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## Wit and wisdom of Lou Holtz assists Women's Care Center

Support from community was overwhelming

BY BONNIE ELBERSON



KAY COZAD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy presents former Notre Dame football coach and longtime friend Lou Holtz with a statue of Our Lady at the close of a special fund-raising dinner for the Women's Care Center.

FORT WAYNE — Former University of Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz was the featured speaker at a dinner held recently at the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne. The fundraising event was held to benefit the local Women's Care Center on the fifth anniversary of its founding.

Holtz addressed the audience with his customary rapid-fire delivery, striding back and forth across the stage while mixing self-deprecating humor and an inspirational message that had his audience enthralled for the better part of an hour.

He began by praising the work of the Women's Care Center. "It is great for me to be here for such a good cause. I came here out of tremendous respect for this community."

He continued by saying that everyone should have a dream that inspires them and he shared with the audience his personal life rules for achieving that dream. First, "do right," he said. Second, "do everything to the best of your ability," and third, "show people you care."

In addition, Holtz said, everyone needs something to do that he is passionate about, someone to love who returns that love, something to hope for along life's path and someone to believe in, namely God. That is the simple formula for success, he pointed out.

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## Year for Priests Web site highlights celebration

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations has set up a Web site to mark the Year for Priests, to be celebrated June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010, throughout the world.

Pope Benedict XVI has designated the year-long celebration to begin on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a day of prayer for the sanctification of all priests. The pope also has designated St. John Vianney as the universal patron of all priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the saint's death. The saint, who also is known as the Cure of Ars, is the patron of parish priests.

The Year for Priests Web site can be found at [www.usccb.org/yearforpriests](http://www.usccb.org/yearforpriests).

Elements of the site include Pope Benedict's message for the occasion and the announcement of the plenary indulgence in both English and Spanish in conjunction with the celebration. Additional elements include prayers that have been commissioned for both priests and laity. PDF documents of these prayers (English/Spanish) can be downloaded and printed for diocesan and parochial use.

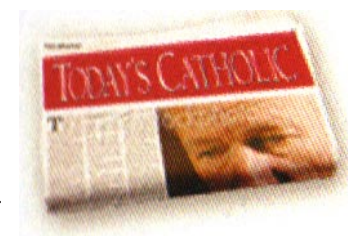
During the year, the secretariat will provide monthly articles by prominent Catholic women who will write about their faith and trust in the priesthood.

Other activities for the Year for Priests will include a gathering of priests in Rome

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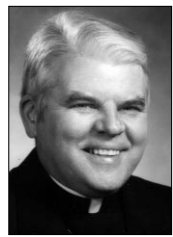
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# Fundraiser strengthens the work of protecting little babies



NEWS  
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## A night to remember

A few years ago, a note from Ann Murphy Mannion, president of Women's Care Center, indicated to me that the Women's Care Center in Fort Wayne was growing so fast, and so many young women and their babies were being helped, that there was need of a major fundraiser. What to do? I thought of my dear friend, Lou Holtz. Many years ago, he helped us with a fundraiser for Catholic Charities and also for Vincent House. I wrote to him and asked him if he could come sometime between the next 12-18 months; and through his office, we settled on June 2, 2009.

## So many highlights

The crowd was about 400, at \$250 a plate.

Surely, a highlight was to see Lou with several of his old players all at a table made possible by Ruth Beier, herself a Notre Dame graduate. It included the great Jeff Burris, who played so many years in the NFL, and played both ways at Notre Dame; Reggie Brooks, who became a Catholic during his time at Notre Dame or perhaps shortly after, and is now a member of Holy Cross Parish, South Bend, with his family; much talk about his game-winning catch against Penn State — our own Brian Baker — a walk-on, and now both a CPA and an attorney in Indianapolis, and a legendary running back on two championship teams at Bishop Dwenger. It is said that he scored 30 touchdowns as a senior at Dwenger; another lineman, named Josh Hamilton. Seeing Lou greet them was special.

We did an auction similar to what we do in the high schools, and realized \$66,000 for Women's Care Center. When the full amount raised is in, I will share it with you.

There was a superb presentation by Anne Koehl, director of the Fort Wayne program, and the presence of a woman soon to be married with her little baby and her husband-to-be, the father of the baby, and the story of how she had driven around Fort Wayne and nearly given up before parking the car and walking and finding the Women's Care Center where she also found the hope, love, understanding and consolation that she needed to help her baby. She had given permission for the reading of a letter explaining how the Women's Care Center had helped her tell her mother about her pregnancy, and the beautiful baby was with her at the dinner.

John Tippmann, Don McArdle and Don Dimberio — the real mainstays; along with Dee Dee Dahm, Maureen Schott, Ruth Beier, Don Schenkel; and also Cathie

Humbarger of Allen County Right to Life — who made it all possible through months of planning.

Lou's talk — inspirational and joyful as always. Everyone crowding around the coach afterwards to speak with him and get an autograph.

The joy of having Mass and breakfast with Lou and his friend, Skip Strzelecki, at my home the next morning before taking them to the airport. The chance again to greet Dick Rosenthal, a longtime friend and former athletic director at Notre Dame and a great friend of the coach.

Above all, a joyful evening, and yet the opportunity to strengthen so deeply the work of protecting little babies and their mothers before and after birth. Of course, Lou played golf earlier in the day. The ever-present Bobby Williams, development director for the Women's Care Center Foundation, making so much of it possible.

## And the presence of the foundress

You have to pause and reflect about Janet Smith, Ph.D. She was a professor at Notre Dame, of the department of liberal studies, where she influenced, very profoundly, hundreds of young Catholics and others. Seeing so many students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's and other colleges, as well as non-students, becoming pregnant with no one to turn to; she found the small blue house near the campus, and thus began the Women's Care Center.

Janet has been a warrior for the church's teaching on life, and chastity and marital love.

Her tape on contraception, so reasonable and beautiful, has been given to millions of young people preparing for marriage and those already married — a clear presentation in support of always being open to life.

She speaks at colleges, universities, everywhere; and in more recent years at state colleges.

Almost alone, she and Lisa Everett and a few others picketed the famous speech years ago of Gov. Mario Cuomo at Notre Dame. She was present at the pro-life rally on the day of graduation at Notre Dame and again at this event with Lou Holtz. Not surprisingly, there was a young woman with her who has founded a pro-life pregnancy center in Michigan.

Dr. Janet is now a professor at the Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, where young men are prepared for the priesthood. You made it all possible, Janet, because you decided not to just let things happen — but to do something.

## Feast of the Holy Trinity

A beautiful Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Trinity Sunday with confirmation for 48 adults.

A special joy that there were five Burmese confirmed. I am grateful to Father Philip Aung Nge, who is living at our cathedral for several weeks to give spiritual care to the Burmese. At the end of the month, he will join in marriage nine couples at the cathedral in one ceremony.

He prepared these five for confirmation, and has been hearing confessions and giving instructions.

It reminded me about the early days when a pioneer priest would come and stay awhile, and regularize marriages, and see that people's spiritual needs are taken care of.

Father Philip is studying theology at Saint Joseph's Seminary in New York with two other priests.

With all that pastoral and sacramental work, he was still able to play some tennis. He called it "ground tennis" to distinguish it, he said, from table tennis.

Also, many Hispanic Catholics from St. Patrick Parish.

## Speaking of universality

With Father Philip Aung Nge at the cathedral, we now have a priest from Uganda, Nigeria, India and Burma. All are exemplary. In addition, we have Father Jim Stoyale and Father Bob Schulte — the rector. But as you probably notice in reading the newspaper this week, this will all soon change.

## North to Kalamazoo

With the help of the excellent navigator, Deacon Jake Runyon, who was my driver, I went to the installation of a new bishop at St. Augustine's Cathedral in Kalamazoo. This diocese, started in 1971, is much younger than ours; but it was a joy to be with some other bishops at this local church just north of South Bend, and greet the new diocesan pastor Bishop Paul Bradley — a native of Pittsburgh.

## The feast of Corpus Christi

This splendid feast, like Trinity Sunday, developed later in the church, but it points out something supremely Catholic; namely, the presence of Jesus Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, as the Council of Trent proclaimed in the holy Eucharist, reserved in the tabernacle for a dual purpose; namely, Communion to the sick, and the prayer and adoration of the faithful.

This does not mean that faith in the real presence is new. St. Augustine said, "Before you receive the Host, you should adore it; and if you do not adore it, you have sinned." The presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle is important; it is what has made our Catholic churches unique and holy over the years. This week, among many other things, I am preparing a letter to be dated on Corpus Christi and sent out soon to our priests, and also printed in this newspaper. It will accompany a document concerning the proper placement of the tabernacle in our churches. It has been prepared after wide consultation with our priests and our Environment and Art Committee.

Let this feast of Corpus Christi be a moment of grace for us all; and let it strengthen our belief in the presence of Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist when we receive him in holy Communion; and when we adore him and pray to him in church. I will be in St. Patrick, Walkerton, for this feast.

See you all next week.



KAY COZAD

Former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz receives a portrait created by a local artist from Ruth Beier at a fund-raising dinner held for the Women's Care Center.

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He spoke at length about life's core values, which include trustworthiness, commitment to excellence and concern for others. Not only do they hold a family together, they unite a nation as well. He concluded by encouraging his listeners to believe in themselves in order to succeed.

In addition, Holtz sprinkled Notre Dame football references throughout his remarks and included comments designed to delight his audience when he predicted an 11-1 season for the Irish.

Nearly 400 guests enjoyed the evening hosted by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, an ardent supporter of the Women's Care Center. In introducing him, emcee Bobby Williams commended his respect for life as a "good shepherd of our diocese." In turn, Bishop D'Arcy complimented his audi-

ence by saying, "Fort Wayne has historically been a pro-life city."

Besides a silent auction featuring more than 100 items, a verbal auction familiar to those attending diocesan high school fundraising events such as the bishop's auction, also produced an enthusiastic response. A number of anonymous donors made substantial contributions as well to make the evening an unqualified success. Early estimates indicate that approximately \$400,000 was raised for the care center.

General chairmen of the event were Don McArdle and John Tippmann. They said, "The Women's Care Center mission is so important that we eagerly undertook this task."

McArdle commented further, "We appreciate the people who worked on this event — they did an outstanding job."

Anne Koehl, director of the local care centers, summed up the experience. "The support of the community was overwhelming. It was a wonderful evening," she said.

Parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are announcing celebration plans.

At Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka, they will launch the year June 19 with daily Mass, followed by eucharistic adoration and Benediction at 3 p.m., followed by the singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet.

On the Queen of Peace Web site, [www.queenofpeace.cc](http://www.queenofpeace.cc), the faithful could pledge various components of a spiritual bouquet — a Mass, rosary, day of fasting, etc. — for the priest listed that day or for all priests. Their plan is to list every priest in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, both active and retired, as well as priests from the Congregation of Holy Cross or other religious orders serving in the diocese.

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for the culmination of the Year for Priests, as well as retreat on the national level. Information on the retreat will be provided through the Web site.

Dioceses and organizations may link the Year for Priests Web site. Instructions under the tab for "Promotional Materials" [www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/promote.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/promote.shtml) indicate how to link to the site.

Today's Catholic will be featuring a look into the lives of the priests through the year under the heading of "The Years of Our Priests." The series begins June 21.

# Priest assignments announced

Bishop D'Arcy has announced the following assignments of priests:

• **Deacon Fernando Jimenez**, having completed his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary has been assigned to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. He has also been assigned for weekend ministry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, Warsaw. The effective date is June 16, 2009.



DEACON FERNANDO JIMENEZ

• **Deacon Jacob Runyon** having completed his studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary has been assigned to St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend. He will also assist high school ministry in the South Bend-Mishawaka area. Effective date June 15, 2009.



DEACON JACOB RUNYON

• **Deacon Andrew Budzinski** has one more year of seminary preparation. He will serve as a deacon this summer at St. Mary Parish, Decatur. The effective date of his assignment is June 15, 2009.



DEACON ANDREW BUDZINSKI

• **Rev. Bruce Piechocki, J.C.L.**, has been reassigned from administrator at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, to pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne. Father Piechocki will continue as judicial vicar. The effective date of the change of parishes is July 21, 2009.



REV. BRUCE PIECHOCKI, JCL

• **Rev. Mark Gurtner, J.C.L.**, is reassigned from pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, to pastor of St. Anthony Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this assignment will be July 21, 2009.



REV. MARK GURTNER, JCL

Father Gurtner, J.C.L., has also been assigned as adjunct judicial vicar. Father Gurtner will coordinate the South Bend Marriage Tribunal Office. The effective date of this appointment is also July 21, 2009.

• **Rev. Babasino Fernandes** has been reassigned from pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish,

Auburn, to chaplain to the sisters and the residents at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, effective July 21, 2009.

• **Rev. Derrick Sneyd** is reassigned from pastor of St. Anthony Parish, South Bend, to pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn. Effective July 21, 2009.

• **Rev. Philip DeVolder** is reassigned from pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, to pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, Warsaw. Effective Aug. 4, 2009.

Father DeVolder will reside at Sacred Heart rectory, Warsaw.

• **Rev. Glenn Kohrman** is reassigned from St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver, and chaplain at Culver Academy, to pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart. Effective Aug. 4, 2009.



REV. GLENN KOHRMAN

• **Rev. Dale Bauman** has been reassigned from pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton, to pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, and associate pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Both assignments are effective Aug. 4, 2009.



REV. DALE BAUMAN

• **Rev. Daryl Rybicki** has been reassigned from St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, to pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend. Effective Aug. 4, 2009.



REV. DARYL RYBICKI

• **Rev. Cyril Fernandes** has been reassigned from St. Patrick Parish, Arcola, to pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne. Effective Aug. 4, 2009.

• **Rev. Alex Dodrai** has been reassigned from associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate



REV. BABASINO FERNANDES



REV. DERRICK SNEYD



REV. PHILIP DEVOLDER



REV. GLENN KOHRMAN



REV. DALE BAUMAN



REV. DARYL RYBICKI



REV. CYRIL FERNANDES

Conception, Fort Wayne, to pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Arcola. Effective Aug. 4, 2009.

• **Rev. James Stoyale** has been reassigned from associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, to pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville. Effective Oct. 7, 2009.



REV. JAMES STOYLE

• **Rev. Lourдино Fernandes** has been reassigned from pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Kendallville, to pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Albion. Effective Oct. 6, 2009. Father Lourдино will reside temporarily at St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier.

• **Rev. Francis Chukwuma, J.C.L.**, has been appointed from residence at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, to pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton. Effective Aug. 4, 2009. Father Francis will continue as a judge at the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal.

• **Msr. Thadeus Balinda** has been reassigned from associate pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Culver, and chaplain at Culver Academy. Effective date is Aug. 4, 2009.

• Bishop D'Arcy has accepted, for reasons of canonical age, the retirement of **Rev. Camillo Tirabassi**. The effective date of this retirement will be Aug. 4, 2009. Father Tirabassi will reside at Holy Family Parish, South Bend.

• Bishop D'Arcy has accepted, for reasons of canonical age, the retirement of **Rev. Walter Bly**. Father Bly taught many years at Saint Joseph's High School, where he also coached football and served as assistant pastor at Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this retirement will be Aug. 4, 2009.

• Bishop D'Arcy has accepted, for reasons of canonical age, the retirement of **Rev. Daniel Leeuw**. Effective date July 21, 2009. Father Leeuw served many years as chaplain at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, and the Byron Health Center. Father Leeuw will continue to serve the Veteran's Hospital in Fort Wayne and to assist the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Community, Fort Wayne.

Bishop D'Arcy has accepted the recommendation of Rev. David Tyson, CSC, provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and has made the following assignments:

• **Rev. John P. Riley, CSC**, as associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. This assignment will be effective July 1, 2009.

• **Rev. Mr. Kevin Grove, CSC**, as deacon at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. This assignment will be effective Aug. 30, 2009.

## Hudson River survivor tells faith story at ND Medjugorje conference

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — “My faith helped me survive that flight, and that flight has impacted my faith forever.”

Fred Berretta, a survivor of the US Airways Flight 1549 that landed on the Hudson River, shared his story of conversion, faith and survival at the recent National Medjugorje Conference held at the University of Notre Dame.

Berretta revealed how Our Lady gently called him back to the Catholic Church after he struggled with his parents’ divorce and drifted from all forms of religion.

At a new job in North Carolina in 1992, things started to change. Discovering an old family Bible, Berretta felt a desire to kneel and pray. After struggling though the Our Father and Hail Mary, he began praying more frequently throughout his day, occasionally reading Bible passages. Then he saw a documentary on Fatima.

“I had heard of apparitions of the Virgin Mary before, but I had dismissed them as overzealous piety,” said Berretta. “I started to research the events of Fatima. I then learned about Medjugorje, and started to research what was happening there. I felt very drawn to the Catholic faith. I felt a maternal influence of Mary, and began to read any books I could find on Marian apparitions, to try to reason my way through whether they were real or not. I was impressed, both in Fatima and Medjugorje ... primarily because in Medjugorje ... with the fruits that were occurring.”

One day, Berretta said some-

thing came over him while he was at his office, and he made his way to St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Charlotte. It marked his first time inside a church in years.

“I knelt down and started to weep silently,” recalled Berretta. “I had a conversion experience. I had a clarity about my transgressions before God. And I walked out a changed person, no question.”

Berretta went on to marry, have children and enjoy a successful job. While struggling to maintain his prayer life, he eventually recommitted himself to the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

On Jan. 14, 2009, Berretta came across a Divine Mercy booklet while cleaning his briefcase for a business trip to New York. The last words he read before boarding the return flight the next day were from Jesus to St. Faustina.

“At 3 o’clock, implore my mercy especially for sinners,” he read, “and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in my passion, particularly in my abandonment in my moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of me by virtue of my passion.”

These words came back to him with intensity when, shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia, there was an explosion.

“My initial thought was the left engine had fallen off the plane,” said Berretta. That was the only thing I could deduce ... as I looked out at the wing, I noticed it was still there. That was good. But it was on fire, and that was not good.”

Berretta described the

moments that followed as a mix of calm and fear. As he thought about his family, he realized the pilot was going to land in the Hudson River.

“At that point, I looked around. I could tell people were praying, and I started to pray,” recalled Berretta. “And then it occurred to me it was the 3 o’clock hour. I remembered the Divine Mercy prayer. I didn’t have time to say the chaplet ... I really just had seconds, maybe a minute, and I thought of the image on the pamphlet, and the promise ... and I thought, ‘God is in control. If he can create a universe, he can certainly help this airplane.’ And with everything I had, I prayed that God would be merciful to us.”

Berretta recalled the calm, quick evacuation, with ferry boats arriving to rescue everyone.

“I felt a tremendous gratitude that’s impossible to describe,” said Berretta. “Everything in the world seemed good. People were coming up to me that I didn’t know, congratulating me. They were joyous we were alive. That fueled my gratitude.”

Berretta said he learned so much from what became known as “The Miracle on the Hudson.” It made clear to him that God is always in control.

“I had been carrying my faith around, quite literally, in my briefcase, and forgot it was there,” explained Berretta. “How easy is it for us to do this? The world will pull us in so many circumstances where we forget, but God is very merciful. ... If we place our trust in God, his mercy and his help, great things can happen. Even miracles.”

## Vatican paper highlights agreement with U.S. bishops on life issues

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican newspaper has again emphasized that when it comes to the Obama administration and pro-life issues, the Vatican and the U.S. bishops are in full agreement and that no compromise is possible on the right to life.

The newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*, said it was a mistake to view its press coverage of Obama — which has been positive on many issues — as evidence that the Vatican is following a “different strategy” than the U.S. bishops in dealing with the new administration.

The comments came in the newspaper’s June 5 edition, in an article criticizing the Obama administration’s restoration of federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research.

The newspaper appeared to be defending itself against accusations by some U.S. Catholic commentators that its editorial line was too soft on Obama.

In one of the latest critiques, Michael Novak, director of social and political studies at the American Enterprise Institute, wrote in *National Review Online* May 26 that *L’Osservatore* had “published glowing, star-struck, teenage praise of President Barack Obama” and “seems not to grasp the fundamental realities of abortion politics in America.”

The Vatican newspaper said it wanted to underline that “in reporting on recent statements and initiatives of the president of the United States, *L’Osservatore Romano* has certainly not intended to express appreciation for his positions on questions of ethical importance.”

“Obviously the Holy See and *L’Osservatore Romano* have been, are and will be fully at the side of the U.S. bishops in their commitment in favor of the inviolability of human life in whatever stage of its existence,” it said.

The commentary said it would be wrong to interpret the newspaper’s articles as a sign that it viewed the U.S. bishops’ anti-abortion campaign as an exercise in partisan politics. Nor was the Vatican following a “different strategy” than that used by U.S. bishops when it came to the inherent evil of abortion, it said.

The newspaper said Obama has shown himself to be open to dialogue and that U.S. bishops have welcomed this possibility in a positive manner. But in doing so, it said, “they have reaffirmed, and quite rightly, that in dialogue no compromise is ever possible on the fundamental question of the right to life.”

In May, a similar statement came from *L’Osservatore* editor Giovanni Maria Vian, who said: “It should be understood that *L’Osservatore* shares the same position as the American bishops who consider abortion a disaster. It is always a necessary and decisive task, in fact, to promote a culture of life at every level.”

At the same time, Vian has said that, despite obvious differences with the new administration on pro-life issues, he does not consider Obama a “pro-abortion president,” and his newspaper has emphasized Obama’s declared commitment to reducing the number of abortions.

Pope Benedict XVI and the president are expected to meet in July.

## Immigration advocates to use summer to push legislation

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The coalition of advocates for comprehensive immigration reform is gearing up for a summer-long push to get moving on legislation this year, with kickoff events around the country the first week of June and a summit meeting at the White House scheduled for June 16.

While it apparently will be some time before the latest version of a comprehensive reform bill is ready to advance in Congress, several individual bills already have been introduced to address other immigration issues.

Oft-shelved efforts have been revived to pass broadly supported bills dealing with agricultural workers and students without legal status who came to the country with their parents.

Known respectively as the Agricultural Jobs, Opportunity,

Benefits and Security Act, or AgJOBS, and the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, or the DREAM Act, both bills may advance through Congress before a comprehensive bill does.

But another type of new legislation that would make it possible for same-sex couples to sponsor each others’ applications to immigrate could alienate some of the usual advocates for eased immigration restrictions, notably the Catholic Church.

At a June 3 Washington press conference sponsored by the new coalition called Reform Immigration for America, a roster of regular and some new supporters of comprehensive reform laid out the agenda for the coming months. Most of the goals are the same as they have been for the last several legislative attempts at comprehensive reform, but with a few new points of focus.

The goals for comprehensive reform have long included:

- A legalization plan for undocumented immigrants to pay fines, learn English and become legal residents after a backlog of applications through existing channels are addressed.
- Reform of the legal immigration system, making it easier for families to be reunited, than the current system of sometimes decades-long waiting lines allows.
- Enforcement targeted at employers.
- Restoration of due process rights for immigrants.

One new component for discussion among those who hope to influence how legislation is written is the possible creation of an immigration commission to study why and how people come to the United States, said Medina.

Ali Noorani, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, said a White House sum-

mit with congressional leaders — scheduled for June 9, but since postponed to June 16 because of President Barack Obama’s international travel schedule — is intended to begin the serious push toward creating and passing a comprehensive reform bill.

Some House and Senate committees have begun holding hearings on some aspects of immigration issues.

One of those hearings, held by the Senate Judiciary Committee June 3, focused on legislation sponsored by committee chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on family-based immigration.

At that hearing, Leahy said his Uniting American Families Act intends to enable U.S. citizens to apply for immigration status for their nonmarital domestic partners.

Currently only heterosexual married couples may apply for such visas for their spouses. Same-sex marriages, which are recog-

nized by some states and in some countries, or unmarried domestic partnerships are not recognized under federal law as conferring rights to immigrate.

“The benefits this legislation seeks to provide are not contingent upon the definition of marriage, which I believe is an issue best left to the states,” said Leahy.

The bishop who heads the migration committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in June 2 letters to members of Congress that the conference would oppose such legislation.

Leahy’s bill, and a companion version introduced in the House by Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., “would erode the institution of marriage and family,” Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City wrote in a letter to Honda. He said Honda’s bill promotes a position that is contrary to the very nature of marriage which predates the church and the state.”

# Vatican media welcome Obama's speech in Cairo as step toward peace

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — U.S. President Barack Obama's speech in Cairo, Egypt, was welcomed by Vatican media as a step toward peace and a new beginning in American relations with Muslims.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said the June 4 speech was important not only for relations between the United States and Muslim countries but also for international peace. It brought "an element of hope" to the world horizon, he said in a commentary June 6.

"The undeniable political weight of the United States is being employed with clarity toward objectives that are certainly crucial for peace in the world," the spokesman said.

He cited several concerns touched upon in the speech by the U.S. president, including an Israeli-Palestinian agreement, nuclear disarmament, religious freedom, democratic values, development and women's rights.

"These are openings toward directions in which very many people of good will want to cooperate in order to find the right way for humanity, and which we hope can be a meeting ground for believers in God, creator and lover of peace," Father Lombardi said.

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, ran a front-page story June 4 on Obama's speech earlier that day. The newspaper called it an effort to open "a new beginning in relations between the United States and the Arab world."



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**U.S. President Barack Obama speaks in the Grand Hall of Cairo University in Egypt June 4. Obama told the world's Muslims that violent extremists had exploited tensions between Muslims and the West.**

It said the president "went beyond political formulas, evoking concrete common interests in the name of a common humanity," including peace, security, education, work, family life and religious values.

On the question of Iraq, the newspaper said, Obama "marked a break with the past" by citing the need for the United States to use diplomacy and international consensus to solve problems.

Vatican Radio also reported on the speech, saying that it "went beyond expectations" as a reconciliation effort with Muslim coun-

tries.

"The words pronounced at the University of Cairo are much more than an extended hand, but the foundation of a real common platform for launching what (Obama) defines as a new beginning in relations between the United States and the Middle East," it said.

In an interview with Vatican Radio, Mario Scialoja, an official of the Islamic Cultural Center of Italy, said Obama's speech signaled a change from the approach of the administration of former President George W. Bush. He said it was especially important that

Obama recognized Muslims as a part of American society and called Islam a religion of peace, citing verses from the Quran.

"It seems to me that Obama has touched the right chords in the hearts of Muslims and the entire world and that he has opened an era of more receptive and more frank dialogue between the United States and the Islamic world," Scialoja said.

Several Christian leaders in the Middle East said they were generally impressed with Obama's speech but wanted action to follow the president's words.

"It's a speech that has been needed for a long time, and the U.S. president had the courage to make it," Chaldean Bishop Youssef Sarraf of Cairo told the Italian Catholic agency SIR. He expressed the hope that "Islam and the Arab world will know how to receive this extended hand."

"It's the beginning of a new process, a new era. Obama really wants to change things, and the

image of the United States will benefit from it," Bishop Sarraf said.

Archbishop Paul Dahdah, apostolic vicar of Beirut, Lebanon, said he hoped the speech would spur real initiatives aimed at resolving the "root of all problems in the region," the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "If that does not happen, the extended hand will not lead to any result," he said.

Franciscan Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa, head of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, said Obama was sincere, determined and very balanced in his speech, confirming the U.S. relationship with Israel but signaling a change in strategy with the Arab world.

"This should give an impetus to the search for a solution to the main problem, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," he said.

He said it was important that Obama had recognized the potential role of the militant group Hamas in a future peace settlement, asking at the same time that Hamas recognize Israel.



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## Pro-life leaders concerned Tiller's murder may hurt their efforts

WASHINGTON (CNS) — There is growing concern that the May 31 murder of a Kansas abortion doctor in his church may tarnish the image of the pro-life movement, at a time when it appears a slight majority of Americans have embraced the cause. Leaders in several pro-life organizations also said public proclamations that the doctor who performed late-term abortions "got what he deserved" and "reaped what he sowed" by people who "claim to be pro-life" advocates don't help the movement. "Statements like that hurt the cause," said Shaun Kenney, executive director of the American Life League. "When we cheapen our own principles, we do ourselves a tremendous disservice." Dr. George Tiller, 67, of Wichita, Kan., was fatally shot while serving as an usher at the city's Reformation Lutheran Church during Sunday morning services, according to The Associated Press. Pro-life groups and the U.S. Catholic bishops quickly denounced the murder, saying that such violence is contrary to their respect for all life, from conception to natural death.

## Fight secular trends, base ministry on love, health care leaders urged

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — A Franciscan physician and ethicist warned Catholic health care leaders June 7 not to let their ministry become an entirely secular operation that sees patients as customers and leaves out the vital component of love. Brother Daniel P. Sulmasy recounted his experiences with an unfeeling bureaucracy one evening at his own hospital, St. Vincent's in New York. He contrasted it with the approach of a nurse at a local secular hospital whose care of patients mirrors more closely the love that saints, heroes and founders of Catholic health care brought to their work. "Perhaps we can ask ourselves why Mother Teresa went to Calcutta," he said. "I think we all know that it wasn't for the outcomes." Brother Sulmasy spoke on the opening day of the annual assembly of the Catholic Health Association, which brought almost 800 leaders in Catholic health care to New Orleans June 7-9. A medical doctor who also holds a doctorate in philosophy, he is to become a professor of medicine and medical ethics in the divinity and medical schools of the University of Chicago July 1. "We are frequently guilty, I think, of turning the Catholicity of our hospitals into a series of moral codes," Brother Sulmasy said. "But none of these codes can serve as replacements for the ever-new and ever-renewing encounter with the person who is love," he added. "That encounter must be the foundation of our health care systems and our institutions."

# NEWS BRIEFS

## MASS FOR PLANE CRASH VICTIMS AT CHURCH IN BRAZIL



CNS PHOTO/SERGIO MORAES, REUTERS

Relatives and friends attend a Mass for the passengers of Air France Flight 447 at the Nossa Senhora do Carmo Church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 5. People prayed during the Mass for the 228 Air France Flight 447 passengers who lost their lives in the Atlantic Ocean after the plane disappeared en route from Brazil to Paris June 1.

## Congregation granted power to more easily laicize some priests

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has granted the Congregation for Clergy new powers to dismiss from the priesthood and release from the obligation of celibacy priests who are living with women, who have abandoned their ministry for more than five years or who have engaged in seriously scandalous behavior. The new powers do not apply to cases involving the sexual abuse of minors by a priest; those cases continue to be subject to special rules and procedures overseen by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The new faculties were announced by Cardinal Claudio Hummes, prefect of the clergy congregation, in an April 18 letter to the world's bishops. Catholic News Service obtained a copy of the letter in early June. Cardinal Hummes told CNS June 3 that the new, quicker administrative procedure for dismissing priests was prompted by "many situations where canon law did not seem adequate for meeting new problems." As an example, the cardinal said the 1983 Code of Canon Law made no provision for a bishop to initiate a process to laicize a priest who had abandoned his ministry.

## Detroit pastors share message of faith, hope in light of auto crisis

DETROIT (CNS) — General Motors Corp.'s bankruptcy filing June 1 is one more dramatic and harsh reality to Detroit-area residents still reeling from plant closings, downsizing, job losses and house foreclosures. With the headquarters for the "Big 3" — General Motors, Chrysler LLC and Ford Motor Co. — all within the Archdiocese of Detroit, the impact of the auto crisis has been personal on a number of levels. "Just what GM represents, not just to us, but to the country," said Father Thomas Slowinski, pastor at St. Andrew Parish in the suburb of Rochester. "This giant has fallen and when it gets up it will be a lot smaller." Father Slowinski's parish is just miles from the Chrysler headquarters and a number of auto plants. He and other parish priests across the archdiocese planned to address the current situation during the June 6-7 weekend as they gathered for the celebration of the feast of the Holy Trinity. Father Christopher Maus, pastor of St. Daniel Parish in suburban Clarkston, said: "We've been struggling with this for a year, even through the bankruptcy just happened. We've been dealing with foreclosures, trying to balance budgets, trying to balance the church budget and people trying to balance their own budgets."

## God's presence evident in all creation, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said God's presence as an orientation toward love is evident in all things, from the farthest galaxies to the human identity or "genome." The pope spoke about the relationship between God and man at his noon blessing June 7, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. "God is totally and only love, love that is pure, infinite and eternal. He does not live in splendid solitude, but instead is an inexhaustible source of life that unceasingly gives itself and communicates itself," he said. The pope said God's identity can be grasped when looking at the "macro-universe" of planets, stars and galaxies, and also at the "micro-universe" of cells, atoms and particles.

## Archbishop Curtiss of Omaha retires; Illinois bishop named successor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss of Omaha, Neb., 76, and has named as his successor Bishop George J. Lucas, 59, of Springfield, Ill. The changes were announced June 3 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Lucas will be installed July 22 at St. Cecilia's

Cathedral in Omaha. Archbishop Curtiss has been appointed to serve as apostolic administrator until the installation. "It is humbling to be given such responsibility by the vicar of Christ, and I thank the Holy Father for this privilege," the new archbishop said during a press conference in Omaha. "I look forward to learning about all of the ways in which the Gospel is preached and lived in the Archdiocese of Omaha."

## Diocese warns excommunication looms for Lefebvrist priests

OXFORD, England (CNS) — Officials in the Diocese of Regensburg, Germany, have said plans by the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X to ordain new priests without Vatican consent at a local seminary will lead to their excommunication. "This will be uncanonical, since they have no entitlement to conduct their own ordinations," said diocese spokesman Jakob Schotz. "Our bishop is waiting for Rome to advise on how to respond. But it will almost certainly result in the excommunication of the priests and the bishop who ordains them," Schotz said. The spokesman was reacting to an announcement by the society that it would ordain three priests and three deacons in its seminary at Zaitzkofen in Bavaria June 27, along with another 18 at its headquarters in Ecône, Switzerland, and at Winona, Minn. In a statement, the Zaitzkofen seminary rector, Father Stefan Frey, said the society now had "provisional legal status" in the Catholic Church pending a "definitive canonical ruling" on its future, and had not been told to "put a stop to ordinations."

## Pope names Philadelphia vicar for clergy as an auxiliary bishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Msgr. Timothy C. Senior, vicar for clergy in the Philadelphia Archdiocese since 2004, to be an auxiliary bishop there. The appointment was announced June 8 in Washington by Msgr. Alexander Cifuentes Castano, charge d'affaires at the apostolic nunciature. Bishop-designate Senior's installation Mass will be July 31 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. "My heart is filled with gratitude first to almighty God for the gift of life and for the gift of my Roman Catholic faith. I treasure the gift of faith and the priceless gift of friendship with Jesus Christ who has called me to share in his sacred priesthood," Bishop-designate Senior said at a June 8 press conference in Philadelphia. Bishop-designate Senior was born in Philadelphia May 22, 1960. He attended St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pa., and earned a bachelor's degree in 1981. He was ordained a priest for the Philadelphia Archdiocese in 1985.

## Sister Brames celebrates 60th jubilee

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Sixty-six U.S. School Sisters of St. Francis will celebrate milestone anniversaries of service as women religious on June 20.



SISTER THERESA ANN BRAMES

Three associates of the School Sisters of St. Francis will also celebrate 25 year jubilees. Sister Theresa Ann Brames (Irita) celebrates 60 years as a School Sister of St. Francis. She was born in New Haven and has lived her religious ministry as homemaker and driver in several areas. Sister resides in Campbellsport, Wis.

## Ancilla, Calumet College to co-host open house

DONALDSON — Ancilla College and Calumet College of Saint Joseph (CCSJ) will be co-hosting an open house on Wednesday, June 24, at Ancilla to present two new bachelor's degrees that will be offered in the fall at the Donaldson-based campus.

According to Dr. Joanna Blount, dean of academic and student services at Ancilla College, "This is truly a wonderful opportunity for the community and for Ancilla College graduates to continue their higher education through Calumet College of Saint Joseph, while remaining in the community."

The two degrees — business management with a concentration in human resources management and criminal justice with a minor in paralegal — will be presented to former Ancilla graduates and those interested in pursuing either one of the degrees.

CCSJ Vice President Dr. Dan Lowery will be on hand to answer questions, along with representatives from both the business and criminal justice departments at CCSJ.

Desira Rosetti, business professor, will be available to talk with students about the business program.

The faculty for these programs will have their offices at Ancilla College, but will also be considered part of the faculty at CCSJ.

"It is not often that two colleges agree to a joint faculty appointment," said Blount. "This is a sign of our commitment to bringing higher education home to our community."

The open house will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and attendance is by RSVP by calling (574) 936-8898 ext. 322.

## Lindenwood holds retreat on the letters of St. Paul

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being accepted for the conference retreat "The Letters of Paul." In the year of St. Paul the Apostle, this retreat will focus on

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR CELEBRATED AT ST. PIUS



KAREN CLIFFORD

St. Pius X School in Granger completed its inaugural year with a school assembly on June 5 that included a time capsule of items from each grade level and other school memorabilia. Fourth-grade students Chandler Edwards, Michael Wuszke and Connor Christ gave Principal Elaine Holmes a scrapbook of memories from their six field trips this year, with the bulk of the trips related to Indiana history. The time capsule will be kept in a secure location and will be opened in 10 years.

the saint's letters to understand the good news that he preached. During the retreat, key insights that Paul has into Jesus will be investigated and the opportunity to appreciate the great depths of his spirituality and commitment to Jesus and his church will be presented.

The retreat facilitator Michael Fonseca holds degrees in counseling psychology, theology, English literature and philosophy and is currently director of spiritual formation and facilitator for diaconate formation programs in Michigan and Texas. For over 20 years Fonseca has had a spiritual direction practice and has conducted many retreats for parishes, religious communities and diocesan clergy. He has also written "Living in God's Embrace and Loving in the Master's Footsteps."

The liturgy and Mass celebrant Father John Scott currently serves St. Thomas Aquinas in Knox, and has been a personal friend of Fonseca's for most of his life.

The retreat fee of \$350 includes meals and a private room. The program begins Sunday evening, July 12, at 5 p.m., with a light supper and ends Friday, July 17, at 1 p.m.

Registration deadline is Monday, July 6. For information on

commuter fee or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1763 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Area Catholic students win Holocaust essay and poetry contest

FORT WAYNE — An annual memorial observance, sponsored by the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, for the 6 million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust during World War II, titled Yom Hashoah, was held on April 21 at Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

Three students from St. John the Baptist were recognized for winning the annual essay contest this year, each receiving a certificate and a savings bond from Star Financial Bank. Eighth-grader Sam Stronczek won first place, seventh-grader Jibri Bramley took second and seventh-grader Nick Steffen won third place.

The students studied the Holocaust in Michele Voigt's language arts class at St. John's, who said, "They are amazing students ... motivated ... diligent. They have a good understanding of the Holocaust." Their essays were printed for those in attendance,

including Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry and Holocaust survivor Doris Fogel.

The contest challenged both public and parochial middle and high school students to write essays or poetry on the subject and was judged by a panel from the community.

Poetry winners from St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla were Nichole Rorick, who won first place and Bret Sible who won third.

## Our Sunday Visitor acquires Harcourt Religion Publishers

HUNTINGTON — Our Sunday Visitor announced June 3 its acquisition of Harcourt Religion Publishers (a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. This brings together two of the nation's leading Catholic publishing groups. Terms of the transaction were undisclosed.

The strategic combination of the two companies' product lines, services and innovations represents an unprecedented, one-source solution for lifelong faith development within Catholic parishes and schools.

Joined together, they provide a dynamic approach to systematic and intentional catechesis for all members of the faith community.

Through the transaction, Our Sunday Visitor solidifies its ability to help millions of Catholics of every age bring their faith to life, while Harcourt Religion Publishers substantially extends the reach of its curriculum base.

"We are thrilled to welcome Harcourt Religion Publishers into the Our Sunday Visitor family," said Greg Erlandson, president and publisher, Our Sunday Visitor. "They have long stood out for their curricula and forward-looking support tools. The joining of our product lines not only reinforces both missions, but it leverages similar corporate cultures that value innovation, hybrid solutions and sharing what the church teaches and why to Catholics of all ages."

President of Harcourt Religion Publishers, Diane Lampitt, added, "Our Sunday Visitor's people, products and mission complement our vision and commitment to provide solid, age-appropriate catechesis. Together, we'll be able to respond to parish and school needs like never before — with exceptional speed, creativity and new formats."

Our Sunday Visitor will retain Harcourt Religion Publishers' existing management team, support staff, field representatives and product line. Harcourt Religion Publishers' customers will continue to work through their established local sales representatives and gain immediate access to a wider array of products and programs. Over the next several months, customers can expect to see expanded service support, expedited fulfillment services and new hybrid products and services. Harcourt is a registered trademark of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, and is used by Our Sunday Visitor under license.

## St. Aloysius to host sesquicentennial events

YODER — St. Aloysius Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary on June 20-21 with several events.

On Saturday, a polka and square dance, featuring the music of Die Freudemacher German band, will be held from 7-10 p.m. in the activity center. Families are invited. A freewill donation will be accepted. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. After the dance, the parish will sponsor a bonfire and burn the mortgage to the building addition.

On Sunday, the 11 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. After Mass, children's games and beef barbecue will be available from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

A Marian music concert, presented by parishioners and friends of the parish, will be held in the church at 3 p.m. The choir, soloists and musicians will sing traditional and contemporary hymns of the Blessed Mother. The concert includes congregational singing. The event is free and open to all. St. Aloysius is located on State Road 1, just south of Interstate 469, exit 6.

# St. Vincent de Paul Store offers hand crafted bunkbeds

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — There was a need and they had a solution. Put simply, this is the model for the furniture building program at the St. Vincent de Paul Society's store at 1660 S. Calhoun St.

The story starts in 2004 when General Manager Steve App noticed customers would routinely come in requesting bedroom dressers. Donations did not meet the high demand, so they had to turn people away. One thing was clear — something had to be done to help the needy.

App said the idea of making the furniture was proposed, but not very well received.

"Over a period of six months we would ask many individuals if they could do this project and the usual answer was it would cost too much and some people didn't have enough room," App recalled.

But as the group would find out, God works in mysterious ways sometimes. The store developed a relationship with Amish craftsmen in LaGrange and soon they were producing enough dressers to meet the need.

The process was simplified when volunteer Ray Mata proposed they set up shop and build the dressers themselves. A part of the clothing warehouse was prepared to be transformed into a

workshop area. With a work table and a core group of volunteers from various parishes, the workshop was well underway.

Last year, with a successful model on their belts, the volunteers undertook the production of bunk beds. Today, seven volunteers, Ray Mata, John Becker, Pat Doyle, Ed Wene, Cletus Rumschlag, Bill Machocker and Jim Zehner, come every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for about four hours. Retired teacher John Becker is among the loyal group of retirees who pledges his time to this cause.

App said the volunteers on average produce about 25 pieces a month. That translates to at least two beds and two dressers a week. A bed takes about four hours to make and a dresser, about three hours, App said.

Although the core group of volunteers has remained the same over the years, a few other things have changed.

"We've changed the design from time to time," Becker said. Still, the beds are designed for a child, with safety features in mind.

The furniture is affordable,



St. Vincent de Paul store manager Steve App and John Becker stand next to a hand-crafted dresser.



PHOTOS BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

Volunteer John Becker shows an example of one of the bunkbeds made for needy families at the St. Vincent de Paul Society's store on Calhoun Street.

which helps cater to their low-income clientele. Dressers retail for \$75 and beds sell for \$95, or \$230 with a mattress. Needy families are referred to St. Vincent by participating parishes. In turn, St. Vincent's is reimbursed by the parish for a majority of the cost of the bed.

Ultimately, the program underlines the store's mission.

"The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to help the poor," he said. "No one is turned down

who needs a dresser or bed."

App said the challenge is creating awareness, especially in this weak economy.

"We have to get the word out," he said.

He also reminds community members that the store is always accepting donations of clothes, furniture, appliances and other household items. For more information, contact App at (260) 456-3561.

## Construction projects enhance USF campus

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) has come along way from a few acres of land to the impressive campus it is today. Five construction projects are now underway and university officials are looking forward with an ambitious master plan.

The university is catering to the growing residential population. At a total cost of \$6.2 million, a facility, Clare Hall, will provide suite-style accommodations for 146 students in 42,000 square feet and will be open for resident students in August. Bonzel Hall is being renovated to provide additional lobby space as well as handicap accessibility. Demolition has begun on Bosco Hall to make way for access drives and parking for Clare Hall.

Stacy Adkinson, USF's executive vice president, said the investment in residential life is an attempt to make campus life "more full-bodied," as an integration of personal, professional and spiritual aspects of the Catholic college experience. Currently all halls are filled, which was an impetus to start this project, she noted.

Work has begun on the \$245,000-renovation of the Achatz Hall of Science. The proj-



LAUREN CAGGIANO

President Sister M. Elise Kriss speaks at a news conference about the developments that lie ahead for the University of Saint Francis.

ect calls for the addition of a foyer, with space for a lounge for USF students, as well as space for the many students who come from local schools for Schouweiler Planetarium shows.

The last project is the restoration and renovation of the campus's jewel: Bass Mansion. The first building on campus, it has long been a symbol of the university and a popular community

attraction. Adkinson said the university hopes to "take Bass Mansion and ensure it doesn't fall into disarray." She noted, while the building will have a "new face" it will maintain the heritage alumni cherish.

Fundraising has been underway for several years, and the university reported it has raised more than \$5.3 million to accomplish this goal. The majority of the funds will go to maintain the infrastructure, including updated heating, cooling, electricity and the installation of an elevator.

The building will serve both an aesthetic and functional purpose. The interior will get a face-lift with restored murals, chandeliers and other décor. Long-term plans call for the transfer of the advancement, development and president's offices to Bass Mansion. Adkinson said a major challenge is maintaining the historical integrity of a 100-year-old building. That's why they are allowing 18 months to complete the project.

For further information, contact the president's office at (260) 399-7700 ext. 6910.

## MEDJUGORJE CONFERENCE ATTRACTS MANY TO NOTRE DAME



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Several hundred gathered at the University of Notre Dame Grotto last Friday to pray the rosary. Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, led the candlelight procession across campus as the people prayed the sorrowful and glorious mysteries. The rosary procession kicked off the 2009 National Medjugorje Conference, held at the University of Notre Dame May 29-31. Father Rybicki also led the eucharistic adoration and Benediction Saturday night, and celebrated the closing Mass Sunday afternoon in the Joyce Center.



# School Choice Tax Credit part of governor's budget package

INDIANAPOLIS — Nine-year-old Mia Poindexter, a fourth grader at Holy Angels Catholic School in Indianapolis, got a chance of a lifetime — the opportunity to receive a Catholic education. Lack of financial resources, the typical roadblock for most parents in choosing their children's education, was removed. The financial void was filled by a private scholarship granting organization (SGO) called the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust in Indianapolis.

Mia's story of opportunity featured in the organization's publication *Families with a Choice, Children with a Future: School Choice in Indiana* is only one of countless others. The success stories are inspirational, yet the CHOICE program only serves

children in Central Indiana — and there are many more Hoosier families in need of this opportunity.

Children statewide are going to have that same opportunity of the Poindexter family if Gov. Mitch Daniels has his way. Daniels included an expansion of school choice options for lower income families through a scholarship tax credit as part of his budget package. Now it's up to lawmakers to approve it when they return to the statehouse June 11, for a special session, to pass a new state budget.

The Indiana Catholic Conference and Catholics across the state during the past several months urged lawmakers to adopt the scholarship tax credit. The scholarship tax credit passed the Senate twice this spring, but died

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BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

when the House and Senate could not agree on other controversial aspects of the state's budget bill.

When the special session begins, lawmakers will be working from the governor's budget plan, which contains the scholarship tax credit, and if passed, would provide a 50 percent state tax credit for charitable contributions to

qualified scholarship programs. Lower income children in grades K-12 could qualify for scholarships to help attend the public or private school of their choice. The contributions could be made by individuals or corporations.

Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, who testified in support of the scholarship tax credit earlier this year and who has seen the benefits to families and communities, said, "The CHOICE Charitable Trust Scholarships have been 'heaven sent' for so many families who wanted the best education for their children. Without these scholarships, it is simply not possible," said Msgr. Schaedel.

Mary Pat Sharpe, principal at St. Joan of Arc School in

Indianapolis said, "CHOICE Charitable Trust provided about \$55,600 this year in tuition assistance. Our need was over \$75,000," said Sharpe. "This upcoming year will be even tougher as many families who do not qualify for CHOICE, have lost jobs and found themselves struggling financially. Therefore, there is another group of families needing assistance."

Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director said, "The ICC and the Indiana Catholic Action Network (I-CAN) have played and will play a vital role in getting this scholarship tax credit passed. So I encourage everyone to keep contacting your state legislator and ask them to support the scholarship tax credit."



60 YEAR JUBILARIANS

## Victory Noll Sisters celebrate jubilees

HUNTINGTON — Fourteen members of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters (OLVM) celebrated jubilees May 24 at Victory Noll on the anniversaries of their entrances into the congregation.

**Sister Carlota Baca**, who turned 100 years old in January, celebrated 80 years with OLVM. She entered on Oct. 28, 1928. A native of Peña Blanca, N.M., Sister Carlota was missioned in New Mexico, California, Texas and Arizona throughout her career.



SISTER CARLOTTA BACA

Three Victory Noll Sisters celebrated their 75th jubilee, all entering OLVM in 1934.

**Sister Margaret Gutierrez** is a native of Duarte, Calif., and was missioned in California, Texas and Bolivia before returning to Victory Noll.

**Sister Rose Elizabeth Hohner**, born in Wheatfield, was missioned in Gary, Indiana Harbor and Fort Wayne in Indiana, and also spent time in Texas and New Mexico.

**Sister Dorothy Anne Lengerich** is a native of Decatur. Her mission work took her to California, Texas, Wyoming, Michigan, Indiana, Nevada, Massachusetts, Utah, Ohio,

Iowa, Colorado and New Jersey.

Four Sisters celebrated 70 years with Victory Noll, entering in 1939.

**Sister Millicent Peaslee**, born in Gary, was missioned in Indiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and California. She currently is involved in volunteer ministry in Alpine, Calif.

**Sister Helena Smith** is a native of New Oxford, Pa. Her mission work took her to Utah, Indiana, Florida and California.

**Sister Pauline Wapiennik** was born in Gary, and was missioned in California, Michigan, Indiana, Vermont and Wyoming.

**Sister Martha Wilke**, a native of St. Rose, Ill., was missioned to Indiana, Colorado, California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Michigan and Texas. She is currently involved with prison ministry at Victory Noll through letter-writing.

Among the five sisters celebrating their 60th jubilees are actual sisters **Alodia and Helen Carney**, natives of Detroit who grew up in Iowa and joined OLVM on the same day on Oct. 27, 1949. Sister Alodia has been missioned to Texas, Iowa, Indiana, California, Colorado and Michigan. She now works at St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne. Sister Helen's mission work has taken her to Texas, Ohio,

California and New Mexico. She currently is parish life coordinator in Villanueva, N.M.

Three other sisters are also celebrating 60 years.

**Sister Irene DeMeulenaere**, born in Victor, Iowa, was missioned to Nevada, California, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona and Indiana. She is now a personal needs assistant at Victory Noll.

**Sister Gertrude Sullivan**, a native of Kendall, Wis., was missioned to Michigan, California, Florida, Nevada, Indiana and Arizona. She served as president of the congregation at OLVM from 1971-77.

**Sister Dolores Tringl**, from St. Louis, has spent her mission work in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Missouri, Indiana and Arizona. She serves as a chaplain for the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz.

One OLVM sister celebrated her 50th jubilee. **Sister Sharon Rose Eshleman**, from Piper City, Ill., has been missioned in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Utah and New Mexico. She currently serves as librarian at Victory Noll.



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## St. John the Baptist, New H

BY DEB WAGNER

**T**he Catholic history of the New Haven area can be traced back to the early 1600s. It was at that time that French priests of the Franciscan and Jesuit orders worked among the Miami Indians. Kekionga was the first name given to what is now known as Fort Wayne and was first visited by priests as early as 1669.

On Dec. 17, 1823, Allen County was named after Colonel John Allen of Kentucky. Allen County and Wayne Township were synonymous in 1824. Adams Township in the city of New Haven was created in 1826 to honor President John Q. Adams.

Msgr. Julian Benoit arrived in Fort Wayne in 1840 to found mission churches as well as care for the sick at the time when the building of the Erie Canal took place. His missionary work included

ed New Haven, Besancon, Hess, Decatur, Lagro, Huntington, Co Lagrange County and Avilla with care for the sick as far away as

Although New Haven was not ed until July 7, 1866, the area C were cared for by priests from I Father Alexius Botti held service in the home of Nicholas Schuck dry goods store owned by Beut Schnelker. He came once a month to a congregation of 10 families

A brick church was soon erected of \$4,000 and used until 1876. Henry Luers laid the cornerstone in 1860. The parish had grown to

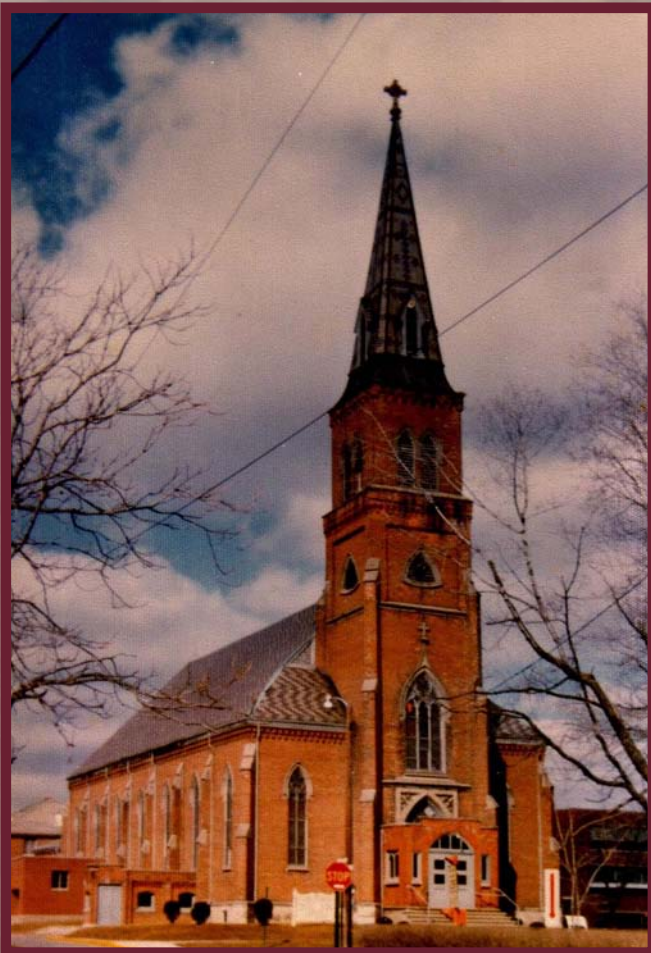
The first recorded baptism in called the "old church" was that Adelaide Schnelker, the daughter and Louise Trentman Schnelker age 16 on Oct. 27, 1877 and by hers was the last funeral from the Other surnames of those formed include Schlink, Golekee, Sarra and Klassen.

The second church was built \$16,000 and seated 450 members dedicated on Nov. 11, 1877. The ture measured 56 x 136 feet and at the corner of Powers and Ann where the current gymnasium now 1907, this parish had 114 families with a total of 508 souls.

The building was struck by a fire on Palm Sunday in 1954 and tually rebuilt as the church parish ship in today.

In the first 100 years, there were pastors at St. John the Baptist in Haven. Father Wolfgang Giedel resident pastor. His appointment in 1861 and he died May 2 contracting pneumonia while on His remains rest beneath the Cr group in St. John's Cemetery.

His successor in 1873 was



These photos are views of the second church. It was torn down and a new and larger church was built in 1975.

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Bernard Wiedau, who fed the parish spiritu-ally for almost 50 years. He built the second church and the old school, which provided a quality Catholic education for almost 75 years. When Father Wiedau retired to St. Vincent Villas for retired priests in 1921, St. John's Parish was free of debt. He died in 1932 at the age of 91.

The parish today owes much to the religious who served years ago influencing the young people who then answered the call to become a religious sister, brother or priest. Over 40 women who were baptized or were registered at St. John's have committed to the consecrated life. Many answered the call to join the Sisters of St. Agnes who taught them for so many years. Others entered neighboring religious communities such as the Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Providence, Sisters of St. Francis and the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Several priests have their roots at St. John, New Haven, including Fathers Donald Isenbarger and David Voors. Current parish-ioner Jeremy Egri is a seminarian in Thornwood, N.Y.

St. John the Baptist in New Haven has grown in many ways since its early begin-nings. A third church and parish community center was built to serve the over 1,200 fam-ilies currently registered. These families come from New Haven, Fort Wayne, Leo, Woodburn, Monroeville, Harlan, Hoagland and Payne, Ohio.

While some of the older traditions such as ringing of the bells at the consecration, the use of only male altar servers and the encouragement of head coverings for the women exist, organizations such as the Home and School Association, Holy Name Society, Altar and Rosary Society, SCRIP, Knights of Columbus and Harvest House for those over 55 years of age, have also been formed to meet the diverse needs of the entire parish community.



## St. John offers variety of ministries for all ages

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — St. John the Baptist in New Haven has a variety of ministries beyond the traditional prayer group.

The 150-year-old parish caters to the young and the young at heart — and everyone in between — with its broad base of ministerial programs.

Jim Kelly, director of religious education and RCIA at St. John's highlighted a few of the established programs:

### Senior Life

Senior citizens meet the second Monday of the month to attend Mass then enjoy lunch, fellowship, cards, a talk or program. A group of retirees also meet regularly for Bible studies.

### World Apostolate of Fatima

Also known as the "Blue Army," the group has been active at the parish for more than 45 years. As part of a world-wide organization, the group works to live the message of the Virgin Mary at Fatima, to bring it to others and to pray for peace in the world. Kelly noted the ladies are "quite active in the parish and the area."

### Other Groups

From noon to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, the faithful are invited to exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with holy hour from 7 to 8 p.m.

"It is through prayer that the parish will continue to flourish," Kelly said.

The men's Holy Name Society host fish fries throughout the year. Kelly said it is not unusual to have a standing line waiting to get into the Friday night fish fries. The proceeds from the events fund parish improvement projects. The society also donates many man hours of labor to projects around the parish, Kelly noted.

Likewise, the Knights of Columbus host regular breakfasts and help wherever possible. Kelly said the Altar and Rosary Society is also an asset to the parish. Many parish functions have the Altar and Rosary Society helping out. One of their most public functions is to provide funeral dinners. The youth group is known for its devotion to prayer, and parish and community service projects.

Kelly, who has been the director of religious education since 2001, said the face of the parish is changing. St. John's

serves about 1,000 families, many of whom have young children. The 11:30 a.m. Mass is known for its family-oriented atmosphere.

"The little ones have their own choir," Kelly noted.

And the impressive number of baptisms each year is an indication of the bright future of the parish. "It is a joy to see the young people," he said. "My hope is that (the parish) will continue to grow and become more vibrant."

And in a time of parish mergers and closures, St. John's has stood the test of time. According to Kelly, the parish's welcoming and prayerful atmosphere is the impetus for sustenance.

"What makes us unique is communi-ty," he said. "A lot of our people know one another."

# St. John's School celebrates nearly a century and a half of education

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

NEW HAVEN — One of the oldest Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, St. John the Baptist School in New Haven, is alive and well with 339 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. It is also the largest Catholic elementary school in East Allen County.

Shortly after St. John's Parish was established 150 years ago, a school was started as well. That early school was a one-story, 22 x 34 square foot frame building constructed on Powers Street in the village, at a cost of \$500. It opened in 1864 with one male teacher and served the community's needs for almost a decade. It was later converted into a residence.

Then a brick school, a 40 x 50 square foot structure costing \$8,000, was constructed.

According to early records, "these two buildings, adjoining, give four rooms, three of which are in use. They are ... well ventilated, cheerful and furnished with all school necessities." They provided additional space for the expanding student population and a dwelling for the three Sisters of St. Agnes, who had traveled from their mother house in Fond du Lac, Wis., to "take over from seculars" and begin a teaching mission here in 1871.

It is noted that the annual expenditure for the school, including teachers' salaries, was \$750. Of that amount, half was paid by the congregation and half by school fees and monthly tuition ranging from 25 to 75 cents per pupil according to need. The average annual per-pupil expense was \$5.50. That school served the parish for approximately 75 years.

A story in *The Harmonizer* on Sept. 23, 1984, quoted Sebastian



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Ehinger, then a 98-year-old, who described his elementary school education at St. John's by saying, "We didn't pass from grade to grade, but from reader to reader." That was the primary measure of one's level of achievement in those very early days, he recalled.

Student enrollment continued to increase and ground was broken for the present school on May 19, 1949, which opened for classes in September of 1950. That one-story structure costing \$165,000 was expanded to two stories just seven years and an additional \$140,000 later. The Sisters of St. Agnes were a mainstay of the school for 120 years, until 1990, and many students recall Sister Joellen Flynn, who served as principal for many years.

In 1997, then-principal Rob Sordelet remarked on the warm

family atmosphere at St. John's by noting that if there were a ribbon connecting students, faculty and parents, it would be called a "family tie."

Janice Comito, who is currently heading up the school in her eighth year as principal, is especially proud of the unique "Catholic identity" of the school. When asked to step back and assess its virtues, that quality comes to mind, she says. Catholicism permeates the entire educational process at St. John's as it has for more than a century.

With 25 faculty members and two classrooms serving most grades the future is rosy, says Comito. She happily boasts of an "excellent computer program" and notes that fully 90 percent of students pass the ISTEP test by eighth grade. An active Home and

School Association (HASA) sponsors social events, provides outside speakers and handles fundraising activities.

Though the current school building is now 60 years old, it has been supplemented by the more recently constructed community center, cafeteria and gym, which provide updated facilities for St. John's students. In addition, a two-year-old fully equipped playground completes the school campus.

This year 40 eighth graders will graduate from St. John's with a "good, well-rounded education" and go on to area high schools, says Principal Comito. She feels confident that they will leave St. John's loving, caring atmosphere with a "good feeling of community."

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# Brothers of Holy Cross celebrate jubilees

NOTRE DAME — The Brothers of Holy Cross will honor 17 brothers who are celebrating a jubilee of religious vows on June 20. The group includes two past provincials, a new provincial and past and present district superior of Ghana. Brothers being honored include a farmer, archivist, founder of Senior Friendship Centers and founder of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, maintenance men, artist, teachers, novice master, treasurer, academy headmaster, director of spiritual life ministries, seminary staff member and missionary.

Joining the 17 jubilarians will be Holy Cross Brothers from around the province and world along with relatives and friends of the brothers being honored. The Mass of thanksgiving will be held in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of the University of Notre Dame at 2 p.m. Following the Mass there will be a dinner for invited guests at the North Dining Hall.

Holy Cross Father Andre Leveille, chaplain of Andre Place at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame will be the celebrant and homilist at the Mass of thanksgiving. Holy Cross Brother John Paige, vicar and first assistant general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, will accept the brothers' renewal of vows.

Celebrating 70 years of religious vows is Brother Maurus O'Malley, a member of the Eastern Brothers' Province and a 10-year retired resident of Columba Hall, Notre Dame; Celebrating 60 years will be Brothers William Geenen, Joseph Dudek, Stephen Carter, Richard Huber, John Kuhn and Robert Mosher; 50 years: Brothers Vincent Gross, Paul Kelly, Robert Fillmore, Carl Sternberg, Robert Lavelle and Kenneth Kane; 40 years: Brothers Clement Burger and Chester Freely; 25 years: Brothers Michael Amakyi and Daniel Dardoe.

The following 11 brothers have or are now ministering in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

## 60-year jubilarians

**Holy Cross Brother William Geenen** will be remembered as a past provincial of the Brothers of Holy Cross and for founding both the Senior Friendship Centers in Florida and Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. A native of Appleton, Wis., William Geenen took his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on Feb. 2, 1949.

In 1994 Brother Geenen was called back to South Bend, to serve as provincial of the Midwest until 2000. There was an urgent need to be able to provide an aging group of brothers medical care and retirement opportunities — thus was born Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. After his six-year term as provincial was finished, Brother Geenen returned to Sarasota, Fla., in 2000, where he lives and sees the Senior Friendship Centers continue to grow.

**Holy Cross Brother Richard Huber** joined Holy Cross for the opportunity to both work and pray. He took his first vows on Feb. 2, 1949.

Brother Huber spent the majority of his religious life as a farmer at Silver Lake Farm, Rolling Prairie, from 1949-1951, and again from 1960-78. He served at St. Joseph Farm, Granger, from 1951-1960, 1978-1992, and from 1993-1995.

He also served at Dujarie House and Holy Cross Brothers' Center, Notre Dame. In August of 1993 he returned to St. Joseph Farm and then to Columba Hall, Notre Dame, in 1995 where he has lived and worked for the past 14 years.

**Holy Cross Brother Joseph Dudek** was born in Harvey, Ill., on Nov. 30, 1922. While serving in the Navy Joseph had the idea of joining religious life and did so in 1948, when he entered Holy



Brother William Geenen



Brother Richard Huber

Cross at Watertown, Wis. Brother Dudek took his first vows on Aug. 16, 1949, at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie. He received an undergraduate degree in physical science from the University of Notre Dame in 1953 and a master's in teaching physical science there in 1961. In 2006 Brother Dudek moved to Notre Dame, where he is now a resident of Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village.

**Holy Cross Brother John Kuhn** earned his master's from the University of Notre Dame in 1962 in educational administration.

Between 1985-1995 he was director at the Solitude of St. Joseph, Notre Dame. Brother Kuhn also served as assistant and then archivist of the Brother of Holy Cross from 1992-2005.

Brother enjoyed teaching art and English in Brothers' high schools and art and music traditions at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. Brother is currently retired and active in the activities of Holy Cross Village, including the Holy Cross History Association, at Notre Dame.

**Holy Cross Brother Stephen Carter** has performed general maintenance work in the community.

He worked at St. Joseph Farm in Granger from 1953-1962. It was in his retirement years that he learned to paint with oils and pastels. Brother Carter loves to go camping and paint. For his 50th jubilee he traveled to Alaska where he painted and took photos to paint in the future.

He is presently retired in Austin, Texas.



Brother Joseph Dudek



Brother John Kuhn



Brother Stephen Carter

## 50-year jubilarians

For the past 43 years **Holy Cross Brother Vincent Gross** has been a missionary to Liberia and Ghana. He made his first vows at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Jan. 26, 1959.



Brother Vincent Gross

Brother Gross spent 1959, at the Dujarie Scholasticate, Notre Dame and during his 43 years in Ghana Brother Vincent spent part of 1989 at the Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame, on sick leave.

**Holy Cross Brother Paul Kelly** was a dairy farmer in McCordsville, for four years before entering the community. He made his first vows on Jan. 26, 1959, at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie.

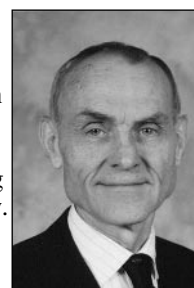
In 1991 Brother Kelly moved to Notre Dame, where he served as assistant to the provincial steward, superior of Columba Hall, Notre Dame, for five years, and as assistant provincial and community director of the provincial house from 1985-1991. From 1991-1996 Brother Kelly became a member of the Midwest Provincial Council. From 2004-2007 he was the brothers' director of Schubert Villa and Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. He is presently treasurer for Sangre de Christo renewal programs in Santa Fe, N.M.

**Holy Cross Brother Robert Fillmore** completed his term as provincial of the Brothers of the Midwest Province on June 19.

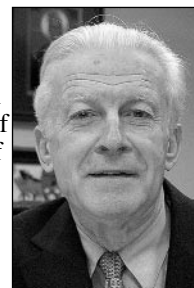
During his term the completion of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame was his accomplishment. Holy Cross not only provides the brothers with a new ministry to the elderly but facilities needed for aging and infirm brothers. There are close to 300 persons living in the Village, 60 of them brothers.

Over the past 50 years, Brother Fillmore taught at six Holy Cross schools. He directed the Andre Residential Community at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame and has served as province director of vocations, provincial counselor, assistant provincial and vicar, province director of formation, community superior, province coordinator of justice and peace and provincial superior.

**Holy Cross Brother Carl Sternberg** was born in Louisville, Ky., on June 27, 1940. Brother Sternberg took his first vows on Aug. 16, 1959. In 1962 he earned his



Brother Paul Kelly



Brother Robert Fillmore



Brother Carl Sternberg

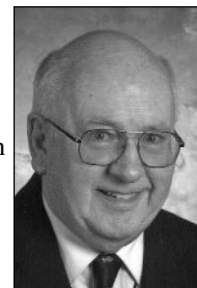
master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. Brother's entire ministry has been in the field of theology and spirituality. In September 1986 he joined the staff of the Solitude of St. Joseph, Notre Dame, for eight months. Brother was the founder and is still spiritual director for the Midwest Province Associates of Holy Cross.

## 40-year jubilarians

**Holy Cross Brother Clement Burger** entered the community at Basil Hall, Notre Dame, in September 1967 and took his first vows on June 16, 1968. Brother Burger earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Notre Dame in government and international studies.

His first assignment was Saint Joseph's High School. Brother Burger has been living in the Chicago area for the past 34 years.

**Holy Cross Brother Chester Freely** will be installed as the new provincial superior of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross on June 19. Brother attended St. Monica's Grade School in Mishawaka, and graduated from Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, in 1967. Since 2007 Brother Freely has been the vocations promoter for the province and teaches at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. He also directs the Bessette House Intentional Community at Columba Hall, Notre Dame.



Brother Clement Burger




Brother Chester Freely

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## EDITORIAL

## Tax credit could help Catholic schools

We applaud Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels' recent budget proposal for a new state tax credit as part of his budget package to encourage charitable donations to fund scholarships for lower-income children. The budget proposal was to be taken up by state legislators when they convened Thursday, June 11, in a special session.

This proposal could be helpful to our Catholic schools. The scholarship tax credit plan could help thousands of families send their children to our Catholic schools, or other private and public school of their choice.

With the current financial difficulties many families are facing, some are opting to pull their children from Catholic schools.

"We must not let that happen," Bishop John M. D'Arcy said at this year's Light of Learning recognition luncheon hosted by Quality Dining, Inc., in January.

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

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

This may be a form of assistance that could help keep the desks filled at our Catholic schools.

And this scholarship tax credit may be another device to help lower-income families afford a Catholic education for their children.

A press release from the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), which supports the tax credit, noted that the Indiana School Scholarship Tax Credit plan would create a 50 percent state tax credit for charitable contributions to qualified scholarship programs serving lower-income families. Children in grades kindergarten through 12 could qualify for scholarships to help attend the public or private school of their choice.

As noted on the Web site, [www.inscholarshiptaxcredit.com](http://www.inscholarshiptaxcredit.com), this privately-funded school choice model would provide scholarships to 3,000 or more families.

"In a time of fiscal crisis, the program could provide the state with much needed savings and struggling families with much needed choices," explained Jeff Brantley, executive director of the School Choice Indiana Network. "It's a win-win proposal for kids, taxpayers and budget policymakers."

The ICC release added, scholarship tax credit programs are funded through private donations, with a tax incentive to encourage charitable giving. They should not to be confused with "vouchers," which provide public funding for private school choices by parents.

The program passed the Indiana Senate earlier this spring on two separate occasions.

### How it works

In summary, individuals and corporations who contribute to a qualified scholarship program would be able to deduct 50 percent of the amount of that donation from their state tax liability.

If a business or individual donates \$1,000 to the fund, \$500 could be claimed against what they owed in state income tax liability.

According to information from the ICC, Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) would establish their own eligibility rules, application procedures and scholarship amounts within the income limits and other administrative rules within the legislation. The state department of revenue would establish procedures for reporting and monitoring participation in the program, as well tax credit application processes for private donors to the SGOs.

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## Church cornerstone of Notre Dame

After reading the plethora of articles and commentaries on the Notre Dame/Obama debacle, a thought comes to mind. At the end

of the recent article by Father Robert Barron, "Obama and Notre Dame," the statement was made that if Notre Dame becomes a secular university "that would be a terrible loss to the church." I would like to suggest a rewording of that statement. If Notre Dame were to have

its Catholic identity revoked "that would be a terrible loss to Notre Dame." It's the Catholic Church that is the cornerstone of Notre Dame, not Notre Dame the cornerstone of the Catholic Church.

L. Fairchild  
New Haven

## What should we do with frozen embryos?

When I give talks on stem-cell research or in vitro fertilization, people invariably ask, "What should be done with all the frozen embryos?" It is usually asked with a sense of urgency, even desperation, as they reflect on the fate of the hundreds of thousands of human embryos cryopreserved in liquid nitrogen at fertility clinics. The simple answer is that ethically there is very little we can do with the frozen embryos except to keep them frozen for the foreseeable future. No other morally acceptable options seem to exist.

The question of what to do with the frozen embryos, I sometimes remind my audiences, is not in fact the most pressing question we face. A much more urgent issue is how to stop the relentless manufacturing and freezing of new embryos, which is occurring each day, with clockwork-like regularity, in every major city in the United States.

The infertility industry has become an embryo mass-production line with virtually no legal oversight or national regulation. Catering to strong parental desires, it is a multibillion dollar business aptly described as the "wild west of infertility." To start to bring this into check, strong laws and regulations like those found in Germany and Italy are urgently needed. In those countries, no more than three embryos may be produced for each infertility treatment, and all three must be implanted into their mother. Extra embryos may not be produced or frozen; as a result, there are essentially no frozen embryos stored in German and Italian fertility clinics.

For those embryos that do end up abandoned in liquid nitrogen, the question often arises: would it be morally permissible to give them up for "embryo adoption," whereby other couples could implant, gestate and raise them as if they were their own children?

There is ongoing debate among reputable Catholic theologians about this matter, and technically it remains an open ques-

tion. A recent Vatican document called "Dignitas Personae" expressed serious moral reservations about the approach, without, however, explicitly condemning it as immoral. But we can easily see reasons why the promotion of embryo adoption would be imprudent. If embryo adoption were to become standard practice in the current, largely unregulated climate of the fertility industry, this could actually stimulate the production of yet more embryos; IVF clinic operators would be able to placate themselves by saying, "We really don't need to worry about producing extra embryos, because there will always be somebody willing to adopt any that are left over." It could offer the clinics an excuse to continue and even expand their current immoral practices.

Some have suggested that a morally acceptable solution to the frozen embryo problem might come through applying the principle that "extraordinary" means do not have to be undertaken to prolong human life. They argue that to sustain an embryo's life in a cryogenic state is to use extraordinary means and this is not required.

In fact, however, the decision to continue cryopreserving an embryo in liquid nitrogen is probably not an instance of using extraordinary means, since the burden and costs involved in taking care of embryonic children in this way are actually minimal. When we have children, we have a duty to clothe, feed, care for, and educate them, all of which costs plenty of money. When our children are frozen, we don't need to clothe, feed, or educate them; our care for them can only be expressed by paying the bill each month to replenish the liquid nitrogen in their storage tanks. This way of caring for our children is obviously unusual, but it does not seem morally extraordinary in terms of achieving the desired end of safeguarding their physical integrity.

In my opinion, parents have an obligation to care for their



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BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

children in this way until some other option becomes available in the future (maybe a sophisticated "embryo incubator" or "artificial womb" of some kind), or until there is a reasonable certainty that they have died on their own from decay or "freezer burn," which may occur whenever frozen embryos are stored for extended periods. Perhaps after a few hundred years, all the stored embryos would have died on their own, and they could finally be thawed and given a decent burial. This approach would not involve us in the direct moral agency of ending their lives by withdrawing their life-sustaining liquid nitrogen.

Frozen embryos, clearly, can never be donated to science. Such a decision would amount to handing over not cadavers, but living human beings, for dismemberment at the hands of stem-cell researchers. This would always be a radical failure in the parents' duty to protect and care for their offspring.

These considerations indicate the difficulty of answering the question about the disposition of frozen human embryos. We are reminded how sinful choices have consequences, and how the original decision to violate the moral law by doing IVF invariably has grievous repercussions, including the kinds of quandaries considered here, for which no moral resolution is apparent.

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# God-dreams at my time of life

*"The Medicine Man says: 'Hear your own drumbeat. Put your ear to your heart and listen.'"*

— Blackwolf

Does God have a dream for me now? Absolutely! Forever! Sounds strange that I say "forever," but St. Therese said that she would spend her heaven doing good on earth. That's a dynamic God-dream.

"Without the mountain, you cannot climb. Without the climb, there is no transcendence.

"Without the transcendence, there is no point in life," says Blackwolf. He knew God-dreams.

What is a God-dream? It's a vision of what we want our life to be so that the world is a better place for our having lived. It takes many forms, but exerts a strong pull within us to search for and follow the Divine energy within us, and to express it in some way for good. Like magnetic energy, Divine energy is only visible by the power it radiates.

God created a dream for each of us. All we have to do is to discover it. God made everything in

us and about us just right for this dream to be realized: our personality, talents, life's circumstances, experiences, family, parish, etc. God knew what we needed long before we did in order to help this dream become a reality. All we have to do is to find and live it. Only about 5 or 10 percent of people even try to discover the God-dream, placed within our soul at conception. We can't be one of those statistics. The world will be more poor and sad because we did not discover our dream. God gave it to no one else.

Remember the parable of the talents? We may not bury a God-dream. When we stand before God, I doubt that he'll accept: "I was too afraid. I wasn't smart, talented enough to do it." That's what the prophet Jeremiah said to God. God's reply was: "I know the plans I have for you ... plans for good ... to give you a future full of hope."

How do we know what God's dream is? When we were small, people would ask: "What do you

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SISTER ANGELITA FENKER

want to be when you grow up?" We'd give various responses, but usually there was one we'd come back to, in spite of what others told us we "ought to do." That's the beginning of how to recognize God's dream for us. He puts a desire in our spirit. Our youthful heart anticipated "growing up" in order to follow that dream. But, somewhere along the line, it got covered up by put-downs, fear, enticement of "more money if you'd do something else," lack of encouragement, which is really lack of affirmation for our vision;

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# Jesus' life is part of us



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Corpus Christi Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

The Book of Exodus is the source of this feast day's first reading, the story of an event that occurred as the Hebrews were making their way across the Sinai Peninsula, in flight from Egypt and slavery.

To modern ears, the story may sound gruesome, giving the details as it does of the ritual sacrifice of a young bull. It is necessary to recall that these instructions were given long ago, and long ago they passed out of Jewish religious ceremonies.

However, the meaning of these ancient sacrifices still has a message. For example, the ceremony in this case required that the blood would be sprinkled on the people.

The idea was that life in a special way resided in the blood of a creature. It is not impossible to understand how this notion originally arose. The ancients had a very limited knowledge of physiology, but they knew if the blood stopped flowing, the creature died; if enough blood escaped from the body due to injury, then death followed.

Offering the bull to God made the bull holy. Its blood therefore was holy, and that meant the blood somehow was touched by God's

own life. By sprinkling this blood on the people, they in turn were touched by God in a special way.

Beyond these circumstances, the lesson is that from the earliest stages of revelation, God provided for the people to touch eternal life and strength through processes and materials they could understand and access.

The Epistle to the Hebrews is one of the New Testament's most eloquent sources for knowledge about the person, and the mission, of the Lord. This feast's selection is no exception.

As does this epistle so often, this particular reading stresses that Jesus is the perfect victim of sacrifice as well as the great high priest. The sacrifice of bulls is no longer necessary. In its place is the sublime offering of the innocent Lamb of God, Jesus the Lord.

The three synoptic Gospels report the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist by giving the actual words used by Jesus, "This is my body," "This is my blood."

In this feast day's case, the reading is from Mark's Gospel. Before the mention of the meal itself, the Gospel says that Jesus sent two disciples into the city. He told them that they would see a man carrying a water jar. They should follow this man. The man will go to a house, whose owner the disciples should encounter and ask for a room in which the Lord and the disciples could gather to eat the Passover meal.

It is an interesting passage. It reveals that the Last Supper, and all that happened at the Last Supper, were utterly within the providence of God. It was no ordinary meal. God planned that it would provide the means for salvation, for uniting with Jesus.

## Reflection

Biblical scholars long have looked at the words, "This is my body," "This is my blood." They often view it from a denominational perspective. In other words, many Protestant scholars see them as symbolic. Catholic scholars see them as literal.

However, strictly from the standpoint of the language, the words are brief, direct and clear. Look at them without any predispositions. Read them as they appear. The message is straightforward and unambiguous. The bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.

This holy body and blood actually become part of the person who consumes them. It is a staggering thought. Jesus, the son of God, becomes part of us, individually. He is with us. His life, eternal now in the Resurrection, is part of us.

This was the cherished belief of the first Christians, and of the saints.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1-4 Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2,5-9a Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1-4,9 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1-4,7-8 Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 11:1,3-4.8c-9 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Eph 3:8-12,14-19 Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10 Ps 34:8-13 Lk 2:41-51

## CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

Every June the Catequiz'em commemorates D Day, so this quiz looks at D's in Scripture.

- Dagon was one of these**
  - Kings Of Israel after Solomon
  - Gods of the Philistines
  - Hellenizing leader of the Damascus nobility
- Damascus was/is capital of this region**
  - Syria
  - Egypt
  - Babylon
- Dance figures prominently in the story of John the Baptist; who was involved?**
  - The Nephilim
  - Simon Magus
  - Salome
- Daniel was deported to here after a failed revolt**
  - Assyria
  - Babylon
  - Egypt
- Darius was the name given to the ruler of this empire in the fifth century B.C.**
  - Judean
  - Persian
  - Nubian
- Yom Kippur is also known as**
  - Day of Atonement
  - Days of Our lives
  - Daily Bread (Manna)
- The Dead Sea Scrolls were found**
  - in a cave
  - floating on the dead sea
  - in the Ark of the Covenant, currently in Ethiopia
- The Decapolis were cities founded by (as their name might suggest)**
  - the wandering Hebrews
  - the Romans
  - Greek speakers
- These entities seem to spend a lot of time in scripture getting cast out**
  - deacons
  - demons
  - duelists
- The Diaspora refers mainly to the Jews, but there was also a 19th century Catholic Irish Diaspora caused mostly by**
  - the oppression of the Irish by the French
  - the potato famine
  - an overabundance of wanderlust
- "Dives" is the name ascribed to the counterpart of Lazarus in a parable. Why did people give this name to the unnamed rich man?**
  - because "dives" are low class places of entertainment, this shows the rich are corrupt
  - Dives has in Latin the numerical equivalent of 13 which spells doom
  - dives is the Latin word for rich.
- David was a great biblical king (with flaws). His name is also attached to this most Jewish symbol**
  - Star of David
  - Branch davidian
  - The Davidic menorah
- Deborah was a rare leader for the Jews because**
  - she was a she
  - her mane means bee
  - she went by the Egyptian nickname little Debbie
- Nothing could be finer than to know the name of Jacob's and Leah' daughter**
  - Daisy
  - Deborah
  - Dinah
- Joseph got out of jail in Egypt because of his skill in interpreting these**
  - debit and credit accounts written in hieroglyphs
  - dreams
  - diatribes

## ANSWERS

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

# Brothers and cousins have different meaning in Old Testament

**A recent newspaper article said the Blessed Virgin Mary had four boys and two girls after the birth of Jesus whom St. Matthew calls Mary's firstborn son. How do I respond to this?, A.N., Goshen**

St. Matthew's Gospel says that St. Joseph had no relations with the Blessed Virgin Mary at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus. Some translations call Jesus the "firstborn" son, but this does not mean that Mary necessarily had other sons. In the ancient culture of the Middle East where the Gospel was written, the term "firstborn son" simply means that Jesus was the first son that Mary had. This term is used for all firstborn sons, even if this firstborn son was the only son of a particular mother.

The New American Bible says that when St. Matthew says St. Joseph had no relations with Mary at any time, he is emphasizing the virginity of the mother of Jesus from the moment of his conception to his birth. St. Matthew does not concern himself with the period that followed the birth of Jesus, but merely wishes to show that Joseph fully respected the legal

character of the paternity imposed on him by the divine will. Moreover the New Testament makes no mention anywhere of children of Joseph and Mary.

Elsewhere in the Gospel, St. Matthew does mention brothers and sisters of Jesus. "Where did Jesus get such wisdom and miraculous powers? Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't Mary known to be his mother and James, Joseph, Simon and Judas his brothers? Aren't his sisters our neighbors?"

The New American Bible says that the question about possible brothers and sisters of Jesus mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark cannot easily be decided here on linguistic grounds. The Greek-speaking Semitic people of the ancient Middle East used the terms "brother" ("adelphos" in Greek) and "sister" ("adelphē" in Greek), not only in the ordinary sense of blood brother and sister, but also for nephew, niece, half-brother, half-sister and cousin.

Father McKenzie also points out the varied use of the term "brother" in both the Old and New Testaments. Of course, the primary sense of the term "brother" is the

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son of the same parents, either father and mother, or of the same father and a different mother, namely a half-brother. In a wider sense, the term "brother" signifies a person of common ancestry and relationship, in particular a member of the same clan or tribe, namely a kinsman. Remember that the people of the Bible were very conscious of their tribal roots, thus we speak of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The term "brother" is even extended to members of the same race or nation. Thus the Book of Deuteronomy calls any Hebrew man or woman your "brother."

Father McKenzie mentions that in the New Testament Christians are called "brothers" about 160 times. Jesus himself says that one who does the will of his Father is

Jesus' own brother. "Brother" is also a form of polite address, especially between one monarch and another. Thus in the First Book of Kings, King Ben-hadad of Damascus in Syria calls King Ahab of Israel his "brother." This same practice is seen in the ancient Amarna Letters of Egypt stemming from 1377 B.C. Jesus even uses the word "brother" to signify a fellow human being.

Father McKenzie continues that, of the four "brothers" mentioned by name in the Gospels, it is clear that James and Joses (or

Joseph) are sons neither of St. Joseph nor of Mary. A different Mary is the mother of them both; she was among the group at the foot of the cross. The early church's insistence on the virginity of Mary would be hard to explain, if the contemporaries of Jesus actually considered the "brothers" of Jesus to be blood brothers, rather than relatives.

**Father Richard Hire**, pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse answered this question.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 14, 2009

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle B. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

UNLEAVENED	PASSOVER	A JAR
FOLLOW HIM	ENTERS	HOUSE
GUEST ROOM	LARGE	FURNISHED
EATING	BREAD	BLESSING
GAVE IT	DRANK	MY BLOOD
FRUIT	VINE	DRINK IT NEW
KINGDOM	MOUNT	OLIVES

## MEAL BLESSING

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E E B R E A D R A N K X
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S O V A I I E I A G Y O
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# Let us now praise the Little Professor

In another summer of baseball's steroid-driven discontent — A-Rod scandals, Manny's suspension, Clemens's denials, etc. — it's worth remembering a different era in the pastime, the virtues of which were embodied by the other DiMaggio: Dom, the Little Professor, kid brother of Joltin' Joe, the Yankee Clipper.

Dominic Paul DiMaggio died on May 8 at age 92. He's not in Cooperstown, but the man who patrolled left field in Fenway while Dom DiMaggio was in center — Ted Williams, whom Leon Kass once aptly called "our Achilles" — was so convinced that his teammate belonged with the immortals that he had booklets entitled, "Why Dom DiMaggio Belongs in the Hall of Fame," available at the Ted Williams Museum in Florida.

Dom DiMaggio made The Show in 1940. Like Joltin' Joe and the Splendid Splinter, Williams, he lost years off his career in service to America during World War II. Thus his entire major league life spanned but 10 full seasons. He was a career 298 hitter with a lifetime .383 on-base percentage who, as *Sports Illustrated* pointed out in a memorial essay, was a serious bat: "No one — not Joe, not Ted Williams — had more hits than Dom's 1,679 from 1940 through 1952," (the missing service years being 1943-45).

Yet it was his fielding that truly set Dom DiMaggio apart. In those 10 American League seasons, he had 147 assists from the outfield — meaning that 147 times, someone was dumb enough to test his rifle-like arm.

Most outfielders would be happy with one season in which they had double-digits in assists. Dom DiMaggio had nine such campaigns, and in both 1942 and 1947 he threw out an amazing 19 runners.

His reputation was such that it changed the course of baseball history. It was 1946 and the Sawx might have broken the Curse of the Bambino, had they not been forced to take Dom out of the seventh game of the World Series when he turned an ankle after driving in the tying runs in the top of the eighth. Every serious baseball fan knows what happened next: The Cardinal's Enos Slaughter raced from first to home on Harry "the Hat" Walker's single to center, winning the game and the Series for St. Louis. But as Slaughter said afterwards, "If they hadn't taken DiMaggio out of the game, I wouldn't have tried it."

Williams insisted that the Little Professor — so-called for his studious appearance and glasses — was the best center fielder he'd ever seen. Yet he didn't look like a ballplayer (even in that less-muscle-bound era, Dom was on the small side, at 5 foot 9 inches and 168 pounds), and he didn't have the DiMaggio glitz.

Dom had the longest hitting streak in the American League between 1949 and 1987, at 34 consecutive games; but Joe had had his epic 56-game run in the summer of '41. Dom played amidst the crazies of Red Sox Nation in one of America's two most beloved ballparks; but Joe played on center stage in the House That Ruth Built. Dom married Emily, and had three



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children and several grandchildren; Joe married Marilyn Monroe. In a culture becoming increasingly celebrity-infatuated, Dom DiMaggio was far more steak than sizzle. That may have something to do with his lamented absence from the Hall of Fame.

Yet he embodied the best of baseball in one of baseball's greatest epochs. As for fame, perhaps Dom DiMaggio never read or saw "A Man for All Seasons," but in pondering his death and his life (and the contrast with his brother Joe, to whom fame often meant misery), I remembered Sir Thomas More's counsel to ambitious Richard Rich, desperate to join the world of high affairs at court. More thought Rich would make a fine teacher, "perhaps even a great one." "And if I was, who would know it?" Rich complained. To which More answered, "You, your pupils, God. Not a bad public, that."

Substitute "fans" for "pupils" and you've got Dom DiMaggio. Several hundred like him might save baseball in the early 21st century.

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self-doubts and obstacles took over. Sometimes, a unique God-dream gets covered up for a lifetime from lack of courage, and the world suffers.

Many people think that one's vocation or job is the only God-dream. This is only part of it. Our vocation is one way to live our God-dream, but there's more. God has a dream for each time of life that builds on the previous one. One dream does not negate the next; the new one builds on and expands the first. Some people tell themselves that a dream is too big for them. That's true. Most of the prophets thought this. Even Christ asked his Father to remove the cup, but was quick to add that he wanted what his Father wanted — fulfillment of the dream his Father had given him. He could have said no, but kept discovering it at each new time of life. That's why he spent so many times alone in prayer.

Our God-dream: that "certain

something" that gives real meaning to our life, can't be killed, but can be suffocated through lack of attention. When we don't strive to discover a newly sprouting God-dream, we'll lose heart; when we take the first step, we come alive. At our first step, increase will happen. Discovering a newly-developing application of our God-dream rests with Christ's example. He went out to pray. He talked to his Father about obstacles and possibilities. He did what Chief Blackhawk advised, he put his ear to his heart and listened.

Too old for a fresh God-dream? Think again: Caleb was 80; Abraham, in his 90s; Sarah, 100; Moses, 120. When we rely on the Father, at the touch of the Spirit, Christ's arm is always around our shoulder. He will help us break out of our comfort zone. Then, and only then, will our God-dream for this time of life become magnetic.

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# Sports

**BAVIS INVITED TO JOIN NOTRE DAME'S TRACK TEAM** Bishop Dwenger High School senior Alex Bavis has accepted an invitation issued in February from the University of Notre Dame to join their track team as a decathlete. He will be involved in multiple events including the high jump. Bavis will study finance.

## New York Catholic college signs one-handed basketball player

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Kevin Laue, a 6-foot-11, 18-year-old basketball player from California, became what is believed to be the first one-handed basketball player to sign a letter of intent to play with a NCAA Division I basketball team.

To the folks at La Sallian-run Manhattan College — including the Christian Brother who is the school's president — it was a slam dunk.

"Kevin is getting a scholarship for all the right reasons," said head coach Barry Rohrssen during a June 4 telephone interview with Catholic News Service from Yankee Stadium, where he and Brother Thomas Scanlan, Manhattan's president, were taking in a game between the New York Yankees and the Texas Rangers.

"When you look at any roster in any sport, there are players on that roster who have been given chances. Those players have had poor academic histories, they haven't been easy to coach on the court, they've had off-the-court problems, whereas Kevin has done everything right," he added.

Laue's left arm was amputated at the elbow shortly after birth. While in his mother's womb, the umbilical cord was wrapped twice around his neck, with his left arm wedged in between. Circulation to the arm was cut off, severely stunting its growth, but doctors said its position had allowed blood to reach his brain.

"For the first time in three years, he told me who to recruit," Rohrssen said, referring to Brother Scanlan, who had read a profile of Laue in *The New York Times*. "I only read the (New York) *Post* and the (New York Daily) *News*," the coach said, laughing.

Rohrssen compared Laue to Jim Abbott, a pitcher born without a right hand who went straight from college baseball to the majors without playing in the minor leagues and who pitched 10 seasons in the majors, including a no-hitter for the Yankees in 1993 — a game seen live by Rohrssen.

"I would try to catch every fifth day when Jim Abbott pitched, because he was someone who I admired and he inspired me watching him perform at the level he did," Rohrssen said. "Someone gave him a chance, someone provided him with the opportunity.



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**Kevin Laue, a member of the 2008-09 Fort Union Military Academy basketball team in Fort Union, Va., jumps for the ball during a game in early February at the school. Kevin will be attending Manhattan College in New York in the fall and is believed to be the first one-handed player to receive a Division I college basketball scholarship at the school.**

"Watching that game in 1993 ... and witnessing Jim Abbott pitch a no-hitter, the thought crossed my mind (at the time): Who was the person who gave him a chance? Who was the person who gave him the opportunity?" he recalled.

Having witnessed Abbot's no-hitter "was one of the motivating factors" in recruiting Laue, he said.

Laue told CNS in a June 5 telephone interview from his family's home in California that he plans to major in business — "Wall Street's right there in Manhattan," he said — and minor in philosophy.

He added Manhattan was "really the only one (college) to offer a full ride" among the four Division I schools that had expressed an interest. Manhattan had a scholarship to spare after one player decided against returning for another year.

Laue had heard from Division II and III schools and schools in the National Association of

Intercollegiate Athletics, "but I don't think my coach at Fork Union really wanted me to see those places," he said. Laue spent the last year at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

"When I read the story in the *Times*, he just seemed like a fine young man," Brother Scanlan said of Laue. "It just seemed to me the kind of thing we do to make a statement. Because we're de la Salle Christian Brothers, it's very La Sallian. He's proved himself up to this point, and there's no reason not to believe he won't contribute at the next level."

"When you have this support from your president and your athletic director, and he backs your president up on that, you give him the opportunity he deserves," Rohrssen said of Laue.

The scholarship isn't being given out of pity. "Kevin has a lot of athletic ability," Rohrssen said. "At 6-foot-11, he is long, he can run the floor well, he can jump. He does possess some athletic ability. (With) our team, like most basketball teams, it helps to have some type of presence in the middle. He is a large body. And he has shown an ability to block shots, which is important."

Laue told CNS he grew up playing baseball, football and soccer. A friend invited him to try out for the middle-school basketball team. And as he grew in size, he "grew to love the sport," he said, adding that opponents don't make fun of his missing hand but engage in more typical "trash talk" during games.

Laue's skills aren't limited to the court. He finished first in his class at Fork Union. "He had a 3.5 grade point average at his high school," Rohrssen told CNS. "His coach said he was a pleasure to coach. He should make the most out of this opportunity."

Laue went to Fork Union after an injury early in 2007-08 at his California high school scuttled his chances of drawing scholarship attention.

Laue told CNS the one play he hasn't solved yet is the alley-oop dunk. "It's very difficult. I'm sure I'll get it," he said.

"I just look forward to the day when he has his first rejection (blocked shot) and his first dunk, and the whole gym going wild with enthusiasm, and that will be a great thing to witness," Brother Scanlan said.

## Bishop Dwenger, Marian students selected for all-state rugby team

The following students from Bishop Dwenger and Marian high schools have been selected for the all-state rugby Division I and II teams.

From Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, those selected for first team Division I were Isaac Hall, Matt Weber, Brian Porter and Tyler Gallaway. On the second team Division I were J. Patrick Porter, Tom Morken, Mike Udoh and Jon Mitchel-Adams. Receiving honorable mention Division I were Mike Fisher, Steven Brown, Max

Tippmann and Peter Waikel.

Dwenger students on the first team Division II were Chris Ashe and Jim Fox. On the second team Division II were Dylan McCann and Conner McCann. Receiving honorable mention on Division II were Tom Leffers and Matt Goheen.

Students selected for the all-state Division I rugby team from Marian High School, Mishawaka, were Collin Rahrig, Killian Probst, Brett Hennesey and David Halter.

## St. John, New Haven scholar athletes honored

NEW HAVEN — St. John, New Haven School held its annual Athletic Sports Banquet on Sunday, May 17, to honor all student athletes and especially their eighth-grade scholar athletes. Scholar athletes were chosen based on both their academic and athletic performance during their sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade years. Several of the students participated in multiple sports

requiring a commendable balance between classroom time and extracurricular activities. The graduates were expected to maintain an A- or higher GPA during their careers truly demonstrating the term "student athlete." Kelly Mouch, St. John athletic director summarized, "We were very proud of each of our students who were able to reach this high standard."



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**St. John the Baptist School, New Haven, scholar athletes pictured are, in front, from left, Michael Yagodinski and Graham Renbarger. In back, from left, are Dillon Carey, Zachary Miller, Kathryn Yagodinski, Colin Zink and David Wuest.**

# Living a devout life in an un-devout world

BY JENNIFER KOHRMAN

## Who is St. Francis de Sales?

Most people are familiar with St. Francis of Assisi. However, there is another St. Francis who made important contributions to our faith. St. Francis de Sales, a doctor of the church, was a French bishop during the early 17th century, as well as a revolutionary, because he believed that God calls everyone to holiness — not just clergy and religious.

St. Francis de Sales served as a spiritual advisor. His book, "Introduction to the Devout Life," originated as a series of letters advising "a truly devout soul," whom he called Philothea, on ways of enriching her prayer experience. He provided her — and us — with a prayer method that focuses on God in the midst of daily tasks. Even though "Introduction to the Devout Life" was written 400 years ago, his message is still relevant for us today.

## A brief biography

St. Francis de Sales studied law and theology. He was appointed bishop of the diocese of Geneva in

1602 in the midst of the Protestant Reformation. Even though he endured persecutions, his tremendous zeal for the Catholic faith brought many back to the Catholic Church. He wrote numerous letters to those who lived in the region. At a friend's urging, St. Francis published "Introduction to the Devout Life," which focused on living as a Christian within the secular world.

## True devotion

St. Francis believes that true devotion is living out one's vocation with knowledge of God's love and realizing that all people are called to holiness — not just those who are in the clergy or religious life. It is God's infinite, unconditional love that motivates an individual to desire holiness. The process of the devout life includes five steps: confronting temptation and sin, praying daily, frequently receiving the sacraments — especially reconciliation and Eucharist, practicing virtue through charitable acts, and constantly renewing one's commitment for true devotion.

The first step towards holiness is purging oneself of sin. It is important to realize how much sin impedes one's relationship with



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God and how necessary it is to go to the sacrament of reconciliation and make an honest confession. It is through reconciliation that one experiences God's mercy and receives graces to refrain from future sin. Receiving the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist frequently encourages a person to become more devout.

It is equally important to make a regular examination of conscience. This helps one reflect on which virtues are utilized, as well as to consider areas where he or she might have failed. An examination of conscience facilitates growing in holiness and having a deeper devotion for God.

In addition to receiving the sacraments, it is also necessary to have a specific time and place devoted to personal prayer each day. St. Francis believes that praying daily is a key step towards holiness. He suggests that one begin prayer time with prayers

such as the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be. He also encourages people to use imagination during prayer. For example, as one recites the Hail Mary, perhaps one imagines the scene of the Annunciation. St. Francis advises that, as long as the focus remains on God, it is permissible to reflect on a word within a prayer rather than reciting the entire prayer. During prayer time, a person may experience sincere affections within the soul and appreciation for God and his love. These "movements" during prayer inspire us to practice little virtues — another step in the process of becoming more devout.

St. Francis defines "little virtues" as making resolutions or little acts of kindness. "Each person must practice in a special manner the virtues needed by the kind of life he is called to" These virtues help to form a gentle attitude and unite the individual with God in the

midst of daily activities. Learning to see God in all things, helps maintain a focus on God.

## Relevance for current times

St. Francis de Sales' "Introduction to the Devout Life" provides a helpful guide for Christians who face the challenges and temptations of a secular society that tries to divert our focus away from God. As we enter ordinary time, this Sharing Faith series will focus on the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Our desire is to create an awareness of how a devout life can be integrated within our "every-days" and draw us closer to Christ.

In the words of St. Francis de Sales: "Live Jesus! to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and throughout the endless ages of eternity. Amen."

## Poor Handmaid jubilarians celebrate religious life

BY RUTH HATFIELD

**DONALDSON** — This year, 12 Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate special anniversaries as women religious at a community celebration planned for June 27, at the PHJC Ministry Center.

### 75-year jubilarians

**Sister Maris Krimmel** has ministered in the fields of education and health-care in Illinois and Indiana as well as a nuclear medical technician at St. Anne Hospital in Chicago and as a medical librarian at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. After serving several years as a volunteer at Ancilla College, Sister Maris retired to the Catherine Kasper Home, in 2007.



**SISTER MARIS KRIMMEL**

### 70-year jubilarians

**Sister Lucille Ardelean** ministered in Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota in the areas of education, social services, pastoral care and volunteer work.



**SISTER LUCILLE ARDELEAN**

Having recently retired to the Catherine Kasper Home, Sister Lucille still volunteers her time as a "Thank You Sister," personally writing thank you notes for the PHJC Development Office.

**Sister Mary Dolores Greifer** has been a teacher and organist at various schools in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Mississippi. She was a professor at Ancilla College and served as the director of alumni and volunteer coordinator of alumni affairs. She retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in 2004.



**SISTER DOLORES GREIFER**

**Sister Maxine Peppenhorst** has been an educator and sacristan in schools in Illinois and Indiana, and retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in 2000. She continues to volunteer her time as a "Thank You Sister" for the Development Office whenever possible.



**SISTER MAXINE PEPPENHORST**

### 60-year jubilarians

**Sister Agnes Muehlenfeld** served as a homemaker in Gary, and in dietary services in Milwaukee, Wis., before returning home to Convent Ancilla Domini and the Catherine Kasper Home to continue her ministry in community service. Sister Agnes remains an active resident at Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson.



**SISTER AGNES MUEHLENFELD**

**Sister Bertram Boeving** has ministered in health-care, hospital administration, pastoral care and community service in settings across Illinois and Indiana, and served the Poor Handmaid community as local leader. She lives at the Catherine Kasper Home where she retired in 2002.



**SISTER BERTRAM BOEVING**

**Sister Wilma Boeving** has served in child care, dietary services and pastoral care in



**SISTER WILMA BOEVING**

Illinois and Indiana. She has also been involved in healthcare administration and was the director of development for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Now retired, Sister Wilma is a resident of the Catherine Kasper Home.

**Sister Agatha Niebrugge** has ministered in educational settings in Belleville, Breese and Chicago, and Donaldson and Mishawaka. She currently serves as the sacristan at Ancilla Domini Chapel, and is a resident of Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson.



**SISTER AGATHA NIEBRUGGE**

**Sister Kathleen Quinn** has served in health-care and administration, and as provincial and associate provincial of the Poor Handmaid congregation. She has ministered at hospitals in Illinois and Indiana, as well as at Ancilla Systems Incorporated, formerly the PHJC health-care system, and is currently the medical coordinator at Sojourner Truth House in Gary.



**SISTER KATHLEEN QUINN**

### 50-year jubilarians

**Sister Helen Watkins** has ministered in health-care, administration, education and as a volunteer. She currently serves as a wellness nurse at the PHJC Ministry Center in Donaldson.



**SISTER HELEN WATKINS**

**Sister Damian McNamara** has ministered in child care, physical therapy and transportation, as well as providing volunteer service for her community. She currently serves as a volunteer driver with the Transportation Department at the PHJC Ministry Center.



**SISTER DAMIAN MCNAMARA**

**Sister Pauline Bridegroom** provides pastoral care and Sister Services for the Sisters of Mercy in Plymouth, Mich. She has ministered in Illinois and Indiana in the areas of education, transportation, librarian, clerical, pastoral care, chaplain and mission integration.



**SISTER PAULINE BRIDEGROOM**

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## FUNDRAISERS

### St. Hedwig Polish Festival

South Bend — St. Hedwig will have a Polish festival Sunday, July 5, from noon to 5 p.m. in the Hedwig Memorial Center, 331 S. Scott St. The Polish festival begins with a Polka Mass at 1 a.m. Polish fare includes: chicken, sausage, noodles, cabbage, pierogi, golabki and various desserts. Music will be provided by Soundsations.

### Boppin' at Besancon

New Haven — St. Louis Academy will have a '50s weekend fundraiser June 26-27 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.

### Rummage sale

Garrett — St. Joseph School, 301 W. Houston St., will have a "best ever" rummage sale June 18-19 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 20, from 7 a.m. to noon. Breakfast and lunch available.

### Father's Day brunch planned

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 601 will have a Father's Day brunch Sunday, June 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the hall, 601 Reed Rd. Adults \$7 and children under 12 \$3.

### Victory Noll Center to host 5K run, 1K fun walk June 20

Huntington — Victory Noll, located at 1900 W. Park Dr., will host a 5K run and a 1K fun walk on Saturday, June 20. The run will begin at 10 a.m., with the fun walk starting at 10:15 a.m. There is no registration fee for the race or the walk, but free-will donations will be accepted. Runners and walkers may pre-register for the event by calling (260) 356-0628, ext. 128. There will also be registration the day of the race beginning at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Victory Noll Center Women's Auxiliary. Refreshments will be available.

### Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

### Port-a-pit chicken help CRHP

South Bend — The St. Adalbert CRHP continuation committee will have a Nelson's port-a-pit fundraiser Saturday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Safety-Kleen, 2217 Western Ave. Tickets are \$5 in advance available at the parish office or \$6 day of event. Call (574) 288-5708 for information.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Natural family planning classes

Warsaw — The Couple to Couple League will offer a course in natural family planning beginning Sunday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at St. Bernard's in Zahn Hall. The PowerPoint-based course is composed of three monthly classes that teach a simplified version of the "sympto-thermal" method of NFP. For information or to register, phone Pat or Monica Klein at (765) 668-8034, or e-mail wisdomsfool@bpsinet.com

### Old flags to be destroyed

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Assembly 239 will be sponsoring a Flag Destruction ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, at 4 p.m. The ceremony will be held at K of C Council 451, 601 Reed Rd. This is a very moving ceremony for the entire family.

### Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Glenn Kohrman will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:15 p.m. to pray for vocations. Father Glenn is the pastor of St. Mary of the Lake in Culver.

### 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](http://www.ourlady-ofhungary.com/alumni.htm).

### Vacation Bible School announced

Roanoke — Rome: Paul and the Underground Church Vacation Bible School Program will be hosted by St. Joseph Parish this summer, June 22-25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All are welcome and there is no cost to participate. Contact Sarah Maloy at (260) 437-7761 for information.

### Corpus Christi procession

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

### Central Catholic alumni celebration

Fort Wayne — Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will have a celebration Saturday, June 27. Mass by Bishop Felipe Estevez, '64, will be at 5 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Dinner, music and fellowship follow at the Grand Wayne Center. Reservations are \$40 per person and should be sent to Carol Venderley, 8224 Becketts Ridge, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. For information call Leanne at (260) 485-0290.

### Marriage Encounter plans refreshment

South Bend — A refreshment opportunity for all who have experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend will be July

## REST IN PEACE

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James L. Galligher, 61, Immaculate Conception

### Bremen

Marianne Wentland, 65, St. Dominic

### Donaldson

Sister Lorine Huelskamp, PHJC, 86, Ancilla Domini Chapel

### Elkhart

Barbara Ann Cataldo, 81, St. Vincent de Paul

### Fort Wayne

Arlene J. Higginbotham-White, 62, St. John the Baptist

Thomas Edward

Kerwin, 74., St. Charles Borromeo

Rosann M. Cuny, 69, St. Vincent de Paul

Dorothy Adams, 92, St. Charles Borromeo

Philip L. Kienlen, 60, St. Jude

Robert J. Korn, 86, St. Jude

### Huntington

Sister Pauline Wapiennik, OLVM, 88, Victory Noll

### Kendallville

Dorothy Olive Maxwell, 97, Immaculate Conception

### Mishawaka

Thomas A. VandeWalle, 65, St. Bavo

Craig Anthony Norkus, 44, Queen of Peace

### New Carlisle

Mary A. Rozwarski, 84, St. Stanislaus Kostka

### New Haven

Mary K. Fanders, 99, St. John the Baptist

### Notre Dame

Herman J. Krizmanich, 87, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Otto A. Bird, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Sister Marian Joseph Cain, CSC, 103, Our Lady of Loretto

Mary Emily Papandria, 83, Our Lady of Loretto

### South Bend

Andrea M. Pilger, 41, St. Joseph

Sylvester E. Niedbalski, St. Adalbert

Pamela A. Held, 55, Holy Family

Eloise E. Glentzer, 89, St. Jude

Clara J. Bilinski, 79, Holy Family

10-12 in the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center on the edge of the Saint Mary's College campus. Join over 400 spouses and priests for the nine-state 2009 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Convention. Register at [www.wwme-ni.org/2009convention](http://www.wwme-ni.org/2009convention) or call Ron and Leanne Lee (260) 637-5124.

### Support MacDougal Chapel

Fort Wayne — Support the renovation of MacDougal Chapel by purchasing a brick engraved with the name of your family or loved

one. Bricks can be reserved for a \$100 donation. For information call (260) 424-1485.

### Volunteers needed

Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers. Call Doris Bermes at (260) 744-3977 for information.

### Centering prayer

South Bend — Centering prayer is held every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at Little Flower Chapel, 54191 N. Ironwood.



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# The Miranda Gardens offered in thanksgiving for blessings

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” — Mt 6: 28 -29.

When Jesus compares the beauty of flowers to Solomon's garments, he could have been standing in the vast gardens of St. Pius X parishioners Tom and Carol Miranda in Granger. But this biblical reference has additional meaning for Carol, who in 1999 chose to trust in God's love, rather than dwell in anxiety following her diagnosis of spinal cancer.

Carol's passion for gardening began while attending a Catholic high school in Belmont, Calif. On Saturday mornings, Carol would take a Greyhound bus from her home to within a mile of the school. After walking the rest of the way to the school, she would meet Sister Anna, who was a gardener there. Carol remembers a long oblong piece of land where a statue of the Blessed Virgin stood. The area was damp from a small stream of water close by and it was there that Carol and Sister Anna planted some flowers. “We planted blue lobelia because it is Our Lady's color,” Carol recalls.

After Tom and Carol were married, Tom decided to use the G.I. Bill from his service in the Army to attend graduate school at the University of Notre Dame. In September of 1955, Tom, Carol, and their two children moved to South Bend with the family extending to seven in the ensuing years.



Carol and Tom Miranda of Granger care for the daylily gardens at their home that offer over 500 different varieties.

On May 29, 1959, the Mirandas officially moved into their current home in Granger. Located on four acres, Tom and Carol began the process of changing the surrounding outside landscape into gardens. But in January of 1999, Carol's gardening efforts were put on hold when she was diagnosed with spinal cancer.

The cancer wrapped around Carol's spinal cord and immobilized her from the waist down. Carol recalls her doctor's dire predictions. “(They) told me that I was going to be in a wheelchair the rest of my life. I had different ideas, because I prayed to Jesus very fervently.”

During the first six months of 1999 Carol had three surgeries. The first was to remove a tumor on her eighth vertebrae, the second was a thyroidectomy and the final surgery resulted in the removal of

the eighth vertebrae. Despite these challenges Carol was determined not to give up hope of walking again. Through prayer and working with her therapist, she was able to regain mobility with the use of a walker.

A turning point in her recovery was July 11, 1999 when Carol heard a homily at church about a man in Belgium who had his legs crushed in an accident. He went to the village priest and told him that he wanted to go to Lourdes to be healed. The village priest told the man that he didn't have to go to Lourdes, since the Lord is everywhere. After the Mass was concluded, Carol thought about the homily and decided to give Tom her walker and walk to the car by holding his hand. When they got home she walked to the neighbor's door in the same fashion and her neighbors almost fainted when



woods there are wild flowers and ferns. When Carol or Tom sees an area where grass cannot grow they ask “What would God do?” and prayerfully pick foliage to grow in that spot.

Carol notes that the garden is a work in progress because God is always in progress. Currently Tom and Carol are working on putting the Stations of the Cross on a path in the woods

surrounding their home. Despite all of her health obstacles, Carol mows all of her own grass and with Tom strives to keep the gardens as perfect as possible for God.

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Carol and Tom Miranda next to the metal placard on their front porch that reads “House of Miranda, Established May 29, 1959.”

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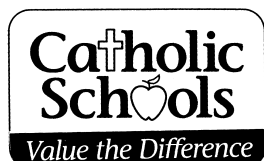
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