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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Ponder what it means that Christ is present in Eucharist, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and its Corpus Christi procession are important opportunities for Catholics to reaffirm their faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, Pope Benedict XVI said.

The pope celebrated an evening Mass outside Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran on the feast day June 11 and knelt before the Eucharist as it was carried on a truck through the streets of Rome to the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

"With awareness of being inadequate because of our sins, but needing to be nourished by the love that the Lord offers us in the eucharistic sacrament, this evening we renew our faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist," the pope said during his homily.

Pope Benedict encouraged all Catholics to be clear in professing their faith in the Eucharist as Christ's body broken and blood spilled for their salvation and in pondering what that means each time they receive the Eucharist or kneel in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

"Today there is the risk of a creeping secularization even inside the church, which can translate into a formal and empty type of eucharistic worship (and) into celebrations lacking that participation of the heart, which is expressed in veneration and respect for the liturgy," the pope said.

Pope Benedict asked Catholics to be on guard against the temptation to allow daily activities and concerns to take up so much space in their lives that



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Pope Benedict XVI holds up the chalice as he celebrates Mass on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ outside the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome June 11.

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### ENVELOPE COMING THIS WEEK

In this issue of Today's Catholic, an offering envelope is inserted into the



newspaper requesting readers to help us finance a portion of the production and delivery costs of this newspaper to all registered Catholic homes in the diocese. Your offering gives you a share in the works of evangelization throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Cuba's Operation Peter Pan boys lead productive lives in U.S.

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Among those attending a Central Catholic High School (CC) reunion June 27 will be a handful of successful businessmen who were once refugees in this country — Cuban refugees.

Pedro Ledo, Julio Garcia, Cesar de la Guardia and Mike Barnett were all adolescents during the initial reign of Fidel Castro in Cuba in the late 1950s and early '60s. Each recalls a strong and virtuous home and faith life, educational opportunities and family ties. And each recalls the day in the early 1960s they separated from their families, boarded an airplane alone and flew to America to begin a new life of educational and political freedoms.

Shortly after Fidel Castro's 1959 coup, when industries became nationalized, Catholic schools and churches were closed, and children were sent away to distant school camps to be indoctrinated into communism, the U.S. government and the Archdiocese of Miami worked with Cubans on what became known as Operation Peter Pan.

### Operation Peter Pan

Operation Peter Pan is considered the largest recorded exodus of unaccompanied minors in the Western hemisphere, according to the Web site www.pedropan.org, where over 14,000 young Cuban boys and girls

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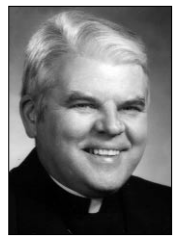
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# Bishop D'Arcy thanks God for friendship of Msgr. Tom McDonnell



## NEWS & NOTES

### BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

#### Farewell to a friend

He was my best friend as a priest, and I have known him for 53 years. We talked on the phone on a regular basis. Even though I knew it could not be too far away, it came as a shock. That is always the way with close friends, especially the friends of your youth.

The phone rang late on a Sunday afternoon. I had come back from a weekend in Goshen, Mishawaka and Walkerton, and the phone rang. Msgr. Tom McDonnell had died. He grew up in the gritty streets of Mattapan, St. Angela Parish, a community of Jewish and Irish on the fringe of Boston. He played basketball and baseball at our beloved Boston College High School — a first baseman, batting and throwing left-handed.

A brilliant scholar, he was sent to Rome twice, as an undergraduate and later for graduate studies in theology. We served one memorable year together as priests in Beverly, Mass. I knew his parents, and he was a most dear friend.

#### Twenty-three years in South Boston

Many priests came and went in Southy, but Tom stayed. He walked the streets of that area in its most painful times. He climbed the steps of the projects, and was at home among rich and poor alike.

He had an enormous heart for ordinary people — waitresses in restaurants; the elderly, for whom he would have Days of Recollection during Lent; the handicapped. He would set up retreats for the adult handicapped, and even purchased a home on Cape Cod so that the adults with serious handicaps could spend a week. I have no idea where he got the money.

#### St. Augustine Parish

Huge dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas for the elderly, and the poor and those living alone. The Simon of Cyrene Society — named after the one who helped the Lord carry his cross — they are men and women who work quietly for the handicapped.

Tom seemed to have a way of drawing people to working and caring for those in need.

#### Authenticity

I think he was one of the most authentic people I have ever met. He was like Nathaniel in the Gospels, an Israelite without guile. He received the Ignation Medal, the highest honor given by Boston College High School for his life of service.

He had a great talent at writing, and his articles appeared in this newspaper, and the

*Boston Pilot*, and in the various Irish journals in the Boston area. He was proud of his articles in *The Priest*.

The writings came from the deep richness of his humanity, and from his understanding of people — which was always growing, and from his faith. He was recently made a member of the Boston College High School Athletic Hall of Fame. His acceptance speech was entirely self-deprecatory. He quoted the passage about himself in the BC High yearbook, which said, "Who can ever forget Tom's great shooting exhibition against English High School?"

Then he laughed, and told everybody, "I actually scored just four points, but being assistant editor of the yearbook — I wrote this passage." No one deserves a friend like Tom, and I thank God for his friendship. A faithful friend. When you are ordained a bishop, you can have two priests as chaplains. During the presentation, they make an important response. It was the best honor I could give him, and I think he deserved it. All those years in his beloved South Boston took its toll, and he finally had to retire. A priest friend, Bishop John Dooher, invited him to live in a suburban parish. He preached and wrote, and as always, everyone loved him. But Tom McDonnell was seriously ill. Open-heart surgery and surgery on his lungs, and slowly he went downhill.

No visit to Boston would have been complete without lunch with Father Tom. He was close to the great political figures, the mayors and the president of the State Senate, the journalists. And he always was working on the behalf of his beloved handicapped.

#### A true Roman

In the late years, he would go back often to Rome and celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the altar where he had celebrated his first Mass in December 1960. These were pilgrimages, time for prayer and a good Roman meal.

We were colleagues at Saint John Seminary in Brighton. He loved being a priest with his whole heart. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, to the Mass, to Our Lady, and in a special way, to the poor and the handicapped — marked his life.

A constant reader and writer. He celebrated Mass daily in his room as the end drew near. On the feast of Corpus Christi, he struggled through Mass. Sister Margaret, his friend for many years, told me that it took great effort; and he prayed during Mass for those who loved the Eucharist, for those who do not believe in the Eucharist, for those who know nothing about the Eucharist. But he made it through the Mass with a few friends nearby. A few hours later, he died at Carney Hospital. Imagine, saying the Corpus Christi Mass and going to the Eternal Banquet a few hours later.

He kept writing until near the end. His sense of priesthood was so strong that when he was no longer able to visit the sick and dying, no longer able to assist at marriages or offer a funeral Mass, he kept writing. Deep in his soul was the desire to bring Christ to others, in whatever way was left to him.

#### Our last visit

I last saw him in January during my visit to my hometown. We went to lunch and he carried two units of oxygen. When we returned to the rectory, I said, "Tom, would you hear my confession?" and he did so. It is the last memory I have of him, doing a priestly work, telling him my sins and receiving the forgiveness of Christ through him. I sensed as I drove away that it might be the last time, but as spring came to New England and northern Indiana, I thought there might be one more visit. It was not to be. He loved priests, and the handicapped, and South Boston, and Rome and so many friends. He was at home with the mayor of Boston, and congressmen and representatives. He was at home with those in need. He was authentic — a dear friend. I cherish his visits here. My visit home this summer will miss something very beautiful.

I celebrated Mass for him the next morning. How special and beautiful his friendship and how unique a friendship among priests. I am off to San Antonio for the spring meeting of the bishops. I usually do not go in the springtime, but I have no choice this year because of some of the matters to be discussed.

I will leave Texas Friday morning and fly to Boston in hope of being in time to pray at old St. Monica's Parish, where my dear friend will be laying in the Mass vestments in front of the altar. At his request, I will be the principal celebrant at Mass the next day at St. Mary's, Dedham, a larger church, so that his many friends — from mayors, to congressmen, to a former ambassador of the Vatican, to businessmen and women, to waitresses and bartenders, and priests can come and pray, and remember a special and very unique and authentic priest.

In South Boston, there is a great walk you can take around Castle Island. On a Sunday night, it is packed. You walk right out into the Boston Harbor. On a summer evening, it can be very special. As the years go on, I find it longer, so I have to stop halfway and sit on a bench and say a rosary looking out to sea. My rosary, on that beautiful spot this summer, and all the summers to come that God may give me, will be for this extraordinary, profoundly human, and very joyful priest. The laughter was in his eyes before it was on his face. His late years, though painful, were at peace. And he died at peace.

Safe home, dear Tom, safe home. May the angels lead you into paradise, and may the martyrs receive you at your coming.

#### NOTICE FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## Catholic Heart Work Camp

An organization named Catholic Heart Work Camp has been operating in our diocese for the past several years, especially in the South Bend area. It should be known that this organization is not an officially church-sponsored enterprise and has no connection or endorsement by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



# Bishop Paul J. Bradley installed to head Diocese of Kalamazoo

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (CNS) — Kalamazoo's new bishop used his first homily to express his gratitude for the opportunity to lead the 38-year-old diocese.

"I thank God that in his divine plan he has called me to be the fourth bishop of Kalamazoo," said Bishop Paul J. Bradley, who also thanked Pope Benedict XVI for entrusting him with the position.

Bishop Bradley's installation Mass was celebrated June 5 at the city's St. Augustine Cathedral.

The new bishop used his homily largely as an opportunity to define his responsibilities and address some of the key issues facing the area's Catholics.

Bishop Bradley said his primary role as a diocesan bishop is to pray for and with others through the church.

He also stated that bishops have a responsibility to "teach, proclaim and live the good news of Jesus." Bishop Bradley asked the priests and deacons of the Kalamazoo Diocese to pray for him in his new position.

The diocese is home to a significant population of Spanish-speaking Catholics, a fact Bishop Bradley acknowledged by briefly addressing these parishioners in



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**Bishop Paul J. Bradley holds his crozier as he leaves St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo, Mich., after his installation as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo June 5.**

their native language. The bishop encouraged both English- and Spanish-speaking members of the diocese to remain united as a church.

Quoting St. Paul, Bishop Bradley stated, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I urge all of you to agree in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose."

The economic crisis also was a significant issue addressed in Bishop Bradley's homily. The collapse of the auto industry in particular has taken a severe toll on Michigan.

"These are challenging times in southwest Michigan, in all of Michigan, in all of the country," he said. "It is possible that people are discouraged, that there is an inclination to lose hope for the future."

The bishop advised Catholics of the diocese not to despair, declaring, "This is not a time to lose hope; this is a time to be renewed in hope."

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit presided over Bishop Bradley's installation. The apostolic letter of appointment from Pope Benedict was read by Msgr. Alexander Cifuentes Castano, charge d'affaires at the apostolic nunciature in Washington.

Bishop Bradley comes to Kalamazoo from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, where he served as an auxiliary bishop. He succeeds retiring Bishop James A. Murray.

The Kalamazoo Diocese covers nine counties and has a Catholic population of more than 100,000 Catholics.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## Bishop encourages offering to Today's Catholic

To All Readers of *Today's Catholic*,

I hope you are enjoying our wonderful award-winning newspaper. It was at the request of our priests that we decided to send it to every Catholic family, or at least to everyone registered in one of our parishes. This took much consultation, but what convinced me was a remark from one of the committee from the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Julie Kenny said, "Bishop, it is evangelization." A number of people have spoken to me about how much it meant to them to receive this newspaper.

Indeed, the beautiful pro-life rally at Notre Dame on the day of graduation, which was so historic, was barely reported in the secular press. This newspaper gave it front-page coverage, and spoke of the excellent talks that were given.

But all this costs money. We still hope that when the economy improves, so will our advertising. This week we are placing an envelope in each newspaper. I hope everyone will make a contribution. It is part of our communication effort, an effort of true evangelization to bring the message of Christ, and the work of our church, and especially our diocese, before all our people.

Please be generous. I have already made my contribution, and I look forward to receiving yours.

With every best wish and prayer, I remain  
Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

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they have time only for superficial and quick prayers.

In each Eucharistic celebration, the pope said, Christ makes present his sacrifice on the cross

and gives himself as the nourishment people need to faithfully live in communion with God.

Celebrating the feast with representatives of Rome parishes and lay organizations based in the city, Pope Benedict said, "Nourished by Christ, we his disciples receive the mission to be the 'soul' of our city, the ferment of renewal, the bread broken for all, especially for those who live

in situations of difficulty, poverty and physical and spiritual suffering."

The pope said that St. Leo the Great had taught that Christians participate in the Eucharist in order to become that which they receive.

"If this is true for every Christian, it is even more so for us priests," the pope said. "To be, to become Eucharist. Precisely this is our constant desire and commitment."

The pope told the priests present at the Mass that laypeople expect from a priest "an authentic devotion to the Eucharist; they love to see him take long pauses of silence and adoration before Jesus" like the famed pastor, St. John Vianney.

Coinciding with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the saint's death, Pope Benedict has proclaimed a worldwide Year for Priests, which will begin June 19.

He said the Corpus Christi procession must be an occasion for a united prayer "to the Lord present in the consecrated host. In the name of the whole city, we will say to him: Remain with us, Jesus; give us yourself and give us the bread that will nourish us for eternal life."

The procession also would be an occasion to pray that Jesus would "free this world from the poison of the evil, the violence and the hatred that pollutes consciences," he said, asking Jesus to purify the world with "the power of your merciful love."



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St. Therese, Fort Wayne, had a Corpus Christi procession with Father Dave Ruppert, the Knights of Columbus and some of the first Communicants from this year dropping rose petals. Following them were choir members and about 100 parishioners. A chicken dinner by the Holy Name Society followed.



DIANE FREEBY

Celebrating the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ in South Bend, Corpus Christi parishioners kneel in prayer Sunday afternoon with retiring pastor Father Camillo Tirabassi. Father Daryl Rybicki, who will be installed as pastor Aug. 4, leads the eucharistic prayer at one of several altars erected throughout the surrounding neighborhood. The parish celebrated its feast day by praying the rosary as they made their way from one altar to the next for eucharistic adoration. Families continued the celebration and had the opportunity to meet their new pastor at a potluck supper following final Benediction. Father Walter Bly and Father Christopher Derda, a Corpus Christi graduate now serving in Kalamazoo, Mich., were also on hand to celebrate the feast. Both Father Derda and Father Rybicki led processions at their home parishes earlier in the day.

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## Theological commission publishes document on natural law

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Modern men and women may deny the existence of “natural law,” but they actually recognize that certain moral values, such as protecting the environment, are universally valid, said members of the International Theological Commission.

The commission members, appointed by the pope and working in an advisory role with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, looked at the traditional Catholic teaching on natural law and modern efforts to identify ethical values common to all people in their document, “In Search of a Universal Ethics: A New Look at Natural Law.”

The Vatican published the document in Italian and French in early June.

Questions about what is good and what is bad and whether or not all people can agree on the conclusions “are more urgent than ever given the degree to which people have become aware that they form one global community,” the document said.

The great challenges facing the world — such as protecting the environment, fighting terrorism, promoting solidarity with the poor and regulating biotechnology — are international concerns with international repercussions, commission members said.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has insisted that there is such a thing as “natural law,” a code of ethics written by God in the consciences of each human being and one that each person can discover through the use of their reason.

But an increased emphasis on the importance of the individual and his or her conscience, greater focus on personal freedom and concern that ethics may be culturally or religiously specific have tended to undercut the notion that natural law is, in fact, natural and accessible to all, the

theologians said.

In addition, they said the promotion of a common reflection on universal moral values has been hurt by people who have presented natural law as a detailed list of do’s and don’ts rather than as a set of guiding principles for protecting the dignity of the human person and promoting the common good.

Another problem caused by people who believe they are promoting natural law is a tendency to insist that it is God’s law, while ignoring considerations about what is good for human beings and most respectful of their freedom, the theologians said.

Since God created human beings, his will concerning their behavior must make sense from the point of view of what is best for them and it must be something people can figure out when they reflect with intelligence and respect for one another, they said.

“The vision of the world in which the doctrine of natural law was developed and still finds its meaning implies a reasoned conviction that there exists a harmony” in what God wills, what human beings want and need and what nature demands, the document said.

Rejection of natural law in favor of a reliance on legislated laws promoted and approved by the majority can be deceiving because it “opens the way to the arbitrariness of power, the dictatorship of the numerical majority and to ideological manipulation to the detriment of the common good,” the document said.

In the document, members of the theological commission briefly reviewed the moral teaching of Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, traditional African religions, Islam and the ancient philosophers of Greece and Rome to demonstrate that natural law is not a Catholic invention valid only for Catholics. And it asked leaders of those religions and philosophers to join in an

international discussion about ethical values that can be recognized as universally valid and necessary.

The review highlighted the fact that “some types of human behavior are recognized by most cultures as expressions of a certain excellence in the way a person lives and realizes his humanity: acts of courage, patience in the trials and difficulties of life, compassion for the weak, moderation in the use of material goods, a responsible attitude toward the environment (and) dedication to the common good,” it said.

“On the other hand, some behaviors are universally recognized as objects of censure: killing, theft, lying, rage, covetousness and greed,” they said.

The values are not only traits of holiness, they are attitudes most respectful of human dignity; and the faults are not simply sins, but acts that threaten human life, human dignity and peaceful coexistence, they said.

They also said that marriage between a man and a woman united for life and open to having children is an example of a moral value that is not simply religiously motivated, but coincides with the fact that human beings are either male or female and have a natural urge to procreate.

While saying that all sins are “against nature” in the sense that they are obstacles to a right relationship with God and-or with others, the document said, “some behaviors are judged as ‘sins against nature’ in a special way” because they directly contradict human nature.

As examples, the document referred to suicide, which “goes against the natural inclination to preserve one’s life and make it productive,” as well as what it described only as “some sexual practices that go directly against the purpose” of being created male or female.

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## Wilkins awarded St. Catherine Medal

NOTRE DAME — Each year, Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic Honor Society, awards the St. Catherine Medal to a Saint Mary’s College sophomore or junior who has demonstrated high standards of personal excellence and scholarship and has contributed to the college community in the spirit of Christian leadership. This award commemorates St. Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of women scholars.

The recipient of the 2009 St. Catherine’s Medal is Alicia Wilkins of the class of 2011, an

education major from Mishawaka. Wilkins is a member of St. Bavo Church, Mishawaka. The college recognizes Wilkins for her dedication to service, her passion for education, and her tireless volunteer efforts in local schools.

Wilkins gives her time and energy to the South Bend community largely through the college’s Office for Civic and Social Engagement, including its 12 Days of Christmas and the Yes We Can Walk for the Hungry events, which collect donations for the needy, and Pen Pals program, which pairs Saint Mary’s

students with children at Warren Primary Center in South Bend for a semester of letter writing.

Wilkins’ care and compassion shine the brightest when she is working with children. In two years she has spent over 500 hours with the College Academy of Tutoring Program, serving the needs of local Title 1 schools.

Last month, the college also honored Wilkins with the Patricia Arch Green Award for her exemplary service to the community’s children.



# YEAR *of* PRIESTS

For 2,000 years, those whom we call "Father" have dedicated their lives as guides, vintners and shepherds to help us one day know, love, see and be in the embrace of our heavenly father.

These servants of the Lord, found either in an obscure village, or a high place in the Vatican, now have a year, The Year of the Priest, dedicated to their efforts.

Traditionally, Catholics have a sincere, curious and yes, a nosy interest in how priests live. Today's Catholic will offer readers a look into our diocesan priests' lives. This week we peek into the life of the Holy Father as we begin the series Year of our Priests.



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Pope Benedict XVI waves as he arrives to lead his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 10.

## You and the pope

BY MARK WEBER

When Our Savior founded his church 2,000 years ago, he had Twelve Apostles. Today there are more than 400,000 Catholic priests around the world and they are just one of the responsibilities of the one priest we call our Holy Father. Benedict XVI, what an individual he is — a professor, philanthropist, pianist, and theologian who fluently speaks Italian, French, English, Latin and has a knowledge of Portuguese and can read Ancient Greek and biblical Hebrew.

Most of us only see the Holy Father on television or in news magazines or newspapers ... a figure robed in white, waving from a papal balcony or setting foot on foreign soil or blessing some deserving soul who can't believe that he or she is in the presence of the Vicar of Christ.

What if that person were you? Just pretend that through an unimaginable circumstance, you and Pope Benedict XVI would have a private, face-to-face meeting for 10 or 15 minutes.

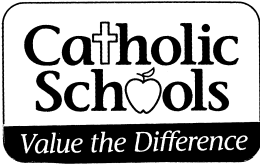
How would it go? Probably like this: in the pleasant sur-

roundings of the Holy Father's small study, he would make sure that you were completely at ease. Seated almost knee to knee, he would mention his admiration for America and things American and express awe for how the church flourishes there.

Then, giving you the full candle power of his deep brown eyes, he would say your name, adding ... "be a friend to Christ ... are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that he might take something away from us? ... No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. ... When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ — and you will find true life."

And so, this vicar of Christ presents himself as his essential self, a priest speaking one-to-one and heart-to-heart, reminding you that if you want peace of mind, be a friend to Christ.

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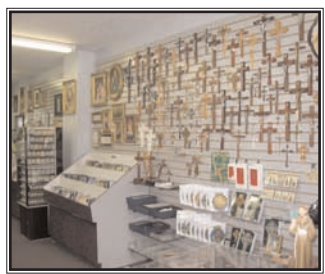
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## Joyous congregation in St. Louis greets Archbishop Carlson

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Archbishop Robert J. Carlson smiled and waved in thanks to the joyous congregation that attended the Mass where he was installed as the new shepherd of 550,000 Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. "I'm delighted to be here," the new archbishop said. The seats of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis were full to capacity for the Mass and many attendees stood throughout the liturgy. The cathedral is estimated to hold about 2,000 people. Those present at Archbishop Carlson's installation of included Cardinals Francis E. George of Chicago and Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, two dozen bishops and a large procession of priests, deacons, seminarians, equestrian orders and ecumenical guests. For his installation, Archbishop Carlson chose to celebrate a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. He attributed the decision to a desire to "give thanks for the blessings of all those who went before us announcing the good news and enriching the body of Christ, and at the same time looking to the challenges of the future, that we might prayerfully listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit." Cardinal Rigali, a former archbishop of St. Louis, presided over the installation of Archbishop Carlson.

## Dominican theologian named secretary of worship congregation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named U.S. Dominican Father J. Augustine DiNoia an archbishop and secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. "I am happy the pope has entrusted to me an area that he considers so important," the archbishop-designate told Catholic News Service June 16, shortly after the Vatican announced his new assignment. "I think the liturgy should give us a sense of the heavenly liturgy; it's about God, not us," he said. Archbishop-designate DiNoia, 65, has served as undersecretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith since 2002. Regarding his appointment to the Vatican office overseeing matters concerning the liturgy and sacraments, he said, "My understanding was that the pope was looking for someone with a broad theological background." While his studies and his ministry as a priest have been heavily theological, for Dominicans "theology and liturgy go together," he said. His episcopal ordination will be July 11 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington; U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, will preside at the liturgy, he said. At the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, Archbishop-designate DiNoia succeeds Sri Lankan Archbishop Malcolm Ranjith, who was named archbishop of Colombo, Sri Lanka, June 16.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## ARCHBISHOP AYMOND ADDRESSES MEDIA IN NEW ORLEANS



CNS PHOTO BY FRANK J. METHE, CLARION HERALD

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, the newly named archbishop of New Orleans, speaks to the media during a news conference at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans June 12. Pope Benedict XVI named him to succeed Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, left. Archbishop Aymond, a native of New Orleans, has been the bishop of Austin, Texas, since 2000. He will be installed as the 14th archbishop of New Orleans Aug. 20 at St. Louis Cathedral.

## CHA workshop: Disaster situations will mean new ethical models

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — In a pandemic or disaster situation, traditional ethical judgments might not work. And the middle of a disaster is no time to be deciding how ethical decisions will be made about the use of scarce resources. That was the message two ethicists brought to a June 8 workshop session at the Catholic Health Association's annual meeting in New Orleans. Jan C. Heller, a health care ethicist from Seattle, and Msgr. Steve Worsley, vice president for mission and ethics at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, N.H., said treatment decisions in a pandemic or large disaster situation will be based on criteria developed by the Task Force for Mass Critical Care following Hurricane Katrina. "In a pandemic, there will be a fundamental shift from the traditional focus on the health of individuals and physician autonomy to a utilitarian, public-health model that focuses on saving the greatest number of lives possible," Heller said. Treatment decisions will be made by a triage nurse or team rather than by individual doctors, patients and their family members, he added. "To save more patients, we may have to violate some of our long-held ethical principles," Heller said,

noting for example that decisions could be made to remove some long-term, elderly patients from ventilators in order to save several other people who need short-term assistance with breathing.

## Mexican priest, seminarians shot dead en route to retreat

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — A Mexican priest and two seminarians were shot dead while traveling to a religious retreat, said Archbishop Felipe Aguirre Franco of Acapulco. Archbishop Aguirre condemned the apparent homicides, which he said were unprovoked and occurred June 13 as the trio passed through Ciudad Altamirano, in a region of Guerrero state that has been rife with social conflicts and, in recent years, drug-cartel violence. "This is a painful blow for Guerrero," the archbishop told reporters after celebrating Mass in Acapulco June 14. The slayings continued a trend of Catholic officials working in remote areas inadvertently being engulfed in Mexico's ongoing war on drug cartels — a crackdown that has resulted in more than 10,000 deaths since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006. Guerrero judicial officials did not immediately release any information on the crimes that claimed

the lives of Father Habacuc Hernandez Benitez and seminarians Eduardo Oregon Benitez and Silvestre Gonzalez Cambron. Media reports said the men were shot in the back with high-caliber weapons commonly used by cartel henchmen. Archbishop Aguirre said the motives for the crimes were uncertain, but that the surge in cartel violence in Guerrero has put priests at risk.

## New papal physician explains doctors' role in sainthood process

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The path to sainthood passes through a team of physicians, who pore over medical texts, patient charts and test results to make sure a healing is medically inexplicable. That does not mean the medical experts declare a miracle, because "the recognition of a miracle is not a matter for medical science," said Dr. Patrizio Polisca, president of the group of physicians who serve as consultants to the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes. The doctor wrote about the physicians' role in the sainthood process in the June 13-14 edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper. The Vatican announced June 15 that Polisca, a cardiologist, was named Pope Benedict XVI's personal physi-

cian. Writing about sainthood causes, Polisca said that while medical science and knowledge have changed enormously in the past few decades, the criteria for miraculous healings still follow those laid out 275 years ago by Cardinal Prospero Lambertini, the future Pope Benedict XIV. The cardinal had insisted that the illness or defect be serious, incurable or extremely difficult to treat; that spontaneous cures were not known to occur in similar illnesses; that no medical intervention used in the case could explain the cure; that the cure was unexpected and instantaneous; and that it was complete and lasting.

## Cardinal George calls shooting at US Holocaust museum 'appalling'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. bishops' conference called the June 10 shooting at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that left a security guard dead "appalling." James von Brunn, identified as an 88-year-old Holocaust denier and white supremacist, opened fire in the Washington museum and fatally shot guard Stephen Johns, 39, according to The Associated Press. The shooting "was a deplorable act of violence and a violation of a hallowed space in our nation's capital," said Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago in a statement released June 11 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. "This tragic incident only serves to reinforce the need for continued education throughout society against bias of every kind, but most especially racial and religious prejudice," he said. In a separate statement Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington said June 11 the murder was "particularly distressing given the museum's special mission to educate our world about violence and be a living reminder of the harm that comes from hatred and anger."

## Polish archbishop urges people to keep late pontiff's letters private

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — A Polish archbishop has urged people with letters from John Paul II not to publish them out of respect for the late pontiff. "If such letters are somewhere in the family, let's keep them as a great sacredness, a kind of souvenir. Let's not put them in print," Archbishop Jozef Zycinski of Lublin said. "Publishing papal letters is a sign of narcissism, a wish to be noticed. It suggests the Holy Father showed special trust in me by discussing particular problems in his letters. We can do without this," the archbishop said on Lublin's Radio eR. The archbishop was reacting to controversy over the publication of the late pontiff's correspondence with a Polish psychiatrist, Wanda Poltawska, with whom the former pope enjoyed a 58-year friendship.



## Holy Cross College launches Web site

NOTRE DAME — One of the most important tools for a college today is its Web site. It not only functions as the information hub for the entire campus, but it introduces prospective students to the college, keeps parents, friends and alumni informed, provides up-to-date information for the media and community, provides a living, cyber-community for far-flung alumni and helps to raise funds.

"The new Web site is a significant advance for our web presence," says Robert Kloska, vice president of mission advancement. "It is graphically more inviting, it is easier to navigate, it has many rich content features, and it can be updated on the fly so that we can keep content fresh. What's more it is optimized for Google analytics so that we can develop a better idea of how constituents use the site, what inquiries are most popular, how visitors find us (and where they come from), and what pages get the most traffic. This feedback will be invaluable to create continual improvements in both our web site and all our communications programs," Kloska said.

The new Web site was designed and constructed by Andy Baughman of Newcomb Marketing Communications in Michigan City, with copywriting and direction from Mike Davids, Holy Cross College's director of marketing. Technical support was provided by Doug Blair, the college's webmaster. The video site on the home page, Crosswaves, was provided with content and logo design by Tom Raymer, a visual arts major at the college and a summer intern.

Along with the new Web site, Holy Cross College has been undergoing a dramatic transformation with seven new majors, a new athletics program and recreational facility.

## Penn High senior completes outstanding academic career

MISHAWAKA

— Penn High School senior Kelsey McClure knows how to spell excellence and just about every other word she and her Spell Bowl teammates have faced in the past four years. McClure, a Queen of Peace parishioner, graduated on May 18 as one of the most successful high school competitors — academic or athletic — in Indiana history.

A Spell Bowl participant since first grade, Kelsey correctly spelled 287 of 288 words in four years of varsity competition at Penn. This is the school record and an unofficial career Spell Bowl scoring record for the state of Indiana. McClure led her team to three Spell Bowl state champi-



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# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## LIFE ATHLETES SPONSORS TOURNAMENT



DIANE FREEBY

Burning off some steam between final exams and summer vacation, senior-to-be Collin Kubsch drives to the lane during the second round of a tournament sponsored by the Life Athletes Club at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend. Life Athletes, founded by St. Joseph's parent and former professional football player Chris Godfrey, is made up primarily of professional and Olympic athletes committed to living lives of virtue, abstinence and respect for life. Twenty teams participated in last month's basketball tournament, and featured officiating by former Irish and NBA star LaPhonso Ellis. Also pictured above are defenders Joe Demaegd, Nick Bubik and Jordan Wawrzyniak, and Kubsch's teammate Luke O'Connor. The Black Kings, consisting of Charlie Carlin, Mike Bradley and Al Harding, was the overall tournament winner.

onships and a state runner-up finish. She was co-captain of the team her senior year.

Spelling has not been the Osceola resident's only area of expertise. Kelsey was also a four-year member of the Penn Academic Super Bowl social studies team, which won state championships in 2006 and 2008. This year, McClure was team captain and led the Kingsmen to an undefeated regular season, a regional title and a state runner-up finish on May 9.

McClure was also a recipient of Penn High School's prestigious Outstanding Academic Competitor Scholarship Award this spring.

She will continue her studies at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame.

## USF student film award winners announced

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts recently held its annual festival and competition

for student films.

The festival was sponsored by Film Club, SIGGRAPH and Animation Club, the Public Relations Society and ActOne-the Drama Club. The hostesses for the events were senior Kristin Jones and freshman Jade Haag. The festival included short skits by ActOne from famous films and animated classics.

Categories for the festival judging included live action and animation. The live action category included two specific types of films. Short narrative films were those that were produced in the field and included post-production editing and sound mix. Studio productions were those which were executed in real time, live in the television studio.

For live action, the winner was Justin Sims for his film "Coping." Runner up in this category was "Something Smells Fishy," a film by Kristin Jones, David Malicki, Debera Kuntz and Maggie Ward. The animation winner was the film "Regalio" by Charlene Griffin, Rachel Fee and Kristen Baade. The runner up was

"Spaceball" by Charlene Griffin.

The audience also had the opportunity to view work in the technical category, which included character designs, walk cycles for animation and lip sync exercises. These pieces were exhibited but not eligible for judging.

For more information on the film program, phone Professor Jane Martin at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8008. For additional information on the animation program, phone Professor Kevin McNulty at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8022.

## USF offers summer art classes for children

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis has announced summer art classes for children in grades 1 to 6 in the "Art in the Morning" Youth Art Program. The classes will run from July 6 to July 31 (four-week term), Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mimi and Ian Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communications on Leesburg

Road. This program is made possible through the generous support of the Foellinger Foundation.

Area art teachers and art education majors will instruct children in drawing, painting, printmaking, multimedia and ceramics. All art materials and a daily snack will be provided.

The cost is \$75 for each child and includes all materials and instructional fees. Scholarships are available to those students who receive the Free and Reduced Lunch Program at their respective schools. For a registration form and further information, contact the School of Creative Arts at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

## Cathedral to host annual 'Happy Birthday America!' concert

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral Choir is inviting the public to a one-hour concert of all patriotic music and singing at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne on Wednesday, June 24, beginning at 7 p.m. The patriotic concert will feature the Cathedral Choir, a brass ensemble, several organ selections and full church singing. Guest pianist Dyne Pfeffenberger will also play popular songs from the early 1940s — the World War II years.

This year's program, under the direction of Michael Dulac, the cathedral's new director of music and liturgy, will feature a salute to the various branches of the Armed Forces and a tribute to those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom.

The annual "Happy Birthday America!" musical celebration of independence is free and open to the public.

Complimentary Atz's ice cream will be served afterward. Early seating is advised.

## Correction

In the history of St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, the story said, "The building was struck by a disastrous fire on Palm Sunday in 1954 and was eventually rebuilt as the church parishioners worship in today." Parishioners worship today in the church building built in 1975. The second church, which was damaged by fire in 1954, was torn down when the new church was built.

## Women's Care Center celebrates anniversary

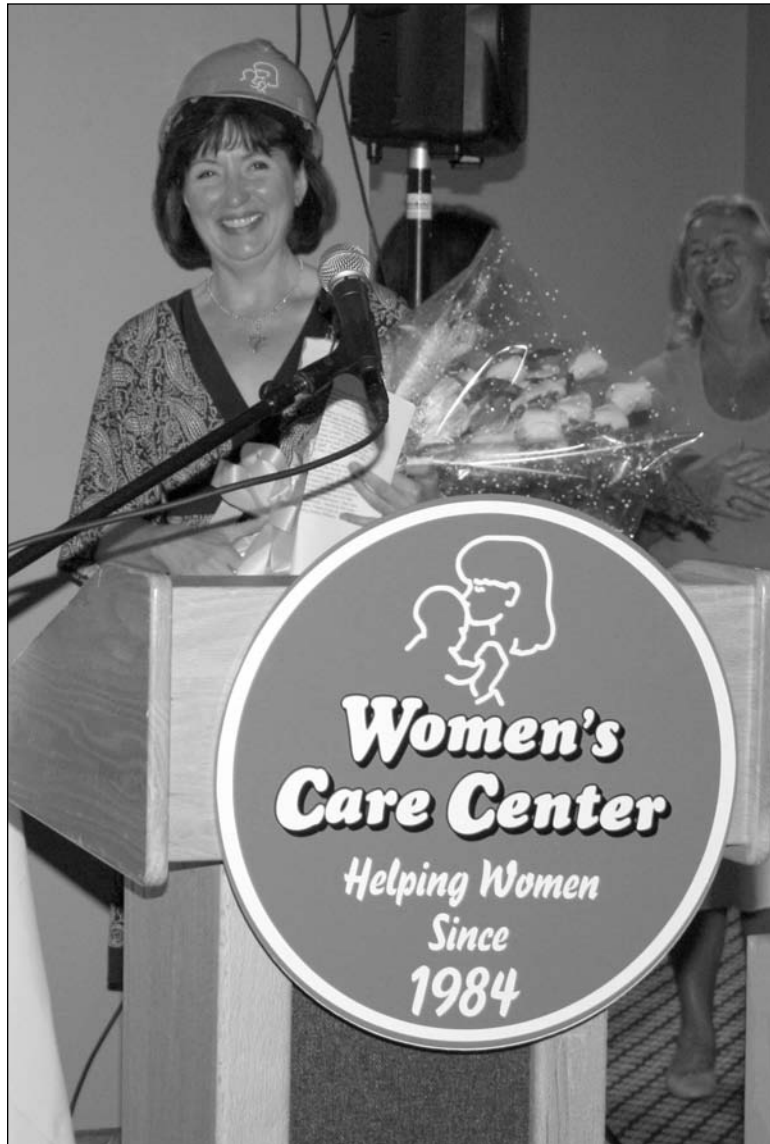
BY DIANE FREEBY

**SOUTH BEND** — As the Women's Care Center celebrates 25 years of helping women choose life for their babies, Ann Manion was honored for her 25 years of service at a recent celebration. Women's Care Center Foundation Director Bobby Williams presented Manion with flowers and a pink hard-hat, dubbing her the "Master Builder" of the nation's largest and most successful pregnancy care center.

Manion, formerly a senior manager for Price-Waterhouse Coopers, has served full-time as the Women's Care Center president.

"Ann is simply one of the most positive, forward-thinking individuals I know," said Williams. "When many other well-intentioned people have gone into the public forum trying to tackle the multifaceted issue of life, all Ann has done is simply kept her head down, and worked tirelessly with little or no attention ... For the last 25 years she has been the heart and soul of the Women's Care Center. Let's hope and pray that the good Lord keeps her behind the wheel for the next 25!"

The Women's Care Center began with one small office in South Bend, and currently serves women from 14 centers spanning all of northern Indiana, along with Niles, Mich. and Columbus, Ohio.



DIANE FREEBY

**Ann Manion is the recipient of the "Master Builder" acknowledgment for being the builder of one of the largest and most successful pregnancy care centers in the nation for the past 25 years**

## Avilla students say farewell to Sister Debrah

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

**AVILLA** — As Catholics, we live our faith by example. For a teaching sister like Sister Debrah Funfsinn, there is perhaps no better place to share one's faith than in the classroom.

Sister Debrah Funfsinn, of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School in Avilla, recently ended her 39-year career as a teacher to serve as counselor with the general chapter of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart at the mother-house in Frankfort, Ill.

Sister's legacy is important to diocesan history for several reasons. First, she devoted 26 years as a teacher at St. Mary's. And perhaps notably, her leave marks the end of an era of teaching sisters at the school that dates back to the 1870s.

And these years in the classroom are precious to this Franciscan sister. Her pupils absorbed her contagious enthusiasm as she presented new lessons. Not surprising, she noted religion is a favorite subject to teach because of the vivid Bible stories that come to life before the students. Sister Debrah said she calls students to live out the word of the Gospel and "get in the habit of doing good."

True to her teaching, the sister challenged the school community to live out 26 real world good deeds in her name, instead of a farewell present. Among them, she requested the school organize a food drive to collect items for the Avilla food pantry. The food drive was an overwhelming success and Sister Debrah couldn't have been happier.

"It tickles me to know (the food) is going to help someone else," she said.

In addition to the spirit of generosity, Sister Debrah said she will miss the sense of community at St. Mary's.

"We would do anything for each other," she said. "St. Mary's is a small community with a big heart. The people in this area always gave us support."

Also near and dear to her heart are her former students. The seasoned teacher has paved the way for the next generation of teachers.



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**Sister Debrah Funfsinn, who taught at St. Mary School, Avilla, for 26 years, was treated to a farewell party where well-wishers brought items for the food pantry. Sister Debrah was crowned as "queen of many things," with a throne and robe. A special Mass was also offered on that day as well.**

Her advice for them — "Enjoy them ... and let it come natural(ly) ... relax and God will provide ... always be fair."

And her current and former students are her biggest fans. The school hosted a farewell party, and among the highlights was getting crowned as "queen of many things," with a throne and robe. A special Mass was also offered on that day as well.

On June 7, parishioners were invited to a farewell reception in her honor.

"It was wonderful to see so many students, parents and parishioners," she said. "I taught students in first grade who have since gotten married and I now taught their kids as well."

In Principal Kathy Garlitz's opinion, Sister Debrah is the paradigm for a teaching sister.

"With every breath, she instilled in the children a love of Jesus and his love for them, a vast knowledge of their faith, a devotion to the Catholic tradition and Catholic traditions," she said. "Her personal faith and commitment to the Christian life of service to others is evident in all she does."

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# Active fatherhood offers strong family ties

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — The days of the working dad and stay-at-home mom are gone. These days, many times both parents work to maintain the household expenses but share active roles in the raising of their children too.

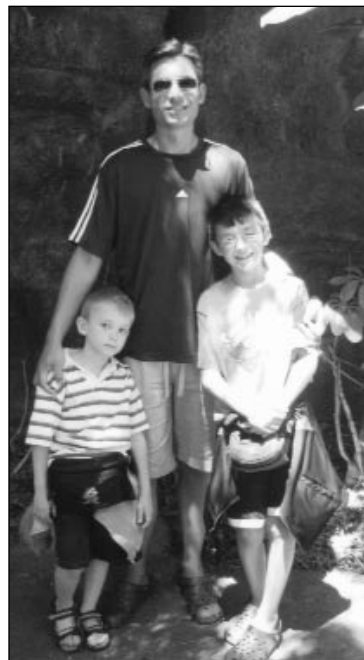
Many parents find that daycare can be very costly so to offset that expense they work opposite shifts and share the childcare duty.

Santiago Flores, a newspaper photographer and his wife Alicia, a teacher, used this plan while their two children Diego, 12, and Isabela, 10, were infants.

Santiago Flores said parenting came naturally to him. "I would get home from work about midnight, feed Diego and change his diaper throughout the night. During the day, I would play, feed, walk and change his diapers until my wife came home from school. Most afternoons she would find us on the couch with my little buddy laying on my chest napping."

"Caring for my children was my life ... I would never trade that experience," continued Flores. "Working from midnight to 4 p.m. as childcare provider and my regular job from 4 p.m. until 12 a.m. kept me pretty tired throughout their early childhood years."

Dave Kochanowski, father of Kyle, 9 and Andy, 6, took on the



LISA KOCHANOWSKI

**Pictured is Dave Kochanowski with sons Andrew, left, and Kyle on a recent family vacation.**

role as primary caregiver after each of his sons was born and wife Lisa went back to work. While mom worked during the morning, dad took care of the kids. The family met for lunch at home and then Dave went off to work his night job. It kept the family from acquiring high day care costs and created some special bonding time between Dave and his sons.

"Lisa had problems with her sciatic nerve in her back for

about a week. I was able to take a few days off work to take care of the boys," recalled Kochanowski of a specific time where he had to be the primary caregiver of the children. "I had no idea that raising the boys was more than a full-time job in itself. But every minute was well worth it."

Chuck Johnson, father of Sarah, 2, went back to college and stayed home with his daughter while his wife was at work.

"We had such a great time together and I loved being part of those early years of discovery," said Johnson. "She and I have such a close bond and I hope that we can keep that bond during those tough teenage years."

These experiences teach men a variety of things about fatherhood.

"I loved being there for my kids. I cried when they went to school for the first time," said Flores. "I took them to get all of their shots. I was there for all of their early childhood achievements. These are all experiences that I would never trade. I love being there for them."

Kochanowski said that he appreciated being home with his boys during the early formative years because he got to see all of their first time experiences up close.

"This experience not only gave me a new appreciation for what Lisa goes through every day, but allowed me to become closer with the boys than I ever

have been in the past," he said.

Over 50 years ago, this type of parenting was not the norm. A father's job was to be the

provider, with mothers tending to the children's daily needs. Recently, roles have been changed and relationships between fathers and children have grown stronger.

"I did not live with my dad until I was 5 years old. He provided for us but it was my mother's job to take care of us. He was there for us, but he worked the late night shift, slept in the day and was busy in the evening. He did what he could when he was able," said Flores about his relationship with his own father.

Kochanowski's childhood experience was unique because following his parents divorce, he and his two sisters lived with

their father for a couple of years before his father remarried and shared all child rearing duties with his new wife.


**"I loved being there for my kids. I cried when they went to school for the first time. I took them to get all of their shots. I was there for all of their early childhood achievements."**

SANTIAGO FLORES

"There are still moments during that period that I remember as a seven year old where, now, as a father myself, I find amazing that my father was able to take care of three children alone," he said.

This special time between fathers and their children has created strong loving relationships that show both sons and daughters the importance of the family unit working together to help one another.


"They know me, and I know them. They know I will always be there for them," said Flores. "I tell them I love them every chance I get."



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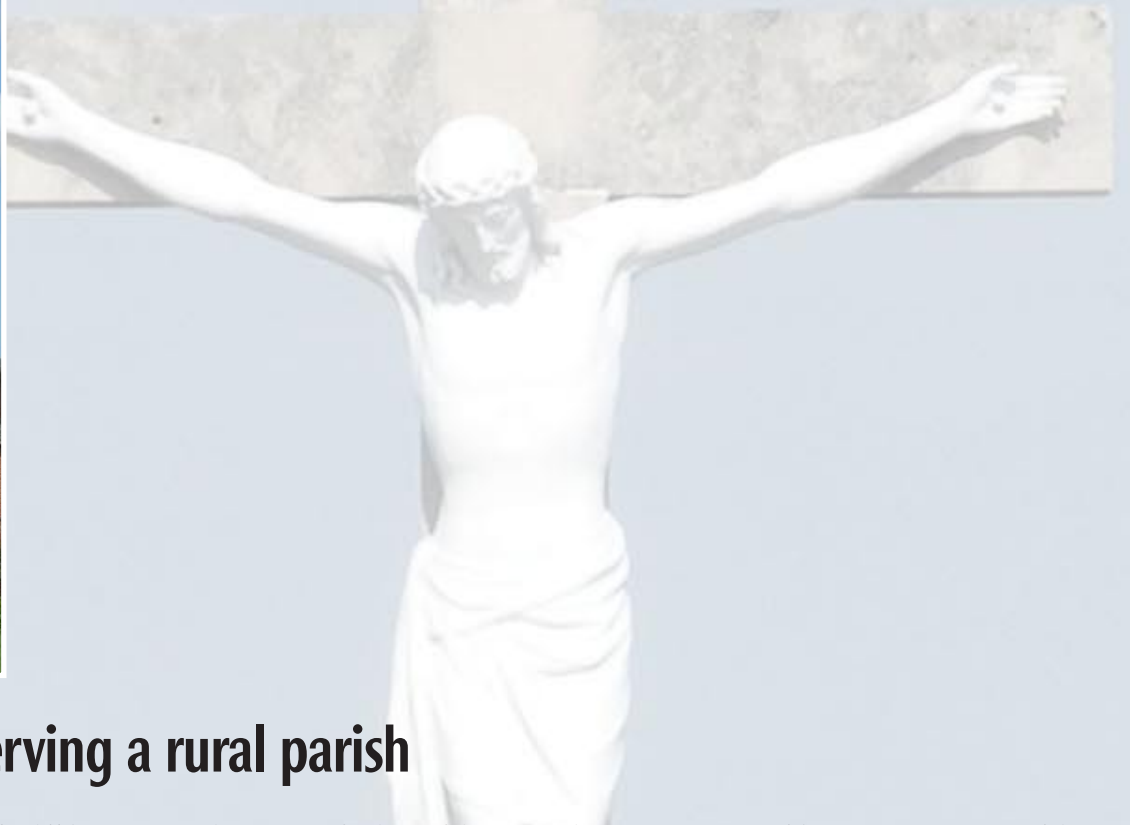
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# ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH C



## Joys and challenges come with serving a rural parish

BY TIM JOHNSON

**YODER** — The nearby warehouses and busy Interstate 469 just north of the church grounds may seem like an intrusion to the rural character of St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder. But St. Aloysius Church grounds, all 15-plus acres, is still surrounded by fertile fields, just as it has been for the past 150 years. This weekend the parish will celebrate those 150 years — its sesquicentennial.

The rural character of St. Aloysius still dominates ministry of St. Aloysius Parish. Father Dominique Carboneau, pastor, says this is reflected in its mission values — that every family of the parish is working to be an example of strength and flourishing in faith and love.

Family is the heart of the parish. In an age when one or two children are the societal norm, large families are welcomed and accepted.

Father Carboneau says that when young people who grew up in the parish move to other places like Indianapolis or Chicago, they are transplanting these family and faith values to the urban areas. St. Aloysius has what Father Carboneau calls an export value.

“Because the majority of people are not going to find work and stay in this area. We are exporting the traditional Catholic values to other population centers. We’ve got an awful lot of influence just because of the freshness that gets exported in values that the families out here hold in relative serenity compared to the city.”

Those values, Father Carboneau says, “works as a leaven for the other areas.”

But many are finding these values a perfect fit to

raise their children. Many who grew up in the parish have returned or remained for their lifetimes. And St. Aloysius Parish is steadily growing with new families and parishioners.

The parish is noted for its generosity. “After making clear to the parish where we were at financially with our new school (addition) and new activity center, the parish has stepped up and paid for all that and has paid for the increasing cost of operating a school. And other than our stewardship,” Father Carboneau says, “I haven’t had to say a word about it (at the pulpit).” The parish will burn the mortgage to the activity center and classroom addition on Saturday.

With a notice in the parish bulletin about a parish need such as resurfacing the blacktop, redecorating and repainting the church, Father Carboneau says, “People go out of their way to contribute to these things.”

“Because it is a small rural parish, the priest gets to do just about everything,” Father Carboneau says. “(The rural parish priest) is not just the head of a bunch of committees. He’s pretty much hands on with everything.”

For Father Carboneau, skilled in carpentry, he has spent the last few weeks welding and constructing scaffolding and fixing cracks in the church ceiling as the parish repaints the church for the sesquicentennial.

He says that most families have a very large support group — “they have a lot of people they can call upon.”

“They see it as part of their family reality,” Father Carboneau says. “The parish is part of their family, it’s not just a religious institution that they are affiliated with.”

When a recent car accident put one young parishioner in the hospital, members of the active Christian Family Movement and other parishioners brought food to the family and mowed their lawn so they could be with their son at the hospital.

Ministering at a small parish has its challenges. Father Carboneau says, “We have to try to reach every single person (rather than a percentage of the parish). We can’t just relegate the parish to ‘the forest’ and lose sight of the individual people; because for our parish to be successful, it requires the participation of every single person.”

Father Carboneau says, “One thing that we can do — we can do catechesis very well. Catechesis can be much more individualized than with huge groups, both with adult catechesis, teen catechesis and the religious education program in the school.”

And the parish family helps through various ministries. The very prominent Knights of Columbus recently offered to help the widows of the parish with projects they needed done at their homes.

The music ministry, “which is 100 percent volunteer,” also pulls the talents of the parishioners as cantors, choir members and musicians.

The Rosary Sodality helps with anything that takes place in the sanctuary — from linens, cleaning and care to funeral dinners.

The Expectant Mothers group is also successful, preparing meals for new moms, and assisting with anything a new mom may need during her pregnancy or after the birth of the child.

“One of the things we (recently) started was family seminars to introduce families to evangelizing within the family and within the community,” Father Carboneau says.



# CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

## Historical milestones at St. Aloysius

The following milestones are from the parish history book, which was researched and written by St. Aloysius parishioner Connor Loesch.

- In 1858, Bishop John Henry Luers, the first bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, assigned Father Jacob Mayer, then pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Decatur, to help the Catholic families in Pleasant Township.

- In 1858 Father Mayer said the first Mass in the area in the house of Fred Weaver, then on the northeast corner of what is now Interstate 469 and Bluffton Road. Sixteen families participated in the celebration of Mass. Thereafter, Father Mayer visited the area on the third Friday of every month. The Miller and Harber families were very instrumental in organizing the parish.

- Unsubstantiated folklore notes that the initial name for the parish was to have been Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Mary Magdelene) Miller asked to have the parish established under the name and patronage of St. Aloysius. Since she and her husband (Christian Miller) had donated the land, her wishes prevailed.

- In 1859 Father Mayer had erected a small frame church, 29x36 feet in size on the site. On Dec. 24, 1859, Bishop Luers paid John Harber \$50 for an additional plot of land to add to that already donated by the Millers. It appears that this acquisition was done to expand the land available for a cemetery.

- As the parish grew, in 1875 Father Joseph Nussbaum added a sacristy, spire and a new roof. There were 65 families in the parish by that time.

- On July 31, 1876, Bishop Joseph Dwenger assigned Father Ferdinand Koerdt as the first resident pastor of the new parish. In addition to St. Aloysius, Father Koerdt served Bluffton as a mission church.

- Although he had only been at the parish since July, and he was only 23 years old, Father Koerdt immediately began work establishing a school. He opened the school, a small frame building, on Oct. 17, 1876, with 38 pupils.

- In 1877, Father Koerdt completed a brick rectory at a cost \$3,500. In 1882 he built a

two-story brick school, at a cost of \$4,000. At this time the school had 54 children.

- Father Koerdt contracted with the Sisters of St. Agnes, of Fond du Lac, Wis., to provide teaching services. This order of sisters taught in the school until 1921. The sisters lived a rather primitive life. Some years they kept chickens on a back porch and they tended a small garden. Through the years, the parishioners were generous to both the priests and sisters with homegrown vegetables, fruit, meat, etc.

- In 1882, the two-story brick schoolhouse was erected at a cost of \$4,000. The cornerstone was laid on Aug. 10, and the building was dedicated on Nov. 6, 1882. Msgr. Julian Benoit, vicar general of the diocese, officiated at the ceremony. At the time, it was claimed that the school could accommodate up to 150 pupils, with 75 children and four grades in each classroom for one teacher. In 1882, there were 40 families in the parish and 45 children in the school

- In 1922 a new frame convent was built and the services of the Sisters of St. Joseph from Tipton were obtained. They taught in the school until the end of the 1970 school year.

- The original frame church building had brick siding added in 1922. At that time a basement was dug underneath the original structure. Teams of horses were used to raise the frame structure.

- From early on in history, the parish picnics were a big fundraiser for the parish. These were usually held on Labor Day and involved the entire parish providing a chicken dinner. Initially the dinners were held in a huge tent. After the church basement was dug in 1922, the dinners were held there.

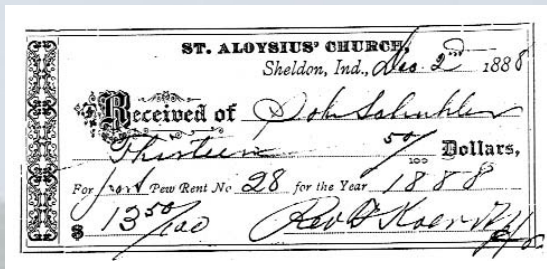
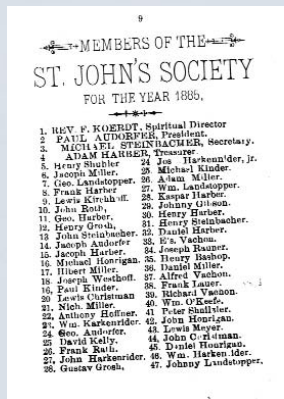
- When the Sisters of St. Joseph, from Tipton, who had been teaching in the school, left in 1970, the priests began to use their former convent as the rectory. The old brick rectory was demolished in 1972.

- A building committee reviewed all the needs of the school, and plans were made to erect a four-room school with a basement for a meeting space. Bids were received in April 1955. The building was completed by

November. The first two months of the 1955-1956 school year classes were taught in the auditorium and stage of the Pleasant Center Public School.

- The school continued to grow reaching its highest enrollment in 1983 with 142 students. In 1996, under the direction of Father William Hodde, a new committee was formed to explore the future needs of the parish school.

- It was decided to embark on a capital campaign to raise \$1.5 million to add five new classrooms, a library, an office area and a community center/gymnasium. Don Andorfer assumed the leadership role in raising the funds for this construction. In 2001 the construction was complete and the building addition was opened with Bishop John D'Arcy presiding and blessing the new building.



### Celebration plans and projects

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

- Saturday, June 20, 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.

- Saturday, June 20, after the dance — bonfire to burn the mortgage to the building addition.

- Sunday, June 21, the 11 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who will dedicate and anoint a new altar built by parishioners.

The interior of the church has also been redecorated and painted through the volunteer efforts of the parishioners.

- Sunday, June 21, after the Mass of thanksgiving, children's games and snacks will be available from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

- Sunday, June 21, 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.

St. Aloysius is located on State Road 1, just south of Interstate 469, exit 6.



# Faith-filled learning is the mission of St. Aloysius School

BY TIM JOHNSON

YODER — The catechetical word of the day was “synagogue” on a crisp May morning at St. Aloysius School. And third-graders Michael and Armondo aptly answered the teachers’ and Principal Chuck Grimm’s request to explain what a synagogue is before the entire student body at the rural Yoder school before heading back to their seats.

The catechetical word of the day is part of the morning routine at St. Aloysius that includes morning prayer, the pledge of allegiance, recitation of the parish mission statement and announcements. Each morning, all 90 students, in grades pre-k through 8, gather for this routine.

St. Aloysius may be a small school, but, with its exemplary rating from the state and excellent academic testing scores and strong faith environment, its mission is taken very seriously as it has offered continuous Catholic education for 132 years — as one of the oldest Catholic schools in Allen County. And that’s just the foundation that parents like Jennifer and Eric Simerman of rural Fort Wayne seek for their two children attending St. Aloysius School.

Jennifer Simerman describes St. Aloysius as a “close-knit community with the tie that binds being an incredible strength in our Catholic faith.”

And catechesis extends to the home as well. “When my kindergarten brought a doll to me one day and said, ‘Look mommy, her dress is the same color as Father Dom’s chasuble,’ I asked my husband, ‘What is a chasuble?’ I knew our daughter was in the right school,” another St. Aloysius mom said.

Many parents appreciate the small class sizes at St. Aloysius. “Everyone knows everyone,” said Kathy Ware, who has two young students in the school and four graduates in high school or college.

St. Aloysius School may have a rural setting, but it pulls students from the inner city of Fort Wayne, to the small towns of Ossian, Zanesville, Poe, Roanoke and to the farms that dot the landscape — some with generations who farmed in the parish.

“The biggest asset St. Aloysius has is its people,” says St. Aloysius dad Chris Wampole. He drives his now eighth grader nearly 10 miles from Fort Wayne to school each day. “(The people of St. Aloysius) are strong, dedicated and have a firm belief in the importance of the Catholic Church in our area.”

Nikki Thompson, the first- and second-grade teacher, is a fourth

generation graduate of St. Aloysius School herself. And her children now attend the school. “Our size allows everyone to not only know each other, but to develop lifetime relationships,” she tells *Today’s Catholic*.

Simerman says, “Our children maintain their relationship with Christ in their everyday activities and are a positive example showing love and compassion toward each other and the community outward and that has a ripple effect. There is no better form of evangelization.”

Kindergarten teacher Virginia Robison, who has taught various grades at St. Aloysius for 11 years, says the strength of St. Aloysius is “the environment, whether it be at church, school or a social event. It is a place that encourages and guides the young and old alike in learning balance in their life — a loving environment where the older encourage and challenge the younger to grow in Christ.”

The school and parish have an ample stream of volunteers. Robison says, “The community volunteers (are) like no other I have witnessed. Volunteers come from a variety of places — grand-



Top, left, kindergarten students in Virginia Robison’s class at St. Aloysius School learn about calendars on high-tech Smart Boards. Top, right, children in the pre-kindergarten program enjoy a story from Tracy Miller, teacher and parishioner.



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CHRIS WAMPOLE

parents, parents, students, alumni and parishioners.”

The sense of family is strong at St. Aloysius. Fifth- and sixth-grade teacher Priscilla Harless, also a parishioner, testifies, “St. Aloysius School is not just an educational institution, it is a family — a family of parishioners, parents, grandparents, students, teachers, alumni, and Father Dom and all praying together and working together, not only for the educational benefits of our own children but for the surrounding community.”

Harless adds, “When evaluating the academic success of our school, I look beyond the data. I look beyond our exemplary rating by the state, our excellent ISTEP scores and our ACRE scores. I look at my students, past and present. My students have never been just a number, but are individuals with specific needs.

“The faculty and I pride ourselves in meeting the educational and spiritual needs of each child,” Harless says, adding, “Our students have every advantage a

Catholic school offers plus the unique attributes found only at St. Aloysius. Combined classes allows for many multilevel experiences — experiences that provide opportunities for the students to know Christ, meet him in the sacraments and to evangelize through acts of love and works of mercy; experiences that give them the confidence to live their faith now and in the future; experiences to listen and respond to God’s call.”

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# Holy Cross priests celebrate jubilees

NOTRE DAME — Twenty-seven Congregation of Holy Cross priests and one brother are celebrating their anniversaries of ordination into the priesthood or religious profession. Holy Cross priests celebrating their 60th anniversary of ordination include Fathers George C. Bernard, Harold L. Bride, Charles A. Delaney, William H. Donahue, Edwin J. Kadzielawski, Michael J. Murphy, William C. O'Connor, Robert S. Pelton and Richard W. Timm.

Holy Cross Brother Richard F. Kyle celebrates his 60th anniversary of religious profession.

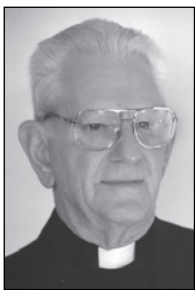
Holy Cross priests celebrating their 50th anniversary of ordination are Fathers Robert J. Austgen, James R. Blantz, John T. Ford, Donald J. Haycock, John P. Keefe, Robert J. Kruse, Joseph J. Long, James J. McGrath, William P. Melody and Louis W. Rink.

Silver jubilarians include Holy Cross Fathers Michael E. Connors, Joseph V. Corpora, James E. Fenstermaker, Diego Irrarrazaval, James E. McDonald, Adam Subash Pereira, Boniface Subrata Tolentino and Arthur F. Wheeler.

Jubilarians who served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are the following:

## 60-year jubilarians

**Holy Cross Father George C. Bernard** was ordained into the priesthood in 1949 and began teaching at University of Notre Dame in 1952. Six years later he was appointed vice president for student affairs. In 1961, he was named president and superior of Holy Cross College, a position he held until the closure of that institution. Father is retired and resides in Portland, Ore.



Father George C. Bernard

**Holy Cross Father Harold L. Bride** came to Holy Cross Seminary in 1940 and graduated from Notre Dame in 1945. After he completed his four years of theology at the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, D.C. Father served the people in Bangladesh for many years. He returned to the U.S. and has retired to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame.



Father Harold L. Bride

**Holy Cross Father Edwin J. Kadzielawski** entered Holy Cross Seminary in 1940 and went on to graduate from Moreau Seminary in 1945. After studying theology in Washington D.C. he was ordained into the priesthood in 1949. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne, Father served as associate pastor at St. Hedwig Parish in South Bend. He retired to Holy Cross House in 2007.



Father Edwin J. Kadzielawski

**Holy Cross Father Michael J. Murphy** was ordained into the priesthood in 1949 in Portland, Ore. He taught at Notre Dame and other duties included being rector of several halls there, rector of alumni, assistant dean of students, chairman of the earth science department and facilitator of the In-Service Institute. He retired to Holy Cross House in 1989.



Father Michael J. Murphy

**Holy Cross Father William C. O'Connor** was ordained into the priesthood in June of 1949 and served at St. Patrick Parish in South Bend. He also assisted at Sacred Heart Parish and Faith, Hope and Charity Chapel in downtown South Bend. Father O'Connor resides at Holy Cross House at Notre Dame.



Father William C. O'Connor

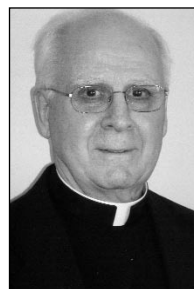
**Holy Cross Father Robert S. Pelton** earned his doctor of theology while in Rome and returned to Notre Dame in 1953 to teach theology. He was department chair in 1959. Father has served as a professor/fellow within the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, rector of Badin Hall, founder and director of the Notre Dame Institute for Clergy Education, and as the chair of numerous seminars and conferences, especially those involving small Christian communities or the church of Latin America.



Father Robert S. Pelton

## 50-year jubilarians

**Holy Cross Father Robert J. Austgen** was ordained in Rome and pursued doctoral studies in Switzerland. He returned to the University of Notre Dame to teach and work with teenagers on the Freshman Quad. Father also served in the graduate school, the



Father Robert J. Austgen

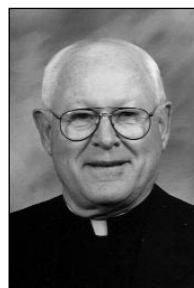
college of arts and letters and now as chaplain to Campus Health Services and hospice patients from seven Indiana counties.

**Holy Cross Father James J. McGrath** entered Holy Cross Seminary at the age of 14 and was ordained into the priesthood in 1959. He earned a degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame where he taught for many years. Father was also assistant chair of the biology department and chaplain of the Notre Dame fire department.



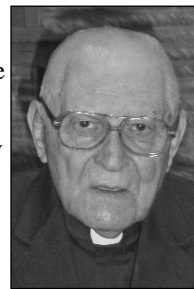
Father James J. McGrath

**Holy Cross Father William P. Melody** hales from Ireland and came to the U.S. in 1947. He was ordained a priest in 1959 at Notre Dame and became administrator of Sacred Heart Parish. Father went on to become director of vocations and religious superior of Holy Cross House at Notre Dame as well.



Father William P. Melody

**Holy Cross Father Louis W. Rink** entered the seminary in 1952 after serving in WW II. He was ordained into the priesthood in 1958 in Pennsylvania. He served overseas for many years in the area of communication and now resides at Holy Cross House at Notre Dame.



Father Louis W. Rink

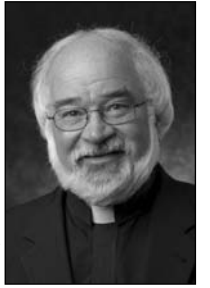
## 25-year jubilarians

**Holy Cross Father Michael E. Connors** was ordained into the priesthood in 1984. He spent his first five years of priesthood at Little Flower Parish in South Bend before earning his doctorate in pastoral studies. He then became director of Fatima Retreat Center while teaching part-time at Notre Dame. For the past 10 years Father Connors has taught for and directed the Master of Divinity Program.



Father Michael E. Connors

**Holy Cross Father James E. McDonald** was ordained into the priesthood in 1984 at Sacred Heart. He holds language degrees as well as a law degree. He served at Notre Dame in the law school as associate dean and currently is associate vice president and counselor to the president of the university. He resides in Alumni Hall where he enjoys ministering to the students there.



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# Christian acts of kindness are not random



## THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

During this time of economic crisis, the media has highlighted stories about people doing random acts of kindness for those who have been affected the most. This is wonderful but there is something about that word, "random," that bothers me.

Several years ago when I was visiting my family in New Jersey, I saw a news clip on television about an elementary school in Philadelphia that was celebrating "Random Acts of Kindness Month." They had a contest to see which class could perform the highest number of kind acts.

As I watched the story it finally dawned on me why it bothered me even though it cannot be denied that most acts of kindness do some good no matter what the reason they are carried out. Christians, however,

don't do them randomly or to win contests. Acts of kindness, I like the word, "love," better, must be an integral part of the life of a Christian. Christians love others because that is God's will. We find this command in both the Jewish Scriptures and in the New Testament. This is also part of the faith of Muslims and Hindus.

Our Lord was a loving and compassionate person. He was sensitive to the needs of those whose lives he touched. Jesus' love was steady and included everyone. His kindness was not random or selective. He consistently reached out in love to all people, especially sinners. He showed no partiality. Like his father's, Christ's love encompasses all and is unconditional.

I consider that the greatest compliment that can be paid to a person is to say that he or she is kind and loving. For Christians, this kindness flows from Jesus' command that we love our neighbors as we love ourselves. All Christians should be known for their kindness as the lyrics of an old hymn says. "They will know we are Christians by our love." Just as Jesus came to reveal God's love, we, too, are called to do the same. As members of the body of Christ we are called to bring God (who is Love) to the

world.

To be kind is to be compassionate. A kind person is concerned about others and shows this concern in his or her daily actions. Kindness means to use words of love, not violence. A person who exercises the virtue of kindness builds others up. They do not tear others down.

I think it boils down to this. A kind person does acts of love. A kind Christian integrates these acts of love into his or her life as a way of living out the message of Jesus. We don't just do them during a certain month or season of the church year. These acts of kindness are not random, but should become a way of life.

It would be good spiritual exercise to reflect on whether you think others would use the word kind or loving to describe you? If not, it might be a good time to examine how well you are living the Word of God. A good Catholic Christian not only believes the truths of the faith and the Gospel, but also strives to integrate them into life. We must do all we can to make love the center of our daily life. It is not always easy, but we have God's spirit of love to help and guide us.

A good practice before we go to bed each



## YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

evening is to reflect upon whether there was more love in the world that day because of us? If not, why not?

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# Earthly ambition, divine perspective: How to stay on track

I do not understand Kate Gosselin.

I cannot comprehend how marital strains and rumored infidelity convinced the reality star and mother of eight it's a good time to launch a media campaign, one that results in the yellow, capitalized headline "We might split up."

How could thinking out loud about divorce (to *People* magazine, no less) possibly reduce her odds of it?

Kate's is one of several media blitzes that has left me scratching my head. I don't understand, for example, how badmouthing the Palin camp could help Levi Johnston realize what he insists is his most urgent goal — greater access to his baby boy. (And, he

later admitted, he's also fishing for modeling gigs.)

These ill-advised campaigns reek of ambition — the blind, ravenous kind Shakespeare wrote about.

As a teen I was fascinated by Macbeth's demise. "I have no spur to prick the sides of my intent," he professed, "but only vaulting ambition, which o'erleaps itself, and falls on th'other..."

It is a physical description of oversized aspirations. Macbeth's ambition shoots so high it cannot be contained; it falls well beyond its limits, beyond safety and sanity.

That Shakespearean tale intrigued me because I felt ambition welling within and wondered

how to manage it. My love of writing has always come with a desire to be read. In fifth grade I wrote to my favorite author asking, "Do kids ever get published?" I yearned to reach a wide audience.

We all harbor ambitions and secretly question their scope and our chutzpah. Are we sorely deluded to dream of the corner office? Are we way off base to imagine the major leagues?

The very word ambition sounds suspicious — and for good reason, when you consider its origin. It comes from the Latin word "ambitio," which is, literally, the act of soliciting votes.

That's fitting in our vote-for-me culture, begging, "Ooh, ooh, pick

me! Make me the apprentice, the next top model, the top chef, the most popular blog!"

This reality-TV-to-YouTube era breeds "vaulting ambition," — the Susan Boyle effect — to be catapulted from obscurity to idolatry. Which leads me to wonder: What does it mean to be an ambitious Catholic? How does that guide us? Does it restrict us or alter our approach? Should it?

I asked Father Peter Williams, the vocations director in my archdiocese.

"If you have musical gifts and you're on American Idol, yeah, you better try to win," he said. "Go for it! As Christians we're not supposed to be timid, but at the same time, allow yourself to be checked when it's not healthy and not glorifying God."

That last clause is the litmus test: Does my ambition glorify God? How does it affect my relationship with God and loved ones? Does it invite people into my life or push them away? Does it create peace or frenzy? Would Grandma be proud? Am I proud of myself?

We are called to multiply our talents, not to bury them. The key



## TWENTY SOMETHING BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

is to keep the fruits of those talents in proper perspective. This month's Old Testament readings underscore that idea, highlighting our submission to God's infinite power. We witness Job's wake-up call.

"Hearken to this, O Job! Stand and consider the wondrous works of God! Do you know how God... makes the light shine forth from his clouds?"

Me neither.

And so, we can pursue our earthly ambitions with a divine perspective, with humility and confidence, doing our small part to advance the greater good.

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## EDITORIAL

## Wanted: Dads to lead their families

Fatherhood gets a bad rap these days. The vision Hollywood offers of fatherhood often leaves the impression that dads are incompetent, self-absorbed and leaves the work of raising children to the mothers. Some dads are that way.

But what about the dads who are active in raising their children? What about the neighbor who involves his teenage son in mechanical repairs and yard work but also shoots hoops with his son? What about the dad who is willing to help his wife with the chores — loading the dishwasher, washing a load of laundry, bathing the kids, cooking a meal? The role of fatherhood has expanded as moms often pursue careers — unfortunately it often takes two incomes to live in today's world.

Children need a mom and a dad. They need a dad who will put aside his own self interests for the best interests of his family, especially his wife. Paul says husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the church. Christ gave his life for the church.

Dads need to be present to their children. And children need dad to set a good example — showing he loves and respects his spouse, that he cares and shares with his family.

And dads need to take a leadership role in the family, including faith formation. Ultimately, dads need to lead their children's faith formation toward eternal happiness with God. It is not "unmanly" to lead nightly prayers with a spouse and children. It is not "unmanly" to attend Mass weekly and actively partake of the sacraments as a family. That's true leadership. And that helps children know what is important — to help set them on a faith journey to know, love and serve God.

Dads are also needed for their children's emotional support. Sometimes a hug from dad, a compliment "good work, I'm proud of you," is just what a child yearns for. Dads also help children learn right from wrong to make good decisions, which may also mean allowing a child to make mistakes.

But most importantly, children imitate what they see. If dad says, "Do what I say," but does not set a good example, chances are the "order" won't resonate with the child.

Often we want to give our kids too many material things, when all they really need is our time. This should be comforting in difficult economic times.

And for those kids who don't have a father in their lives, offer some encouragement, set an example and maybe include those kids in your family activities every so often.

So dads, this weekend, while you are being treated to a special Father's Day, remember our young and not-so-young children are looking up to us, and that we have great impact on our children's image of what the sense of family is all about. Be there for your wife and be there for your children. We'll put all those contemporary Hollywood TV dads to shame.

### Spiritual fathers too

Fathers play an important role in the spiritual life of a child. They can have an influence on prayer, respect and knowledge of the Catholic Church's teachings. Fathers can also be instrumental in exposing their children to priests, religious and sisters in their community, not only as religious leaders but as "real" people — to befriend and socialize with. Leading by example, interactions with these friends may help our children embrace the faith as their own. Teaching children to pray for vocations, their own as well as others, may plant seeds for possible future vocations. When a young man is ordained into the priesthood he becomes, in essence, father to many. His role engenders a fatherly service to God's "children."

This year has been designated as the Year of the Priest by Pope Benedict XVI to begin June 19, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This yearlong celebration invites all Catholics, both religious and laity, to honor and pray for our beloved church leaders. Parishes across the diocese are planning special services and prayer bouquets for the sanctification of our priests. Take some time this Father's Day to join the celebration and thank your parish priest. Pledge a prayer of gratitude for his fatherly leadership in our church.

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

# COMMENTARY

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## Opposition to Obama's policies rendered unclear

President Obama knows the majority of Catholics ignored the Catholic Church's teachings on abortion and voted for him.

However, from the very beginning of his presidency, the Catholic Church has been a thorn in Obama's side on these matters. Through a variety of means, such as letters to him, visits to the White House and the FOCA postcard campaign, the church has consistently stated its opposition to President Obama's stand on abortion, partial-birth abortion and embryonic stem-cell research.

Recently, the University of Notre Dame invited President Obama to their campus to give the commencement speech and receive an honorary doctorate of laws degree. This invitation from a prominent Catholic university was a major victory for him.

This invitation from Notre Dame clearly shows the Obama administration that the Catholic Church is divided, contradictory and not to be taken seriously. The University of Notre Dame has single-handedly removed the thorn from President Obama's side. He is now free to continue his abortion policies unencumbered by any credible organization.

Should the Catholic Church hierarchy again object to Obama's abortion policies, all he has to do is point to the Notre Dame doctorate degree hanging on his wall, a sad and visible reminder of how a premiere Catholic college awarded him and his policies.

Let's hope and pray the Good Lord will give the church "new" graces to overcome this latest setback.

Donald R. Neff  
Columbia City

## Thanks bishop with spiritual bouquet

On behalf of the directors, staff

and members of The Cardinal Newman Society and the more than 367,000 people who signed our petition opposing Notre Dame's honor for pro-abortion President Barack Obama, I would like to publicly thank Bishop John D'Arcy for his prayerful witness for a strong Catholic identity on Catholic campuses. In anticipation of Pentecost, Bishop D'Arcy was sent a spiritual bouquet from the petition's signers, which included 116,741 Mass intentions, 146,944 rosaries, 57,728 aspirations, 236,615 general prayers, 74,974 Divine Mercy Chaplets, 28,862 days of fasting, 19,877 novenas, 37,125 eucharistic holy hours, and 3,272 Masses offered by Catholic priests. As the battle for the souls of Catholic campuses continues, the church is blessed to have shepherds like Bishop D'Arcy — and they will need our prayers more than ever!

Patrick J. Reilly  
President  
The Cardinal Newman Society

## The time is now for fathers

If ever there was a time for fathers to step up and take the lead in family spirituality that time is now. It seems that a day doesn't go by without someone somewhere wanting to change the core values of our Catholic faith.

Throughout the history of the Knights of Columbus, men have been challenged to become the foundation of faith for their family. The very beginning of the Knights of Columbus through the dream Father Michael McGivney, who died in 1890 in Hartford, Conn., was to be a protectorate of the family; a man to accept the responsibilities of faith teaching through his love for family and his church.

Now as then, our church is under fire by forces bent on what appears to be the destruction of the Catholic Church as we know and understand it. Far too many of us are sitting back, silent and unmoved to action in what must be defended. We Knights need to stand up and demand "enough is enough!" There is a palatable fear coursing through the secular society not to make waves; to accept change where change isn't needed, to be quiet or else.

As Indiana Knights celebrate Father's Day, we must remember why we became husbands and ultimately fathers and perhaps grandfathers. It is to embrace our wives in love and respect, to teach our children to know and love Jesus and include Jesus in our daily



### THE INDIANA KNIGHTS

BY ROBERT HARTENSTEIN

lives. It is our job to do all that we can to make sure our loved ones make it to heaven. It is also our responsibility to defend the truth of our faith from forces wanting to destroy or redefine life, marriage, morality, education and where and how we can pray.

It's time to be a hero in the eyes of our families. Like anything else we grow with our families. There isn't a manual for us guys. It is surely on the job training. We really don't like to be too expressive but we need to be. This being a father is pretty serious stuff and being a model for our children is a lasting image. That image has to be one of love, family and our God. If that image isn't one of goodness, generations will suffer.

Members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus are seen throughout our communities working to make a difference. All of these activities are meant to bring men closer together. Much good is the result of these efforts; more importantly, fathers and fathers-to-be share the moral influence of each other. How-to questions are often answered and personal concerns are often shared. Every parish should have a Knights of

Columbus council for no other reason than to provide the glue to hold churches together along with our priests.

Having a Knights of Columbus council in every parish may become the sole remaining, organized defender of our faith on all those issues facing each of us individually as fathers and as heads of our families. The position we take probably will not go by unchallenged. As members of the Knights and the Catholic Church, and as fathers, do not be surprised if we are persecuted for our faith for standing up to this wall of conflicting moral values.

The time is now for fathers to be strong and for those fathers to be honored for their sacrifice for Jesus. Happy Father's Day Brother Knights, and all fathers everywhere for being who you are.

If you are not a Knight and would like more information, call State Membership Director Tim Sorg at (260) 622-4862

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## Can you hear me now?

In the '40s and early '50s, home phones, what we call land lines today, were becoming more and more popular. Public phone booths served well for those who didn't have home phones and, of course, provided a place for Superman's quick change. Today, things are different. Today, it's all about the cell phone. I mean, when was the last time you saw a phone booth?

It's magic, that little rectangle in pocket or purse or bouncing along on its owner's hip. Few people know what makes it work. All we want to know is — can you hear me now?

But there's more to it than that. Our cell phones, great and necessary tools that they are, wreak havoc in a place called Democratic Republic of Congo, a country in the central part of Africa and home to an estimated 66 million people.

I had the opportunity to introduce a photo exhibit in Cincinnati titled, "Congo: Shattering the Silence," that told

a sad story about Congo, coltan and cell phones. I'd like to share it.

People in Congo, including little kids, mine a mineral called columbite-tantalite, or coltan for short, which is sold to companies that make our cell phones so we can order pizza, announce the birth of a baby, check e-mails, or just say, "I love you." Without coltan, our phones wouldn't work, and without Congo, we wouldn't have this mineral. Eighty percent of the world's coltan is in Congo.

Now, if everything was fair and square, mining coltan would be a good thing for the Congolese, for the cell phone producers, and for us, the consumers. The average Congolese worker makes about \$10 a month, but coltan miners can make that much and more per week. They can — but don't.

That's because there's an ongoing exploitation by other countries of this natural resource from Congo. A great deal of the



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ore is mined illegally and smuggled by militias from Uganda, Burundi, and Rwanda into these eastern bordering countries. The Rwandan army has made millions of dollars through the sale of this stolen coltan.

The "coltan rush" has fueled bitter conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo, each outside country fighting for the rare mineral. Now it's one thing to fight each other in competition, but it's another to exploit the innocent, and that's happening on a grand scale. Both Congolese adults and children are forced at gunpoint to work in the country's coltan mines. They're underpaid, poorly

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## God is father of all on Father's Day



THE  
SUNDAY  
GOSPEL

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### 12th Sunday in Ordinary time Mk 4:31-45

This weekend the Sunday liturgies return to Ordinary Time, after the long period of Lent, the Easter season and a series of important feasts.

The first reading from the Bible for this weekend is from the Book of Job. Job, who has been popularly mislabeled over the centuries as patient, in fact underwent many hardships in his life.

He argued with God, and he challenged God. Job resented the hardships he faced in life. He questioned God's mercy. The Book of Job chronicles this long exchange between Job and the Almighty. In the end, the fact is that God indeed is powerful and good. By the same token, Job simply cannot perceive God's perfection since Job is not trapped by his own concerns and troubles.

For the second reading, the church offers a passage from Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians. As is so often the case in Pauline writings, this selection is a great testament to the reality of Jesus, the Son of God, and a man, and to the unbreakable bond between Jesus and true Christians. It is a bond confirmed, and

wonderfully extended, by the Lord's willing sacrifice on Calvary. In and through this sacrifice, all is made right between God and humanity. Moreover, disciples share in the gift achieved by this sacrifice, eternal life itself and life with God.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies the last reading.

The story is set on the Sea of Galilee, as the modern Lake of Tiberias was known in ancient times. Several of the apostles were fishermen. All the apostles would have been familiar with fishing as a livelihood, since all came from the region of the lake.

Terrible storms in the mold of today's hurricanes and tornadoes did not occur in the northern part of present-day Israel. They did not happen in this region at the time of Jesus. Yet thunderstorms and winds did come upon the lake.

This story's recollection of such a storm is not farfetched. Not difficult either to imagine is the fright created by being in a small boat, at some distance from the safety of the shore, when a storm arose. Sailing would not have been easy. An open boat could have taken on water.

Jesus was asleep on a cushion in the boat when the storm came. He was not afraid. He took no notice of the storm.

However, the apostles were terrified. They awakened Jesus, sure that they were about to drown, and they pleaded for the Lord's help.

Jesus controlled the elements by ordering the water to be calm.

The contrast between the apostles and Jesus is clear. Jesus had power over the elements. As Mark's Gospel presents Jesus elsewhere, the Lord is the son of God. However, the apostles are mere mortals. They cannot control the

elements. They cannot even foresee their own future, so they fear. They know that they are vulnerable to death. In Jesus, however, is life.

### Reflection

On this weekend in the United States, we celebrate Father's Day, honoring our fathers. As we justifiably honor them, we also remember that God is the loving Father of all.

We are not orphans. God gave us Jesus, our brother. Jesus ascended into heaven. He is not gone, however. He lives with us in the life of the Spirit, given in and through the church. The church is with us. The church refined its message by instructing us at the feast of Pentecost, Corpus Christi and Trinity Sunday.

Now, the church begins to prepare us for its invitation to respond to all that we have heard. Basic to this preparation is its call to us to admit our inadequacies. We cannot forget that we need God. God, our Father, lovingly fills our need.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Jb 38:1,8-11 Ps 107:23-26,28-31 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22 Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2,5-18 Ps 15:2-5 Mt 7:6,12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80

**Thursday:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** Gn 17:1,9-10, 15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55 Mt 8:5-17

## CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

As the latest U.S. Supreme Court nominee is being scrutinized, this quiz takes a longer look at actual supremacy.

- In Genesis this act defines God as Supreme.**
  - transmission of language
  - creation of everything
  - punishment of the snakes
- Genesis also relates how Joseph came to be next in power to this person, always the supreme power in classical Egypt**
  - Potiphar
  - Moses
  - Pharaoh
- In this curtly named book Elihu discourses on the Almighty asking, "Can an enemy of justice indeed be in control, or will you condemn the supreme Just One?"**
  - Ruth
  - Job
  - Yattatak
- To whom did Jesus give supreme authority of the church?**
  - Peter
  - Paul
  - Mary
- The Temple authorities trying Jesus had to defer to these supreme rulers when the death penalty was in question:**
  - The Kings of Edom
  - The Tetrarchs
  - The Romans
- Paul, by virtue of his Roman citizenship, was able to appeal to this "supreme" authority:**
  - The Senate
  - The governor of Jerusalem
  - The emperor
- This title, referring to the supremacy of Jesus was also a movie title:**
  - Saviour of the Order
  - King of Kings
  - The Omega Man
- The Catholic Church generally takes a dim view of organizations which promote the idea of a "supreme being." Why?**
  - It is a vague concept, not properly honoring God.
  - It is only used in atheistic settings.
  - It is often a code name for yodeling.
- By the Act of Supremacy, which King thought he became head of The English Catholic Church?**
  - William the Conqueror
  - Henry VIII
  - William of Orange
- This was the supreme religious council over the Jews:**
  - The Tetrarch
  - The Arepogaus
  - The Sanhedrin
- In 1 Peter, chapter 2, the faithful are admonished to do this (not taken literally)**
  - be subject to every human institution ... to the serpent as supreme
  - be subject to every human institution ... Diana Ross and the Supremes
  - be subject to every human institution ... to the king as supreme
- Who is the supreme authority on earth in the church?**
  - the Patriarch of Constantinople
  - the pope
  - the Carpathian
- The claim of temporal supremacy of the popes over Europe (or just Italy) was settled (not in the popes' favor) by the time of this council**
  - Vatican I
  - Vatican II
  - Vatican III
- What do the popes have when operating in the role of supreme pastor when defining a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals?**
  - ineffability
  - infallibility
  - inerrability
- The whole purpose of the church is to lead people to this state of supreme and definitive happiness:**
  - Being Irish
  - Palm Beach
  - Heaven

### ANSWERS:

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



# Father loss

My friend Dylan shared the life review of his hero, Doug, as the old man lay dying of cancer. "He told me that he was ready to go. He had had 55 good years of marriage, had worked and traveled. He even said his kids turned out okay. He was ready to meet the Lord," he said. Dylan noted that as he watched this once vital man of conscience and integrity become frail and introspective, he began to grieve what would be one of his life's greatest losses. Doug was his dad.

Loss of a father impacts a child at any age. A young child

will grieve the loss of what might have been — a dad who would teach him integrity and compassion, guiding him with humor and strength.

Milestones like learning to drive or high school graduation may cause deep feelings to surface for those who have lost their dad at an early age. For these children a special male figure within the family or friend system can support them as they navigate their development into adulthood without their dad.

For Dylan, who is a 52-year-old adult, losing his dad was one of the most difficult things he has

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KAY COZAD

experienced. He grieves the loss of the wisdom and guidance his father provided all of his life. The camaraderie they shared, whether while fishing, worshipping at Mass or in deep conversation, will

leave a silent space in Dylan's heart forever.

However, as he shares his dad's story with trusted friends and mourns his loss he has realized that the memory of his dad will continue to provide him with the sustenance that will help him move forward. His hope is that he will live out his dad's legacy of strength of character and love. "My dad taught me so much, with and without words," he says. "If I can be half the man he was, I will be happy. I don't want to disappoint him."

Fathers play a vitally important role in the lives of their chil-

dren. Their loss leads their children into a place of mourning like no other. But to mourn that loss well brings hope of maintaining a connection through memory that will sustain even the most deeply wounded child.

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# What makes for an effective homily?

As we watched the priest stride to the pulpit, I wondered — as I had so many times before — just what the message would be and how it would be delivered.

My wife and I were vacationing. We had found a small church not far from our lodgings with an 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

I checked my watch as he uttered his first words. I am perfectly content being at Mass. But I'm always curious as to whether the length of the message has a bearing on the effectiveness of the message.

As the priest's voice built to a crescendo during his talk about the Trinity, I was impressed by his passion. His message wavered a bit as he seemed to lose focus. But it was a dynamic effort and another cherished moment in an unfamiliar Catholic church that I filed away in my memory bank.

It got me to thinking: What makes for an effective homily?

From my perspective, it's like a piece of journalism, of which I am familiar. One must catch the listener's/reader's attention in the opening, develop the point, and then send the congregation on its way with a message. Structurally, it's pretty straightforward.

But that was my perspective. So I called upon Father Michael Heintz from St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend and Father Lou DelFra from Notre Dame to lend their expert advice. Prayer and reflection initiate the process.

"I always begin on Monday morning, looking at the Scriptures assigned for the coming Sunday and try to think and pray about them during the week," said Father Mike. "Usually by Friday I have a sense of what I'd like to communicate."

Father Lou says that a good homily puts "the Scriptural text and the 'text' of people's daily lives in conversation with each other, allowing these two worlds to collide and mix and interact."

Father Lou tries to avoid talking strictly theologically and abstractly without a reference to people's lived experience.

"That gets the glazed-over look

pretty quickly," he said.

But he also tries to avoid "only telling a good story or anecdote and not talking about the challenge and insight of the Scriptures."

"It's trying to get that right mix of the two—the message of Scripture and our lived experience—that makes a good homily," said Father Lou.

Father Mike tries to focus on one point. Being concise — not necessarily in time but in content — allows the congregation a better opportunity to stay focused on the message. According to Father Mike, it is much harder to be concise because it takes more "boiling down" or "rarefying" to communicate the point, which makes perfect sense. I can ramble on and on in a story, but it takes crafting and editing to tighten up the message.

Building on the theme of connecting with people "Biblically" and how it applies to their daily life, Father Lou tries to place the congregation into the lives of those in the Bible.

"A good homily brings the biblical reading alive in its own right, allowing the congregation to experience the reading almost as if they were one of the characters in the scene," said Father Lou. "At the same time, an effective homily makes the reading relevant to people's own situation in the present day."

"During a homily, I want the congregation to say two things: 'I felt like I was there (with Jesus, Peter, etc.)' and 'When I go home, I'm going to do X differently because of that homily.'"

Personally, no matter how much I read Scripture, I find myself still seeking answers and pursuing a better understanding of the big picture of my faith. Thus, when Father Mike explained further how he tries to express his message, it seemed to tap in to the "journey" I often find myself on.

And like Father Lou, Father Mike wants the congregation to leave the church exploring themselves internally.

"I want people to leave Mass with something to ponder, think about, or even grapple with in the hours/days ahead," said Father Mike. "I also want to preach to



## FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

people as adults. I don't want to spoon feed them so that I do all the thinking for them."

Father Lou also is looking to stimulate the congregation by getting them to grapple with the message.

"The Scriptures are the living word; they're not just history books," said Father Lou. "They are alive and trying to speak to us today. But in order to accomplish that, the readings need to be broken open, reflected on, wrestled with, talked about."

"A good homily asks questions of the readings: Why would Jesus have said that? What was so unique or new or counterintuitive in how Jesus acted there? How might Jesus' audience have reacted to that teaching? How is the image of the Father in that parable surprising to folks' conceptions of God?"

Having listened to dozens, perhaps even hundreds of Father Mike's homilies, I know that brevity, or rather, conciseness, is important. Father Lou agreed. In fact, he learned that lesson the hard way.

"A bad homily can be summarized in one word — LONG!" said Father Lou. "I taught middle school before I entered the seminary, and that was great training. If I talked too long and was boring, they started throwing spitballs at me."

"Today's congregations are generally too polite for that. But when they start reading their bulletins or are simply glazed over, then you know it is time to move on."

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# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 21, 2009

Mark 4:35-41

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the boat in the evening storm. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

ON THAT DAY	EVENING	LET US
CROSS	LEAVING	CROWD
THE STERN	ASLEEP	CUSHION
TEACHER	PERISHING	WOKE UP
WIND	THE SEA	BE STILL
CEASED	CALM	FILLED
GREAT AWE	ANOTHER	OBEY

## IN THE BOAT

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# MISSIONS

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fed, get no health care, and work long, long hours. Many die in the process, and are pretty much tossed aside.

Not fair, you say? And you're right. What can you do? Give up your cell phone, maybe? I don't think so. I'm not giving up mine. But the knowledge I have gained, and that you now have, puts an obligation on us. We have the right to our cell phones, yes, but we also have the obligation, as mission-minded people of God, to help shatter the silence about

the blatant crimes of injustice being carried out against the Congolese. Let's get more informed about this crisis and help get the word out in whatever way we can, and together we can shout in support of our suffering brothers and sisters, "Can you hear me now?"

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# MOVIE CAPSULES

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

**"Imagine That" (Paramount/Nickelodeon)**

A work-obsessed investment adviser (Eddie Murphy) connects with his young daughter (Yara Shahidi) after accidentally discovering that the inhabitants of an imaginary kingdom she has created give accurate financial predictions, aiding him in his competition with a pretentious but popular rival (Thomas Haden Church). Director Karey Kirkpatrick's timely and charming comic fantasy, which also features Martin Sheen as a renowned tycoon, elevates family bonds over the paper kind and, a

couple of slightly crass terms aside, makes appropriate viewing for all generations. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

**"Land of the Lost" (Universal)**

The innocent, mildly cheesy Saturday morning TV show from the 1970s has morphed into an overblown, special-effects-laden, but plot-thin star vehicle for comedian Will Farrell, a washed-up scientist who claims that his invention, the "tachyon amplifier," is a time machine. With a beautiful academic (Anna Friel) and a sleazy sideshow operator (Danny McBride) at his side, he opens a "space time vortex"

and lands in a prehistoric world filled with menacing creatures, reptilian aliens and furry Cro-Magnon natives. What ensues is a "Wizard of Oz" adventure as the trio seeks a way home. Unfortunately, what is being marketed as this summer's "family" film is far from one. Cartoonish violence and peril; rough language; sexual banter, innuendo and encounters; partial nudity; and drug use. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

**"My Life in Ruins" (Fox Searchlight)**

Cotton-ball-soft romantic comedy about a travel guide in Greece (Nia Vardalos) who learns to

absorb the spirit of the Greek islands in order to enjoy life and find romance with — who else? — a handsome Greek (Alexis Georgoulis). Director Donald Petrie and screenwriter Mike Reiss duplicate the slow, ambling formula of Vardalos' monster hit, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," to the letter, replacing her passel of eccentric but lovable relatives with a busload of eccentric but lovable tourists. So devoid of objectionable elements, it's acceptable for older adolescents who probably will be dragged to the theater by Vardalos-adoring grandmothers. A couple of implied premarital encounters, mild sexual banter and innuendo. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.



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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Our Lady of Czestochowa celebration to be held in August

South Bend — A Mass to honor Our Lady of Czestochowa is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Hedwig Church, 331 South Scott St. Father Bob Lengerich, associate pastor of St. Pius X Church of Granger, will officiate. Barbara and Ferdinand Rocconti will speak about their visit to Poland and of their devotion to Our Lady. A potluck luncheon will follow at St. Patrick's social hall, 308 S. Scott St. Traditional Polish hymns will be sung at Mass and a Polish sing-along will follow after lunch. Contact Fran Holmes at (574) 250-2484 or holmesfj@sbcglobal.net for information. Volunteers are now being recruited for musical talent, food items or donations to help with expenses. Children are invited to join the procession before Mass dressed in traditional Polish wear, or in first Communion outfits to carry flowers and to precede the Knights of Columbus color guard, who will unveil the icon of Our Lady.

### Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend

Notre Dame — If you or someone you know is suffering the aftermath of an abortion a healing retreat weekend that includes discussions, spiritual exercises, memorial service, reconciliation and Mass. It is strictly confidential. The retreat is open to all, including men, couples, grandparents, etc. This retreat is Catholic in orientation, but all faiths are invited. It will be held

July 31-Aug. 2 at Notre Dame beginning at 5 p.m. Please contact ndsue33@hotmail.com or call (269) 683-2229. Cost is \$150 which includes room, meals and materials. If you have financial difficulty, partial financial assistance is available.

### Queen of Angels School announces full day preschool

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### 70th Jubilee celebration planned

Fort Wayne — Father Robert Traub will celebrate his 70th anniversary of ordination with a 2 p.m. Mass on Sunday, June 28, at St. Jude Parish. A reception will follow in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

### Contra dance

Fort Wayne — The Fort Wayne Traditional Music and Dance Society will have a Contra dance Saturday, June 20, from 8-11 p.m., with beginner lessons at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Building of the University of Saint Francis. Cost is free for Saint Francis students and employees with ID, \$7 to the general public, \$4 other students, \$6 members, \$3 student members and children under 12 free. Family maximum \$18.

### All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be the last Sunday of this month, June 28, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families.

### Knights host spaghetti dinner

Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975, 901 E. Jefferson, will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 19, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti with a meat or meatless sauce, salad, breadsticks and dessert with your choice of beverage. Admission is \$6 for adults,

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Rosemary Jasinski, 74, St. Stanislaus Kostka

### South Bend

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Bret A. Huffman, 32, Christ the King

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Richard E. Fair, 72, Holy Family

Martha A. Inman, 69, St. Casimir

Richard C. Kletka, 72, Christ the King

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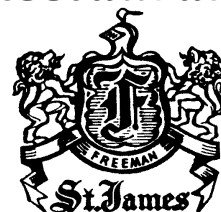
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# CUBA

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were flown into Miami to escape the political wrath of the times — all between 1960 and 1962. The children were placed in camps in Miami until the Catholic Services Bureau could place them in 30 states around the country.

Pedro Ledo was only 14 when he arrived in the U.S. in July of 1962. He left his parents, brother and sister in Cuba after waiting nine months to escape Castro's regime. He had been forced from his Cuban-based Catholic school in 1960 and remained unable to attend any school for two years. He says emphatically that he didn't come to America to find a better life than his parents offered in Cuba — rather he came to find freedom and live according to the values his parents instilled in him.

Julio Garcia was one of the youngest adolescent refugees to arrive in Miami in 1961 at the tender age of 13. His parents had pre-arranged a foster home for him in Miami where he would attend area public school. The young boy later joined Ledo at the area boys' camp and remained in Miami until 1964.

Cesar de la Guardia arrived in the U.S. via Operation Peter Pan in 1962 leaving his parents and sister behind in Cuba. He was only 16, but says he chose to leave his home country knowing well the political implications for his future education.

At 15, Mike Barnett said farewell to his parents and grandparents in Cuba and arrived in America in summer of 1961. The men all agree that times in Cuba were bleak then, and the U.S. held the promise of a brighter future.

## Thriving in Fort Wayne

Each of the four boys was selected, with close to 40 others, to travel to Fort Wayne where there was a strong Catholic community to welcome them. They each came in different groups of boys to live at St. Vincent Villa and attend Central Catholic High School (CC).

Msgr. J. William Lester, who was superintendent of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend then, and also the chaplain of St. Vincent Villa, says, "As superintendent I welcomed the boys to Central Catholic High School. I was on the grounds of the Villa with 23 boys. I became close friends with the boys through counseling, summer trips and stopping fights when needed," he says chuckling.

Of the boys he mentored, Msgr. Lester says, "The Cubans are highly motivated people, especially in education. The boys are all a success."

Msgr. Lester was instrumental in ensuring the boys had what they needed, including classes to learn the English language. Each of the boys participated in sports and were assisted in finding after school jobs. He also assisted their families upon their arrival in the

Summit City.

Two of the boys, Carlos Rozas, who became pastor at St. Paul Parish and is deceased, and Felipe Estevez went on to become priests, with Estevez becoming the auxiliary bishop of the Miami archdiocese.

## New quarters

In 1962 a house that eventually served as living quarters for 16 boys was purchased by the diocese on West Wayne Street. Many of the boys from the Villa went to live there with Msgr. MacDonald, who now resides in New Mexico.

Barnett says, "I considered the boys a big family. We learned to be together and to help each other." As groups of boys graduated and left the house, more refugees were sent from Miami to fill their places.

All the men agree now that the sisters who taught at CC, Msgr. Lester and Msgr. MacDonald were instrumental in their care and well-being. But it was the family upbringing by their faithful parents that made them resilient.

"I was blessed with a great family ... strong people with vision and direction. They told me to go over and do right. The goal was to make the sacrifice worthwhile for everybody," says Ledo.

Though for most the language barrier made life difficult, they did what they needed to do to adjust and survive. "It was tough," says



TODAY'S CATHOLIC ARCHIVE PHOTO

**Impromptu sessions for singing and playing Cuban music were daily occurrences at Casa de Caridad. From left are Julio Garcia, Camillo Lezeano and Henry Rodriguez. Young Rodriguez occasionally played professionally with a group called The Fade-aways.**

de la Guardia, adding, "But we learned fast. We had no choice."

## Leading lives of freedom

Pedro Ledo's family was able to migrate to the U.S. in 1966, the same year he graduated high school. He went on to earn an accounting degree at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne (IPFW) when it was one building downtown and made a career in the magnet wire industry. He and his wife Sharon, of 38 years, have three grown children and two grandchildren and have

attended St. Charles Parish since 1975.

His faith was instrumental in his passage into adulthood. "Faith," he says, "definitely played a part — you know it's always there. I've been blessed."

Julio Garcia couldn't agree more as he recalls becoming a convert to the Catholic faith when he was 15. "I found the Catholic traditions to be to my liking," he says. Though his only experience with Catholic education was his time at CC, he and his wife Gwyn ensured that their eight children receive a Catholic education. All eight are Bishop Dwenger graduates, six of whom are also graduates of Notre Dame. The Garcias have nine grandchildren and are parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Garcia was able to live with his parents who arrived in the U.S. in 1966, at which time Msgr. Lester assisted them with job placement and living arrangements. Garcia earned a bachelor's degree from then Saint Francis College and a master's from IPFW in Spanish



TODAY'S CATHOLIC ARCHIVE PHOTO

**Counselor Stelzer made sure that sleepy-heads like Pedro Ledo were awake for classes at Central Catholic.**

and eventually taught and coached in the Fort Wayne Community Schools at North Side High School where he remains today.

Cesar de la Guardia's mother and sister joined him in Fort Wayne in 1979 to begin a new life, but he never saw his father again. De la Guardia graduated in 1964 and went on to attend Saint Francis College and subsequently University of Northern Iowa where he earned two masters' degrees in Spanish and secondary education. He has retired from his position at Snider High School as Spanish teacher and enjoys traveling.

Barnett embraced his newly migrated father in 1966 with his mother following years later. He graduated from CC in 1963 and studied chemical engineering at Indiana Tech for a year. He later worked and has since retired from 37 years at Seyfert's Potato Chip factory. He and his wife of 13 years, Maria, enjoy their two children and two grandchildren and are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish.

Of his faith Barnett says, "In the Bible it says God never abandons his children. The Catholic Church played an important role in looking after people from Cuba."

These now grown Operation Peter Pan boys all agree that life in Fort Wayne has been good.

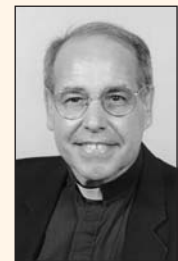
## Reunion

Many of those boys have kept in touch over the years meeting for reunions and dinners as well as funerals and weddings. Ledo says,

"I have the realization that they (the boys) were the only family I had for those four years. There is a camaraderie. ... I realize we made it through."

They are all looking forward to the Central Catholic reunion to be held on June 27, when their boyhood friend Filipe, now Bishop Estevez will celebrate Mass with them in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A dinner with music will follow at the Grand Wayne Center.

# One of Peter Pan's lost boys becomes a bishop



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Mass in the U.S. solidified his conviction. "Going to daily Mass was most influential as continuous support to Christian living," he says. And he adds that his Catholic educa-

tion play an important role as well. "We had daily prayer, retreats and daily religion classes. All these features play a positive role to all families, but especially young refugees," he says, adding, "The strong school life filled a lot of gaps."

Bishop Estevez studied at seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne by Bishop Leo A. Pursley. He later moved to Miami where he was named auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami by Pope John Paul II in 2003.

Operation Peter Pan brought this dynamic religious leader to America and eventually the Summit City as a boy where he found kindness, faith and home. "The success of the operation is related to a lot of experiences of genuine love — volunteers coming to teach English classes, families on Sundays and Msgr. Lester on trips ... You can see the work of Christ in this," Bishop Estevez concedes. "It stands out as a model of care."

Bishop Filipe Estevez looks forward to the upcoming Central Catholic reunion to be held on June 27, his first since his move away from Fort Wayne. He will celebrate Mass for those in attendance at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the place of his ordination — a significant symbol of his journey, he says.

As for Central Catholic High School, he says, on a recent visit to Fort Wayne he was saddened to see a parking lot where the building that provided so much for him once stood. "The reality is the school is not the building — it is the people. I look forward to seeing the people and reminiscing," he says.

His vocation to the priesthood, he says, began in Cuba where he was deeply involved in his home parish. Attending daily