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Bishop celebrates Mass opening Year for Priests

BY KAY COZAD

As the Catholic Church observes the official close of the Year of St. Paul, it looks forward as it opens the observance of the Year for Priests. Pope Benedict XVI recently declared this year a time for the sanctification of priests — those shepherds who bring the sacraments and much more to their flocks.

The Year for Priests was launched in Rome on the feast of the Sacred Heart and will end on the same feast day in 2010. This special yearlong observance is in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Mary Vianney, Curé of Ars, formerly the patron saint of parish priests and recently by papal decree, the patron saint of all priests.

John Vianney was devoted to the sanctification of his parish and was instrumental in the spiritual renewal of France, despite great opposition.

The official launching in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend of this noteworthy year took place on Aug. 4, the feast of St. John Vianney, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, when Bishop John M. D'Arcy concelebrated a special Mass with close to 40 priests of the diocese. The community was invited to attend.

The near-full cathedral was adorned with a prominently positioned table holding a handsome statue of St. John Vianney as well as a relic of the



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KAY COZAD

Nearly 40 diocesan priests concelebrated a special Mass with Bishop John M. D'Arcy to commemorate the beginning of the Year for Priests on Aug. 4 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER BERNARD GALIC

Father Bernard J. Galic is pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Bend, and vocation director for the

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. His response to our question, "what made you want to become a priest?" showed once again the extremely impressive influence of priests upon youth. Speaking of his pas-

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Today's Catholic News Web site launched

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Evangelization — it's the proclamation of Christ and his Gospel by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ's command, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. All of us are called to evangelization.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, *Today's Catholic* will reveal a revamped and expanded tool of evangelization — a new Web site, www.todayscatholicnews.org.

While the old site covered news mostly posted in the *Today's Catholic* newspaper, the new Web site will stay more current with latebreaking news, story updates, action alerts and Catholic news from across the state of Indiana.

Site visitors to www.todayscatholicnews.org will find easy links to sign up for a digital (PDF) copy of the newspaper, as opposed to the print version, that can be e-mailed rather than postal delivery. For those who wish to be "green," the digital version does not require newsprint — fewer trees are cut down — and digital cuts down on production and delivery costs (less gasoline). The PDF looks exactly like the print version, but readers can adjust the size of print on their computers and connect to any hyper-linked e-mail and URL listed in the newspaper.

On the new Web site, visitors will be greeted with a national or local headline

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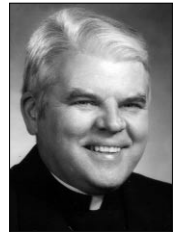
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'The priest is the love of the heart of Jesus'



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The Year for Priests

We officially launched the Year for Priests with a regular noon time Mass on the feast of St. John Vianney. Although it was midweek and we had only announced it in the parishes the previous Sunday, I was delighted to find that the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was almost full. About 40 priests concelebrated. People came from South Bend, Elkhart and Warsaw. Following the decree of Pope Benedict XVI, a plenary indulgence was available. In the spirit of St. John Vianney, I, along with several priests, heard confessions before Mass. After Mass, I walked through church intending to go to the luncheon for our priests and stopped to hear confessions because of the long lines.

What is this year all about?

It is about holiness. Pope Benedict XVI has linked the year to the anniversary of the Curé d'Ars, the patron saint of parish priests and now the patron saint of all priests. It is the 150th anniversary of his death.

"I am sending you to Ars," said the bishop. "There is little love of God in that place, but you will put it there." Walking to his parish, the young priest said to a boy, "Show me the way to Ars and I will show you the way to God." He kissed the ground when he entered the confines of the parish.

He saw that the rectory was beautiful, but the church in disrepair. "Something is wrong here," he said. No one in the parish went to confession. Pope Benedict XVI, in his letter about launching this year said, "A priest ought never to be resigned to empty confessionals or the apparent indifference of the faithful to the sacrament." There had been a great upheaval in France, caused by the revolution, which "had long inhibited the practice of religion." There was much anticlericalism. Yet, by preaching, by spending long hours in hearing confessions; and by his devotion to the Eucharistic presence; by his catechetical instruction of his people; the priest was transformed and people came from throughout France to seek him out for confession and spiritual direction.

He said priests should have "tattered cassocks, but golden vestments." He felt that everything in the church should be as beautiful as possible, but priests should live simply. God gave him a profound, interior love for the priesthood. The following quote of John Mary Vianney is found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "If we understood the priests, we would die not of

fright, but of love. The priest is the love of the heart of Jesus."

The purpose of the year

So the purpose of the year is not the exaltation of the priest, but his sanctification. If the priest becomes holy, so will the flock. In my homily for this day, these are some of the thoughts that I presented. I recalled a book, which I read in my second year in the seminary. I think it was the most important book I have ever read. I think of it often. It is a spiritual classic entitled "The Soul of the Apostolate" by Dom Chautard, a Trappist monk. While the style is different from what we read today, the substance is permanent; namely, a holy flock depends on a holy shepherd. These are some of the thoughts, which I tried to convey in this beautiful Mass with such a large crowd and many priests. Let us ask the Lord that this year be the year in which all of us priests and bishops come closer to Christ, and thus inspire our lay people to be true missionaries and offer themselves to Christ each day.

The day not complete

In the afternoon, we had exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and more confessions. I am grateful to Sister Angela and many of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration who came from Mishawaka and joined us.

And then a ball game

In the evening, all the priests who were available went to a baseball game for the Fort Wayne Tin Caps at the new and delightful Parkview Field. At a moment of risk, I offered to throw out the first ball. It was not enough to do it in front of the mound; rather, I asked if I could go up on top of the rubber. Alas, despite some time in practice, I could not throw a strike. It bounced to the right. I tried to do too much, but it was a delight to be with our priests and many parishioners and complete this wonderful day.

Visits with seminarians

Each summer I visit with every seminarian. This is so important. The most important thing a bishop does is choose a man for the priesthood, and ordain him and send him into a parish. How can you ordain him if you do not know him? So between South Bend, Fort Wayne, Mishawaka, Warsaw and Wawasee, I meet every seminarian. This week, I also had at my home for Mass and lunch, Father Andrew Beerman, director of Immaculate Heart Seminary in Winona, Minn., where our young men study for the priesthood.

I am reminded from our experience of the last 20 years in the church and from these visits, the words of Pope Benedict XVI in his visit to this country, "It is more important to have good priests, than to have many priests." The new springtime will be hindered if the bishop is not careful in

whom he ordains. Please pray always that we ordain men of good quality, who in turn, will be instruments to bring more good candidates for priestly service.

Two trips to Warsaw

First, for the launching of our Annual Bishop's Appeal. Remarkably, this is the 23rd year for this appeal, and still the room was crowded with priests and our lay leadership. We saw the beautiful new video, an instrument of evangelization as well as a report to our people, and I hope an inspiration for continued generosity.

Back to Warsaw the next day for the commissioning of our new school principals and a conversation with them.

A weekend to remember

So much happens in two weeks. I will be glad when soon we renew sharing this newspaper with you every week. On Friday, the last day of July, I was privileged to be in Notre Dame to welcome Archbishop Nicola Eterovic to an important event, a seminar on the Word of God sponsored by Notre Dame and the American Bible Association for a reflection on the Word of God, in light of the recent synod on the Scriptures.

Down to Syracuse the next day to offer Mass for the candidates, for the diaconate, and their families. Back in the evening to Notre Dame to meet with the directors of Hispanic Ministry from throughout the country, presided over by our own Enid Roman-De Jesus.

Then over to Our Lady of Hungary, where I greeted Archbishop Michael Blume, SVD. He is a native of that parish and went to school there, and was ordained to the priesthood in that very church by our own beloved Bishop Joseph Crowley. Off then the next day down Route 6 to Auburn for the installation of Father Derrick Sneyd, as the new pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish. A beautiful installation of Father Mark Gurtner at St. Anthony Parish, South Bend.

Baseball news

Alas, the weaknesses of New England's team have become exposed. The Yankees, those fierce rivals from bygone days, seem to be the team this year. A four-game sweep. On a related matter, "Say it ain't so, Big Papi."

See you all in two weeks.

House panel accepts, then rejects abortion ban in health reform bill

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Despite the support of a U.S. cardinal and its own initial approval, the House Energy and Commerce Committee July 30 rejected an amendment to a House health care reform bill that would have prohibited any mandated abortion coverage, except in cases of rape, incest or life-threatening danger to the mother.

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, had urged the committee to approve a one-paragraph amendment to the America's Affordable Health Choices Act introduced by Reps. Joseph R. Pitts, R-Pa., Bart Stupak, D-Mich., and Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

"No provision of this act ... shall impose, or shall be construed to impose, any requirement for coverage of abortion, or access to abortion, or to authorize or permit the recommendation for, or imposition of, any such requirement," except in limited circumstances, the amendment said.

Approved by the committee on a 31-27 vote, the amendment was brought up for another vote after a 35-24 vote to reconsider it. The second time around, one Democrat changed his vote and another who had not voted previously voted "no," leading to the defeat of the amendment, with 29 for and 30 against.

The committee then took up a seven-page amendment proposed by Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., which would prohibit abortion coverage as part of a federally mandated minimum benefits package but would require at least one insurance plan in each "premium rating area" to cover abortion.

The National Right to Life



CNS PHOTO/MOLLY RILEY, REUTERS

U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-Texas, a Catholic, confers with a staffer on Capitol Hill in Washington July 30 during the House Energy and Commerce Committee's markup for H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

Committee called the Capps amendment a "phony compromise" that would lead to "elective abortions being covered under the government-operated 'public plan' the bill would create, and would allow federal subsidies to flow to private insurance plans that cover elective abortions."

Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, said her office was disappointed at the defeat of the Pitts-Stupak-Blunt amendment and passage of the "so-called compromise" Capps amendment.

But she said other amendments dealing with abortion were likely to be proposed as the various health care reform bills make their way through Congress.

"We're several steps away from being able to say we do or do not support this or that bill," she added.

In a July 29 letter to the committee, Cardinal Rigali said a "fundamental requirement" for health reform legislation is that it "respect human life and rights of conscience."

"Much-needed reform must not become a vehicle for promoting an 'abortion rights' agenda or reversing long-standing current policies against federal abortion mandates and funding," the cardinal said. "In this sense we urge you to make this legislation 'abortion-neutral' by preserving long-standing federal policies that prevent government promotion of abortion and respect conscience rights."

"As longtime supporters of genuine health care reform, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is working to ensure that needed health reform is not undermined by abandoning long-standing and widely supported policies against abortion funding and mandates and in favor of conscience protection," he added.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Today's Catholic launches news Web site

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Thursday, August 13, *Today's Catholic* newspaper launched a new Web site, www.todayscatholicnews.org. The Web site is another tool of evangelization to keep readers current in this information age. The printed version of newspaper will continue to be sent to all registered Catholic homes in the diocese.

In this digital media age, I am told many, especially the young, have looked to the Internet to provide Catholic news with a dynamic that employs a variety of video, audio and photos for local, national and world news. The www.todayscatholicnews.org Web site will utilize the latest visual and audio tools.

The site will offer news updates, late breaking stories, background features, links for additional information and the *Today's Catholic* Podcast, which is a 15-minute audio newscast summarizing some of the newspaper's stories.

In addition, this site contains the latest edition and archived editions of *Today's Catholic* through a digital format called PDF, which can be downloaded from any computer with an Internet connection. This electronic version looks identical to the print version of *Today's Catholic* with the same content and can also be e-mailed to those who request it.

Pope Benedict XVI recently announced at a May general audience that it is important for everyone, especially young people, to "bear witness to your faith through the digital world."

The pope said, "Employ these new technologies to make the Gospel known, so that the good news of God's infinite love for all people will resound in new ways across our increasingly technological world."

In addition to the Web site, readers may follow *Today's Catholic* with a new technology called Twitter and receive updates as news breaks and the Web site is updated.

The diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org is also in the redesign-process and will be ready soon.

I thank The Nichols Company for their work in both of these projects. We hope many will make use of the new Web sites as we continue our evangelization efforts through digital media.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Bishop John M. D'Arcy

Women's day of prayer offers spiritual enrichment

BY KAY COZAD

LaGRANGE — The Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization is planning a day of spiritual enrichment for the women of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Women's Day of Prayer will be offered to women of all ages on Sept. 19 at St. Joseph Parish in LaGrange.

The day of prayer will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and opening prayer. Keynote speaker Sister of St. Joseph Sister Ann D'Arcy will join her brother Bishop John M. D'Arcy and inspirational women from across the diocese in presenting both morning and afternoon sessions on a variety of prayer experiences, including Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, meditation, song



and the rosary.

Sister D'Arcy is the associate director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life in Boston. She and Bishop D'Arcy, a dynamic and prayerful brother-sister team, will offer reflections on prayer sure to deepen the prayer life of all those in attendance. Sister holds a master's degree in Christian spirituality from Creighton University and has a strong background in spiritual development. Her experience includes program presentation, parish renewal, Cursillo,

guided prayer, facilitation of prayer groups, spiritual direction and much more.

Of the day of prayer for women, Sister D'Arcy says, "It'll be a wonderful day for women. ... It'll be a busy day, but we'll have time to meet Christ."

Her talks, she hopes, will assist the women there in accepting God's invitation to respond to his presence in their lives.

"Prayer is our personal

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Rekindle the Fire diocesan Catholic men's retreat

FORT WAYNE — The men of the diocese have not been forgotten. The Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization along with the Rekindle the Fire group of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne are planning a day retreat of spiritual development for men on Feb. 6, 2010 at the Grand Wayne Center. The day will offer discussion tables, prayer, reconciliation and Mass. Speakers include Father Larry Richards, Jerry Usher, Jon Leonetti and Bishop John M. D'Arcy. All men of the diocese are invited to attend. For information contact the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization at (260) 422-4611.

Archbishop Michael Blume visits Our Lady of Hungary

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Archbishop Michael Blume, apostolic nuncio of the Holy See for the African countries of Bénin and Togo, and 500 other alumni were in town for the all-class reunion at Our Lady of Hungary School on Aug. 1.

Before celebrating Mass and visiting with classmates, Archbishop Blume discussed his responsibilities as nuncio, and current issues and challenges in the countries he serves.

"Nuncio" is an ancient term that today would be translated as "ambassador." As the apostolic nuncio,

Archbishop Blume represents the pope to the church in Bénin and Togo, as well as to the governments.

His responsibilities include promoting whatever may contribute to peace,

progress and the united efforts of people. To that end Archbishop Blume also works with the

bishops of the countries he serves to foster appropriate exchanges between the Catholic and other churches and non-Christian religions.

Working as a liaison with African governments presents challenges. When the Holy See has

diplomatic relations with countries, it can draw the attention of political authorities to what the church is doing and how the church perceives its rights. So the church is "not a passive spectator of public life," Archbishop Blume stresses.

Archbishop Blume's responsibilities will increase when he returns as he becomes the dean of the diplomatic corps in Bénin. In some countries the nuncio is the dean by right but not so in Bénin or Togo. "It puts me more intensely into the political arena there," says the archbishop.

The growth of the Catholic faith in Bénin and Togo shows great promise. For example,

recently in Lome, Togo, Archbishop Blume confirmed 203 people in a full parish church that seats 2,000. He observes that the Catholic liturgies are enthusiastically celebrated and says this enthusiasm in the Catholic faith does not go unnoticed by outsiders. "I was

in a meeting of ambassadors and an ambassador told me in a very political way, 'Here people are a lot more public about their religious expressions,' and I said yes they are!"

The archbishop acknowledges there are challenges facing the



KAREN CLIFFORD

Archbishop Michael Blume, Nuncio of Bénin and Togo Africa, talks with Our Lady of Hungary School alumna Tassie Vlahantonis Jacques about blessing the new alumni room at the All Class Reunion on Aug. 1.

"Maybe we won't see the results we are waiting for but we have to be confident that the Holy Spirit will plant a seed."

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL BLUME

Biographical milestones of Archbishop Blume

- 1960: Graduated from Our Lady of Hungary School
- 1964: Graduated from the minor seminary of Divine Word Missionaries
- 1968: Graduated from the college seminary of Divine Word Missionaries
- 1969: Appointed to theological studies in Rome
- 1969: First vows
- 1972: Ordained into priesthood by Bishop Joseph R. Crowley
- 1974: First missionary assignment to Ghana
- 1983: Elected provincial

superior of Divine Missionaries in Ghana and Togo

- 1985: Responsibilities expanded to include Bénin
- 1990: Called to Rome and named secretary general of the Society of the Divine Word
- 2005: Appointed apostolic nuncio in Bénin and in Togo, and the titular episcopal see of Alessano, with the dignity of archbishop by Pope Benedict XVI
- 2005: Ordained bishop by Cardinal Sodano, Secretary of State of His Holiness, in St. Peter's Basilica

Catholic Church in Africa. One of the biggest challenges is the youth — 43 percent of the population is under 15 years of age. Television and video attract young people there as they do in the United States. In a reference to a Scripture verse in Ephesians, Archbishop Blume remarks, "Our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the spirits of the air — the spirits of the 'airwaves' sometimes!"

The need for dialogue between Christians and Muslims is also a concern of the church in Africa. "In March, the Holy Father went to Africa and invited Muslims to join forces with the Catholics to study together how religion can make a positive critical contribution to society as a whole. That is the attitude he takes towards reli-

gions whose adherents are really searching for God, which is the common ground that unites us," Archbishop Blume stresses.

The world economic crisis has had a major effect on smaller countries such as Bénin and Togo. Archbishop Blume illustrates this point in the examination of the country's economic growth rate.

"The President of Bénin, since the beginning of his term of office in 2006, has continually pushed programs to change Bénin from the category of a poor country to an "emergent country." Achieving that requires reaching and maintaining a 7 percent annual economic growth rate. In 2006 that rate was about 3 percent. Before the latest crisis in 2008, it was close to 6 percent," says the archbishop.

He adds, "Now, together with other countries of West Africa, it's at about one and a half percent. Projections are that in 2010 it will rise to 3 percent. That gives an idea how problems created far away affect what is already a fragile system."

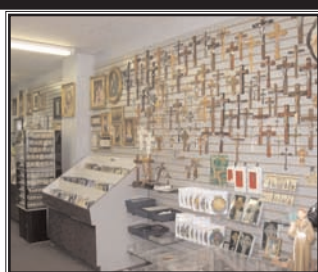
Archbishop Blume states that these economic realities touch the lives of the people. "The inflation produced gives rise to demands for higher wages, with labor unrest and strikes, even in hospitals. Schools suffer and quality of education is affected. Food prices rise, with the consequences that people are less nourished, more vulnerable to disease and less productive."

He continues, "Infants and children have increased developmental problems. When this is combined with natural disasters, such as recent excessive rainfall that destroys crops, the consequences have deep and long-term effects."

Because the family is the place where children's values are formed, emphasis on the family must be encouraged.

The family influences proper relationships between young men and women. "There is the relationship between sexuality and love, and sexuality and the gift of human life. That connection has to be made. (In the present society) there is too much of a disconnect between these things. Sexuality then becomes a form of entertainment," Archbishop Blume states.

The archbishop says of the church's ministry, "Maybe we won't see the results we are waiting for but we have to be confident that the Holy Spirit will plant a seed."



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tor, Father Galic said, "He was without a doubt my inspiration for the priesthood."

As a priest, Father Galic feels that he is most a priest when celebrating Mass and preaching. He has a special liking for instructing prospective adult converts in the faith, and as vocation director, he has a particular fondness for talking about the seminary and the priesthood with interested candidates.

Since it is Father Galic's primary responsibility to find "workers for his vineyard," he had a particularly thoughtful answer to our question about how to encourage more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life: "God, of course, is the source of all vocations. But we (parents and priests) need to help young people learn how to be attentive and responsive to Holy Spirit's action in their lives. We must "prepare the soil" so that God's call does not fall on deaf ears. More parents need to provide a solidly Catholic home atmosphere for their children and set the example for them in embracing and living the faith —

beginning with coming to Mass with them faithfully every Sunday and holy day. Parents need to lead their children in church activity by being involved in every way possible in the life of their parish and their parish school (where there is one). Unless the parents love the faith and live it, it is unlikely the children will be attracted to a life of church ministry."

In response to another question about challenges facing the church and where he sees the greatest hope, the power of outside influence once again comes into play:

"Too many people are in love with things and want more things for their children to the exclusion of instilling in them a love for God and spiritual values. One of my greatest hopes lies in my observation that more and more young adults seem to be embracing and taking ownership of the faith. Hopefully that will result in their passing on to their children true spiritual values. Another of my greatest hopes springs from the many exemplary youth ministry programs in force in our country and their ability to attract good young people to the church and to her many missions."

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response to the presence of God," she says, adding, "All of life offers the possibility of the presence of God. You can meet God everywhere."

Communal and personal prayer are equally important, she reports, and this day retreat will provide women the opportunity for both.

"One feeds the other," says Sister D'Arcy. And she adds that praying with Scripture is "the meeting place of the heart."

Sister hopes the women attending will be open to deepening their relationship with Christ and that they "will bring it back to their parish family."

"This may deepen their desire for more personal and communal prayer," she says.

According to Linda Furge, part-time associate in the Office of Spiritual Development, Women's Day of Prayer is a follow-up for women who hunger for spiritual enrichment after the hugely successful Day of Grace for Women with Johnnette Benkovic, offered last year.

"The point of the day is for

women to experience prayer — different ways to pray," she says.

In addition to Sister D'Arcy's talks, the women will choose two different sessions on prayer in the morning to attend and two in the afternoon. Embedded in the afternoon will be holy hour with reflections by Bishop D'Arcy. Time for reconciliation will be offered before the day closes with a Mass at 4 p.m. celebrated by Bishop

D'Arcy.

"This is the one day a year that we bring the women of the diocese together to further their spiritual development — to deepen their relationship with Christ," Furge says. St. Joseph in LaGrange is centrally located

and will accommodate 200 women.

Ginny Kohrman, director of the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization, says, "The power of women's prayer is awesome. This day is to allow time for them to pray. Hopefully they'll learn new ways to pray."

The Day of Prayer for Women is limited to 200 participants and the fee of \$25 includes lunch. For more information or to register call the Office of Spiritual Development at (260) 422-4611 or e-mail mworman@diocesefwsb.org.

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Pope prays priests will be in love with Christ

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI prayed that the world's priests would be totally in love with Christ and would serve God and their brothers and sisters like many saintly priests did. Reciting the Angelus prayer Aug. 2 with visitors gathered in the courtyard of the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo, Pope Benedict spoke about the 2009-2010 Year for Priests. In deepening an understanding of the role of priests, he said, the church's calendar of saints offers "true models of spirituality and priestly dedication." Remembering St. Alphonsus Liguori Aug. 1, the church honored a "great master of moral theology and model of Christian and pastoral virtue," he said. The celebration Aug. 2 of the "Pardon of Assisi," a plenary indulgence St. Francis of Assisi convinced the pope to grant in 1216 — and one which still is granted annually at Franciscan churches and shrines — demonstrates the concern of St. Francis for the forgiveness and salvation of all people, he said. The feast of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, was Aug. 4. The Year for Priests coincides with the 150th anniversary of the French priest's death and Pope Benedict said he would talk about the saint during his weekly general audience Aug. 5 at Castel Gandolfo.

Latest stem-cell advance said to prove again no need to kill embryos

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The work of two teams of Chinese scientists who created live mice from induced pluripotent stem cells is "another demonstration that researchers don't need to destroy embryos" to achieve stem-cell advances, according to a pro-life official at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The research done by separate teams in Shanghai and Beijing and published July 23 in the scientific journals *Nature* and *Cell Stem Cell* showed that the so-called iPS cells have "the full range of uses that embryonic stem cells are proposed for," said Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "The immediate finding is that induced pluripotent stem cells, created without harming any embryos, really are as versatile as embryonic stem cells," he said. But Doerflinger also warned in a July 27 interview with Catholic News Service that this latest breakthrough in stem-cell research shows that iPS cells are "so powerful" that researchers "might be able to put them in a human embryo and change the genetic makeup of that child and all the future generations" related to the child. "It's an ominous thing, that they could be remaking people's genetic traits," he added. "It's a powerful technology and it could be misused."

NEWS BRIEFS

200TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF SISTERS OF CHARITY



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Maria Allen, a student at Seton Keough High School in Baltimore, prepares for the opening procession of a Mass marking the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Sisters of Charity. The Aug. 2 Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md.

Bill would reauthorize District of Columbia voucher program

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Many low-income children in the District of Columbia would continue attending the school of their choice if a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program passes in Congress. "This legislation has put the district's most at-risk children first," said Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, who said he hopes for quick passage of the bill. "It is difficult to envision what advantage anyone could find that would outweigh the futures and hopes of the young people in this city." Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., and five other senators introduced the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act of 2009 in late July. The bill would extend for the next five years a federal voucher program that enables 1,700 low-income district children to receive an education at a participating school in the city. The legislation would increase the program's funding to account for inflation over the past five years, and it would give scholarship priority to the siblings of students currently in the program. It also would call for new requirements for certificates of occupancy and teacher qualifications. Last year, 879 of the scholars attended Catholic schools in the district.

Sotomayor sworn in

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Sworn in Aug. 8 to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sonia Sotomayor becomes the first Hispanic member of the high court. In a ceremony at the court building, Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of office while the newest justice's mother, Celina, held the Bible on which her daughter placed her hand. It was the first time the oath had been administered on live television. Sotomayor will be formally invested in the court Sept. 8, the afternoon before the court convenes to hear a campaign finance case in an unusual session being held prior to the beginning of the court term Oct. 3. Sotomayor, 55, was confirmed by the Senate Aug. 6 by a 68-31 vote. She is the sixth Catholic on the nine-member court, the most ever at one time. She will take the place of Justice David Souter, who retired at the end of the term in June.

Archbishop O'Brien calls for world to eliminate nuclear stockpiles

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Drawing from the church's long-held teaching on the morality of war, a member of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace called upon attendees at a nuclear deterrence symposium to work to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore told an audience of 500 people gathered for the military-sponsored symposium in Omaha, Neb., July 29 that the abolishment of nuclear weapons was an issue of "fundamental moral values that should unite people across national and ideological boundaries." "Our world and its leaders must stay focused on the destination of a nuclear weapons-free world and on the concrete steps that lead there," he said. "Especially in a world with weapons of mass destruction and at a time when some nations ... are reportedly seeking to build such weapons, we must pursue a world in which fewer nuclear states have fewer nuclear weapons."

Pope's home in Bavaria becomes a solar-power generator

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's home in Bavaria near Regensburg, Germany, will become a solar-power generator. Workmen from the area donated some 580 square feet of photovoltaic solar panels to install on the house's rooftop, the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, reported July 30. The panels should generate about 5,800 kilowatt hours of energy a year, which corresponds to saving 11 barrels of petroleum.

Saginaw bishop installed

SAGINAW, Mich. (CNS) — Bishop Joseph R. Cistone, a Philadelphia native and former auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, was installed as the sixth bishop of the Saginaw Diocese July 28 at St. Stephen Church.

Bishop D'Antonio dies at 93

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — U.S. Bishop Nicholas D'Antonio, who once headed a prelature in Honduras but found safe haven in the Archdiocese of New Orleans during a Honduran government crackdown on religious activities, died Aug. 1 at age 93.

New director of institute at St. John's University

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. (CNS) — The Benedictine Institute at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., has a new director in Father Hilary Thimmesh, a 1950 graduate of the university and its president from 1982 to 1991.

Philadelphia auxiliary bishop ordained

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Bishop Timothy C. Senior became the 24th auxiliary bishop to serve in the history of the Philadelphia archdiocese after Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia ordained him July 31 before a packed congregation at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

Miguel Diaz confirmed as US ambassador to the Vatican

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic theologian Miguel Diaz was confirmed by the U.S. Senate Aug. 4 as the ninth U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. Diaz is the first Hispanic to serve in the post.

New bishop ordained in Allentown, Pa.

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (CNS) — Bishop John O. Barnes expressed gratitude for his parents' "heroic sacrifice and courage for Christ and the church" and spoke July 30 of the "signs of the times" and a new evangelization. His remarks came after the closing prayer of his episcopal ordination Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown.

Pope featured singing on CD of Marian prayers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The music-loving Pope Benedict XVI will be featured on a new CD singing and reciting Marian hymns and prayers. "Alma Mater," Latin for "nourishing mother," will be released worldwide Nov. 30 by Geffen Records, which is part of Universal Music Group.

Victory Noll Sister professes final vows

HUNTINGTON — Sister Guadalupe (Lupita) Aguilar Huanca of Our Lady of Victory Missionary (OLVM) Sisters professed her final vows during a Mass before the congregation on July 22 in the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll.



SISTER LUPITA AGUILAR HUANCA

Sister Huanca, a native of Oruro, Bolivia, first entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters in 1999. She began her mission work in Bolivia at her home parish of San Pio X in Oruro. She most recently was missioned in Chicago.

Sister Huanca will spend the next year at Victory Noll.

The presider for the celebration was Father Carmelo Méndez. Readings were provided by Sister Celia Sánchez and Sister Guadalupe Flores Ocaña. Sister Mary Ellen Descourouez provided Scripture reflection.

Sister Beatrice Haines, president of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, presided over the Rite of Perpetual Vow Profession for Sister Huanca

Schissler retires from business office

FORT WAYNE — Gerri Schissler, who worked in the diocesan business office, retired from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Aug. 3.



GERRI SCHISLER

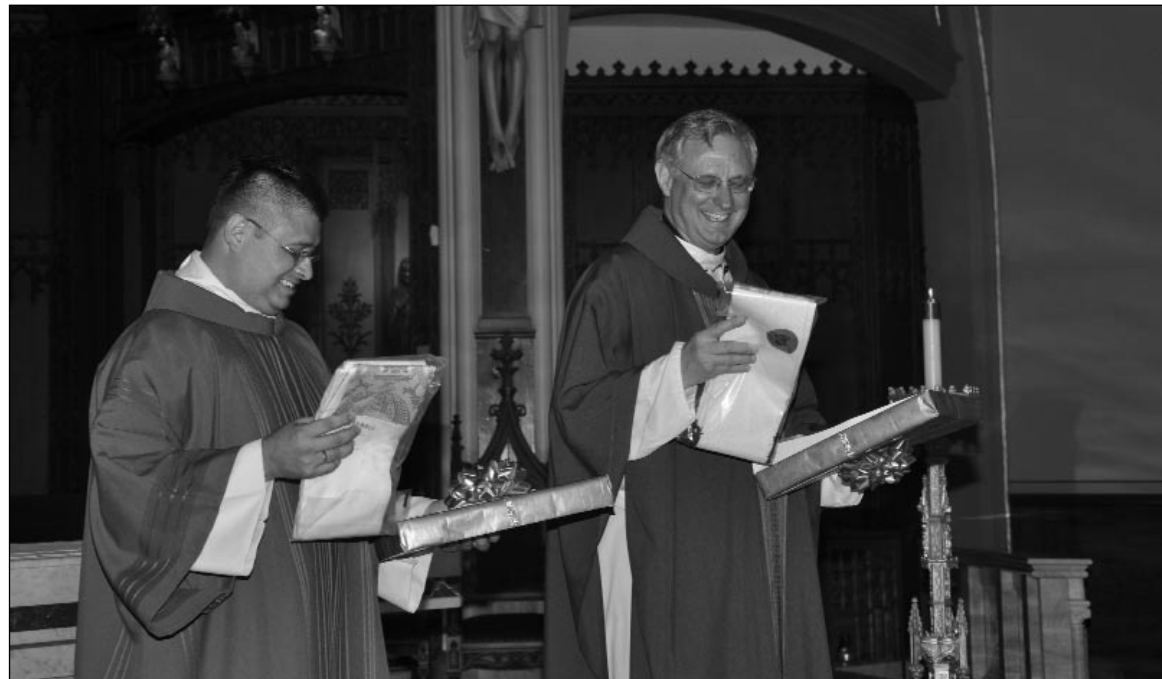
Schissler has worked with the diocese for 10 years with duties pertaining to the parish census, Legacy of Faith and the Annual Bishops Appeal campaigns. She has enjoyed her tenure with the diocese, which she says has been filled with "love, laughter and conversation." In her early retirement Schissler says, "I will enjoy it and see where the Lord leads me. I'm open to another cross road."

Princeton Review lists Saint Mary's College among the "Best in the Midwest"

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College is one of the best colleges and universities in the Midwest according to The Princeton Review. The education services company selected the school as one of 158 institutions profiled in the "Best in the Midwest" section of its Web site feature 2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region, posted July 27. The Princeton Review also designated 218 colleges in the Northeast, 123 in the West, and 141 in the

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The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish celebrated the beginning of The Year for Priests by gifting each of its priests with a stole, a sign of his priesthood, as well as a check for personal use. Father Robert Schulte, rector of the cathedral, right, and Deacon Fernando Jimenez smile as they receive their stoles and checks during one of the July 18-19 Sunday liturgies. In addition to the gifts of stoles, the priests were assured of continued prayers for their sanctification during this special year.

Southeast as best in their locales. The 640 colleges named among the "regional best" represents about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

"We are very pleased to once again be listed in The Princeton Review," said Carol Ann Mooney, president of Saint Mary's College. "Our commitment to an excellent intellectual and academic experience for our students is unwavering. Our graduates are our best recruiters. Their accomplishments speak volumes about the quality of the educational experience they received here."

Saint Mary's College has held the "Best in the Midwest" designation every year since the Princeton Review began the "Best Colleges: Region by Region" categorizations seven years ago.

"We choose the schools based on institutional data we collect from several hundred schools in each region, our visits to schools over the years and the opinions of independent and high school-based college advisors whose recommendations we invite. We also take into account what each school's customers — their students — report to us about their campus experiences at them on our 80-question student survey," said Robert Franek, Princeton Review's vice president of publishing.

The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges in its 2010 Best Colleges Region by Region Web site section. See the "Best Regional Colleges" by clicking the hyperlink at the bottom of the following page: www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings.aspx.

The Princeton Review is an education services company known for its tutoring and classroom test preparation courses, books, and college and graduate school admission services. It is not affiliated with Princeton University and it is not a magazine.

Thomas Castaldi is 2009 AASLH award winner

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) announced that Thomas E. Castaldi, parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, is the recipient of an Award of Merit from the AASLH Leadership in History Awards for a lifetime of contributions to the history of the Wabash and Erie Canal, Inc. Castaldi currently serves as Allen County Historian and has authored numerous books and articles. His radio recordings titled "Historia Nostra" can be heard on Redeemer Radio, WLYV, 1450 AM.

Award winners will be honored at a special banquet during the 2009 AASLH annual meeting in Indianapolis on Saturday, Aug. 29.

Scott Hahn presents at St. Catherine of Siena Parish

SOUTH BEND — Noted theologian Dr. Scott Hahn, an often-sought speaker and prolific author, will be a guest speaker at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m.

Hahn is a world renowned theologian, apologist and, like St. Paul, a convert to Catholicism. He has delivered numerous talks nationally and internationally on a variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith.

His presentation is titled The Lamb's Supper. Hahn will help those attending to understand the Mass in the light of the Book of Revelation.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Hahn as a guest speaker," says Father John Delaney, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. "Our parish council worked diligently to schedule this event. And given that many of our parishioners just finished a Lenten Bible study on the Book of Revelation, this is a very appropriate topic."

There will be refreshments after the presentation, where attendees can talk to Hahn, socialize and purchase some of his published materials. The event sold out in only three weeks.

Correction

St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Columbia City, was established in 1860 and will celebrate a 150 year anniversary in 2010.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER FUN



KAREN CLIFFORD

Crocodile Dock rocked the halls of Queen of Peace Parish during the week of July 27. According to Vacation Bible School director Audra Tuveson, 124 children and 81 volunteers combined crafts, Bible skits, games, snacks, saint of the day and swamp stomp, which combines song and dance. For Silly Hair day, Emma Thiman, Delaney Basker, Michael Portolese, Oliva Portolese, Joe Tuveson, Maddy Shroff, Natalie Tuveson and Paige Hensley show off their new hairdos in front of the swamp.

Youth serve in the trenches during bcX mission trip

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — This summer youth from around the diocese were given the opportunity to attend a mission trip “in their own back yard” by the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and the Campus Ministry of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame. The week-long leadership camp, appropriately titled bcX-Servant Leadership, was held at Holy Cross College from July 21-25 and featured service projects in the local area.

The focus, says Cindy Black, director of the Office of Youth Ministry, was to “be” Christ (bX) and “see” Christ (cX) in those they serve. Service opportunities included team work for local agencies such as the Women’s Care Center, Catholic Charities, a rehabilitation center, Catholic Worker House, Christ Child Society, the YWCA and more, where students would experience a variety of ongoing programs and discover where their talent to serve lies.

The 50 students, who came from parishes all over the diocese, some with no active youth group, stayed on the campus of Holy Cross College and attended sessions on Catholic social teachings such as the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Each day they were given the opportunity to serve in a different agency or organization. Reconciliation and eucharistic adoration were made available as well as time for reflection, prayer, fellowship and music.

The students were required to leave their cell phones and electronic devices behind each day of service to “go deeper into a relationship with Christ.” However they were encouraged to blog in the evenings in an attempt to share their service experience with those at home. No one seemed to mind.

Megan Oberhausen, assistant director of the Office of Youth Ministry says, “The technology piece was different and cool. The students used computers and cameras and blogged to share with family and friends. The reflections were pretty immediate.”

Students were assigned to small groups that they remained with for the week. Small group discussion led by six full-time and 15 part-time priests, seminar-ians, catechists, youth ministers and young adults, ensued each evening after the service project to assist the teens in processing their day. Oberhausen says, “They connected really well.” And she says, some of the teens were surprised by the service. “Some didn’t know that people worked full-time in ministry. They connected life to this!”

As for inspiring service, one group of teens scrubbed furniture at a retirement home. “They didn’t complain. They did it joyfully and reflected that it was a good experience,” reports Black. Their blog entry says, “We saw Christ today through Raynard, who was our supervisor and scrubbed through the grime with us throughout the day. We also saw Christ through the welcoming



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY NATHAN PROULX

Group 6 teens painted the basement of the Family Life Center of HOPE Ministries homeless shelter and community center. Shown is Ryan Noll of St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne.

faces of the residents. Even though this was not the most glamorous job, it was still rewarding because we could offer it up to Christ.”

Another group served at Heathwin Rehabilitation Center where they exercised, dined and visited with the residents there. Their blog entry reads, “We saw Christ in all the residents and the wonderful volunteers. ... We were touched by the residents’ simple gratitude shown through their smiling faces.”



Group 4 teens prepared and served lunch to the South Bend Center for the Homeless guests. Participants were Logan Parrish and David Huneck from St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne; Gregory Konkle, Christ the King, South Bend; Rafaella Stroik, St. Matthew, South Bend; Michael Zehr, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne; Jaxson Burkins, St. Dominic, Bremen; Will Heckaman, adult volunteer, St. Anthony, South Bend; Jessica Richardson, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne; and Rachel Staley, St. Pius X, Granger.

Each evening before bed the entire group prayed the Liturgy of the Hours together, with a smaller group of male teens remaining to pray “man prayer,” which included prayers for their female counterparts and recitation of the Hail Mary.

The exciting and exhausting week came to an inspirational close with a special eucharistic celebration by Bishop John M. D’Arcy, followed by a picnic that included family members and associates from the agencies the teens served throughout the week.

Though the program became more labor-intensive than expected, says Oberhausen, their efforts were well worth the response.

“The e-mails from parents and students and the Facebook messages all say it was life changing. They can’t wait for the next one,” she says.

The participating teens showed initiative in their service and now have taken it to their

home parishes. One e-mail asked for contact information of an organization for future service. “We wanted to help them find a ministry they can commit to in their area. We challenged them to live a life of Christian service,” Oberhausen says.

Another student’s e-mail stated that he missed “man prayer.” Oberhausen, in turn, challenged him to start his own prayer group, which he now leads in his home parish.

Black and Oberhausen are encouraged by the response of the teens involved and are already consulting with Holy Cross for next year’s mission trip date. “It’s so beautiful to see how the Lord met each teen in a different way,” says Black, who adds, “This is how we give teens the opportunity to meet Christ.”

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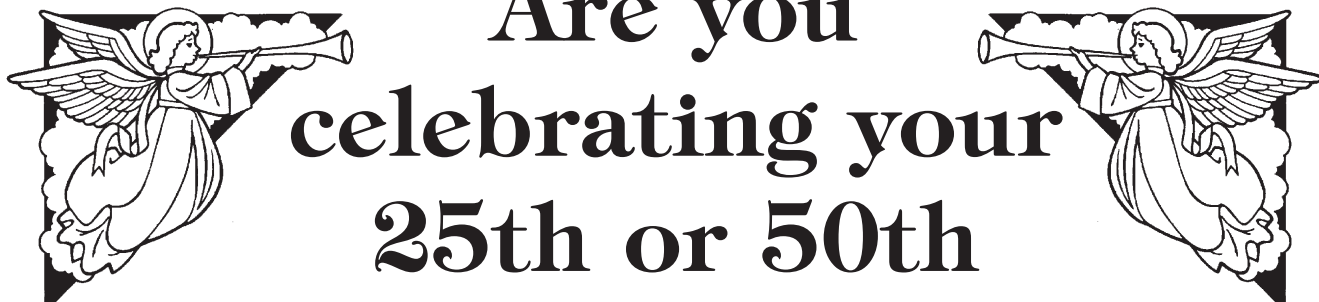
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Hispanic adult formation program commences in August

FORT WAYNE — The Office of Catechesis and Office of Hispanic Ministry will begin the first session of Educación para el Ministerio (EPEM) on Aug. 22. The two-year diocesan program will serve the Hispanic community providing formation for those who desire a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith.

The integration of catechesis and leadership training will strengthen the participants' foundation to outwardly live their faith through active participation and service within the church. Upon completion, the EPEM class of 2011 will receive a diocesan certification in catechetical leadership.

Classes will be held once a month at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. For more information visit the Office of Catechesis' page at www.diocesefwsb.org or e-mail Lourdes Silva at loudly@aol.com or Christina Emilian at cemilian@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

Comienza en el mes de agosto un programa de formación para adultos en español

FORT WAYNE — La Oficina de Catequesis y la Oficina para el Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Fortt Wayne-South Bend comenzará un curso de formación catequética y liderazgo para católicos adultos de habla hispana llamado Educación para el Ministerio (EPEM) el 22 de

agosto del 2009, de 8:30 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. en el edificio Archbishop Noll en Fort Wayne. Este programa diocesano de dos años proveerá formación para aquellos que quieren profundizar más en su conocimiento de la fe católica e incluirá un componente de destrezas de liderazgo para aquellos que deseen participar activamente en el servicio de la Iglesia, en sus parroquias y diócesis. Para aquellos que logren completar los requisitos de participación de los dos años los estudiantes recibirán un certificado diocesano en liderazgo catequético. Las clases se llevarán a cabo una vez al mes de agosto a junio. Para mas información visite la página web de la Oficina de Catequesis www.diocesefwsb.org or e-mail Lourdes Silva at loudly@aol.com or Christina Emilian at cemilian@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

Office of Hispanic Ministry serves diocesan Latino community

BY KAY COZAD

MISHAWAKA — The Office of Hispanic Ministry, established under the name Office for Spanish Speaking Apostolate in 1971, is a much needed and appreciated resource for the ever-growing Latino community of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Its mission is to “strengthen and support the pastoral care of Catholics of Hispanic heritage and help other offices serve the Hispanic community.”

Enid Roman-DeJesus, a native of Puerto Rico, has been director of the ministry since 2000, after working in the Office of the Midwest Hispanic Catholic Mission and the South Bend School System for nine years. She first served the office as associate to longtime director and vicar Father Paul Beuter and has seen the office's outreach grow from serving nine parishes with Hispanic populations to the current 12.

Many of the 12 parishes enjoy the pastoral care of Latino priests or Angelo priests who are fluent in Spanish and include St. Anthony de Padua in Angola, St. Dominic in Bremen, St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart, St. Patrick and St. Joseph in Fort Wayne, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, St. Joseph in LaGrange, St. Patrick, Ligonier, St. Michael in Plymouth, St. Adalbert and St. Casimir in South Bend and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw.

Roman-DeJesus says her ministry encompasses a myriad opportunities to assist the Hispanics in the diocese. “We go and visit the people and ask them what their needs are. We visit the priests through the week and find out what they need, too,” she reports.

Masses are celebrated in Spanish at the 12 parishes, along with other important ceremonies, such as baptisms, marriages and Quinceaneras, a coming-of-age ritual for Latino girls at age 15.

In the Hispanic community the “church is everything,” says Roman-DeJesus. It is where an individual or family will go for help, rather than a social agency. “We need comprehensive care in this community. ... The church can be a bridge to other agencies,” says Roman-DeJesus, adding that parishes must be a safe-haven in which to seek assistance.

So Roman-DeJesus and her associate Lourdes Silva, who was also raised in Puerto Rico, act as liaisons between the parishes and the social service offices. Calls to the Office of Hispanic Ministry

concerning unemployment, social issues and the like have been the impetus for these faith filled Hispanic women to produce a directory of social agencies in the area that Hispanics and their parishes can call on for assistance. They remain in communication with Bishop John M. D'Arcy, parish priests and families or individuals as needed.

In addition to assisting one-on-one at the parish level Roman-DeJesus and Silva support the diocesan offices, as they translate documents for the Marriage Tribunal, and support the office of Youth Ministry and the office of Spiritual Development.

Silva, who has been active in Hispanic ministry within the diocese at various levels for the past seven years, and holds the position of associate for Hispanic Ministry, has been instrumental in the development of the Spanish Education for Ministry Program. She is responsible for its registration, prayer for the sessions and recruiting presenters.

The program is an adaptation of the English version of Education for Ministry with a leadership component. “It is a deep study of the church, and provides tools to be a good leader,” says Roman-DeJesus. She reports that the shorten six-months pilot program was a success and will be expanded to a two-year program that will begin this month.

Silva also has been involved in assisting parishes with catechesis, missions, adult classes and prayer sessions by presenting in English and Spanish. Silva and Roman-DeJesus have presented at the annual diocesan youth retreat for the Latino youth of which Roman-DeJesus says, “It's important for the youth to start to know the church is there for them.”

And the dynamic duo also holds a support group for the Hispanic ministers, which includes priests, deacons, sisters and others, in the diocese once each month.

Working with and for the people has been gratifying for these progressive women. Recently the office was able to arrange transport for a Hispanic gentleman who was stricken with cancer and wanted to return to his home land of Mexico. The work, says Roman-DeJesus, is “very satisfying — no two days are alike.” She continues, “We just try to make life better for people. And I thank God for Bishop D'Arcy because his involvement has made all the difference.”

Church life integral to Hispanic community in Warsaw

BY ANN THALLEMER

WARSAW — For the Hispanic community of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine, Sunday Mass is a central part of their faith and is well attended. Their fiestas or celebrations — births, weddings, quinceaneras — all evolve around gathering their friends and families with many taking an active part in the events.

The Hispanics freely express their emotions in their music, which reflects their love of faith, family, children, Our Lady of Guadalupe and the other saints. The church provides the comfort and support to bring the community together to celebrate its joys, sorrows and special occasions.

In June, the Hispanic community celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi by processing into the nearby neighborhood after Mass. Six different altars had been erected at homes and on the campus of the shrine. The parishioners sang as they processed showing their love and devotion to their faith. They returned to the church for Benediction and attended a parish picnic.

Another public manifestation of the Hispanic faith was evident in the blessing of parishioners' homes this summer. After Mass, in the neighborhood that had been previously selected by the prayer group, Holy Cross Father J Steele, who served at the church for six months, and a parish group began walking through the neighborhood, singing, ringing bells and carrying the image of the saint that had been chosen for that particular neighborhood. As they processed, Father Steele went into the homes that had been designated and blessed each room with neighbors joining in. The singing continued until all of the homes had been blessed.

The Hispanics at Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to strengthen



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their community with Sunday dinners after Mass. This practice began when they worshiped in the little Milford storefront building. Some participants came to Mass from as far away as Ohio and needed a meal before returning home. So the parish families provided a meal and some shared food from various states. Currently families continue the tradition of preparing the Sunday meals for the gatherings.

Some of the parish donations are used to cover the cost of these meals, but many times the money is given to the church to help with salaries and other necessary expenses. The practice has developed into an opportunity for the parishioners to share a meal and to socialize and keep in touch, especially with the effects of the recession on their community.

They support each other and take up collections when they know of a particular need in a family. Sharing food and their homes when there is a crisis is common. Many Hispanics have



Sister Joan Hastreiter, a Sister of St. Joseph, serves Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Diocesan Shrine in Warsaw as the pastoral minister.

family members living in their native country to help support, and they take this responsibility seriously.

As a parish community, the

Hispanics have all the joys and challenges as in any parish but the difference often is that they do not have the funds to assist with these emergencies.



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy says that the church does not ask if the Latinos are documented or not. He says the interest is in the documentation of baptism. At the same time, along with brother bishops, there is real concern and pressure on legislators to pass more just immigration laws. Many Latinos have served the United States for years. Lack of documentation can jeopardize seeking the rights that belong to all workers regardless of their status. The undocumented are vulnerable and sometimes exploited.

The diocesan Hispanic Ministry under the direction of Enid de Roman-De Jesus meets monthly with representatives from the churches that provide Masses in Spanish to the Latino community. Twelve churches are involved in the meetings: St. Anthony of Padua, Angola; St. Dominic, Bremen; St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart; St. Patrick and St. Joseph, Fort Wayne; St. John the Evangelist, Goshen; St. Joseph, LaGrange; St. Patrick, Ligonier; St. Michael, Plymouth; St. Adalbert and St. Casimir, South Bend; and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw.

This summer representatives of these parishes are meeting weekly for training in issues of documentation, immigration laws, work laws, social programs, penal laws and more. The course is directed by the Mexican Consulate as a community outreach program. Participants will be able to explain laws and necessary paperwork to their parishioners. They will not take the place of lawyers but will be valuable resources in helping people prepare for documentation.

The Festival of Guadalupe will be held on Aug. 15. The day will be one of special pilgrimage for many parishes to share in the prayer, food, sacred and popular music of the area. The bishop will also participate.

Hispanic Catholic leaders gather at Notre Dame for conference on the Bible

BY MICHAEL O. GARVEY

NOTRE DAME — Hispanic Catholic leaders from around the world met Friday and Saturday (July 31 and Aug. 1) at the University of Notre Dame for a conference titled "Camino a Emaús: The Word of God and Latino Catholics."

The conference, sponsored by the American Bible Society and Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, intended to deepen appreciation of the Bible and its role in the life and mission of the church.

Speakers at the conference included Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago

and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Carmen Cervantes, of the Instituto Fe y Vida; Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, general secretary of the Synod of Catholic Bishops; Renata Furst of Assumption Seminary in San Antonio; Archbishop José Gómez of San Antonio; Hossfman Ospino of Boston College; and Liana Lupas of the American Bible Society.

"Latino Catholics' hunger for the Bible resonates with the recent Bishops' Synod on the Word of God that Pope Benedict convened last year," said Timothy Matovina, director of the Cushwa Center. "The time is ripe for a conference that advances the synod's objective of renewing God's holy word as 'a living,

piercing and active force in the heart of the church.' Notre Dame is an ideal setting for such a conference, and we at the Cushwa Center are delighted to join our colleagues from the American Bible Society in convening it."

"Since 1816, the American Bible Society has been a pioneer in making the Bible attainable to all Americans," said Mario Paredes, American Bible Society's presidential liaison for Hispanic/Latino Projects and Roman Catholic Ministry. "The Camino a Emaús conference brings together American Bible Society resources with a distinguished panel of church leaders



and teachers who continue to equip the church in exploring, engaging and experiencing the Bible. It is the perfect opportunity for Hispanic Catholics to reflect on the importance of

Scripture and how it applies to the church."

With sessions in both English and Spanish, the Camino a Emaús conference focused on such topics as how the Bible affects liturgy, catechesis, prayer, evangelization, study, youth ministry, preaching, communal life and culture for Hispanic Catholics, who make up nearly 40 percent of all Catholics in the United States and are the fastest

growing segment of the Catholic church in the country.

Headquartered in New York City, the 193-year-old American Bible Society has a mission to make the Bible available to every person in a language and format each can understand and afford, so that all people may experience its life changing message.

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, founded in 1975, is widely recognized as the leading center for the historical study of Roman Catholicism in the United States. The center is dedicated to providing resources and commentary on U.S. Catholicism and to collaborating with church leaders to enhance Catholic life in the United States.

Pro-Life and Hispanic Outreach strengthen Latino community

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — As assistant director for Pro-Life and Hispanic Outreach in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Margarita Rodriguez sees firsthand the importance of God in strengthening marriage and family.

Through the diocesan engagement conferences and Natural Family Planning (NFP) sessions, Rodriguez extends an invitation to the community to embrace God's gift of life.

"The Conference for Engaged Couples, which delves into Pope John Paul II's theology of the body, is built on the premise that marriage involves a complete gift of self. The entire conference is basically about discovering what that means in day-to-day life, presenting God's plan for marriage," Rodriguez stresses.

Topics such as the meaning of and challenges to married love, building communication and intimacy, roles, responsibilities, sexuality, children and spirituality are discussed at the engagement conferences. Engaged couples attend one six-hour Saturday conference that features the dynamic presentations, which include a Natural Family Planning overview.

Although engagement conferences are a diocesan requirement before marriage, couples that have attended attest to its importance as a married couple. "We really enjoy doing the engagement conferences and with it we are beginning to answer a great need, our need, every marriage need," Rodriguez says. "Many couples share that the conference should be longer, and they also ask for follow up meetings. It just shows the great need every couple has, new or old, for marriage support."

She adds that those leading the engagement conferences benefit as much as those in attendance. "We keep strengthening our own marriage just by doing the marriage preparation for couples," she says.

According to a brochure published by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Office of Family Life, NFP "are scientifically based, morally acceptable methods of regulating conception based on daily observation and interpretation of the natural signs of fertility and infertility, which occur in a woman's body." As a part of the NFP class, Rodriguez teaches the theology of the body, an integrated vision of the human person — body, soul and spirit.

Rodriguez emphasizes that the



KAREN CLIFFORD

Margarita Rodriguez, center, assistant director for Pro-Life and Hispanic Outreach in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, reviews the Billings method of natural family planning with Felipe de Jesus Garcia and Rebeca Paredes during a NFP follow up visit.

importance of understanding the NFP method enriches a married couple's spiritual and emotional connection. "NFP is like an unknown treasure in many ways. Learning NFP gives us one more opportunity to find God within our bodies, his amazing creation. God placed in our bodies all the tools we need; we just have to find them, know them, be grateful to him for them and use them."

Felipe de Jesus Garcia and Rebeca Paredes, members of St. Adalbert Parish, recently met with Rodriguez for an NFP follow up

engagement conferences and NFP classes, Rodriguez tries to break down barriers between the Anglo and Latino communities through communication and understanding.

"One way to bridge the community together is to not be afraid to get close to other people," she says. "We need to be open to communicate and engaged in activities together, especially when it is working for the kingdom of God. It is through God that we can understand each other better.

Learning my prayers in English, and speaking (praying) to God in English have been a few of my most useful English tools."

In addition to communication, Rodriguez emphasized the importance of everyone's prayer in the community for the sanctity of life. "Nothing

we do is enough to defend life in every way from beginning to end. Our prayerful presence outside abortion clinics is the least we can do to defend life. Pray at least an hour per week during the times when the abortions are performed," she says.

There are engagement conferences and NFP sessions regularly scheduled throughout the diocese. The next Spanish language engagement conference in Fort Wayne will be held on Oct. 10 at St. Patrick Church and Oct. 31 in South Bend at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Spanish language NFP sessions begin in Fort Wayne on Sept. 26 at St. Patrick Church and Sept. 24 in South Bend at the Catholic Education Center. For more information call the South Bend Chancery at (574) 234-0687 ext. 108 or (574) 282-1986.

"The Creator has the instruction manual for us in every way including our sexuality."

MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ

visit. The couple was married in a civil ceremony in Mexico and will be remarried in a Catholic ceremony at St. Adalbert Parish in October. Both are excited about learning and using the Billings method of natural family planning.

Garcia is encouraged by the safety of NFP. "It doesn't affect your body. It doesn't let any chemicals into your body. I know a lot of people that got pregnant while using the pill or another artificial birth control method."

Rodriguez also notes that in today's society God is often taken out of the sexual union between man and wife. "The Creator has the instruction manual for us in every way including our sexuality."

In addition to reaching out to the Latino community through the

Parishes offer Catholic presence and care for Hispanics

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — Father Christopher Cox grew up in a close, caring, Catholic neighborhood where, he laughs, "If you did something wrong, your parents knew about it before you got home."

He'd like to see the west side neighborhoods surrounding St. Adalbert and St. Casimir parishes become more like that again.

Originally Polish, the area is now largely Hispanic. But it is also the area with the most abandoned homes, highest rate of poverty and diminished infrastructure in St. Joseph County.

"I would like to see this area get back to dense relationships, and what I mean by that is a place where people live in a home for a good period of time, where they know their neighbors and have quality relationships with them."

Both churches host programs that keep people invested in the parish, observing what Father Cox calls "the sacramentality of the neighborhood."

Although time constraints prevented him from doing the barrio (neighborhood) Masses this summer, he looks forward to holding them next summer, outdoors on the streets followed by potluck dinners.

"They really give us a chance to talk with people about their concerns, and also to plug the (St. Adalbert) school and the value of a Catholic education."

English-as-a-second language classes, computer classes and counseling Latinos on everything from budgeting to their rights are just a few of the other programs. Used, donated computers are revamped with open-source, license-free software and then given away to needy families.

One thing the neighborhood has going for it is the number of young people. "With so many young families, we have a lot of people who can do volunteer work in the churches. Back in 2007, we replaced the hardwood floor in St. Casimir's with concrete and tile — all with volunteers."

Father Cox works hard to dispel myths about Latino immigrants — documented or undocumented. While many Americans continue to think Hispanics drain the healthcare and welfare system, "the reality is that most of them are young and working."

In the St. Adalbert and St. Casimir parishes, however, it is common to find Latino couples with one spouse documented and legally working, while the other is not. Any reform of immigrant policy must consider this reality.



FATHER CHRIS COX, CSC

"We can't break up these families," he said. "This will hurt their income, it will hurt the children, which leads to crime. It all spirals down. Keeping families together is

one of the church's highest priorities."

That priority has been communicated directly to the White House. In early June, St. Adalbert Parish member Jesusa Rodriguez traveled to Washington, D.C., along with other Hispanic representatives from cities across the country.

They met with Cecilia Munoz, White House director of inter-governmental affairs, who will be working with Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform.

"And she will be key, once reform comes down the line," said Rodriguez. "Granted, there is a lot of work to be done, a lot of mobilizing and organizing."

In addition to family unity, the coalition stressed the importance of pathways to citizenship. Workplace verification and a guest-worker program are also priorities of such reform, which may take the shape of a Senate bill as early as September.

And while the economy has taken its toll on poor immigrants, Father Cox said they may have fared better than many higher-income people.

"Poor families are often used to living on less," he said. "They have a shorter distance to drop. People who are generally lower-wage, that is \$8 to \$10 an hour, know how to contract more. But we are seeing signs of a turnaround now as people are starting to go back to work."

It's not Kansas anymore, where Father Cox grew up, and it's many years and a couple of deep recessions later. But Latinos on the west side of South Bend are seeing a real Catholic presence as the result of the parish work.

"We're helping people to understand what their rights are, like if an employer asks for more documentation than he does anyone else. We're instructing them on how to keep their cool when interacting with police, or what to do if they're underpaid just because they're Hispanic. We're helping them with family budgeting, home ownership and health care."

Clinica Madre de Dios serves those in need

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — As the Latino population continues to grow in Fort Wayne so does the need for quality health care.

The recently opened Clinica Madre de Dios — Spanish for Mother of God Clinic — caters to this often underserved group.

Sometimes good things can come out of bad news; the clinic was formed as a result of the ASK Ministries clinic's board of directors' decision to close in December. The ASK Ministries clinic had operated at 2513 S. Calhoun St.

since 1997, catering to the uninsured and underinsured in the community.

Unfortunately, the closing left many in the area vulnerable and without access to basic health care. Clinica Madre de Dios founder Dr. Sue Walstra, along with local physician Dr. Carlos Espinoza, knew immediate action was needed. "We decided that those people needed something," Walstra said.

The solution was to open a clinic using the same model. The doctors were given permission to

start the clinic, and, in April, patients were welcomed into the facility in St. Patrick School basement at 2120 S. Harrison St., where doctors treat a wide range of conditions, from the common cold to high blood pressure to diabetes.

Walstra said it's fitting that this Hispanic-friendly facility is housed in the school's basement as the majority of St. Patrick's parishioners speak Spanish. Although this group is the core demographic, she noted, the clinic will not turn anyone away. Dr. Espinoza "has a big heart

for the Spanish (speaking) community," and it shows.

Walstra noted their grassroots efforts are in line with what Jesus preached about serving the marginalized of society.

"We started it by faith ... with money right out of our own pockets," she said. "We do believe very strongly in the Christian personal touch. It's part of our mission ... that's what we're all about."

The clinic operates with the skill of two doctors and three nurse practitioners, but remains

understaffed.

"There is no way to take the whole volume of the displaced people (from the ASK Ministries clinic)," Walstra said. On opening day, the clinic served 80 patients in a matter of hours.

Currently the walk-in clinic is only open from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday mornings, but the doctors are working to expand the hours to serve more patients.

In June, the clinic added a dia-

betic clinic on the first Tuesday of the month. And Walstra said she has other plans for the expansion of its services and hopes to form partnerships with Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography and local labs.

In the meantime, Walstra said the focus is on fundraising and their patients' basic needs. A bingo night and silent auction fundraiser on June 13 was held at St. Patrick Church. The event

raised about \$700 for the clinic.

The clinic welcomes support from the community. Walstra said donations of talent, equipment and funds are greatly appreciated. A part-time business manager is needed on a volunteer basis as well. Looking to the future, the doctor says, "We're taking it one step at a time."

For more information, or to make a donation, call (260) 420-1433.

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DR. SUE WALSTRA



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St. Francis de Sales:

Living a devout life in an un-devout world

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

"This is the will of God, your holiness..." 1 Thes 4:3

In the business of each day, we tend to forget God's will for our holiness. Popular TV sitcoms often portray holiness as something slightly weird, and irrelevant to the experiences of our lives. Even those who are generally faithful struggle with lifelong faith commitments and tend to become spiritually weary. According to reliable religious sources, fewer and fewer Catholics feel it is necessary to worship as a community on Sundays, let alone holy days of obligation.

We are often disillusioned and disappointed in those "celebrities" who pretend to be something they are not. St. Francis de Sales describes them as people who "clothe themselves with certain outward actions connected with holy devotion and the world believes that they are truly devout and spiritual, whereas they are in fact nothing but copies and phantoms of devotion."

We have a tendency to look to political parties and social systems for the answers to our unrest and unhappiness. Although these parties and systems affect our freedoms and help to keep peace in our lands, they cannot replace or

even pretend to offer the peace or fulfillment that comes from living a life devoted to Jesus Christ. Those trying to live a good, devout Christian life face a world that has gone wild.

St. Francis de Sales, in "The Introduction to the Devout Life," emphasizes the need for all people to become and remain committed to Christ, regardless of time, vocation or occupation. His 17th century teachings are simple but not easy, yet practical and timely for those of us attempting to live a devout life in an un-devout world.

What is devotion?

St. Francis de Sales explains true devotion as the ability to be personally committed to Jesus Christ at all times. True devotion presupposes an awareness and acceptance of God's unconditional love for all peoples, including ourselves. God's love — acknowledged, embraced and stirred up by the Holy Spirit — transforms our hearts and impels us to act with love. The more we invite God's love into our lives, our commitment to Christ increases and our charity becomes more natural, frequent and spontaneous. Francis De Sales writes, "... devotion is simply that spiritual agility and vivacity by which charity works in us or by aid of which we work quickly



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and lovingly."

In addition he teaches that true devotion to God necessitates a quick and diligent adherence to the two great commandments. When we fail and sin against God and others, our spiritual journey progresses more slowly and with difficulty until we are reconciled. True devotion to Christ lays aside the minimalist tendencies of the un-devout world.

True devotion is for everybody

Just as the plants in our gardens bear a variety of fruits throughout the summer months, so too Christians are expected to bear fruit. St. Francis De Sales believed true commitment to Christ honors our state of life and our abilities. Sisters and priests are committed in one way, students, blue-collar workers, farmers and professionals in another. William Meninger, OCSO, in "The Committed Life, An Adaptation of the Devout Life," writes, "We can all profit from each other in our multiple ways of commitment but every vocation is special in what it is called to do, how it is expected to serve, and in its contribution toward bringing

about the full accomplishment of God's kingdom."

God invites people with diverse and complimentary gifts to the devout life. The many needs of the church and world await the unified work of many devout Christians. Our un-devout world hungers for people who dare to love with Christlike truth and compassion.

Strengthening true devotion

Commitment to anything — marriage, jobs, spouse, diet, speed limit — is considered old fashioned in the un-devout world. Our commitment to Jesus Christ and our ability to respond to others with prompt, active and faithful acts of charity are affected by our attachments to sin. St. Francis de Sales, in the "First Part of the Introduction," suggests three major strategies to strengthen our true devotion to Christ.

Primarily, he suggests to those willing to travel the road of true devotion that they seek out a good spiritual director or spiritual friend. "A faithful friend," holy Scripture says, "is a strong defense, and he who has found one has found a treasure. A faithful friend is the

medicine of life and immortality, and those who fear the Lord find him." A spiritual director is a gift from God, sent to listen to what is good and bad in us. He or she will console and strengthen us in our afflictions and moderate and direct us in making objective judgments regarding our ongoing spiritual conversion.

Secondly, St. Francis de Sales recommends that we slowly detach ourselves from sin by daily examining ourselves in light of the sacred Scriptures. He presents 10 scriptural meditations encouraging us to take a good realistic look at our unloving activity. In the modern day rat-race, we fail to look inside ourselves to face those sinful obstacles that prevent and free us to love more perfectly. True devotion to Christ includes this continuous self examination of our hearts before our loving God.

Thirdly, St. Francis writes, "if you wish to live a devout life you must not only cease to sin but you must purify your heart of all affection for sin." The sacrament of reconciliation gives us the graces and strength needed to detach ourselves from sin. True devotion to Christ insists on our turning from sin and removing whatever it is that obstructs union with God.

St. Francis de Sales understood that true devotion to Jesus Christ is the only way to change the un-devout world. God's love, acknowledged, embraced and stirred up by the Holy Spirit, transforming hearts and impelling us to act with love, transforming our own hearts and those around us.



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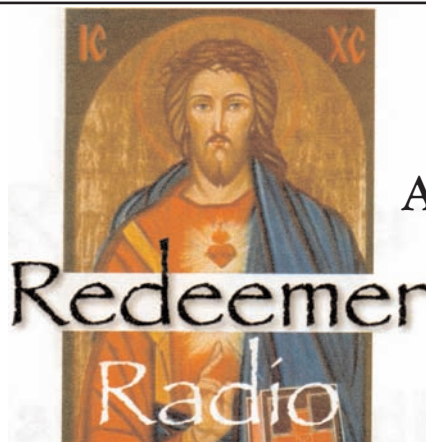
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EDITORIAL

Abortion storm gathering over health care reform

With Congress now adjourned for its August recess, it is becoming increasingly clear that the Democratic congressional leadership has decided to push abortion funding and coverage — even at the risk of derailing a comprehensive health care reform package.

While the American bishops remain strong supporters of genuine health care reform, a sobering realization is in the air. As Tom Grenchik, the executive director of the USCCB's Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, put it recently, there is now "a clear line in the sand between our bishops and some congressional leaders."

The first gales of serious trouble became apparent in mid-July. Numerous pro-life amendments were offered in both the House and Senate, with only very modest success. Amendments having to do with protecting the conscience rights of individuals or institutions generally passed muster — but not those that would limit government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion.

On July 17, in response to these pro-life defeats, Bishop William Murphy, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, bluntly warned Congress that "no health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life."

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, followed with his own letter to Congress on July 29 and pleaded that "much-needed reform must not become a vehicle for promoting an 'abortion rights' agenda or reversing longstanding current policies against federal abortion mandates and funding."

A health care reform measure that includes an abortion mandate would not only be wrong, but would go against the wishes of 86 percent of Americans who favor restrictions on abortion. In fact, according to a Gallup poll conducted in May, 51 percent of Americans now call themselves "pro-life," while only 42 percent call themselves "pro-choice." This is the first time since Gallup started asking this question in 1995 that those who describe themselves as pro-life are in the majority.

Should the Obama administration and the Democratic congressional leadership prevail in this pro-abortion effort, it would represent the most significant pro-life defeat since the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. In fact, since 1976, federal funding or coverage of abortion has been severely restricted by Congress in what is known as the Hyde Amendment, which originally limited funding to cases where the life of the mother was physically endangered. In 1993, under the Clinton administration, the amendment was broadened to force funding for cases of rape and incest as well.

Since such cases of rape, incest or life of the mother account for only 1-2 percent of abortions, such a restriction has been very significant. For example, in the years before the amendment was enacted, the federal government funded the killing of approximately 300,000 unborn children a year. After the Hyde amendment took effect, the number funded fell into the hundreds. Today, if Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion advocates have their way with health care reform, the federal government will not only become complicit again in the killing of hundreds of thousands a year, but will also become responsible for additional tens of thousands of abortions that would not have otherwise occurred due to a lack of funds.

Interestingly, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), which is often cited as a possible model for health care reform, is unique in helping to pay the premiums for hundreds of different private health plans, so federal employees may choose the plan that best suits their needs. Currently, not one of the benefits packages offered to federal employees in this program may include abortion beyond the Hyde amendment exceptions.

Unfortunately, all the bills that are currently on the table include mandated abortion coverage and abortion funding. This is a line that pro-life citizens must not allow to be crossed and now is the time to take action.

Congressional members may be contacted through e-mail or phone calls. E-mails can be sent by visiting www.usccb.org/prolife and clicking on the Health Care Reform Action Alert. You can also call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Full contact information can be found on Web sites at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

The message is simple: "Support genuine health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all. A fair and just health care reform bill must exclude mandated coverage for abortion, and uphold longstanding laws that restrict abortion funding and protect the rights of conscience."

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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My last request has not had much response. There are 5,000 children and three schools in my

area. Kindly help me by sending pens, pencils, rosaries, used cards, used magazines and statues for the children.

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Indiana Knights of Columbus and 40 Days for Life

During the district deputies and state officers meeting held July 11-12, in Bloomington, Eileen Hartman, the executive director of the Great Lakes Gabriel Project, called attending Knights "Pro-Life Heroes!"

At that meeting, Indiana Knights answered the call to join forces to make a stand for defending life during the upcoming 40 Days for Life Vigil Sept. 23 through Nov. 1.

The pro-life campaign is being organized to join an ecumenical effort of fasting, and prayerful vigils outside abortion centers throughout the state of Indiana. Members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus are in full support of this Catholic witness.

Since June 25, 1899 when the first Indiana council was instituted, Indiana Knights of Columbus have worked hard to be a light to those in need, a witness to our Catholic faith. Now more than ever Knights are asked to step up and be counted in a society determined to change the definition of the family, beginning with the unborn child.

The news is full of stories describing efforts by our elected officials to manage life from birth to death, only something that God can do. Isn't it interesting that all of these people had parents that were once pro-life, fortunately for them? Isn't it unthinkable we may be forced to use our tax dollars to pay for abortions against our basic Catholic morality?

The Freedom of Information Act or FOIA will force faith-based hospitals to perform abortions. FOIA will allow your daughter to have an abortion without telling you. Isn't it criminal to use embryonic stem cells as an excuse to justify declassifying life? Old age may be legislated to end a life because it will be a drag on the health care system. Recent elections have sent a bone-chilling wave throughout the country regarding abortion and the treatment of life in general. These advocates stoop to threats and lies to advance their



THE INDIANA KNIGHTS

BY ROBERT HARTENSTEIN

cause.

The point of course is the Knights of Columbus in Indiana are helping to lead the way in the fight for the truth and beauty of life. Millions of people have been wounded by accepting abortion as a quick answer to bad choices. Interestingly enough the aborted child never got to make a choice or cry a protest.

The silence from so-called Christians is almost deafening. Indiana Knights need to rise up above the fray with prayer and presence at abortion centers this coming 40 Days for Life. Pray loudly — stand tall. Councils throughout the state need to organize now in preparation for this vigil. Make no mistake Brother Knights, courage will be the order of the day, and you will be criticized for your stand on this issue by those in the darkest cor-

ners of our society.

Over a million innocent children are killed each year. The killing is in its 36th year of legal abortions. This must stop, and Indiana Knights need to be the prayer soldiers at these centers. The call is out. We will never know whose life was saved by our actions but act we must. This is a call to all Indiana Knights of Columbus wherever you live. Nothing we do is more important than protecting an innocent life. Plan now — be there!

For more information regarding 40 Days for Life, visit www.40daysforlife.com/indianapolis/

Robert Hartenstein is the director of communications for the Indiana Knights of Columbus.



Helena

circa 255-330
August 18

Helena was the mother of Constantine, the Roman emperor who in 313 ended the persecution of Christians throughout the empire. She was born in Asia Minor, married a Roman general named Constantius Chlorus, and gave birth to Constantine in 274 in what is now Serbia. She became a Christian in 312, and thereafter was known for her devotion, prayerfulness and generosity to the poor. In about 326, she went to the Holy Land, where she spent her last years humbly doing the housework in her convent but also building churches on holy sites. She reportedly found the "true cross" of Calvary.

 CNS Saints

What message should Catholics send?

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the House of Representatives headed out of Washington for a five-week summer recess, with the Senate soon to follow, members of Congress were vowing to listen to their constituents' views on health care reform.

But from a Catholic perspective, what should the American public be telling their representatives and senators about what promises to be the hottest topic when Congress returns after Labor Day?

"We need health reform that respects the life and dignity of every person, from conception to natural death," said Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity who is president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association. "That means the unborn, it means the patient with multiple sclerosis, the patient with cancer, the young mother, the addicted, the mentally ill, the dying patient and the frail, frail elderly."

In an Aug. 3 interview with Catholic News Service, she

decried the "deliberate distortions" about health care reform being circulated by "those who for whatever reason don't want health reform to succeed."

The worst of the distortions, Sister Carol said, is that CHA and Catholic Charities USA are "working at cross-purposes" with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the abortion issue in health reform. All three groups are sending a clear message that health reform must be "at least abortion-neutral" and must include conscience protections for health care professionals and institutions that do not want to participate in abortions or other morally objectionable medical procedures, she said.

Catholic Charities USA also issued a July 31 statement saying "unequivocally" that it "does not support any plan to reform health care and/or any proposed legislative provision that allows or promotes the funding of abortions or that compels any health care provider or institution to provide such a service."

THE WASHINGTON LETTER

NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

One problem with the health reform discussions is the sheer breadth and depth of proposals currently on the table. The "health reform bill" to which many commentators refer could apply to any of several proposals; there is no "Obama bill," since President Barack Obama has left the legislative details to Congress.

In the Senate, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (or HELP) Committee has proposed the Affordable Health Choices Act, while a six-member bipartisan coalition within the Finance

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Jesus is the living bread



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 6:51-58

Proverbs is part of the Wisdom literature. This literature, forming an important part of the Old Testament, came to be in an interesting development of history.

As the years passed, and as circumstances occurred, good and bad, many Jews left the land of their heritage and moved to other areas in the Middle East or North Africa. In another development, the armies of Alexander the Great moved across much of this same territory.

The Greek armies of Alexander, of course, militarily subdued all that was in their path, but after the various invasions, the Greeks left a deep imprint upon the cultures of the conquered lands.

Precisely in this overwhelming Greek situation did the Jews, who had come from, or who descended from, the Holy Land, find the need to reinforce their own faith in their ancient religious tradition, as well as the need to convey this tradition on to new generations.

The Greeks cherished the science and process of logic. They were great philosophers.

So, the Jews in places where Greek culture was so dominant

had to blend revelation, as it had been given from Moses and the prophets, with logic. In other words, the Jews had to convince others, most importantly their own communities and their own children, that the teachings of the prophets, and of Moses, made sense.

Proverbs was one such effort in this process. In this reading is an interesting technique used by the author of Proverbs. It is the personification of wisdom. Thus, wisdom, as if a person, speaks in the first person.

In this passage, wisdom invites anyone who is "simple" to come. Awaiting is a marvelous meal of the finest food and wine.

Extending such an invitation to the "simple" would have seemed novel at the time. The "simple," or the poor and powerless, were not regarded with great admiration or attention. Of course, very likely, many of the Jews to whom these writings were directed were among the "simple."

The Epistle to the Ephesians provides the second reading.

Here, as in all the epistles, the purpose is both to strengthen and to encourage the early Christians.

The epistle admonishes these Christians of Ephesus to watch their conduct. They should live as true disciples of Jesus. Lip service is not enough in true discipleship.

St. John's Gospel is one of the most memorable passages in this thoroughly memorable Gospel. It is familiar to all believers.

Jesus declares, "I myself am the living bread." The Lord then continues, in great eloquence and depth, to explain this revelation. If anyone eats this divine bread, then this person will live forever.

It is real food and real drink. It is not imaginary or symbolic or

casual. It is the Lord, as the Lord stated. Those who consume this food will be raised on the last day.

Reflection

For weeks this summer, the church has called us to discipleship. Having put before us the image of Jesus, the crucified, the risen Lord, at Holy Week and Easter, with all the accompanying lessons of the Ascension and Pentecost, the church has invited us to follow Jesus.

It has reminded us of our limitations. We cannot find peace and true happiness alone. We cannot secure eternal life alone. We need God.

In this Liturgy of the Word, the church reassures us. Although we are limited, even though we cannot achieve salvation of ourselves alone, God is lavishly and mercifully forthcoming.

God gives us all this in Jesus, the very bread of life. In the Eucharist, we, even the "simple," unite with Jesus, the son of God. He is our life and our joy.

READINGS

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-3, 10-15 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16a

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-10 Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-44

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 23:1-12

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In August the church remembers St. Maximilian Kolbe.

1. Where was St. Kolbe from?

- a. He was born in Poland.
- b. He was Canadian.
- c. He was a Yugoslav.

2. He had a different name when he was a child. It was

- a. Raymond
- b. Vaclav
- c. Sasha

3. His life changed after he had a vision of this person:

- a. Danny the Lion Tamer
- b. Mary, mother of God
- c. Moses

4. What was he offered in this vision?

- a. Two crowns, one red, one blue
- b. A red and a white crown
- c. A crown of gold

5. What was the explanation for these?

- a. Red was martyrdom, white was purity
- b. Red was from communism from the East, Blue Fascism from the West
- c. The restored Polish kingdom needed men to support her

6. What did St. Maximilian Kolbe do with this offer?

- a. He said he only needed half a crown.
- b. He accepted both crowns.
- c. He opted for a military career serving the king of Poland.

7. When Maximilian and his brother entered seminaries, what did their parents do?

- a. tried to talk them out of it
- b. rejected them as the parents were lifelong Marxists
- c. opted for religious life themselves

8. He chose to be a religious, rejecting this other career he had considered

- a. ballroom dance instructor
- b. teacher
- c. soldier

9. He founded the "Militia Immaculata" with a particular focus on combating the influence of this organization:

- a. The Freemasons
- b. The Nazi Party
- c. The Boy Scouts

10. Kolbe was a member of this order:

- a. New World Order
- b. Franciscans
- c. Dominicans

11. He founded a successful community and magazine, and eventually went to found another in this Asian nation:

- a. Japan
- b. Chechnya
- c. Dubai

12. This monthly publication was successful in promoting Catholic values:

- a. St. Dominic's Preview
- b. The Teutonic Knight
- c. The Knight of Niepokalanow

13. Back home, Kolbe was eventually arrested by the German occupiers and sent to this most notorious of death camps:

- a. Sobibor
- b. Dachau
- c. Auschwitz

14. He astonished the guards and prisoners alike when he did this:

- a. Offered himself as a substitute for a prisoner condemned to a slow death
- b. Escaped in full view of the entire camp population
- c. Refused to utter a single word until all the priests were freed

15. Kolbe was canonized in 1982; what was different about his canonization?

- a. It was opposed by most of the cardinals who thought Kolbe had collaborated with the Russians
- b. It was celebrated by a compatriot, John Paul II
- c. It was the first canonization of a Dominican

ANSWERS:

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

Old Testament and church history enrich Mount Carmel

Where is Mount Carmel, as in the Virgin Mary title Our Lady of Mount Carmel?
Anonymous

Mount Carmel is a famous mountain in Israel in the seacoast city of Haifa. Haifa is situated on a hill overlooking a broad bay on the Mediterranean Sea. Haifa is Israel's third-largest metropolitan area with a population of 300,000.

F. Ullian says Haifa is like a triple-decker sandwich: 1) the industrial area that comprises Israel's most important port is the lowest tier, 2) the business district, higher up, is the second, and 3) the Carmel district with its panoramic vistas, nestled even higher on the upper pine slopes, is the third.

One of the southeast peaks of Mount Carmel is the traditional site of the contest between the pagan priests of the god Baal and the Old Testament prophet Elijah. The pagan prophets were unable to call down fire from heaven to consume their sacrifice. Elijah then rebuilt the altar and offered a sacrifice upon which fire fell immediately.

G. Freeman says, at one time,

there were some small monasteries on top of the mountain. Frommer says that, in the 12th century, during the Crusader occupation of Mount Carmel, groups of religious hermits began to inhabit the caves of the Carmel district, in imitation of the prophet Elijah, whose life was strongly identified with this mountain. Within a century, these monastic hermits were organized into the Carmelite order. Although the Carmelites spread throughout Europe, the founders on the Carmel range were exiled by the Mamluks in 1291 and did not return until the 18th century.

Construction of the present monastery and basilica began in 1836. The beautiful church exhibits bright and vivid Italian marble. Colorful paintings on the dome from the 1920s depict episodes from the Old Testament, such as the scene of Elijah swept up to heaven in a fiery chariot. There is also a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary carved from the famous cedar of Lebanon with a porcelain head dating from 1820. This statue is called Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



HIRE HISTORY

FATHER RICHARD HIRE

The cave situated below the altar, which you can walk down into, is believed to have been inhabited by Elijah. By the church is also the Stella Maris Lighthouse. Baedeker mentions that, by the church, a track leads up to the School of the Prophets.

The cave at the foot of the ridge is held to be the one in which Elijah hid from the kings of Israel. Elijah's cave is rectangular with a modern closure wall.

K. Prag says there is a niche on the east side of the cave where the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) is said to have rested on their return from Egypt, as they were heading toward Nazareth.

K. Prag also mentions that, by the Carmelite monastery, there had

been a Byzantine church dedicated to St. Margaret, who was martyred at Antioch in Pisidia (modern Turkey) in the third century A.D. There was also a Greek Orthodox Abbey Church of St. Margaret built around 1192. But these churches no longer exist.

S. de Fiores says the word Carmel comes from two Hebrew words: Karem and el, meaning "garden and vine of God."

On Mount Carmel the prophet Elijah prayed for life-giving rain

after a long drought and then saw a little cloud rising from the sea. This little cloud became a symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Already in the fifth century Chrysippus of Jerusalem greets the Blessed Mother as "Hail, Cloud of Rain that offers drink to the souls of the saints."

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

Weather or not

Come on, admit it. If you haven't said it yourself, someone has said it to you. And you've laughed or agreed or added your own insult.

It must be nice to be a weatherman. You can be wrong most of the time and still keep your job.

Oh, those poor meteorologists. All of civilized mankind clings to their every word. Your entire day often depends upon what your local meteorologist tells you, and then it rains when it was supposed to shine, or you are terribly uncomfortable because it is much cooler than you anticipated.

"Once again, the weatherman is wrong!" we declare, and then laugh amongst ourselves at their ineptitude.

Well, the laugh is on us because we've been looking at this all wrong. I have a theory, and I think it's a pretty good one. It's the only one that makes sense to me, and I don't know why others haven't simply come to the same conclusion and adopted it.

Maybe God doesn't want us to be able to predict the weather.

First of all, to conclude that these well educated individuals are somehow ignorant or deficient or lacking in the necessary means to do their job is a little silly. They are well educated. They have all the intelligence and available technology at their fingertips to provide the most accurate prediction of the weather.

Perhaps there's simply a limit on how accurately a trained professional can forecast the weather.

Cari Peugeot, an Indiana University graduate and a meteorologist at WSBT-TV in South Bend, laughs at the stereotypes that come with the profession. She's heard it all before.

The reality is that there are, as a meteorologist, numerous variables to consider, and those variables can change on a moment's notice.

Say a storm is in Des Moines, Iowa and is moving at 37 miles per hour. The meteorologist predicts when it will arrive in South Bend or Fort Wayne.

But the speed of the system changes, and now it's moving at 30 miles per hour. The topography of the land impacts the speed of the system. The colliding fronts precipitate changes. Suddenly, what looked like morning showers gets pushed back to the afternoon, or even dissipates before its scheduled arrival.

"You go back and look at the data, and you wouldn't change a thing as far as how you evaluated it," Peugeot said. "But there are so many contributing factors that can change the weather."

Peugeot says that meteorologists can accurately predict the weather over a three-day span. But when you start getting into five- and seven-day forecasts, the unpredictability of the variables involved makes it very difficult to be accurate a week hence.

It's not that I picture God holding the strings like a puppet master, taunting us as we clumsily try to predict what he controls. But we live in a world today where we believe we can control and manipulate everything to get our way. This simply isn't one of them.

If I do this or say that, I will reach my desired outcome. If I eat less and exercise more, I'll lose weight. If I intimidate him and brow beat her, I will get my way.

That doesn't work when it comes to predicting the weather, and it certainly doesn't work with God. Strong-arm tactics with God



FROM THE SIDELINES

TIM PRISTER

are futile. We are mere pieces of a puzzle that God controls, and predicting the weather is one of the largest pieces of all.

We humans are an intelligent, creative bunch. We figure out ways to figure things out, and as time goes on, our knowledge and accuracy of predicting the weather likely will improve.

But there is a limit to our human minds and bodies. No one can run a mile in a minute, no matter how much we improve our training methods.

God holds the key to everything that we do and understand. We can't 100 percent accurately predict the weather because we can't predict something God oversees. The sooner we accept that, the better off we'll be.

If it rains in the west and north part of town, but not in the south and east, was the forecast for rain correct, or did those silly meteorologists miss the mark again?

Maybe that's another one of those things that only God knows for sure. In fact, maybe we should find comfort in the fact that we can't always predict the weather. That's his department.

Tim Prister is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 16, 2009

John 6:51-58

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: Jesus' flesh and eternal life. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

LIVING HEAVEN WORLD SAY TO YOU DRINK RAISE HIM WHO ATE	BREAD EATS THE JEWS UNLESS YOU EAT BLOOD LAST DAY DIED	CAME DOWN LIVE FOREVER THIS MAN SON OF MAN ETERNAL FATHER WHOEVER
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Committee was expected to work behind closed doors throughout the August recess on the language of its bill.

Catholic advocates and lobbyists were scouring the various bills and amendments in an effort to ensure that the legislation meets the health reform priorities outlined by the USCCB, CHA and Catholic Charities — respect for human life at all stages and universal, affordable access.

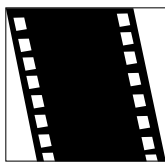
"But the fact is that nothing that's in existence today is likely" to come up for a vote on the House or Senate floor, said Kathy Saile, director of the U.S. bishops' Office of Domestic Social Development. "There are still other steps to go through."

An effort to make the Energy

and Commerce version of the tri-committee bill abortion-neutral failed July 30, but an alternate amendment proposed by Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif. — unacceptable because of its abortion provisions — did make some "good progress" toward pro-life goals by stipulating that state laws would not be pre-empted and offering "some good conscience protections," Saile said.

But more work remains for members of Congress and for Catholics who hope to influence them.

"As Congress goes into recess it's important for members to hear from the people about the importance of keeping health reform legislation abortion-neutral," said Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "Especially given the closeness of some of these (committee) votes, it's clear that every vote matters."



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.

"Julie & Julia" (Columbia)

Charming, frequently funny dramatization of passages in the lives of master chef Julia Child (a marvelous Meryl Streep) and Internet blogger Julie Powell (Amy Adams), who, 40 years after the publication of Child's 1961 blockbuster, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," sets out to prepare every recipe in the extensive volume over the course of a year, aided by her supportive husband (Chris Messina) — whose solicitude parallels that of Child's own spouse (Stanley Tucci) decades earlier. Writer-director Nora Ephron

whips up a delicious melange of the two women's memoirs and, more significantly, details the ingredients, ranging from passion to patience, requisite for a successful marriage. Fleeting nongraphic sexual activity, a few sexual references, a suicide reference, at least one use of the F-word and about a dozen crude or crass terms. 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.

ly pair have a series of graduation night adventures in the company of his sexually conflicted best friend (Jack T. Carpenter) and her two closest pompom pals (Lauren London and Lauren Storm). In director Chris Columbus' comic misfire, adapted by Larry Doyle from his novel, a potentially charming central relationship gets lost in the shuffle of well-worn social stereotypes, harshly violent confrontations with the heroine's boyfriend (Shawn Roberts) and freewheeling sexual attitudes and behavior. Brief nongraphic, non-marital sexual activity, an off-screen three-way encounter, benign view of group sex and homosexuality, underage drinking, drug references, much sexual and occasional irreverent humor, at least one use of the F-word, much crude language and a half-dozen uses of profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

"Aliens in the Attic" (Fox/Regency)

Mostly harmless comic adventure in which a group of young cousins (principally Carter Jenkins, Austin Butler and Ashley Tisdale) battle a quartet of aggressive extraterrestrials (voices of Josh Peck, J.K. Simmons, Thomas Haden Church and Kari Wahlgren) who've invaded their vacation home as a preliminary step to world domination. Director John Schultz's mildly diverting fantasy offers lessons about family unity and the value of education, but also includes dialogue inappropriate for younger viewers, who might otherwise enjoy it most. A few sexual references, occasional innuendo and at least one crass term. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



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I Love You, Beth Cooper" (Fox Atomic)

A nerdy high school valedictorian (Paul Rust) uses his speech to declare his love for the head cheerleader (Hayden Panettiere) after which the unlike-



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WHAT'S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

Visiting Nurse Hospice Home offers new bereavement program

Fort Wayne — Lunch and Learn is a new bereavement program offered by Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd. The first program will feature speaker Joan McMillan, owner of Get Organized, on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The topic will be "Someone I Love Has Died. Where Do I Begin..." A light lunch will be served. Reserve space by Aug. 17 to Bonnie Knuth or Lili Carroll at (260) 435-3222.

LeighAnn Palmer Foundation plans final Golf Outing

Fort Wayne — The LeighAnn Palmer Foundation will have a golf outing Sunday, Sept. 13, at Grey Goose Golf Course in Decatur. The proceeds from this year's outing will go towards local charities and scholarships awarded to young ladies from both St. Therese School and Bishop Luers High School. For more information, to sponsor a hole or make a door prize contribution, go to www.lmpfoundation.com or contact the Mike or Lisa Palmer at (260) 747-6918.

NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, Aug. 30, at 6 p.m. To register call Ron and Marilyn Shannon at (260) 489-1856 or e-mail ronshannon@verizon.net.

Eucharistic procession and Benediction

Garrett — A eucharistic procession and Benediction at the grotto of St. Joseph Church will be Sunday, Aug. 16 following the 8 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus plan corn roast

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 553 will have a corn roast Sunday, Aug. 16, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Knights Hall, 553 E. Washington St. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3.50 age 6-13 and children 5 and under free.

Crafters wanted

Fort Wayne — The Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold, will have a Christmas craft show on Saturday, Nov. 7, and crafters are needed. If interested contact Teresa at (260) 385-4565 or Jeannette at (260) 422-5870.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap., will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7:15 p.m. to pray for vocations. Father Rieder is the pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington.

Kris Kringle craft show renting booths

South Bend — Little Flower Parish will host a Kris Kringle craft show on Saturday, Nov. 14, and is looking for crafters. An eight by eight booth is \$30. Admission to our event is free. Inquiries can be made to Eli Tyl at (574) 340-7555 or Buddytyl@aol.com.

Garage sale at St. Al's

Yoder — St. Aloysius Parish Wide Garage Sale will be Aug. 13-16, at State Road 1 and I-469. Clothes, shoes, housewares, books, electronics, etc. Some food available Saturday and Sunday. Everyone welcome.

Blood donations needed

Fort Wayne — The American Red Cross is in desperate need of blood donations this summer. To make an appointment call 1-800-GIVELIFE or 1-800-448-3543. There are three locations for donation: Fort Wayne Donor Center, 1212 E. California Rd.; Lutheran Hospital Donor Center, 7900 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 107, (260) 480-8170 or Goshen Donor Center, 226 S. Main St., Goshen, (574) 533-8083.

NFP classes offered

Wabash — The Couple to Couple League will offer a course in natural family planning beginning Sunday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m. in Zahn Hall at St. Bernard. The PowerPoint-based course is composed of three one-month classes that teach a newly simplified version of the "symp-tothermal" method of NFP. For information or to register, call Pat or Monica Klein at (765) 668-8034, or e-mail them at wisdomsfool@att.net.

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Charles Leo Hinen, 69, St. Patrick

Decatur

Robert D. McKean, 86, St. Mary/Assumption

Elkhart

Harold C. Black, 84, St. Vincent de Paul

Antonio A. Rosete, 51, St. Vincent de Paul

Fort Wayne

Lucile Householder, 90, St. Jude

William L. Wise, 77, Queen of Angels

Clifford Boxberger, 87, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Gloria A. Meehan, 83, Our Lady of Good Hope

Delores A. Lamb, 75, St. Charles

Irene Miguel, 87, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Catherine T. Schenher, 89, St. Charles

Alice Esther Smith, St. Vincent de Paul

Geraldine Kennedy, 88, St. Peter

Marion Lee Mapel Milker, 83, St. Peter

Corinne C. Stitt, 86, St. Anne Home Chapel

Donald E. Cramer, 70, Most Precious Blood

Mary R. Hambrock, 90, Sacred Heart

Thomas P. Schele, 46, St. Charles

Granger

Mary A. Hamilton, 85, St. Pius X

Mishawaka

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Charlene Ann Ottavi, 67, Queen of Peace

Michael A. De Meester, 28, St. Bavo

New Haven

John J. Griffin, 68, St. John the Baptist

Carl S. Ottenweller, 92, St. Louis Besancon

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Father John J. Croston, CSC, 87, Basilica

Brother Eugene F. Phillipp, CSC, 71, St. Joseph Chapel

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Don J. Markiewicz, 64, St. Anthony de Padua

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MASS

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saint. Ceremonial incense filled the air, while the bishop and priest dressed in golden vestments completed the picture.

In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy made clear that this year designated for priests was not for elevation or separation of the priests, but rather for the sanctification of priests that they might become even "more dedicated and prayerful." He went on to recount the history of St. John Vianney, who was devoted to the Eucharist.

The bishop shared a quote from the saintly Curé of Ars, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus," and added that without priests the faithful would

not have access to the sacraments. "Priests are called to reflect holiness. ... And where there is a holy priest there's a holy following," the bishop said.

The Mass included a renewal of vows for the priests in attendance as well as petitions prayed specifically for the sanctification of bishops, priests and religious, and that good quality young men will answer the call to the priesthood.

Reconciliation was offered before and following Mass as well as exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. And a plenary indulgence was granted under the usual conditions for those who attended.

Following Mass the priests were treated to a luncheon at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

Bishop throws first pitch

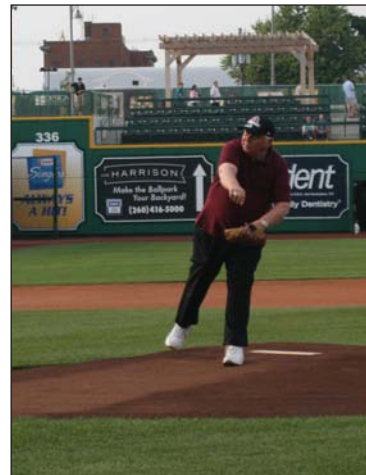
All diocesan priests were also invited to attend a TinCaps base-

ball game that same evening at the new Parkview Stadium ballpark in downtown Fort Wayne. The clergy, along with the other sports fans who attended, marveled at the sight of the bishop perched on the pitcher's mound at game time.

Bishop D'Arcy, who was dressed in a golf shirt, dark slacks and baseball cap, admitted that he had practiced a bit in preparation for this opportunity to throw out the first pitch. The crowd cheered as he tipped his ball cap, scanned the bases and delivered the ball to the catcher waiting at home base. After finding his seat, he and the priests enjoyed the pleasantly cool evening of sports and fellowship.

As for the remaining months of the Year for Priests, Bishop D'Arcy wrote in a letter to the priests, "As the year goes on, I shall be preparing a special com-

mittee to help us observe this beautiful Year for Priests, in honor of our patron saint. This will include some special days in each parish for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for vocations." As the year unfolds the parishes of the diocese will participate in many prayerful events that will spotlight their priests all with hearts filled with gratitude.



KAY COZAD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy throws out the first pitch at a TinCaps baseball game on Aug. 4. Diocesan priests attended in commemoration of the Year for Priests.

At right, a statue of St. John Vianney with relic sat center stage at a special Mass commemorating the Year for Priests.



The Diocesan Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization presents...

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Registration : \$25.00 Fee includes lunch. **Registration deadline is September 11, 2009.**

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Please send your registration & check to:

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story. Local news will be updated throughout the week. National and world stories can be found on the CNS link.

Throughout the week, after the paper has gone to press, stories update. The site will update these stories as necessary. Oftentimes, background pieces offer additional insights to stories and they may not fit into the space provided in the newspaper. The Web site will accommodate such pieces.

For local columnists, readers will find the most recent commentaries. Site visitors will also be able to read the newest book releases and participate in discussions about the *Today's Catholic* Book of the Month.

The site will have graphics that will easily link visitors to upcoming events posted on the diocesan calendar, to the weekly *Today's Catholic* Podcast, to U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' movie reviews, and a diocesan video gallery. One could view, for example, Bishop John M. D'Arcy's recent homily at the Aug. 4 Mass that launched the diocesan celebration of the Year

for Priests.

The site also accommodates slide shows where visitors can view additional photos of diocesan events.

Circulation and delivery changes will be easily accommodated.

Catholic advertisers will find another direction to market their wares and services. The new Web site is designed to accept advertising.

Also, an iPhone version of the site is available.

Francie Hogan, diocesan Web site coordinator, says, "I am so excited to see this news site come to fruition. It has been in the planning stages for quite some time, and it will be a definite improvement in our ability to reach even more people with the good news of the diocese."

The Nichols Company in Fort Wayne designed the site. They are also in the process of redesigning the diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org.

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