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Chapel rededicated to honor St. Mother Theodore Guérin

BY TIM JOHNSON



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy prays at the altar during the rededication of the MacDougal Chapel in honor of St. Mother Theodore Guérin on Friday, Oct. 16. The chapel has been renovated.

FORT WAYNE — It was an anticipated day of rededication. Bishop John M. D'Arcy rededicated the MacDougal Chapel in honor of St. Mother Theodore Guérin on Oct. 16. Joined in the celebration of Mass by Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception rector Father Robert Schulte and assisted by Deacon Fernando Jimenez, who will be ordained Saturday, Oct. 31, to the priesthood, Bishop D'Arcy spoke in his homily about living stones and the offering of oneself.

"We consecrate marble and wood in order that our hearts be consecrated. ... The whole idea that the holy Eucharist is making present the Lord's sacrifice that all those present will become a living sacrifice," Bishop D'Arcy said. "The whole idea of holy Communion points towards the offering of oneself to God as Jesus Christ offered himself, which means seeking his will and doing it."

In this Year for Priests, Bishop D'Arcy spoke of St. John Vianney, patron of priests, that "every time he offered Mass, he offered his whole self to God." He encouraged priests and the faithful to offer themselves to God and to do his will.

Bishop D'Arcy noted the purpose of the chapel was tell God "I give you everything I have — myself."

The chapel was originally built with the intention that the Blessed Sacrament would be exposed 24 hours a day. Adoration, after Friday Masses, is still an active part of the chapel.

"Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament is

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER DALE A. BAUMAN

Growing up in Decatur, as a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Dale Bauman was the oldest

in a family of five boys and one girl. It was a family in which the children observed in their parents, great respect for the parish priests and the teaching sisters at St. Joseph School.

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Ordination is coming Oct. 31

Two men to be ordained to priesthood at Fort Wayne Cathedral

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D'Arcy will ordain Deacons Fernando Jimenez and Jacob Runyon to the priesthood on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Both men studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and were ordained to the diaconate there — the final step toward becoming a priest — on April 27, 2008.

Born in Guanajuato, Mexico, Deacon Jimenez is the oldest of five children of Fernando and Florinda Jimenez. He spent four years in seminary in Mexico before his family moved to Fort Wayne and joined St. Patrick Parish. Deacon Jimenez became an American citizen in 2008.

He studied for the priesthood for two years at St. John Seminary in Brighton, Mass., and two years at Immaculate Heart of

Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in May 2005 and completed his studies at Josephinum this past May with a master's degree in theology.

Deacon Runyon is the oldest of 11 children of Mary and Terry Runyon, of New Haven. The family attends St. Louis Besancon Parish. Deacon Runyon graduated from Heritage High School, Monroeville, in 1996. Before he began his studies for the priesthood in 2001, he worked at Tippmann Industries and for Wendy's Restaurant.

Deacon Runyon spent two years at St. John Seminary, Brighton, Mass., and graduated from Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minn., in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He completed his studies at Josephinum this past May with a master's degree in theology.

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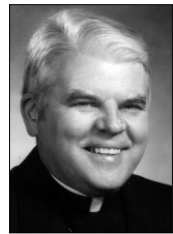
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The whole Christ comes to us when we receive Communion



NEWS
& NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

About holy Communion: Some history

The first time I drank from the chalice and received the most precious blood of the Lord was on Feb. 3, 1957, at the Chapel at St. Clement's Hall, which was then the college seminary, or more accurately, Philosophy House, where I had served one year as deacon prefect. I was ordained a priest the previous day.

That is not a mistake. In the old ritual, all of us who were ordained the previous day at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross celebrated; that is, we recited the words of the Eucharistic Prayer with the Cardinal Archbishop Richard Cushing, who had ordained us. It was the only relic of the ancient rite of concelebration. But even on that day, we did not receive from the cup. It was always clear, and it should remain clear, during this interim period that when we received under the species of bread, we received the fullness of Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity. The liturgical renewal was ongoing. In my parish of St. Mary's, Beverly, we had a dialogue Mass (in Latin, of course) every Saturday morning. How encouraging to hear the people make the simple Latin responses. Liturgical Weeks were held all over the country, very much influenced by the great monasteries of Europe. But it was only from the Second Vatican Council that the renewal of the church's liturgy truly took root. The central document was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: "Sacrosanctum Concilium." This document still lights our path. Buried deep in that document, we read that "Communion under both kinds may be granted when the bishops think 'fit' and a few instances are enumerated: to the newly ordained at the Mass of their ordination; to the newly professed at their religious profession; to the newly baptized at the Mass, which follows their baptism." So only in a few cases. Seven years later, on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 1970, the church expanded the faculty through which people could receive holy Communion under both kinds. Once again we read, that the church, "leaves intact the dogmatic principals recognized in the Council of Trent, by which it is taught that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament are also received under one species alone." But here again, the times when one could receive under two species remained quite limited. Another document in 1980 made clear

that bishops were not to extend the reception under two kinds beyond what was laid down by the Holy See.

I can recall in my early days as a bishop that the decision was made by the bishops in this country about expanding three exceptions under two kinds. Later, as I recall, it was realized that we had gone beyond our jurisdiction and Pope John Paul II, in kindness, gave a special indult, which approved what had been incorrectly expanded. That is now the situation in this diocese and in this country. I am sure with the recent suspension, which was done for reasons of health, many people may be tempted to believe that something is missing; but nothing of the substance of the sacrament is missing.

An opportunity

I think that this moment gives to us, priests and bishop and deacons and catechists, an opportunity to open our hearts more fully in faith, so we can accept with more ardor and intensity the truth that holy Communion is, indeed, a full participation in the sacrifice of Christ, and in his death and resurrection, and that every holy Communion is not only a call to intimacy, but that intimacy is granted as a gift.

Above all,
let us make the reception
of holy Communion
an act of love.

Another reminder

I recall the first visit of Pope John Paul II when all the bishops met with him in Chicago. He commended us on the large numbers coming to holy Communion. He wondered and hoped that we were not losing a sense of the majesty of the One whom we are receiving. This is the responsibility we all have. Let us use this interim when we receive under one species, for the renewal of our faith and of our acceptance, that indeed, it is the whole Christ who comes to us when we receive holy Communion. We have not lost anything. True, a beautiful sign; namely, the drinking from the cup, has been taken from us for the good of the whole community. Above all, let us make the reception of holy Communion an act of love. And when the second part of the sign, the drinking of the cup is restored to us, let us accept it with humility and as a gift and let us accept that only the church alone has the authority to regulate these things.

A joyous moment

What can be said, except a prayer of joyful thanksgiving for two young men, in the fullness of youth, offering themselves to Christ as priests. They are ordained, not for themselves, but for others, for all of us.

Deacon Jake is a member of the famed Tippmann clan. The oldest of 11, he saw the first glimmer of priesthood at the age of 15, when he was with Pope John Paul II for World Youth Day in Denver. He was also influenced by a youth program at St. Patrick's Parish under Father Glenn Kohrman, and while accompanying a relative to RCIA at the same parish.

Deacon Fernando comes to us from Mexico, but has lived many years at St. Patrick's Parish. Like Deacon Jake, he is influenced by a strong religious family.

Both are fluent in Spanish — Fernando from his family, and Jake from a summer in Mexico. Please pray for them.

St. Vincent, Elkhart

What a joyful Sunday at the mother parish of Elkhart. This parish has 300 baptisms and over 200 for first holy Communion. Putting the two weekend days together, Saturday and Sunday, there are eight Masses. The church was packed for the 11:30 a.m. Mass, and I was very impressed with the singing — both the large choir and the congregation. The enthusiasm of the people and their appreciation of Father Glenn Kohrman and Father Kevin Bauman, both fluent in two languages, was evident. In fact, the Mass included hymns in English, Latin, Spanish and even Greek with the Kyrie. Father Glenn was officially installed as pastor. First in English, and later in Spanish. The evident joy of the two priests and of the congregation was everywhere. Some of Father

Glenn's family came all the way from Fort Wayne. Elkhart is a great industrial town, so many of the people we met at the reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall were out of work or family members were unemployed. This community is hurting. Let us keep them in our prayers.

In younger days, I would go to three or four football games a year

Saturday was the first one and it was exciting and I thought the Irish played very well and almost pulled it off. I have to admit, despite a beautiful sunny day, it was pretty exhausting. Hopefully, a better result this weekend against the Boston College Eagles, but it will not be easy.

See you all next week.

Pope appoints Indiana pastor to head Diocese of Cheyenne

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Father Paul D. Etienne, a pastor in the Indianapolis Archdiocese, as the new bishop of Cheyenne, Wyo.

The appointment was announced Oct. 19 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-designate Etienne, 50, succeeds Bishop David L. Ricken, who was named the bishop of Green Bay, Wis., in July 2008.

In an Oct. 19 statement, Bishop Ricken said, "While I have never met Father Etienne, his biography seems to have prepared him well for service as the eighth bishop of Cheyenne. I want him to know that he is coming to a diocese with good and faithful people, priests, deacons and religious, and a beautifully scenic and vast territory."

Bishop-designate Etienne's episcopal ordination will take place in early December, according to an announcement by the Cheyenne Diocese, although no exact date was given.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis said it was an honor for the priests of the archdiocese to have one of their own named a bishop.



CNS PHOTO/DANNY BOLIN, COURTESY DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE

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"All the clergy and faithful of the archdiocese of Indianapolis are proud of Father Etienne," he said in a statement. He added that the

bishop-designate and "all of the people of the Diocese of Cheyenne have our prayers. We are grateful for all that he has done for our archdiocese and we'll miss him."

Born June 15, 1959, and one of six children, Bishop-designate Etienne has two brothers, Bernard and Zachary, who are priests for the Diocese of Evansville. One of his two sisters, Nicolette, is a Benedictine sister at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

In an interview earlier this year in *The Criterion*, the Indianapolis archdiocesan newspaper, Bishop-designate Etienne said he believes his parents' strong faith nurtured his and his siblings' vocations.

"I think it has told me volumes about the importance of healthy, loving family life," he said. "Because it was out of that environment of that home that all of us discovered God's love for us, and discovered our parents' love for us, and discovered who we are as a person, and developed a self-esteem and courage to be ourselves and know that we were accepted and loved."

Bishop-designate Etienne was ordained a priest June 27, 1992, for the Archdiocese of

Indianapolis. His first appointment was as associate pastor at St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis and associate vocation director for the archdiocese. In 1994-95 he attended the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, receiving his licentiate in spiritual theology.

Upon his return home, Bishop-designate Etienne again served as vocation director, for the Indianapolis Archdiocese, until 1998; was pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, New Albany, 1998-2007; and vice rector of Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis, 2007-09.

He was pastor of St. Paul Parish in Tell City at the time of his episcopal appointment.

A graduate of Tell City High School, he managed a clothing store there before going to college.

He attended Bellarmine College in Louisville, Ky., and received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1986 from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He also attended the university's St. John Vianney College Seminary.

From 1988 to 1992 he attended

the Pontifical North American College in Rome and received a bachelor's degree in sacred theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University there.

In 1986 and '87 Bishop-designate Etienne served with the U.S. bishops' conference as assistant coordinator for papal visits in preparation for Pope John Paul II's September 1987 trip to the United States.

In a joint statement issued Oct. 19, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput and Auxiliary Bishop James D. Conley, both of Denver, welcomed Bishop-designate Etienne to the region.

"It is a blend of great people and great beauty, great distances and huge potential," they said, adding that the bishop-designate's "youth and energy" will "serve the Catholic community here in the Rocky Mountain West extraordinarily well."

Established in 1887, the Diocese of Cheyenne is home to more than 53,000 Catholics. It has 36 parishes and 36 missions. There are 52 active priests, 17 retired priests, 22 deacons and 15 sisters.

Marriage not just a private matter, bishops say in proposed pastoral

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Hoping to reverse what they call "a disturbing trend" toward viewing marriage as "a mostly private matter" with personal satisfaction as its only goal, the U.S. Catholic bishops will debate and vote on a 57-page pastoral letter on marriage at their Nov. 16-19 meeting in Baltimore.

The letter, called "Marriage: Life and Love in the Divine Plan," is another component in the bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, which began in November 2004.

"The vision of married life and love that we have presented in this pastoral letter is meant to be a foundation and reference point for the many works of evangelization, catechesis, pastoral care, education and advocacy carried on in our dioceses, parishes, schools, agencies, movements and programs," says the document's closing section, called a "commitment to ministry."

The letter cites four "fundamental challenges to the nature and purpose of marriage" — contraception, same-sex unions, easy divorce and cohabitation.

Calling both contraception and cohabitation "intrinsically evil," the bishops say that although couples who use contraception "may think that they are doing nothing harmful to their marriages," they are in reality caus-

ing many negative consequences, both personal and societal.

"The union of male and female is reduced to a means of gratifying whatever one desires, and so conjugal love is diminished," the letter says. "The procreative capacity of male and female is dehumanized, reduced to a kind of internal biological technology that one masters and controls just like any other technology."

The document encourages the use of natural family planning, which the bishops say promotes "an attitude of respect and wonder ... and fosters the true intimacy that only such respect can bring."

The bishops, who also were to consider a separate document on reproductive technologies during their fall general assembly, say technology such as in vitro fertilization and cloning can degrade human life by making it "something produced or manufactured in various ways."

"Children begin to seem less and less as gifts received in a personal communion of self-giving, and increasingly as a lifestyle choice, a commodity to which all consumers are entitled," the draft says.

Children can be similarly harmed by cohabitation and divorce, the bishops say, citing "the findings of the social sciences ... that the best environment for raising children is a stable home provided by the marriage of their parents."

"Marriage is not merely a private institution," the letter adds. "It

is the foundation for the family, where children learn the values and virtues that will make good Christians as well as good citizens."

The bishops acknowledge that divorce "may be the only solution to a morally unacceptable situation," such as when "the safety of a spouse and children is at risk," and pledge their support and assistance to those in such situations.

They encourage "those for whom divorce seemed the only recourse" to make frequent use of the sacraments, especially penance and the Eucharist. Even Catholics who have remarried civilly after a divorce should "participate in parish life and attend the Sunday Eucharist, even though they cannot ordinarily receive holy Communion," they say.

The moves to legally recognize same-sex unions pose "a multifaceted threat to the very fabric of society, striking at the source from which society and culture come and which they are meant to serve," the bishops say.

"Such recognition affects all people, married and nonmarried: not only at the fundamental levels of the good of the spouses, the good of children, the intrinsic dignity of every human person and the common good, but also at the levels of education, cultural imagination and influence, and religious freedom," they add.

Some of the strongest statements in the document are directed against those who live together without marriage.

ONE-DAY SPANISH ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE HELD



MARK WEBER

The Diocesan Spanish Engagement team presented a one-day Engagement Conference at St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne on Saturday, Oct. 10. Host couples, top, Carlos and Gabriela Gomez of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, and Margarita and Ruben Rodriguez of St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, led attending couples in an intensive and interesting look ahead at life in a sacramental marriage and their role involving church, children and society. The Spanish Engagement Conference conducts five meetings a year (three in South Bend and two in Fort Wayne) with the next one in Fort Wayne on Oct. 31. For information, call the South Bend chancery at (574) 234-0687 or Margarita Rodriguez at (574) 282-1986.

Father Kohrman installed at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart

BY DENISE FEDOROW

ELKHART — Bishop John D'Arcy celebrated Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elkhart on Sunday, Oct. 18, and installed their new pastor, Father Glenn Kohrman.

The bishop told parishioners, "It's always a great joy to be at St. Vincent's — the mother parish of Elkhart. I recognize its great history and that the parish always welcomed immigrants and those in need. This parish has always held a special place in my heart."

He told the congregation how special it was in this Year for Priests that the Lord gave the parish two distinguished priests — one who is an engineering graduate of Purdue and the other a former professor of modern language at Notre Dame.

"St. Vincent's is being well taken care of by the bishop and the good Lord. You and they together will create a revitalized



PHOTOS BY DENISE FEDOROW.
Bishop John D'Arcy, Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, and Father Kevin Bauman, associate pastor prepare to celebrate Mass.

join them. "But not just more priests, more good priests."

Bishop D'Arcy asked members of the staff, parish council, finance council and school staff to stand and he presented them to Father Kohrman, saying that they would give him advice, assistance and help with the parish.

In return, Father Kohrman pledged to accept that help. "Brothers and sisters in Christ, I pledge to seek your counsel in the pastoral care of the parish," he said.

Father Kohrman repeated the vows he made at his ordination. At the end of the Mass Father Kohrman expressed his appreciation.

"I thank the bishop for trusting me with the job; I'll try to be a good steward. Thanks to Father Kevin Bauman, the choir director, the schoolchildren's choir and to all of you for being here today."

The bishop also expressed his thanks to the choir and also "the congregation for singing so well and joyfully in English, Spanish, Latin and even Greek!"

A reception was held in the Knights of Columbus hall following the Mass.

spiritual growth for the parish," the bishop said.

During the homily the bishop encouraged parishioners to pray for the priests and pray that more

Brother Mungovan professes final vows

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Brother James Patrick Mungovan, 45, professed his final vows as a Capuchin Franciscan at St. Augustine Catholic Church on Aug. 22.

He is the youngest of eight children born to Tom and Marilyn Mungovan, Fort Wayne.

Brother Mungovan is a graduate of St. Henry Elementary School and Bishop Luers High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University-



BROTHER JAMES PATRICK MUNGOVAN

Purdue University in Fort Wayne and recently earned a master's degree in theology from Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C.

After college, Brother Mungovan worked for several years for State Farm Insurance before volunteering in Papua New Guinea from 1997-99. He currently resides at St. Francis Friary in Washington, D.C.

Later this year Brother Mungovan will return to Papua New Guinea where he will be administrator of St. Fideli Minor Seminary in Madang Province for the next three years.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston is also a Capuchin Franciscan and attended Brother Mungovan's final vows ceremony in Pittsburgh.

We are pleased to share the joy
of the friends and families of our two new priests,
Father Jake Runyon
and
Father Fernando Jimenez

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like a continuation of the Mass," Bishop D'Arcy noted. "He is present and so we continue to offer ourselves, for our families and our children and to do his will."

St. Mother Theodore Guérin is considered as the patroness of Catholic schools for the diocese and the founder of the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She provided sisters for the first Catholic school in Fort Wayne, St. Augustine Academy, located on cathedral square where the chancery is located. A statue in honor of Mother Theodore will be dedicated on the cathedral square within a month, Bishop D'Arcy told the congregation.

He spoke of Mother Theodore's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Mother Theodore and her sisters spent days in silence until they knelt in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop D'Arcy spoke of St. Hedwig, whose feast day is Oct. 16. She was a queen, a spouse, a mother before becoming a religious who was devoted to the poor.

He also spoke of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, whose feast day is also Oct. 16, who promoted the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her experience of Jesus was that of a merciful, forgiving love—a love that was divine, but also human.

"Every one of us is called to a kind of sanctity like those three women, especially in giving ourselves to God," Bishop D'Arcy said.

"May we every day at Mass, every day at prayer, offer ourselves to God. Then we become living stones."

The chapel that love built

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — More than a half century after its dedication, few who enter MacDougal Chapel on Cathedral Square in Fort Wayne, are aware that the chapel exists because of respect and love that a brother had for his sister.

Michael and Catherine MacDougal grew up in the cathedral parish and attended Cathedral Grade School. Catherine attended St. Augustine's Academy and Michael attended Central Catholic High School for boys. Michael



MARK WEBER

Father Robert Schulte stands at the door to the new elevator at MacDougal Chapel.

became vice president and director of Peoples Trust and Saving Bank. Neither one ever married and they lived with one another until Catherine's death in 1926.

Michael died in 1945. In his will he left a bequest of \$195,000 to build an adoration chapel in memory of his sister Catherine.

Appropriately, the building is called the MacDougal Chapel. However in January, 1951, it was dedicated by Bishop Noll as the Blessed Sacrament Chapel because all artwork and symbols, in glass, metal or stone refer to the life of Christ and his ultimate institution of the Blessed Sacrament. In one window there is a cock, representing Peter's denial of Christ; and in another, Peter holds the golden key of absolution.

Snakes, eagles, fish, a windmill, battle axes and a butterfly representing resurrection are all found in stained glass to represent events of the Gospel.

In the past year, MacDougal Chapel has experienced a major makeover. Outdoors, an extra drop-off lane leaves passengers out at the bottom of a convenient handicap ramp leading to the front entrance, where electronically controlled doors open at the push of a button. Among the bricks of this ramp are 178 memorial bricks bearing the names of loved ones and donors who contributed to the chapel renovation.

In lieu of the ramp, visitors can use a ground level entrance and an elevator to get to the chapel level. New pews with padding, a new tile floor and new lighting all reveal and enhance the subdued but rich combination of color found in the marble, glass and furniture of the interior. The sanctuary has had some subtle changes allowing more space for the celebrants. A new marble ambo and curved seating for additional celebrants have also been added.

YEAR of our PRIESTS

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Looking back, Father Dale believes that favorable example set by his parents and other family members is one of the factors that led him to the priesthood.

Father Dale's mother still lives in the family home in Decatur, and on his days off in the warm months, he enjoys assisting her with her many flower beds. Together, they tend a variety of roses, mum flowers, canis, marigolds, zinnias and St. John's yellow blossoms, just to name a few. To Father Dale, this is not "yard work" but an opportunity to get exercise while observing each spring, the renewal and marvel of creation.

Another form of bloom and growth enjoyed by Father Dale is seeing the gift of faith come to life in another person. "It is such a joy to see it all fall in place," he says,

"and to share the happiness of faith-filled hearts discovering the Lord Jesus."

In his spare time in the cold wintry months, Father Dale returns to the basement of the family home where he tinkers with Lionel model train sets and recalls the many hours of this hobby spent with his father when he was alive as well as with his brothers and nephews.

The recent canonization of St. Damien of Molokai had profound meaning for Father Dale. For years, Father Dale had admired this priest who by choice lived in isolation among the lepers in Hawaii so that he could bring Christ in their midst.

A few years ago, Father Dale made a pilgrimage to Hawaii and was able to offer holy Mass at the same altar used by Father Damien and to pray at the saint's grave site just beyond the church wall.

An aspect of Father Dale's priestly vocation concerns a chalice which has a unique connection to his home parish in Decatur. It is a chalice used only by priest sons

of the parish. The chalice was commissioned by a pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption, Father Julius A. Seimetz, and in fact, remains his property. The inscription on the chalice reads: "This chalice and paten belongs to Rev. Julius A. Seimetz, 1914-1932. It has been used by: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Seimetz, 1933-1959, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon M. Schmitt, 1959-1981, Rev. Dale A. Bauman, 1981-"

At the time of Father Dale's death, his final date will be engraved on the chalice which will not be used again until it comes into the hands of another son of the parish. (The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Seimetz was a nephew of Rev. Julius Seimetz.)

Of all the tasks and challenges that Father Dale sees facing the church today is the teaching of the faith. To him, it is like gardening or working on a model train set ... a task that is never rushed nor completed. One continues to see the possibilities of what could be and does the best with the resources at hand.

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USCCB officials say problems remain in committee-passed health bill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Echoing an earlier letter to members of Congress from three bishops, officials of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops expressed disappointment Oct. 14 that the Senate Finance Committee passed its version of health reform legislation without resolving problems related to abortion funding, conscience rights, affordability and legal immigrants. The health reform plan proposed by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., called America's Healthy Future Act of 2009, passed the Finance Committee Oct. 13 in a 14-9 vote, becoming the fifth version to be approved by a congressional committee this year. The USCCB officials repeated the bishops' statement in an Oct. 8 letter that they would be forced to oppose the final health care reform bill if it does not resolve problems in several key areas. Specifically, they all said the final plan must include policies against abortion funding and in support of conscience rights; make health care "affordable and available to the poor and vulnerable"; and meet the needs of legal immigrants and their families.

Promoting right to life requires fighting world hunger, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Defending the right to life requires promoting and establishing food security, Pope Benedict XVI said. The current economic crisis has hit agriculture particularly hard, and governments and the world community must "make determined and effective choices" in investing in agriculture in the developing world, he said. His comments came in a written message Oct. 16, World Food Day. The text was addressed to Jacques Diouf, director-general of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. According to the FAO, more than 1 billion people are undernourished and one child dies every six seconds because of malnutrition. Those numbers have been on the rise because of soaring food prices, the global economic meltdown and a decline in aid and investment in agriculture, the U.N. agency said in a written report Oct. 14. The pope said combating hunger by guaranteeing that everyone has access to a sufficient and healthy food supply would be "a tangible manifestation of the right to life, which, even though it is solemnly proclaimed, remains too often far from its full realization."

Bishops, auxiliary named for Duluth, Pueblo and Providence

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named new bishops for the Diocese of Duluth, Minn., and the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo., and has appointed an auxil-

IMMIGRATION RALLY IN FRONT OF U.S. CAPITOL



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Hatim Bounou, center, shows his enthusiasm during an immigration rally in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington Oct. 13. Thousands of people came to Capitol Hill for a day of lobbying and an afternoon rally calling for comprehensive immigration reform.

ary bishop for the Diocese of Providence, R.I. He also accepted the resignation of Pueblo Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya, 76. The pope appointed Father Paul Sirba, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, to head the Duluth Diocese. He named Father Fernando Isern, a priest of the Miami Archdiocese, to succeed Bishop Tafoya as bishop of Pueblo. Pope Benedict also named Msgr. Robert C. Evans, a Providence diocesan priest, to be auxiliary bishop of the diocese. The changes were announced in Washington Oct. 15 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Vatican announces start of dialogue with traditionalist group

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican announced the start of a long-awaited dialogue aimed at repairing a 21-year break with a group of traditionalist Catholics. The first encounter between the leaders of the Society of St. Pius X and Vatican experts will take place Oct. 26 at the Vatican, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said Oct. 15. The announcement came a few days after the head of the traditionalist society, Bishop Bernard Fellay, reiterated a list of objections to the Second Vatican Council and said he hoped the dialogue would help dispel "errors" in the church. Pope

Benedict XVI has named a commission under the authority of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to conduct the delicate dialogue with the society, saying the remaining problems with the society are mainly doctrinal in nature. The head of the commission is the doctrinal congregation prefect, U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada. The Vatican said the initial talks would focus on the unresolved doctrinal issues, and that the contents of the meeting would remain "strictly private." A statement will be issued at the end of the meeting, it said.

Wilmington Diocese files for bankruptcy reorganization

WILMINGTON, Del. (CNS) — Bishop W. Francis Malooly of Wilmington announced Oct. 18 that the diocese has filed for Chapter 11 reorganization under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in order "to provide the fairest possible treatment of all victims of sexual abuse by priests of our diocese. This is a painful decision, one that I had hoped and prayed I would never have to make," he said in a statement. "However, after careful consideration and after consultation with my close advisers and counselors, I believe we have no other choice." He said that, given the diocese's "finite resources," the bankruptcy filing offers "the best opportunity" to compensate

abuse victims. "Our hope is that Chapter 11 proceedings will enable us to fairly compensate all victims through a single process established by the bankruptcy court," he said. The bishop explained that the diocese was engaged in negotiations regarding eight cases that were to go to trial Oct. 19, but the parties could not reach a settlement. "Our concern throughout the negotiations was that too large a settlement with these eight victims would leave us with inadequate resources to fairly compensate" other claimants, numbering 133, he said.

Sell the Vatican? Nigerian archbishop calls the idea 'stupid'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Sell the Vatican to help the poor? U.S. comedian Sarah Silverman might think it's a great idea, but a Nigerian archbishop called the suggestion offensive and "stupid." Africans from poor countries admire the Vatican, and have no desire to dismantle it, Archbishop John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan of Abuja told reporters at a briefing on the Synod of Bishops for Africa Oct. 16. "The few poor people who come here have never said, 'Oh, why don't you sell this and give us money for food.' They always say, 'What a beautiful place.' They admire it ... maybe because man does not live by bread alone," the archbishop said.

The poor of Africa certainly don't expect the Vatican to sell its art and buildings — and anyway, "who's going to buy it?" he added. "I think the joke is not only offensive, but in bad taste and stupid. What they should be asking is: What is the Vatican doing about poverty in the world?" he said. Silverman, in a recent video monologue laced with profanity, jokingly called on Pope Benedict XVI to "move out of your house that is a city" and use the proceeds to feed the hungry.

Irish High Court says church report on child abuse can be published

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — The Irish High Court has decided that a much-anticipated report on the handling of child sexual abuse in the Dublin Archdiocese should be published with the exception of one chapter. The redacted report is now expected to be released by the end of October. The report of the Dublin Archdiocese Commission of Investigation, which was established in 2006, follows an inquiry into how abuse allegations were dealt with by church officials in Dublin between 1975 and 2004. Completed in July, the report was referred to the court for advice by Justice Minister Dermot Ahern after concerns that its publication could prejudice criminal trials. Three of the cases investigated by the commission concern men — two priests and a former priest — currently before the courts on child abuse charges. The trials are not expected to conclude before summer 2010.

Report finds weakened state of US marriage, some encouraging signs

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although several measures of the health of marriage in the U.S. have declined sharply since 1970, there are some signs of improvement this decade, according to a new "marriage index." The index, produced by the New York-based Institute for American Values and the National Center on African-American Marriages and Parenting at Hampton University in Virginia, assesses the strength of the institution of marriage by using five indicators: the percentage of people ages 20-54 who are married; the percentage of married adults who describe themselves as "very happy" in their marriages; the percentage of intact first marriages among married people ages 20-59; the percentage of births to married parents; and the percentage of children living with their own married parents. The combined score for the five "leading marriage indicators" dropped from 76.2 percent in 1970 to 60.3 percent in 2008, according to the index. But since 2000, there have been small gains in the percentage of intact first marriages (from 59.9 percent to 61.2 percent) and the percentage of children living with married parents (60.5 percent to 61 percent).

Annual Saints on the Move service project helps community

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger faculty, staff and parents will join with nearly 1,000 students for the school's 14th annual Saints on the Move day of service on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Volunteers will converge on nearly 150 sites throughout the city assisting the homebound, as well as area churches and other not-for-profit organizations in fall clean-up projects. These volunteers will be raking leaves, washing windows and trimming bushes for the elderly and ill, and visiting with residents in area nursing homes, where students will paint nails, plant flower bulbs and perform other small jobs.

Students and their chaperones will depart Bishop Dwenger around 8:15 a.m., and work will be completed by noon.

Ancilla College honored by American Red Cross

DONALDSON — American Red Cross Blood Services of the Indiana-Ohio Region honored Ancilla College at a recent luncheon, citing a 221 percent increase in blood drive efforts by the Donaldson-based college in the past year.

Ancilla College President Dr. Ron May was in attendance at the Red Cross's 2009 Annual Update and Recognition Luncheon in Warsaw, where the college was recognized in the "Growing by Leaps & Bounds" category.

The 221 percent increase was the second highest increase of any organization in the Indiana-Ohio Region.

"Ancilla College has, for several years, cooperated with the American Red Cross in blood drives," said May. "We are pleased to partner in this very critical service area. I am thankful to college staff who have worked with Red Cross representatives to enable the blood draws to occur on campus. We commit the college to continued cooperation with the Red Cross."

Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sister Carleen Wrasman, coordinator of mission integration, has been involved with the organizational efforts for the blood drives on campus. She expressed her pleasure with the reported increases in the giving of blood by Ancilla College students, faculty, and staff.

"It's wonderful," said Sister Wrasman. "I would hope having the blood drives here and promoting it would create lifelong habits of giving blood and other things for the good of society."

School of Creative Arts Offers European trip for college credit

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts of the University of Saint Francis is offering area college students and the community

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The St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School fifth-grade Girl Scout Troop volunteered again this year at the annual ALS Walk held at Indiana University-Purdue University campus on Oct. 11. ALS or Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a disease of the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle movement. The troop, though unable to participate in the walk due to their young age, assisted by handing out water to the walkers. Their service is in memory of a troop member's grandmother who was afflicted with ALS. Shown in front, from left, are Caitlyn McMahan, Christine Gallagher, Laura Magner and Alicia Speer. In back are Brianna Lorenz, Clara Chilian, Rachel Baehl and Natalie Crompt.

an opportunity to visit Italy and Greece from May 3 through May 14, 2010.

Among the memorable sites, travelers will visit the Coliseum in Rome; tour St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City; admire Michelangelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel; view Giotto's Bell Tower in Florence; visit the hilltop town of Assisi; journey to the quaint coastal town of Ancona; journey through vineyards and orchards in Delphi, home of the mystical Oracle; and walk through the Plaka district in Athens.

College course credit is available, and all university students and the general public are invited to attend. The package includes flight, hotel, transportation, museum fees, tour guide, continental breakfast and dinner each day.

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. in room 115 of the Rolland Art Center on Leesburg Road. Call Rick Cartwright at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001, for further details.

Office of Catechesis to offer Advent in the Home

FORT WAYNE — The diocesan Office of Catechesis is sponsoring a one-evening session on Advent in the Home to be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne. The session will be facilitated by Mary Barnes and Ellen Becker.

The four weeks preceding Christmas is an opportunity to "bring Advent home" for all ages, families and parishes. In this one-night session participants will be given visual examples of how they can keep the Advent season holy in their own homes through prayers, games, crafts, baking and decorating.

Participants will be given an explanation of how an Advent "walk-through" can be developed in parishes prior to Advent ... with the hope that this walk-through can be used by families as a springboard to create and develop their own family traditions in order to be better prepared to welcome the Word-made-flesh into their homes at Christmas.

Participation is free, however

registration is required. Interested participants can register one of three ways: online at www.diocesefwsb.org/OC under "Adult Formation," by e-mail to jmartin@fw.diocesefwsb.org or by telephone at (260) 399-1411.

Schneider and Stein win tuition reimbursement award

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), headquartered in Naperville, Ill., awarded \$25,000 in tuition reimbursements to COF youth members attending Catholic school. Jordan Schneider, Fort Wayne, and Samuel Stein, New Haven, were two of 100 winners selected in a random drawing who received a \$250 award for the 2009-2010 school year. A member of St. Anthony Court 98, Schneider, son of Andrew and Tina Schneider, attends St. Charles Borromeo School. Stein, son of Daniel and Rosemary Stein, attends St. Louis Academy Besancon School and is a member of St. John Court 1375.

Board of trustees elects Father Jenkins to second term

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame Board of Trustees elected Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins on Oct. 16 to a second five-year term as president of the university, effective at the conclusion of his first term June 30, 2010, Chairman Richard C. Notebaert announced on behalf of the board of trustees.

"The vision and leadership that Father Jenkins has demonstrated in his first four years in office have been inspiring and innovative," Notebaert said. "Building upon the foundation set by his Holy Cross predecessors, he is making the aspirations of this university a reality. The fellows and trustees look forward to continuing our work with him in service to Our Lady's university."

"I am humbled that the board has expressed its confidence by electing me to a second term," Father Jenkins said. "With the support of our trustees, I will continue pursuing the goals I cited at my inauguration four years ago — offering an unsurpassed undergraduate education, becoming even more preeminent as a research university, and ensuring that our Catholic character informs all that we do."

In a resolution issued Friday, the fellows of the university said Father Jenkins has "combined courageous leadership with the kind of priestly dedication, pastoral concern and inspiration that we have come to expect of a president of Notre Dame." They expressed their "appreciation for the commitment" of Father Jenkins to the "Catholic character of the university."

In a separate resolution, the trustees spoke of their "respect and full confidence" in Father Jenkins, adding that he has "advanced the institutional mission of the university to attain the highest standards of excellence in teaching, scholarship and research in a community of learning where truth is informed by belief and where, specifically, the Catholic faith and intellectual tradition are celebrated and lived."

Father Jenkins was elected president by the board on April 30, 2004, and became the university's 17th president July 1, 2005. He had served the previous four years as vice president and associate provost.

At Father Jenkins' inauguration Sept. 23, 2005, he stated, "My presidency will be driven by a wholehearted commitment to uniting and integrating these two indispensable and wholly compatible strands of higher learning: academic excellence and religious faith."

More specifically, Father Jenkins has articulated a vision for the university that focuses on its becoming a preeminent research institution while maintaining its distinctive Catholic character and longtime excellence in undergraduate education.

Saint Joseph's High School cellist takes his music to Paris

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — Austin Huntington is a mellow guy, soft-spoken, not a lot of drama.

But he can tell you exactly what playing the cello does for him.

"It's an outlet for expressing emotions that are really hard to express in real life. It's kind of like a funnel, combining all the emotions into one note. And if you add up all the notes, that's your personality."

He's taking that cello-playing personality to Paris this week when he performs at the Rostropovich Cello Competition, an international event bringing 86 cellists from all over the world. Huntington is one of only six Americans invited to compete.

"It's held only every four years, and it's named after Mstislav Rostropovich, who died since the last one was held,"

says Huntington, a sophomore at Saint Joseph's High School. "So, this will be the first one to be held without him."

Huntington, 15, son of a physician and a registered nurse, has been playing the cello since the age of four. He started with private Suzuki lessons and became a member of the South Bend Youth Symphony at age 8. By the age of 10 he was the symphony's principal cellist.

He continues to take private lessons in Chicago and rehearses every week with the Chicago Youth Symphony.

"I'm kind of a big klutz, so I don't do sports. The cello fills in that gap," Huntington says. "But it's like sports in that you have to work hard at it, and you do get rewards for that hard work."

"It feels natural to keep playing," he continues. "I enjoy it so much that if I stop doing it, I feel depressed. I can't imagine not playing."

Huntington practices about

four hours each weekday. On weekends and holidays, he's at it for four to six hours a day. "I have so much music to learn, and I'm working on many pieces at the same time," he explains.

If the cello is his version of athletics and therapy, it has also helped him appreciate history.

"I like to study the composers, and how they were affected by what was happening when they wrote something. There's a song by Shostakovich, the 'Cello Concerto No. 1,' which was written around the time of World War II. You can hear the sadness and anger in it," he says.

But his favorite piece to play is Popper's "Dance of the Elves," an ultra-light, fast frenzy of deft finger work suggesting the scurrying of other-world creatures. (It might also be considered the aerobics of the cello world.)

"It's so much fun to play, because of the harmonic progression and the chords exchanged between the cello and the piano," says Huntington. "It's



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not emotional, it's just fun. But you have to play it right."

Among the pieces he'll be playing in Paris, however, are works by Bach, Brahms and Britten. He's been practicing for the competition since May.

To get some face time before a real audience, he recently gave a performance at the Snite Museum of Art on the Notre Dame campus. About 100 of his friends, family and classmates turned out for the cello-piano recital.

Huntington, one of five children, enjoys the company of musicians when he goes home. His older brother, Thomas, is a wildly successful violinist, who also plays in Chicago and at international competitions. His younger brother, Christian, plays the piano. He has two older sisters, Christy and Shanna, who have also played instruments.

But he feels the cello is the best.

"Every cellist must admit that its highest note is still nasal, but the cello has a depth of emotion and color that gives it the ability to express feelings. If the piece is angry, you're going to hear that. If it's sad or joyful, you're going to know it," notes Huntington.

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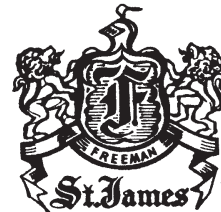
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ORDINATION

Jacob Runyon ordained as man of prayer

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — With ordination less than two weeks away, Deacon Jacob Runyon, or Deacon Jake as he's known, is excited about the upcoming event that will mark a new life for him.

"I'm excited to serve the people and church in Fort Wayne and South Bend," he says enthusiastically.

The days preceding his ordination into the holy priesthood, he notes, will be filled with prayer.

This young man, who desires to keep prayer central to his life, heard God's call in his adolescence. Born the oldest of 11 children to Mary (Tippmann) and Terry Runyon, Deacon Runyon considers himself a faithful Catholic. His family attended Mass, prayed the rosary and participated in the Stations of the Cross during Lent together.

"Faith is a constant in my family background," he reports.

Of his vocation call he says, "The first time I thought of the priesthood was when I visited Denver and saw the pope."

But that calling was "put on hold" during high school and the subsequent years when Runyon worked not only at a restaurant but later at a paint ball company for three years.

As sponsor for his brother-in-law who was engaged in RCIA, Runyon began to learn more about his faith and soon was questioning his life's purpose. His questions included the priesthood, but with worries about all that he would have to give up to become a priest.

Then in 2001, during his Lenten sacrifice to attend daily Mass, Runyon began to hear God's call once again. And after a "vague e-mail" to and subsequent meeting with Father Bernard Galic, director of the Office of Vocations, he began the process of applying to seminary.

With only two months to the start of the next seminary session, Runyon was surprised and pleased that the process of testing and interviews went so smoothly.

"It was pretty neat how it all worked out," he recalls.

Deacon Runyon studied for two years at St. John's Seminary in Boston, until the diocese relocated its undergraduate seminarian studies to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn., where he earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 2005. His experience of the seminary, after being on his own since age 18, was positive.

"I loved the seminary. I was able to put my life in it and devote myself to it. It was fantastic!" he says.

He was ordained into the diaconate in 2008. Continuing his studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Runyon



JACOB RUNYON

earned a master of divinity with a focus on Scripture this May.

After returning to Fort Wayne following graduation, he received his assignment to assist at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. There he has been involved in a number of baptisms, marriage preparation classes and weddings, and funerals, as well as presenting his own homilies three times each week.

Deacon Runyon is also chaplain of Marian High School, where he meets with students during his visits. He teaches seventh-grade religion classes at St. Matthew Cathedral and has taught RCIA classes in the past.

His work at the co-cathedral has impassioned this already passionate man to service.

"It's exciting to be doing this," says the soon-to-be Father Runyon. "I've been wanting to do this for eight years. I have the training to do it. And it's exactly what I want to do!"

This prayerful man has a playful side as well. He enjoys being with friends, watching movies, playing softball, golfing and his passion — cycling. "I am an avid cyclist. I ride about 100 miles a week," he says.

As for ordination Deacon Runyon is excited and grateful for the support of his church, family and friends.

"The bishop says the priesthood is not for the person who receives it, but for the church," he says.

Of becoming a priest, Deacon Runyon says, "Being able to draw people to Christ attracts me. It's a sacramental ministry." He anticipates the joy of facilitating Mass, reconciliation and even helping others find how RCIA can change a life.

And he adds, "I want to stay a man of prayer. I'll do what the Lord asks. As I try to grow closer to Jesus, I want to help others encounter Christ as well."

Fernando Jimenez ordained priest for all God's people

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — In this Year For Priests, as declared by Pope Benedict XVI, the sanctification of all priests holds special meaning for one young man. Deacon Fernando Jimenez will be the first Mexican born man in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to be ordained into the priesthood at a special Mass or ordination at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Deacon Jimenez, born in Mexico to Fernando and Floinda in 1980, is the oldest of five boys. He credits his family for caring for his spiritual formation but contends that his vocation was born within his community of 4,000 Catholic people.

"My parents and grandma were faithful to the faith," says Deacon Jimenez of those who ensured he received the sacraments, went to Mass and attended youth group. But it was within his parish community of Sacred Heart in Mexico, where, he says, he found the germinating seeds of a vocation. "It was in the parish that I was born into the life of Christ," he says.

At the invitation of a neighboring family to attend charismatic services at the local cathedral, Jimenez, then a first-year high school student, began to have an interest in a vocation. Later during a two-day retreat centered around the purpose of life, he listened attentively to the bishop, who spoke of the priesthood. "Something happened in that moment," he recalls.

Following a visit to speak with the rector of the cathedral and home visits from local seminarians, young Jimenez agreed to spend one week in the seminary immersed in prayer, community and study time. Encouraged by those at the seminary, he accepted the invitation to join as a second-year high school student.

Jimenez remained in Seminario Diocesano de la Immaculada Concepcion de Celaya throughout high school and two years of philosophy studies in college there. He was ordained into the diaconate in 1998. Then in 1999, his family moved to the U.S. But because of his strong ties to the seminary and people in Mexico he stayed behind.

In the summer of 2000, with permission from his superiors, Jimenez made the trip to the U.S. to be near his family who were parishioners of St. Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, and continue his seminary studies.

After meeting with Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Deacon Jimenez was accepted into the diocesan seminary course of study.

At the end of his successful two-year stay at Boston College where he studied the English language, Jimenez returned to Minnesota where he continued his seminary formation at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Within two years he had earned a bachelor degree in philosophy. And after



FERNANDO JIMENEZ

studying theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio for four years, he earned a master's of divinity in May.

Of the 13 years he spent in seminary, Deacon Jimenez says, "It was demanding, but we got to build community. That was one of the things I was looking for."

He adds, "As I was growing in formation I fell in love with my vocation and found happiness. I fell in love with God and his people."

Following his graduation and a trip to visit relatives and friends in Mexico, Deacon Jimenez was assigned to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, where he is involved in taking the Eucharist to the homebound, those in nursing homes and hospitals. He also assists with Masses, preaches twice each week, counsels Catholics and celebrates baptisms at the cathedral and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Warsaw. Deacon Jimenez has his hand in the Education for Ministry program for Hispanics as well.

His personal interests resemble that of any regular guy. He enjoys time spent with friends, watching movies, driving, exercise and reading. Music is another of his passions evidenced by the over 6,000 tunes he owns in several languages.

His parents are proud that he will be the first priest in the family. And his excitement concerning his upcoming ordination shines as he says, "My life and soul will be changed. I want to be a father ... I want to listen to the people and show them God is caring for them."

Following his ordination Jimenez will celebrate his first Mass of thanksgiving on Nov. 1 at St. Patrick Church in Fort Wayne. In December he will visit Mexico and celebrate Mass with his family and friends. "They all have been on this journey. It's important to celebrate in the parish where I'm from," he says.

Mother's prayers answered

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

NEW HAVEN — “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” reads the inscription above the kitchen archway of the house Deacon Jake Runyon grew up in since the third grade. The old, two-story brick farm house surrounded by open fields just east of New Haven on a rural country road has always been filled with a “love of the faith and many children,” explained Mary Runyon, Jake’s mother.

Jacob Dewane Runyon was born the oldest of 11 children (five boys, six girls) to Mary and Terry Runyon on Aug. 27, 1978. When Jake was about 6 months old, Terry decided, as the only non-Catholic in the home, to join the church.

As a young boy, Mary describes Jake as easygoing and a very obedient child. “He never gave us any trouble and was our only one to leave the house without ever being grounded,” the lighthearted mother remembered.

The worst thing she could recall he ever did was fight with his brother Nick, who was just one year younger, when they played together as little boys.

“Jake is still very competitive to this day. He would tell you himself that he is a sore loser when it comes to any kind of sports,” Mary clarified.

Someone once explained to Mary that “Priests are priests forever in the line of Melchizedek.”

Mary said, “Theologically, this means to me, not only throughout all of eternity, but from the begin-



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The Runyon family is shown with Jake and his parents at the diaconate ordination in 2008. Jake Runyon will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Saturday, Oct. 31.

ning of time.”

Mary joked, “If I had known that I might have been a little nicer to him growing up!”

In addition, she would not take any credit for fostering the vocation of her first-born. She believes that Jake was chosen by God and that nothing she did or did not do would have changed his becoming a priest.

During his graduation, Mary felt a strange sort of detachment. She humbly recalled, “As I watched the young man ready to be ordained, I realized he was called by God and we just happened to be blessed to have him in our family.”

Jake is not the first priest in Mary’s family. Her father’s brother, Larry Tippmann, was ordained 40 years ago. Jake just happens to share a birthday with this great-uncle.

When Father Larry found out Jake was going to the seminary, he gifted him with his haircutter set. He told Jake it was the way he made money when he was in the seminary.

“I thought it was so sweet,” smiled Mary. She added, “Father Larry has been very supportive of Jake and takes him to lunch whenever he comes home to visit.”

Mary feels Jake’s call came during the RCIA process in 2001 when he sponsored a brother-in-law and went through sessions with Father Glenn Kohrman.

“We watched Jake really catch fire during this time,” she recalls. Jake lived on his own south of Fort Wayne, and the priest at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel — Father Bob Van Kempen — had a strong influence on Jake.

Mary adds, “I have heard Jake tell people his trip to see Pope

John Paul II in Denver also made a very significant impact.”

Mary had once heard Father Bernard Galic’s comments about many young men from all around the world being called after being near Pope John Paul II.

When Father Thom Lombardi was at St. Louis Besancon, Mary vividly remembers being challenged to say to her sons, “Not when you get married, but if you get married,” always leaving the door to the priesthood open.

Mary said she has “always” prayed one of her children would be open to the call. A favorite book of Mary’s, which she has shared with other mothers, is titled “Mothers of Priests.”

For over 20 years Mary has prayed the Vocation Prayer for her children. Now she and her family are anxiously preparing for an ordination.

Joe Runyon, a younger brother, explained, “It is like getting ready for a family wedding. Mom has been really busy.”

But Mary was quick to add,

“Except there is no bride’s family to help out!”

Mary admits she is feeling a little harried and still has to make sure the rest of the family is outfitted, but is excited beyond words for Jake. She feels Jake will be wonderful in his vocation and that the personal joys and struggles he experienced in a large family will help him better bring Christ to those he serves as a parish priest.

Although she realizes his exceptional grades will not be much help when he is trying to console a mourning family, Mary said, “Jake was just an average student in high school, but really excelled all eight years in the seminary — never receiving a mark lower than an A.”

Jake’s superiors have also commented that it will be beneficial to have waited for five years after high school to go the seminary after experiencing “life in the real world.” Mary simply summarizes, “It is just so awesome to see Jake so happy.”



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Journey of faith — Fernando Jimenez

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — On the last day of the month of the holy rosary, when Fernando Jimenez prostrates himself in the sanctuary of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception moments before being ordained in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, he will, perhaps, experience the feeling of resting a precious but responsible burden, that of being the first man of Mexican birth to be ordained a priest in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

He will share the trials, the worries, hopes, dreams and love that his parents, Fernando, Sr. and Maria Florinda had when they said farewell to Guanajuato, Mexico 11 years ago and came to the United States in search of a better life.

That better life was found in Fort Wayne and the quintessence of it will be realized by the Jimenez family as they sit in the first pew of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Jimenez's parents, and his brothers Ramiro and his wife, Oscar and his wife, and Gustavo and Roberto will be joined by hundreds of relatives and friends, who will experience tremendous



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Deacon Fernando Jimenez is shown with his parents Maria Florinda and Fernando, Sr. His parents moved to Fort Wayne from Guanajuato, Mexico 11 years ago. Deacon Jimenez is the oldest of five children.

pride and joy as Jimenez's parents present the gifts in the offertory procession of the Mass.

As she participates in this part of the celebration, perhaps Maria Florinda will reflect on how young Fernando, in a serious and solemn way took part in novenas and holy day liturgies when he was a youngster and was called

"El Haco" (the skinny one).

And Jimenez, now called "El Padre," will be embraced and blessed by his brother priests and his bishop before he sets forth on the glorious day of his ordination to be followed by the day of his first Mass at St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne.

Clergy, seminarians reflect on priesthood at Year for Priests seminar

BY CHAZ MUTH

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Nearly 300 clergy and seminarians took time to reflect on the priest's role in contemporary society during a two-day symposium at The Catholic University of America in Washington marking Pope Benedict XVI's designated Year for Priests.

"The Holy Father tells us that we participate in the work of redemption," said Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington. "That is what a priest does. He brings the Eucharist into the midst of the community, but he also brings the sacramental ministry of the church into the midst of the believing community."

In a homily during the Oct. 6-7 symposium's morning prayers, Archbishop Wuerl stressed that it was incumbent on priests that they use all potential resources "to make Christ visibly and effectively present in the community."

When he announced the special Year for Priests, Pope Benedict said he hoped it would help priests "grow toward spiritual perfection" and value the need to be effective

ministers and help the faithful "appreciate more fully the great gift of grace which the priesthood is."

The pope opened the Year for Priests June 19, 2009, which coincided with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, known as the universal patron of priests.

The symposium on "Ministerial Priesthood in the Third Millennium: 'Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests'" was co-sponsored by Catholic University's School of Theology and Religious Studies and by Theological College, the national seminary of the school.

The audience of mostly clergy and seminarians listened to talks about topics ranging from the Catholic faith's spirit of ecumenism to the need for clergy to employ creative techniques in evangelization. Speakers included several priests and Washington Auxiliary Bishop Martin D. Holley.

It's vital for pastors to use new technologies to reach out beyond their parish and into the community, said Vincentian Father Vincent O'Malley, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Emmitsburg, Md.

"I will not leave you orphaned" John 14:18

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Congratulations to
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Rev. Fernando Jimenez
on their upcoming ordinations.

Sisters of the Holy Cross open international novitiate at Saint Mary's

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Earlier this year, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross opened an international novitiate on their campus at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame. Six courageous young women from Brazil, India, Kenya and Uganda traveled to the United States to enter the international novitiate. This article explores the opportunities and experiences of the new novitiate and how it supports the internationality of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Q. What is a novitiate?

A. A novitiate is a house of formation where new members of religious congregations get to know God, their community and themselves better. Most communities of women have two-year novitiates.

Joining a community of sisters is a process. The interested person spends time with a vocation director trying to discern whether God

might be calling her to religious life. If the answer is affirmative, she applies to a congregation where she continues to test out her call as a candidate or postulant. If she continues to feel a call and is accepted by the congregation, her next step is to become a novice. After her novitiate is completed she makes her first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The sister lives under these temporary vows for five years before she makes a final commitment and is finally professed.

Q. Where was the Holy Cross novitiate before?

A. Previously, the Sisters of the Holy Cross had a novitiate in each continent where they serve — Africa, Asia, North America and South America. After study and discernment, the leadership of the congregation made the decision to integrate its four novitiates into one so that new members would have a common novitiate formation experience and get to know their peers from around the world.

Q. Why is internationality important?

A. Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Holy Cross congregations, wanted his members to go out to the world with the message of Christ. The Sisters of the Holy Cross serve on four continents and in eight countries. Having a joint novitiate reflects the reality of the congregation's internationality.

Q. Why is the new novitiate located at Saint Mary's?

A. "We believe that its location at our motherhouse is a great plus," says Holy Cross Sister Mary Louise Full, first councilor on the congregation's General Leadership Team. "The presence of our senior sisters provides added support, enrichment and examples of faithful religious and apostolic commitment for new members. There is also a strong presence of the Holy Cross family — brothers, sisters and priests — in the South Bend area.

"In addition, the local civic community is very multicultural,

providing for rich ministry opportunities and the area is rich in overall spiritual, cultural, academic resources and experiences."

Q. Who are the novices and where are they from?

A. Sisters Jacenta Dkhar, Lucy Agitok Sangma and Meri Halam are from India. Sister Dorothy Onyango is from Uganda and Sister Bridget Ndungua Kanuvi is a native of Kenya. Sister Luciana de Paula Soares comes from Brazil.

In early May of this year, each of these women arrived at Saint Mary's after they met the challenges of the candidacy programs in their own countries. On May 31, the feast of Pentecost, they were officially received into the congregation as novices.

Q. What are the challenges and experiences of the novices so far?

A. Experiencing a new ministry, country, language and cultures is no easy feat. "My biggest challenge is communication among a group of people who do not have

English as the first language," says Holy Cross Sister Brenda Cousins, novice director. "Getting to the 'language of the heart' is essential for the novitiate process."

One of Sister Brenda's joys is seeing how well the novices work and get along with one another despite their cultural differences. During a recent international meeting of the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Saint Mary's, they learned and performed dances from each other's countries. They seemed to enjoy themselves and felt right at home.

Q. Who is in charge of the international novitiate?

A. Sister Brenda Cousins is the novice director and Sisters Mary Tiernan and Barnita Scholastica Mangsang are members of the novitiate formation team.

Q. What do the novices do in the novitiate?

A. First-year novices read about and reflect on spirituality, prayer, community history and participate in faith formation (Scripture, doc-



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New Holy Cross sisters on the day of their reception into the new international novitiate at Saint Mary's. From left are Sisters Dorothy Onyango from Uganda, Lucy Agitok Sangma from India, Meri Halam from India, Bridget Ndungwa Kanuvi from Kenya, Luciana de Paula Soares from Brazil and Jacenta Dkhar from India.

trine, sacraments). They spend time in personal prayer and spiritual direction. Novices provide liturgical ministry at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto and visit the congregation's senior sisters. They form community together, taking turns planning and leading community prayer, cooking meals and leading community meetings. In addition to their studies, they spend time acclimating to the area and culture. They also give service to the local community. For example, it wasn't very long until they learned the South Bend bus route and began their weekly ministry experience at Hope Rescue Mission and St. Margaret's House, two agencies in South Bend that

reach out to those in need.

"We meet several of the people we serve when we are on the bus and they are beginning to recognize us," says Sister Jacenta Dkhar, one of the novices from India.

Finally, the novices take part in an inter-community novitiate with several other congregations held once a week in Chicago. There they interact with novices from other religious congregations, share novitiate experiences and participate in workshops.

Check out the new Web site of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and learn more about their life and ministry. Go to www.cscsisters.org.

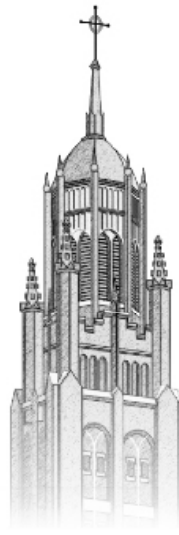
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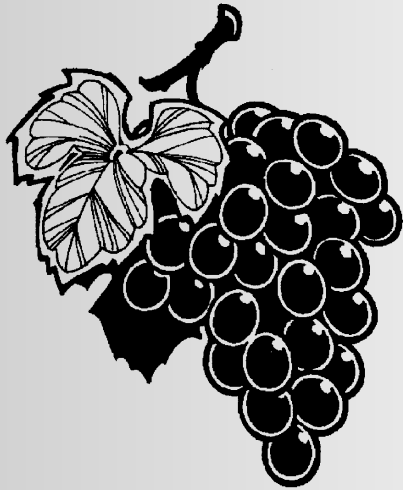


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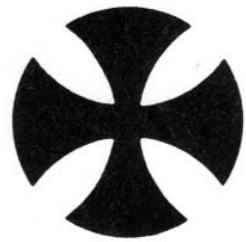
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*The priests and people of St. Matthew Cathedral
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*as he places himself in the footsteps of the good shepherd,
in the arms of the Blessed Mother, and under the guidance
of the Holy Spirit.*

EDITORIAL

Priestly example of a recent canonized saint

A couple of Sundays ago, Pope Benedict gave the world a new saint, St. Damien of Molokai.

St. Damien was born in Belgium to devout Catholic parents. At the age of 18 he entered a religious order and began to study for the priesthood. He prayed everyday that God would allow him to be a missionary. His brother, who was also a religious, was already a missionary in Hawaii. Toward the end of Damien's studies, his brother became ill, and Brother Damien asked his superior if he could be sent to Hawaii in place of his brother. Although not yet ordained a priest, his superior gave him permission, and he set sail for Hawaii. He arrived five months later and found a most pagan land. In the Hawaii of those days there was much pagan idol worship, great and grave sexual promiscuity and a general lack of morality.

He was soon ordained a priest and began his work of evangelization. It was made known to him that there was a colony of lepers on the island of Molokai. Leprosy is a disease caused by bacteria that eats away the flesh. It causes terrible disfigurement, oozing sores and putrid smells. At the time, it was not known what caused this disease, and lepers were made to live in complete isolation from society. Father Damien volunteered to live among them in order to bring them God's word and the sacraments. He took on this duty knowing full well that by living in such close contact with the lepers, he could contract the disease himself. He asked the Virgin Mary to protect him from the disease for 12 years so that he would be healthy enough to minister to the lepers. Indeed, he was disease-free for 22 years, and he ministered tirelessly to the colony. However, after this time he himself contracted the disease, and he died of leprosy in 1889.

St. Damien is a beautiful model of Christian service, but he is especially a beautiful model of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. He was willing to lay down his life to bring the word of God and to administer the sacraments to God's people, and he was willing to do this without counting the cost. Every priest is called to such self-sacrifice in imitation of Jesus in their own particular situations.

This priestly model is especially important to recall as we approach the ordination to the priesthood of two men for our diocese, Deacon Jacob Runyon and Deacon Fernando Jimenez. On Oct. 31, they will prostrate themselves on the floor of the cathedral offering their lives in service to God's people. All of us should pray for them, asking God to give them the grace to live out their priestly lives in complete self-sacrifice without counting the cost, as did St. Damien. May God bless them, and may he send many more young men willing to give their lives as priests for our diocese.

Dealing with H1N1 virus

Due to the pandemic situation of the H1N1 virus, Bishop John M. D'Arcy sent a letter to priests and addressed the faithful in *Today's Catholic* last week, announcing the suspension of the shared Communion cup beginning Oct. 17-18.

Bishop D'Arcy cited the advice he received from priests who are vicars, or deans, in the various sections of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and also cited the endorsement of Dr. Deborah McMahan, health commissioner of Allen County, who indicated that the present situation is a "pandemic" in the sense that individuals do not have the natural immunity against the H1N1 virus.

In his letter, Bishop D'Arcy noted the suspension will be lifted once the situation is eased and pending proper medical advice. Bishop D'Arcy urged the priests to catechize clearly that receiving of holy Communion under each species; that is, from the cup or the sacred host, the church teaches that the body and blood of Christ is fully present.

For the faithful we also encourage the following, recalling notes from the first memorandum. Anyone who is seriously ill with a cough and fever should be reminded that they do not have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We encourage everyone including ushers and greeters to practice good hygiene, especially washing hands on a regular basis.

Bishop D'Arcy has also said, "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."

These are common sense matters that we can all can adopt.

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I am in receipt of your check in the amount of \$78,854.13 representing the gifts of the people of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to the Jerusalem Mother Church for the 2009 Good Friday collection. This gift will not only assist in the preservation of the holy places but will also help the people to whom the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land

Custody minister.

In the name of the friars and those to whom they minister, I express our deepest gratitude to you, Bishop D'Arcy, and to our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who continue to give most generously to help those who are in need! May God bless and reward all of you.

The Good Friday Collection is a pontifical collection and is absolutely vital. This collection helps support the Holy Land shrines and also the

educational, pastoral and charitable programs for the people there. The custody cares for the poorest social classes. I'm sure you are well aware that it is not easy to be a Christian today in the Holy Land.

With deep appreciation, much gratitude and a promise of prayer for you and the people of God in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I am yours,

Brother Joe Rogenski, OFM
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When pregnancy goes awry

Human pregnancy begins whenever a sperm unites with an egg inside the fallopian tube. The newly-minted embryo must then travel along the fallopian tube during the next few days before finally implanting into the wall of the mother's uterus.

In rare instances, the embryo will fail to reach the uterus, and will instead implant in the fallopian tube along the way, which is a very narrow tube not designed to support a pregnancy. Such "tubal pregnancies" are highly risky, because the wall of the tube can stretch only a limited amount before it will rupture from the increasing pressure of the growing fetus, possibly resulting in the death of both mother and child.

Whenever an embryo implants in the wrong place, whether in the fallopian tube or in another place like the abdomen, such a pregnancy is called "ectopic" (meaning "out of place"). Ninety-seven percent of all ectopic pregnancies occur within the fallopian tube. Ectopic pregnancy is one of the leading causes of maternal sickness and death in the United States, and presents a formidable challenge to the physician who is trying to help both mother and child.

Of the three commonly performed procedures for addressing ectopic pregnancies, two raise significant moral concerns while the third is morally acceptable.

The first procedure involves a drug called methotrexate, which targets the most rapidly growing cells of the embryo, especially the placenta-like cells which attach the early embryo to the wall of the tube. Some have suggested that methotrexate might preferentially target these placenta-like cells, distinct from the rest of the embryo, so that it could be seen as "indirectly" ending the life of the embryo. Others, however, have noted that these placenta-like cells are in fact a part of the embryo itself (being produced by the

embryo, not by the mother), so that the use of methotrexate actually targets a vital organ of the embryo, resulting in his or her death. A significant number of Catholic moralists hold that the use of methotrexate is not morally permissible, because it constitutes a direct attack on the growing child in the tube, and involves a form of direct abortion.

Another morally problematic technique involves cutting along the length of the fallopian tube where the child is embedded and "scooping out" the living body of the child, who dies shortly thereafter. The tube can then be sutured back up. This approach, like the use of methotrexate, leaves the fallopian tube largely intact for possible future pregnancies, but also raises obvious moral objections because it likewise directly causes the death of the child.

Interestingly, both procedures are normally presented to patients exclusive of any moral considerations. They are framed strictly as the means to assure the least damage possible to the mother's reproductive system. Many doctors will admit, however, that these techniques usually leave the fallopian tube scarred, increasing the chances of yet another tubal pregnancy by setting up the conditions for the occurrence to happen again.

About half of the cases of tubal pregnancy will resolve on their own, with the embryo being naturally lost without the need for any intervention. When an ectopic pregnancy does not resolve by itself, a morally acceptable approach would involve removal of the whole section of the tube on the side of the woman's body where the unborn child is lodged. Although this results in reduced fertility for the woman, the section of tube around the growing child has clearly become pathological, and constitutes a mounting threat with time. This threat is addressed by removal of the tube, with the



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secondary, and unintended, effect that the child within will then die.

In this situation, the intention of the surgeon is directed towards the good effect (removing the damaged tissue to save the mother's life) while only tolerating the bad effect (death of the ectopic child). Importantly, the surgeon is choosing to act on the tube (a part of the mother's body) rather than directly on the child. Additionally, the child's death is not the means via which the cure occurs. If a large tumor, instead of a baby, were present in the tube, the same curative procedure would be employed. It is tubal removal, not the subsequent death of the baby, that is curative for the mother's condition.

Some say that cutting out a section of the tube with a baby inside is no different than using methotrexate because, in either case, the baby ends up dying. Yet the difference in how the baby dies is, in fact, critical. There is always a difference between killing someone directly and allowing someone to die of indirect causes. We may never directly take the life of an innocent human being, though we may sometimes tolerate the indirect and unintended loss of life that comes with trying to properly address a life-threatening medical situation.

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Cardinal reviews 40 years of dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Cardinal Walter Kasper, the Vatican's chief ecumenist, tried to harvest the fruits of 40 years of dialogue with the mainline Protestant churches, he did it by the piece, not the bushel.

The result is a 207-page book, "Harvesting the Fruits: Basic Aspects of Christian Faith in Ecumenical Dialogue," which celebrates abundant growth in understanding among Christians, but with a sharp sense of quality control.

The book bears the cardinal's name as author, although others had a hand in the project: former and current members of the cardinal's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the cardinal-members of the council and theologians from other Christian communities.

Four decades of official Catholic dialogues with the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran World Federation, the

World Methodist Council and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches have led to recognition of a strong shared faith in Jesus Christ and the Trinity, the content of the creed and baptism, the book said.

It highlighted a "fresh and renewed understanding of the relation between Scripture and tradition" and the almost miraculous agreements with Lutherans and Methodists on justification — how people are made righteous in the eyes of God — which was the key dispute of the Protestant Reformation.

But it acknowledged serious differences in understanding and in practice regarding the meaning of ordination and who can be ordained, the question of authority in the church and who exercises it, and how Christian communities can determine what constitutes an authentic interpretation of Scripture.

In addition, the book acknowl-

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edges that while many of the historic disputes that kept Christians divided have been overcome, differences over new ethical problems — particularly concerning human sexuality — are moving some of the churches farther apart and even creating new divisions within individual Christian communities.

The cardinal, his staff and representatives of the Catholic Church's four dialogue partners will gather in February to study

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God's mercy is everlasting



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 10:46-52

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend's first reading. A few facts about Jeremiah are known from the book itself. He was from Anathoth, a village only a few miles from Jerusalem, and he was the son of Hilkiah, a priest. He acted as a prophet for over 40 years.

This weekend's reading is a powerful and expressive acclamation of God's power and goodness, and in the assurance that once more God will protect and lead the people.

As is typical of this book, this reading is very moving in its eloquence and feeling.

Being the son of a priest, Jeremiah in all likelihood was quite familiar with the traditions of the ancient Hebrews. He would have been particularly aware of the Exodus, the flight from Egypt and slavery, events that molded the Hebrews into one distinctive race, and that resulted in their settlement in the Holy Land.

The Hebrews did not escape Egypt simply because they were lucky, or because they were clever. Instead, they succeeded in fleeing the miseries they had endured in Egypt only by the mercy and power of God.

Jeremiah saw events in his

lifetime as threatening, or as awful, as those that confronted his people centuries earlier in Egypt. He lived to see Babylonia completely overtake the Hebrew homeland, and he saw the coercion brought to bear upon his people by Babylon and other imperialistic neighbors.

He addressed the humiliation and destruction of being overtaken, with faith that the merciful God of the Exodus again would rescue the people.

For its second reading, the church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

This New Testament Scripture is abundant in its references to ancient Jewish beliefs and customs. Its author is unknown, but obviously the author knew Judaism and Jewish life in the first century A.D. very well.

Supreme in Jewish cult, and in many other aspects of Jewish life, in the first century was the high priest, descending in office from Aaron, the brother of Moses. The high priest acted for the entire nation as he offered the sacrifice in the temple.

The Epistle to the Hebrews sees Jesus as the great high priest of the new era of salvation, the era of Christianity. Jesus acts for all humankind in sacrificing to God, causing reconciliation and a new bonding after sin tore humanity away from God.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the story of Bartimeus, a blind man, who begged by the roadside in Jericho. It is no wonder that Bartimeus had to beg in order to survive.

At the time of Jesus, persons with severe physical challenges, such as blindness, were reduced to begging unless their families assisted them.

Blindness, as all other bodily

difficulties, had a spiritual component for the ancient Jews. God willed nothing evil or heartless. Disease and incapacity were signs of a heartlessness that came from sin.

When Jesus healed, the effects of sin also were overcome. The key to Bartimeus' healing was in his faith.

Reflection

Jeremiah was hardly the only ancient Hebrew writer who concentrated on the mercy of God as seen in the Exodus. God's mercy is everlasting, because God is eternal and unchanging. God is not forgiving and blessing in one instance, while punitive and angry in another.

Just as hardships and great worries troubled the ancient Hebrews long after they had left Egypt, so sadness and difficulties confront us today.

We cannot do everything ourselves, but the loving God of the Exodus, with us because of the reconciling death of Jesus, still comes to our aid. The key is that we, as Bartimeus, love, and trust in God.

READINGS

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 Lk 14:1, 7-11

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

In October the church remembers St. Anthony Mary Claret. This quiz looks at his troubled life.

1. Claret lived and died in this century, one of the most difficult for the Catholic Church
a. 17th b. 18th c. 19th

2. Despite a name that conjures up images of French wine he was from
a. Italy b. Catalonia, Spain c. Portugal

3. Anthony had humble beginnings; his father was involved in this trade which he also learned
a. weaving b. soldiering c. dueling

4. Claret was drawn to religious life and was ordained, but his stay with this order was not a success
a. the Augustinians b. the Templars c. the Jesuits

5. He worked for a time at this centre of Catholicism
a. Rome b. Constantinople c. Avignon

6. Back home he led many missions. Rather surprisingly the attitude of these folks was often hostile
a. the Muslim governors b. the local clergy and gentry
c. the Crypto-Jews.

7. He, nevertheless, founded this order
a. the Whahabi White Fathers
b. the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
c. the Green Army of the Messiah

8. He went off to be bishop in this nation, now one of the last strongholds of communism and anti-Catholicism in the Americas
a. Bolivia b. Trinidad c. Cuba

9. According to historians, his reforming zeal led these, not exactly the desired outcome:
a. There were multiple assassination attempts.
b. The population increasingly turned to Santeria.
c. The clergy began to emigrate back to Europe.

10. He was recalled and became confessor to
a. Queen Isabella II of Spain
b. Juana la Loca
c. Charlotte, wife of Maximilian of Hapsburg (executed Emperor of Mexico)

11. He separated from her service over what political issue with ecclesial overtones:
a. Her recognition of an Italian government, which defied the papacy
b. Her insanity, which made her behave wildly at Mass thus diminishing the church's role
c. her support for the forces of Juarez who had anti-clerical leanings

12. He fled to the pope, yet the pope perhaps surprisingly
a. denounced him as a jester and a puppet
b. sent him back to his monarch
c. refused to accept that he was who he said he was

13. He was getting ready to serve the papacy again by participation in this
a. the 15th crusade
b. the first Vatican Council
c. the first annual Catalan barbeque and carnival

14. Claret, often a sickly person, withdrew to a French monastery. There however he was still hounded by
a. political enemies from Spain
b. headaches cause by too much tai chi
c. dreams that he was actually the son of Martin Luther

15. What about the order he founded?
a. These orders rarely outlive the founder, it fizzled in the 1700s
b. It is still thriving, now known as the "Claretians" and serves in 60 countries
c. It was successful until 1933 when the Nazis secularized it and made it a component of the Waffen SS.

ANSWERS:

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

Peter raised Tabitha from the dead in Joppa

Where is Joppa where St. Peter raised Tabitha from the dead?

The Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament says that, in Joppa, there was a female convert to Christianity named Tabitha who was known for her acts of charity. But she fell ill and died.

Since St. Peter was in a nearby town, they asked him to come to Joppa. St. Peter went to the upstairs room of the house where Tabitha was. He asked everyone to leave the room. Then he knelt down and prayed. Finally he said: "Tabitha, stand up." She opened her eyes and sat up. St. Peter helped her to her feet. Then the people came into the room to see she was alive.

This miracle made many more converts to Christianity. And St. Peter stayed on in Joppa for a while, living at the house of

Simon, a tanner of leather. Here St. Peter received the vision that showed him that pagans should be admitted into the church. The New American Bible says that Peter's lodging with a tanner was significant, because the Jewish religion considered the tanning occupation unclean.

The town of Joppa, now called Jaffa and also Yafo in Hebrew, is a famous port city of Israel on the Mediterranean Sea. It is now a suburb of the modern city of Tel-Aviv, 40 miles northwest of Jerusalem. There is a Jewish tradition that Noah's son Japheth founded the town of Joppa after the flood.

It was from Joppa that the prophet Jonah in the Old Testament boarded a ship, was cast into the sea during a storm, then was swallowed by a great fish, and finally let out on the shore. Also at



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Joppa, the Phoenician king, Hiram of Tyre, landed cedars of Lebanon for the construction of Solomon's temple.

Baedeker says that, in Joppa, you can see the Franciscan Monastery of St. Peter, built in 1654 on the site of a 13th-century Crusader castle. Its name commemorates the visit of St. Peter to Joppa. Steps lead down from the monastery courtyard to the still intact vaults of the Crusader castle.

Also in Joppa is the Russian

monastery built in 1860 and dedicated to St. Peter. Under the monastery courtyard is a burial cave with numerous sepulchral recesses which was part of a first through fourth century Jewish cemetery. Here visitors are shown the tomb of the risen Tabitha, which is part of Christian tradition.

Then, in Joppa, there is a small Moslem mosque built in 1730. It is said to be on the site of Simon the Tanner's house, where St. Peter stayed after raising Tabitha, from the dead.

Fodor mentions that, at Joppa, is St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church built in 1932 to accommodate the growing number of Catholics here. Other churches in

Joppa include St. George's Church, a Greek Catholic Church, a Maronite monastery and a Greek Orthodox monastery.

In Joppa's central square is the famous clock tower built in 1906 to mark the 30th anniversary of the reign of Sultan Abdul Hamid II. At the harbor or port of Joppa is a lighthouse. Today the harbor is a fishing port. A great number of fishing boats line this small marina, as well as a handful of houseboats. Along the waterfront are a number of restaurants with a great view.

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

A thinking man's guide to writing about, cheering for the team

There's never been a day in the last 28 years that I've regretted entering the field of journalism, in particular, sports journalism.

Although I've been reminded by some boisterous football fans through the years that my career of choice is occupied by a despicable band of athlete wannabes, I am proud of my work and believe that I have provided a service to Notre Dame football fans everywhere while pursuing a path that is rewarding and fulfilling.

That's not to say that I've always written the most informative and most accurate depiction of the action on the field, nor would I defend those in the business who have chosen biting and cruel commentary as their route to fame and fortune.

Somewhere along the line, "telling it like it is" became "look at me." Instead of reporting the story, reporters-analysts have become the story with the microphone and camera now pointed at us instead of toward the field of play.

Likewise, today's sports fan has become equally obnoxious when it comes to expressing opinions about his favorite team and the coaching prowess (or lack thereof) of their team's coach. Much time is spent and anger is vented on Internet message boards toward fans whose "crime" is cheering for another team.

I once was on the other side of the sports fence. As a teenager, I was the raving fan criticizing players, coaches and those cheating referees. Nearly three decades in football press boxes tamed the animal within since, as the cliché goes, there is no cheering in the press box. As a member of the media, your perspective is forced to change.

I wish the sports media were a

little less judgmental. In most sports (hockey and soccer are two exceptions), there is always a winner and always a loser. Many times, it comes down to one play tilting the outcome. The perspective of the winner and loser often is flipped by one play — or replay.

When Notre Dame lost to Michigan in early September this year, *Sports Illustrated* depicted Michigan as being "back" while Notre Dame and Charlie Weis were still wrapped up in their losing ways. But if the official had called interference on a Michigan defensive back (from my perspective, that was the right call), Notre Dame would have kept the ball, would have run the time off the clock, and would have won the game over Michigan.

Would, then, Notre Dame have been "back" while Michigan remained wrapped up in its losing ways? Such is the all-encompassing judgment based upon one play, one brief moment in time.

I wish fans were less fanatical and observed the game as opposed to taking emotional stands based upon rooting interests. It's great to cheer for your team. It gives people a way of escaping the everyday problems in life and the drudgery that often accompanies it. But can't we just observe athletic competition, take it for what it's worth, accept that there will always be a winner and a loser, and move on?

I'm amazed at the people who attend high school or college sporting events with the sole intent of badgering the officials/umpires, as if it were their right, their duty. Why do we do this? Why do we take a sporting event and turn it into a public beheading of a guy who is making \$40 a game and simply trying to do his job?

In covering Notre Dame bas-



TIM PRISTER

FROM THE SIDELINES

ketball the last 28 years, I've heard the same familiar voice each home game, and at some point in the game, this gentleman questions the integrity of the officials.

Every game? Every official? How childish.

How about a more civilized approach to observing sports? Cheer for your team, pull for a victory and sure, go ahead and moan when a call goes against you. But in the end, how about accepting the outcome, feeling disappointment that the game didn't turn out the way you had hoped, but keeping your integrity intact?

Those who blame the officials or a coach for every loss is a symptomatic reflection of society: blame someone else for your own shortcomings.

I realize it's too late to turn back in a world of non-stop public commentary, and that certainly adds fun and excitement to a sporting event. But the next time, before you berate an official or coach, stop, think, use reason and good judgment, and recognize there will always be a winner and a loser in a sporting event.

Common sense is a much better — and healthier — approach to cheering for your team and evaluating the action on the field.

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

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 25, 2009

Mark 10:46-52

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 30th Sunday, Cycle B: the healing of a faith-filled man. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JERICHO	BARTIMAEUS	ROADSIDE
JESUS	CRY OUT	SON OF DAVID
MANY	REBUKED	BE SILENT
CALL (HIM)	BLIND MAN	SAYING
THREW	TO DO	MASTER
GO YOUR WAY	FAITH	IMMEDIATELY
SIGHT	FOLLOWED	ON THE WAY

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the book as the basis for a discussion on "the future of Western ecumenism," Cardinal Kasper said.

Presenting the book at the Vatican Oct. 13, the cardinal said the timing of the project was not meant to coincide with his possible retirement. He will turn 77 in March, but said the pope has made no mention of replacing him.

"I am willing to work in the church and for the church as long as God gives me the strength and health, but the rest depends on the Holy Father," he said, adding that it "would not be a disaster" for the church or for ecumenism if a qualified replacement stepped in.

The cardinal said he knows that "even among some members of the Roman Curia" there sometimes is a feeling that ecumenism "has not borne any fruit and left us with our hands empty."

But "that is not the official opinion" of the church, he said, pointing out that Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is also a member of the council for Christian unity, and read the first draft of the book and made suggestions.

Also, he said, Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal Levada were given copies of the completed edition of "Harvesting the Fruits."

"This book was not written against anyone in the Curia, but aims at creating a welcoming atmosphere for ecumenism," Cardinal Kasper said.

Sports

DWENGER, SAINT JOSEPH'S BOYS PLACE AT CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS Bishop Dwenger High School boys' cross country team took first place at the West Noble cross country regional on Oct. 17. Runners from Bishop Dwenger in the top 15 places of the 5k run include Andy Brennan at No. 5 with 16:33; Luke Momper at No. 9 with 16:39; Phil Schroeder, at No. 12 with 16:45 and Andrew Eckrich at No. 15 with 16:54. At the Elkhart Central Regional Oct. 17 Saint Joseph's High School boys cross country took second place with Mike Bradley at No. 4 with 16:24 and Mark Greci at No. 13 with 16:39.

Panthers, Crusaders to fight for CYO championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Semi-final gridiron action for the Catholic Youth League (CYO) 2009 tournament was held Sunday, Oct. 18, leaving just two teams in the league for the championship showdown next weekend.

The St. Vincent Panthers advanced by defeating St. Charles, 20-0. The Panthers were led by their outstanding quarterback, Michael Fiacable, who rushed for all three touchdowns. Jordan Bly, Ryan Watercutter and Kyle Hartzog also added significantly to the unbeaten offensive play of the Panthers.

Coach Cory Kitchen reported, "We are very pleased to move on to the championship game. St. Charles played us hard and should be commended on a fantastic effort. It is never easy to beat the same team twice in one season. But, I felt like our kids dug deep and did what they need-

ed to do to come out on top." Kitchen also gave his kudos to his defense and defensive coaching staff with the shut out.

The St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth-St. Aloysius-St. Therese (JAT) Knights ended their postseason run and stellar year with a

tough loss to the defending champs,

Holy Cross, setting up the final game between the Crusaders and St. Vincent.

The two faced each other in regular play on Sept. 20 with the Panthers coming out on top, 24-14.

Looking forward to the rematch with Holy Cross, Kitchen recalls, "It was a great game the first time and I would expect nothing less this time. It should make for an outstanding championship atmosphere."

Game time is set for 2:30 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis. The junior varsity match-up will take place first at 1 p.m. Both contests will air on Redeemer Radio 1450AM.



Crusaders, Saints advance to championship

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Big time programs and prime time players put their skills, countless hours of practice and hearts on the line to determine which teams would be playing in the finals of the Inter-City Catholic League playoffs at Otolski Field.

The first game of the day pitted the regular season champs and undefeated Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders against the tandem of Dominique Sanders and Tyran Ottbridge and their St. Matthew-St. Jude-Our Lady of Hungary Blazers.

The game plan for the Crusaders would be a simple one: pound the ball down the middle of the field using their superior offensive line and keep Sanders and Ottbridge in front of them and in the middle of the field.

The first possession for the Crusaders was just as scripted by their veteran Coach John Krzyzewski. With a one-two punch of Quinn Imus and Pierre Byrne, they marched down to the one-yard line where Imus finished the drive. Ryan Wobbe connected on the points after touchdown (PAT) making the score, 8-0.

The half would end after each team sparring for field position came up empty, the same would be true for the second stanza until Crusader Matt Monserez found Matt Madden wide open on a 19-yard pass play for a touchdown. Wobbe again added the PAT for a 16-0 lead.

After the Blazers were yet again bottled up, Byrne took a direct snap and scampered 43 yards to set up a Monserez sneak making the contest, 22-0,

Crusaders.

Time would be the opponent for the Blazers the rest of the way, but keeping with the team philosophy, "keep fighting the whole game," Sanders found Ottbridge on a 69-yard pass to put them on the board.

Ottbridge's kick was true making the final, 22-8, and advancing the Crusaders into the championship game.

"Tre Robinson, as did the rest of our defensive line, had a big day putting pressure on Sanders," Krzyzewski commented. "We had to fight off the rust, but our kids responded as I knew they would."

With one half of the championship game set, the defending champion Mishawaka Catholic Saints would meet the St. Anthony-St. Joseph-St. Pius Panthers, a team that beat the purple-and-gold clad squad by a PAT in Week 1.

The breaks would go the way of the Saints early as Joe Kavanaugh took the opening kickoff and raced 74 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was blocked, Saints, 6, Panthers, 0.

The Panthers made their own breaks as running backs Brian Mischler and Chris Lippert carried them deep into Saints' territory before quarterback Alex Ward connected with a streaking Denton Gillis for a touchdown. The PAT was no good knotting the score, 6-6.

Starting at their own 15, the Saints had a mountain to climb but with the help of a 30-yard run by Dominic Ravotto they were

within striking distance.

Mishawaka Catholic quarterback Joe Molner then took the snap, faded back and found Chris Coulter, who was closely covered, out reach the defender for a 32-yard touchdown reception.

The PAT was no good; the Saints would still have the 2-point loss from earlier loom heavy on their shoulders leading, 12-6.

The Panthers would go to work again but a costly

fumble recovered by Saints' Joe Molner would prove their undoing. On the possession that followed, on fourth down and five at the 32 the Saints' long time mentor Toni Violi called for the middle screen and the Molner to Kavanaugh connection worked to perfection as he raced into the endzone with 1:40 left in the half.

The powerhouses would trade defensive stands in the second half allowing no more points on the board setting the stage for the championship game pitting the Mishawaka Catholic Saints against the Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders.

"The reason we have turned our season around is the leadership of the eighth graders," remarked Violi. "The kids wanted to lead and they wanted to win and the seventh graders followed them, and they are why we were successful."

"As for the championship game, we have to play flawless and have it be our best game of the year," continued Violi. "John is a great coach who has a great team; we will have to bring it all together when we face them."



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Ladies' night out

South Bend — Representatives from Party Lite, Mary Kay, Southern Living, Tastefully Simple and Southern Living will be on hand at a ladies night out Friday, Nov. 6, in the Our Lady of Hungary School gym, 735 W. Calvert St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 presale or \$12 at the door. Presale tickets can be purchased at the school office at (574) 289-3272 or the church office at (574) 287-1700. The evening will include 10 games of Bingo with prizes from the sponsors, a scrapbooking area with complementary stickers and paper, raffles and tips (extra cost), medical massages (extra cost), food and free babysitting by the OLH Student Council. Visit www.ourladyofhungary.org for more information.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-

12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Holiday craft bazaar

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. A bake sale and lunch will be available.

Fall dance

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School will have a fall dance with music from Break Away, Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include two drinks. Tickets can be purchased at the school or at the door. Must be 21.

Prayer for Priests

Mishawaka — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration will have a day of prayer for priests Thursday Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Francis Convent, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner Friday Oct. 30, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Knights hall, 553 E. Washington St. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Fall open house

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a fall open house Thursday, Nov. 12, from 5-7 p.m. Representatives from Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef, Gold Canyon Candles, Lia Sophia, Anastasia's Purses, Miche Bags, Creative Memories, Tastefully Simple, Uppercase Living and Beauty Control will be on hand and snacks, drinks and door prizes will be offered all evening. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.

Rosary for Poor Souls

Mishawaka — A rosary for the Poor Souls will be recited on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Cemetery, rain or shine.

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St. Charles new kindergarten facility blessed

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The steady rain that fell on the morning of Oct. 14 was not enough to dampen the spirits of the students and staff of St. Charles Borromeo School, who assembled for an all-school Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, along with St. Charles pastor Msgr. John Suelzer and associate pastors Fathers Tony Steinacker and Jim Kumbakkeel. Family members, parishioners and visitors joined the students at the special Mass to celebrate the newly-constructed kindergarten facility in use this school year.

St. Charles School preschool and kindergarten-age students had been attending school on Our Lady of Good Hope campus for the past 12 years. Construction on the addition to St. Charles School broke ground in November of 2008 and was completed in August of this year.

Principal Robert Sordelet says, "We appreciate the generous support of the parishioners of St. Charles. In these difficult economic times they pulled forward. They've always been very good to the children."

He adds, "The addition completed the school from a physical standpoint as well as now having everyone together."

Currently the four kindergarten

classes boast a total of 84 students, the majority of whom attend full-day. Two new teachers joined the original two this year to accommodate the incoming number of students and each classroom has a teacher's aid.

Principal Sordelet says, "The kindergartners are doing an excellent job. We've had a smooth transition. It's a blessing."

Msgr. Suelzer agrees saying, "It's wonderful that we have the kindergartners on St. Charles' campus. It's good that the little children see the big children and the big see the little. We're very pleased with the facility and hope to keep up the numbers."

At Mass during his homily Bishop D'Arcy spoke directly to the students about Jesus from the aisles of the church.

"Don't ever be silent with Jesus," he says. "Never be afraid, God loves you."

As the bright students, both young and old, answered the bishop's inquiries, he reminded the congregation that God's people must be like children. "We're all supposed to be like little children, no matter how old. In the sense that everything is from God — everything is a gift."

He also reminded the adults that the children were innocent and unprotected and that they deserved and needed love and care.

"Let's promise that the children

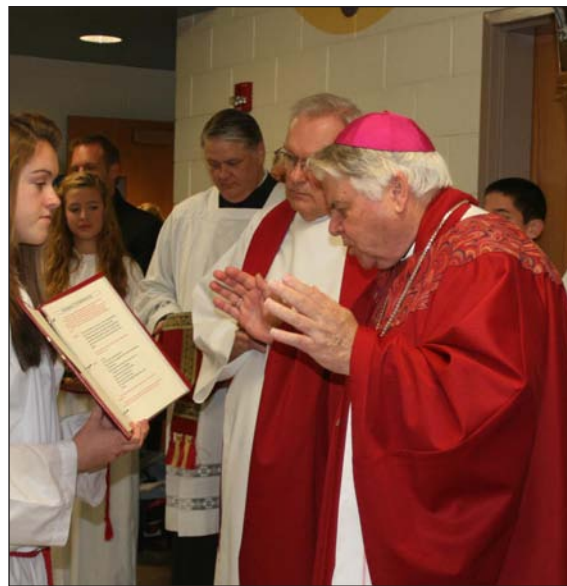
will be central to St. Charles Parish. That we will love them, catechize them, protect them and above all bring them closer to God," he adds.

As he closed the Mass, Bishop D'Arcy reminded the students to pray for their vocation saying, "One of the most important things in life is to find your vocation. At Mass we say the vocation prayer, 'Lord, help me. Teach me to find my vocation in life.'"

Following Mass the bishop and fellow priests led the kindergartners and staff in a procession to the new building. There the bishop met the architect and consultants responsible for the design and construction of the new facility, which offers four new classrooms, restrooms, small kitchenette and utility closet, and is built off the existing building.

As all gathered in the hallways of the kindergarten building, the bishop offered a prayer to bless the building itself. Following the prayer the bishop met with the kindergarten students and teachers in their respective rooms. The student desks were centered within the economically arranged and brightly decorated classrooms.

Bishop D'Arcy took the eager students through a question-answer session in each classroom with easy banter before blessing all four of the rooms with holy water.



Bishop John M. D'Arcy offers a blessing on the newly constructed kindergarten addition to St. Charles School, while St. Charles pastor, Msgr. John Suelzer, left of bishop, looks on.

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Bishop John M. D'Arcy banters with kindergarten students in one of the four newly constructed classrooms at St. Charles School before blessing the room with holy water on Oct. 14. St. Charles pastor Msgr. John Suelzer, left, and Principal Robert Sordelet, right, are both pleased with the new facility that houses the 84 kindergarten students this year.

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