-13 found that 50 percent of Americans described themselves as pro-life and 43 percent as pro-choice.

Religious convictions crucial to US public debate, archbishop says

NEW YORK (CNS) — Religious convictions must play a role in public debate if America is to remain true to its founding principles, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver told a New York audience May 7. "American public life cannot work as its founders and framers intended if we stick religion in the closet like a dangerously eccentric in-law," the archbishop said in his acceptance speech for the Canterbury Medal, presented annually by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. "America doesn't need to be a 'Christian' country," he added. "But it can't survive without being a nation predisposed and welcoming to religious faith." Archbishop Chaput expressed concern about remarks President Barack Obama made in his inauguration speech about restoring "science to its rightful place" during his administration. He said Obama and his supporters have "stressed his religious credentials many times," and said the president's faith is "one of the factors that made him attractive to voters last fall." The archbishop said, "But from a believer's point of view, that makes the president's confusion about the 'rightful place' of science — not just in his inaugural remarks, but in many of his words and actions since then — even more curious."

NEWS BRIEFS

PILGRIM AT ANNIVERSARY MASS AT FATIMA SHRINE



CNS PHOTO/JOSE MANUEL RIBEIRO, REUTERS

A pilgrim cries as she holds a book with a picture of the Mary at the end of the Mass at the Catholic shrine of Fatima in Portugal May 13. Thousands of pilgrims made their way to the Fatima shrine to attend the 92nd anniversary celebrations of the first appearance of Mary to three shepherd children in 1917.

Senators urged to keep voucher program that helps low-income families

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The District of Columbia's public schools "didn't get bad overnight, and they are not going to get better overnight," a student from a Washington Catholic high school said May 13, urging Congress to continue funding a program that helps low-income families send their children to local private schools. Ronald Holassie, a sophomore at Archbishop Carroll High School, was one of two students who testified at a Senate hearing about the importance of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, now in jeopardy since Congress voted to cut funding in March. On May 6, President Barack Obama proposed more funding for students who are already in the scholarship program, but not for new students. The program gives annual scholarships of up to \$7,500 to low-income families that allows them to choose a private school for their children. Until the district's public schools improve, students need Opportunity Scholarships, said Holassie, himself a scholarship recipient and the district's deputy youth mayor for legislative affairs.

Vatican launches iPhone, Facebook applications for communications day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican is launching iPhone and Facebook applications in an effort to help Catholics, especially younger generations, use new technologies to create a culture of dialogue, respect and friendship. The new applications are part of a brand new Vatican Web site — www.pope2you.net — that was to go live on World Communications Day, which will be celebrated May 24 in most dioceses. Sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, the new site was created to help attract young people to and spread Pope Benedict XVI's message for World Communications Day, the head of the council, Archbishop Claudio Celli, told reporters May 18. This year's communications day message is dedicated to "New Technologies, New Relationships: Promoting a Culture of Respect, Dialogue and Friendship." "We thought that it was good to present the message to the young generation through technologies that they know how to use," the archbishop said during a press conference unveiling the new site.

Clinton's remarks on reproductive rights spark Catholic concern

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's recent remarks expanding the definition of reproductive rights to include abortion have sparked criticism and warnings from a U.S. church official and a Catholic congressman. Clinton's comments are a "real threat" to U.S.-based international aid agencies, such as Catholic Relief Services, which do not promote or provide abortions, said Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "The news is that she's not being euphemistic anymore," McQuade told Catholic News Service in early May. On Capitol Hill in late April, Clinton responded to a series of questions from Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a leading pro-life member of Congress and a Catholic. "Reproductive health includes access to abortion," Clinton said. "We are now an administration that will protect the rights of women, including their rights to reproductive health care." Smith's questions were prompted by Clinton's praise of Planned Parenthood founder

Margaret Sanger at an award ceremony in Houston March 27.

Vatican newspaper says Obama sought 'common ground' at Notre Dame

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican newspaper said U.S. President Barack Obama sought common ground on the divisive issue of abortion in his commencement address at the University of Notre Dame. The newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, said the president also confirmed that pushing for a more liberal abortion law would not be a priority of his administration. The comments came in a *L'Osservatore* report May 18, the day after Obama spoke at the university in Indiana. "The search for a common ground: This seems to be the path chosen by the president of the United States, Barack Obama, in facing the delicate question of abortion," the newspaper said. It said Obama had set aside the "strident tone" of the 2008 political campaign on the abortion issue. "Yesterday Obama confirmed what he expressed at his 100-day press conference at the White House, when he said that enacting a new law on abortion was not a priority of his administration," it said.

US rabbis praise Pope Benedict for remarks on Holocaust during trip

NEW YORK (CNS) — A group of prominent U.S. rabbis involved in interfaith relations praised Pope Benedict XVI May 12 for his remarks at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem that drew criticism from several Israeli politicians and journalists. At the memorial May 11 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." He met with six Holocaust survivors, who later expressed their appreciation for the pope's gesture. But critics said they were disappointed the German pope made no mention in his talk of the Nazi perpetrators of the Holocaust. "I really think it is purposeless to parse every word of the pope, and to read into (his remarks) nuances that were not intended," said Rabbi Gilbert Rosenthal, executive director of the National Council of Synagogues. Rabbi Rosenthal made the comments at a press conference in Manhattan with Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York following the spring meeting of the consultation of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Council of Synagogues.

National teachers' retreat focuses on truth, joy in the Catholic school

FORT WAYNE — Catholic teachers, administrators and board members from throughout the United States will gather at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne July 12-17 for an unusual academic retreat dedicated to and entitled, "Truth and Joy in the Catholic School." The retreat is organized by the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education.

For five days, these educators will study such topics as the history of education, the trivium and quadrivium, natural sciences, history, literature, philosophy and theology by immersing themselves in selected works from Christopher Dawson, Euclid, Descartes, Newton, Newman and Pope John Paul II. They will also participate in seminars on Sophocles and Shakespeare, and reflect on lectures on poetry and music.

Not only will attendees learn about a traditional Catholic curriculum and its critical importance in forming Catholic students in character and intellectual virtue, but these educators also will have lived and experienced it together with their colleagues and peers for five days.

"The academic retreat is a superb experience," explains Andrew Seeley, the institute's executive director. "As a result of discussions and reflections on what we are reading and learning, participants form genuine friendships. By the end of our retreats, attendees are invigorated, encouraged and refreshed. Their own passion for growth and learning is fed, and this spills into their classroom teaching, impacting the way they engage students in the future. It's very exciting to see."

The entire week-long retreat, including room, board and materials, is only \$450 if reservation is confirmed by June 1. After June 1, the cost is \$495.

For information, go to www.CatholicLiberalEducation.org or call (805) 625-1817.

Race for Education help technology needs

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude School, South Bend, held its Race for Education on Friday, May 15, to raise funds for computers, technology, media and innovative learning programs.

Over \$1,600 in contributions had been collected before the race day through the generous response of parents, relatives and friends of St. Jude Catholic School. "As it stands, this is already playing out to be one of our most successful fundraisers ever," said Principal Steven Donndelinger in a letter to parents before the race.

Children walked or jogged in the race, grades kindergarten, first and fifth in the first session and grades 2, 3, 4 and 6 in the second session that morning.

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Monroeville students win handwriting contest awards

MONROEVILLE — Universal Publishing has announced its 2009 National Handwriting Contest winners and St. Joseph School, Monroeville, has two winners — Hannah Maroney and Anna Maria Wiljer.

Maroney received the first place award in manuscript handwriting for grade two, while Wiljer placed first at the third grade level for cursive handwriting. Each received a prize check of \$250 and a certificate of achievement.

Their classroom teachers, Joan Bultemeier and Debbie Groves, will each be given a free classroom set of handwriting books for the upcoming school year.

Ancilla grads, faculty earn recognition

DONALDSON — Ancilla College student Shelly Longson and faculty member Jane Yochum headlined a list of 30 honorees at the college's recent honors convocation, held

May 8 at the Ancilla Domini Chapel.

Longson, a Plymouth resident, earned Scholar of Distinction after graduating summa cum laude among all 2009 Ancilla College graduates.

"After the past two years of working full time and nights away from my husband, it made it all worthwhile," said Longson. "I can't thank him enough for putting up with me."

Longson, who plans to pursue her bachelor's in elementary education at IUSB, said the education she received at Ancilla College meant "everything."

"I am a first generational college student," said Longson. "My mom and dad didn't go to college, or even think of going to college. They went straight into the workforce."

Jane Yochum, assistant professor of education, was selected as 2009 Educator of the Year by Ancilla College students.

"I am thrilled and humbled to receive the award, because it validates my career choice," said Yochum. "Ancilla is a wonderful place to teach."

Longson also earned departmen-

tal honors in early childhood education. Other departmental honorees include: Kimberly Blosser of Plymouth — history, criminal justice and behavioral sciences; Matthew Bova of Indianapolis — business; Dianna Cooper of Plymouth — religion; Byron Faulstich of Plymouth — education; and Carolyn Kirchenstien of Mentone — nursing.

Faulstich and Brittany Safranek of Peru were honored with the scholar/athlete award for their outstanding work in both athletics and academics.

Jennifer Rose of Knox and Melinda Weeks of Plymouth were each given the Portfolio Award. Faculty member Kristin Korcha was also recognized with the Assessment Award for her work in assessing sophomore portfolios.

Who's Who Among Students in American Two-Year Colleges honorees include Melissa Berg, Byron Faulstich, Erin Grace, Amber Howard, Whitney Johnson, Trisha Kimmey, Shelly Longson, Shannon Martinez, Deborah Masson, Leah Puckett, Jennifer Rose, Michele Snyder and Allen Stoneberg.

Phi Theta Kappa honorees include Andrea Baker, Melissa

Berg, Kimberly Blosser, Matthew Bova, Dianna Cooper, Dalta Jensen, Trisha Kimmey, Carolyn Kirchenstein, Casandra Long, Shelly Longson, Deborah Masson, Stacy McVicker, Alyssa Milo, Rhonda Music, Leah Puckett, Jennifer Rose, Tracy Rossman, Allen Stoneberg, Amanda Talaga and Melinda Weeks.

Magna cum laude honorees include Kimberly Blosser, Byron Faulstich, Whitney Johnson, Deborah Masson and Jennifer Rose.

Cum laude honorees include Natasha Baughman, Melissa Berg, Trisha Kimmey, Carolyn Kirchenstien, Shannon Martinez, Rhonda Music, Brittany Safranek and Allen Stoneberg.

Redeemer Radio announces appointment of new executive director

FORT WAYNE — The board of directors of Redeemer Radio AM 1450 WLYV announced the appointment of Dave Stevens as executive director of the station effective April 22.

Stevens, a broadcasting and advertising industry veteran, brings over 24 years of experience to the station having worked at radio stations in Connecticut and radio and television properties in Fort Wayne. In addition, Stevens has worked at two of northeast Indiana's more prominent advertising and marketing agencies.



DAVE STEVENS

Stevens is an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Fort Wayne. He's involved in various ministries at the parish including: vocation committee, marriage preparation, lector, eucharistic minister and Boy Scouts. In addition, Stevens is also a member of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Committee on Scouting and Knights of Columbus Council 451. Stevens and his wife of 24 years, Debbie, have four children ranging in ages from 11 to 21.

Catholic homeschoolers inducted into high school honor society

FORT WAYNE — Six Catholic homeschooled high school students were formally inducted into the Rho Epsilon Chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha, the National Home School Honor Society on May 2. They are: Katlyn R. Stein, St. Therese, Fort Wayne, grade 9; Margaret M. McGovern, St. Patrick, Arcola, grade 9; Ellen D. Shannon, Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne, grade 10; Leah R. Mailand, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, grade 11; Jessica C. Richardson, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, grade 11 and Laura A. Morman, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, grade 12, who will attend Purdue University to study animal science as the recipient of Purdue's Trustee's Scholarship, as well as additional scholarships.



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St. Matthew quiz bowl team goes undefeated

SOUTH BEND — The St. Matthew Cathedral School Quiz Bowl team recently ended the season undefeated.

Junior High Quiz Bowl involves Catholic schools from the area and included Christ the King, Corpus Christi, Holy Cross, Queen of Peace, St. Anthony, St. Bavo, St. John the Baptist, St. Jude, St. Monica, St. Pius X in Granger, St. Thomas in Elkhart and St. Joseph schools in both South Bend and Mishawaka. Participants are asked questions in a variety of academic disciplines.

The undefeated St. Matthew team, led by faculty adviser and teacher Elaine Throm, included Alan Bowman, Annie Bradley, Emma Capannari, Tommy Cook, Patrick Dunlap, Nate Griggs, Mary Gring, Eddie Hunckler, John Kramer, Liz Kramer, Lori Lackner, Tim McMahon, Greg Monnin, Stephen Rice, Adam Rhody and Matt Rozycki.



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The St. Matthew Cathedral School Quiz Bowl team recently ended the season undefeated. In the photo are the following: front row, from left, Alan Bowman, Tim McMahon, Liz Krammer and Eddie Hunckler; middle row, Nate Griggs, Greg Monnin, Lori Lackner, Emma Capannari, Mary Gring and John Kramer; and back row, Anna Bradley, Stephen Rice, Tom Cook, Matthew Rozycki and Patrick Dunlap. Adam Rhody was not available for the photo.

QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH HOSTS ANTIOCH YOUTH RETREAT



KAREN CLIFFORD

Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka hosted an Antioch Youth Retreat May 15-17. According to co-directors Chip and Virginia Leinen, in its second year the church sponsored approximately 95 teens and a team of 10 adults. Young people shared their faith experiences with one another and explored their relationships with themselves, family, friends, community and God.

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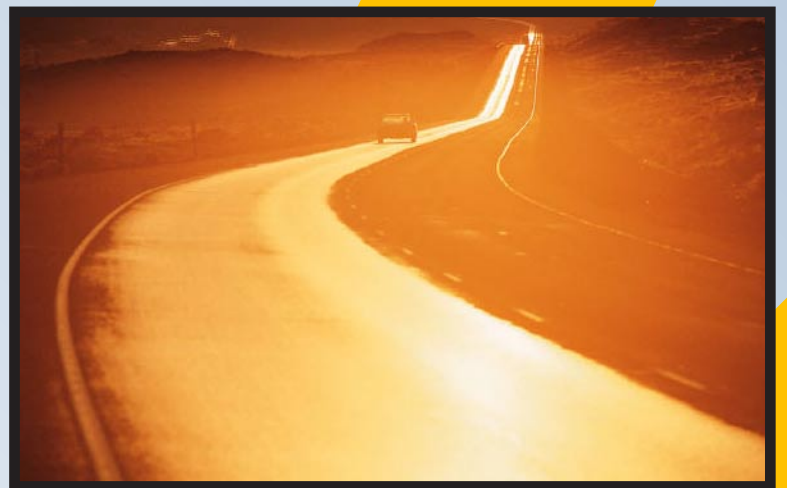
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WINNERS CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL PRO-LIFE T-SHIRT DAY CONTEST



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The St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, Respect Life Committee invited seventh and eighth graders to design a shirt for National Pro-Life T-shirt Day, April 28. Two shirts were selected as winners. Seventh graders Karen Udoh and Jocelyn Wilson designed the white flower shirt. And eighth graders Megan McLeish, Lauren Lehman and Kristen Buenconsejo designed the black star shirt. In the photo, from left are Lauren Lehman, Megan McLeish, Kristen Buenconsejo and Karen Udoh and Jocelyn Wilson.



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Weekday – M, W, F – 5:30 p.m.;
T, Th – 7:30 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Vacation Bible School: July 20-24
Parish Picnic: Aug. 2

BRISTOL

St. Mary of the
Annunciation
411 W. Vistula St.
(574) 848-4305
Masses: Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 9, 11 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 9 a.m., 7 p.m.
Weekday – 9 a.m.
Confession: Saturday – 4-5 p.m.

CHURUBUSCO

St. John Bosco
216 N. Main St.
(260) 693-9578
Masses: Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 10 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 8 a.m.
Weekday – M, F – 8 a.m.;
W – 7 p.m.
Rosary prior to Wed. Mass.
First Friday Mass at 8 a.m. fol-
lowed by Holy Hour with
Benediction and confession.
Confession: Before Saturday
5:30 p.m. Mass. Any time by
appointment.

CLEAR LAKE

St. Paul Chapel
8780 E. 700 N
(260) 665-2259
Masses: From Memorial Day
to Labor Day
Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 9 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6:30 p.m.
Weekday – W – 9:30 a.m.
Confession: Any time by
appointment

COLUMBIA CITY

St. Paul of the Cross
315 S. Line St.
(260) 244-5723
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day – 7 a.m., 7 p.m.
Weekday – M, T, Th, F – 7
a.m.; W – 6:15 p.m.;
First Friday: 7 a.m., Adoration
and Benediction 7:30 a.m.
Confession: Friday 11:30 a.m. – 1
p.m.; Saturday 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
Any time by appointment.

CULVER

St. Mary of the Lake
124 College Ave.
(574) 842-2522
Masses: Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 10:30 a.m.; 9
a.m. at Academy when camps
are in session.
Weekday – M, T, Th, F – 8:30 a.m.;
M and W – 5:30 p.m.; Thursday
Eucharistic Adoration 9 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Holy Hour 5-6 p.m.
First Friday – 9 a.m. at nursing
home; 6:30 p.m. at parish followed
by family night.
Confession: Saturday – 4-5
p.m.; after daily Mass and by
appointment.
Parish Festival: Aug. 14-16
Friday - Golf Outing at Mystic Hills; Vigil
Mass for Assumption 7 p.m.; Casino
Night 7:30 p.m.
Saturday - Feast of Assumption Mass
5:30 p.m.; Silent Auction 5:30-8 p.m.
Sunday - 7:30 a.m. Mass; Pancake
Breakfast with raffle; 10:30 a.m. Mass.

DECATUR

St. Mary of the Assumption
414 W. Madison St.
(260) 724-9159
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 8:30, 11 a.m.
Weekday – Consult bulletin at
www.stmarysdecatur.org
Confession: Saturday – 4-4:30
p.m. Monday and Wednesday
– 5:30-5:55 p.m. Anytime by
appointment.

EGE

Immaculate Conception
700 E. and 400 S.
(260) 693-9578
Masses: Saturday – 7 p.m.
Sunday – 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Weekday – T, Th – 8 a.m.
Confession: Before 8:30 a.m.
Mass.
Any time by appointment.

ELKHART

St. Thomas the Apostle
1405 N. Main St.
(574) 262-1505
Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m.,
5:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7, 8:45, 10:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 6:30, 8 a.m.,
12:05 p.m.
Weekday – T-F – 7 a.m.
(followed by rosary);
M – 5:30 p.m.
Confession: Saturday 9-10
a.m. Eve of First Friday 4-5
p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

1108 S. Main St.
(574) 293-8231
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m., 6:30
p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday – 7, 8:30, 11:30 a.m. (June
– Aug. – 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.); 1:15
and 3 p.m. (Spanish)
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.; Holy Day
– 7, 8:15 a.m.; 5:30 and 7 p.m.
(Spanish)
Confession: Friday 5:30 – 6:30
p.m. Saturday 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

FORT WAYNE

**Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception**
1122 S. Clinton St.
(260) 424-1485
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30
a.m., 5 p.m.
Holy Day – 7, 8 a.m., 12:05, 5
p.m.; Vigil 5 p.m.
MacDougal Chapel
Weekdays – 7, 8 a.m., 12:05
p.m.; First Friday - 5 p.m.; Sat.
8 a.m., 12:05 p.m.
Confessions: In MacDougal
Chapel, M-F – 7:30 a.m.; M
and F – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.; Holy Day
Vigil – 4:30 – 5 p.m.
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Noll Catholic Center, 915 S.
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Most Precious Blood

1515 Barthold St.
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Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10:15 a.m.
Holy Day – As announced.
Weekday – M–F – 8:15 a.m.
Confession: Saturday – 4 p.m.
Parish Funfest: May 29 and 30

Our Lady of Good Hope

7215 St. Joe Rd.
(260) 485-9615

Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days and weekdays –
Consult bulletin.
Confession: Saturday 3:30 – 4
p.m. Any time by appoint-
ment.

Queen of Angels

1500 W. State Blvd.
(260) 482-9411

Masses:
Weekend Schedule: Vigil
Saturday at 4 p.m.; Sunday at
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Summer Schedule (June, July
and August): Vigil Saturday at
4 p.m.; Sunday at 8 a.m. and
10 a.m.

Holy Day – Consult bulletin
Weekday – Consult bulletin

Confession: Saturday –
3 – 3:45 p.m.

Parish Garage Sale: Friday, June 26
from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, June
27 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Msgr.
Faber Activities Center.

For information regarding the parish
or school visit the Web site at
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Sacred Heart

4643 Gaywood Dr.
(260) 744-2519

Masses: Saturday – 4 p.m.
Sunday – 8:30 a.m., Latin Mass
11:30 a.m.
Holy Day – Call parish office.
Weekday – M–F – 8:10 a.m.;
Sat. - 8 a.m.
Confession: Saturday – 8:30 –
9:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo

4916 Trier Rd.
(260) 482-2186

Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m., 5
p.m.

Sunday – 7:30, 9, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 6:15, 8:30 a.m.,
5:30, 7 p.m.
Weekday – 6:15, 8 a.m.
(June–Aug.), 7 p.m.
Federal holidays – 9 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 2:30 –
4:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

10700 Aboite Center Rd.
(260) 432-0268

Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30
a.m., 5 p.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 6:30, 9 a.m., 6:30
p.m.
Weekday – Call parish office.
National holiday: 9 a.m.
SetonFest: Aug. 7 and 8

St. Henry

2929 Paulding Rd.
(260) 447-4100

Masses: Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day – call parish office
Weekday Masses, confessions
held at Sacred Heart.

St. John the Baptist

4525 Arlington Ave.
(260) 744-4393

Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 6:30, 8:15 a.m.,
5:30 p.m.
Weekday – M–F – 6:30, 8:15
a.m.; Sat. – 8:15 a.m.
Confession: Saturday – 9 a.m.,
3 p.m.; Holy Day eve 4:30
p.m.

Rosary: Mon-Fri. 7:30 a.m. Guerin Chapel;
Sat. 7:55 a.m. in church.

St. Joseph

Corner of Brooklyn & Hale Ave.
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Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 9, 11:30 a.m.
(Spanish); 7:30 p.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Days – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Weekday – 8 a.m.; Wed. night
5:30 p.m.
Confession: Saturday – 9 a.m.
until finished.

St. Joseph – Hessen Cassel

11337 Old U.S. 27 South
(260) 639-3748

Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day – 7 p.m.; Vigil/Holy
Day – 6 p.m.
Weekday – T–F and First Sat.
– 8:15 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 4–4:45
p.m. or appointment.

St. Jude

2130 Pemberton Dr.
(260) 484-6609

Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 9, 11 a.m.
Holy Day – 6:15, 8:15, 10
a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Weekday – 6:15, 8:15 a.m.
Eaglemania: June 5, 5-11 p.m.
Children's games, food tent, talent show
and beer garden.

St. Mary

1101 S. Lafayette St.
(260) 424-8231

Masses: Sunday – 10:45 a.m.
Holy Day – 5:15 p.m.
Confession: Anytime by
appointment.

St. Patrick

2120 Harrison St.
(260) 744-1450

Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.; 6
p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday – 8, 10 a.m. (English);
noon (Spanish); 5 p.m.
(Vietnamese)
Holy Day – 9 a.m.
Weekday – M – 5 p.m.; T – 8
a.m.; W – 5 p.m.; Th – 8 a.m.,
noon; F – 8 a.m. (English)

T–F – 6 p.m. (Spanish); M, T, F
– 7 a.m. (Vietnamese)

Confession: Half hour before
Mass on weekends or by appoint-
ment.

St. Peter

518 E. DeWald St.
(260) 744-2765

Masses: Saturday – 4 p.m.
Sunday – 9:15 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day – noon
Weekday – M–4 p.m.; T, W– 9
a.m.; Th–5:30 p.m.
Confession: Saturday before
Mass and by appointment

St. Therese

2304 Lower Huntington Rd.
(260) 747-9139

Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 7:30 a.m.,
5:30 p.m.
Weekday – M, W, F – 7:30 a.m.;
T, Th – 5:30 p.m.
Confession: After weekday
Mass and Saturday –
4 – 4:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

1502 East Wallen Rd.
(260) 489-3537

Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7:15, 9, 11 a.m.;
LifeTeen Mass 6 p.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 6:30, 8 a.m.,
6:30 p.m.
Weekday – 6:30, 8 a.m.
Confession: Saturday – 8:45-
9:45 a.m.

GARRETT**St. Joseph**

300 W. Houston
(260) 357-3122

Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 7, 9 a.m.
Weekday – M – 6 p.m.; Th – 8
a.m. with eucharistic adoration
until 5 p.m.; T, W, F and Sat. –
9 a.m. (Rosary after Mass
Saturday in grotto weather
permitting)
Devotions to St. Joseph Wed.
after Mass.
Confession: Saturday – 8:30-
8:45 a.m.

GENEVA**St. Mary of the Presentation**

5790 E. 1100 S.
(260) 997-6558

Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Weekday – 8 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 4:15 –
4:45 p.m. By appointment.

GOSHEN**St. John the Evangelist**

114 W. Monroe St.
(574) 533-3385

Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.;
6 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday – 8, 10 a.m.;
1 p.m. (Spanish)
Vigil/Holy Day – Call
Weekday – M – 5:30 p.m.; T–F –
8 a.m.; T–F – 6 p.m. (Spanish)
Confession: By appointment
(Spanish); Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.

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12:15, 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 7, 9 a.m., noon,
6:30 p.m.
Weekday – M-F – 8:30 a.m.;
M, W – 6:45 a.m.
Confession: Saturday – 8:30
a.m., 4 p.m. Any time by
appointment.

HUNTINGTON

St. Mary
903 N. Jefferson St.
(260) 356-4398
Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m.;
5:15 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10:30 a.m.
Weekday – M – 6 p.m.;
T-S – 8 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 7:30 – 7:50
a.m., 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Upcoming Events: Bible Study -
Salvation History Part 2; Every Thursday
from 6:30-8 p.m.; Sept. 10-Nov. 19, in

Assumption Hall.
Registration requested.

SS. Peter and Paul
860 Cherry St.
(260) 356-4798
Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sunday – 6:30, 8, 10:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 7, 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Weekday – M, W, F – 8 a.m.;
T, Th – 7 p.m.
Confession: Before Mass,
Saturday 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE

Immaculate Conception
319 E. Diamond St.
(260) 347-4045
Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 7:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Weekday – M – Th – 7:30
a.m.; F – 5 p.m.
First Saturday – 8 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 3:30 –
4:15 p.m.

Vigil/Holy Day – 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 8 a.m.
Weekday – T, F – 8 a.m.; M,
Th – 5 p.m.
Confession: Saturday 9–10 a.m.

St. Joseph
225 S. Mill St.
(574) 255-6134
Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7:15, 9:15, 11:15 a.m.
Holy Day – To be announced
Weekday – M-Sat. – 7 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 9:30 a.m.

LAGRANGE

St. Joseph
0050 N 100 E.
(260) 463-3472
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 9, (English); noon
(Spanish)
Holy Day – 7 a.m., 6 p.m.,
7:15 p.m. (Spanish)
Weekday – M, T, Th – 8:30
a.m.; W, F – 5:15 p.m.
Confession: Saturday – 4 p.m.;
Sunday 1 p.m.

St. Monica
222 W. Mishawaka Ave.
(574) 255-2247
Masses: Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30 and 11
a.m.
Weekday – T, W, Th, F, Sat. –
8 a.m.; W – 6 p.m.

MONROEVILLE

St. Rose of Lima
206 Summit St.
(260) 623-6437
Masses: Saturday – 6 p.m.
Sunday – 7:45 a.m.
Holy Day – Consult bulletin.
Weekday – Through June 28: T,
Th, Sat. – 8:30 a.m.; after June
30: M, W, F – 8:30 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 7–7:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

NEW CARLISLE

St. Stanislaus Kostka
55756 Tulip Rd.
(574) 654-3781
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6 p.m.
Holy Day – 8 a.m., noon and
7 p.m.
Weekday – M-F - 8 a.m.
Confession: Thursday
5:30–6:30 p.m.;
Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Any
time by appointment.
Adoration: Thursday 4–8 p.m.

NEW HAVEN

St. John the Baptist
943 Powers St.
(260) 493-4553
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Weekday – M-Sat. – 7:15 a.m.
Adoration: Th – noon–8 p.m.
Confession: Thursday 5:30 –
6:30 p.m. Saturday 3:30 p.m.

NIX SETTLEMENT

St. Catherine
Hwy. 9 and
Whitley Co. Rd. 1000 South
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Masses: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.
Holy Day – 6:00 p.m.

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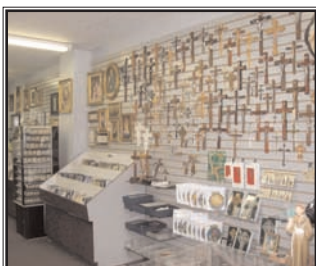
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First Friday – Vigil – 7 p.m.
Confessions: Any time by appointment

NORTH MANCHESTER

St. Robert Bellarmine
1203 State Road 114 East
(260) 982-4404
Masses: Saturday – 6 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 10:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 8 a.m., 6 p.m.
Weekday M, T, Th, F – 8 a.m. W – 7 p.m.
Confession: Half hour before Mass or by appointment.

NOTRE DAME

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
University of Notre Dame
(574) 631-8463
Masses in the Basilica:
Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 10 a.m.
Weekday – M–F May/June break – 11:30 a.m.; M–F Summer Session 11:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
Confession: M–F – 11 a.m.

Sacred Heart Parish
University of Notre Dame
(574) 631-7511
Masses in the Crypt:
Saturday – 6:45 a.m.
Sunday – 6:30, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Holy Day – 6:45 a.m.
Weekday – M–F – 6:45 a.m.; 12:10 p.m. (university Mass)
Confession: Saturday 4 p.m.

PIERCETON

St. Francis Xavier
408 W. Catholic St.
(574) 594-5750
P.O. Box 376

(574) 594-2347
Masses: Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 9 a.m.; 7:45 a.m. (at Jellystone Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day)
Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Confession: 45 min. prior to Saturday Mass.

PLYMOUTH

St. Michael
611 N. Center St.
(574) 936-4935
Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m.; 5 p.m., 7 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 7 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
Confession: Sat. – 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., 3 – 4 p.m.

ROANOKE

St. Joseph
641 N. Main St.
(260) 672-2838
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 11 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6 p.m.
Holy Day – 8 a.m.
Weekday – M–F – 8 a.m.
First Saturday – 8 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Any time by appointment.

ROME CITY

St. Gaspar Del Bufalo
10871 N. St. Rd. 9
(260) 854-3100
Masses: Saturday – 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30, 10 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 8 a.m., 7 p.m.
Weekday – 8 a.m. except Wed. 7 p.m.
Confession: Saturday – 4–4:30

p.m.; after daily Mass and any time by appointment.
Rosary – Before daily Mass

SOUTH BEND

St. Matthew Cathedral
1701 Miami St.
(574) 289-5539
Masses: Saturday – 7 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 9, 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 7 a.m., 12:15, 5:30 p.m.
Weekday – 7 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Confession: M–Sat. after 7 a.m. Mass and 11 a.m. – noon Saturday.

Christ the King
52473 SR 933 North, South Bend
(574) 272-3113
Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 8:45, 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Holy Day – 7, 8:30 a.m., 7 p.m.
Weekday – M–F – 8:30 a.m.
Confession: Saturday – 9-10

a.m. By appointment.

Corpus Christi
2822 Corpus Christi Dr.
(574) 272-9982
Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day – 6:30, 7:50 a.m., 7 p.m.
Weekday – M, Th, F – 6:30, 7:50 a.m.; T – 7:50 a.m., 5:30 p.m.; W – 7:50 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

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114 W. Wayne St.
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Masses: Weekday – M–F – 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
Holy Day – 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
Confession: 8:30 – noon

Holy Cross
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Masses: Sunday – 8, 11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
Holy Day – TBA

Holy Family
56405 Mayflower Rd.
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Masses: Saturday – 8:15 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sunday – 7, 9, 11 a.m.
Vigil/Holy Day – 6 p.m.
Holy Day – 7 a.m., 9 a.m.
Weekday – M–F – 8:15 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 11 a.m. – noon, 4 – 4:45 p.m. Any time by appointment.

Little Flower
54191 N. Ironwood Dr.
(574) 272-7070
Masses: Saturday – 8 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 8, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
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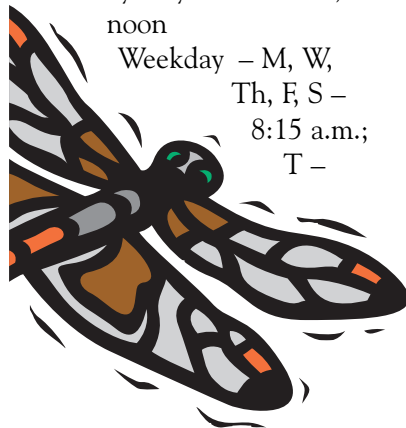
is currently featuring *Festival of Copes*, a display of liturgical vestments dating back to the 1920's and beyond. Included is the grand prize winner of the Paris Exposition 1900. This cope includes images of all canonized saints and was presented to Bishop John F. Noll when he was installed as the 5th Bishop of Fort Wayne. The Copes exhibit runs through September 30, 2009. The museum is located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center at 915 south Clinton street in Fort Wayne. Hours are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. There is no admission charge.

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Father John Corapi visits South Bend 'to support the bishop'

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — Father John Corapi, known by millions worldwide through his program on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), addressed an audience at St. Pius X Church on Saturday, May 16, after concelebrating 5:30 Mass with associate pastor Father Bob Lengerich. Father Corapi was invited by the group ND Response, the authorized university group that led prayerful opposition to the university's selection of President Barack Obama as the 2009 graduation speaker and recipient of an honorary law degree.

However, Father Corapi shared with those in attendance his main reason for coming to South Bend.

"I have come to South Bend to support the bishop," Father Corapi stated, prompting a standing ovation by those in attendance.

Father Corapi reflected on the day's Gospel reading from John in which Jesus commands his disciples to love one another. Father Corapi remembered counseling a young couple planning to be married and asked them if they were in love and how they defined love. The young man responded that he had feelings for his girlfriend, which prompted Father Corapi to say that feelings can be up and down. He asked the young lady the same question and she responding saying that they had great chemistry. Father Corapi replied that with chemistry, "things can blow up."

Then the priest challenged the young couple by asking them to define love as desiring heaven. "If you love each other and desire the finest and best thing for the sake of the one you love, then

you better desire eternal salvation. And you better do anything and everything to get them there," he recalled.

Father Corapi said desiring heaven also includes love for parents, friends, country and university. And in desiring heaven, there is a cross and sacrifice to get there, he observed.

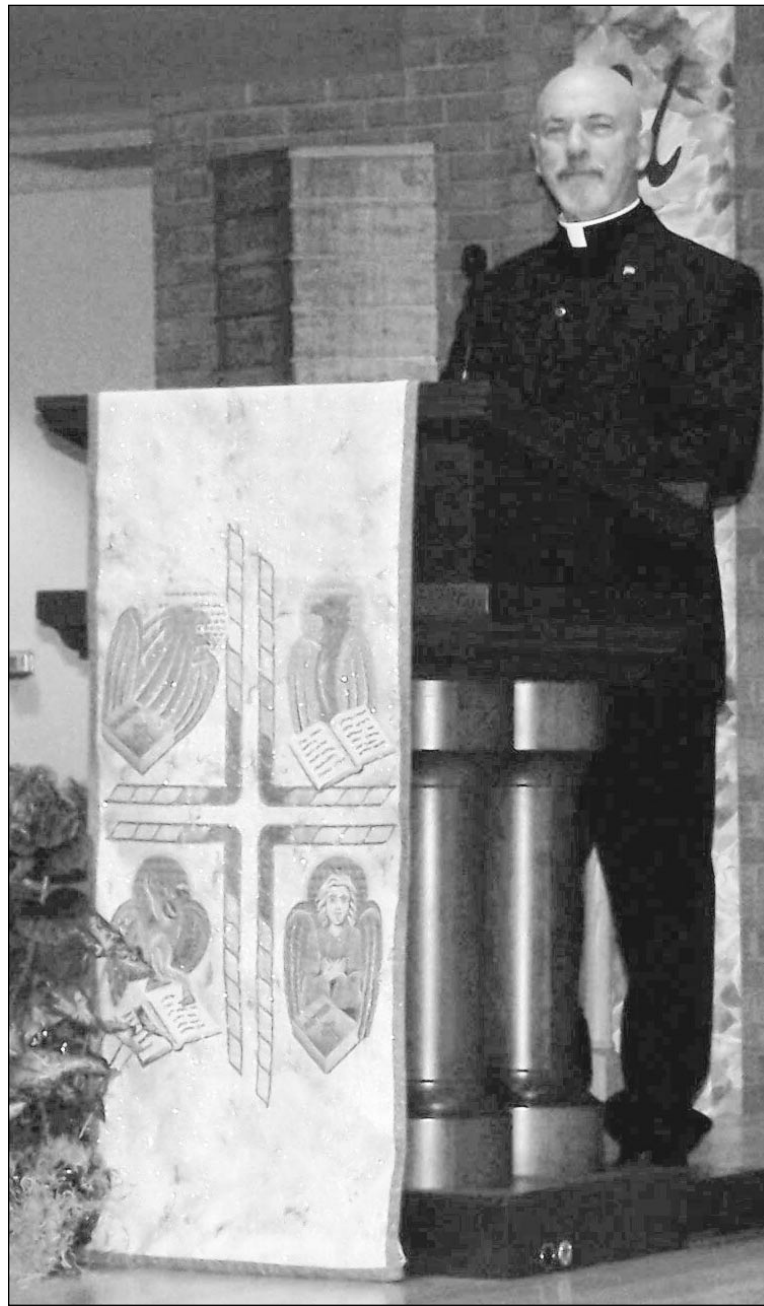
"All Christians by the examples of their lives and the witness of their words have an obligation to manifest the new mantel, which they have put on in baptism. We are impelled, we are required, and it is a moral mandate to bear witness to the truth and the church states in her formal teaching documents it is a matter of salvation," Father Corapi stressed.

Stating truth isn't always easy in today's culture. Father Corapi noted that moral and ethical fogs have enveloped today's perception of right and wrong. Some people believe that abortion is just a medical procedure.

"Mother Teresa called abortion murder and that is what Pope John Paul II called it and the church calls it," said Father Corapi emphatically. "The Catholic Church teaches that every single life from the moment of conception to the last moment of natural life is precious and must be protected, nurtured and loved."

Father Corapi applauded the approximately 70 U.S. bishops who vigorously opposed the selection of President Obama as Notre Dame's graduation speaker and receiving an honorary degree. "It violates the (U.S.) Conference of Catholic Bishops, it is a violation of Vatican protocol, and it sends a bad, bad message."

Division within the Christian community is nothing new, Father Corapi observed. In



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Luke's Gospel, Jesus spoke of division within households and families. Father Corapi said, "The truth is the two-edged sword of the word of God. If you do this a lot of people will love you and a lot of people will hate you. The truth can divide in the beginning, but ultimately it will unite. Those disposed for the truth accept the truth, those who are not disposed for the truth reject it, sometimes violently."

Rejecting the truth carries severe consequences for mankind, he stressed. "Abortion, partial birth abortion, fetal stem-cell research, the destruction of the traditional family — that's the destruction of society. You can watch the destruction of your country in living color on television every single day. And if you don't believe it's well underway, stay tuned."

Father Corapi called on all to remember the teachings of the church require that as a disciple of Christ you must not only teach faith and live on in it, but also profess it. It can be professed in words or by how you lead your life. "So start praying like you mean it. Start praying the rosary more than you ever did before. Study the catechism. Receive the sacraments in a state of grace," he admonished.

In conclusion, Father Corapi expressed the reward of those who live by truth. "Fight the good fight, run the race to the finish line. I promise you, at the end, when the dust settles, and the smoke of battle is blown away, and time gives way to eternity, having done your part, you'll stand before Jesus who'll smile and say, 'well done. Well done my good and faithful servant. Now, at last, enter the joy of your master's house.'"

Sisters of Providence Heritage Museum features exhibit on congregation's ministry in Asia

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — The Sisters of Providence have opened a new exhibit in the Heritage Museum inside Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The new exhibit commemorates the opening of the mission to Asia, which occurred almost 90 years ago. Interesting parallels exist between the mission to Asia and the foundation of the Sisters of Providence in the United States.

In 1840, St. Mother Theodore Guérin and five companions came from France to found the Sisters of Providence. In 1920, Mother Marie Gratia Luking and five companions traveled to China to establish the mission there. The reason St. Mother Theodore Guérin came to the United States was to establish Catholic schools in the Indiana wilderness, especially for women. The specific purpose of the

Sisters of Providence in founding their mission in China was to establish schools for young women at Kaifeng in Honan Province. Both missions were at the request of local bishops.

St. Mother Theodore always had a desire to serve in China. She had ill health for most of her years at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, and Mother Marie Gratia also suffered significant health issues during her mission years in China.

Communist religious oppression in China forced the Sisters of Providence and other religious communities to move out of the country. The Sisters of Providence moved to Taiwan where they continue ministry at several educational facilities there.

The new exhibit in the Heritage Museum at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods features a copy of the Constitutions for the mission

to China, sheet music for a song entitled "Keifeng" written by Sister Cecilia Clare Bocard, numerous photos with explanations including the wake and funeral for Mother Maria Gratia, a mission cross given to each sister who went to Asia and other artifacts.

The Heritage Museum is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is open to the public without charge.

Religious icons on display at Providence Center

Religious icons hand-painted by Sisters of Providence are on display in Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Icons, considered to be works of art, have been used for centuries to refer to images of holy

subjects painted on wood.

The painting and veneration of icons is an ancient tradition, well-developed by the third century tested by the iconoclastic controversies of the eighth and ninth centuries, and brought to full flower in the Byzantine age and later in the Orthodox Christian churches of Eastern Europe.

The artistic tradition was developed to communicate theological truths to the faithful and to provide in pictures what sacred Scripture provides in words. Rich in symbolism and meaning, icons attempt to give us a window into the divine rather than a realistic portrayal of earthly scenes.

The icons on display were created by Sisters Marilyn Therese

Lipps, Marianne McGriffin and Mary Lou Ruck. None are trained artists, but they were able to develop their skills through the



guidance of other Sisters of Providence. The icons depict various religious symbols that help tell a story. Several layers of paint are used to develop each image.

Prayer cards printed with the icons are available in The Gift

Shop at Providence Center. The icons are available for viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The Gift Shop's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

St. Anthony Parish breaks ground for new church

BY LAUREN GAGGIANO

ANGOLA — Members of Angola's St. Anthony of Padua Parish community gathered the morning of May 17 for a milestone — the groundbreaking of a new church.

The new house of worship will serve a much needed purpose. For over 50 years the parishioners have been celebrating Sunday Mass in a church built in the late 1950s as a temporary worship space.

Their vision was to build a facility large enough to accommodate parishioners and seasonal guests, yet still provide an intimate setting to celebrate the Eucharist.

In 2005, a group of parishioners met to discuss the possibility of building a new church. Parishioner Dan Lepley assumed the responsibility of organizing the project and a steering committee was formed. Shortly after, the parish undertook the "Connecting in Faith and Fellowship" campaign to raise the resources needed to build the new church.

"We realized that to have a parish that is truly alive we must build more than a structure of



LAUREN GAGGIANO

Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Angola, center, invited the church community to celebrate in the blessing and groundbreaking of the new church.



brick and mortar," committee members Don and Kathy Pomeroy said. "We must also build an active community of believers connected in faith and fellowship."

Over the past four years St. Anthony's parishioners have joined together to do just that through fund-raising efforts. Their generosity came to fruition a few weeks ago with the official start of construction. In April, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend approved the architectural plans created by Fort Wayne-based Design Collaborative and Michael Kinder and Sons, also of Fort Wayne, was awarded the contract.

Fours years of planning a concept became a reality, as parishioners came together for a groundbreaking ceremony in the parking lot, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Parishioners, including members of the Knights of Columbus, and representatives from Design Collaborative and Kinder and Sons were present.

The favorable weather represented good things to come

Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor, told the crowd.

"We've been working hard for this day to come," he said.

Following the pastor's remarks, Dan Lepley read a history of the parish. From its humble beginnings as a Catholic settlement to the groundbreaking today, the parish is a witness of the faith of the Catholic community in Angola. Today, the parish serves 1,650 parishioners, or 590 families, he said.

Lepley then called his fellow members of the steering and interior committees to be recognized. The choir performed a song and sprinkling holy water, Father Pasche proceeded to bless the future site of the church.

This project is proof that the parish community's "time and

effort is paying off," he said. "Continue to pray that all goes well."

Parishioners witnessed history as members of the steering committee and representatives from Design Collaborative and Kinder and Sons broke the ground. Father Pasche invited the faithful to join in another song, and members of the Hispanic community performed with song and guitar. Father Pasche then concluded with a blessing.

Thomas and Betty Cranston are dedicated parishioners who are eagerly awaiting the new church. Thomas has been a parishioner since childhood, and he and his wife will be a part of a new chapter in St. Anthony's book of history.

The Cranstons have high hopes for the new church.

"Every aspect of the church is going to be great," Betty said.

"There's going to be more of a sense of community due to the design."

Currently, parishioners must socialize outside after Mass and that can be inconvenient. However, the new design

will accommodate this need.

"It will be wonderful to have an area to congregate," she said. Masses in the summer months can be especially crowded due to the influx of summer residents.

She said the expanded choir area will also enhance the worship experience.

Despite the current weak economic conditions, generosity still

"We've been working hard for this day to come."

FATHER FRED PASCHE

prevails.

"(The donations) are evidence of a strong desire to give and be committed to faith," Thomas said.

Echoing the Cranstons' comments, Father Pasche said the fund-raising has brought the parish together.

"We're trying to build up the community," he said.

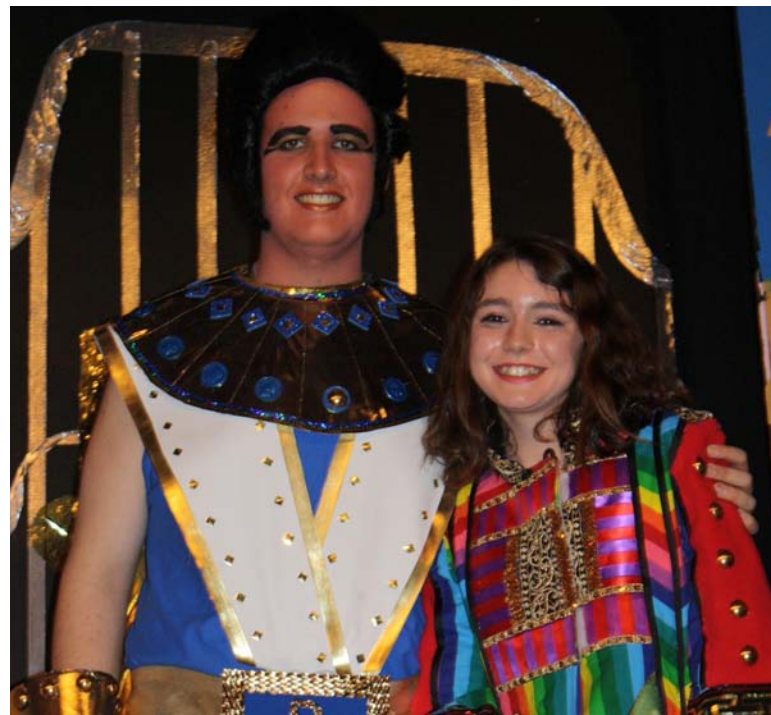
He noted that since the campaign began, a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) program has been established. And a strong faith community merits a nice church.

"I think the people desire a new church," he said. "And despite challenging economic times, the project is bringing people together. All this work, so far, is the product of collaboration, he said.

Although the project is now in the works, its completion still depends on continued generosity of supporters. Funds are still needed to furnish the church once the building is completed, he said. To make a pledge, contact the parish office at (260) 665-2299.

The project is slated for completion by Easter 2010.

'JOSEPH, YOU SHALL BE MY NO. 2'



DIANE FREEBY

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," performed by the Corpus Christi Drama Club in South Bend, featured students from third to eighth grade. Sean Leyes, who spent his first year of college touring with the Notre Dame Glee Club, came back to his grade school alma mater to make a cameo appearance as the Elvis-like Pharaoh. He is pictured here with seventh-grader Lucy Thomas, who starred as Joseph. In pure musical tradition, nearly every part of the hour-long performance was sung, with eighth-grader Katie MacDonell in nearly every scene as the narrator. Directed by teachers Jennifer Knisley, Trisha Perry, Christine Nemeth and Kathy Leyes, the ornate costumes and set were created by parent Cindy Kanczuzewsk.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration honor jubilarians

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration are honoring six of their sisters who are celebrating jubilees of 75, 60, 50 and 25 years of religious life, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy on June 13, at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

75-year jubilarian

Sister M. Estelle served as a teacher in various schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis including St. Therese in Fort Wayne and St. John the Baptist in South Bend. She retired to Our Lady of the Angels in 1993.



SISTER M. ESTELLE

60-year jubilarian

Sister M. Kathleen was a primary teacher in various schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis including St. John the Baptist, South Bend, and St. Therese in Fort Wayne. She retired to St. Francis Convent in 2001, and has resided at Our Lady of Angels Convent since 2002.



SISTER M. KATHLEEN

Sister M. Blanche served as teacher and principal in various schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis including St. John the Baptist in South Bend. She served as provincial from 1998 to 2006.



SISTER M. BLANCH

Currently she is superior for the sisters at Our Lady of Angels Convent.

Sister Mary David served as a nurse in four area hospitals and since 1980 in pastoral care in various hospitals. Presently she is the vicar superior at Our Lady of Angels Convent.



SISTER MARY DAVID

50-year jubilarian

Sister M. René served in hospitals in environmental services, patient relations and spiritual care. Presently she is chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital in Crown Point.



SISTER M. RENE

25 jubilarian

Sister M. Clare served as an accountant in the community business office. Since 1998 she has served as provincial treasurer and as a member of the provincial council.



SISTER M. CLARE

Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate 1,525 years of vowed life

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Twenty-eight Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee anniversaries on July 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's.

One sister is celebrating 75 years since her first profession; 15 are celebrating 60 years; 10 are marking 50 years; and two are celebrating 25 years of vowed life.

Ten of these 28 sisters have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend during the sisters' collective 1,525 years of vowed life in the congregation.

75-year jubilarian

Sister M. Ignatius Schumacher celebrates 75 years since her first profession of vows.

60-year jubilarians

The following sisters are celebrating 60 years and have served in the diocese:

Sister M. Agnes Anne Roberts worked as director of dietary, 1954-1969, Saint Mary's, Notre Dame; administrator of campus services, Holy Cross Services Corporation, 1984-2002, and director of space management/planning, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, since 2002.



SISTER M. AGNES ROBERTS

Sister M. Leonora Donnelly served as a chaplain at St. Joseph Care Center in South Bend from 1998 until 2005.



SISTER M. LEONORA DONNELLY

Sister Maria Luisa Güerña was a chaplain at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, 2001-2007.

Sister Marjorie Jones (Sister M. Isabelle) served at the library and in the Alumnae Office at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, 1963-1995.



SISTER MARIA LUISA

Other sisters celebrating 60 years in Holy Cross are **Sister Alice Lamping (Sister M. Arthura)**, **Sister M. Bruno Beiro**, **Sister M. Dolores Kessinger**, **Sister Estelle Marie Farrell**, **Sister Joan Allem (Sister M. Christeta)**, **Sister M. Marcia Britton**, **Sister Margaret Ann Shield**, **Sister Mary Byrnes (Sister M. Henry)**, **Sister Mary Eliza Martin**, **Patricia Cullen (Sister M. Cecile Patrice)** and **Sister M. Patrick Gallagher**.



SISTER MARJORIE JONES

50-year jubilarians

The following sisters are celebrating 50 years in Holy Cross and have served in the diocese:

Sister Barbara Hahl (Sister M. Colette) taught at Christ the King School, South Bend, 1966-1972, and was director of planning at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, 1980-1981.



SISTER BARBARA HAHL

Sister M. Elena Malits has been a professor at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, since 1970.



SISTER M. ELENA MALITS

Sister Florence Mary May taught at St. Joseph Elementary School, South Bend, 1962-1964.

Sister Karen Anne Jackson (Sister M. John Bosco) taught at Christ the King School, South Bend, 1959, and at Holy Cross School, South Bend, 1969-1972.



SISTER FLORENCE MARY MAY

Sister Linda Bellemore (Sister M. Ellen Louise) taught at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, 1961-1962. She also served as coordinator of ministry to the homebound, St. Stanislaus Parish, South Bend, 1994-2001; did retreat work at WindSong Spirituality Center, South Bend, 1997-2002; and was a wellness educator at the Leighton Center for Senior Health, Memorial Health, 2002-2005.



SISTER KAREN ANN JACKSON



SISTER LINDA BELLEMORE

Other sisters celebrating 50 years are **Sister Ann Shaw (Sister M. Philothea)**, **Sister Doreen Marie Vignassa (Sister M. Joseph Eileen)**, **Sister M. Fidelia Witczak**, **Sister Kathleen Weber (Sister Lois Mary)** and **Sister Nancy Pewterbaugh (Sister M. Alverna)**.

25-year jubilarians

Sisters celebrating 25 years are **Sister Anita Teresa Costa** and **Sister Barnita Scholastica Mangsang**.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is an international congregation with administrative offices located at Saint Mary's College. The congregation numbers over 500 members worldwide and ministers in the United States, Bangladesh, India, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, Uganda and Ghana.

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart celebrate jubilees

FRANKFORT, Ill. — Five Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart who have served or are serving in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be celebrating their jubilees.

80-year jubilarian

Sister Clara Marie Dietz was a teacher for 28 years in schools in Illinois, Indiana and California and served as principal for 13 years in Dyer and Paradise, Calif. Sister served as assistant novice director for three years at the



SISTER CLARA MARIE DIETZ

Novitiate House in Joliet, Ill., and at St. Joseph Hospital. After sister retired from teaching and returned to the motherhouse she remained active in a variety of ministries. Sister is presently serving in her ministry of prayer and suffering.

75-year jubilarians

Sister M. Barbara Ann Raderstorf was certified in food service and worked as a kitchen aide and cook for 34 years at various institutions in Indiana and Illinois and as food manager at Sacred Heart



SISTER M. BARBARA ANN RADERSTORF

Home, Avilla. For the past 22 years, she has worked at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer, Frankfort, Ill.

Sister M. Anna Skube served 56 years at schools in Indiana and Illinois both as teacher and administrator. She was the first principal at St. Charles, Fort Wayne, a position she held from 1958-1964. She was also novice and postulant director and counselor to the general superior for her congregation. Presently Sister Skube is retired and living at



SISTER M. ANNA SKUBE

the motherhouse serving in her ministry of prayer and suffering.

60-year jubilarians

Sister Coletta Hennessy served in schools in Indiana and Illinois as teacher or principal including St. Joseph School, Garrett, and St. Charles School, Fort Wayne. After leaving her ministry as an educator, sister served at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, Ill., for 14 years as director of social accountability/grant program. Presently, sister is



SISTER COLETTA HENNESSY

retired and volunteers at St. Francis Convent, Frankfort, Ill.

25-year jubilarian

Sister Therese Carew ministered at Provena United Samaritan Medical Center, Danville, Ill., and St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Ill., as discharge planner social services and hospice social worker. Currently she serves the disabled at Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), Wabash, where she has worked since 2001.



SISTER THERESE CAREW

EDITORIAL

Heroes and the church triumphant

This weekend, we celebrate Memorial Day. For most, it means a day off of work, going to "the lake," or heading to the local shopping center. It's characterized often as the unofficial start to summer and highlighted with barbecue get-togethers.

For many years, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day — a day in which those who have died in our nation's service were remembered and the tombs of these heroes would be adorned with flags, flowers, wreathes, etc. The day would be marked by parades in towns both big and small and ended with a memorial as "Taps" resonated throughout the memorial celebration.

In some places, such memorials still take place. But unfortunately, in some ways, many Americans have forgotten the debt our fellow servicemen and women have paid for our country.

Actor Ben Stein recently terminated a column he wrote called "Monday Night At Morton's," which featured news about movie stars and famous people from around the globe who frequented the steakhouse. "I no longer think Hollywood stars are terribly important," Stein wrote in the final column.

He added, "They can be interesting, nice people, but they are not heroes to me any longer. A real star is the soldier of the 4th Infantry Division who poked his head into a hole on a farm near Tikrit, Iraq. He could have been met by a bomb or a hail of AK-47 bullets. Instead, he faced an abject Saddam Hussein and the gratitude of all of the decent people of the world."

Sometimes, we seem to like to move away from the real meaning of Memorial Day, to forget about the men and women who put their lives at risk for their country, willing to lay down their lives for their fellow countrymen, to protect their lives.

In places like Afghanistan and Iraq, these soldiers are willing to accept multiple tours away from their families. Combat often causes physical wounds, head injuries and mental distress, sometimes death.

Those gone before us

Our church has a long history of sisters and chaplains who have served in the military. Father Robert Dombrowski, who recently died, was an Army chaplain. Father Edward Erpelding, current pastor of St. Mary Parish in Avilla, was also a chaplain in the military.

Father William Corby and six other Holy Cross priests served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Father Corby served as a chaplain, participating in battles such as Antietam and Gettysburg, where he encouraged the men and provided general absolution. He would improvise an altar and offer Mass in the field. Near the end of the Civil War, Father Corby was called back to Notre Dame and, eventually at age 33, became the third president of the university.

The Sisters of Holy Cross also nursed the injured during the Civil War.

It is important that during our Memorial Day festivities this week, we recall the heroes who served our country, many of whom are now the church triumphant, intercessors on our behalf.

Often while we remember our war heroes, we also remember our family members who are part of the church triumphant. They are praying for the church militant. For those in purgatory, the church suffering, they also need our prayers. But the church suffering too, can take our prayers to heaven.

November is often reserved in the church to remember the dead, but Memorial Day serves as a secular reminder this time of the year to reflect on our mortality and remember those who have died before us — family and friends — who are with God in his great glory and awaiting our very own entrance.

The true stars are indeed the ordinary heroes who serve our nation — most of us will never learn their names — and the nameless list of relatives who have gone before us. We will only get to know them when we meet them in glory.

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

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Bishop D'Arcy is a true leader in this community

As president of Allen County Right to Life, I want to show our sincere appreciation for the leadership that Bishop John D'Arcy has taken on many life issues that are extremely important to us.

Bishop D'Arcy has always been on the forefront of defense of life in this community and has never hidden his zeal for life from anyone. During 40 Days for Life, we "caught" Bishop D'Arcy praying outside the abortion clinic for the children and their mothers. Bishop D'Arcy has always been available to help us, to advocate for us and simply to encourage us. He is a true leader in this community and within the Roman Catholic Church. His wisdom in handling "family" disputes within the Roman Catholic Church is needed at a time when so many "leaders" on Wall Street and

in Washington, D.C., have shown themselves to be so reckless.

For all you have done for Allen County Right to Life, the City of Fort Wayne and Northern Indiana, we thank you Bishop D'Arcy.

James Howard
President,
Allen County Right to Life
Fort Wayne

Grads have awesome responsibility and accountability

Hopefully, over is the debacle of common sense; the slanted public and editorial opinion; and, the clouding of the central issue of what was originally a request by a hierarchy that oversees the principles of its religious affiliated institutions — principles to what the University of Notre Dame supposedly subscribes — to not suggest support and "honor" someone with awards who acts in defiance of that institution's fundamental moral principles.

Hopefully, the newly graduated class takes with them an understanding of the awesome responsibility and accountability that goes along with the "free will" with which they were allowed to be born. Their personal consciences should guide them through life. One hopes that their works, dictated by conscience, will be a reflection of those principles originally subscribed to by Notre Dame — not by a more modern "we are N.D." that comes on as being a non-doctrinal Catholic Midwestern university subscribing to whatever beliefs currently made fashionable by a society that seeks instant gratification.

I wondered, viewing Father Hesburgh's somber expression during President Obama's glib commentary regarding his "honorary" law degree, "Is this what 'Father Ted' really visualized during the time he turned administrative control of his beloved university over to the laity?"

Jim Stack
South Bend

The little people on death row

BY TOM GRENCHIK

Americans have until May 26 to intervene in the death sentences of countless members of our human family. Unless we speak up, some of our youngest sisters and brothers may now be destroyed because their parts are valued more than their very lives.

Stem cells are biological building blocks that can be manipulated to replace many other types of cells, in the hope of repairing the human body and curing disease. Stem cells can be taken from adult tissues and from newborn babies' umbilical cord blood without any harm to the donor, and without any moral dilemma. These are loosely called "adult stem cells." But stem cells can also be immorally harvested from a human embryo, destroying the un-consenting "donor." These are called "embryonic stem cells."

Adult stem cells have been used to regenerate areas of damaged organs, restore eyesight, repair heart damage and treat rare blood disorders. Embryonic stem-cell treatments, on the other hand, have chiefly resulted in growing tumors and killing laboratory rats.

Following President Obama's March 9 executive order, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has proposed new guide-

lines for federally funded embryonic stem-cell research. The guidelines would — for the first time — use taxpayer funds to encourage the killing of embryonic human beings for their stem cells. This is morally wrong. Even if an embryo may be at risk of being abandoned by his or her parents in a fertility clinic, that does not give researchers or the government a right to kill that human being — much less a right to make the rest of us subsidize that destructive agenda. These guidelines mark a new chapter in divorcing biomedical research from its necessary ethical foundation, respect for human life at all stages.

Some in Congress and the administration want an even broader policy. They want to obtain stem cells by destroying human embryos specially generated for research through in vitro fertilization (IVF) or cloning procedures, a "create to kill" policy. While the president's executive order gave the NIH the leeway to push to that extreme, so far these initial guidelines have not done so.

Patients suffering from devastating illnesses deserve our compassion and our committed response, but not at the cost of innocent life. The church supports ethical stem-cell research and treatments that do no harm and respect the inherent dignity of persons, such as the morally

acceptable medical advances that are already benefiting patients with dozens of conditions in clinical trials.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a new "Oppose Destructive Stem Cell Research" campaign, equipping citizens to contact Congress and the National Institutes of Health to oppose embryonic stem-cell research and support ethical and effective cures and treatments. The campaign homepage, www.usccb.org/stemcellcampaign, explains why the proposed NIH guidelines are unacceptable, provides links to USCCB resources, and helps Web users to "Contact Congress & NIH Now" by e-mail.

But time is running short for our embryonic sisters and brothers. If we don't speak up, after May 26 their fate lies in the hands of researchers and ideologues who may see them merely sources of body parts, as commodities for our use. Please go to www.usccb.org/stemcellcampaign right now.

Tom Grenchik is executive director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Go to www.usccb.org/prolife to learn more about the bishops' pro-life activities.

A big impact helping tiny patients

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Of the thousands of hospitals the Catholic Church owns or operates, one has a very special patron. Known as “the pope’s hospital,” the Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital belongs to the Vatican.

Under the aegis of the Vatican’s Secretariat of State, it’s the only children’s hospital in Rome. And the hospital has gained worldwide recognition for its quality care, cutting-edge research, Christian ethics and charitable outreach to five continents.

This year Bambino Gesù, Italian for “baby Jesus,” is celebrating the 140th anniversary of its birth. From its humble beginnings as a 12-bed ward in a family home to 800 beds in a modern hospital complex, the pope’s hospital has a lot to celebrate.

Founded in 1869 by Duchess Arabella and Duke Scipione Salviati, it became the first pediatric hospital on the Italian peninsula. At the time, children needing care were obliged to share hospital wards with adults.

With the help of their own children, who donated the contents of their piggy banks for the cause, the duchess and duke turned one of the family’s homes into a small pediatric hospital run by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

In 1887, the facility was transferred to its current location within the 15th-century convent of St. Onuphrius, on the Janiculum Hill behind the Vatican.

There it quickly grew. According to hospital registry records, it served some 1,000 patients in 1907. Today more than 1.1 million visits are registered each year.

In an effort to guarantee the hospital would have a secure future, in 1924 the Salviati family donated it to Pope Pius XI, who always had shown his support for safeguarding the health and welfare of children.

Once under papal authority, the hospital added new pavilions, new operating rooms and new outpatient departments.

THE VATICAN LETTER

CAROL GLATZ

In the 1970s the U.S. bishops made significant financial contributions that helped fund the hospital’s complete renovation.

Today, with two other branches outside Rome, Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital is one of the most modern and well-equipped pediatric facilities in the country.

Pope John XXIII started a new papal tradition just a few months after he was elected in 1958; he personally visited the hospital and greeted the staff and young patients.

Pope Benedict XVI lost no

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The work of redemption continues



MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Ascension Mk 16:15-20

The date for the feast of the Ascension of the Lord varies from place to place. In some places, this feast will have been celebrated on Thursday, May 21. In these places, the liturgy for this weekend will be that of the seventh Sunday of Easter.

These reflections will address the readings for the feast of the Ascension, not for the seventh Sunday.

In the opening reading, from the first verses of the Acts of the Apostles, the author speaks first to Theophilus, a proper name, or a title of endearment. Regardless, this book of the Bible may have originally been a private communication sent to one person.

The use of this name or title is more than trivial. Among other considerations, the use of this name or title reveals the link between the Gospel of Luke and Acts. Both are addressed to Theophilus.

The reading describes the Ascension. Then, importantly, it mentions the apostolic community. It specifically notes that Jesus chose the Twelve “through the Holy Spirit.” In other words, the apostles did not just happen to cross the Lord’s path at a given

moment. Rather, Jesus chose them personally. They were apostles specifically called and then commissioned.

As Jesus ascends into heaven the apostles stand alongside. They witness this miraculous event. Not everyone is privileged to see the Ascension.

The sight was not to be seen and forgotten. Angels challenged these privileged apostles, so blessed in their knowledge of the Redeemer, not to look to the skies, nor to look at each other, but to go abroad with the good news of God’s mercy.

For the second reading, Paul prays that God will give wisdom and insight to all who follow the Lord. Such wisdom does not come automatically. It is not native to humans. It is too great to be native. God must provide it.

In the reading’s conclusion, Paul extols Jesus as the Lord and Savior, at whose holy feet creation itself and all creatures, including all humans, repose.

St. Mark’s Gospel is the last reading. In this reading, Jesus commissions the apostles to go into the entire world “to proclaim the good news of salvation.” He empowers them with divine power. They will have authority even over the devil. They will be able to flaunt death. They will be able to cure the sick.

In short, they will exercise the power that the Lord exercised. In every sense, they will represent Jesus. By encountering them, people far removed by distance or time from Jesus and from the first century in Palestine will indeed meet Jesus.

The Gospel concludes that the apostles went far and wide, and the Lord “worked through them.”

Reflection

Today the church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. This great event of the Ascension, so well described in the Scriptures, is another compelling sign of the Lord’s divine identity.

The Ascension of Jesus was unique. No one else ever ascended to heaven unless being so permitted by God. Mary was assumed into heaven. God’s power lifted her up. The difference between the terms “ascension” and “assumption” is critically important. Jesus ascended in the divine power reposing in the Son of God.

So, the church proclaims on this feast once more its devoted and unswerving belief. Jesus is Lord! He is God.

However, as Jesus ascended, the faithful were not left as if they were orphans. The work of redemption did not cease.

Jesus still lives, but also acts, through the apostles. They continue to preach the good news and restore life to the dying. In them, and their successors, the Lord lives!

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9

Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36c Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 114:5,7 Jn 21:20-25

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

As well as a flu virus, Mexico was hit this year by an earthquake. This quiz looks at shakes, quakes and clambakes.

- The snake in Genesis is generally referred to by this more refined moniker**
a. amphibian b. serpent c. salamander
- Without a shaker in sight, this man’s wife increased the supply of sodium chloride**
a. Lot
b. Noah
c. Job
- The nickname Jake (or Jacobin, Giacomo) would best fit which apostle**
a. Mark b. James c. Judas
- In centuries past, a person who refused to follow the church’s moral guidelines could be referred to as this, unless he turned over a new leaf:**
a. wake
b. bake
c. rake
- Generally associated with Ireland, this is a party given at the end of funeral rites to honor the dead:**
a. wake b. bake c. rake
- If one of the men imprisoned in Egypt with Joseph “battered” — what did the other one do?**
a. slaked
b. baked
c. draked
- This food was provided in the desert to the wandering Israelites in the form of a flake**
a. nastrum b. manna c. shewbread
- This Protestant group, which viewed even the Church of England as too Catholic, was big in Pennsylvania:**
a. Quakers
b. Hakers
c. Lakers
- The “sea” of Galilee is more accurately described as a**
a. drake b. lake c. wake
- This poet wrote several anti-Christian works**
a. Francis Drake
b. Shickenfried Stake
c. William Blake
- According to Scripture, many of the locals thought the story about the Resurrection was basically**
a. a fake
b. as corny as corncake
c. about a man not really awake
- This somewhat clichéd phrase refers to a post-life encounter**
a. meet one’s maker
b. thirteen’s a dozen for the baker
c. neither a borrower nor a taker
- This Protestant group rejected marriage**
a. Quakers
b. Shakers
c. Candlestick makers
- An iconoclast was often one whose role in regards to icons was to be a**
a. maker b. faker c. breaker
- The anticlerical French revolutionaries turned against the Catholic Church even before executing Maria Antoinette, who was reputed to have said of the breadless poor:**
a. Let them eat cake.
b. The leader is a snake.
c. They ought to wash in a lake.

ANSWERS

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

Herod rebuilds the temple to gain the favor of his Jewish subjects

What did the new temple built by King Herod the Great look like?

The history of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, where King Herod's temple stood, goes back to Abraham in the 18th century B.C. On this mount where God ordered Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, God intervened and a ram was sacrificed instead. This event sanctified for all time the steep rocky summit we call the Temple Mount.

Eventually King David (1000-970 B.C.) captured Jerusalem and placed there the ark of the covenant, a portable chest on top of which the presence of God dwelt between two angels facing each other. This ark was housed in a tent. When King David built himself a beautiful palace, he felt the ark should not just be housed in a small tent, but in a grand temple.

David's son Solomon (970-930 B.C.) eventually built the first temple for the Israelites. This temple was destroyed by the

Babylonians from southern Iraq in 587 B.C. Many Israelites were taken into exile in Babylon.

When the Persians from Iran conquered Babylon in 538 B.C., they allowed the Israelites who wished to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. This new temple of Zerubbabel, a Judean prince who organized the rebuilding, was begun in 537 B.C. and dedicated in 515 B.C.

Father John McKenzie says the temple of Zerubbabel was of the same dimensions and structure as the temple of Solomon, but much inferior in the richness of its decorations. Eventually with the Jewish conflict with their Seleucid or Syrian rulers like Antiochus IV (175-164 B.C.), the temple was probably severely damaged. This temple stood until the beginning of Herod the Great's new temple in 19 B.C.

Baedeker says that politically Herod wanted to gain the favor of his Jewish subjects, so he rebuilt the temple by combining the



FATHER RICHARD HIRE

HIRE HISTORY

requirements of the Jewish religion with elements of the Greco-Roman style. He extended the area of the temple to its present size of 985 feet by 1,575 feet.

The outer forecourt was for temporal business and open to anyone. The inner forecourt was on a higher level and only Jews were allowed access. It was divided into three parts: the Women's Courtyard, The Courtyard of the male Israelites with the incense offering, and the Priests' Courtyard with an altar on which animals were sacrificed.

In the center was the temple with a white marble façade and

golden capitals. The temple of Herod maintained the threefold division of Solomon's temple: the vestibule, the holy place and the holy of holies. The holy place contained the altar of incense, the seven-branched lampstand, and the table of the shewbread or consecrated unleavened bread. The holy of holies was empty and dark and entered only by the high priest once a year on the Day of Atonement, the 10th day of the seventh month.

Father McKenzie says King Herod put 10,000 men to work and trained 1,000 priests as

masons so they could work on the most sacred parts of the temple. The building was begun in 19 B.C. and finished in 10 years, but the work of decoration was not completely finished until A.D. 64.

Six years later in A.D. 70, the Romans burned down and destroyed the temple at Jerusalem, and it has never been rebuilt since.

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Notre Dame's Catholicism apparent

The headline screamed out.

And I wanted to scream right back at it.

"Is Notre Dame Catholic enough?" read the *South Bend Tribune's* Monday story headline. Ouch. That hurt, and with all the media attention focused on Notre Dame, it left me feeling helpless to change the perception.

Is Notre Dame Catholic enough? Notre Dame is one of the most Catholic environments on the face of this earth. But of course, that doesn't generate headlines. Thursday's *Chicago Tribune* had a picture of a student who said he would boycott his own commencement. The next day, the newspaper didn't show a picture of the seniors' traditional last trip to the grotto. That wasn't newsworthy enough.

Is Notre Dame Catholic enough? I went to school there. My work takes me there. My wife works there. My son attends school there. Everywhere I turn represents another living example of Notre Dame's Catholicism. From the incredible Basilica of the Sacred Heart where Mass is celebrated every day, to the dorms where students can attend Mass as many as five times per week. The greatest prayer of them all — the celebration of the Eucharist — never ceases at Notre Dame.

Is Notre Dame Catholic enough? Notre Dame's Office of Campus Ministry is the largest campus ministry in the country. It offers retreats, midnight walks to the grotto, a celebration of the sacraments and an array of opportunities to worship the Lord. Campus Ministry estimates that there are 40 Masses per day at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life provides training and

service as well as opportunities for spiritual rejuvenation and personal growth. For more than 25 years, ICL has provided publications, training sessions, service to national organizations and involvement in social concerns, research and educational programs.

The Center for Social Concerns turns out hundreds of students each year who freely give of their time to benefit those less fortunate and in need of guidance. When it comes to commitment to social justice, Notre Dame stands as tall as any university. Isn't that what living the Catholic life is all about?

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) — an organization in which my family is intimately involved — is the nation's leading producer of Catholic school teachers, placing educators in under-resourced Catholic schools throughout the country and helping to sustain and strengthen K-12 Catholic education.

Holy Cross vocations offers a path toward life of the religious in memory of Basil Moreau, who founded the Congregation of the Holy Cross and was beatified less than two years ago.

Is Notre Dame Catholic enough? Spend some time with the people who represent these various organizations. These are caring people who want to make a positive difference in the world, spiritual people who wake up every day clinging to the blessing of having the privilege of representing Notre Dame in the name of the Lord. Spend some time with the folks in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the Ford Program in Human Development or the Haiti Project. You'll understand what Notre Dame represents.



BY TIM PRISTER

FROM THE SIDELINES

Is Notre Dame Catholic enough? Perhaps from the outside looking in, it is easy to pass judgment. But running an institution of higher learning whose founding was based upon the teachings of the Catholic Church places it at odds with itself at times. In a perfect world, that would not happen. But there is no such thing as a perfect world, even at a place as Catholic as Notre Dame.

Is every person who visits, or everything that happens at Notre Dame Catholic enough? We live in an imperfect world where the religious and the secular collide. That doesn't make Notre Dame less Catholic any more than it makes the church less Catholic because of its flawed constituency.

Notre Dame's very essence is Catholic. As Father Hesburgh has said, "No speaker who has ever come to Notre Dame has changed the university. We are who we are. But, quite often, the very fact of being here has changed the speaker."

If you think Notre Dame isn't Catholic enough, come spend a few days here. Enjoy the peace. You don't have to look too hard to discover the rich Catholicity that is Notre Dame.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 21 or 24, 2009

Acts 1:1-11

Following is a word search based on the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: Jesus' last time with the disciples at the Ascension. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FIRST BOOK	THEOPHILUS	JESUS DID
TAKEN UP	APOSTLES	CHOSEN
ALIVE	PROOFS	FORTY DAYS
SPEAKING	KINGDOM	HEARD
RESTORE	ISRAEL	TO KNOW
POWER	WITNESSES	JUDEA
SAMARIA	EARTH	A CLOUD

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time in paying the hospital a courtesy call after his election in 2005.

He said he wanted Bambino Gesu Children's Hospital to be the first hospital he visited in his pontificate, not only because it's a Vatican-related institution, but because he wanted to faithfully give witness to Jesus "who loved children tenderly and wanted them to be allowed to go to him."

The face of Jesus, he said, is also present in the pained or frightened look of a child in difficulty.

"In every suffering person, and even more if he or she is small and defenseless, it is Jesus who welcomes us and awaits our love," said Pope Benedict.

The hospital takes pride in offering excellent care coupled with an approach based on Gospel principles. Respect for human dignity does not hamper the hospital's research and care; rather it renders scientific progress more human, says the hospital's Web site.

For example, the hospital achieved groundbreaking progress in repairing skull fractures with a patient's own stem cells derived from bone marrow.

One of the reasons the hospital has been so successful in establishing programs and carrying out needed care and formation in developing nations, he said, is because "we work within a network already built up by the various religious congregations that operate on the ground. We're riding a little on their shoulders."

Sports

St. John/St. Joseph team crowned CYO soccer champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The boys' seventh- and eighth-grade soccer team from St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel was crowned the 2009 Catholic Youth League (CYO) champs on May 6 after a 3-0 victory over the talented St. Jude Eagles.

This year's squad of 20 strong were coached by Joe Strack, Dan Fink and Mike Stroncsek.

Coach Stroncsek reported that the winners were led by a terrific group of eighth graders. The team had just one defeat during the regular season and finished, 5-1. The No. 2 seed had hoped to avenge the loss to the top-ranked St. John-New Haven team in the



tournament, but a rematch never happened.

In the opposite bracket semifinals, St. Jude knocked out the unbeaten Raiders in an overtime penalty kick shoot out. St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel got by both the seventh- and eighth-grade teams from St. Vincent, 1-0, on their road to the championship.

The city champs had a stingy defense anchored by David Shank and Matt Williamson in the middle with Cody Rine, Nick Burrell and Sean

McManus on the outside. In the midfield were Nick Strack, Ben Oberley and Jack Sturm.

Up top, providing a "1-2-3 punch," were Brendan Gonzales, John Fink and Sam Stroncsek. Also a force offensively, Fink

scored in all of the playoff games. The very athletic Channing Williams was the unstoppable goalie feared by CYO foes at the net.

Unofficial records show that Williams allowed just two goals to be scored on him this season. Coach Strack feels the keys to this team's success included good speed and talent in the skill positions.

Strack added, "These boys were really loose, even in the big games. They all got along well together and were always having a good time."

Stroncsek, Strack and Fink were very pleased with their team's performance all season long. "We want to thank all of the boys who came to play every day and gave us everything they had," Stroncsek said.

The coaching staff were equally impressed with all of the teams in the CYO this season. "The play was excellent and the sportsmanship was the best I've ever experienced," congratulated Stroncsek.

MARATHON FOR CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY, ST. JOSEPH PARISH Holy Cross Father John DeRiso, pastor at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, along with associate pastor Holy Cross Father Nathan Wills, are accepting pledges for "On the Go for St. Joe." Father DeRiso will run in a June 6 marathon in South Bend, and Father Nills will participate in Trek 100 bike ride in Wisconsin. They are taking pledges from parishioners and friends. Most of the money will go to St. Joseph Parish, but 10 percent will be donated to this year's charity, the Christ Child Society. To make a pledge, call (574) 234-3134.

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.

Seven St. Anthony de Padua students earn medals at History Day

SOUTH BEND — Twelve fifth- and seventh-grade students from St. Anthony De Padua Catholic

School were able to move on from the regional History Day competition held on Saturday, April 4 at Saint Mary's College to the state competition held at the University of Indianapolis on Saturday, May 2. The state competition included more than 240

students from 47 different elementary, junior and senior high schools who qualified at district events around the state.

Seven of the students were state medal winners including fifth-graders Lucas Mazurkiewicz and Sam Roth, second place state finalist honors in the group exhibit; fifth-grader John Griffith, runner-up honors for individual exhibits; seventh-graders Meghan Taylor and Grace Williams, second place state finalist honors. Taylor's medal was in the historical paper category and Williams' was in the individual performance category. Additionally, seventh-graders Sarah Guinan and Amy Liang earned runner-up honors in group exhibits.

As state finalists, both girls have the opportunity to represent St. Anthony, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the state of Indiana at the National History Competition later this summer in College Park, Md.

Other representatives for St. Anthony's included Andrew Tran, Michael Oei, Brady Tuttle, Aaron Henderson and Gabi Bittner. St. Anthony sixth-grade teacher Stephanie Roberts and eighth-grade teacher Ali Turnock are the History Day faculty sponsors.

World Apostolate of Fatima Honors Jubilarians

On Saturday, June 13, 2009, The Fatima Apostolate will honor the jubilees of 15 priests, living and dead, who have honored Our Lady of Fatima in a special way during their priesthood.

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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.

Catholic scientists debunk depiction of science, faith clash

BY MARIA WIERING

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — A bomb. A secret sect of anti-Catholic scientists. A church straddling ancient traditions and the modern world.

Although the plot of "Angels & Demons" is a hunt for centuries-old clues that could lead to a hidden explosive set to blow apart Vatican City, a recurring theme in the movie revolves around the relationship between faith and science.

According to the movie the two have been at odds since the springtime of science and today they continue to see themselves in antagonistic and sometimes irreconcilable terms.

But this perception is far from reality, according to Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, an astronomer at the Vatican Observatory in Arizona and Castel Gandolfo, the papal villa outside Rome.

"Quite simply, the church has always supported science," Brother Consolmagno told *The*

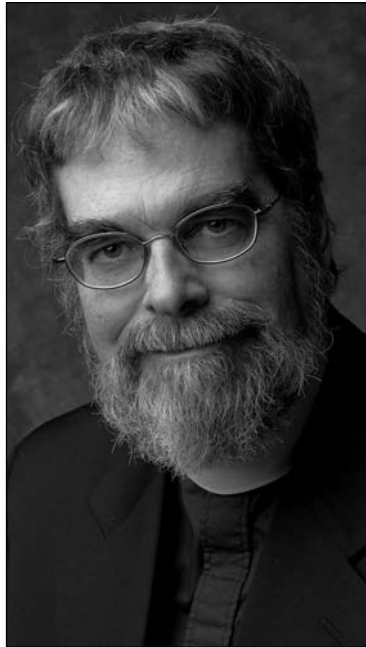
Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Modern science was born in European Catholic universities and some of history's best scientists were clergymen, he noted.

That's why the books of Dan Brown — the author of "Angels & Demons" and "The Da Vinci Code" — are in the bookstore's fiction section, where they belong, he said.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, said misunderstandings about the compatibility of faith and science arise because of the different "languages" they use.

In actuality, science and religion have distinct yet compatible domains, he added.

Brother Consolmagno said the myth of the "war" between science and religion grew out of the Enlightenment at the end of the 19th century. In order to attract students to the emerging German secular universities,



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Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno is pictured in an undated photo. He is an astronomer at the Vatican Observatory in Arizona and Castel Gandolfo, the papal villa outside Rome.

Enlightenment supporters portrayed the church as anti-science and against progress, he said.

"It really doesn't go back to Galileo; it goes back to the politics of what was happening in Europe and America 100 years ago," he said.

The case of 17th-century astronomer Galileo Galilei is the often-used example of a collision between the church and science. Galileo was condemned by the church's Holy Office for suspected heresy in 1633 for maintaining that the earth revolved around the sun but he was "rehabilitated" in 1992 by a special Vatican commission established by Pope John Paul II.

The Galileo controversy has taught the church to be careful when speaking on matters of science, Father Pacholczyk said. For example, on the topic of evolution, the church continues to engage in an ongoing discussion about the proper understanding of evolutionary science.

A person seeking to understand

humankind's place in the universe should seek to understand both faith and science, the priest said.

As Brother Consolmagno put it: "My religion tells me God created the universe. My science tells me how he did it."

Although the church is not against science, he said it acts as a check on science's rapidly advancing abilities. In the early 20th century, for example, the Catholic Church called for a stop to eugenics, which aims to improve the human species by selective breeding.

"Eugenics is bad science," Brother Consolmagno added. "Even if it is good science, it still would have been wrong. That's an example, I think, where people who treat science without religion can fall into grave error."

Today, the church rejects technologies that devalue the dignity of the human person, such as cloning, embryonic stem-cell research and the production of weapons of mass terror.



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NEW YORK (CNS) — Following is a capsule review issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting.

"Angels & Demons" (Sony/Columbia)

Highly improbable but mindlessly entertaining sequel to "The Da Vinci Code" — adapted from Dan Brown's prequel written in 2000 — in which religious symbolologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) and a scientist (Ayelet Zurer) join forces with a church official (Ewan McGregor) to try to prevent the destruction of the Vatican and the murder of a quartet of kidnapped cardinals by following a trail of clues left across Rome by the secretive Illuminati cult of anti-Catholic intellectuals. Though director Ron Howard has toned down some of the book's most egregious elements, the historical church is still portrayed as a relentless and at times violent foe of science, but the film ends on a positive note from a faith perspective and the final image of the church is relatively positive. Much action violence, some grisly murders, factually dodgy church history and ritual, some crass language and a profanity, and a suicide. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is L — limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.



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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 and available at

the rectory or school. Carry-out available.

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 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.

Luers loot
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will be hosting a sale, Luers Loot, in the wrestling room on May 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Donations are still being accepted on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. (bag sale) in the wrestling room.

Christ Child Society plans garage sale
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a garage sale Friday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Proceeds benefit needy children in the area.

St. Jude Eaglemania
Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will have Eaglemania Friday, June 5, from 5-11 p.m. Children's games, food tent, talent show and beer garden.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

St. Vincent de Paul accepting donations
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Blood drive
Yoder — St. Aloysius Church, 14623 Bluffton Rd., and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive Sunday, May 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Tom Wyss at (260) 450-9594 to schedule an appointment.

Corpus Christi procession
Elkhart — A Corpus Christi procession will be Sunday, June 14, at 3:30 p.m. starting at the St. Thomas parking lot. The procession will walk to St. Vincent de Paul Parish via Main St. Benediction will follow at St. Vincent.

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Constance L. Arnold, 89, St. Charles Borromeo	Benedict J. Sopczynski,	Warsaw Cletus Couture, 84, Sacred Heart

Daughters of Isabella to meet
South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor 50- and 25-year members with a luncheon at 1 p.m. Monday, June 1 at Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd. Members are asked to bring paper products to be donated to Hope Ministries. A meeting will follow.

German Mass and dinner
Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald Street will celebrate a German Mass Sunday, June 7, at 11 a.m. Father Charles Herman will be the celebrant. German hymns will be sung by the Fort Wayne Mannerchor and Dammenchor under the direction of Greg Vey. Following Mass a

German dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, dessert and beverages will be served in the pavilion. The dinner will be \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are free.

First Saturday devotions
Fort Wayne — First Saturday devotions will be Saturday, June 7, at the following locations: Fort Wayne — St. Joseph, 7:15 a.m.; St. Charles, 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart, 7:30 a.m.; New Haven — St. Louis Besancon, 8:10 a.m.; St. John, 6:55 a.m.; Arcola — St. Patrick, 7:15 a.m.; Garrett — St. Joseph, 8:40 a.m. Call (260)-749-9396 to have your listing added.

Benefit dinner hosts Lou Holtz
Fort Wayne — The Women's Care Center will host a dinner and silent auction with speaker Lou Holtz Tuesday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Wayne Center. Tickets are \$250. For reservations, call (260) 242-9377 or online at www.womenscare-center.org. To donate an auction item, call (260) 432-3282.

Catholic Networking offered
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network will meet Friday, June 5, at the Chamber of Commerce, 826 Ewing St. Mass will be at 7:30 a.m. with Father Chau Pham from St. Patrick. Breakfast and meeting will follow. Keynote speaker will be Dave Steffen from The DeHayes Group. Tickets must be purchased online at www.the-catholicbusinessnetwork.com by June 3. Cost is \$15, members are free. No walk-ins allowed.

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POPE

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The pope repeated his call for an independent Palestinian state and security for Israel, adding that the "two-state solution" should become a reality and not just remain a dream.

The pope's pilgrimage began May 8 in Jordan, where he visited the place of Christ's baptism in the Jordan River, and later took him to Jerusalem; Bethlehem, West Bank; and the northern Israeli city of Nazareth.

Arriving in Israel May 11, he condemned anti-Semitism and honored the memory of the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, praying that "humanity will never again witness a crime of such magnitude."

In a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Pope Benedict met with six Holocaust survivors and prayed silently before the eternal flame in the Hall of Remembrance. He said the suffering of Jews under the Nazi extermination campaign must "never be denied, belittled or forgotten."

That evening, the pope told a group of interreligious dialogue experts that, in a world that has in some ways become "deaf to the divine," religions must give common witness to God's rightful place in the world. The event was

marred by a Muslim sheik's denunciation of Israeli policies, which prompted some Jewish representatives to walk out.

On May 12, the pope celebrated an open-air Mass in Jerusalem, prayed at the Western Wall and visited one of Islam's most sacred shrines. The events underscored his message that Jerusalem, a meeting ground for Christianity, Judaism and Islam, must again become a city of peace.

At the Dome of the Rock, sacred to Muslims as the place from which Mohammed ascended to heaven, he told Islamic leaders that Christians, Muslims and Jews have a "grave responsibility" to expand dialogue and mend divisions.

He then went to the Western Wall, a site sacred to Jews as the remains of the Second Temple, and placed a written prayer in a crevice between the massive stones. It asked God to "hear the cry of the afflicted" and "send your peace upon this Holy Land."

In the evening, the pope celebrated Mass for several thousand people in the Josafat Valley beneath the Mount of Olives and called for Jerusalem to regain its vocation as a "promise of that universal reconciliation and peace" against the "despair, frustration and cynicism" that afflict the city today.

Visiting the West Bank city of Bethlehem May 13, Pope Benedict reiterated support for Palestinian statehood and urged young people to reject acts of violence and ter-



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Pope Benedict XVI holds hands with Rabbi David Rosen, left, and Sheik Muafek Tarif, the Druze spiritual leader in Israel, during a meeting with religious leaders at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, Israel, May 14. A specially composed song of peace was sung as the leaders held hands.

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He celebrated Mass in the city of Christ's birth and encouraged Christians to be a "bridge of dialogue" and help build "a culture of peace to replace the present stalemate of fear, aggression and frustration."

To reach Bethlehem, the pope crossed the border from Israel through a gate in the most striking feature on the landscape: Israel's 26-foot-tall concrete security wall. Speaking at the Aida Refugee Camp later in the day, he said it was "tragic" to see new walls being erected, and he later called the wall one of the "saddest sights" on his pilgrimage.

In Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, the pope celebrated Mass for 40,000 people and appealed for the strengthening of family bonds in the region and the world.

Later, he met with Christian and non-Christian religious leaders of Galilee and emphasized the need to ease tensions over places of worship. Then he held hands in prayer with other participants as a specially composed psalm of peace was sung in Arabic, Hebrew and English.

Before leaving Nazareth, the pope led a prayer service for

Catholics in the Basilica of the Annunciation. He said that, with the appearance of the angel to Mary announcing that she would bear Jesus, God entered into human history and changed the world.

The pope began his eight-day trip May 8 in Jordan, where he walked a pilgrim's path, energizing its minority Christian population and building bridges to the moderate Muslim world. Arriving at Amman's airport, he expressed his "deep respect" for the Muslim community. It was Pope Benedict's first trip to an Arab country.

The pope paid tribute to interfaith dialogues launched by Jordanian leaders, saying they have advanced an "alliance of civilizations between the West and the Muslim world, confounding the predictions of those who consider violence and conflict inevitable."

The following day, the pope visited the King Hussein Mosque in Amman, pausing briefly in what the Vatican called "respectful meditation" in a Muslim place of prayer.

In a speech afterward to Muslim academics and religious leaders, the pope warned of the "ideological manipulation of religion" that can act as a catalyst for tensions and violence in contemporary societies.

The pope also traveled that day to Mount Nebo, the place where Moses glimpsed the Promised Land before dying, and blessed the foundation of Jordan's first Catholic university in the biblical city of Madaba.

Celebrating Mass May 10 in an Amman soccer stadium for some 25,000 people, the pope said Christians in the Holy Land have a special vocation to engage in dialogue and build new bridges to other religions and cultures, and to "counter ways of thinking which justify taking innocent lives."

Later in the day the pope made his way to the Jordan River, where archaeologists believe they have identified the site of Jesus' baptism by St. John the Baptist. He blessed the foundation stones of two Catholic churches to be built at the location.



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Pope Benedict XVI walks outside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the Old City of Jerusalem May 15. This picture was released by the Israeli Government Press Office.

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Pope Benedict prays May 15 inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at the spot which marks the place Jesus was crucified at Golgatha. The church in the Old City of Jerusalem was one of the last places the pope visited during his weeklong pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Before heading back to Rome he delivered a message centered on peace and hope.