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Spirited young 'give it UP' at rally

BY TIM JOHNSON

NORTH MANCHESTER — "Give it UP to the Holy Spirit" was the theme for the Oct. 10 confirmation rally organized by the diocesan offices of catechesis and youth ministry at Manchester College.

Taking a theme from the recent movie, "Up," the retreat version included a mixture of catechesis, music by Popple, prayer, sharing and sacramental time. Added dimensions of the rally included eucharistic adoration, an opportunity for reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy to close the day-long activities.

About 1,000 junior high students from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend took part in round-robin sessions with Popple, APeX Ministries and eucharistic adoration and reconciliation.

APeX Youth Ministries provided the keynote address at the rally and is the Baltimore-based ministry of Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer who define their style as Christian vaudeville and includes juggling, humor, characterization skits, storytelling, audience participation and personal testimony.

The delighted youths connected well to the duo as they discussed super heroes. "It doesn't matter where the power came from," Farmer told his audience, "it's what to do with the power to help others."

Farmer told the youths that when they receive the Holy Spirit, they activate those super powers. He encouraged the teens to recognize their gifts and allow that power to move through them.

We only have to look as far as the saints to see the miraculous before us, the teens were told. "Every one of you is created to be a saint," Farmer said, "to be a real super hero."

And concentrating on the day's theme, when the

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TESS STEFFEN

Youth show their enthusiasm Saturday at the Confirmation Rally organized by the diocesan offices of catechesis and youth ministry at Manchester College in North Manchester.

Red Mass celebrated at Basilica of the Sacred Heart

BY JUDY BRADFORD

NOTRE DAME — Sarah Chambers is a second-year law student at the University of Notre Dame. She realizes that the career she has chosen will probably lead to some tough decisions.

So when Bishop John M. D'Arcy recently talked about what it takes to gather strength for those decisions, she listened.

"It was a reminder that we're all going to face those kinds of decisions," said Sarah after the Red Mass.

The Red Mass is named for the resplendent red vestments, worn by the presiding priests and required for a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit.

It dates back to the 1300s, when it for-

mally opened the legal term of the year in many European countries. In the United States, it is often celebrated the first week of October to coincide with the opening of the Supreme Court's term.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart was packed on Sunday, Oct 11, with attorneys, judges and students of the law school at Notre Dame, as well as those who regularly attend Mass there every Sunday.

Bishop D'Arcy, in his homily, chose to talk about the inner spiritual life of St. Thomas More, the lawyer, scholar, author and statesman who has become the patron saint of anyone professionally connected with law. More was beheaded in 1535 for

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER MARK GURTNER

There is a story about a priest who included among the parish collection envelopes, one entitled "for the pastor's vacation."

Among those he gleefully opened was one that included no money but two golf tees. This is a priest joke which Father Mark Gurtner may use sometime. "Mostly every-

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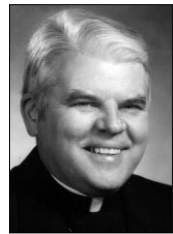
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The role of the bishop especially busy on weekends



NEWS
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A weekend to remember

The extraordinary ministry to which the Lord, through the church, calls a bishop, and to which this bishop feels ever more and more unworthy, plays out every day, but especially on weekends.

I went south on a lovely Saturday afternoon to the quiet town of North Manchester, with Chris Lapp acting as pilot, to Manchester College for part of a day with just under 1,000 young people. All were eighth graders in our parishes who will receive confirmation in the spring.

Led by Cindy Black and Megan Oberhausen, with Cindy claiming that Megan did the work, this was a day of retreat. Eight priests had been there earlier, coming from far distances for the sacrament of penance, and there had been talks and singing, and also silent adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All our youth days now feature a small, well-prepared chapel and a chance for silence. We find that young people are not afraid of silence.

Thirty minutes of "Ask the Bishop" followed. Questions about purgatory, and the last things, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and "when did you know you were going to be a priest?" and "how do they decide who should be bishop?"

Then I celebrated Mass. Just to show you how a well oiled-machine is not always perfect, I had prepared a homily for the Gospel of the day, which is that extraordinary story of the rich young man in Mark's Gospel, also found in the 19th chapter of St. Matthew. The Mass prepared was that of the Holy Spirit, quite fitting for preparation for 1,000 young people preparing for confirmation. There is no point in my being ordained 52 years, if you can't make an adjustment.

Chapter two — The Basilica of the Sacred Heart

The South Bend Red Mass is especially important. Many of the law school faculty were there, along with two federal judges, whom I often see at noontime Mass in downtown South Bend. Judge Dan Manion and Judge Ken Ripple, and a chance to greet Nel Jessup Newton — recently appointed dean of the Notre Dame Law School and her predecessor, Patricia O'Hara. Especially joyful to see so many law school students, such as Mike and Ashley (I did not get the last names). Mike, a Princeton graduate, who had majored in classic languages; and his wife, Ashley, who went to Harvard and majored in religious studies and recently became a

Catholic. Ashley said because she was drawn to the steadfastness of the Catholic faith on the issue of life, the fact that the church never wavered and continued to hold fast to the sacredness of life, especially life in the womb. So many beautiful young people are drawn to Notre Dame, and I met some of them after Mass, along with local legislators and judges.

Friend — St. Thomas More

"Thomas More, who was the chief magistrate of his country, whose heart was whiter than snow, a genius such as England had never had before, nor will ever have again."

He was a martyr for the truth, but the question that came before him comes in every age, not now with a beheading, but still the same question, "Shall one live or die for truth?"

I gave the example of my home town. A Catholic social agency for years allowed a small number of adoptions to same-sex couples. When this was brought to the full attention of the bishops, they did what they had to do; namely, declaring that this should never have been and must never happen again.

Immediately, most of the board of Catholic Charities, eight or more, all Catholics, resigned. Their question was, "How can the church oppose adoption by these good people?" As in the time of Thomas More, the question was the culture over the truth. The trendy currents of the time: over the law written in our hearts, and in the Scriptures, and taught by the church. The church's position on this issue relates to the protection of the child, who needs a man and a woman, a father and a mother, who brought forth life out of love. It is also linked to the truth about marriage as found in Scripture — and in our hearts, The Law of Nature.

Thomas More knew where the truth lay and said "yes" to it. But these Catholics in my home town either did not see the truth, or seeing it did not have the courage to follow it.

The question Thomas More put in the play he wrote, while imprisoned in the Tower of London, applies in its own way, more quietly, but just as sharply to this time, "Are we ready to die with Christ for the truth?"

After meeting so many young Catholics and judges, I was off to St. Matthew's rectory for a delightful soup and sandwich with Father Mike Heintz; and diocesan master of ceremonies, Jim Fitzpatrick, and Deacon Jake Runyon. We are all so delighted that Jake and Fernando Jimenez are now only two weeks away from ordination, and I look forward with great joy to imposing hands on them at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 31, a day of gratitude and rejoicing in our diocese.

The Mass for those celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage, followed by a reception and pictures with jubilee couples was held at St. Matthew's; and grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal were given to those who feed the hungry and care for the homeless.

A special Monday

At the foot of the great hill, where I live in Mishawaka, is the novitiate of the Conventual Franciscans. These are the black-robed Franciscans, known all over the world. St. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life at Auschwitz to save another man, was one of them. They take care of three parishes along the north of our diocese: St. Anthony's, Angola; St. Joseph's, LaGrange; and the chapel at St. Paul, Clear Lake. In Angola, a new church is being built under the direction of Father Fred Pasche, OFM, Conv. This novitiate is a blessing. It sits on the corner of the property of Marian High School. I had not been there for a long time, and I was struck at how the friars have transformed it. It is a real Franciscan monastery, with a beautiful garden outside for prayer. What a joy to say Mass there. You have a sense you are in a holy, religious house. The friars are at the bottom of the hill, and the Franciscan Sisters up top. I told them, "your two communities have sanctified this corner of the diocese."

Mass was celebrated simply and with such reverence. I met the following Friars: Paul, John, Brian, Nick, Jeffrey and Rory, all candidates for the priesthood, along with Brother Pascal Kolodziej, and the Novice Master and Superior Father Robert Melnick, OFM, Conv. After the beautiful Mass, a wonderful lunch of tortellini. It was a joy to hear the vocation story of each one and to meet such a fine group of Franciscan Friars.

A special treat

When I walked into the dining room, I met Friar Rory and knew immediately he was from Ireland. "What county?," said I. "Wexford," he says. "Can you sing 'Boo-lavogue?'" "I can," he said. "We will sing it before I go, and I will sing it with you," was my reply.

After this extraordinary dinner, so gracious and so filled with grace, and stories of vocation, in his beautiful Irish tenor, young Rory — who has two brothers in the priesthood — sang this old Irish rebel song, and I did my best to sing with him. There are three boys and one girl in his family. All three boys are priests or studying to be priests. His sister, he said, is engaged to be married. I knew I was in a house of faith and it was a grace to leave there and drive up the hills of the sisters, before returning to Fort Wayne. A weekend like this makes one think it would be fine to be a bishop here forever. Not possible, of course. But a joyful time, nonetheless.

Alas, on a lovely Sunday in Backbay, it all ended in a rush for the Red Sox

I did not see it, because the weekend was so busy. Maybe it is better. And maybe it is better, because I think the Yankees would be too much. Better to lose to Los Angeles, than the Yankees, whom I will now root against.

See you all next week.

Bishops call Catholics to be main agents of change in Africa

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — African Catholics must become the main forces to ending the continent's wars, promoting reconciliation, fighting corruption, safeguarding the family and protecting Africa's natural resources, said members of the special Synod of Bishops for Africa.

In the first week of the Oct. 4-25 synod, members of the assembly listened to almost 200 speeches on ways the church can be a force for reconciliation, justice and peace on the continent.

The need to overcome lingering ethnic tensions was a predominant theme of the assembly, followed by concern for the family, the importance of protecting the environment, a recognition of the dignity and contributions of women, and the need for dialogue with the continent's Muslim communities.

Bishops denounced the exploitation of tribal differences by politicians and by multinational corporations seeking control of minerals and oil. But many bishops also urged an examination of conscience by Catholics, saying they have not always acted like members of one family.

"Questions like selfishness, greed for material wealth, ethnicity resulting in ethnic conflicts and others, which are the root causes of the lack of peace in many African societies, must be confronted without fear or favor and be followed up with specific pastoral directives," Cardinal Polycarp Pengo of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, told the synod.

The cardinal said the synod "must have the courage to denounce even against ourselves things like the misuse of the role and practice of authority, tribalism and ethnocentrism," as well as partisan political involvement by religious leaders.

Another major theme in synod speeches was the importance of the family in African culture. Bishops warned that families are threatened by wars, disease and ideas about divorce, abortion, sexuality and homosexuality imported by Western media or promoted by Western organizations promising aid in exchange for a forum for spreading their views on family life and sexuality.

Archbishop Marcel Madila Basanguka of Kananga, Congo, told the synod that the traditional family is Africa's main force for peace and reconciliation but is under almost constant attack.

Archbishop Buti Tlhagale of Johannesburg, South Africa, said that Africa's traditional cultural values "are threatened by the new global ethic which aggressively seeks to persuade African governments and communities to accept new and different meanings of



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Bishops walk arm-in-arm as they talk while leaving a session of the Synod of Bishops for Africa at the Vatican Oct. 12.

the concepts of family, marriage and human sexuality."

On a cultural level, "Africa faces a second wave of colonization, both subtle and ruthless at the same time," he said.

A Tanzanian prelate also asked the bishops to reconsider their often too accepting approach to blessing the marriages of couples who do not belong to the same church.

Too often, said Bishop Almachius Rweyongeza of Kayanga, the result is family tensions over the religious education of children or the total neglect of religious education in order to keep peace in the family.

"Mixed marriages can easily be like building faith on sand, whereby it will be hard to produce fruits of love, reconciliation, justice and peace," the bishop said.

Another frequent topic of synod speeches was the environment and particularly how environmental degradation and the thoughtless exploitation of Africa's natural resources have increased violence and poverty on the continent and triggered flooding and desertification.

Bishop Denis Kiwanuka Lote of Tororo, Uganda, told the synod that his country in the past two years has experienced alternating flooding and drought conditions leading to crop failure as a result of recklessly cutting down forests.

"Natural laws cannot be ignored, just as one cannot ignore the directives contained in the manufacturer's manual if one wishes his machine to function well," the bishop said.

Cardinal Bernard Agre, the retired archbishop of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, said many African nations had been forced to "mortgage their natural resources" in order to pay the never ending interest on development loans, making it impossible for governments to adequately fund education and health care for their peo-

ple.

The cardinal urged the synod to convoke a panel of economic experts to conduct a serious study of which countries' debts have actually been repaid at a fair rate, to advise African governments on avoiding loan terms that continue the cycle and to monitor the way development loans are spent.

Bishop George Nkuo of Kumbo, Cameroon, asked the synod to adopt an extremely cautious attitude toward genetically modified food crops because the long-term impact of such new technology on human and environmental health is still not clear.

While poverty poses "one of the great obstacles to justice, peace and reconciliation" and is "the single greatest cause of hunger" in Africa, the continent cannot be shortsighted in embracing genetically modified food, he said.

As in other parts of the world, the majority of parish members and active participants in Africa are women and their rights and needs also were repeated topics of concern at the synod.

Sister Felicia Harry, the superior general of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles, asked the bishops to imagine what the church would be like if there were no women members. The superior general from Ghana told the synod that women are happy to "teach catechism to children, decorate parish churches, clean, mend and sew vestments," but they also want to be part of church decision-making bodies.

Sister Pauline Odia Bukasa, superior general of the Ba-Maria Sisters from Congo, echoed Sister Harry's points when she told the synod, "We, mothers and consecrated women, ask the fathers of this church-family to promote the dignity of women and give them the space needed to develop their talents in the structures of the church and society."

LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Diocese suspends the administering of holy Communion through the chalice

Oct. 13, 2009

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After consulting with the regional vicars and receiving competent medical advice, I have determined in the best interest of the health of all in our communities and especially our young children, that we will suspend the administering of holy Communion through the chalice. This will be effective the weekend of Oct. 17-18, 2009 — the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In reaching this decision, we have consulted medical authorities, especially Dr. Deborah McMahan, health commissioner of Allen County. Dr. McMahan informs us that the present situation is classified as a pandemic, meaning that individuals do not have any natural immunity to H1N1. Dr. McMahan has endorsed the suspension of drinking from the cup. This was also the advice from the majority of our regional vicars.

The H1N1 virus may have run its course in three months, or it may last longer. We will monitor the situation, but I want to make it clear that no parish may give holy Communion from the cup until the suspension is lifted. That will be done as soon as the present serious situation has eased.

This suspension applies to all parishes and at all Masses: Sundays, solemnities and weekdays. I urge that it also be followed by religious houses.

Also, for further protection of the health of all, the greeting of peace is optional or may be given verbally or by a nod of the head.

We do this not only for parishioners, but for the wider community. Protecting all, especially our dear young children, must be the concern of everyone.

Let us remember the age-old teaching of the church. The body and blood of Christ is fully present and totally received under either species.

The eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. — Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1377.

I shall remove this suspension as soon as the competent authority tells us that the danger is over.

With every best wish and prayer, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Bishop D'Arcy announces pastoral assignment

Bishop John M. D'Arcy has announced the following assignment: **Rev. Thomas Kodakassery, OSB**, has been reassigned from associate pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, to pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester. The effective date of this assignment is Oct. 7, 2009.

Young adult ministry builds faith community

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Sean Allen, a diocesan young adult minister in the South Bend area, clarifies the mission of young adult ministry. “Young adult ministry is targeted for a specific age range and builds community among this peer group. We are not about forming a group, we are about Christian formation.”

Allen and his young adult minister counterpart in Fort Wayne, Allison Sturm, work with young adults in their late teens, 20s and 30s. It is a community made up of single, married (with or without children), divorced or widowed young adults. This community, Allen stresses, seeks to learn more about the Catholic faith and also is strengthened by serving others, praying, worshipping and socializing together.

Both Allen and Sturm were drawn to the young adult ministry because of their faith backgrounds. Allen graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a master of divinity degree this past May. Within the three-year program Allen says, “You learn how to lead prayer, use pastoral counseling skills, and get a background

for certain types of ministry within the church.”

Sturm attended Catholic parochial schools and grew up with a strong love of the faith. “While my theological background may be informal, above all things I have a great love of the church, a strong desire to serve God and a lifetime of spiritual experience that have served to strengthen my faith and prompt me into my current role,” she says.

Mary Glowaski, director of the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, explains why this ministry is so important to the church. “Young adults have a great deal to teach us as church. They possess an energy and hopefulness that sustains us and challenges us to be more responsive and creative in how we seek ways of growing our relationship with one another and with God as we discern God’s will for our lives no matter what our age.”

Because of the transient nature of young adults, Glowaski notes that the diocesan Facebook site and Web page, along with the traditional communication of bulletin announcements and *Today’s Catholic* newspaper, are essential tools in getting the word out about young adult ministry events and

“My work as a young adult minister requires empowering and bringing together leaders of their peer community.”

SEAN ALLEN



KAREN CLIFFORD

Young adults gather at the Theology on Tap series in South Bend.

opportunities.

Both Sturm and Allen note the challenges of formation of this community. Sturm says while her family, friends and coworkers embraced her Catholic faith when she was a young adult, she knows that others do not always have this consistent influence and support. “I believe we must have a ministry that reaches out with faith-based groups to help young adults incorporate their faith in all aspects of their life so that they can use all of their positive energy to benefit themselves and others.”

Allen stresses that his role is as much a facilitator as it is a leader of the young adults. “This is not only the church serving young

adults, it is a ministry working with young adults and where young adults are running the ministry. My work as a young adult minister requires empowering and bringing together leaders of their peer community.”

One of the young adult programs in South Bend and Fort Wayne this fall is the Theology on Tap series. “It started in Chicago with the idea of engaging young adults in their 20s and 30s. It has name recognition because it is in a lot of dioceses around the country. The original idea was to go where the young adults are,” says Allen.

The theme for the South Bend Theology on Tap series this fall is service. Allen emphasizes that service is faith in action. “Rather than something merely to be believed, faith is something to be lived,” says Allen. “Theology on Tap brings Catholic speakers in and so it involves both community

and learning about your faith.”

There are five consecutive Tuesday night sessions in the South Bend series. The remaining two speakers are Lisa Anderson on “Discovering your Giftedness” on Oct. 20, and Father Michael Heintz on “Living the Mass” on Oct. 27. A HOLYween party will be held on Nov. 3, with trivia and treats (costumes optional). All events are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Backstage Grill, 222 S. Michigan St., in South Bend.

In Fort Wayne, the theme of the church reaching out to young adults, will be highlighted in the Theology on Tap series. The weekly series begins on Oct. 22 with Father Tim Wrozek from St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne. The two remaining speakers are Cindy Black, director of the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry on Nov. 5 and Father Larry Kramer from St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City, on Nov. 19. The events will be held at 7 p.m. at Henry’s Restaurant, 536 W. Main St., in Fort Wayne.

Glowaski underscores the importance of all who contribute to the Young Adult ministry in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. “The new additions to our staff of Sean Allen and Allison Sturm working with the wisdom and experience of Maria Pirrie and Mike Gibson have provided us with a unique and very effective blend of vision and experience as we continue to grow this very important ministry.”

She concludes, “Our bishop has shown a great deal of leadership and dedication to the young adult ministry. He is very clear that the Catholic Young Adult Ministry staff be equally as dedicated and responsive to the needs and the abundant gifts of the young adult Catholics throughout our diocese.”

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refusing to recognize the king as the head of the Church of England, which was heading for a split with Rome.

Although the story has been told many times through literature and film, Bishop D'Arcy said details of More's spiritual life are often overlooked.

"He prayed every day," said the bishop, of More. "He kept the sacraments, and he defended the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist."

As did More, in 16th century, those in the law are asked to make decisions that might hurt their own prestige and professional position. Bishop D'Arcy told worshippers that a life of prayer and living close to the Holy Spirit is the only way to make decisions in the way of "truth, for beauty and for love."

Michael Agrippina, a high school student from Atlanta, was visiting the university with his family and decided to attend Mass at the basilica. He was delighted that it turned out to be a Red Mass, since he is considering law as a career.

"St. Thomas More was my confirmation saint," said Michael. "Sometimes in law, it can be hard to stay on the moral path. So (the bishop's) words were inspiring to me."

Biblical readings for the Mass focused on the value of wisdom,



JUDY BRADFORD

Bishop D'Arcy shakes hands with Michael Agrippina, a high school junior from Atlanta, who was visiting the University of Notre Dame and attended the Red Mass for law students, attorneys and political officials.

the living, breathing nature of the Word, and accountability in God's sight.

The Gospel reading from Mark focused on Christ's instructions to the wealthy young man to sell everything he has and give to the poor. "When the Gospel is read,

it's Jesus speaking to us as a present event and so it's a charge not to the young man, but to us."

Songs, led by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, rang out beautifully in the cavernous basilica. A reception elsewhere on campus followed the Red Mass.

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one knows that I like to play golf," he says. "When I have a day off, that is what I want to do. When I go on vacation, that is what I want to do. Maybe I am a bit addicted to golf, but I find that it is about the only thing that relaxes me. So when I am playing golf, I don't think about anything else, and then when I am finished, I am relaxed and ready to go back to work. I really believe that in that way, it makes me a better priest. It's all about balance. Work hard, pray hard, and have some time for play."

Growing up in Auburn, Mark Gurtner truly felt that he heard a calling to the priesthood. "From the time that I was a teenager, I really never had any doubt that God wanted me to be a priest. My struggle was coming to grips with that call. But I figured that I could not do any better for myself in life than doing what God wanted me to do. So I said yes."

What can be done to make others hear that call for a religious vocation? Father Gurtner believes that, "to encourage vocations we need to build up family life. I believe that there is a direct correlation between the disintegration of the family in society today and the shortage of

priests."

With only 13 years of priesthood behind him, Father Gurtner is on his second assignment as pastor of a large parish. His first was as pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne, in addition to serving as chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School. In 2006, he received a degree in canon law from Catholic University of American in Washington, D.C. Currently, he is pastor of St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend.

Regarding what he sees as the greatest challenge facing the church today and what he sees as the greatest hope, Father Mark Gurtner thinks that "the greatest challenge ... is providing a consistent witness to the truth of the Gospel. Unfortunately, I think a good number of Catholics are confused about what the church teaches, especially regarding morality. So it's especially important that priests, bishops and Catholic institutions preach and teach the same message, the message of the Gospel as given to us in the teachings of the church."

He sees the greatest hope, "in our young people who want to know the truth, who want to know Jesus, and who want to follow him in his church. Indeed, the harvest is plenty but laborers few."

Major concerns remain unresolved in health reform bills, bishops say

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — None of the major health reform bills before Congress adequately addresses the concerns raised by the U.S. bishops in the areas of abortion, conscience protection, immigrants and affordability, said the heads of three major committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Oct. 8.

"If final legislation does not meet our principles, we will have no choice but to oppose the bill," said a letter to all members of Congress from Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y.; Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia; and Bishop John C.

Wester of Salt Lake City.

"Much-needed reform of our healthcare system must be pursued in ways that serve the life and dignity of all, never in ways that undermine or violate these fundamental values," they added. "We will work tirelessly to remedy these central problems and help pass real reform that clearly protects the life, dignity and health of all."

The three chair the USCCB committees on Domestic Justice and Human Development, Pro-Life Activities and Migration, respectively.

The bishops reiterated their earlier calls on Congress to ensure that any health reform plan:

- Exclude mandated coverage

of abortions and incorporate long-standing federal policies against taxpayer-funded abortions and in favor of conscience rights.

- Make quality health care affordable and accessible to everyone.
- Include effective measures to safeguard the health of immigrants, their children and all of society, with legal immigrants given "comprehensive, affordable and timely access to health care coverage" and an adequate safety net provided to others.

"We sincerely hope that the legislation will not fall short of

our criteria," the USCCB leaders said.


But they said they "remain apprehensive" at committee votes that defeated amendments that would have protected freedom of conscience and ensured that no taxpayer money went to abortions.

"If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously," the bishops said.

"We remain committed to working with the administration, congressional leadership and our allies to produce final health

reform legislation that will reflect our principles," they added.

The Senate Finance Committee, which recently completed work on more than 500 amendments to a health reform bill proposed by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the committee chairman, was expected to take a final vote on the amended legislation Oct. 13.



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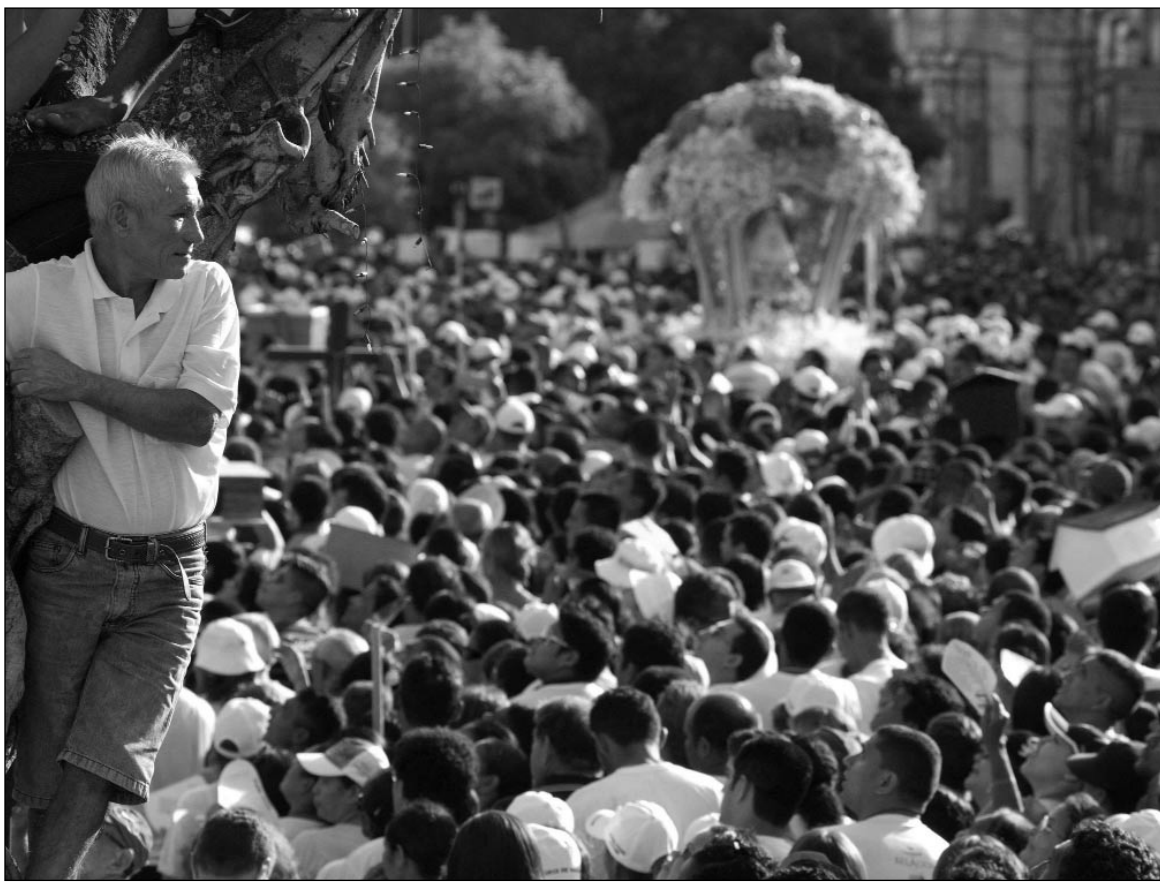
WASHINGTON (CNS) — A dispute over a war memorial on federal land raised questions among Supreme Court justices Oct. 7 over whether allowing a cross to stand in the remote California desert might have implications for other religious symbols on government property. In oral arguments, Solicitor General Elena Kagan, arguing on behalf of the Department of the Interior, defended a cross-shaped war memorial, placed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1934 on a rock in an isolated part of the 1.6 million-acre Mojave National Preserve in San Bernardino County, Calif. The monument, which has been replaced several times by private organizations or individuals, is quite remote, visible only from a little-used side road. Kagan suggested that any confusion over whether the federal government is responsible for a religious symbol might be resolved by posting signs explaining the war memorial's nonsectarian history and purpose. That prompted questions among the justices about whether such signs posted to explain religious elements on government land might themselves constitute a constitutional problem. The case, *Salazar v. Buono*, will be decided before the end of the Supreme Court term in the spring.

Bishop Cooney of Gaylord, Mich., retires; Pittsburgh priest named successor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop Patrick R. Cooney of Gaylord, Mich., and named as his successor Msgr. Bernard A. Hebda, 50, a Pittsburgh priest and undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts. The appointment was announced in Washington Oct. 7 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Details on the installation in Gaylord have not been announced. Bishop Cooney, a native of Detroit, has headed the Gaylord Diocese since 1989. He is 75 years old, the age at which bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignation to the pope. Bishop-designate Hebda, a Pittsburgh native, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh July 1, 1989. He said he was "humbled and honored" by the new appointment. "Never in my wildest dreams have I ever imagined that I would one day be the bishop of Gaylord," he said in a statement. The bishop-designate added that he was grateful to Bishop Cooney for his kindness and for reflecting "Christ's gentle and guiding presence in this local church over the past 20 years."

NEWS BRIEFS

PILGRIMS CARRY IMAGE OF OUR LADY IN BRAZIL



CNS PHOTO/PAULO SANTOS, REUTERS

A man watches as pilgrims follow an image of Our Lady of Nazareth as it is carried during the annual festival in Belem, Brazil, Oct. 11. More than 1 million Catholics, many of them from communities along the Amazon River's tributaries, converged on Our Lady of Nazareth Basilica to participate.

Nobel Peace Prize to Obama greeted with praise, high hopes at Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — News that U.S. President Barack Obama had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was met with high hopes from the Vatican spokesman. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told journalists Oct. 9 that the news "was greeted with appreciation at the Vatican in light of the president's demonstrated commitment to promoting peace on an international level and, in particular, in recently promoting nuclear disarmament. It is hoped that this very important recognition would offer greater encouragement for such a difficult but fundamental dedication to the future of humanity so that it may bring about the desired results," he said in a written statement. The new U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, Miguel Diaz, told Vatican Radio that the president was being recognized for his efforts in working to build understanding between people and eliminate nuclear weapons from all parts of the world. Winning the Nobel Peace Prize is a great encouragement to keep working toward building a better world, said Diaz.

Glendon honored as 'heroine of the Notre Dame commencement tragedy'

NEW YORK (CNS) — Mary Ann Glendon was "the heroine of the Notre Dame commencement tragedy" in May, an official of the National Right to Life Committee said as the Harvard law professor and former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican received the organization's Proudly Pro-Life Award Oct. 6. Anthony J. Lauinger, vice president of the pro-life organization and the father of eight University of Notre Dame alumni, said Glendon's "principled refusal" of the Indiana university's 2009 Laetare Medal led the National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund to honor her at its awards dinner. The Laetare Medal, established in 1883, is presented annually to recognize a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the church and enriched the heritage of humanity." Glendon declined the medal because U.S. President Barack Obama, who supports legal abortion, was invited to give the commencement address and receive an honorary degree from Notre Dame.

Be unapologetically Catholic in liturgical work, cardinal says

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, Mich. (CNS) — Embrace the richness of the faith and be unapologetically Catholic in making liturgical work a priority, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston told nearly 300 priests and liturgists from all over the country Oct. 7. Cardinal DiNardo spoke during the national meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in Plymouth Township. He cracked jokes throughout his presentation and referred to his audience as "friends" — but remained passionate about keeping Christ at the center of the liturgy. The cardinal spoke about the practicalities of liturgical formation and how it often vies with other forms of ongoing formation, and what liturgists may need to do to make their work a priority at their parish. "You have to admit, liturgists have already been accused of it — be sneaky," he said. "Keep alive your reputations of being sneaky and underhanded," he joked. Cardinal DiNardo referred to a part in the Byzantine liturgy where the deacon says to the priest, "Father, let us go, it is time for the Lord to act." "I like that," he said. "The

liturgy is the time for the Lord to act."

Stop destroying the rain forest, say Catholic bishops of the Amazon

LIMA, Peru (CNS) — Ever since the Spanish conquistadors set off across the Andes in search of El Dorado, outsiders have sought their fortune in the Amazon. Rubber tapping, logging, mining, oil drilling and ranching have brought riches to some and ruin to others. Now the region's Catholic bishops say it is time to stop destroying the rain forest and threatening its people's welfare in the name of progress. At a meeting in Manaus, a bustling commercial center carved out of the Brazilian rain forest, they called for policies that "take responsibility for preservation of the biological and cultural diversity of the Amazon." The 30 bishops and 35 other church workers and experts rejected both the commercial view of the Amazon as an "inexhaustible" source of natural resources and a gene pool that might hold a cure for diseases, and the romantic concept of the region as a pristine green "lung." In a statement issued at the end of the meeting, they pointed instead to the Amazon basin's "diversity of climates, biota, rivers and natural resources, as well as the historical, cultural, linguistic and territorial traditions of the native peoples who live there."

Bishops advise US on humanitarian, moral issues in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Long-term development and humanitarian assistance, protecting civilians and dealing with the root causes of terrorism should be among the guiding principles of how the United States deals with problems in Afghanistan and Pakistan, said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace. In a letter dated Oct. 6 and released Oct. 9, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., offered the advice to retired Marine Gen. James L. Jones, the national security adviser, as the administration reviews U.S. strategy in the region. Bishop Hubbard acknowledged that the U.S. bishops are not military experts, but, in light of the implications for regional and international security, he said they wanted to offer some principles of Catholic teaching and experience that might help inform policy choices. "In the face of terrorist threats, we know that our nation must respond to indiscriminate attacks against innocent civilians in ways that combine a resolve to do what is necessary, the restraint to ensure that we act justly and the vision to focus on broader issues of poverty and injustice that are unscrupulously exploited by terrorists in gaining recruits," Bishop Hubbard wrote.

International peace advocate to speak at USF

FORT WAYNE — The Academic Affairs Office at the University of Saint Francis will host a public lecture by Barbara “Bobbie” Gottschalk, cofounder of Seeds of Peace, on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Doermer Center, room 156.

Seeds of Peace is an organization that brings together young people from Israel, Palestine and other troubled areas for experience in living together peacefully. The organization has a summer camp in the United States and a Center for Coexistence in Jerusalem. More than 2,000 participants have graduated from the Seeds of Peace camp and then returned to their regions for regular meetings and coexistence programs.

On Oct. 29, Gottschalk will present the SEEDS documentary, which shows how to change enemies to friends — from generational conflict areas of the world — and how it has been done for 17 summers, in over 40 camp sessions, deep in the woods of Maine.

An additional public lecture will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Pope John Paul II Center Library where Gottschalk will lead a discussion on media literacy.

Gottschalk holds a master of social service administration from the University of Chicago. Her visit is part of the Council of Independent Colleges Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar program.

For more information contact Dr. Matt Smith at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8105.

Plans set for St. Mother Theodore Guérin Fest

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Registration is now open for the inaugural St. Mother Theodore Guérin Fest Oct. 23-25 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The fest has been created around the legacy of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome in 2006. She is the first person in Indiana to receive the Catholic Church's highest honor, and only the eighth person who lived in the United States to be declared a saint.

Contemporary Christian music artist Nick Cardilino, who has recorded three CDs and wrote the theme song for the 2007 National Catholic Youth Conference, will perform in concert on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The fest opens with a procession, prayer, a sing-along and a bonfire on Friday evening. Concurrent educational, prayer and discussion opportunities are planned throughout the day Saturday, with sessions beginning at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday's schedule offers time for prayer, attending eucharistic liturgy in the Church of the Immaculate Conception and a closing general assembly.

Breakout sessions include learning how to pray at the labyrinth,

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tracing the steps of Mother Theodore, art reflections, meeting the sculptor of the St. Mother Theodore statue, sustainability in today's world, discussion of personal vocations, service opportunities, journaling, learning about art icons and hiking.

“First, we want people of all faiths to know that they are welcome here. There will be something for everyone,” said Sister Barbara Doherty, coordinator of the Office for the Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guérin and festival organizer.

Cost to attend the fest is \$25, including the Saturday evening concert. Meals are not included, but are available at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for a nominal fee. The fest is suitable for persons from junior high school age and older.

To register, or to obtain additional information and a detailed brochure, call Sister Barbara Doherty at (812) 535-2925 or e-mail bdoherty@spsmw.org. Detailed information about the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Fest can be found at www.SistersofProvidence.org.

Little Flower Holy Hour returns to chapel

FORT WAYNE — The Little Flower Holy Hour held twice a month with devotions for religious vocations, has returned to its original site, the newly refurbished chapel adjacent to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on

Cathedral Square.

The intercessory holy hour began 14 years ago at the suggestion of Msgr. William Voors at a time when there were no diocesan candidates for the priesthood.

Services are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:15 p.m. with a rosary, benediction and remarks by a different celebrant at each service.

Redeemer Radio announces Fall Sharathon

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, will hold its Fall Sharathon on Oct. 21, 22 and 23, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The theme of the fundraiser is “Hands that serve” in celebration of the Year for Priests.

A completely listener-supported station, Redeemer Radio holds its popular sharathon to raise funds for the daily operations. Fall Sharathon will be hosted by Jerry Usher at the Redeemer Radio studio in Fort Wayne. Usher, president of Third Millennium Media, is the former national host of “Catholic Answers Live,” heard on Redeemer Radio weekdays from 6-8, both mornings and evenings.

Dave Stevens, executive director of Redeemer Radio, explains the impact of the fundraising event. “Sharathon is a celebration of our local Catholic community, as more than 20 of our local priests are live on Redeemer Radio, highlighting activities in parishes throughout the

area. Sharathon transforms listeners into supporters with a tremendous amount of fun and fellowship during our 36-hour live event. Listeners tell us all the time that they love listening to Sharathon for all the fun and news around the area.”

Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 WLYV Fort Wayne, is a listener-supported radio station broadcasting news and of the Catholic faith. The mission of Redeemer Radio is to evangelize, educate, and serve the Catholic community and others who are seeking more information about the Catholic faith.

Victory Noll Center hosts ‘Intergenerational Women’s Day Away’

HUNTINGTON — For the second straight year, Victory Noll Center is offering the “Intergenerational Women’s Day Away,” a program allowing women of any age to become aware of their personal gifts and perhaps discover something new about themselves.

The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24. Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

Women are encouraged to gather with mothers, grandmothers, daughters, nieces, aunts, sisters or just friends who are kindred spirits for a Women’s Day Away. This year’s program will explore stories of women who have made a difference and discover how indi-

viduals have made a difference in each others lives. There will be time for those attending to pray, reflect, talk, listen and hopefully grow in love and support of one another.

The facilitator for the program is Victory Noll Center Director Sue Wilhelm. She has led a number of women’s retreats, book studies and youth events. She enjoys engaging participants in a positive, uplifting way.

The cost for the program is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Please register by Oct. 19.

For more information on the programs or about Victory Noll Center, contact Victory Noll Center Director Sue Wilhelm at (260) 356-0628, ext. 128, or e-mail suewilhelm@olvm.org.

Saint Mary’s students to host Day of the Dead celebration for Warren Primary

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College students will host a Day of the Dead celebration at Warren Primary Center, located at 55400 Quince Rd., South Bend, on Oct. 27 from 6-7 p.m. Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos, is a traditional Mexican holiday that celebrates life after death and the memory of loved ones. The holiday is widely observed on Nov. 1 and 2 in connection with the Catholic holy days of All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2).

La Fuerza, a Latina heritage club at Saint Mary’s, and the College Academy of Tutoring (CAT) program will co-host the event at Warren.

“La Fuerza strives to introduce Latino culture to the Saint Mary’s campus through rich cultural events, and we are happy to do the same at Warren. Dia de los Muertos has a special significance to our culture and it represents the ideas and beliefs about life and death,” said Cristina Posadas, president of La Fuerza.

The celebration will start with a brief history of the holiday. Activities will include Warren Primary Center students reading essays and there will be an educational display of a Day of the Dead altar. The event will conclude with dinner and carnival-like booths run by the volunteers.

“Our Day of the Dead event provides fun and educational activities for the children and offers an opportunity to reach out to the school’s growing number of Latino students. We hope the celebration makes them feel welcomed and integrated into the school community. It’s also a way to introduce students who are not Latino to the culture,” said Olivia Critchlow, CAT director. Through the CAT program, Saint Mary’s students serve as tutors and teacher assistants at Warren. Many of the teacher assistants work in the school’s English as a New Language (ENL) classes.

This will be the third year Saint Mary’s has hosted the Day of the Dead celebration. Last year over 150 people participated in the event.

AUCTION PLANNED FOR MENTORING PROGRAM



KAREN CLIFFORD

Bridge of Hope Chairman Mary Morgan and Vice Chairman Michael Druley announce that the organization will celebrate its first birthday by holding a silent/live auction at Waterford Estates Lodge in South Bend on Oct. 30. Bridge of Hope brings together professionals and church-based mentoring groups to empower homeless and at risk single mothers to attain permanent housing, financial self sufficiency, friendships, growth and wellness. Make reservations to (574) 679-4238 or e-mail mary@bridgeofhopesjc.com.

Stan's Pantry honors longtime servant of poor

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — Stan Cukrowicz was a good man, a quiet man.

For more than 30 years, he collected food and distributed it to the poor. He recruited and organized volunteers to do the same.

His work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, at St. Jude Catholic Church was all done without fanfare or high drama. He was a man of few words, and he died earlier this year.

It seemed fitting, then, to memorialize him. The church, now known as St. Catherine of Siena Parish, found a way to do that by naming their new pantry after him. It was dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 4, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

"Stan's Pantry" has a door to the outside, for easy loading and unloading of vehicles. It's located in a space that was formerly an entryway to the original church building.

It also has easy-to-use shelving — unlike the old pantry where volunteers had to descend to a basement and deal with cramped spaces.

In addition, it has a refrigerator and a freezer. Volunteers can store milk, eggs and margarine ensuring less frequent trips to the grocery store when a need for those items arises, said Tom Oesterling, president of the St. Vincent de Paul conference at the parish. "That's really a good thing. We can get these things together in about 10 minutes now."

When church members started talking about a new pantry space six months ago, they wanted to honor Cukrowicz in some way.

They broached the subject with the district office of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which came up with the idea of naming the new pantry after Cukrowicz.



PROVIDED BY ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AT ST. JUDE PARISH

The front entrance to Stan's Pantry, located in St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The 8 x 16 foot pantry space holds a freezer, refrigerator and ample shelving for food stock.

Cukrowicz was also the recipient of the 2007 Top Hat award, one of St. Vincent de Paul's most prestigious awards for servant-hood.

The new pantry also points to recent successes in recruiting new members to the church's St. Vincent conference.

"We've really grown over the past year," said Oesterling. "We have about 47 members and 13 of them are new."

"I think it's because there's more of a focus on spirituality now, and people are really drawn to that," adds Oesterling. "The Bible says that where two or more are gathered in his name, Christ is there, and I think that has a lot to do with it. We're also attracting young people, even people in their 20s."

A corporate communion and dedication ceremony were held outside the new pantry, and attended by seven of Cukrowicz's family members. Father Paul Choorathottiyil, associate pastor at St. Catherine, gave the blessing.

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Community gathers to heal domestic violence

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

SOUTH BEND — In recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, on Oct. 10, men and women concerned about, or themselves victims, of domestic violence gathered under a bright, sunny, blue sky in front of the Madison Center in South Bend to participate in a service of healing.

“This first community gathering to heal domestic violence is the brainchild of Rita Tatum, who is a lay Providence Associate,” says Stacy Davis, an S-O-S (sexual offenses services) volunteer at the Madison Center and professor of religious studies at Saint Mary’s College.

In November of 2007, she and the Sisters of Providence, based in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, began to do research and development for the event. In March of this year, Rita, who is also an S-O-S advocate, presented the concept to the S-O-S Awareness Committee, which enthusiastically embraced the idea.

It is Tatum’s belief that domestic violence not only hurts the person who is abused, but the whole community.

“I have been a volunteer S-O-S advocate for six years. At an S-O-S in-service a couple years ago, Notre Dame Professor Carolyn Nordstrom presented the way Mozambicans approach violence, including sexual violence, as an illness that the whole community addresses in a healing ceremony. In other words, they felt that in addition to mending injuries of the mind and body, they also needed to heal the ‘collective body’ so that the violence didn’t spread and infect the whole community.”

The presentation sparked a desire to have a similar service for the South Bend area and she spent about a year looking at the healing ceremonies of Muslims, Buddhists, Amish, Christian, Jewish, Native American, etc. Taking common elements from these ceremonies she teamed up with Davis who, together with the S-O-S Awareness Committee, developed and executed the first community service.

Tatum says, “By approaching domestic violence as a societal illness, we recognize that women, men and children die as a result of domestic violence. We do not claim domestic violence if a man commits suicide after murdering

his wife, but he is a victim of this illness.”

To emphasize the broad range of domestic violence, the S-O-S Awareness Committee worked to develop nine life-size silhouettes, representing seniors, adults, teens and children of both sexes. The Awareness Committee gave participants in the healing service ceremonial stoles of many shades and textures of the color purple (the color associated with domestic violence awareness activities) to reflect the diversity of the victims.

Davis sums up an important message. “It’s time to stop the violence that this year has caused Michiana the lives of five mothers and sisters, three fathers, four brothers and a 12-year-old boy. In Indiana this pandemic disease led to 65 deaths and more than 100,000 calls to crisis lines last year.”

Among other services, specially trained S-O-S volunteers staff a 24-hour crisis line that provides support information and referrals. Call (574) 283-1308 to learn more about S-O-S.



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

The Voices of Faith group, directed by senior Katie Washington, sings during the healing ceremony.

MAKE CHRIST A PART OF MARRIAGE



DIANE FREEBY

“The future of humanity passes by way of the family,” Pope John Paul II said. Bishop John M. D’Arcy quoted Pope John Paul II during his homily at Sunday’s Wedding Anniversary Mass, held at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Couples celebrating 25 and 50 years of marriage, along with other landmarks, received a special nuptial blessing from Bishop D’Arcy. Christopher and Elizabeth Sikorski, pictured here with their son and his family, will celebrate 25 years of marriage Oct. 18 and were visiting from Salt Lake City. John Sikorski and his wife, Monica, work in the Office of Family Life as assistant directors for Youth and Young Adult Outreach. As Monica held their infant son, John Joseph, three generations of Sikorskis posed for a picture with Bishop D’Arcy. In his homily, Bishop D’Arcy talked about the different stages of marriage, recalling family life with babies, children, teenage children, adult children and grandchildren.

Pilgrim Virgin statue tour schedule announced

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D’Arcy has granted permission to the World Apostolate of Fatima for the United States National Pilgrim Virgin to tour with its custodian Bill Sockeye throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Oct. 17-30.

At press time, The Children of Notre Dame tour was pending. For information on place and time, call Betty at (260) 749-9396 or Emma at (260) 625-3281.

The schedule for the pilgrim statue follows:

DATE	PARISH	ARRIVAL	SERVICES
Oct. 17	Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne	12 p.m.	Latin Mass, procession, talk, rosary, English Mass, talk
Oct. 18	St. Patrick, Arcola	7:30 a.m.	Mass, procession, talk
Oct. 18	St. Jude, Fort Wayne	2 p.m.	procession with Knights, rosary, talk
Oct. 19	St. Mary/Assumption, Decatur	8:15 a.m.	Mass, talk
Oct. 20	Our Lady of Good Hope	9 a.m.	veneration, talk
Oct. 20	Immac. Conception, Auburn	6:30 p.m.	Mass, talk
Oct. 21	St. Rose of Lima	8:30 a.m.	Mass, talk, rosary
Oct. 21	Redeemer Radio	1-2 p.m.	Interview
Oct. 21	St. Vincent de Paul, FW	6:30 p.m.	children devotions, talk
Oct. 22	St. Louis-Besancon, NH	8:10 a.m.	rosary, Mass, talk
Oct. 22	St. Henry	7 p.m.	Mass, talk, veneration
Oct. 23	St. John the Baptist-NH	8:05 a.m.	Mass, talk, devotions/children
Oct. 23	Immac. Conception, Kville	4:40 p.m.	rosary, Mass, talk
Oct. 24	St. Joseph, Roanoke	5 p.m.	Mass, talk, veneration
Oct. 25	St. Patrick, Walkerton	9 a.m.	Mass, talk, Mass, talk
Oct. 25	Corpus Christi, South Bend	5 p.m.	rosary, talk
Oct. 26	Corpus Christi, South Bend	7:50 a.m.	children’s Mass, talk
Oct. 27	St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart	6 p.m.	Mass, talk
Oct. 28	St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart	8:15 a.m.	Mass, talk
Oct. 28	St. Michael, Plymouth	6:30 p.m.	Mass, talk
Oct. 30	St. Mary/Assumption, Avilla	7 p.m.	rosary, veneration, talk

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DIANE FREEBY

Charitable organizations from around the South Bend were on hand to receive checks from Bishop John D'Arcy and the Annual Bishop's Appeal following Sunday's Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral in South Bend. Charitable organizations included Catholic Charities, Women's Care Center, Center for the Homeless, Sister Maura Brannick Health Center, Hannah's House, Christ Child Society, Little Flower Food Pantry, Center for Basic Learning Skills, St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Augustine's Soup Kitchen, Logan Center, Life Athletes and Chiara House.

Guests announced for fall Sharathon

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Serving as Fall 2009 Sharathon chair couple is Dr.

Mike Mastrangelo and his wife, Grace.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy will be a guest during the 4 p.m. hour of Sharathon on Friday, Oct. 23. Diocesan Vicar General Father Bob Schulte joins Sharathon during the 3 p.m. hour on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Priests in studio include Father Tom Shoemaker, Father Dom Carboneau, Father Joe Gaughan, Father Ken Sarrazine, Father Bruce Piechocki, Msgr. William Lester, Father Dave Voors, Father Glenn Kohrman, Father Kevin Bauman, Father Jim Shafer, Father Cyril Fernandes, Father Tony Steinacker, Father Ed Erpelding, Father Derrick Sneyd and Father Jason Freiburger.

St. Michael's new playground dedicated

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — "Pray to Play" was the slogan of the fund-raising drive to create a St. Michael School playground open to all children in the community. Randy Danielson, co-chair of the project with Tom Flynn, said that the dream was "20 years in the making."

Flynn added, "We toured the Kings Kiddie Kollege with three different priests and could never come to terms with the owners." And then things started to happen.

In 2005, Betty Miller made it possible for the church to purchase the Wainscott home at 613 N. Michigan St., in loving memory of her husband Harry. "He would have wanted to do that for the children," she said.

A year later Dennis Emmons bought the house for \$1 and moved it to 1000 N. Center St. "That's when we went into the planning phase," Flynn said. "We revised the plans at least 13 times," Danielson said, "starting with one quarter of a block." John J. Oliver, a non-parishioner, was talking to Father William Kummer about his dream of a playground for the children. Oliver asked what he could do to help. The Oliver family and U.S. Granules, gave a generous gift to fuel the first phase.

Next, Leonard and Joann Isban challenged the committee to raise matching funds for their magnanimous gift.

"We had six weeks to raise the money," Danielson said.

"It was a little bit scary," Flynn said, "but we figured with a whole lot of help and prayers we could do it." And, with contributions from the congregation and a couple of fundraisers, they did. Danielson made a bid "they couldn't refuse" for the brick structure at 601 N. Michigan. The deal was closed the first week of June — one year from the first meeting of the parish committee.

"And with that," Danielson said, "the scope of the project changed yet again."

They went from — to a full city block and from a playground that was hard scrabble and dirt with two bent-over basketball hoops and a crooked tether ball pole to a vision of a safe and challenging



IDA CHIPMAN

The school children of St. Michael, Plymouth, celebrate the opening of their new playground on N. Michigan St. The dedication and opening ceremonies were on Sept. 29, St. Michael's feast day.



Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Michael Church, Plymouth, is delighted with the new playground dedicated on St. Michael's feast day, Sept. 29.

playground for all children.

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ were invited to make a donation toward the project.

Sister Nora Hahn, provincial of the order, said that instead of giving a monetary donation, "we would like our gift to match our values."

The sisters' plan, following the principles of their Earth Charter, adopted in 2006, calls for the recycling of all usable materials. "It was a lot more work, but didn't cost much more," Sister Hahn said. Workers recycled the house.

Soon small social gatherings were held in parishioners' homes

and on two nights volunteers conducted a phone-a-thon, calling over 300 people to ask for their help.

"We thank God, the parish and the community," Danielson said. We were given funds from, among others, the Marshall County Community Foundation and the City Improvement Commission." Bricks for a memory walk were sold to families and individuals at \$100 and \$200 apiece. Flynn enumerated the labor, materials and gifts from members of the church and non-Catholics alike.

Will and Dixie Lawrence made it easy to switch from a cheaper surface to Pervious Concrete, making the playground safer for the children. Rick and Barb Miller's Rickscape provided irrigation and sod for the soccer and volleyball field and Prices Nursery did the rock work and exterior landscaping on Michigan street. Several City of Plymouth departments such as water and street workers and various public utilities cooperated with the builders.

Father Kummer especially wanted to be good neighbors with the residents on Michigan street, and the planners went the extra mile to provide quality landscaping, attractive wrought iron fencing and good lighting for the entire block.

Thanks to a surprise donation of \$22,000 from Betty Miller at the dedication on Tuesday, the project ended in the black.

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A NEW APPROACH TO SENIOR LIVING

Retired educator leads green technology educational facility

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — Lou Bonacorsi, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, parishioner and longtime educator and principal in the Wa-Nee (Wakarusa, Nappanee) school system truly believes all of us were put on earth to serve the Lord. It is partly that belief that has him starting a new career after retiring from 37 years as educator and principal at Northwood High School.

In July, Bonacorsi was asked to take on the role of director of educational affairs and head up an educational facility being built by Wil Cashen, CEO of Electric Motors Corporation. The facility was recently named the Nikola Tesla School of Technology and will educate and train workers to work with electricity for Electric Motors Corporation (EMC) and other companies that want to use the training facility.

EMC officials have been working with Ivy Tech, Vincennes University and Purdue University to develop a curriculum to ensure that they're not duplicating programs, but are offering a more specialized training facility doing application-based work, according to Bonacorsi.

Bonacorsi came to northern Indiana from Clinton and Indiana State College to work at Northwood High School as an industrial arts teacher right out of college in 1969 and at the time planned to stay only a year. He and his wife Toni have been mar-

ried 39 years and have two children, Joe and Kristen.

Settling in Nappanee, Toni taught at the elementary school level. Aside from teaching industrial arts, Bonacorsi also coached football and wrestling. He taught for 15 years until 1984 when he had the opportunity to become assistant principal. Two years later he became principal and served until he retired in 2006.

The couple first attended the former St. Isidore Parish in Nappanee — a mission church with Father Walter Bly as the pastor, who came from Holy Cross in South Bend to offer weekly Mass. The Bonacorsis, along with several other families took care of the operation of the parish.

"St. Isidore's truly was a parishioner's parish. A lot of great families pitched in to help," he said.

After St. Isidore closed, the couple moved to St. Dominic in Bremen for a couple of years before joining St. John the Evangelist in Goshen where they've been active for 11 years. Bonacorsi is a member of the parish council, a lector and a eucharistic minister. He's been a member of the Knights of Columbus since his parish days at St. Isidore.

Bonacorsi said he was fortunate to work for a public school system that "fit my philosophical values and belief system."

Because of the religious influence of the area he felt free to make announcements about saying a prayer when a student was



DENISE FEDOROW

Lou Bonacorsi, in his office at Electric Motors Corporation, has been working to secure a building for a new green technology educational facility that he will be director of and is excited about the prospect of making a difference to the unemployed in Elkhart County.

struck with tragedy or to take an opportunity to teach morals and values.

Bonacorsi said he always believed in addition to English, math and science students should also learn skills necessary to be a good worker, good person and good spouse.

"Social interaction is just as important as the intellectual. God gave you an opportunity to learn how to be a good person," he said.

He was retired about six weeks before deciding to try his skills in the private sector in busi-

ness. So he went to work for Star Fleet Transportation Company in Goshen opening a new transportation terminal in Elkhart in August 2006.

"I had the neat opportunity to work with my son and son-in-law for two years," he said.

Ironically, it was that "different road" that led him back to education. After meeting with Wil Cashen in March about his company coming to the area, he was offered the position of director of educational affairs.

Bonacorsi said education

seems to be his main mission in life and he felt he was up for this challenge. He enjoys working with people to help maximize their potential. The Nikola Tesla School of Technology is currently in final rounds of negotiations for a building. It was so named for "a brilliant scientist who developed early work on alternating currents."

Bonacorsi said they did a lot of research and gave a lot of thought to the naming of the facility. Tesla registered 700 patents in his lifetime. "We hoped we'd have the same impact on new energy," Bonacorsi said.

The school will have working lines, just like the factory floor. "The school will be there to provide education and training for all the different businesses that will be coming in to be a part of EMC's consortium or green jobs in general — electric battery companies, solar panels, etc."

He's excited about the possibilities and said, "I really think people truly underestimate their potential and what they could do with their lives. If we spent as much time reflecting on the talents we possess we'd truly rise above who we are. Fred Jones said, 'You're either a part of the problem or a part of the solution.' If the Lord gives you something you need to use it."

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USAF Colonel Mike Zenk lives his faith

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — During his first year at the United States Air Force Academy, Mike Zenk became disenchanted with the atmosphere and military training practices at the school. When he came home for a visit he expected his mother to validate his feelings, but instead her words changed his perspective about focusing on goals, even in the face of adversity and challenges.

"She said decide you are going to like it or quit!" Zenk recalls. "She subscribed to the premise that you will not be happy in life if you are not doing something you enjoy, but that you could also decide what you would actually be happy doing. I decided to be happy, refocused on my one goal of flying and had a very good final three years."

The St. Pius X parishioner went on to have a successful 29-year Air Force career, retiring in 2007 as colonel. His final assignment was as commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 225 and a professor of aerospace studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Zenk's impressive educational

background includes a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Air Force Academy, a master's degree in strategic and tactical sciences (operations research) from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), and a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Loyola University of New Orleans, through an extension program with the Diocese of Marquette, Mich.

The blessings from these educational opportunities require responsibility on his part for these gifts, Zenk acknowledges.

"With these three degrees I have the training to build it, bless it or break it. Hopefully I have used all of these skills consistent with the Lord's will and especially the last one in as much moderation as possible."

From the age of seven, Zenk knew he wanted

to become a pilot and his dream would become a reality. As a pilot instructor, Zenk flew T-37 trainers and watched approximately 10,000 times as a student pilots attempted to land. He has flown from Australia to Alaska in one day in the middle of December from 77 degrees to 20 degrees below zero in about 12 hours.

"God has really made an amazing world and the Air Force

"God has really made an amazing world and the Air Force has allowed me to visit much of it."

MIKE ZENK



KAREN CLIFFORD

Air Force Colonel Zenk sits inside a C-12 aircraft prior to his tour of the Persian Gulf.

has allowed me to visit much of it," he emphasizes.

One of Zenk's most memorable assignments was for six months in Rome. While there, Zenk and his family were able to see the Shroud of Turin, the catacombs, the Scavi under St. Peter's Basilica, Good Friday Stations of the Cross with the pope and Easter Sunday Mass on the steps of St. Peter's.

"I was also one of the Americans at the NATO Defense College there and as such represented the United States to 70 other European classmates, mostly senior military officers from 20 different NATO countries," Zenk remembers.

"After being in this position of representing my country, it made me think very carefully about

how I represent my faith. We are ambassadors of Christ, we really are our Lord's hands and feet here on earth, and we are the only Bible some people will ever read," he adds.

Zenk's faith was instrumental in handling disciplinary situations and helping those under his leadership reach their full potential. He recalls an incident during his senior year at the Air Force Academy when he was asked by his peers to counsel a new basic cadet who was considering leaving the academy because of his faith.

"I asked him why he thought he should leave and he told me he thought God was telling him to. Then I asked him why he had come to the academy, thinking that I would get the same

response, and did. Finally, I then asked him why he thought God had changed his mind," Zenk says.

After the conversation, the freshman cadet decided to stay and completed his four years at the Academy.

"I truly believe God is the same yesterday, today and forever and that he loves each of us the same," he notes.

In 1987 Zenk earned a master's degree in pastoral ministry with a focus on kingdom ministry, because he felt strongly that he would be doing most of his ministry in the work place, rather than in a church setting.

Zenk explains, "The 'work places' are the spaces that priests and religious very seldom have the opportunity to minister in and as such these ministry venues are left to the laity. I continue to feel I need to share my faith and am blessed to have had the education that helps me do that well."

Early this year Zenk was selected to participate in the Library of Congress Veteran's History Project by U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly from Indiana's 2nd Congressional District. Zenk is a member of the Air Force Academy selection committee, chaired by Congressman Donnelly and works with the congressman's office on other issues. As a part of the project, Zenk was videotaped with Congressman Donnelly and asked questions about his Air Force career. The video will be placed on a server in the Library of Congress for posterity, as a history lesson for generations to come.

Encyclical calls for solidarity in promoting access to education

BY ANGELA CAVE

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic educators and nonprofit groups said Pope Benedict XVI in his latest encyclical continues to inspire them to build awareness of global poverty and to address issues of access to education in vulnerable communities.

In his encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), the pope only mentions education by name in one paragraph, but there are implications for education throughout the document.

"The whole document is related to education just because of the link between charity and truth," said Jesuit Father Charles Currie, president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

The pope wrote that global solidarity can be seen in the promotion of greater access to education.

This is evident in the Jesuit Commons, an international collaboration bringing online courses to Burmese refugees in Thailand. It also is evident in Magis

Americas raising \$50,000 to build a wing for a school in Peru and in Catholic Relief Services partnering with H2O for Life to provide access to water and education on good hygiene to communities in developing countries.

"It encourages what we're already trying to do," Father Currie said in an interview with Catholic News Service. "The encyclical emphasizes both the incredible complexity of all these issues and the great level of opportunity to make a difference. The first step is going to be to get people to read this — and it's a difficult read."

Solidarity is important to success, said Tom Gallagher, former director of strategic initiatives at Magis Americas, which was started to assist the Fe y Alegria network of 2,600 schools in 16 Latin American countries. Spanish for "faith and joy", Fe y Alegria is a Jesuit network founded in 1955. It provides 1 million students with job training, elementary and secondary education and adult education. It includes about 154 religious orders.

"People meeting face to face

and in person helps to break down barriers," Gallagher said. It would cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000 to ship 200 computers from New York to Latin America, but if international partners put their heads together, they could build warehouses for computer repairs in the impoverished countries, he said.

Fe y Alegria inspired the creation of the Cristo Rey network of Catholic schools in U.S. cities, another example of solidarity in education. The network maintains 24 schools in 21 cities, providing work-study jobs to 6,000 students in poor areas, according to Robert Birdsell, the group's president. The network is part of yet another network of 29 religious congregations that serve the poor and share donors.

Birdsell said he hopes Cristo Rey can inspire more solidarity and progress when the organization's founder addresses an international group of Jesuit educators in China in the fall.

"If through the Holy Spirit we can be an inspiration to others and other countries, that's fantastic," Birdsell said.

The encyclical also promotes the ideas of faith, justice and one global human family.

"Education in a vacuum isn't possible," said Sister Katherine Feely, a Sister of Notre Dame and director of the Education for Justice project at the Center of Concern. The project provides Catholic social teaching resources to high schools and universities.

Ted Miles, relationship manager for religious education at CRS, said he hopes to use the encyclical in an upcoming tool kit to encourage young people to become leaders and to connect Catholics with the mission of serving the poor. People need to learn, Miles said, that in addition to providing opportunities to go to school, they need to help feed the impoverished children who normally earn money for their families when they are not in school.

The National Catholic Educational Association produces, in conjunction with CRS, a curriculum guide called "Engaging Faith in the World" for about 1,300 U.S. secondary schools. One of its focuses is

deepening an understanding of the faults of capitalism and why systems keep people trapped in poverty, said Karen Ristau, president of the association.

But education about social justice needs to be age-appropriate, and elementary schoolchildren cannot wrap their minds around these concepts just yet, she said.

"High school kids can start to understand economic systems, the economic crisis, that there are kids who don't go to school like they do," Ristau said.

The association and CRS, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency, also support taking high school teachers to sub-Saharan countries for experiential visits so they can better engage students upon their return.

"Anything that makes a person more human is what we want to be doing as a church," Ristau said. "No encyclical is going to be ignored. It's going to be reaffirming and reinforcing some things in the broader church. I'm very hopeful, and I think this encyclical adds to that hopefulness."

EDITORIAL

Slipping into errors of thought and the culture of life

As we work and pray to build up what Pope John Paul II referred to as the “culture of life,” it might be worth pondering for a moment why it is that so many people cannot seem to see what we see and in the way we see it. That is, it might be worth asking ourselves, just why is it that people cannot or are unwilling to see abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, torture, war and economic injustice (each of these evils — and a host of other ills — are to varying degrees and in different ways repugnant to a culture of life) precisely as problems, rather than as solutions. There are two simple reasons.

First, contemporary culture exalts doing over being. Persons are not valued because they are persons, made in the image and likeness of God and therefore singularly beautiful and intrinsically to be honored. No, in contemporary culture — and there are both remote and proximate reasons, philosophical, social and historical, for this — persons are valued based upon what they can or cannot do; what they can produce; how effective they are; how well or ill they contribute to society. Once being is subordinated to doing, utility (usefulness) becomes the basic arbiter of value.

A child is reduced to “a choice,” because it is inconvenient, unplanned or simply a bother; innocent civilians are dismissed as sad but necessary “collateral damage” in a bombing or missile strike; the elderly and terminally ill can be euthanized because their life is no longer “productive” or has become a “burden” to others, and we salve our conscience by referring to it as an act of “mercy”; refugees and immigrants — with many of whom, incidentally, by our Catholic baptism we share a closer bond than with our Protestant or secularized neighbors — are considered a “drain on our resources.”

In each of these brief scenarios, judgments are made and rendered not on the basis of the mystery, beauty and inviolable dignity of each human life before God, but rather on the basis of a kind of sliding scale of usefulness, itself a very dubious, shady and self-serving category of value.

Second, much modern moral reasoning, if it can even be characterized as rising to the level of reasoning, has forgotten or willfully ignores a simple, ancient and foundational moral principle: an end, no matter how good, noble or beneficial, can never justify an evil means. Period. End of story. No exceptions.

To take a contemporary example: torture — an evil means — cannot be justified on the basis of the fact (a disputed fact, as well) that it saves lives (a good end). Modern, everyday ethics is dominated by the raw and naked will. Choice, instead of extending itself toward the good, now itself defines the good. Instead of freedom being exercised as the capacity to choose the good and thus to flourish, freedom is reduced to and celebrated as an arbitrary, undifferentiated exercise of power.

Consider for a moment how advertising is done: it's simply assumed that the more options, the more choices, the better.

For those of us committed to the culture of life, it's worth stopping and asking ourselves to what degree we too can slip into these two insidious errors of thought: Do we contort our moral reasoning in an attempt to justify evil acts? Do we value doing more than being? Do we look at persons for who they are before God or for how “valuable” or “productive” they are to us or to society?

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

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Hierarchy— what does it really mean?

Probably one of the most misunderstood words in the English language is the word “hierarchy.”

What do most people think of when the word is used? Red tape. Bureaucracy. Power. Authority flowing from the top downward. A dictionary doesn't add much more — “government by an elite group.” And “any system of persons or things ranked one above another.”

Now if we call the church a hierarchy, all those associations come along. Church hierarchy is thought to be a power trip by priests who form an elite group above everyone else. The hierarchy says “jump” and we're supposed to ask “how high?”

It's odd, really, that the word has these connotations in English, because they are not the intended connotations in Greek.

The word comes from “hierus arche,” and this is two words mashed together. It was created, called a “neologism.” An example might be “cyberspace.” The first half — “cyber” — concerns computers and what better way to name the Internet?

I've always thought that the person who creates the new word should get first crack at defining it. It seems only fair. The inventor of the word “hierarchy” was a man tradition has named Dionysius.

Dionysius wrote a book called “Mystical Theology.” And another called, “On the Divine Names.” These books talk about how difficult it is to capture God in our



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thoughts. Our brain isn't big enough to comprehend God. If we say God is power, then we must immediately add that he is not like any other power we know. If we say God is love, we must immediately add that it's not the kind of love we have for hot dogs, or pets or even each other.

God is transcendent. The Creator is greater than creation. But Dionysius also wrote about how the Creator could reach his creation. If God is so transcendent, how does he come down to draw near to us? And this book was called “The Celestial Hierarchy.”

In it Dionysius gives his definition of the word he created. “In my opinion a hierarchy is a sacred order, a state of understanding and an activity approximating as closely as possible to the divine.” “Hierus” means holy or sacred; and “arche” means a cause or principle.

God has created a sacred order by which he can reach us. It's like a golden chain reaching from heaven to earth. Down this ladder comes love, and returning up this ladder goes thanksgiving.

The purpose of a hierarchy is simple, says Dionysius. “The goal of a hierarchy, then, is to enable beings to be as like as possible to God and to be at one with him.” What does a hierarchy do? “Hierarchy causes its members to be images of God in all respects, to be clear and spotless mirrors reflecting ... God himself.”

A theologian named Yves Congar therefore defines hierarchy this way, “Spiritual powers tending to salvation.” Hierarchy is the power to bless and make sacred.

So when people ask me whether the Catholic Church is hierarchical, I usually answer “I hope so!” I hope the church has the power to bless and sanctify me. I don't think the church is just a religious Kiwanis Club.

The hierarchical ministry of priesthood is how God's sanctifying power flows to us.

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy provided this second column in a series on the priesthood during the Year for Priests.

SJRM C reminds community to follow CDC guidelines for H1N1 before seeking emergency room care

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRM C) reminds the entire community that those with flu-like symptoms should stay home and avoid contact with others, except to get medical care from their primary healthcare provider.

That is one of the main messages the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is conveying on its Web site, www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu, and SJRM C asks the community to adhere to this, and other CDC guidelines, to alleviate its overcrowded emergency room, due to H1N1 Flu concerns.

The CDC and SJRM C recommend you should not go to the

emergency room if you are only mildly ill.

“The Emergency Department should be utilized by the significantly ill,” said Dr. Steven Gable, SJRM C's vice president of Medical Quality Improvement. “If people are experiencing flu-like symptoms, but the symptoms are not severe, they should stay home, get plenty of rest, and drink lots of fluids. Coming to the ER in these situations would only spread the disease.”

Those who go to emergency rooms and are not sick with the flu are at risk of catching it from those who do have it, according to the CDC's Web site.

The CDC's Web site provides

a wide range of information regarding what to do if you get sick, as well as information for specific groups including schools www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools/, parents, pregnant women, and there is even an evaluation link www.flu.gov/evaluation, where users can evaluate their possible symptoms. The CDC can also be reached at (800) CDC-INFO.

SJRM C urges the entire community to consult primary healthcare providers or the CDC at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu or at (800) CDC-INFO before immediately deciding to use emergency rooms.

Signs of movement on immigration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After two years of essentially no change in the “on hold” status of immigration reform legislation, as well as eight years of increasingly restrictive federal policies toward immigration enforcement, signs of movement on both fronts are now coming fast and furiously.

President Barack Obama has repeatedly said he wants to begin consideration of a comprehensive immigration bill this fall, after healthcare legislation is finished.

As Congress neared votes on health care, progress was reported on drafting immigration legislation and supporters of comprehensive reform were rallying their forces and carefully laying the groundwork for the legislative battle to come.

Meanwhile, promised administrative reviews of some of the most harshly criticized aspects of federal immigration policies also were beginning to produce results that generally made advocates for

immigrants happy.

The same week, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano outlined an overhaul of the system for immigrant detention. The changes address many of the long-standing complaints about the treatment of detainees, most of whom have applied for asylum, are awaiting resolution of applications to stay in the U.S. or have pending deportation proceedings.

Among the changes she said she anticipates are housing people with no criminal records and no history of violence in more residential-like facilities, such as converted nursing homes or hotels, rather than in prisons and jails, where most are now kept. Others are likely to be released to their homes with ankle bracelets to monitor their whereabouts.

In late September, her agency announced it had moved the last of the families in detention out of the much-criticized T. Don Hutto Family Residential Facility in

THE WASHINGTON LETTER

PATRICIA ZAPOR

Taylor, Texas. Soon after the privately run medium-security prison was converted for use by families in 2006, Hutto became the subject of a lawsuit over conditions inside.

Though a settlement agreement resulted in improved living conditions, it retained its prison character, with parents and children sharing small cells in a strict institutional atmosphere. Napolitano announced in early August that families would be moved out of Hutto and the entire system of

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On being true to God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 10:35-45

The first reading for this weekend is from the Book of Isaiah, precisely from its third and last part.

Isaiah on several occasions describes, or refers to, a loyal and devoted servant of God who endures outrageous insults and severe misfortunes. Yet this servant never desponds, nor does he ever rebel against these unhappy events as they come to him.

Furthermore, through, and from, these sufferings, good prevails. It prevails in his own faithfulness. And, the glory of God shines through all that happens.

While these verses were written many years before Christ, pious Christians always have seen in them a prefiguration of their gentle Savior, the innocent lamb of God, sinless and merciful, good and perfect, but the victim of viciousness and of the indifference of so many.

As its second reading for this weekend, the church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Typically throughout Hebrews, the reading is strong in its Old Testament imagery, especially in the symbolism of the ancient rituals of the Jewish temple.

In A.D. 70, the Romans destroyed the temple, as a

reprisal after the Jews unsuccessfully attempted to revolt against Rome. The priests were killed or scattered. The old rituals came to an end. They have not yet been restored.

However, for the first two-thirds of the first century A.D., these ceremonies, in which priests, a high priest, sacrifices, and victims of sacrifices, figured, the rites of the temple were familiar to young and old, great and small, among the Jews.

Hebrews is more than a chronicle of Jewish custom and history. It sees Jesus as the great high priest. The sacrifice is the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. He is the victim. His sacrifice affects true reconciliation with God.

The reading also reminds us that Jesus, the son of God, also was human as are we. He never sinned. He was tempted, however. He loves us. He understands us.

St. Mark's Gospel supplies the last reading.

In this reading, two apostles approached Jesus. They are James and John, the sons of Zebedee. The forecasts by Jesus of the coming of a new kingdom to the world, namely the kingdom of God, have intrigued them. Yet they misunderstand the true meaning of the kingdom of God.

Presuming it has earthly properties, they want to have privileged places in this coming, glorious kingdom. They ask the Lord to give them these high places.

Jesus replies, reminding them that the path to the new kingdom will be neither swift nor smooth. To progress along this path, any disciple must identify with Christ in the fullness, abandoning self, self-interests and comfort to be like Jesus was, to sacrifice self, and indeed to give all of self in the sacrifice.

Reflection

The Lord came into the world as the Redeemer. His mission was to redeem, or rescue, humanity from its own plight, a plight created by willful sin and voluntary rejection of God.

Sin had disordered and weakened human nature. In many cases, sin reigned supreme in the world.

To follow Christ with sincerity means the determination to be true to God despite human weaknesses pointing the other way, and it means resisting sin and its effects throughout earthly life.

These readings call us to face all these realities. We live in a material world. As disciples, we look to the spirit. We live in a world in which sin is strong, and sinners are many. It is a world with little love, and with little justice.

So, we must swim upstream. It will be difficult, accomplished only with God's help. But, if we ask for it, God's help will come. We can, and will, succeed in our purpose to be with God in the great new kingdom of peace and life.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

Monday: Rom 4:20-25 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1-8 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a Ps

119:66,68,76-77,93,94 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 13:1-9

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

This quiz examines some S's.

- This was a biblical strongman who lost his heart to Delilah**
a. Simon b. Samson c. Simeon
- This was the desert in which the Israelites wandered for 40 years**
a. Sinai b. Sahara c. Sabat
- And this was the mountain where Moses got the Ten Commandments**
a. Sinai b. Sahara c. Sabat
- This included the Beatitudes**
a. the Sermon on the Mount
b. the second coming
c. the Seven Seals
- This refers to unlawful selling of church offices**
a. semantics
b. simony
c. Semi-Arianism
- This refers to a version of the Old Testament**
a. the Septuagint
b. the sealed version
c. the Salem Copy
- The Dead Sea is famous for salt and these artifacts**
a. shards
b. scrolls
c. swords
- This is a plural, referring to types of angels**
a. seraphim
b. saphim
c. saramim
- These men are often mentioned in association with Pharisees**
a. Sandehrim
b. Scribes
c. songsters
- Seba, mentioned in some versions of the Old Testament is probably associated with, or the same as, this country ruled by a Queen**
a. Sudan
b. Somalia
c. Sheba
- The wife of Abraham**
a. Saly
b. Sarah
c. Salome
- Another moniker for Paul**
a. Simon
b. Sephas
c. Saul
- A type of Jewish council which was opposed to Jesus' ministry**
a. the Senate
b. the Sanhedrin
c. the Sanctum
- This animal was not sacrificed but instead loaded up with sins and allowed to escape**
a. the scapegoat
b. the sacred dove
c. the stumbling block
- Simon Magus was a New Testament**
a. Roman convert to Christianity
b. magician and showman
c. martyr for the Christian cause

ANSWERS:

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

Is visiting a fertility clinic ethical?

Are infertile Catholics permitted to visit fertility clinics? Obviously Elizabeth and Zachary, in Luke's Gospel, would not have visited one. Oddly, some political leaders and followers favor the work of fertility clinics, yet adversely condemn the work of stem-cell research labs. Both industries perform embryonic abortion in achieving their goals. Fortunately, there are stem-cell research labs that profess not to use embryonic techniques. Finally, are Catholics permitted to buy publicly traded stock from open market fertility businesses? JG, Tucson, Ariz.

Good questions. Let's break them down a bit. Regarding the permissibility of Catholics with fertility problems visiting fertility clinics, the question leaves out the purpose for their visit. If it is to pursue an ethi-

cal treatment, this could be permitted under certain circumstances. If it is to pursue a treatment that is unethical, then it would not. Examples of unethical treatments would include in vitro fertilization, the donation, purchasing or selling of gametes, or the involvement of a surrogate mother. An example of an ethical treatment would be giving a woman who does not regularly ovulate various injections in order to achieve the normal ovulation of one egg. Unethical treatments replace or substitute for the marital act, whereas ethical treatments assist the marital act in achieving its end but do not replace it. A further consideration with regard to visiting a fertility clinic that does seriously unethical practices such as destroying or freezing human embryos, is the element of scandal in visiting such a place —

even if for an ethical procedure. For example, would we visit a clinic that regularly kills Downs syndrome children or freezes them for scientific exploitation? Very likely, the answer would be that we would not want our money going to such an establishment or giving others the impression that we do not consider these evil deeds an outrage. The same holds for fertility clinics involved in similar evils. With regard to stem-cell research, the most promising research to date does not involve embryonic stem cells. Those research labs that either kill the embryos or pay for the stem cells derived from killed embryos are, indeed, involved in evils as great as those in many fertility clinics. Finally, with regard to the permissibility of buying the publicly traded stock of fertility businesses,

it is very unlikely that it could be justified. Were the business one which mainly offered ethical services, then a stockholder could purchase a sufficient quantity of stock in order to try to have a positive influence on the company and curb its unethical practices. However, due to the fact that fertility businesses whose stock is publicly traded are mainly involved in unethical services, there would be

little to no prospect of changing the company. To purposely buy such stock in order to benefit from the money made by their evil actions would, obviously, be unethical. **Fred Everett**, co-director of the Office of Family Life, answered this week's question.

Irving Kristol, Catholic social ethicist?

Several years ago, after Irving Kristol had had a cancerous lung removed, Father Richard John Neuhaus visited him in the hospital. After they chatted briefly, Father Neuhaus, at the door on his way out, turned back toward the bed and said, "I'll pray for you, Irving." To which Irving Kristol replied, "Don't bring me to his attention!"

It was a typical Irving remark: wry, modest, indomitable. For those with ears to hear, there was also the undertone of an act of faith. For Irving, whose practice of Judaism was not strict, was nonetheless, as he might put it, "theotropic" — intuitively persuaded that the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (and, as some of us would remind him, Jesus) was indeed the Master of the universe to which his ancestors in the shtetls of eastern Europe had prayed.

Irving Kristol died on Sept. 18; it would be hard to find a man who, in our time, more vividly embodied the claim that ideas have consequences. Irving was not a conventional man of ideas, however, meaning an academic. During his tenure as editor of the *Public Interest*, which reshaped the domestic policy debate in America, Irving famously observed that the way to change the world was through small magazines and think-tanks: a bon mot of great comfort to those of us who published in small magazines and worked in think-tanks. In his case, though, it was indisputably true and had been since the 1950s, when he helped launch *Encounter*, the transatlantic journal of ideas that nourished a principled anti-communism in which both conservatives (which Irving was becoming in those days) and intellectuals of the left

(which he had been in his youth) could join ranks in the defense of freedom. The obituaries dutifully described Irving Kristol as a founding father of neo-conservatism, which was true enough. But that moniker — coined by an unreconstructed leftist, Michael Harrington, by the way — tends to obscure at least as much as it illuminates. In Irving's case, what it obscured was a combination of qualities rarely found in one man: common sense (which compelled his disentanglement from the Trotskyism of his college days); empirical rigor (which taught him to look, hard, at facts, like the fact that Great Society welfare programs were destroying the families they were supposed to help); good humor (which Irving sometimes found lacking in older styles of American conservatism, and which he supplied in ample measure); courage (to take on the settled liberal consensus among intellectual, journalistic and political tastemakers); and foresight (as in the creation of *Encounter* and the *Public Interest*). Irving Kristol lived the last two decades of his life in Washington, but he was New York Jewish to his chromosomes; so I trust I won't offend his memory if I suggest that these qualities were, in some sense, Catholic qualities. Despite what you will read in certain Catholic journals and blogs today, Catholic social doctrine is not about the infinite expansion of state power into every sphere of public life: education, social welfare, health care. One of the core principles of Catholic social doctrine is the principle of subsidiarity, according to which decision-making ought to be left at the lowest possible level in a



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social hierarchy, commensurate with the common good: you don't ask the local fire department to rout al-Qaeda out of Afghanistan; you don't ask the federal government to run the local schools or the local doctor's office (or at least you didn't, once upon a time). The *Public Interest*, which was chiefly responsible for brewing the ideas embodied in the welfare reform of the 1990s, was a journal in defense of subsidiarity and in opposition to what John Paul II called the "Social Assistance State." That, one suspects, is why Daniel Patrick Moynihan (who was Catholic New York the way Irving was Jewish New York) was one of its first paladins (before Pat veered off onto a political track defined by fear of the *New York Times* editorial board). And that's why it makes posthumous sense to remember Irving Kristol as a kind of Jewish Catholic social ethicist. I like to think he'd appreciate the title. **George Weigel** is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 18, 2009
Mark 10:35-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 29th Sunday, Cycle B: John and James' request. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JOHN	SONS	TEACHER
WE WANT	WE ASK OF YOU	DO NOT KNOW
DRINK THE CUP	BAPTISM	TO SIT
MY LEFT	NOT MINE	PREPARED
TEN	INDIGNANT	LORD IT OVER
AUTHORITY	SERVANT	BE FIRST
SLAVE	BE SERVED	RANSOM

SERVANTS

O B A P T I S M A N A N
I W O N K T O N O D L E
N D E R A P E R P O T M
D E V A L S T A R J N O
I V T O S O E D C V A S
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immigrant detention evaluated. Families detained at Hutto were either to be released with monitoring or moved to a more open type of residential setting, such as a family detention center in a former nursing home in Pennsylvania. On the legislative front, hearings began in the Senate and Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., scheduled for Oct. 13 an announcement of the principles that outline a comprehensive immigration reform bill he intends to introduce later this fall. Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, told the immigration subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee in a hearing Oct. 8 that the U.S. bishops are anxious for comprehensive reform

legislation to get moving, and also want changes in the refugee program and federal help to address the root causes of migration, such as underemployment in the "sending countries." The cardinal also urged the Senate to tackle head-on the uncivil tone that has recently characterized debate about immigration. "The U.S. bishops are very concerned with the tone on Capitol Hill toward immigrants, most recently in the healthcare reform debate," he said. "Such harsh rhetoric has been encouraged by talk radio and cable TV, for sure, but also has been used by public officials, including members of Congress." He said he hoped the coming debate would focus on the contributions of both documented and undocumented immigrants "and not scapegoat newcomers for unrelated economic or social challenges we face as a nation."

Sports

USF SENIOR HITTER DOUBLE TROUBLE WITH BACK-TO-BACK VOLLEYBALL HONORS For the second week in a row, University of Saint Francis volleyball middle blocker Shellie Rumschlag has been named Mid-Central College Conference player and hitter of the week. Rumschlag finished the week Sept. 28-Oct. 5 with her 10th double-double kills-digs in USF's last 11 matches. She also had 16 kills and 18 digs in USF's lone win in five matches at MCC rival Marian. The 6-foot-2 senior from Bishop Luers High School, had a .388 attack percentage, while averaging 3.89 kills per game. This was the fourth time during Rumschlag's four-year career that she has been selected MCC Player of the Week.

ICCL victory for Blazers marks playoff

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — The opener for the playoffs pitted the St. Matthew/St. Jude/Our Lady of Hungary Blazers, who owned a 25-0 victory in Week 2, against West Side Catholic Holy Family/St. Adalbert/Corpus Christi/St. John the Baptist Cougars.

The contest would be anything but a defensive showdown. The Cougars started the contest with a nice drive that was stalled when Dominique Sanders pounced on a fumble at the Blazers' 34-yard line. The first play scrimmage saw Sanders on his back after an 11-yard sack by the blitzing Cougars. The defensive jubilation would only last a second as Tyran Ottbridge took a handoff caught in the corner and was gone for a 75-yard touchdown run. His PAT attempt was blocked.

The Cougars would strike back quickly as tailback Garrett Lukens raced 43 yards into the end zone to even the score at six.

After both teams struggled on their next two possessions, the first play for the Blazers again saw Ottbridge break away from the pack for a 69-yard scamper making the margin, 12-6.

It looked as though the Cougars would answer back when quarterback Adam Gonzalez ran 37 yards to the Blazers' two, but after a procedure penalty, the Blazers' Brody Hawkins recovered a miscue at the

10. The Cougars defense would hold, and after a short punt, Lukens scampered 13 yards into the end zone knotting the score at 12 with still 3:33 left in the first quarter.

Starting at its own 47, the Blazer combination of Sanders to Ottbridge connected on a 35-yard touchdown completion making the score 18-12.

The combination of Sanders and Ottbridge would again prove too much for the Cougars as Ottbridge picked off a Gonzalez offering and with great down-field blocking by Sanders, pranced 90 yards for the score. The PAT was muffed making the score, 24-12, with 1:29 left in the half.

Just over a minute was all that was needed for Gonzalez to grab a tipped Tyler Beck pass and race 28 yards for a Cougar score. Ryan Jankowski plowed into the end zone for the PAT making the margin just five with the teams headed to the locker room.

The scoring would not stop in the final half. On the second play from scrimmage, Ottbridge took a flair pass from Sanders and sprinted 47 yards for another score. Ottbridge's kick found its mark and made the score, 32-19.

The Cougars didn't quit, starting at the 50 they worked their way methodically down the field and Lukens finished the job with a one-yard plunge to paydirt. Gonzalez's kick split the uprights now making the score, 32-27.

On the next possession, the Blazers all held their breath as quarterback Sanders lay on the field after another sack by the Cougar front five. That may have been the turning point in the contest, but two plays later, Sanders not only returned to the game but scrambled 38 yards for a touchdown. The kick was wide left making the score, 38-27.

There was no moss on the offense of the Cougars as just 19 seconds later Gonzalez scampered 37 yards for a touchdown and completed the transaction by kicking the successful PAT narrowing the margin to three.

The Blazers struck right back when after a big return from Sanders, the dynamic duo hooked up on a 29-yarder to Ottbridge.

Cougar ball could only mean one thing. Gonzalez again found the end zone and Jankowski added a PAT, making the old-fashioned shootout 44-42 with 5:08 left.

The next Blazer series had Max Ujdak recovering a bobbled snap. The Cougars had the ball with time running down trailing by a mere two points when on fourth and long, Sanders leaped high into the air and snared Gonzalez' last pass of the season completing the victory struggle for the Blazers.

"Staying together and fighting no matter what was happening on the field was our focus," exclaimed Sanders immediately after the game. "The big catch late by Tyran was huge."

Muddy fields mark beginning of CYO football playoff action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth League (CYO) football playoff action got underway in the crisp October chill at both Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers fields on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The defending champs, Holy Cross, advanced to the semi-finals by downing Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood (QA/PB), 24-0, on a muddy Bishop Luers field. Rylan Asher scored a pair of touchdowns while Lane Lewis added another for the Crusaders.

In their first-round game, the St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) Knights defeated St. John, Fort Wayne. Nic Morken busted through the guard center hole created by Matt Gigli and Cole Mulhern for an untouched 38-yard touchdown run to start things off. The extra point by Trey Casaburo was good and the Knights led, 8-0. The Knights carried on in the first half with scores from Quinton Gardner's 5-yard run and Casaburo's keeper around end to give JAT a 23-12 half-time lead.

The Knights' defense stepped up in the second half with huge efforts from Morken, Mike Reed and Braeden Thiele. Offensively, Gardner opened with a 60-yard TD run on the Knights' first play. The unstoppable Morken finished with five touchdowns for the day making the final score, 51-12.

JAT's offensive line coaches Jerry Niezer and Ryan Palmer once again applauded their young line's effort which includes: Caleb Moreno, Spencer Wampole, Drew Baehl, Gigli, Mulhern, Nick Miles and Thiele with help from Josh Yarde, Grant Detrick and Harrison

Martin.

Scoring for the Eagles came from Brandon Volmerding and Tyrell Johnson. Coach Jim Carroll gave special notice to his dynamic eighth-grade leaders comment-

ing, "This bunch did not win a championship like the classes before them, but they never quit and were all winners in my book."

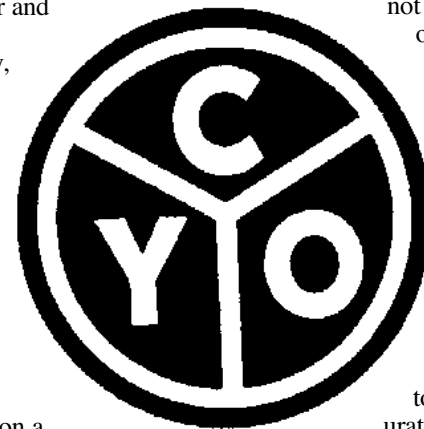
Field conditions at Bishop Dwenger were torn up and saturated as St.

Charles beat St. Jude, 14-8, in a hard-fought battle. Pat Henline's Eagles closed out their season with a touchdown from Gus Schrader in the final minute of the loss.

Finally, top-seeded St. Vincent continued their win streak downing St. John-New Haven, 32-6. Special teams were the order of the day for the Panthers as Kyle Hartzog ran back the opening kickoff for a touchdown and Michael Fiacable scored on a punt return. Other Panther scoring came from Ryan Watercutter catching a touchdown pass from Fiacable and Jordan Bly rushing for a touchdown. Stephen Colligan continued his outstanding kicking by successfully converting on all four PAT attempts.

Coach Corey Kitchen was especially pleased with the play of his offensive line (Jake Koehl, Gus Pelkington, Austin Hillman, Nick Palermo, Eddie Byrne and Chris Firestone) in the soggy conditions. "They did an outstanding job and seem to be coming together as a unit just at the right time of the season," concluded Kitchen.

Round two of the playoffs will be played at the University of Saint Francis on Sunday, Oct. 18, beginning at 1 p.m.



St. Joseph volleyball team undefeated

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel finished the regular season undefeated in Catholic Youth League (CYO) Blue League volleyball play with a win over St. Mary-St. Joe on Sunday, Oct. 11. Next weekend's games will all be "no count" towards the final league standings with the tournament scheduled to start the following week.

In his fourth season with the Squires, Coach Doug Schaadt is pleased with his team's performance headed into the post season. After a fourth-place league finish a year ago and placing runner-ups in the 2008 tournament, the mighty Squires have high hopes for 2009.

"Our girls play very well together," stated Schaadt.

With just seven players on his roster during the season, Schaadt relies heavily on the leadership of his three eighth graders. He feels the team strengths are passing and serving this season.

Lisa Palmer's St. Therese team took the Squires to three matches and were their closest game of the regular season. The Crusaders finished with a 3-2 record.



PROVIDED BY ST. JOSEPH-HESSEN CASSEL

Members of the St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel girls' volleyball team are in the down and ready position as the No. 1 seed going into the Blue League tournament.

Dwenger

OFFENSE

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
Center	63	Scott Campbell	5-10	260	12
Guard	78	Quinton Fortier	6-0	225	12
Guard	54	Mike Yoder	6-2	200	11
Tackle	69	Tony Springmann	6-7	240	11
Tackle	71	Tony Bobay	6-3	265	12
Tight End	11	Jon Adams	6-1	200	12
Split End	10	Joel Gerardot	5-9	170	12
Flanker	17	Landon Feichter	6-0	175	12
Fullback	37	Brad Freiburger	6-0	170	12
Tailback	20	Remound Wright	5-9	190	11
Quarterback	12	Wade Markley	6-5	195	12

DEFENSE

End	40	Nick McCarthy	5-11	195	11
Tackle	71	Tony Bobay	6-3	265	12
Tackle	63	Scott Campbell	5-10	260	12
End	69	Tony Springmann	6-7	240	11
Linebacker	37	Brad Freiburger	6-0	170	12
Linebacker	41	Isaac Evans	6-2	215	12
Linebacker	45	Tony Svarczkopf	5-11	185	12
Cornerback	17	Landon Feichter	6-0	175	12
Cornerback	20	Remound Wright	5-9	190	11
Strong Safety	23	Evan Feichter	5-11	160	10
Free Safety	84	Cameron Smith	6-0	170	11

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicker	19	Emerson Ueber	5-9	170	12
Punter	98	Adam Merriman	6-1	205	12
Kick Snapper	63	Scott Campbell	5-10	260	12
Holder	12	Wade Markley	6-5	195	12
Punt Snapper	45	Tony Svarczkopf	5-11	185	12

BISHOP DWENGER SAINTS

Class 4-A

Sectional 11

Recent Seasons 4-1

Coach Chris Svarczkopf

Eighth season

85-17 record overall

2009 season record (8-0)

Southside	W 42-19
Concordia	W 53-22
Northside	W 56-7
Northrop	W 56-6
Harding	W 40-12
Wayne	W 31-21
Elmhurst	W 56-0
Snider	W 10-0

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- Play the first half with your head
- Play the second half with your heart
 - Let everyone hear you play
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- Score more points
- Control the ball
- Limit big plays by the Saints
- Limit penalties and turnovers

BISHOP DWENGER STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING		
PLAYER	YARDS	TDS
Remound Wright	967	18
Wade Markley	162	4
Mike Udoh	128	1
PASSING		
PLAYER	COM/ATT	YDS/TDS
Wade Markley	50/87	948/11
Patrick Ryan	5/10	29/0
RECEIVING		
PLAYER	CATCHES	YDS/TDS
Landon Feichter	15	350/6
Joel Gerardot	10	174/0
Remound Wright	11	134/1

BISHOP LUERS STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING		
PLAYER	YARDS	TDS
Ken Mullen	539	12
Daniel Olivarez	272	2
PASSING		
PLAYER	COM/ATT	YDS/TDS
James Knapke	72/134	756/5
RECEIVING		
PLAYER	CATCHES	YDS/TDS
Ken Mullen	12	131/1
Steve Kiermaier	10	95/1

Luers

OFFENSE

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
R Back	1	Ken Mullen	5-10	190	11
Quarterback	3	James Knapke	6-2	185	10
W Receiver	6	Evan Stuerzenberger	5-10	165	12
W Receiver	15	Eric Sorg	6-3	180	11
R Back	23	Steve Kiermaier	6-2	200	11
Guard	52	Gabe Mendoza	6-0	220	11
Center	55	Tim Kawiecki	6-2	205	12
Guard	64	Austin Krouse	5-11	230	11
Tackle	65	Tyler Burns	6-0	236	12
Tackle	75	Mike Welling	6-0	215	12
W Receiver	85	Michael Rogers	6-1	192	9

DEFENSE

Safety	1	Ken Mullen	5-10	190	11
Cornerback	8	Deangelo Fincher	5-7	155	11
Safety	15	Eric Sorg	6-3	180	11
Strong safety	21	Quyuan Mattox	5-10	175	11
Linebacker	23	Steve Kiermaier	6-2	200	11
Linebacker	25	Jaylon Smith	6-2	188	9
Linemen	41	Courtney Mitchell	6-2	205	12
Linebacker	44	Joe Goodwin	6-1	210	12
Linemen	55	Tim Kawiecki	6-2	205	12
Linemen	14	Jordan Presley	6-0	195	11
Cornerback	5	Nick Chapel	5-10	160	11

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter	15	Eric Sorg	6-3	180	11
Kicker	34	Alex Stroncsek	6-2	170	11

BISHOP LUERS KNIGHTS

Class 2-A

Sectional 27

0-4 against the Saints

Coach Matt Lindsay

23rd season

195-94 record overall

2009 season record (4-4)

Snider	L 13-27
Northrop	W 47-0
Southside	L 25-50
Harding	W 14-8
Wayne	L 18-36
Concordia	L 35-42 OT
Northside	W 24-7
Elmhurst	W 46-13

'God Is Back' says more about us than it does God

REVIEWED BY YORK YOUNG

It's often said Americans love nothing more than a comeback. From sports teams that turn it around after years of losing (example, Tampa Bay Rays) to rehabilitated celebrities returning to stardom (example, Robert Downey Jr.), we embrace those who have returned from the bottom of the pile. Based on this premise, according to the title of a new book, God must be feeling the love.

"God Is Back" (Penguin Press, \$27.95) is a well-reported and up-to-date (through early 2009) book from two reporters from *The Economist* magazine — John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge — who traveled the world and detailed what they found to explain how religions across the globe are impacting society.

Although global in impact,

according to their thesis, the United States gets special attention here. From details about how megachurches, evangelicals and Catholics have influenced American culture, the authors take us on a worldwide tour that shows how much American religion has been exported to other countries, most notably South Korea, Nigeria and other African and South American countries.

They also provide a look at how recent politicians have used religious language and God talk to promote their agenda in a chapter titled "Bush, Blair, Obama and the God Gap." Anyone who attempts to keep up with news from around the world will see a lot of truth in what the authors present.

However, while attempting to be dispassionate, there are passages — and, ultimately, the conclusion — in which religion gets looked at askance. Especially by adopting the tired titles of conservatives and lib-

erals, with little room for nuances, identified groups get lumped into the stereotypes that the secular media just can't seem to avoid. As always, evangelicals and the Catholic hierarchy get lumped into the conservative camp, while mainline (this adjective should give you a clue of where the media is coming from) Protestantism and Jews are liberals.

To be fair, the factual impact through detailed figures and anecdotal evidence from their stories is fascinating reading, and there is much to learn here if the reader is interested in thinking about life for those outside their own neighborhood.

The real mystery here may be in the title.

Though some groups — for example, secularists and atheists — may have tried to minimize God's influence in people's lives, and no doubt much of the media ignores religion, the devotion and attention to God and religion has never really waned. In fact, a recent study showed that about 10 percent of Americans considered themselves unaffiliated religiously. But when followed up with a year later, most had joined another church. Only 2

percent of Americans say there is no God.

To welcome God back as if were on vacation, or relegated to the sidelines by an indifferent populace, seems slightly overstated. But, no matter how his creation — that is, us — responds over time, he and his grace have always been present.

The title says more about us than it does God.



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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Caring for Our Earth." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Oct. 23 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Cinderella play performed

Mishawaka — Marian High School will perform "Cinderella," Nov. 5-7, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 for those under 18 and seniors.

Notre Dame Glee Club to perform

Fort Wayne — The University of Notre Dame Glee Club will be in concert at St. Peter Catholic Church, 518 E. DeWald St., on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. Hear classic, contemporary and Notre Dame favorites in historical St. Peter's. The Bishop Luers Chamber Ensemble will open the concert with several selections. Free admission with a free-will offering. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Theology on Tap back in Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne — Campus Young Adult Ministry will be hosting Theology on Tap at Henry's Restaurant, 536 W. Main St., on Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. Father Tim

Wrozek will be the speaker. His topic will be "Q&A and the Theology of the Day." For more information contact Mike at mgibson@diocesefwsb.org.

Dinner dance and auction

Monroeville — St. Joseph School will hold a dinner, dance and auction on Friday, Nov. 6, from 6-11 p.m. at Quixote Hills Reception Hall in Hoagland. Social hour and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a live auction. Dance from 8:30-11 p.m. All proceeds go to the St. Joseph Home and School Association. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For tickets, call (260) 623-3447.

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Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Joseph Gaughan will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7:15 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

"Impact on Wellness" by Jane Avery at 6:30 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Non-perishable donations accepted.

FUNDRAISERS

Chili supper planned

Monroeville — St. Rose Parish will have a chili supper and children's carnival Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4-7:30 p.m. The carnival is in the school from 4-5:45 p.m.

Holiday craft Boo!zaar

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Parish will have a holiday craft Boo!zaar Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trick-or-treating for children, raffles, food and handcrafted items from over 70 crafters. Bring a food donation for St. Vincent de Paul and receive a free raffle entry. For information call (574) 612-2711.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner, Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 5-14 and children under 5 free.

40 Days for Life victory celebration

South Bend — Little Flower Parish will host a 40 Days for Life celebration Sunday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m. in the social hall, 54191 N. Ironwood Rd. Bring snacks or desserts to share. Speakers for the event are Stephen Ziembra, Indiana state deputy of the Knights of Columbus and Charles E. Rice, emeritus professor of Law of University of Notre Dame.

All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be the last Sunday of the month, Oct 25, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in MacDougal Chapel. The intention is for all families especially those with difficulties.

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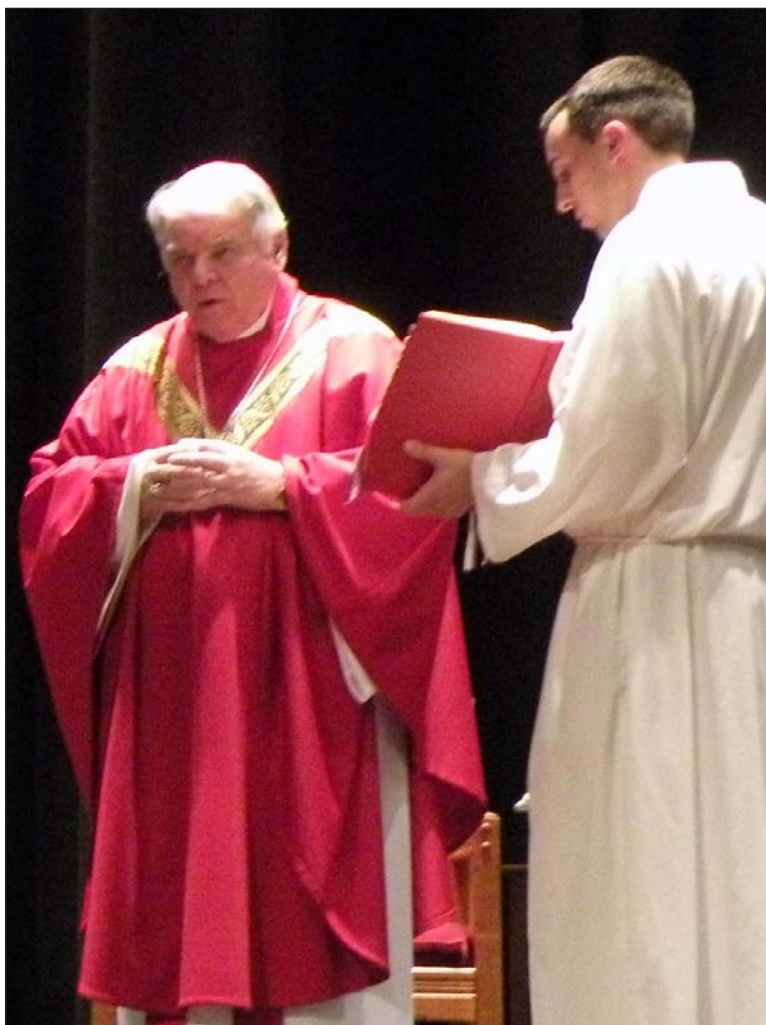


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Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrates Mass with the 1,000 junior high students who gathered Saturday for the diocesan Confirmation Rally organized by the diocesan offices of catechesis and youth ministry.

RALLY

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future confirmandi allow themselves to be lifted up, "when you go up in a balloon, it broadens your horizon," Farmer explained.

Bishop D'Arcy arrived for a brief question-answer session. He explained that his calling to the priesthood was established by his family. Bishop D'Arcy encouraged the young people to have a daily dialogue with God. "Look into yourself deeply," he said, "and find what God wants."

At Mass, Bishop D'Arcy explained the importance of confirmation and used the Sunday Gospel where Jesus tells the rich man to "sell what you have, give it to the poor and come follow me."

He recalled Pope John Paul II's first visit to the United States at the Boston Commons where he spoke with young people, students from the universities of Boston. The pope, Bishop D'Arcy recalled, told the young people not to escape through drugs, sex and money, but rather to follow Christ and the call to freedom.

Bishop D'Arcy said, "At Communion today, tell Christ 'I will follow you.'"

The bishop added this is the key to a joyful life — to stand with Jesus Christ every day.

He spoke of St. Thomas More who refused to take an oath to the king of England and died for

his faith. He spoke of Mother Teresa of Calcutta who helped others understand that Jesus thirsts for every person and wants to be their companion. Mother Teresa took this message to the poorest city in the world. He spoke, also, of Father Damien of Molokai, canonized to sainthood in the Catholic Church on Oct. 11 in Rome. Father Damien worked with patients suffering with leprosy.

"Two men and one woman who gave Jesus Christ everything," Bishop D'Arcy noted, and he then explained, too, that everyone is called to hear Jesus Christ say, "Come and follow me."

Those preparing for confirmation found the day uplifting.

Kaitlyn Andorfer, an eighth-grade student at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Fort Wayne, found the prayer time helpful. "When (we) prayed, it helped me to focus on my faith and what I need to prepare for confirmation."

Classmate Gracie Vandegriff told *Today's Catholic*, "It helped me because everybody's story is kind of like mine and you have to grow with Christ."

As for favorite activities of the day, Andorfer liked meeting new people and prayer.

Vandegriff said, "My favorite thing is the music because it all was upbeat, but still had to do with Jesus."

Samantha Kelty of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, enjoyed the comedy of APeX Ministries and how they got the students involved in the skits.

Pope canonizes Father Damien, four others as models of Christian love

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling them "shining examples" of Christian love, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed five new saints, including Father Damien de Veuster, the 19th-century Belgian missionary who ministered to people with leprosy in Hawaii before dying of the disease.

At a Mass Oct. 11, overflowing with pilgrims from around the world, the pope also canonized Sister Jeanne Jugan, a French nun whose Little Sisters of the Poor continue to assist the elderly in the United States and more than 30 other countries.

After brief biographies of the five were read aloud, the pope pronounced a solemn decree of can-



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A tapestry showing St. Damien de Veuster hangs from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 11.



Women in Asian-Pacific attire watch as Pope Benedict XVI leads the Angelus prayer following a canonization ceremony at the Vatican.

onization and proclaimed them models of holiness for the whole church. Relics of the new saints were placed on the altar as St. Peter's Basilica was filled with a sung "Alleluia."

In his homily, the pope said the newly canonized had typified the Christian vocation of radical conversion and self-sacrifice made "with no thought of human calculation and advantage."

"Their perfection, in the logic of the faith that is sometimes humanly incomprehensible, consists in no longer placing themselves at the center, but in choosing to go against the current by living according to the Gospel," he said.

Thousands of U.S. pilgrims came to Rome for the canonization, including a delegation of leprosy patients and their caregivers from Hawaii, where St. Damien worked and died, and residents from homes for the aged run by Little Sisters of the Poor across the United States.

The basilica was filled beyond capacity, and an estimated 40,000 people watched the liturgy on giant TV screens in St. Peter's Square. The Mass was moved inside at the last minute because of a threat of rain, but blue skies and sunshine prevailed throughout the liturgy.

St. Damien, a member of the

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, worked on the island of Hawaii for eight years before volunteering in 1873 to work at a leprosy colony on Molokai, where he served as pastor, doctor and counselor to some 800 patients. In 1884 he contracted leprosy but, refusing to leave the island for treatment, continued to work until the month before his death at age 49 in 1889.

The pope said St. Damien "felt at home" as "a leper with the lepers" during the final years of his life.

"He invites us to open our eyes toward the 'leprosy' that disfigure the humanity of our brothers and sisters and that today still call, more than for our generosity, for the charity of our serving presence," he said.

The procession to place St. Damien's relics on the altar included Hawaii resident Audrey Toguchi, 81, whose cure from cancer was attributed to the miraculous intercession of St. Damien, as well as her doctor and a leprosy patient from Hawaii.

St. Damien has been considered an intercessor for patients with leprosy and, more recently, HIV and AIDS. The Vatican's liturgical program for the canonization described St. Damien as a voice for "rejected people of all kinds:

the incurably ill (victims of AIDS or other diseases), abandoned children, disoriented youths, exploited women, neglected elderly people and oppressed minorities."

In his homily, the pope said that in view of her service to the elderly, St. Jeanne Jugan was "a beacon" for modern societies, which "have still to rediscover the unique place and contribution of this period of life." She was so effective with the aged because she recognized in them the person of Christ, he said.

"Her charism is still relevant, because so many older people suffer from fears and solitude, having sometimes been abandoned even by their families," he said.

Born in northern France in 1792, St. Jeanne formed a small prayer community and, in 1839, brought home a sick and blind elderly widow, giving the woman her own bed. Caring for the abandoned elderly became the primary focus of her religious order, and remains so today for the approximately 2,700 Little Sisters of the Poor.

The pope noted that St. Jeanne had herself accepted "obscurity and deprivation" in her later years, a reference to the fact that she was removed as superior of her religious order and sent out to beg on behalf of the poor. She died in 1879. Today the Little Sisters serve more than 13,000 elderly residents in 202 homes around the world.

The other new saints included a Pole and two Spaniards:

- St. Zygmunt Felinski, a former archbishop of Warsaw, Poland, and founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Family of Mary. Born in 1822 near Volinia, which today is in Ukraine, he was deported to Russia and, after being freed, worked among the poor farmers of Ukraine and Poland, founding schools for rural children. He died in 1895, and today the church sees him as an intercessor for all who are persecuted.

- St. Francisco Coll Guitart, a Spanish Dominican priest who founded the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the 19th century. He was famed for his evangelical preaching, aimed especially at Catholics who had lapsed from the practice of the faith. He made great use of the rosary, initiating the "perpetual rosary" in parts of Spain, in which thousands of people took part. His popular missions continued until his death in 1875 at the age of 62.

- St. Rafael Arnaiz Baron, a 20th-century Spanish Trappist brother known for his humility and life of prayer. As a student of architecture in the 1930s, he suddenly broke off his training to enter the contemplative life. Soon after he was stricken with a serious form of diabetes. He died in 1938 at age 27, and his prayerful devotion and his spiritual writings led people to describe him as a great mystic.