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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

People must fight spiritual pollution, pope says on Pentecost

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Just as the human body is threatened by breathing polluted air, the human soul is threatened by images and ideas that glorify violence or the exploitation of others, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"The metaphor of the 'impetuous wind' of Pentecost makes one think of how precious it is to breathe clean air both with the lungs — the physical — as well as with the heart — the spiritual," the pope said May 31 during Mass for the feast of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit, which was poured out on the disciples at Pentecost and available to every follower of Jesus for all time, is the "healthy air" of love, the pope said.

In his homily during the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope focused on the use of wind or breath and of fire to describe the movement of the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

The pope said the image of wind "makes us think of the air, which distinguishes our planet from the other heavenly bodies and allows us to live on it. What air is for biological life, the spirit is for spiritual life."

"And just as there exists atmospheric pollution, which poisons the environment and living beings, so there exists a pollution of the heart and of the spirit, which mortifies and poisons spiritual existence," he said.

Pope Benedict said it is right that protecting the environment has become a priority today, but it is

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CNS PHOTO/GIAMPIERO SPOSITO, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI gives a blessing during Mass on the feast of Pentecost May 31 in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Just as the body is threatened by breathing polluted air, the human soul is threatened by images and ideas that glorify violence or the exploitation of others, the pope said.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Through the God-given gift of faith, we have the opportunity to celebrate in the daily sacrifice of Jesus at holy Mass. By a mystery, bread and wine are changed into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. Thus, Christ comes into our heart and soul during our journey of life. As Catholics, we are blessed.



Dick Dornbos
Granger

Warsaw parish, shrine ready for pilgrims

BY JODI MAGALLANES

WARSAW — From a hill just west of the main north-south road in Warsaw rises a mission-style homage to the apparition of the Virgin Mary that is inexorably lodged in the hearts of Mexican Catholics.

The shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe took shape in 2000 at the initiative of Bishop John M. D'Arcy and the people and staff of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Milford, who were in need of a larger worship space. The diocese took on the building of a church for the parish as a project commemorating the millennium, according to Sister Joan Hastreiter, who credits Bishop D'Arcy with elevating the project to the construction of a diocesan shrine dedicated to the Milford parish's patron saint.

"He was concerned about the danger of pilgrims going home to visit her basilica," in

Mexico City, said Sister Joan. So it was decided that a shrine to her would be built locally, on land donated to the diocese in nearby Warsaw.

The shrine is a powerful pilgrimage destination. An abundance of large windows on the main level of the church floods the pews and the sanctuary with warmth on most days, and the sunlight reflects off of a reproduction of the tilma on which Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to the Indian Juan Diego that is prominently displayed next to the sanctuary.

In the rear of the church an octagonal baptismal font invites pilgrims to take home a sample of holy water for special blessings. For those who bring symbols of needs or thanks, a Mexican tradition, areas near a statue of Juan Diego and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe are prepared for those symbols to be hung.

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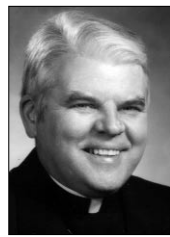
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Hannah's House assists single mothers with spiritual care



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A visit to Hannah's House

About 16 years ago, I had the privilege of blessing Hannah's House. On a warm Sunday afternoon, I was back there for another blessing. This is a residence on a side street in Mishawaka. It blends in with the many single-family homes built there by the veterans who returned from the Second World War, the greatest generation, as Tom Brokaw called them.

But Hannah's House is different from the others. Not in appearance, but in its mission.

I was greeted by Karen DeLucaney, who is the director of the home. It is a place where young single women who have become pregnant may reside. They receive counseling, guidance and spiritual care. There are seminars on parenting and on living, on how to get and keep a job, and on other practical matters. Also, there are visitors from the medical community: doctors, nurses and mothers, on how to care for a child before and after birth.

The capacity is seven. They would like to double that and more. Karen told me that there is one young woman expecting a child who has been living in a truck. They do not have room at this time, but they are trying to make arrangements. The young women live in very suitable rooms, and they receive training in cooking. They prepare their meals and receive all kinds of assistance.

After the blessing, I walked the few blocks in the warm Sunday sun to a very famous Mishawaka institution. I refer to Maury's Pat's Pub. I am told that there are a group of priests who can be found there in prayer and meditation on an occasional Saturday evening. After the prayer, they often have dinner.

I met Father Paul Doyle, CSJ, who is a member of the board. He reminded me that I had appointed him, or at least recommended him, to this board many years ago. Father Paul is a man you meet on many occasions in the South Bend area — all of them pastoral. Whether it is individual spiritual direction, preparing people for marriage, hearing confessions in the basilica, or serving on the Hannah's House board you find him in pastoral situations. In addition to his extensive work on the campus of Notre Dame, he is also one of the two chaplains for the football team. I think he is the chaplain for the home games. Hannah's House is unique in our diocese. The delightful dinner at the historic Maury's Pat's Pub featured an effort to begin a fundraising campaign to put them on a sound financial basis. I made a personal pledge and a pledge from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the next three years. The eventual goal is to have a larger home, so more young women can be helped. I have the privilege of being the honorary chair of this effort.

The pro-life situation has confronted us in recent weeks in ways painful and sad, but

Hannah's House stands before us in a visible and positive way of caring for mother and child, providing a home, allowing some to continue at school or work, teaching them necessary skills, and giving them what we all need — love and concern, and above all, seeing that the child is born safe and healthy.

If you want to make a contribution, please send it to Karen DeLucaney at Hannah's House, 518 West Fourth St., Mishawaka, IN 46554.

I met another good and dear friend, Bill Killilea. If there is fundraising going on in Mishawaka and the cause is Catholic, and worthy, you will find Bill Killilea there. He is in charge of the fundraising and you can reach him at (574) 254-5309.

One of the sponsors of Hannah's House, along with our diocese, is the Women's Care Center. They will observe their 25th anniversary of protecting the unborn child and the child's mother at Notre Dame on June 11. Tickets for this important event are available. Call Bobby Williams (574) 274-0313.

Pentecost Sunday

A beautiful celebration of the holy feast of Pentecost at St. Matthew's co-Cathedral Parish, in which I conferred the sacrament of confirmation to 30 people, mostly adults, along with a few young people who are not able to make the confirmations in their parishes. I was able to announce that Deacon Jake Runyon has been assigned as a deacon of this parish, with the intention that he will be assigned there as a priest after his ordination to the holy priesthood in October. A joyful day for that parish and for Father Mike Heintz, who has long since needed assistance.

The evening before, on the vigil of Pentecost, a beautiful confirmation with an exemplary pastor, Father Polycarp Fernando at St. Dominic's, Bremen. This is a parish, which like so many, has a growing Hispanic population. Father Polycarp comes all the way from Sri Lanka, and he is an excellent pastoral leader, very well organized and strong; and we had a wonderful dinner afterwards.

This capped an extensive week in South Bend, with graduations at both Saint Joseph's and Marian high schools, and a beautiful confirmation at Queen of Peace Parish with Father Dan Scheidt.

Father Dan is stepping down after extensive and effective years as teacher and chaplain at Marian High School, so he can give more attention to the pastoral care of his parish. I was impressed with the changes that he and the parishioners had made in Queen of Peace Church, placing the tabernacle in a more central position, improving the sanctuary and making it more prayerful.

The best catechesis I have ever seen

When you talk to Father Larry Kramer, you know he has a lot of experience working with young people. He was a pioneer in the campus ministry work in our diocese, and he is a regular presence at Bishop Luers High School. I had the joy of visiting St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Columbia City, recently for the sacrament of confirmation, and meeting afterwards with his youth workers and catechists. The people that prepared the young people for confirmation were Jacob and Michelle Alles, Eddie Beagles and Doña Reust. They told me they work with the students directly from the Catechism of the

Catholic Church, and Father Larry said it was as fine a parish catechesis as he has ever seen.

Assignment time

I am meeting now with our priests, who will be expecting changes. One of the most important things a bishop ever does in the pastoral care of his diocese is the assignment of priests. This is under way and takes place after careful consultation with the Priests' Personnel Board. The bishop, of course, makes the final decision. I am always impressed and impressed once again, at the goodness of our priests who recall their promise of obedience to the bishop, and take up a new assignment despite being a serious change in their lives. I find it very humbling, but beautiful.

Speaking of priests

We are now preparing for our annual retreat. It will take place this year at the Potawatomi Inn on the grounds of the Pokagon State Park. We will set aside a chapel with the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Reverend John Allen, a former faculty member of the Josephinum Seminary, will be our retreat master. It is my intention to be with the priests all week. Please pray for our priests during this holy time. Remember, on the feast of the Sacred Heart, we begin the Year of the Priesthood, as designated by Pope Benedict XVI.

Today's Catholic

We are receiving very positive reports from many people throughout the diocese who are now receiving this newspaper every week. In recent weeks, one could see more clearly the value of our diocesan paper. Our paper covered front and center, and with clarity, the recent pro-life rally held at Notre Dame, which received short mention in the daily press.

I hope you are all enjoying this newspaper; and in a few weeks there will be an envelope, which will help us to pay for sending this excellent paper to you every week. We need you to be generous.

See you all next week.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Comment on murder of Kansas physician

With all those who love and reverence the gift of human life, I wish to express my horror and sadness at the terrible murder of a physician, Dr. George Tiller, in Kansas while he was at church with his wife. Our reverence for human life and our belief in the dignity of every person calls us to reject this terrible act with all our hearts. I ask everyone to pray for the victim of this tragic violence and for his family. And let us pray that violence against human beings will be more and more rejected.

Catholic theologian Miguel Diaz nominated for Vatican ambassador

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President Barack Obama has nominated prominent Catholic theologian Miguel Diaz to become ambassador to the Vatican.

In a statement issued late May 27, the White House announced Diaz's nomination, along with nominees for ambassadors to the United Kingdom, France, Japan, India and several other countries.

Diaz, 45, is a professor of theology at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, both in Collegeville, Minn. He is a board member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and former president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States. His wife, Marian, is an adjunct instructor at St. Benedict and St. John's.

Diaz served as a member of Obama's Catholic advisory team during the campaign and was a regular campaign spokesman on Obama's behalf, particularly in the Spanish-language press.

"I am very honored, grateful, and humbled that President Obama has nominated me to serve as ambassador to the Holy See," said Diaz in a statement forwarded to Catholic News Service by the university. "If confirmed by the U.S. Senate I will continue the work of my predecessors and build upon 25 years of formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See. I wish to be a bridge between our nation and the Holy See."

A native of Havana, Diaz was praised as "a leading Hispanic theologian in the United States," by Benedictine Abbot John Klassen, chancellor of St. John's University.

In a comment e-mailed to CNS, Abbot Klassen said Diaz "is a skilled Trinitarian theologian who is passionate both as a teacher and a scholar. He is a strong proponent of the necessity of the church to become deeply and broadly multicultural, to recognize and appreciate the role that culture plays in a living faith."

Diaz would be the first Hispanic to represent the United States at the Vatican. Like several of Obama's other prominent nominees — including Judge Sonia Sotomayor, nominated to the Supreme Court — Diaz comes from humble beginnings. His father worked as a waiter and his mother did data entry work, and their son was the first member of the family to attend college.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States,



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY OF ST. BENEDICT AND ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

Miguel Diaz, a prominent Catholic theologian and professor of theology at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, both in Collegeville, Minn., is pictured in an undated photo. U.S. President Barack Obama has nominated Diaz to become ambassador to the Vatican.

called Diaz "an excellent choice because he knows very well the United States and because of his background."

Latin Americans "should be very proud," he told CNS during a symposium May 28 at The Catholic University of America that the archbishop was attending. Coincidentally, the topic of the daylong event was the history of U.S.-Vatican diplomatic relations.

In an interview with CNS during inaugural festivities in January, Diaz said he thought "the presidency of Barack Obama represents

a new opportunity for all of us" for racial healing.

Diaz said Obama was "committed to working" with people who defend "life in the womb" and deeply respects people who hold positions he does not agree

with.

The announcement of the nomination capped months of speculation about who Obama would select to represent him at the Vatican. In early April the Vatican press spokesman took the unusual step of shooting down persistent rumors that the Vatican had rejected several potential nominees, including Caroline Kennedy, supposedly because they support legal abortion.

"Wherever we can, we should advance life at all stages," Diaz said in January.

One White House source described Diaz as "clearly pro-life" and said the decision to select a respected theologian instead of a

big fundraiser or political mover and shaker is an indication "of how seriously the administration is taking the relationship with the Vatican."

Diaz would fill the vacancy created by the departure of Harvard law professor Mary Ann Glendon, who was named ambassador in 2007 and left the post in January.

The statement from St. John's University noted that Diaz earned his bachelor's degree from St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Fla., and his master's and doctorate from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He previously taught at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.; St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla.; the University of Dayton in Ohio; and Notre Dame. The statement said he is fluent in Italian, Spanish and French.

The St. John's statement said Diaz's academic interests — besides his focus on the Trinity — also include theological anthropology and Latino/Latina theologies.

His published materials include the book "On Being Human: U.S. Hispanic and Rahnerian Perspectives" (Orbis Books, 2002), for which he received the Hispanic Theological Initiative's 2002 Book of the Year award from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also is co-editor of the book, "From the Heart of Our People: Latino/a Explorations in Catholic Systematic Theology" (Orbis Books, 1999).

Contributing to this story was John Thavis in Anaheim, Calif.

Fundraiser secures future of Hannah's House

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — "Love comes first," said Jack Minard of Mishawaka. "Money will help, but love has got to come first."

That was Minard's impression after his recent tour of Hannah's House, which provides a haven for unmarried pregnant women.

"The five young women we met were healthy and were happy to see us," he said. "They are doing well because of the help they get from Hannah's House."

A fundraiser event for Hannah's House was held May 31 at Maury's Pat's Pub, which Bishop John M. D'Arcy opened with a blessing. The theme for the evening was "Blessing From Heaven, An Evening of Hope to Support Women Who Choose Life."

Hannah's House is founded on belief in the sanctity of life and the innate value of each person. Its goal is to provide shelter, programming and staff support for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of pregnant young women. Karen DeLucenay is director there.

Bishop D'Arcy said of the important service Hannah's House provides, "Karen was just telling me a story about a young woman living in a truck. She will be coming to Hannah's House, where she can get what she needs both for her and her unborn baby."

Board members, business owners and other members of the community gathered to learn about a three-year sustained giving plan that would help keep Hannah's House open and support its budget. Donors would pledge amounts to be collected over the next three years.

DeLucenay spoke of the future

of this ministry. "Our goal is to raise \$150,000 over three years and to get a larger house."

She added, "While the vision for Hannah's House has not changed, donations are down. We are working with the board members with a three-year plan that could help us in our work at Hannah's House. There is good work being done, and we are hoping this plan will help us continue helping young women who choose life for their babies. Many of these young women come to us with nowhere to go and no hope. We walk side by side with them on their journey and do what we can to help each one of them."

Currently the house has raised \$28,000 toward its goal.

President of the board of Hannah's House Kevin Anthony said of their efforts, "We are just representatives of the community who are willing to do whatever we can to help make life better for the young women that come to Hannah's House. This is a great community, and I know we make this community better."

Guests at the fundraiser enjoyed dinner at the restaurant along with Bishop D'Arcy and Father Paul Doyle, who is the chaplain for Hannah's House, where pub owner Maury Cocquyt has been a supporter of Hannah's House for years.

"I'm very big on right to life and all the good work they are doing," said Cocquyt. "It's a wonderful organization that my mother supported and believed in, so it's important for me to do my part to help."

To learn more about the three-year plan or to donate contact Karen DeLucenay at Hannah's House (574) 254-5309.



MAY LEE JOHNSON

Father Paul Doyle, left, and Bishop John M. D'Arcy, right, pray for a good outcome for the Hannah's House Fundraiser titled Blessings From Heaven, An Evening of Hope to Support Women Who Choose Life. The event was held at Maury's Pat's Pub in Mishawaka May 31. Bishop D'Arcy is the honorary chairman and Father Paul Doyle is the chaplain for Hannah's House, who was appointed by Bishop D'Arcy.

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equally important that people begin combating "the many products polluting the mind and heart" today, including "images that make a spectacle of pleasure, violence and contempt for men and women."

The other image used to describe the Holy Spirit is fire, the energy of the Holy Spirit brought to earth by Christ, he said.

Fire is a metaphor for power, an energy that can be used for good or for evil, the pope said.

"Taking possession of the energies of the cosmos — the 'fire' — the human being today seems to affirm himself as a god and to want to transform the world by excluding, putting aside or even denying the creator of the universe," the pope said.

"In the hands of a such a person, 'fire' and its enormous potential becomes dangerous: It can be turned against life and humanity itself as history unfortunately has demonstrated. A perennial warning comes from the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where atomic energy used for bellicose aims sowed death in an unheard-of proportion," Pope Benedict said.

However, when human beings recognize God as the creator and the lord of the universe, they tend to be more careful with the way

they use power, he said, because they know that the "pure, essential and personal 'fire' is the fire of love."

Pope Benedict said that while the Holy Spirit blows where it will, the story of Pentecost demonstrates that it normally comes when the followers of Jesus are united and are at prayer.

"This is valid also for the church today, valid for us," the pope said.

If the Holy Spirit is going to renew and give new strength to the church and all its members, he said, people must prepare to receive the Spirit through "the humble and silent listening to the word of God."

When the Holy Spirit descends it dispels fear, Pope Benedict said.

The Spirit "helps us know and feel like we are in the hands of all-powerful love: No matter what happens, his infinite love will not abandon us," he said.

In his "Regina Coeli" address after the Mass, the pope told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square that the Holy Spirit is the soul of the church.

"Without it what would the church be? It would certainly be a great historical movement, a complex and solid social institution, perhaps a kind of humanitarian agency. And, truthfully, that is how it is seen by those who consider it outside the lens of faith," the pope said.

But the Holy Spirit guides the church, ensuring it is the living body of Christ, he said.

Vatican announces papal trip to Czech Republic

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI will visit the Czech Republic in late September, participating in the nation's Sept. 28 observance of the feast of St. Wenceslaus, a 10th-century Czech prince and martyr.

During the Sept. 26-28 trip, the pope will visit Prague, Brno and Stara Boleslav, the town where St. Wenceslaus was murdered by his brother in 935 to protest his

embrace of Christianity, the Vatican announced May 30.

The announcement was published as Pope Benedict was meeting Czech President Vaclav Klaus in the papal library.

The pope and president discussed the situation in the Czech Republic, "looking in particular at some questions related to relations with the Catholic Church, as well as to the future of Europe, taking into account the importance of its cultural, spiritual and Christian patrimony," the Vatican said.

On the front lines to support life

Speaker says Women's Care Center provided encouragement

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Lacy Dodd, a 1999 University of Notre Dame graduate, says the controversy at her alma mater is personal. A single mother who experienced an unplanned pregnancy while at Notre Dame, Dodd opposed the University of Notre Dame's invitation to President Barack Obama as the May 17 commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary doctorate of law degree.

As she spoke with those gathered on the south quad on May 17, Dodd referred to a question she recently asked Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame: "Who draws support from your decision to honor President Obama? Is it the pregnant Notre Dame woman — who may be sitting in this year's graduating class — who wants desperately to keep her baby? Or those who, like my boyfriend at the time, tell her that the Catholic teaching on the intrinsic evil of abortion is just 'dining room talk?'"

Dodd continued, "I am still waiting for a response, but I think we all know what the answer is. At best, Notre Dame's decision to honor the most pro-choice president in our history sends a message of indifference about the sanctity of unborn human life. After all, if abortion does not appear to be an important issue to a great Catholic institution such as Notre Dame, many Catholics will conclude that it does not have to be a big deal for them either."

Dodd discovered she was pregnant just three months before she was to graduate from Notre Dame. She says her boyfriend at the time, also a Notre Dame senior, wanted her to get an abortion. Dodd told him that would never be an option for her. She says she is blessed to have the support of her loving family, and a friend whose mother was a counselor at the Women's Care Center.

"It was the Women's Care Center that provided me with the encouragement that everything was going to be all right," recalls Dodd. "They educated me on my pregnancy, and they provided me with information on how to stay healthy."

It was a Notre Dame professor, Dr. Janet Smith, who saw a need and founded the Women's Care Center over 25 years ago. Elizabeth Borger, a 1978 graduate of Notre Dame, is a former chairman of the board of the Women's Care Center. She also spoke to the crowds gathered on the south quad, explaining what drove one Notre Dame professor to make a difference.

"She realized it wasn't enough for her to say she was pro-life," Borger said, referring to Smith. "So she gathered a cross-section of people to provide advice and funding, and she founded a crisis pregnancy center just a short distance



DIANE FREEBY

Lacy Dodd and her nine-year-old daughter Mary Logan applaud a speech at the ND Response rally held on the University of Notre Dame's campus on May 17.

from this campus ... and the good work, the kind of work that can come from one compassionate person, began."

Borger talked about the role the Women's Care Center has played, and continues to play, in building a culture of life.

"The Women's Care Center has grown to become the largest life-affirming pregnancy center in the United States, with 14 different centers spread throughout northern Indiana as well as Niles, Mich., and Columbus, Ohio," explained Borger. "Nearly 300 women are served every day. Just last year over 10,700 mothers came to us ... for counseling and pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, prenatal vitamins, adoption counseling and parenting skill classes taught in English and Spanish."

Borger attributed much of the success and expansion of the Women's Care Center to a community of faithful supporters, along with another Notre Dame alum, Ann Manion.

"Ann has been involved with the Women's Care Center from its inception," said Borger, "and when the need arose, as a young mother herself, she left her accounting career and became the president. For 20 years, Ann has fulfilled this position, never taking a salary and leading the organization with a grace that is, in fact, amazing"

Borger shared several of the success stories, of lives saved because of the Women's Care Center. Perhaps the most precious example of a life saved was right on stage with Borger. Earlier, Dodd introduced her 9-year-old daughter Mary Logan, who stood proudly next to her mom and

smiled as the crowd cheered.

"This morning, 10 years after my own graduation, I returned to the grotto to give thanks," said Dodd. "This time I was with my 9-year-old daughter. And together we thanked Our Lady for teaching us to be open to God's will ... to never be afraid of God's will ... and to recognize that there may be sacrifices and suffering ... but God's will also brings great peace and joy."

Dodd added that she and her daughter wish to share another message with the Notre Dame administration. She said women need to know they deserve better than abortion.

"... Notre Dame should be on the front lines in the fight to uphold the dignity of unborn life," said Dodd. "Our message is that the protection of the unborn is the defining social justice issue of our day. For what is so-called justice if it does not include protection for the innocent and defenseless unborn? Our message is life!"

In addition to raising her daughter, Dodd also works with a North Carolina-area pro-life organization. Room at the Inn is America's first college-based maternity and aftercare residence. Adjacent to Belmont Abbey College, Dodd said the residence enables students to choose life for their babies and complete their own education.

Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz was the guest speaker June 2 at a fundraiser at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne for the Women's Care Center. That story will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Today's Catholic*.

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FORT WAYNE

Speaker tells clergy, don't be intimidated to preach on sexual morality, abortion

Clergy, religious attend May 5 third annual prayer dinner

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Sally Williams had a vision of the child she had aborted. She was a pretty girl, in a darling dress, about 11 months old. Williams had gone through a healing program but could not bring herself to name her baby as was suggested. Then one day she was in the grocery store and heard a mother calling out, looking for her daughter. "Genesis! Genesis!"

She never saw either one, just heard the voice, but she loved the sound of the name. So she named her lost child Genesis. Something else confirmed that. Once she was scheduled to give a talk the Lord spoke to her in her heart and said "Speak on Eve," because although she fell, she got up again. Genesis also reminded her of how "In the beginning, God created..." which tied in to her abortion experience.

Williams was the keynote speaker May 5 in South Bend at the Third Annual Prayer Dinner, sponsored by Saint Joseph County Right to Life. Clergy and religious were especially invited and came free of charge. Seventy-two persons were in attendance including three Brothers of the Holy Cross, eight Sisters of St. Francis and several Protestant pastors.

As she continued her talk, Williams mentioned Genesis many times. After she finished and sat down, master of ceremonies Jay Dunlap took the microphone.

He said that as he heard Williams repeat the name Genesis he became "all tingly" inside. He explained that he has benefited from the other side of unwanted pregnancies.

"My wife and I are blessed with five adopted children. Our fifth child came to us when she was 10 weeks old. And that baby's name is Genesis," Williams exclaimed. "Oh, my goodness. It seemed a moment prepared by God to specially touch Williams with healing.

She grew up in a Christian



TOM UEBBING

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home, one of 13 children. At the time of her abortion she was 28 years old, serving as her church's youth director and was a much respected member of the church. She recounted how her feelings of love for a young man turned to lust and led her into fornication.

"I was not supposed to be pregnant," Williams said. "I grew up in a Christian home. I'm not supposed to have a child out of wedlock. I wanted to do it right. I knew he wasn't husband material for me."

Williams did not want to have to tell her mother, aunts or pastor. She had a friend who said, "I had an abortion, and I'm okay."

There was another friend who said "I'm here for you Sally whatever you choose." So she decided to go ahead with the abortion.

Williams said she knew abortion was wrong, but "I didn't know enough to say 'no.'"

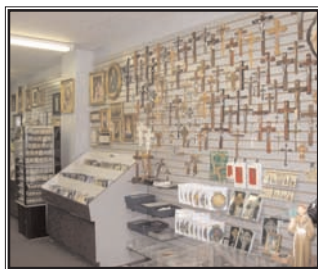
She didn't know about fetal development, what Scripture says or that her decision would hurt others. She was unaware that Planned Parenthood targets minorities and that 14 million black babies had been killed by abortion, a greater per capita percentage than whites. She did not know that some post-abortive women end up in mental institutions or on Prozac. She did not even know she needed healing.

It was through the tragedy and brokenness of her abortion that Williams' personal relationship with Jesus Christ was forged and she found forgiveness and mercy.

Williams eventually was able to confide in her mother who reacted with love and compassion. She went on to become executive secretary and then urban outreach director for Indiana Right to Life. Williams urged pastors to not be intimidated and to preach on sexual morality and abortion.

Sister Claire Reuille of the Sisters of Saint Francis offered the opening prayer. Three young women from the Washington High School Gospel Choir sang with their strong and beautifully harmonious voices. Elder Carl Evans, Minister Charles Diggins and his wife Denise and Sally Williams concluded the evening with spontaneous prayer. Diggins prayed that he would have the courage to announce the truth and educate the people in his role as minister.

St. Joseph County Right to Life president Tom Gill said we need to look up to God in prayer instead of always looking straight ahead at the obstacles. God will give us the victory through prayer in overcoming what Dunlap summarized as abortion's root cause: "a crisis of love."



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Pro-life leaders, groups condemn murder of Kansas abortion doctor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pro-life advocates universally condemned the May 31 murder of a Kansas abortion doctor, with officials from several U.S. right-to-life groups saying such extreme acts only hurt the pro-life cause. “We condemn this lawless act of violence,” said Charmaine Yoest, president of the Americans United for Life. “The foundational right to life that our work is dedicated to extends to everyone. Whoever is responsible for this reprehensible violence must be brought to justice under the law.” Dr. George Tiller, 67, of Wichita, Kan., was fatally shot while serving as an usher at the city’s Formation Lutheran Church during morning services, according to The Associated Press. A suspect in the shooting, identified as Scott Roeder, 51, was being held without bail on one count of first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated assault, the AP reported June 1. Tiller’s clinic is one of just a few in the nation where abortions are performed after the 21st week of pregnancy. Speaking on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, expressed profound regret upon learning of Tiller’s shooting death. “Our bishops’ conference and all its members have repeatedly and publicly denounced all forms of violence in our society, including abortion as well as the misguided resort to violence by anyone opposed to abortion,” Cardinal Rigali said in a June 1 statement.

Bishops praise court for affirming voters’ right to define marriage

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The California Supreme Court “respected the eminently reasonable decision of the California electorate” in its May 26 ruling affirming marriage as the union of a man and a woman, said the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage. But Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., speaking on behalf of the full U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, expressed disappointment and concern that the court failed to apply this definition to the estimated 18,000 same-sex marriages that took place between May and November 2008 in California. The high court’s decision upheld the constitutionality of the state’s Proposition 8 declaring that “only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.” But it said the voters’ decision could not be applied retroactively to those who married before the initiative was passed. Archbishop Kurtz said the ruling “respects the uniqueness of the marital relationship and its service to the common good by respecting the value of procreation and the good of children as well as the

NEWS BRIEFS

SERVICE IS LED BY POPE IN THE VATICAN GARDENS



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People hold candles as they attend a service led by Pope Benedict XVI at the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens May 30. The pope marked the end of the Marian month of May with a service at the grotto.

unique complementarity of man and woman.” But he said “attempts to change the legal definition of marriage or to create simulations of marriage, often under the guise of ‘equality,’ ‘civil rights’ and ‘anti-discrimination’ ... undermine the very nature of marriage and overlook the essential place of marriage and family life in society.”

Pope John Paul’s beatification delayed, Italian newspapers say

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The beatification of Pope John Paul II may be delayed as the Vatican seeks more documentation regarding his almost 27 years as pope, Italian newspapers reported in late May. According to the newspaper *La Stampa*, the chief holdup regards hundreds of letters he wrote before and after his election to Wanda Poltawska, a longtime friend and adviser to the pope. Meanwhile, the newspaper *Il Giornale*, reported that a commission of theologians meeting in mid-May decided the information contained in the official “positio,” or position paper, was not complete enough. In particular, the newspaper cited the fact that Cardinal Angelo Sodano, secretary of state under Pope John Paul, and Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, his deputy at the time, had not given testimony in the case. Neither newspaper quoted any of the commission members by name nor included comments from current officials of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes. Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, vice direc-

tor of the Vatican press office, said June 1 there would be no official comment from the Vatican while the process was under way. *La Stampa* published an interview with Poltawska June 1 in which she said she met Father Karol Wojtyla, the future pope, in 1950 when she was looking for a confessor and spiritual director to guide her in the long process of recovering from her internment as a political prisoner in the Nazis’ Ravensbruck concentration camp, where medical experiments were performed on prisoners.

Meeting children, pope shares early memories, says being pope is hard

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI offered a rare glimpse into his private feelings, telling a group of children that as a boy he never dreamed of becoming pope and that he still sometimes worries he is not up to the job. The pope answered questions and described growing up in a small German village during an audience May 30 at the Vatican with 7,000 children from the Holy Childhood Association, a group affiliated with the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The meeting with the enthusiastic young audience gave the pope an opportunity to speak more openly than usual about himself, prompted by the children’s more personal questions. When asked whether as a boy he had ever thought he might one day be pope, he admitted that it had not been one of his youthful plans. “To tell the truth, I never

would have thought I might become pope. ... I was a pretty ingenuous boy in a small village far from the city,” he said. “We were happy to be in the country and didn’t think about much else.” Even today, he said, “it’s difficult for me to understand how the Lord could have thought of me, to choose me for this ministry. But I accept it from his hands, even if it is very surprising and seems very much beyond my means. But the Lord helps me.”

Allentown bishop retires; Wilmington’s chancellor named his successor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop Edward P. Cullen of Allentown, Pa., and named as his successor Msgr. John O. Barres, chancellor of the Diocese of Wilmington, Del. The pope also named Father Lee Anthony Piche, vicar general of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, to be an auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese. The changes were announced May 27 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop Cullen is 76. Canon law requires all bishops to submit their resignation to the pope when they turn 75. Bishop-designate Barres was born Sept. 20, 1960, in Larchmont, N.Y. He was baptized by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, for whom his father worked at the time at the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in New York.

Florida’s Father Cutie gives first sermon in Episcopal Church

MIAMI (CNS) — Father Alberto Cutie of Miami delivered his first sermon in an Episcopal church May 31, three days after the suspended Catholic priest announced he was joining the Episcopal Church. In a video of the sermon at Church of the Resurrection in Biscayne Park, Fla., posted on the Web site of *The Miami Herald* daily newspaper, Father Cutie opened his sermon by telling congregants: “I am honored by your presence here.” Archbishop John C. Favalora of Miami expressed disappointment May 28 at both Father Cutie’s decision to join the Episcopal Church and the public way he was received into his new church. Archbishop Favalora also warned Catholics not to request the sacraments from Father Cutie or attend Masses celebrated by him. Father Cutie, 40, who was suspended as administrator of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Miami Beach and Catholic radio posts after photos of him with a woman were released by a tabloid magazine, joined the Episcopal Church May 28 at a ceremony at Miami’s Trinity Cathedral. The woman, identified as Ruhama Buni Canellis, 35, also became an Episcopalian in the same ceremony. The priest has admitted to having a sexual relationship with Canellis and has referred to her as his fiancee.

Vatican condemns North Korean nuclear test, missile launches

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has condemned the latest round of nuclear testing and missile launching by North Korea, warning that these acts of aggression threaten “the very survival” of the country’s own people by exacerbating its isolation. The Vatican newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*, published a front-page news story May 27 along with an editorial titled “International isolation as a regime’s choice.” North Korea drew swift and angry international condemnation after announcing May 25 that it had successfully performed a nuclear experiment. Seismic equipment registered a small blast in the eastern portion of the country. Three short-range missiles were then launched into the Sea of Japan. The following day, May 26, two more missiles were launched off the country’s eastern coast. In its commentary, *L’Osservatore* said, “Barack Obama has condemned Pyongyang’s nuclear test, labeling it a threat to international security and peace. But even before being a threat to peace, this atomic experiment constitutes a threat to the very survival of the North Korean people who will pay the consequences of the isolation the regime has chosen.” Pyongyang is North Korea’s capital.

St. Charles hosts vocations conference

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles will host a conference for parents and children from grades 5-12, titled "The Call to Holiness: The Sacraments of Mission" on June 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Father Glenn Kohrman will talk on the Christian vocation to holiness as well as particular vocations that are lived out in the world; equipping parents with practical tools to help their children.

There will be breakout sessions for parents, children and teens led by Sister Patricia Ann Murray and several seminarians. Jason Garrett will conclude the night by speaking on the sacrament of matrimony.

Sister Wilma Boeving, PHJC, celebrates jubilee

DONALDSON — Sister Wilma Boeving, a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ sister, celebrated her 60th jubilee on May 16 at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center in Donaldson.



SISTER WILMA BOEVING, PHJC

Sister Boeving took her first vows on June 25, 1949 in Donaldson and began working as a director of dietetics/dietitian at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne in 1952. In 1980 she began serving as the vice-president of hospitals in Indiana and Illinois for Ancilla Domini Health Services.

Sister Boeving began a term as the director of development for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in the late 1980s. Sister has retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson where she currently resides.

Sister Boeving will continue her jubilee celebration during a community celebration in June.

Father Ralph B. Rogawski celebrates 50 years

FORT WAYNE — Dominican Father Ralph B. Rogawski, a native of Fort Wayne, will commemorate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood with the celebration of the Eucharist at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at St. Charles Borromeo Church.



FATHER RALPH B. ROGAWSKI

A former member of St. Hyacinth Parish and a 1950 graduate of Central Catholic High School, Father Rogawski entered the Dominican order in 1952 after studies in pre-med at Indiana University in Fort Wayne and Saint Mary's College in Winona, Minn.

He was ordained May 23, 1959 and celebrated his first Mass at St. Hyacinth. His first 15 years of

AROUND THE DIOCESE

QUEEN OF ANGELS STUDENTS COLLECT PENNIES FOR HAITI



KURT HOMAN

Queen of Angels in Fort Wayne has a long standing relationship with St. Claire Catholic Church in Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world. Kindergarten, first- and fourth-grade students at Queen of Angels School organized a "Penny Crusade" to raise donations to support clean water in Haiti. Each class tried to collect the most pennies. Pennies amounting to \$1,093.90 were donated in four weeks. The preschool class won the competition and was treated to a special story time. Even in these hard economic times students at Queen of Angels took this year's theme of Catholic Schools and Service to heart.

ministry were spent as a missionary in Bolivia where he taught theology in the national seminary, sociology in the national nursing school and was a consultant for Bolivian labor unions.

Currently residing in Austin, Texas, Father Rogawski is also the promoter of over 50 lay Dominicans who meet in three communities in Texas. He has published numerous articles on the value of small faith communities as well as a history of the community's missionary experiences in evangelization.

Saint Mary's College announces 2009 Distinguished Alumna Award Winner

NOTRE DAME — The Distinguished Alumna Award, awarded annually by the Alumnae Association, honors a woman who exemplifies the standards, ideals and mission of Saint Mary's College and who has given outstanding service to the college through ongoing work for the Alumnae Association. The 2009 recipient is Kathy Malone Beeler of

South Bend.

After graduating from Saint Mary's College in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in English literature, Beeler earned her master's degree in English from the University of Chicago. She served children as a mother of five and as an English and language arts educator in Illinois, Wisconsin and South Bend at John Adams High School, St. Joseph Grade School and Corpus Christi School. She is also a successful businesswoman and the current chair of the board of Beeler Industries in Elkhart.

Beeler has served South Bend-area education, church, arts, health-care and civic organizations in various ways over the years. She served as president of the board of directors of Logan Center in South Bend and oversaw the "Opening New Doors" capital campaign to build the new facility on East Jefferson Boulevard. She currently sits on the board of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center and served on the cabinet to raise the funds for the new hospital in Mishawaka, which is scheduled to open in the fall. She also sits on the board of the Women's Care Center and has been a member of the South Bend Symphony Board of

Directors and the Marian High School and Saint Joseph's High School boards of directors. In 2002 Beeler was the first female chairman of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for which she helped raise over \$5 million.

Beeler plunges into philanthropic pursuits with the same passion she holds for her service activities and provides leadership in her commitment of time, talent and treasure to Saint Mary's. She has actively worked in leadership positions for the college since 1994 when she accepted the role as Michiana Regional co-chair for the \$30 million Sesquicentennial Campaign. She initiated the Saint Mary's College "Down the Avenue" event, which honors an outstanding woman in the South Bend community who has demonstrated a commitment to voluntarism in her community. She was the honoree in 2005.

Beeler is generous in her gifts to the college, contributing annually since 1978, and has helped raise significant donations for Saint Mary's as a member of the Madeleva Society Steering Committee. The Madeleva Society is named for Holy Cross Sister M. Madeleva Wolff,

who served as college president from 1934 to 1961. Beeler is also an active member of the South Bend Alumnae Club.

Beeler will receive the award at the Reunion Banquet on Saturday, June 6, as part of Reunion Weekend, June 4-7.

Notre Dame Center for Liturgy to host conference on St. Paul

NOTRE DAME — The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy will host its 36th annual conference, Paul as Liturgical Theologian, from June 15-17 at the University of Notre Dame.

The presentations will consider Paul's teachings on Christian worship and liturgy, and how the church community's worship serves as matrix for his theology.

Jesuit Father Robert Taft, from the Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, will be the keynote speaker.

Cost is \$240 for three days or \$120 for one day. For more information, visit the Web site <http://liturgy.nd.edu/conference/>.

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy provided the monthly series on St. Paul in *Today's Catholic* for the past year.

Ancilla announces Savina Kralis Nursing Scholarship

DONALDSON — Representatives from Ancilla College and the Kosciusko County Community Foundation have announced the creation of a new scholarship fund designated for Ancilla nursing students — The Savina Kralis Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Nearly 60 years ago, Kralis received her nurses training from the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC) in Gary. Her education benefitted her during the time she served as a nurse, and also as she and her late husband, Jerry, raised their 12 children.

Kralis recently established The Savina Kralis Nursing Scholarship Fund to benefit Ancilla College at the Kosciusko County Community Foundation. By establishing this scholarship, Kralis wanted to share the blessings she has received with others pursuing a career in nursing.

The fund will enable the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ to provide scholarships to deserving nursing students at Ancilla College. As an endowment fund at the Community Foundation, the principal will be invested and only earnings will be used for scholarship purposes.

Due to the nature of endowments, the fund will be managed and invested with the growth and perpetuity of the fund as a goal, allowing scholarships to be made from the fund forever.

"Back in the 1900s, the Poor Handmaids prepared nurses in the hospitals they operated," said Dr. Ron May, president of Ancilla College. "Today, the PHJC continues to provide nurses training through the nursing program at Ancilla College."

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BISHOP D'ARCY CELEBRATES SAINT MARY'S BACCALAUREATE MASS



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated the baccalaureate Mass for Saint Mary's College on May 15.

Restored piano ready to serve St. Vincent, Elkhart, for another century

BY LAUREN ZEUGNER

ELKHART — Members of St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church in Elkhart gathered Sunday, May 31, for a dedication ceremony and piano recital featuring the parish's newly restored 1910 Bush and Lane baby grand piano.

"What's really neat about this is a lot of people donated (money) so it was a parish-wide project," said Vincent Minichillo, parish music director.

Since the piano returned to the church on Thursday, May 14, it sits in the front of the church and parishioners' children, who are taking piano lessons have been allowed to play it after Mass. "Have you seen the new piano?" asked Becky Spataro as she climbed the stairs to the church nave from the basement. "It's way cool." She dashed through the empty church to the piano to play a tune on it.

In 1910 the Knights of Columbus purchased the piano and donated it to St. Vincent School. It was housed on the third floor meeting room, which also served as the school gym.

"At the time it was the largest of its type of room in the city," said Minichillo explaining it was used for gym class, dances and other types of meetings.

"We can't find out how much it cost. It's had nothing but tuning done to it since then," said Minichillo about the piano. "It's very well made and has high-quality materials." At the time the piano was purchased Bush and Lane was a rival of Steinway.

The company was originally in Chicago, Ill., and then moved to Holland, Mich. Bush was the businessman while Lane was the craftsman. The company eventually went under during the Great Depression because Lane wouldn't



LAUREN ZEUGNER

Wayne Paseka, left, and James Reeder, who restored St. Vincent de Paul's baby grand Bush and Lane piano have their picture taken with it after delivering it to the church.

compromise on the quality of materials used in the manufacture of his pianos.

Minichillo said a lot of thought went into restoring the piano rather than purchasing a new piano. "We recognized it was a good piano and we wanted a good

piano for the church. We thought it was good stewardship to use what we had. We liked the history of it," she explained.

James Reeder of Lansing, Mich., a specialist in piano restoration, was hired

to restore the piano. In November 2008, he disassembled the piano and removed it from the school's third floor.

"It was pretty scary moving it down two flights of steps," Minichillo said. "It took five strong men."

To restore the piano, Reeder completely disassembled it. The piano needed a new sound board. "Any piano over 50 years old

needs a new sound board because it's built on tension and the wood stretches," explained Minichillo.

Reeder built a new sound board in a climate controlled room with 20 percent humidity. The pieces were glued together and wooden ribs installed on one side. Once complete and ready to be installed, the sound board is brought out into a normal climate which has about 40 percent humidity. The sound-board then swells, creating tension.

The harp was cleaned and reconditioned. "It has to withstand tons of pressure and tension. If there's a crack in it, it can't be used," said Minichillo.

The bridges were made by hand using sheets of heavy plastic to note where the pins and holes were located. "There's a man there and all he does is bridges," said Minichillo.

The white keys on the keyboard, which were made of ivory had to be replaced with faux ivory while the black keys, which are made of ebony wood were restored.

The strings are made of steel. Lower pitch strings are wrapped so they are lower in pitch without being longer in length. "Length and thickness determine pitch," Minichillo explained.

"It was pretty scary moving it down two flights of steps."

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Volunteer retires after 40 years on noon watch

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Generations of students at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School have played safely on the playground off of Old U.S. 27 South in large part due to the enduring and lovingly vigilant eye of one volunteer. Carole Sorg has volunteered on noon watch for 40 years and will retire at the end of this school year.

What began at the school as a parental requirement 40 years ago turned into a loving ministry for this mother of five. "Each family was assigned a day to do noon watch," she recalls, always enjoying her turn at playground duty. Eventually many of those stay-at-home moms returned to the workforce and Sorg became a substitute for those who could not fulfill their obligation.

Sorg, a Fort Wayne native, has been a member of St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel Church for over 47 years. "As long as I've been married," she says, adding proudly that her husband Ronald is a member of one of the founding families of the parish.

All five of her children, now grown with families of their own, attended St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel School where they developed spiritually as well as academically, she says. "Kids go away with knowledge of their faith," she says. "I'm grateful. It has made a difference in my own children's lives — they are carrying on their own faith."

Once all of her children had graduated from St. Joseph, Sorg remained on noon watch one day a week. Soon she was supervising two days and finally three days each week. "I love those kids. They're like my own grandkids," says the watcher. She adds with heartfelt enthusiasm, "It's worth going out in the cold and rainy weather because they are so special."

Her watch begins around 11:30 a.m. shortly after the students finish lunch. She watches over students in kindergarten through third grade and offers band-aids and hugs as well as safety supervision. "I make sure they don't get hurt. I fix up their scraps and boo-boos and give hugs when needed," she says.

St. Joseph Principal Louise Schultheis says, "I think it's amazing that she's been here that long, and she's come in year after year to help us out."

Second-grader Jack Sweeney says the kids will miss their noon watcher. "She always looks out for us, so you don't fall. ... She's really nice!" he says.

The generations hold a special place in her heart. Sorg says as the years go by, she can look at a child on her playground and see their parents' face in theirs. Each year as the students move on to the upper grades, Sorg says the older ones still come back to say hi. "Two girls asked for permission to spend time with me on my side of the playground. I like to hear about



KAY COZAD

Carole Sorg received gifts of flowers, a cake, an all-school picture and a binder of notes from the students and staff of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School, in honor of her 40 years as noon watch. Sorg will retire at the end of this school year.

their lives," she says.

Sorg has endeared herself to the entire student population year after year by presenting a handmade personalized rosary to each incoming kindergartner as well.

The students and staff at the school are family, says Sorg. They learn, play, serve and pray together. One shining example of the supportive character of the school came two years ago when Sorg's beloved grandson died in an accident. During her first day back to

noon watch after taking time off to grieve, Sorg was overwhelmed by the outpouring of the students' love.

"All the students in kindergarten through third grade came up and put their arms around me. One third grader said, 'I wish I could take the hurt away. I'll never forget that,'" she says wistfully.

The students and staff presented Sorg with a special book in memory of her grandson with promises of prayer handwritten on each of

the pages.

Sorg feels blessed to know that when she asks for prayers for any intention, the students begin in earnest to pray. "You can see the bond there. It's not just physical but spiritual too," she says.

As for the school that boasts three alumni as teachers, Sorg is proud to join in the 140th anniversary of this long-running school. "I think it's fantastic," she says, "how we've had this school for so long with such excellent guidance and leadership. There is a deep spirituality in it or it couldn't last."

Downsizing this year, Sorg will remain in her beloved church choir, but will step down from 25 years of service in the parish food bank, and 15 years of leading the Thursday afternoon rosary. Sorg enjoys quilting with friends as they stitch tapestries for fund-raisers or just for fun.

Retiring from the noon watch will not be easy for Sorg, who says she has already told the students she will return next school year to visit. "This is a special place. I'm going to miss the kids. They give me so much pleasure."

An all-school assembly was called to honor Sorg on May 28, where her 93-year-old mother and husband were among those in attendance. The students and staff presented Sorg with flowers, cake, an all-school picture replete with student signatures and a binder laden with thank yous and memories written for their beloved noon watcher.

Marian students win science awards

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

MISHAWAKA — Hollow fiber membranes. Water quality index ratings. X-ray fluorescence. Tuberculosis. Antibiotics. Not necessarily subjects the average high school student would spend time studying. But perhaps the students studying these are not average, everyday high school students. Especially when their science projects competed with others from across the nation and the world.

Six Marian High School students recently competed in national and international science competitions with their projects.

Three of the students, Colin Leader, 18, Aaron Bulger, 17, and Claire Sieradzki, 17, competed in the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, sponsored by the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force, in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 29-May 3.

The other three students Lauren Jessup, 18, Caitlyn Koscielski, 18, and Caroline Trippel, 18, competed with their projects in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nev. May 10-16.

Leader, Sieradzki and Bulger all won an expenses-paid trip to Colorado Springs.



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

From left are Colin Leader, Aaron Bulger and Claire Sieradzki, students at Marian High School in Mishawaka, who competed in the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, sponsored by the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force, in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 29-May 3.

At a regional competition to qualify for the symposium, Sieradzki, who attended as a delegate, also won a \$1,000 scholarship for placing third for her Power Point presentation and second for her poster presentation for her project, which focused on devising a way to make microbial fuel cells more efficient for electricity production by using hollow fiber membranes.

Bulger placed fourth in a regional competition for his project entitled "The Effects of Precipitation and Temperature on a River System's Water Quality Index Rating."

And Leader, who was given

the opportunity to present his project at the symposium, won a \$1,500 scholarship for placing second in the regional competition for his project, which studied the detection of lead paint and other toxic substances in toys manufactured in China and the United States.

Jessup, Koscielski and Trippel also won all-expenses paid trips to the International Science and Engineering Fair for their work.

Jessup won overall in the regional competition, which ensured her inclusion in the fair, for her project that studied synthesized compounds that could be used as antibiotics in the future.



From left are Caroline Trippel, Caitlyn Koscielski and Lauren Jessup who competed with their projects in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nev., May 10-16.

Jessup, who is considering becoming an infectious disease doctor, won a special award at the fair from the American Society for Microbiology.

Securing first place in the state competition, Koscielski and Trippel teamed up, winning a \$1,500 scholarship and a small planet named in their honor, for their project to detect structural differences in the lipids surrounding tuberculosis using a new imaging technique.

None of them expected to win. Koscielski and Trippel said they didn't see the application for tuberculosis detection early on.

"We didn't see how big a deal it was and see how important the results were," said Trippel. "So it

was really exciting."

And with so many great projects and "smart people," at the fair, said Jessup, she wasn't thinking that she'd win anything for her efforts.

All of the students are involved in a scientific research class at Marian High School, in which students are required to study subjects that interest them, apply for grants for their work and enter their projects in competitions.

Ken Andrzejewski, who teaches one of the research classes, said 27 students from Marian have competed in significant national and international science fairs and symposia for their research projects since 1990.

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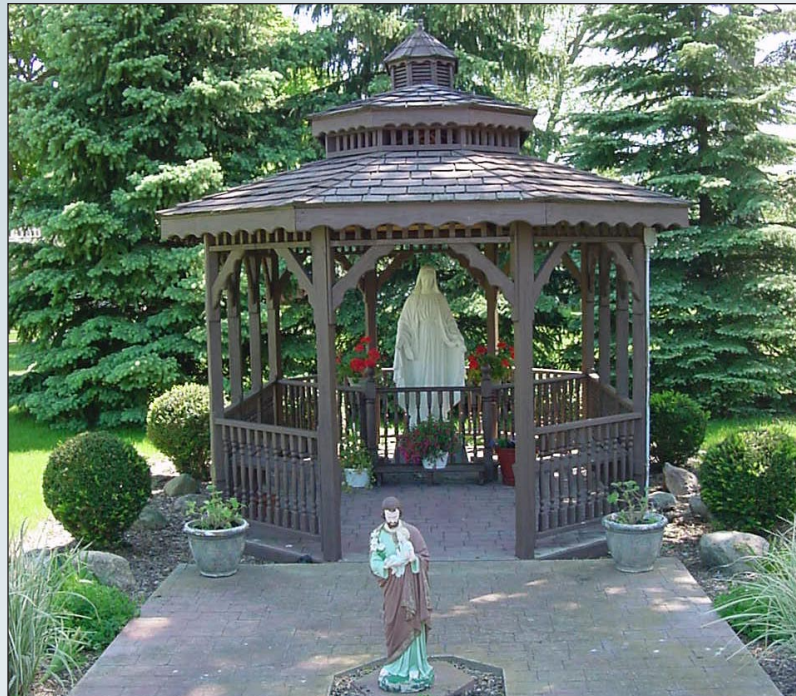
St. Patrick Church, South Bend. This statue was sculpted by Holy Cross Father Anthony Lauck.



St. Joseph, Garrett.



St. Andrew Parish, Fort Wayne.



St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville. The gazebo became a reality through the efforts of Father Raymond Balzer.



St. Mary, Huntington. This grotto was built and maintained by his grandsons, Leo and Richard.



Immaculate Conception, Auburn



Sacred Heart, Warsaw.



St. Mary of three ro

MOTHER OF GOD



Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion. This Fatima shrine is a work in progress in memory of Steve Hopkins.



JUDY MADDEN

Children from Holy Cross School participate in a Marian procession to the grotto located at St. Stanislaus Church in South Bend where Holy Cross Father Michael Mathews, pastor of both parishes, leads the rosary.



TIM JOHNSON

by Nicholas Scheer and
ard Scheer.



The Grotto at the University of Notre Dame.



St. Francis Convent, Mishawaka. Masses were offered here by Bishop John F. Noll.



f the Angels, Big Long Lake. The shrine is located at the "Y"
ads. This grotto is seen by passing motorists day and night.



St. Hedwig, South Bend. This grotto was installed in the Marian Year 1954 from societies, parishioners and friends of St. Hedwig Parish. The statue of Our Lady is in memory of Karl and Mary Gorniewicz. The statue of St. Bernadette is in memory of Hyacinth and Maryanna Niezgodski.

A Pauline pilgrimage, indulgence good through June 29

In the March 15, 2009 issue of *Today's Catholic*, Bishop John M. D'Arcy issued a Decree for the Pauline Year indulgence.

As the Year of St. Paul closes this month on June 29, the feast of St. Peter and Paul, *Today's Catholic* once again offers this pilgrimage idea and reviews some teaching.

What is the special Pauline indulgence?

A special indulgence has been conceded to the faithful on the occasion of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul the Apostle. An indulgence is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1471) as "... a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

What conditions apply for the indulgence?

In order to gain this Pauline year indulgence, the usual conditions apply:

- 1) Being truly repentant, one receives sacramental absolution in the sacrament of penance within 20 days either before or after the prescribed work which follows.
- 2) The bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, decreed by the authority granted to him by the Apostolic Penitentiary, that the

faithful may gain the Pauline Year Indulgence by piously making pilgrimage in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at the following churches:

- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington
- Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, Warsaw
- St. Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse
- St. Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake

3) On the same day as the prescribed pilgrimage, one must receive holy Communion and pray for the pope's intention. In order to gain this indulgence, in the places decreed above one must take part in a sacred function (such as a votive Mass for St. Paul) or in a pious public exercise (such as a public litany) in honor of St. Paul, or public reading from the letters of St. Paul.

4) Also, in order to gain the indulgence, one must embrace a spirit of total detachment from inclination to sin, even venial sins.

5) The faithful who are prevented by illness or another legitimate and important cause, always in a spirit of detachment from inclination to sin, with the intention of fulfilling the usual conditions as soon as possible, will also be able to obtain the plenary indulgence, as long as they spiritually join in a jubilee celebration in honor of St. Paul, offering their prayers and sufferings to God for Christian unity.

When is the last date to make the indulgence?

This indulgence may be gained in our diocese beginning the first Sunday of Lent 2009, up until and through the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, on June 29, 2009.

What are some specifics such as how and where does one find a votive Mass, or visit one of the designated churches? Can any further explanation be given?

It's up to the priest in the individual places to schedule votive Masses. For the people to do something themselves they would have to go in a group of two or more (because it has to be public) and read aloud from St. Paul's letters or do a Litany of St. Paul aloud.

Litany of St. Paul the Apostle

(This litany was taken from that golden vein of old litanies, the *Golden Manual*, compiled from approved sources and published in 1851 by D. & J. Sadlier & Co. However, the *Antiphon, Versicle and Response* have been inserted and at the end the *Collect of Jan. 18 in place of a prayer to St. Paul* has been substituted.)

Antiphon: Thou hast proved me and known me: Thou hast known my sitting down and my rising up.

V. The great St. Paul, the vessel of election, is indeed worthy to be glorified:

R. For he also deserved to possess the twelfth throne.

Lord have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *Pray for us.*

Queen conceived without original sin, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, *Pray for us.*

Apostle of the Gentiles, *Pray for us.*

Vessel of Election, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who was rapt to the third heaven, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who heard things not given to man to utter, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who knew nothing but Christ, and him crucified, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, whose love for Christ was stronger than death, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who wished to be dissolved and be with Christ, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, whose zeal knew no bounds, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who made thyself all to all, to gain all to Christ, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who called thyself prisoner of Christ for us, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who was jealous of us, with the jealousy of God, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who glories only in the Cross of Christ, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who bore in thy body the mortification of Christ, *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, who exclaimed: With Christ I am nailed to the cross! *Pray for us.*

St. Paul, that we may awake and sin no more, *Pray for us.*

That we may not receive the grace of God in vain, *Pray for us.*

That we may walk in newness of life, *Pray for us.*

That we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling, *Pray for us.*

That we may put on the armor of God, *Pray for us.*

That we may stand against the deceits of the wicked one, *Pray for us.*

That we may stand fast to the last, *Pray for us.*

That we may press forward to the mark, *Pray for us.*

That we may win the crown, *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us.*

Let us pray. O God, who hast taught the whole world by the preaching of blessed Paul the Apostle: grant that we, who celebrate his memory, may by following his example be drawn unto thee. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ thy son, who with thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. **R. Amen.**

(Prayer Source: "Kyrie Eleison — Two Hundred Litanies" by Benjamin Francis Musser OFM., The Magnificat Press, 1944)

SHRINE

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Candles, which can be lit in prayer and vases for anyone bringing a gift of flowers, as well as offering boxes and special envelopes, are available at the front of the church as well and can be arranged to a person's liking.

Visitors to the shrine would be remiss to not experience the lower level of the church, which offers a bookstore with rosaries, crucifixes, Bibles, novena booklets, devotional and theological books in English and Spanish, statues and books on the history of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Anyone wishing to spend a day in prayer and reflection in the shrine is welcome anytime after 10 a.m., weekdays, when the doors open during the summer. Groups or individuals who wish to celebrate the sacrament of confession, be given a guided tour of the shrine or utilize the building's kitchen and large gathering area in the lower level should call ahead to (574) 267-5324 and schedule their visit.

But individuals and smaller groups are welcome to stop in

unannounced and pilgrims are welcome to participate in scheduled parish activities, which are scarce during the weekday but plentiful in the evenings and on weekends.

Spanish-language Masses are celebrated at 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Sunday Masses take place at 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and a meal. Saturdays often feature Masses of baptism or quinceanera at noon or 2 p.m., and pilgrims are welcome to participate. The shrine carries bi-lingual Mass missalettes so that English-speakers may follow along with the readings of the Mass during these celebrations.

To provide for visitors, catering may be arranged by contacting Sister Joan or shrine administrator Father J. Steele before a visit. Additionally, there are several fast food restaurants just a short distance from the shrine's 225 Gilliam Dr. location.

The parish invites visitors for two special summer dates: a bi-lingual retreat to be offered by diocesan seminarians from 1 to 4 p.m. June 21, and a day of pilgrimage and celebration on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption, that will include sacred music, prayer and children's activities on the grounds of the shrine.

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EDITORIAL

A lot to see and do — maybe in your own backyard

It's no secret there will be less travel this summer even though gasoline is considerably cheaper than it was last summer when prices exceeded the \$4-a-gallon mark. Because of the seemingly relentless recession, Americans are pruning expenses, cutting back on dining out, impulse buying, entertainment and other recreational activities including the family vacation.

A recent poll revealed that a third of those surveyed already had canceled at least one trip due to lack of money. A shortage of cash, of course, is due to unemployment or cutbacks in earnings. But the fear of unemployment is the elephant in the retail market. A firm that studies travel habits predicts Americans will take an estimated 20 million fewer trips this spring and summer than they did last year, spending some \$30 billion less.

With Americans foregoing summer travel plans, it means the economy will experience more losses, especially hotels and motels, campgrounds, restaurants, transportation services, amusement parks, zoos and many other establishments which depend on vacationers for their livelihood. Even cutting back on prices compared to previous years has not helped the tourist industry overcome the apprehension that accompanies the uncertainty of having steady employment and some spending money.

Although times are tough and an expensive, exotic vacation may be impossible this summer, families don't have to stay home staring at four walls and each other. You can restart the family's vacation engine by checking out some local attractions and planning several shorter trips — maybe even in your own backyard.

This year's Indiana Travel Guide and the Indiana Festival Guide, for example, contain many worthwhile things to do from spending a long weekend at a nearby festival, antique shopping in a quaint Hoosier town, attending concerts or enjoying a wealth of attractions at local museums, parks, fairs and exhibits. The neighboring states of Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky also offer many opportunities for spending a long weekend without spending a lot of money. Nearly every Hoosier hamlet has its own festival, fair, fest or hall of fame, but you'll need to do some research on the Internet — VisitIndiana.com — or public library to find something fun and fantastic for your family.

Your own hometown may offer several attractions you've never taken the time to visit.

Your travels could include a visit to a Catholic shrine, seminary, college campus, church or retreat house. Again, check out the Internet. You might find a gem of a place that offers a weary traveling family a place to pray, rest and contemplate the devotions and mysteries of the Catholic faith as well as view many religious artifacts.

You owe it to your family to take a break from the world. Consider visiting a state park or the Lake Michigan dunes area where you can enjoy the solitude of being away from the city in country surroundings all on your own. Walking in the woods, hiking hills and trails, climbing cliffs and wading in streams or the surf may be just the quiet vacation your family needs to refresh and renew both your faith and family life.

And don't forget your own backyard! Maybe this is the summer to do some landscaping, plant a flower or vegetable garden, built a tree house or playground, erect a fence, put in a pond or pergola, or just clean out the garage. Your family may surprise itself on what the members can do when all work together on a project. If nothing else, set aside an area for badminton, croquet, horseshoes or other yard games.

So, before you nix that family trip, go on a little fact-finding tour. There are deals to be had. The secret is knowing where to look and being flexible with dates and plans, if possible.

The least expensive airline flights are on off-peak days, such as Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. The costliest flights are on Sunday afternoons and Monday mornings. Consider taking the train, which usually is cheaper than flying. Renting a car from a city outlet is cheaper than at the airport counter. Hotels and motels are anxious to fill rooms. National chains may be your best bet for getting a good deal. Finally, check out convention and visitor's bureaus in cities and towns of interest to your family.

Get creative. Drive less. But get away more!

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

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Prestige over principle?

In Tim Prister's "From the Sidelines" column in the May 24 issue, he comments on the headline in the *South Bend Tribune* "Is Notre Dame Catholic Enough?" and lists the many laudable programs and activities that he feels proves the university's Catholicity.

The Catholicity of a university should be determined by the actions of its administration, faculty and student body. Despite the many excellent programs at Notre Dame, it would appear that with the university's invitation to President Obama to be commencement speaker and receive an honorary degree that Catholicity was not exhibited. The sacredness of human life is at the core of the discussion and no amount of rationalization can deny that in inviting President Obama the University of Notre Dame chose prestige over principle.

The majority of the graduating

class chose to attend the ceremonies at the Joyce Center, while 25 of their classmates had the courage to stand up for principle and instead attended a prayer rally and received their diplomas at the grotto. If after four years at a Catholic university a graduate cannot choose to oppose the appearance of someone who actively promotes the inherent evil of abortion, and do so within the friendly confines of the campus, what will their response be when they are in the "real" world and faced with defending some moral principle and the opposition is stronger and less friendly?

That will be the true answer to "Is Notre Dame Catholic Enough?"
Irene De Vliegheer
Mishawaka

Abdicated responsibilities

I wrote Father John Jenkins, President of the University of Notre Dame, the following letter follow-

ing commencement exercises on May 17.

Dear Father Jenkins,
You made a valiant attempt to justify your actions yesterday as you introduced President Obama to the audience. I thought I was listening to a campaign speech as you glorified him and his abhorrent policies. Sadly, your actions have created a deep division among ND alumni and friends of the university that will not soon be healed.

I believe you have spent far too many years in the shadow of the dome and too few among Catholics in the pews across this great nation.

We embrace the teachings of the church while you merely give lip service to them in the name of "open dialogue" and "thoughtful discussion."

I believe you have abdicated your responsibilities as moral and spiritual leader of Our Lady's university.

Bonnie Elberson
Fort Wayne

Pro-life America

Several years ago, the abortion advocacy organization, NARAL, decided to drop the word "abortion" from its name. Originally founded in 1969 as the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, NARAL changed its name in 1973 to the National Abortion Rights Action League when Roe v. Wade legalized abortion nationwide. In 2003, the "A-word" must have become too distasteful or ineffective in promoting "reproductive rights." NARAL dropped mention of abortion altogether but kept its acronym, calling itself "NARAL Pro-Choice America." Now "NARAL" presumably doesn't stand for anything.

It seems increasingly clear that "Pro-Choice America" doesn't stand for anything either. According to recent nationwide opinion polls, support for abortion is waning, and America is trending decidedly pro-life. The trend started in the early '90s during the public debate on partial-birth abortion — in which the Catholic community was highly visible. Support for Roe peaked in 1991 and has been falling ever since.

The Gallup Poll's Values and Beliefs survey released May 15 shows that Americans are taking a dramatic turn toward greater opposition to abortion. For the first time, a 51 percent majority of adults identified themselves as pro-life — an 8-point increase over the previous year. Only 42 percent called themselves pro-choice. Women have embraced the pro-life

position more, and this is the first time in nine years that significantly more men and women are pro-life than pro-choice. A total of 75 percent think that abortion should be either illegal under all circumstances (22 percent) or legal only under certain circumstances (53 percent). Only 23 percent think abortion should be legal under any circumstance. Thus fewer than one in four agrees with the current status of abortion law under Roe v. Wade, which allows abortion on demand throughout the nine months of pregnancy. Other polls conducted by Gallup, the Pew Research Center and Quinnipiac University have similar findings.

It's encouraging that we live in "Pro-Life America." This is a real sign of hope for women and their children. But the polls are not surprising because we're seeing these results confirmed by an upsurge in grassroots pro-life activism. Pro-Life America has mobilized in three recent major campaigns thanks to the hard work of a small crew at the bishops' partner organization, National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA).

Over 34 million postcards to Congress were distributed during the campaign against the introduction of the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) or similar legislation. Millions spoke up to defend the hard-won pro-life laws that have saved countless lives since Roe — laws like public funding bans and parental involvement requirements.

Then Pro-Life America got to

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BY DEIRDRE A. MCQUADE

work again, sending over 340,000 messages to the Department of Health and Human Services urging continued protection for the conscience rights of health care workers. Over 73,000 of these were sent through NCHLA's online Grassroots Action Center. In May, that same action center facilitated tens of thousands of comments to Congress and NIH opposing destructive embryonic stem-cell research and calling for ethical alternatives.

As we raise our voices to our policymakers, we must also pray that they will make wise decisions for the common good. The Pro-Life Secretariat has posted suggested prayers at www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/liturgicalprayers.shtml.

It is time to be boldly and lovingly pro-life — not just because we're in the majority, but because families are literally dying to hear the hope we have to share.

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Vatican makes great strides in recycling

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Surrounded by a city that just started a pilot recycling program in one small neighborhood, the Vatican's efforts to separate and recycle its garbage reportedly are making great strides.

"It is new, but it is moving forward seriously," said Bishop Renato Boccardo, secretary of the office governing Vatican City State.

"It has been difficult because it is a matter of education and of a certain culture and we were starting from zero," he said in late May, about 18 months after the Vatican started systematically sorting its trash and just three months after the city of Rome began doing so in the Trastevere neighborhood.

Since the beginning of 2008, the Vatican has designated 42 percent of its industrial-size trash collection containers to recyclables. The little city-state's roads and alleys are dotted with 120 containers for generic trash, 30 containers for paper, 25 for glass, 18 for plastic and 15 for aluminum and tin

cans, said Elio Cortellessa, the Vatican gardener in charge of garbage collection.

In January, the Vatican newspaper interviewed Cortellessa and emphasized the fact that with the gardeners overseeing the trash pickup, care for the natural environment is a priority.

In fact, much of the material the Vatican recycles each year consists of garden waste — pine cones, needles, leaves, palm fronds and grass clippings. Gardens and lawns cover almost half of the Vatican's 108 acres.

With a small gem to protect and the price of hauling trash to landfills continually increasing, the Vatican is trying to get its employees "to reflect a minute before throwing anything away," Bishop Boccardo said.

The next step is to get the millions of people who visit the Vatican each year to do the same, he said, adding that his office is planning to provide separate bins for plastic water bottles and for soft drink cans in the Vatican

THE VATICAN LETTER

CINDY WOODEN

Museums and in St. Peter's Square, the two main tourist spots.

The governor's office does not, however, take care of garbage collection and recycling for the many Vatican congregations, pontifical councils and other offices located outside the Vatican walls. Even the Vatican press office, just across the street from St. Peter's Square, has to make do with the sanitation services offered by the city of Rome.

Fortunately, on the street behind the press office, the city has placed a jumbo-sized collec-

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God meets us through Jesus



MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Holy Trinity Mt 28:16-20

The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of this feast's first reading. Deuteronomy is the fifth book now in sequence in the Old Testament. It is one of the five books that form for Jews the basic revelation by God.

This reading describes an instruction given by Moses to the Hebrew people as they wandered across the Sinai Peninsula, fleeing Egypt where they had been slaves, and in search of the land God had promised them.

In this reading, Moses is quoted as having told the people that God created all. God had spoken to them. God is in heaven. Finally, Moses said that the people must obey God's commandments.

Hearing a reading of these verses thousands of years after the fact causes us to lose at least some of the force within them. At the time, these words were extraordinarily powerful. They revealed God. Moreover, they were God's own revelation.

For the second reading this weekend, the church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Romans. By the time St. Paul wrote this letter to the Christians of Rome, the reality of God, certainly as understood in the Jewish

tradition and in the Christian tradition beginning to form, was accepted.

The marvel in Paul's message is that Christians share the divine life. They are more than creatures of God. They are God's children. God is the father. Indeed, disciples are encouraged to address God as "Father," indeed as "Abba," an ancient term for fathers that was a particular gentle and loving endearment.

Paul continues. As children of God, the faithful are heirs to the eternal life of God. All this, of course, is accomplished in and through the individual Christian's bond with the Lord Jesus.

St. Matthew's Gospel supplies the last reading.

It is a Resurrection Narrative, clear and compelling. The risen Lord appears before the 11 surviving apostles on a mountain. He spoke to them in human words. They understood. He conferred upon them all authority on earth and in heaven. He then commissioned them to go into the entire world, bringing all whom they would meet into the one body, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Then, Jesus promised to be with them until the end of the world.

Reflection

Overall, the teaching in these lessons is that God lives, and that God unites with us. He communicates with us. He meets us in our world. He speaks our language.

We belong to God, because we are God's children. We are much, much more than creatures or possessions. We are God's children, heirs to God's eternal life, and one with Jesus, the son of God and savior.

The church makes these reassuring points. It tells us about God. It tells us about ourselves.

It tells us that God loves us. How? By giving us the Lord Jesus as our redeemer. God loves us by giving us bearers of the divine word, such as Moses and Paul.

God loves us by giving us the apostles. They were more than humans who simply had the opportunity to meet Jesus and to learn from Jesus. Jesus sent them into the world, to us, to give us the words of salvation, the words by which to live.

Their tradition, indeed their presence, endures among us. It continues in their successors, the bishops, and in the church guided by the bishops.

In these lessons, the church is frank. God is everything. He alone gives life and peace. Nothing else is lasting, secure or real. God loves us. He reveals the most intimate detail of divinity to us, the Trinity, that we might truly know God. He reaches to us in Jesus. Through Jesus, God reaches to us and meets us.

READINGS

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34,39-40 Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7 Ps 34:2-9 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129-133,135 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 116:10-11,15-18 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4,8-9,11-12 Mt 5:33-37

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

We don't know if brides in the Bible preferred to get married in June, but marriage was an important element of life for both Jews and Christians. This quiz looks at weddings and marriage in Scripture.

- 1. Marriage was often used by prophets such as Hosea as an analogy for**
 - a. the relationship of Judea with Roman
 - b. the relationship between a master and a slave
 - c. the relationship between Israel and JHWH
- 2. Occasionally in the Old Testament we hear about this, which is not a feature of Jewish (or Christian) marriages in the New Testament:**
 - a. Weddings between believers and pagans
 - b. Polygamy
 - c. Marriage of gods and goddesses
- 3. We know this because Deuteronomy 21 actually gives regulations for how to**
 - a. harmonize the pagan teachings with the Torah
 - b. regulate the treatment of sons by two wives
 - c. know that the participants are divine
- 4. Deuteronomy also tells us some technicalities that would no longer apply. For one, if a man marries a captive he must**
 - a. pay off her master with \$100 gold pieces
 - b. set her free if he later tires of her, instead of selling her
 - c. shave her head and cut her nails
- 5. The Old Testament suggests that endogamy was common. One example of this occurred when Abraham sent for a wife from back in Mesopotamia. What is it?**
 - a. marriage from within one's clan or kinship group
 - b. marriage outside of the group
 - c. marriage between first generation Mesopotamians
- 6. And yet these men practice the reverse, exogamy.**
 - a. Shiloh, Tabitha and Hun
 - b. Paul, Jesus and Pilate
 - c. Esau, David and Joseph (of the fancy coat, not husband of Mary)
- 7. Marriages began of course with a wedding. Few are described in detail, and many historians think this simple reason is why.**
 - a. Marriage was secret because the Egyptians might kill the first born.
 - b. Everyone knew what was done a wedding so it would seem redundant to be detailed.
 - c. Marriage was shameful so never spoken of or commemorated.
- 8. Psalm 45: 7-14 suggests that brides dressed like this at a wedding:**
 - a. In the finest garments they could
 - b. All in black as they were never coming home
 - c. In bandages, as they might later become mummies
- 9. The description of a bride in Rev. 19 hints at this custom, still often followed today:**
 - a. Brides often wore white
 - b. Bridegrooms always got drunk at their wedding
 - c. Bad singers showed up to every wedding
- 10. Hinted at in Gen. 24, brides generally wore one of these:**
 - a. A menorah on their head
 - b. A veil
 - c. A feather headdress not unlike Plains Indians
- 11. Another tradition still followed, mentioned in both Old and New Testaments is the important role of this man:**
 - a. The bishop
 - b. The father of the bridegroom
 - c. The best man
- 12. It is very dear from Matthew's Gospel that it was considered a great insult to**
 - a. reject a wedding invitation
 - b. run off with the bride
 - c. tie tin cans onto the back of the wedding chariot
- 13. One thing we know was served at weddings was wine. What was the Jesus' connection with that?**
 - a. No obvious one, but Jesus allowed grapes to grow before Miriam's wedding
 - b. Jesus initiated his ministry at a wedding, changing water to wine
 - c. Jesus himself drank the cup of friendship at Paul's wedding.

ANSWERS:

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

Passing the torch of Catholic faith

Many families will hold family reunions in the approaching weeks of summer.

We owe a debt of thanks to our families, the sisters, brothers and priests and laypeople who taught and guided our Catholic schools for so many years. Their efforts have led to prosperity of my generation. And this has made our Catholic community an environment in which we desire to raise our children.

This has become especially apparent to me at my parish, St. Aloysius, as we prepare for our upcoming 150th anniversary on June 21, which is the feast of St. Aloysius.

St. Aloysius is a parish rich in multi-generations, but also growing with new families. Those of us with many generations in the parish, plan to share family trees at the sesquicentennial celebration.

In the historical research collected by parishioner Connor Loesch, we discovered an old map

that will be used in the history book. The map details the landowners of Pleasant Township, where St. Aloysius is located, in the late 1800s. I was able to trace down where my Grandma Hoffman's family, the Landstoffers, resided in the St. Aloysius community.

We all have a family faith history. On my mother's side of the family that history includes parishes like St. Aloysius, Yoder, and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, where my Grandpa Hoffman grew up. On the Johnson side, parishes like St. Mary and Ss. Peter and Paul in Huntington nurtured my dad's and grandparents' faith.

Most of us who are cradle Catholics, tend to take our faith history for granted; but think of the sacrifices my mom and dad made to give us a Catholic education. I think about my Hoffman grandparents who raised their children through the Great Depression and insisted on a Catholic education despite the costs and sacrifice.

MANY HATS



BY TIM JOHNSON

A few years ago, after my dad passed away, we were going through his momentos. I came across a cigar box full of old rosaries, religious medals, etc. It gave me a sense of my Johnson grandparents' faith and how it was passed to my dad.

So as we celebrate our parish histories and family reunions this summer, let's all appreciate the challenges generations before us faced to pass along the torch of faith. And let us pray for our loved ones and their eternal rest.

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

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 7, 2009

Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 8:14-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel and the First Reading for the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle B. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Reflection of God

You wait for months and you labor for hours. You skip coffee and wine and fatty snacks for his benefit. Finally, you receive this baby, who, in a blink of an eye or rather a single final push, changes your world forever, this baby whose every move you chart, feel, assess, watch and hover over. You spend nights rocking him through goodness-knows-what-kind of colic or fussiness. You sleep lightly and check on him 100 times a night, just to make sure he's breathing because after you give birth to him he is the breath of life itself to you.

You give up sleep, hobbies, time and peace of mind for him. You pray, worry, plead with God for only the best for him. You sit up nights to figure out how to afford the best education for him and how to teach him all he needs to know to love God and do his will. You wonder, ponder and strain your brain to figure out if vaccinating is the right thing or not. You question whether you feed him too much or not enough, indulge him too much or not enough, discipline him too much or not enough, spend time with him too much or not enough. You want to buy him all the cutest outfits you see and all the toys they make. You cannot, and it's a good thing, because you would. There are not enough hours in a day to love this child.

He stretches towards his independence and you try to be patient. It is painful for him because he can't stretch far enough for his tastes. It's painful for you because he stretches too far for yours. He extends. He comes back, and you no sooner relax then he stretches forward again, each time pressing a little bit further away from you. Both of your elasticity grows.

When he gets his driver's



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THERESA A. THOMAS

license you keep one eye on the clock, figure out how much time it should take him to each destination, and worry and pray when his return is a minute too long. When he gets his first job you are so proud that your heart swells to almost bursting. He is growing into a responsible human being, and Mozart's mother could not have felt more satisfaction at hearing her son's first concerto. When he leaves for college you feel your heart will break with loneliness.

He hurries in and out, not meaning to rush past you to his dizzying scheduled events. He doesn't know why you stop your work and sit at the stool when he comes in and don't resume until he is up and out the door again. He doesn't see your struggle to hold your tongue in offering advice or direction unless asked, knowing he is capable now and not wanting to annoy. He doesn't know you worry he'll move far away forever and you will be left with his 20-year-old worn, nursery teddy bear as consolation. He doesn't realize that when he stops momentarily for a quick hug before rushing out the door, that you treasure that gesture and recall it again and again.

No, he doesn't know these things, and won't know, perhaps for another 20 years. It will dawn on him in the dusk of an evening perhaps after his own child leaves for a movie with his friend with a promise to be home "some time later." He will suddenly understand. It will become clear like

grey, parting clouds revealing an eternal blue sky in a high but gentle wind that comes seemingly out of nowhere but has been imminent all along.

In this swift revelation of the obvious he will call his mother and he will say, "I love you and thank you for everything you have done. I never realized." And he won't have, at least not until then. Paradoxically, he will not ever be able to repay that love to the one who loved first and most, but can only honor it truly and fittingly by bestowing it devotedly upon another unsuspecting progeny.

A parent's love is mostly paid forward, not backward, and the recipient is unaware for years of the tenderness and care and severe, deep devotion his parent has had for him. Upon discovering this simple fact, when the light has finally been shone on the steadfast love, the secret circle will be complete — apparent and yet unknown for another generation.

In that one defining moment, he, the son, discovers personally and profoundly how sacrifice and love fit together so completely that they cannot be separated, like a rose with its thorns or a sunset with the darkness that envelops it. He learns Truth. He learns about real love, and in doing so he learns about God.

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LETTER

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tion bin for paper alongside its regular trash receptacles.

"I take the paper out personally," said Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, vice director of the press office.

Leftover copies of the daily press bulletin, newspapers and the daily press clipping service mean the priest gets plenty of exercise. However, he said, the press office is making a concerted effort to reduce its waste paper by getting Vatican officials to read the daily press clipping service online instead of in printed form.

Printing on all that paper also means the press office uses a significant amount of toner and ink, and those cartridges are picked up on a regular basis by a cooperative that recycles them, Father Benedettini said.

The priest said introducing the recycling measures was not much of a challenge: "there is great sensitivity here," he said.

While the press office produces an impressive pile of recyclable paper, it's nothing compared to the mountain of paper discarded each day by the Vatican printing press, which is responsible for printing the daily Vatican newspaper, its weekly editions in six languages as well as books, calendars, papal Mass programs, greeting cards and postcards.

Getting rid of all that paper costs very little and sometimes, depending on the market value of paper, even earns the Vatican money; the Vatican newspaper reported that sales of the waste paper often generates more money than it costs to hire a truck to take it away.

But paper and garden waste are not the only garbage the Vatican produces on an industrial scale, said Cortellessa.

The Vatican has separate contracts with companies that haul away and treat with environmental sensitivity the byproducts of the popular butcher's counter in the Vatican supermarket, expired medications from the Vatican pharmacy and biomedical waste from the Vatican health service, Cortellessa said.

Even though the Vatican is set in a garden and has fewer than 500 residents, he said there was a house-by-house and office-by-office effort to break the practice, common in Rome, of setting garbage bags and broken household appliances on the street corners in the hopes that a garbage collector would pick them up.

Now, he said, Vatican residents and employees call a number, and a truck arrives to collect and properly dispose of broken appliances, discarded furniture, old car batteries and tires, large packing materials and fluorescent light bulbs — none of which go into the regular recycling containers.

All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic joins the Serra Club in sponsoring the All-Diocese Team, highlighting athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized in character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches. The All Diocese Teams will be featured three times during the year: for fall, winter and spring sports.

SAINT JOSEPH'S

Softball



Lexie Czarnecki, senior, infield, Corpus Christi



Sydney Hofferth, junior, infield, St. Joseph, South Bend



Amanda Chamblee, junior, infield, Little Flower

Tennis



Bridget Veldman, sophomore, Christ the King



Elle Harding, sophomore, Christ the King

Golf



Tyler Bliha, junior, Christ the King



Sean Flanagan, junior, Christ the King

Baseball



David Osowski, senior, pitcher, Corpus Christi



Andrew Vasquez, senior, pitcher, Corpus Christi



Erick Mentock, senior, infield, St. Joseph, South Bend

Girls Track and Field



Meghan Czarnecki, junior, Corpus Christi



Molly Moskwinski, senior, Christ the King



Tayler Turner, junior, St. Pius X, Granger



Mikaila Chamblee, junior, Little Flower

Boys Track and Field



Mike Bradley, junior, St. Matthew Cathedral



Connor Method, freshman, St. Pius X, Granger



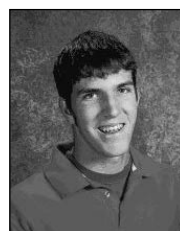
Brendan Favo, junior, Corpus Christi



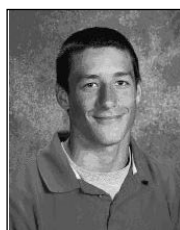
Luke O'Connor, junior, Christ the King

MARIAN

Baseball



Jordan Niespodziany, senior, pitcher, St. Jude



Chase Parker, sophomore, outfield, St. Matthew Cathedral



Bobby Norell, freshman, short stop, St. Thomas, Elkhart

Softball



Ashleigh Bousquet, junior, third base, Holy Family



Alexandra Bousquet, junior, shortstop, Holy Family



Santana Bozman, senior, first base

Boys Golf



Adam Sumrall, senior, No. 1 position



Chris Paluf, senior, No. 4 position

Girls Track and Field



Elizabeth Majewski, senior, sprinter/middle distance, St. Bavo, Mishawaka



Emily Griffith, junior, hurdles, St. Anthony de Padua



Tracy Scott, freshman, sprinter, St. Matthew Cathedral



Caitlyn Koscielski, senior, distance, St. Pius X, Granger

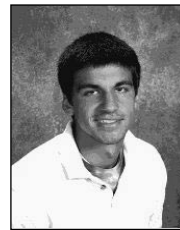
Boys Track and Field



Matt Neuhoff, senior, high jumper, St. Joseph, South Bend



Paul Ogren, senior, sprinter, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Patrick Julien, senior, middle distance, St. Joseph, South Bend



Tyrus Kozinski, senior, thrower, St. Pius X, Granger

Bishop Luers

Baseball



Aaron Franke, senior, first base, St. John the Baptist, New Haven



Charlie Pfister, sophomore, pitcher, St. Joseph, Roanoke



Steve Kiermaier, sophomore, outfielder, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

Boys Golf



Cody Miller, senior, No. 1 golfer, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel



Ryan Eifrid, senior, No. 2 golfer, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

Girls Tennis



Katy Konzem, senior, No. 1 singles, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Rachel Anspach, senior, No. 1 doubles, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Softball



Amy Morrison, junior, pitcher, St. Charles



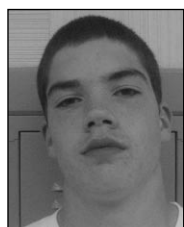
Lauren Oberley, senior, second base, St. Rose, Monroeville



Kelsey Wyss, senior, shortstop, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

Boys Track and Field

400-meter relay team



Billy McManus, sophomore, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Caleb Shutt, sophomore, St. Therese



Courtney Mitchell, junior



Gabe Sundberg, sophomore, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Nate Romine, senior, shotput, St. Therese



Mike Goodwin, senior, discus, Queen of Angels



Austin Carteaux, senior, sprints, Queen of Angels



Jeff Andrews, senior, 800-meter, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Girls Track and Field

3,200-meter relay team



Anne-Marie Shank, sophomore, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Rachel Crouch, freshman, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Nichole Wellman, senior



Morgan Carroll, sophomore



Jennifer Byrd, senior, shot, discus, St. Aloysius, Yoder



Kara Baumgartner, senior, sprints, relays, St. John the Baptist



Heather Thelen, senior, sprints, relays, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Amy Swygart, senior, pole vault, St. Rose, Monroeville

Bishop Dwenger

Baseball



Corey Marchant, senior, shortstop, St. Charles



Scott Scheumann, senior, pitcher, St. Charles



Ryan Fenker, senior, catcher, St. Charles

Softball



Andrea Filler, sophomore, pitcher/shortstop, St. Vincent



Ashley Burkhardt, sophomore, shortstop/pitcher, St. Charles



Maureen Denihan, junior, first base, St. Patrick

Boys Track and Field

1,600-meter relay team



Bryan Weisman, senior, St. Jude



Robby Kimes, senior, Queen of Angels



Alex Bavis, senior, St. Jude



Bobby Jauch, freshman, St. Charles



Joel Beier, junior, shotput and discus, St. Charles



Alex Bavis, senior, high jump, St. Jude



Andrew Eckrich, freshman, distance, St. Jude



Robby Kimes, senior, hurdles, Queen of Angels

Girls Track and Field

3,200-meter relay team



Sarah Kleber, freshman, St. Vincent



Natalie Kocks, sophomore, St. Charles



Aubrey Schrader, freshman, St. Jude



Mary Beier, freshman, St. Charles



Julia Lee, sophomore, distance, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Christina Widner, freshman, shotput and discus, St. Vincent de Paul



Yvonne Rush, senior, high jump and long jump, St. John the Baptist, New Haven



Danielle Messman, freshman, sprints, St. Charles

Boys Golf



Danny Schenkel, junior, St. Vincent



Tim Burns, junior, St. Vincent

Girls Tennis



Ashlyn Rang, sophomore, singles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Danielle Maxson, sophomore, doubles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Allie Beach, junior, doubles, St. Vincent de Paul

Christ the King is ICCL varsity boys baseball champions

SOUTH BEND — The Kings (12-0-1) of Christ the King Parish took the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) crown May 27 with a 6-1 victory over the St. Matthew Blazers (6-5-1) at Kennedy Field in front of a capacity crowd.

The game was far from decided until the late innings. The Kings struck first with two runs in the first on base hits by Tom Mackey, Mat Monserez and Giotto Irons followed by an RBI double by Ben Getz.

The Blazers were held in check by Tom Mackey until the fourth when Matt Roscyki singled up the middle, stole second and third.

Luke Gaboury drove him in on a fielder's choice. Gaboury kept the game close until the Kings rallied with four runs in the sixth inning on base hits by Getz, Ryan Jamieson and Jimmy Norquist.

The Blazers were shut down for the final three innings by the King's closer, Brad Hartman. Pat Quinn threw an inning and a third of no hit ball in relief for St. Matthew's.

The championship game featured defensive plays by both teams. Right fielders Cole Mead (St. Matthew) made a diving catch and Bailey Sexton (Christ the King) made a running catch going into the gap in right center.

Kings third baseman Ryan Jamieson made four great plays on hard hits by the Blazers. Kings catcher Giotto Irons caught one runner stealing second and Tom Mackey picked one off second base to stop Blazer rallies in the second and third innings.

The win capped off a terrific season for the undefeated John Bosco Division Champs. The Kings plowed through the tournament with wins against St. Monica, St. Jude (Martin De Porres division champ) and St. Joseph, South Bend, before meeting St. Matthew in the final.

The Christ the King season was highlighted with great pitching efforts by Tom Mackey (seven wins, 33 innings, 1.48 ERA, 52 strikeouts) and Brad Hartman (three wins, 21 innings, 39 strikeouts). Hartman finished the season with an astounding 0.00 earned run average. The Kings' pitchers and catchers accounted for seven pick offs and nine caught stealing.

The road to the final for St. Matthew went through Holy Family and Queen of Peace. Both games were rematches with a better ending for the Blazers. They lost to Holy Family, 13-3, and tied Queen of Peace during the regular season.

St. Charles Cardinals take CYO tournament championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles' Jordan Schneider led her team on the mound and at the plate in the 2009 Catholic Youth League (CYO) tournament championship on May 8.

The seventh grader had 13 strikeouts and two RBI's in the sixth inning to push the Cardinals past St. Vincent, 3-1.

"We were down 1-0 going into the sixth. We scored all three runs in that inning," explained Coach Scott Burkhardt.

Bishop Dwenger-bound Erica Miller also played a key role in the Cardinals' championship season, while Demitra Burns pitched an impressive game for the Panthers giving up very few hits and striking out several batters in the loss.

The Panthers beat St. Jude 8 and Decatur on their road to the final game.

With several rain-outs, the Cardinals entered the blind-draw tournament with a 2-0 record. First round action saw St. Charles beat St.



ANDREA FISHER

St. Charles 8 girls Cardinal softball team, shown above, claimed the CYO tournament championship on May 8.



Jude 7. In the semifinals, St. Charles scored the first three runs starting out 3-0 against a tough St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth/St.

Therese/St. John, Fort Wayne group.

Their opponents answered back and took the lead, 5-3, as

the time limit was approaching. As the final minutes expired, St. Charles scored three to go ahead, 6-5, for the win before facing St. Vincent in the final battle. The champs finished the season with a perfect 5-0 record. Six-year veteran, Burkhardt added, "There was a good crowd on hand to watch the championship at St. Charles field."

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

St. Aloysius to hold sesquicentennial events

Yoder — St. Aloysius Parish will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a dance that will feature Die Freudemacher Band with German music, polkas and square dances on Saturday, June 20, from 7-10 p.m. in the activity center. Freewill donation. Snacks and drinks available for purchase. On Sunday, June 21, Bishop D'Arcy will celebrate the 11 a.m. Mass and dedicate the new altar. Barbecue, snacks and children's games will follow. At 3 p.m. a Marian music concert, featuring the parish choir and musicians will be held in the church. The concert is free.

Retreat offered for grieving parents

Huntington — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home will host a free retreat for grieving parents on Saturday, June 6, at the Victory Noll Center, 1900 W. Park Dr. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the retreat from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The retreat will reflect on the writings of James E. Miller's, "When Mourning Dawns: Living Your Way Fully Through the Seasons of Your Grief." Breakfast and lunch will be served. Participants are asked to bring a picture of their child. Contact Lili Carroll at lilicarroll@vnhh.org or Bonnie Knuth at bonnieknuth@vnhh.org or call (260) 435-322 or (800) 288-4111 for reservations.

All-class reunion planned

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School is planning an all-class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. If you attended Our Lady of Hungary School and would like to attend this reunion (21 and over only), please mail your name (and/or maiden name), address, phone, e-mail and class year, along with \$15 registration fee to: OLH Alumni Assoc., 331 Parkovash Ave., South Bend, IN 46617. You may also register and pay online at: www.ourlady-ofhungary.com/alumni.htm.

German Mass and dinner

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St. 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 Dammendor 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.

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 fol-

low. Keynote speaker will be Dave Steffen from The DeHayes Group. Tickets must be purchased online at www.thecatholicbusinessnetwork.com by June 3. Cost is \$15, members are free. No walk-ins allowed.

FUNDRAISERS

Spaghetti dinner supports seminarian program

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570 together with the Serra Club will have a spaghetti dinner, Thursday, June 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for the Serra Club's seminarian program. Adults \$7, children 5 to 12 \$2.50. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and dessert. Council is located at 5202 Linden Ave., one block east of Mayflower Road.

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Barbara A. Britton, 64, St. Thomas the Apostle

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Elaine M. Herber, 62, St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel

Mary K. Schmenk, 84, Sacred Heart

Barbara J. Downey, 64, St. Vincent de Paul

Stephen Curran Gutermuth, 72, St. John the Baptist

Carl S. Offerle, 89, Most Precious Blood

Janice Perkins, St. Jude

Granger Edward G. Wojcik, 87, St. Pius X

Mishawaka

William M. VanderHagen, 81, St. Bavo

Janet L. Reed, 75, St. Joseph

Plymouth

Ester O. Hernandez, 96, St. Michael

Anna Lehocky, 89, St. Michael

Olive M. Olson, 86, St. Michael

South Bend

Joseph A. Buda, 66, Queen of Peace

Desmond John Glick, 62, Christ the king

Chester E. Kistler, 89, Little Flower

William Echard, 82, Holy Cross

Ellen Sophie Faulhaber, 90, Holy Family

Mary Dominiak, 84, Holy Family

Christopher B. Samp, 51, St. Hedwig

Boppin' at Besancon

New Haven — St. Louis Academy will have a 50s weekend fundraiser to benefit the school. Friday night will feature a drive-in dinner for \$5 with hot dog or cheeseburger, fries and a rootbeer float from 5-7 p.m. Saturday night will feature a sock hop from 8-11 p.m. with music by Biff and the Cruisers. Tickets in advance are \$20 couple, \$10 single, include drink

ticket and snacks. Beer and wine will be available. Call (260) 623-3561 or the school. Tickets will be \$5 more at the door. All events will be in the parish hall.

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.



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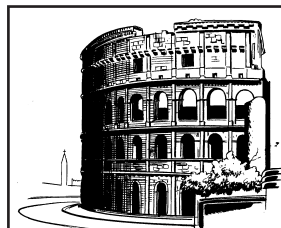
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Feast of Corpus Christi



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• Eucharistic Procession
with the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction 5 - 6 PM

Homilist - Father David Voors
Sunday, June 14, 2009

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FATHER ROBERT DOMBROWSKI REMEMBERED AT MEMORIAL MASS



KAY COZAD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated a memorial Mass for Father Robert Dombrowski at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on May 14. Father Dombrowski, who was a retired priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died in April in Eureka, Ark. He was 74. Father Dombrowski served for many years as the chaplain in the U.S. Army, but also pastored at St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur and St. Dominic Parish in Bremen. Eleven priests from all over the diocese who were friends of Father Dombrowski, concelebrated the Mass.

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:

"God, Help Me: How to Grow in Prayer" by Jim Beckman

Reviewed by Kay Cozad

Today's Catholic book-of-the-month selection for June is Jim Beckman's "God, Help Me: How to Grow in Prayer," published by Servant Books, St. Anthony Messenger Press. ISBN: 978-0-86716-890-7.

Open "God, Help Me: How to Grow in Prayer," and see how author Jim Beckman jumps feet first into this complex subject beginning with the introduction where he writes, "Through prayer ... we come to a full understanding of who we are and why we are here." Quenching the longing to find that understanding resides, he says, in forming a deep relationship with God through prayer. And not just random moments in prayer but a journey of consistently showing up with the disposition of the heart when you are there.

He writes with a passion that is forthcoming, adding anecdotes of honest prayer life development from his own life as well as from the lives of his children and others he has worked with.

The thought-provoking first chapter explores common excuses why a prayer life may be inconsistent or shallow with powerful direction toward prayer. Beckman uses inspirational quotes from authors and saints to drive home his message.

He proceeds with great energy to a discussion on the distractions of our culture and how to open to the bigger picture and our role in the story of salvation.

Using St. Ignatius and his unique approach to spirituality, the author offers a look into the inner dynamics of prayer. Concluding that all prayer must take place with heart, Beckman describes the heart as thoughts, feelings and desires. Moreover, three levels of the heart — surface,

deeper movement and the spiritual level — provide a foundation for the understanding of effective prayer.

Prayer, he says, requires "risk and honesty." And there are times of closeness and times of distance to any prayer life. Never, he says, give up praying in those distant times. "You may miss some or even all of the deep connecting moments with the Lord that will cement your relationship with him," writes Beckman.

Acknowledging that there is an enemy to prayer, the book gives a three-part discernment of spirits for those interested in developing their relationship with God. Being aware, understanding and taking action, taken again from St. Ignatius, are well presented and useful tactics to get to a deeper level of prayer, along with his 14 basic rules for discernment. But the heart of the book and a blue print for successful prayer are the workings of the dynamics of prayer explained on page 60. With committed use of "acknowledge, relate, receive and respond," prayer can become full and rich with practice.

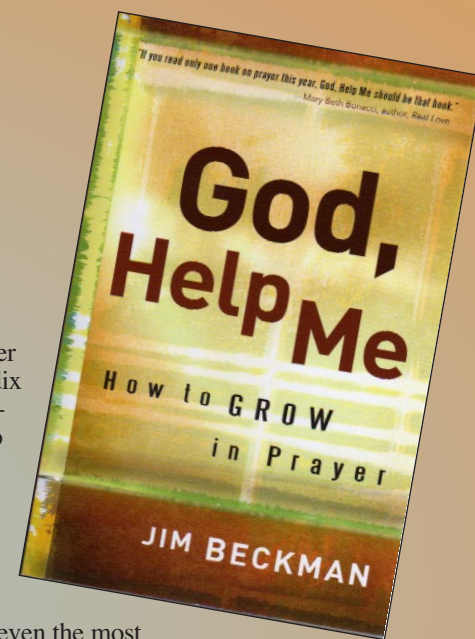
Part three offers Scripture and stories to illuminate the idea of using imagination in prayer and how to approach making prayer a habit. The destination of this life is heaven, Beckman concedes, and the church and the sacraments become our vehicle by which to gain that new life. And our receptivity of that new life comes through prayer.

The book closes with real life, inspirational testimonies from the saint to the student. Five appendixes offer scholarly writings on specific notions Beckman integrates into his writing, with appendix four offering suggestions for

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family or group prayer and appendix five providing ways to pray with Scripture.

The 168-page tome can be an eye opener for even the most dedicated prayer, with its fresh insights and church-based foundational information. The anecdotes bring to life the meaning of Beckman's words, "God doesn't want you to live the Christian life ... He wants Jesus to live the Christian life in you!"



Questions for discussion

- Beckman discusses several excuses as to why prayer is not a common practice on pages 13-18. Can you relate to any/all of these? Explain.
- Have you ever experienced "desolation" as described on page 43? How did it impact your prayer life?
- How do you think the dynamics of prayer — acknowledge, relate, receive and respond — could impact your prayer life?

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