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Whirlwind tour of the diocese introduces new diocesan shepherd

BY KAY COZAD AND DIANE FREEBY

FORT WAYNE — “This is a historic and spiritual moment,” said Bishop John M. D’Arcy of the announcement that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have a new bishop. Bishop D’Arcy welcomed the new bishop, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, on Nov. 14, at the morning Mass celebrated in the MacDougal Chapel in patronage of St. Mother Theodore Guérin on Cathedral Square.

Bishop Rhoades hails from Harrisburg, Pa., where he was ordained into the priesthood in 1983. He served in the Diocese of Harrisburg for 26 years in several capacities, the past five as its bishop.

Following Mass the two bishops joined many of the diocesan priests in a special welcoming service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and later in the afternoon, again at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, where Bishop Rhoades was introduced to the presbyterate. In his remarks to the priests the energetic Bishop Rhoades said, “I am really looking forward to getting to know you, to learning about your ministries here in the diocese, and to working together with you in serving the church in this portion of the vineyard of the Lord.”

Bishop Rhoades spoke of his commitment to interior renewal, not only for the priests but for the whole church. The bishop also offered his continued pledge to promote vocations to

the priesthood and consecrated life, which was one of his priorities in his former diocese.

Fort Wayne press conference

Media staff from around the Fort Wayne area waited in anticipation as Bishop D’Arcy and his successor Bishop Rhoades joined them and the diocesan staff for an official press conference held in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

In a statement, Bishop D’Arcy announced that Pope Benedict XVI had appointed the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin Rhoades.

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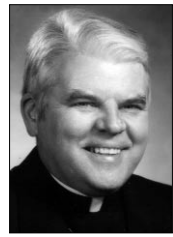
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Bishop Kevin Rhoades is extraordinary appointment



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A day that was — what a day that was!

For all of us, there are certain days that we will remember all our lives. For those of us with the gift of faith, these days are filled with grace, God's light, in the midst of intense activities. Often, such days are milestones, and that was true of Saturday, Nov. 14.

It was three weeks ago that the call came from the apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Pietro Sambini. The nuncio, as you know, is the ambassador to the American government from the Vatican, but more importantly, the representative of the Holy Father to the Catholic Church in this country, especially to the bishops. The previous day had been full and beautiful with a talk to our priests, and an evening speaking on St. Therese, the Little Flower, at a parish named in her honor.

A full day then, including noon Mass at a downtown chapel in South Bend, and then a busy afternoon. I was getting ready to leave, and my assistant, Maureen, called from Fort Wayne and said the nuncio called. I hung up, said a Hail Mary, made my Act of Acceptance of God's will, and called Archbishop Sambini. He told me the name of the bishop whom Pope Benedict XVI had appointed to be my successor, the ninth bishop of this diocese. I was delighted, and gratitude filled my heart, as I drove to the Mishawaka convent, late — for a good reason — to have supper with the sisters.

Elsewhere in this newspaper is my statement about Bishop Rhoades and this extraordinary appointment. Extraordinary, because of the qualities of the incoming bishop, and because it shows the care and concern of the Holy Father in sending us an experienced bishop — a pastor of a diocese larger than this one. And it also shows Bishop Rhoades' readiness to do God's will, accepting it immediately in faith and obedience.

But let us look at the day itself. We had celebrated Mass at the newly refurbished MacDougal Chapel, next to our cathedral. This chapel is now under the patronage of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, who actually lived on these grounds and is truly the foundress of

our Catholic Schools.

A hearty breakfast in the cathedral with Msgr. Schulte and the cathedral priests. A meeting at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with the priests of the Fort Wayne area. A hymn and a reading, my introduction, and then a beautiful reflection by Bishop Kevin Rhoades from which we learned of his devotion to Our Lady; the priority on seeking vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life; his devotion to the new evangelization; his hero, Pope John Paul II; and his love for priests. He presented to us in clear terms the purpose of Pope Benedict declaring the Year for Priests, hoping and praying for a stronger and more incisive evangelization.

After each priest had a few minutes with the new bishop, we were off to the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center for a press conference with the media, followed by a meeting with our Fort Wayne staff. Joyful and hopeful, and some kind words, also, for the bishop who is retiring.

A kind of westward baptism

Bishop Rhoades and I then drove west and reached St. Matthew's Co-Cathedral at 1:35 p.m. — a few minutes late. We repeated everything. A meeting with the priests, and then a press conference. Good questions, including one from Diane Freeby of *Today's Catholic*, followed by a joyful meeting with our South Bend staff.

Soup and sandwich with Msgr. Mike Heintz in the rectory. Some wonderful discussion on the theology of the priesthood and a course on the writings of Joseph Ratzinger given at Notre Dame by Father Mike and Professor Fred Freddoso. Then in a spur of a moment, we went into St. Matthew's Co-Cathedral to greet those present at the 4:30 p.m. vigil Mass. Another standing ovation for a new bishop.

This beloved diocese welcomed the new bishop with joy and love, as was our responsibility.

Up to the basilica

I had agreed long ago to celebrate a Mass at the Basilica for the Committee on Ethics and Culture at their annual meeting, which draws young people from all over the country. Bishop Rhoades concelebrated. The second Mass he had celebrated at the basilica. The other was a few years ago, after Notre Dame had beaten Penn State. The bishop follows both these schools in football, but he is first of all a Notre Dame fan. And then a delightful time greeting Notre Dame students, along with others who were there for the conference. Off then to the Sisters of Saint Francis for an evening meal, a visit with the sisters and with a group of young

women from all over the country who were there for a discernment retreat; that is, determining whether or not they should enter religious life. Finally, for the third time in this beautiful day, we sang the *Salve Regina*. This is the Hail, Holy Queen, sung in Latin Gregorian Chant, a hymn we all sing in the seminary. A prayer dear to priests, religious and many laity. I left out something important: after the basilica, we went to the Lourdes Grotto on the Campus of Notre Dame and prayed. I prayed silently for our new bishop and for our diocese; and I am sure that Bishop Rhoades offered himself and his oncoming installation, and the years before him to Our Lady.

By the way, we were honored at Mass that Father Hesburgh — a legendary priest and longtime president of Notre Dame — concelebrated with us and greeted the new bishop with esteem and affection. Also present was Father Jim McDonald, CSC, assistant to Father Jenkins, CSC, whom he represented at the Mass.

Remember, all of this was very last minute, and they were good to come, as was Father Bill Miscamble, CSC, professor of history at Notre Dame and a good friend. I reached the end of this day and put these thoughts together at 11:30 p.m. at night. Tomorrow, I will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw for the installation of Father Phil DeVolder as pastor. Then I will be off to Baltimore for our annual meeting of the U.S. bishops. I believe it will be my 35th November meeting of the bishops. I missed one when my dear father was dying, but I made all the others.

Apostolic administrator

A gracious note from the Holy See appointing me as apostolic administrator until Bishop Rhoades takes office. For these two months, the Latin text indicates that this is in effect the same as being bishop here. I will cherish these days. I think I have loved every day that I have been your bishop. I especially look forward to my 25th Christmas as your bishop, and celebrating for the 25th time our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Cathedral in her honor.

Many other beautiful things ahead, such as installations of pastors in smaller rural parishes, along with being part of a parish-wide mission at St. Matthew's co-Cathedral Parish. I will cherish always the reaction of various parishes to the naming of their pastor as a monsignor.

The following proves that the Good Lord has a sense of humor ... Bishop Kevin Rhoades is a New York Yankee fan!

See you all next week.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades elected chairman-elect of committee

BALTIMORE — The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), at their fall general assembly, elected by simple majority the chairmen-elect of five committees.

- Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend was elected Chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth in a 145-93 vote over Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kan.
- Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis

was elected Chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocation in a 118-114 vote over Bishop Michael Burbidge of Raleigh, N.C.

- Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans was elected Chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship in a 126-110 vote over Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit.
- Bishop Stephen Blaize of Stockton, Calif.,

was elected Chairman of the Committee on

Domestic Justice and Human Development in a 120-117 vote over Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Fla.

- Archbishop José Gomez of San Antonio was elected Chairman of the Committee on Migration in a 132-105 vote over Bishop James Tamayo of Laredo, Texas.

Chairmen-elect serve for one year in this capacity before assuming the responsibilities as chairman of a committee.

Bishop Rhoades also ninth bishop of Harrisburg, Pa.

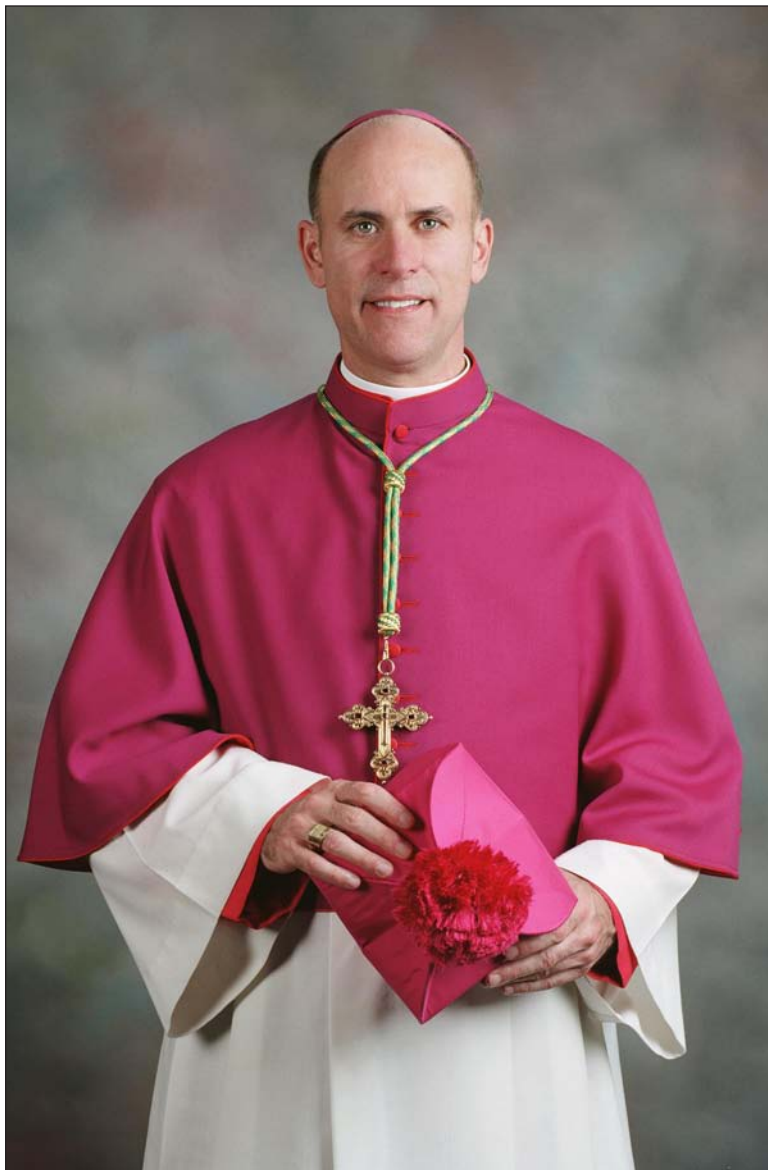
Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The appointment was announced Saturday, Nov. 14, by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Rhoades will be installed at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Jan. 13, 2010.

Bishop Rhoades is the son of Charles and the late Mary Rhoades and the brother of Charles Rhoades and Robin McCracken. He was born Nov. 26, 1957, in Mahanoy City, Pa., located in Schuylkill County in the Diocese of Allentown, Pa., and baptized at St. Canicus Church there. He grew up in Lebanon, Pa., where he was a member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. He attended the former St. Mary's School in Lebanon and graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School in 1975.

He enrolled at Mount Saint Mary's College (now University) in Emmitsburg, Md., in the fall of 1975, and studied there for two years. He studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pa., and earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy there in 1979. He did his theological studies at the North



BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Rhoades served in parish ministry as parochial vicar at St. Patrick Parish in York, Pa., from 1983-1985 and also worked with Spanish-speaking Catholics at Cristo Salvador Parish in York and Cristo Rey Mission in Bendersville.

In 1985, he returned to the Gregorian University in Rome, where he earned advanced degrees in dogmatic theology and canon law.

In 1988, he returned to the Harrisburg Diocese to serve as assistant chancellor under then-Bishop Keeler. During this time, he also ministered as the director of the Spanish apostolate in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties, and as administrator pro-tem of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Lebanon.

Bishop Rhoades was appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Harrisburg, in 1990. He served there until 1995, when he accepted a full-time faculty position with Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. While there, he taught courses in systematic theology, canon law and Hispanic ministry.

In March 1997, he was named rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, a role he fulfilled until his appointment by Pope John Paul II as Bishop of the Diocese

of Harrisburg on Oct. 14, 2004.

He was ordained a bishop on Dec. 9, 2004, by Cardinal Justin Rigali, archbishop of Philadelphia. The Diocese of Harrisburg encompasses 15 counties of south-central Pennsylvania and includes over 250,000 Catholics.

Bishop Rhoades serves as President of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, as co-chair of the Pennsylvania Conference on Interchurch Cooperation, Chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Task Force on Health Care, and as episcopal moderator of the National Catholic Office for the Deaf. He is a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on the Catechism, the board of trustees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the board of trustees of Mount Saint Mary's University, the board of trustees of Saint Charles Seminary, the board of regents of Saint Vincent Seminary, the episcopal advisory board of the Theology of the Body Institute, and the episcopal cabinet for Catholic Charities USA.



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American College and the Pontifical Gregorian University, both in Rome, from 1979-1983.

Cardinal Terence Cooke ordained Bishop Rhoades a deacon at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City in 1982.

He also studied Spanish at the University of Salamanca in Spain during the summer of 1982.

Bishop Rhoades was ordained a priest in July 1983 by then-Auxiliary Bishop William H. Keeler of Harrisburg at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lebanon.

Following ordination, Bishop

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Press conference in Fort Wayne-South Bend

November 14, 2009

I am both humbled and honored by Pope Benedict XVI's appointment of me as ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I am particularly humbled to succeed Bishop John D'Arcy, who has served the faithful of this diocese with such great devotion and love for over 24 years. I am deeply grateful to Bishop D'Arcy for his very warm welcome, and I look forward to learning from him about this wonderful diocese as I prepare to become your new shepherd.

I have been bishop of my home diocese of Harrisburg for the past five years. Naturally, it will not be easy for me to bid farewell to my family and friends, my brother priests and the faithful of the Harrisburg diocese. I express my deep gratitude to them for their support, prayers and affection. It has been a tremendous blessing in my life to serve as bishop of Harrisburg and indeed to have served as a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg for 26 years.

With joyful anticipation, I look forward now to serving as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I look forward to meeting the priests, deacons, men and women in consecrated life, and lay faithful of the diocese. My greatest joys as bishop have been in being with the people, teaching the faith and celebrating the sacraments. I am looking forward to visiting the parishes, schools, and other communities of my new diocese. My only previous visit to this diocese was in 2006 when I visited the University of Notre Dame for a game between my two favorite college football teams, Notre Dame and Penn State. I remember well celebrating holy Mass in the beautiful Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the Mass.

Bishops serve the church as successors of the apostles. Our Lord Jesus sent the apostles forth with the mandate to teach, sanctify and serve as he did. Jesus said to the apostles: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21). I am conscious of "being sent" from Harrisburg to Fort Wayne-South Bend. As I accept this appointment of our Holy Father, I do so with faith and trust in the Lord. I have before my eyes the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life for the sheep. I ask for your prayers that I may be a true shepherd after the heart of Christ.

I pledge to the people of my new diocese my love and my prayers. I was very happy to learn that the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Let us implore her intercession that we may fulfill the task which Christ has entrusted to us. Our Blessed Mother accompanies us with her maternal care as we journey together on our earthly pilgrimage of faith, hope and love.

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Concerning appointment of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

I am honored to announce, with great joy, that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has appointed as ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend the present Bishop of Harrisburg (Pennsylvania), Kevin C. Rhoades.

Bishop Rhoades was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Harrisburg in 1983. He has advanced degrees in canon law and theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

He has served as rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. — one of the oldest seminaries in the United States. I was privileged to visit there as part of the apostolic visitation of seminaries in 2005. And even though Bishop Rhoades was no longer at the seminary since he had been appointed as bishop of Harrisburg, one could see among faculty and students great respect for his intelligence, holiness and priestly character.

As a seminarian, he studied Spanish intensely and is fluent in that language. This will be a great blessing, for the increasing number of Hispanic Catholics in our diocese.

There are two important points I would like to make before Bishop Rhoades speaks.

1. This appointment shows the great importance Pope Benedict XVI places on this diocese. He has sent us a well-prepared bishop,

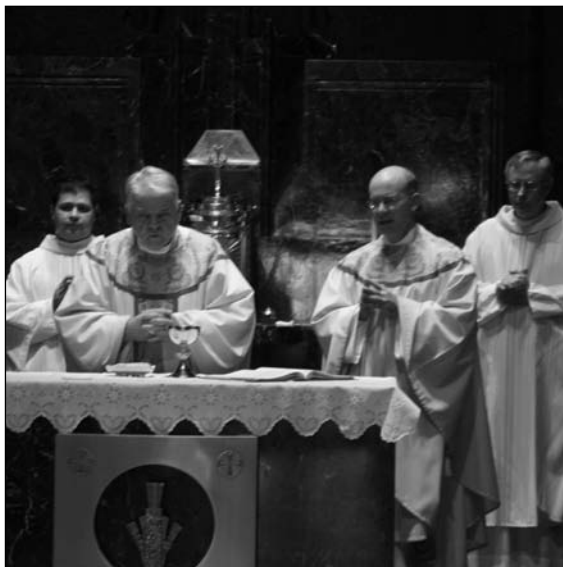
FATHER DALE A. BAUMAN INSTALLED



TERESA BRITO

Father Dale A. Bauman was installed as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, on Sunday, Nov. 8, by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. In the photo, Father Dale is renewing the promises he made at ordination to the priesthood to the bishop.

Prayers offered at both ends of the diocese



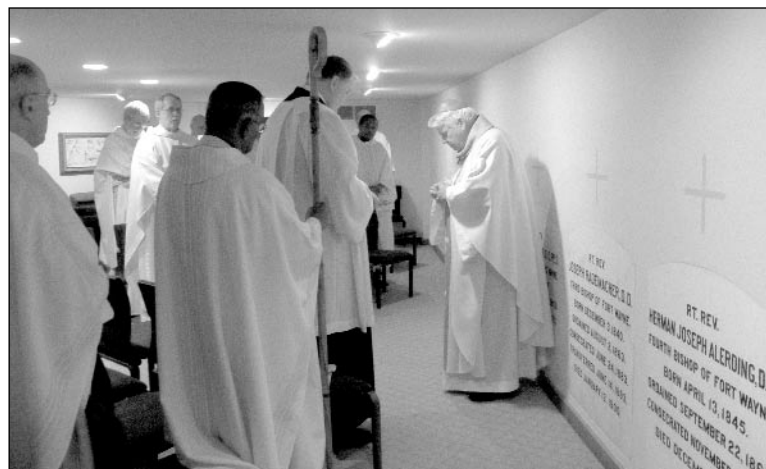
Bishop John M. D'Arcy, second left, concelebrates Mass with Bishop Kevin Rhoades at the MacDougal Chapel in patronage of St. Mother Theodore Guérin on Nov. 14.



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Priests from the Fort Wayne area pray with Bishop D'Arcy and his successor, Bishop Kevin Rhoades, at a special prayer service on Nov. 14, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



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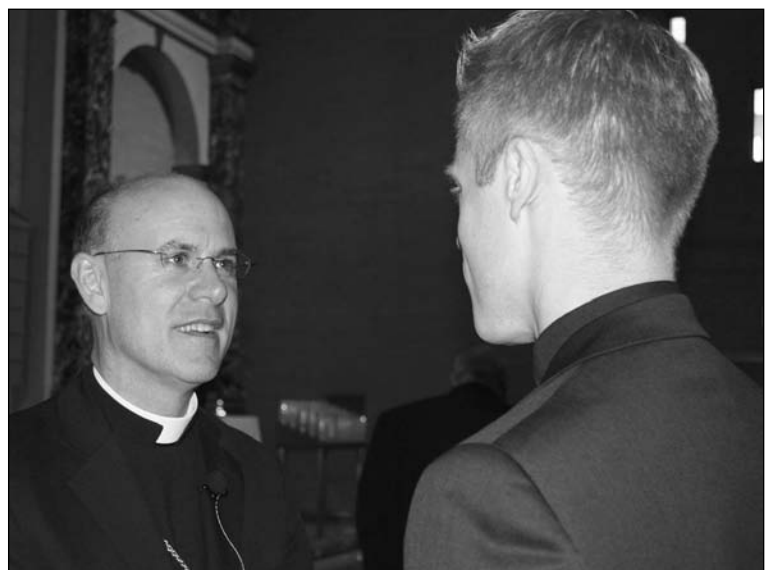
After Mass for deceased priests and bishops at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Nov. 10, Bishop John M. D'Arcy was joined by several priests in the crypt of the cathedral. Priests who died in the past year were Father Robert Dombrowski and Father Ronald Ramenaden. As part of the Year for Priests, those who attended the Mass were offered a plenary indulgence.



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

Bishop Kevin Rhoades greets Holy Cross Father Len Banas, Holy Cross Father John Pearson of the University of Notre Dame and Father Len Chrobot, pastor of St. Hedwig and St. Patrick parishes in South Bend, after a prayer service for the new bishop at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

Bishop Kevin Rhoades speaks with Holy Cross Deacon Kevin Grove, who serves at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, after a prayer service for the new bishop at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.



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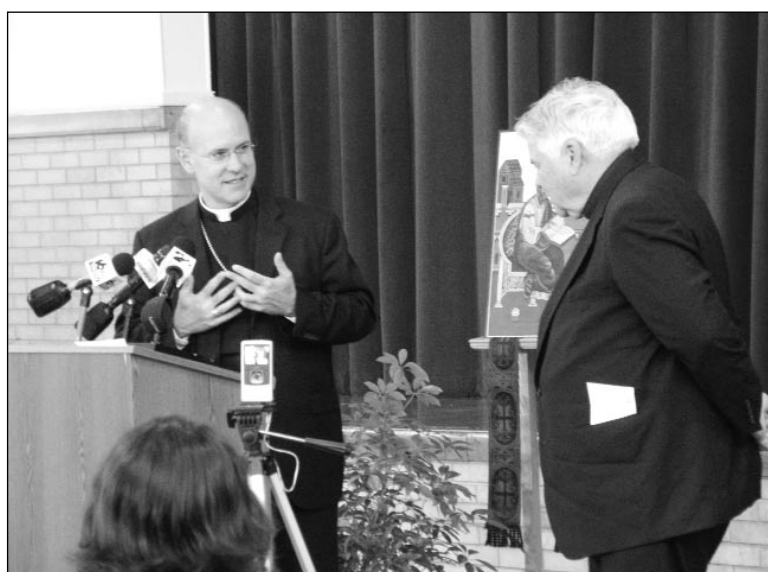
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Bishop John D'Arcy and Bishop Kevin Rhoades speak at an informal gathering with Fort Wayne diocesan staff members at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.



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Bishop Kevin Rhoades expresses his gratitude to Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the South Bend press conference above. Below, Bishop Rhoades meets with the diocesan staff in South Bend.



STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP DANIEL M. BUECHLEIN, ARCHBISHOP OF INDIANAPOLIS

On Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

All the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis welcome Bishop Rhoades to Indiana. He has our prayers and support. I look forward to working with him for the good of the pastoral care of all people in Indiana. We thank Bishop D'Arcy for his many years of service to the people of God of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and for being such a dedicated and loyal servant of Jesus Christ.

STATEMENT

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who has served five years as bishop of a diocese larger than ours — Harrisburg, Pa., which is also the capital city of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I know from other sources how beloved he is there, and this will be painful for them. A gift for us. A loss for them.

In the Year for Priests, we have received an exemplary priest. He is devoted to sanctification and formation of priests. He has a track record of attracting young men to the priesthood. When he became bishop, there were 11 studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Harrisburg, now there are 25. One of the great issues of the times in light of all we have been through is the careful screening and sound formation of priests, and this is his main expertise. He is dedicated to the spiritual formation of families and young people.

2. Bishop Rhoades is bishop of his home diocese — a place where he grew up in the small town of Mahanoy City, Pa. He probably presumed he would be bishop there for the rest of his life, and he certainly was content there. Yet, he immediately accepted the request of Pope Benedict XVI. Like the apostles in the fifth chapter of Luke, he left everything to follow the call of Christ.

Now, we have an obligation to welcome him with love. To realize, in faith, that he is sent by Christ. To give thanks to God and to the successor of Peter for this great gift. To cooperate with him and collaborate and pray for him from this moment on. He is a sign that the apostolic ministry will continue in our midst. The Eucharist will be celebrated, the Gospel will be proclaimed, sins will be forgiven, priests will be ordained, the poor will be served and the faith will be nourished. Thanks be to God.

I am pleased to tell you that his installation as Bishop is scheduled to take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Jan. 13, 2010.

Pope Benedict XVI has kindly appointed me as apostolic administrator until the installation on Jan. 13, 2010.

Bishop Rhoades: We welcome you as we would welcome Christ himself, for you have come in his name.

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Pope names archbishop for Milwaukee

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Jerome E. ListECKI of La Crosse, Wis., to be the archbishop of Milwaukee and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg, Pa., to be the bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He also accepted the resignation of Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who has headed the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since 1985. He is 77 years old, two years past the age at which canon law requires bishops to turn in their resignation. The appointments and resignation were announced in Washington Nov. 14 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. In Milwaukee Archbishop ListECKI, 60, succeeds Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, who was appointed to head the New York Archdiocese in February. Bishop Rhoades, who will turn 52 Nov. 26, succeeds Bishop D'Arcy.

Reports say Pope John Paul closer to being declared venerable

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The cardinal- and bishop-members of the Congregation for Saints' Causes voted unanimously Nov. 16 to recommend that Pope Benedict XVI formally recognize that Pope John Paul II heroically lived the Christian virtues, Italian newspapers reported. The Vatican did not deny or confirm that the vote took place because the process is supposed to be secret until Pope Benedict signs the decree recognizing the heroic virtue of his predecessor and declares him venerable. Pope Benedict generally signs a dozen or more decrees three times a year: in April, in June or July and in December. As the miracle for Pope John Paul's beatification, the promoter of his cause has proposed the healing of a French nun. She allegedly was cured of Parkinson's disease, the same disease from which Pope John Paul suffered.

Sex trafficking survivor turns her 'hell' into help for other victims

DAYTON, Ohio (CNS) — The more than 300 people in a University of Dayton auditorium were stone silent, some wearing anguished expressions, as Theresa Flores shared her story of becoming a sex slave at age 15. Now a University of Dayton graduate and licensed social worker, Flores was among the panelists at a public forum during the Dayton Human Trafficking Accords international conference Nov. 9-10 at the university. Flores told how for two years she was drugged, raped and tortured in Detroit by a group of boys and men who manipulated her through threats and blackmail. She was forced to sneak out of her upscale suburban home at night or was picked up after school for sex. One time she was essentially put on

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POPE ADDRESSES WORLD FOOD SECURITY SUMMIT



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Pope Benedict XVI addresses the U.N. World Summit on Food Security Nov. 16 in Rome. Opulence and waste are unacceptable when hunger — the cruelest form of poverty — continues to rise, Pope Benedict XVI told world leaders at the summit.

display for a group of men and "auctioned off," not knowing if she would live or die. She is now the director of development for Gracehaven, a safe home in Dublin, Ohio, for girls under age 18 who have been victims of commercial sexual exploitation. "I decided to turn my hell into my heaven," she said. "I have dedicated my life to this cause. I don't want it to happen to anyone else."

Cardinal discusses role of priests, need for unity within church

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Considering what the church would be like without the sacrament of holy orders, Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called on his fellow bishops to reflect on their relationships with their priests and help them grow in holiness and unite with them around Jesus. In his Nov. 16 speech opening the bishops' fall general assembly in Baltimore, Cardinal George also addressed ways of strengthening church unity, particularly with regard to Catholic universities, "to media claiming the right to be a voice for the church" and to organizations that do various work under Catholic auspices. He also spoke about the challenges of the church being "a haven for the world's transformation," such as in the ongoing national debate about health care reform. In his traditional presidential address, the cardinal framed his thoughts on the role of priestly ministry as a part of the Year for Priests pro-

claimed by Pope Benedict XVI in June. The cardinal talked about the bishops' role as "leaven for the world's transformation." He said the challenge to govern effectively as bishops "is to be public without being co-opted and to be who we are without being isolated."

Congressman urges Obama to raise issue of forced abortions in China

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A U.S. congressman urged President Barack Obama to raise the issue of forced abortions with Chinese leaders and not allow human rights to take a backseat to economic issues when the president traveled to Beijing. Obama was scheduled to be in China Nov. 15-18, after stopping in Tokyo Nov. 13 and Singapore Nov. 14. He was to return to the United States Nov. 19 after a stop in Seoul, South Korea. "Few people outside China understand what a massive and cruel system of social control the one-child policy entails. ... The system is 'marked by pervasive propaganda, mandatory birth permits, coercive fines for failure to comply, and, in some cases, forced sterilization and abortion,'" said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., quoting the U.S. China Commission. Smith, a ranking member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, spoke at a hearing on the issue Nov. 10. "I believe the Chinese government would respond to the president if he were to take the lead in speaking up in defense of human rights in China," Smith said in an opening statement. "The Chinese government is sensitive to how it is viewed by the rest of the world."

Bishop Tobin criticizes Catholic congressman's abortion stance

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin asked U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., if as a Catholic, he really understands what it means "to be a Catholic." He questioned if Kennedy could really describe himself as Catholic since his stance on abortion was "unacceptable to the church" and "scandalous to many of our members." Bishop Tobin made the comments in his "Without a Doubt" column in the Nov. 12 issue of *The Rhode Island Catholic*, his diocesan newspaper. He was responding to an Oct. 29 letter Kennedy sent to the bishop in which he stated: "The fact that I disagree with the hierarchy of the church on some issues does not make me any less of a Catholic." "Well, in fact, Congressman, in a way it does," the bishop wrote. "Although I wouldn't choose those particular words, when someone rejects the teachings of the church, especially on a grave matter, a life-and-death issue like abortion, it certainly does diminish their ecclesial communion, their unity with the church."

Vatican hopes U.S. will lift Cuba embargo

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican consistently has criticized the U.S. embargo against Cuba and hopes the Obama administration will lift the restrictions, recognizing the fact that they cause untold suffering for the Cuban people, a Vatican official said. Archbishop

Claudio Maria Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, visited Cuba Nov. 4-8 and met with local bishops and Catholics involved in communications work, but also with government officials. The embargo "undeniably has a negative influence on the life of the people," Archbishop Celli told Vatican Radio Nov. 13. Asked whether he expects U.S. President Barack Obama to change U.S. policy, Archbishop Celli said, "I hope this can occur because, undeniably, it is the population that suffers most." He said that while the Catholic Church in Cuba has few resources and extremely limited access to the media, its communications efforts are having an impact.

Masses worldwide to recall Archbishop Sheen's life, promote sainthood

PATERSON, N.J. (CNS) — A worldwide celebration of Masses Dec. 9 will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the death of famed author, lecturer and television evangelist Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, as well as promote his cause for canonization. Two women from the Paterson Diocese launched the program: Lo Anne Mayer, a parishioner of Christ the King Church in New Verona, and La Verne Washburne, a parishioner of Corpus Christi Church in Chatham Township. Mayer, who is a board member of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation in Peoria, Ill., and president of its advisory council, credits her friend Washburne with conceiving the worldwide Mass idea. Washburne said it just struck her after hearing the foundation advise that Rome would like to witness an outpouring of support for Archbishop Sheen "from a lot of people!" "The Mass is our greatest prayer," she said, "and I can't think of a better way to dramatize his worthiness for sainthood than big turnouts of people around the globe attending Mass in his memory, all on the same day. That's public support on a grand scale; hopefully, it will impress Rome." Masses have been scheduled in 35 countries on six continents.

Catholic Charities USA wins award

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic Charities USA, the national office for more than 1,700 local Catholic Charities agencies nationwide, won the 2009 Catholic Digest Love Your Neighbor award and \$5,000 to put toward its mission. "To us, each annual award is an opportunity to illuminate our church in action, to celebrate and express gratitude for people ... who spend each day making a difference in the lives of others," said Bret Thomas, *Catholic Digest* publisher. In announcing the award to Catholic Charities in October, Thomas said the work of the agency will be featured in a future issue of the magazine to share its mission with *Catholic Digest* readers.

Lindenwood offers Advent retreat

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken for the quiet day of reflection program "Advent-A Time of Longing." The facilitator is Jay Freel-Landry, pastoral associate at Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend, where he directs adult faith formation, retreats, initiation, financial and seasonal outreach and justice ministries. He has been in parish and retreat ministry for 12 years.

Freel-Landry has his masters of divinity from the University of Notre Dame. The program will be held Monday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program fee is \$25 and includes the main noon meal.

Registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 7. For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1763 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or visit www.lindenwood.org.

Sister Marie Kevin Tighe offers personal reflective memoir in new book

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS —

Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, a member of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for 67 years, is the author of a new book.



SISTER MARIE KEVIN TIGHE

"Arch, Steeple, and Dome: Religious Symbols on a Journey of Faith," is a reflection on new expectations, growth and collaboration within the Catholic Church, focusing on her own education about the Second Vatican Council's decrees in the late 1960s and how she helped others understand and implement those changes. The council's role in the life of the church is woven throughout the book.

A native of New Albany, sister is a lifelong educator, having spent most of her ministerial life in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis where she taught and served as principal in several Catholic schools. In addition, she served as adjunct professor and spiritual director at St. Meinrad College Seminary. She was the founder and director of the Office for Pastoral Councils for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Most recently, Sister Marie Kevin served in a prominent ministry for the congregation for nearly 11 years, first as promoter of the cause of Blessed Mother Theodore Guérin, and also vice postulator for the cause. She is the recipient of several awards.

The book is available at The Gift Shop at Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Borders.com and authorhouse.com.

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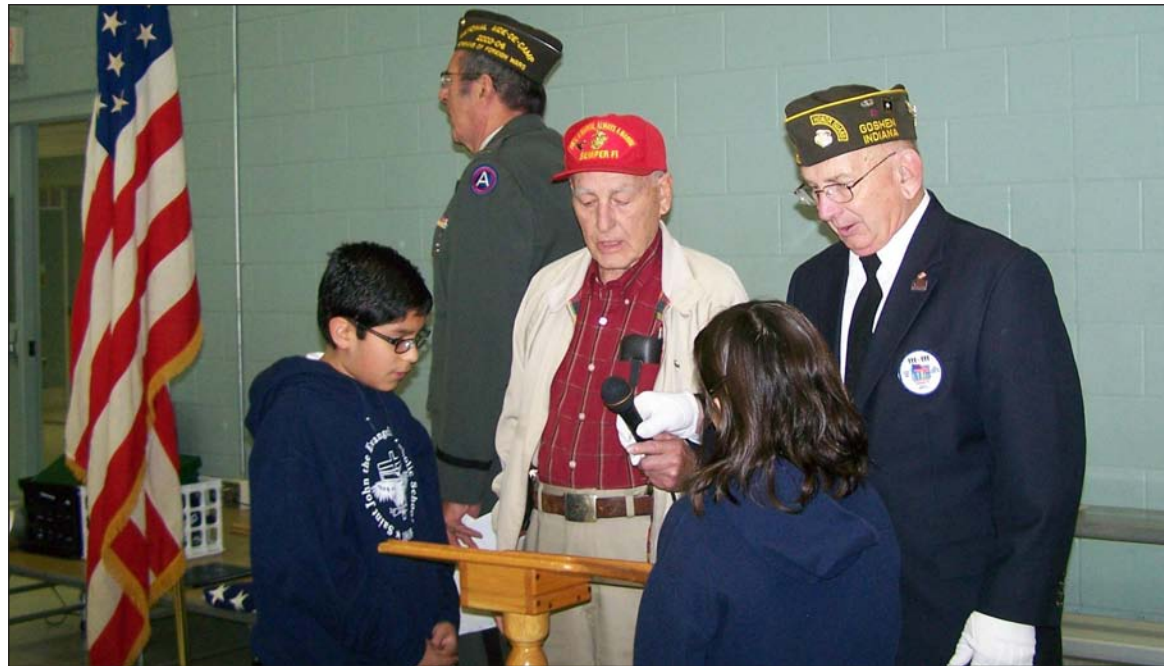


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St. John the Evangelist students honored veteran's on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in a special ceremony in the Deacon Bleau Parish Center. Grandparents were also invited to the special event. Fifth-grade students George Olivo and Norma Vazquez-Diaz joined veterans Vince Traxler, center, Veteran's Foreign Wars Chaplain Joe Farrell, right, and VFW Post 985 Quartermaster John Picuch, who is facing the flag, in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Olivo and Vazquez-Diaz won essay contests on the topic "What Patriotism Means to Me" and read their winning essays at the event. The veterans showed students the proper way to fold a flag and also played "Taps." Refreshments were served and the entire student body concluded the ceremony by singing patriotic songs.

St. Matthew Cathedral Advent Mission

SOUTH BEND — St. Matthew Cathedral will be celebrating an Advent Mission Nov. 30 through Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. each evening. The theme of the mission will be "Jesus Christ: The One Who Is, Who Was, and Who Is to Come." Child Care will be provided at no cost.

On Monday, Nov. 30, the topic will be faith with Father Jim Schafer, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, hope with Father Bill Schooler, pastor, St. Pius X Parish, Granger, will be the topic. A eucharistic holy hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and reception will follow.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, the topic will be love, with Father Bob VanKempfen, pastor, St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol, followed by a penance service. A dozen priests will be available.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, Eucharist and the closing Mass with Bishop John M. D'Arcy will be offered. A reception will follow.

Annual Thanksgiving dinner hosted by St. Mary's Church

FORT WAYNE — St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, will host its annual Thanksgiving Day Soup Kitchen Dinner on Nov. 26.

Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and carry-outs will be available at 1 p.m.

For volunteer information, call (260) 749-1623.

Donations of desserts can be brought to the Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, Nov. 25, until 2 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 26, until 11 a.m. Monetary donations will be accepted at the church. For \$2, donors can feed a hungry person.

St. Mary's Church is located at 1101 South Lafayette St. — the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson Boulevard.

Local Catholic Campaign for Human Development awards grants

The local Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program, has awarded grants totaling \$16,070 to five

local and area institutions who demonstrated an ability to attack the causes of poverty by empowering the poor.

Founded by the Catholic Bishops of the United States in 1970, the campaign is the nation's largest private-funding source of projects that empower the poor, and work to eliminate poverty and injustice in the United States. An estimated 37 million Americans live in poverty — more than the population of California.

Those receiving grants and the amount of the awards are:

In South Bend

- St. Augustine Parish — a \$1,070 education grant to help support and sustain the African American Tutor program at the parish.

In Elkhart

- St. Vincent de Paul Parish — a \$4,000 education grant to increase the communication skills of the Hispanic community by providing English as a Second Language classes at the parish.

In Fort Wayne

- Catholic Charities — a \$4,000 community organizing grant to help support citizenship classes through the Immigration Program in the South Bend office.
- Vincent Village, Inc. — a

\$4,000 community organizing grant to provide basic financial literacy skills to approximately 50 homeless adults residing in Vincent House Transitional Shelter.

- The Volunteer Center — a \$3,000 community organizing grant to provide technical assistance to leaders in non-English-speaking immigrant and refugee communities in Allen County to increase their capacity to provide financial literacy services to non-English speaking, low-income immigrants and refugees.

The annual CCHD collection will be taken-up on the Nov. 22 weekend in all parishes of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A total of 25 percent of the donations stay in the diocese for local/area distribution through selected grant applications, approved by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. Grants are awarded based on need, not religious affiliation.

According to Ann Helmke, director of the CCHD program for the diocese, two types of CCHD funds are available in the diocese: organizing grants — those engaged in empowering the poor and working to bring changes in policies, institutions and laws; and education grants — those which build solidarity between poor and non-poor, and educate Americans about the root causes of poverty.

For 39 years, CCHD has distributed more than \$300 million in grants to self-help projects nationwide. This year, CCHD is supporting approximately 315 local projects in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Bishop Dwenger sponsors 24 hour fast for CRS

FORT WAYNE — The Social Justice Club at Bishop Dwenger High School is sponsoring a 24-Hour Food Fast to benefit Catholic Relief Services. The fast will take place on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, beginning after breakfast.

Established in 1943, Catholic Relief Services is the official overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The fundamental motivating force of Catholic Relief Services is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That motivation compels the agency to alleviate human suffering, to foster justice and charity, and to enhance the development of peoples around the world. Catholic Relief Services provides assistance on the basis of need, not creed, race, or ethnicity. Catholic Relief Services is one of the most efficient humanitarian agencies in the world, with 94 percent of all resources going directly to programs.

For more information about Catholic Relief Services, visit their Web site at www.crs.org. Those interested in participating or sponsoring a participant should contact Melissa Wheeler at mwheeler@bishoppdwenger.com or (260) 496-4700.

At press conference, Bishop D'Arcy relays goals for future of Saint Joseph's High School capital drive

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Referring to it as “the opportunity of a lifetime,” Saint Joseph's High School Principal Susan Richter beamed at last week's announcement that construction on a brand-new high school building, at a new downtown location, could begin as early as June 2011.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy made the announcement at Saint Joseph's, flanked by Richter and Nancy Hellyer, chief executive officer of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC). SJRMC is vacating its current building next month and moving to a new facility in Mishawaka, donating the land for the new school construction.

“The mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross has been to improve the health of our community, and they've had a long-standing tradition in both education and health care,” said Hellyer. “The preservation of this site where the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center hospital is today, in a mission that is so founded with the sisters, is just going to be a wonderful tribute to them.”

Despite the current economy, the diocesan requirement of \$26,625,000 cash-on-hand before construction can begin, and limited dates for fundraising, Saint

Joseph's school board President Matt Edmonds believes the time is right.

“I think there's great support for this,” said Edmonds. “It'll show the wonderful impact the students and faculty of Saint Joe High School can have on the South Bend community. I've referred to it as dropping the pebble in the pond, and the positive effect we can have in that neighborhood. This is a great opportunity!”

Faculty members cheered, expressing their gratitude as details were explained. “I'm 100 percent sure we can do it,” exclaimed 20-year counselor Kathy Utz. “We have the people. We have the community support. It's going to happen!”

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke said the city welcomes the possible move.

“With the new construc-

tion, we think there will be re-investment in the neighborhood,” explained Luecke. “The city is investing significantly in the downtown/East Race area. The Eddy Street Commons, and the whole area, is really coming together. Saint Joe is going to be at the nexus point for all that, with lots of new private investment in conjunction with the new school there.”

Plenty of hurdles remain, including raising the \$35 million construction cost. Part of that may come from selling land currently



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From left, Nancy Hellyer, chief executive officer of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, and Saint Joseph's High School Principal Susan Richter attend a Nov. 11 press conference about the future of the school, which will possibly relocate to the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center property or renovate the current building. Bishop D'Arcy related campaign goals to determine the future path for the South Bend school.



The landmark “Saint Joe Smokestack” may be a thing of the past if enough money is raised to begin construction on a new building on land donated by Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in downtown South Bend.

owned by Saint Joseph's High School at the corner of State Road 933 and Angela Blvd.

Both Bishop D'Arcy and University of Notre Dame officials say negotiations have begun, although the university has no specific plan for the property.

Not everyone thinks new construction is the answer.

“My concern all along has been Saint Joseph's High School loses an awful lot of exposure if they move,” said Saint Joseph's alum and parent Ken Cyr. “The current site is like Catholic education row. While no official affiliation exists, being on the same street with Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross creates an identity that simply isn't present at the new site.”

Others express concern about the effect on enrollment at Marian High School, and the safety of students at the proposed location.

However, some insist the move is in line with Catholic teaching.

“I think it would be a great anchor for the school to move downtown,” said Saint Joseph's parent Judy Madden. “It may help stabilize the area, reduce crime, and invite more families. And part of the Catholic mission is to go where we can serve, not just where it's ‘safe.’”

Discussions on whether to build a new high school or renovate the current building have been ongoing for three years.

Bishop D'Arcy says the fall-back plan is to ask donors if gifts could be used to renovate the current building, should plans for new construction fall short.

“The feeling of the St. Joe community was that there was insufficient land here for some of the things they wanted to do, a second gym with women's sports — today, that's so very necessary — space for a football field, although this \$35 million does not include a full football field, a chapel — so necessary in a Catholic school, and other things like that,” explained Bishop D'Arcy.

“The facility is 56 years old, and we really need a complete renovation in terms of electrical, HD-AC,” added Richter. “So the renovation isn't just adding another wing, or it's not just adding a second gym but we're really talking about a complete overhaul. I think that renovation would be extensive. Again, I come back to my fear of disrupting the educational process, because I don't think that could all be completed in the short amount of summer break we have.”

Bishop D'Arcy admits a lot of work is needed to raise the funds.

“There's extraordinary interest in the South Bend area especially,” said Bishop D'Arcy. “But we do expect it to be an uphill battle. I think because of the spirit of Saint Joe High, there's a good chance. But these conditions were necessary and it will be uphill.”

“I'm 100 percent sure we can do it. We have the people. We have the community support. It's going to happen!”

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Eight annual Earthworks Christmas House sale Nov. 20-21

BY IDA CHIPMAN

DONALDSON — Christmas at Earthworks Whole-House Sale is the biggest fund raiser they have all year.

"Our programs depend upon the money raised at this event," Sister Sue Rogers, director of Earthworks, a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, said.

"Proceeds from the sale provide about 15 percent of the annual budget," she said. "The Christmas sale funds our mission and we are able to offer programs all year long to teach adults and children to care for and respect our fragile earth."

"Nevertheless, this year, because of the poor economy, prices are slashed on everything."

Sister Sue, a sister with the Society of the Sacred Heart, said that it is important to pay attention to the needs of the people around you.

"We've cut the prices so that

folks can shop according to their budgets," she added. "Just about everything for sale is under \$5 and in comparison to other years, our prices are especially low ... our effort to help in this dismal economy."

There will be a lot of food on display. Dozens and dozens of delectable homemade cookies, loaves of freshly baked bread, dipping oils mixed with fresh herbs and jars of jellies and preserves made from fresh fruits are but a few of the goodies offered.

Homemade honey from beekeeper Tom Kebs will be available.

"I am still making jam," Sister Sue said. "Strawberry, peach, grape and mango." Gift boxes of jam and dipping oils and gift baskets of jellies, oils and sundried tomato pesto are for sale. Boxes can be mailed for the actual UPS charge. To mail a basket, you're on your own.

Each of the six rooms and the deck of the home on Union Road

is holiday decorated.

That's why it is called "whole house." But it is not all about food.

There will be glassware, homemade jewelry, Christmas decorations and children's toys and books. Antique Early American Prescut glass from the 1930s and 1940s is one set of collectibles that will be for sale.

A holiday raffle for a Sally Gerstbauer handmade quilt are \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5. Tickets are at Earthworks or at their downtown bread and meat shop in the Plymouth City Center.

Sister Sue said that she looks forward to seeing everyone at the sale.

"It's a fun event — like a classy Goodwill, with lots of potential gift items, homemade cookies and Earthworks products. There'll be music and fair-trade coffee.

"Come and shop at Earthworks," Sister Sue said. "You'll be happy that you did!"

ND theologian Father Groody advises Vatican conference on migration

NOTRE DAME — While human migration is as old as human history, there are more migrants today than ever before.

Displaced from their homelands by wars, genocide, famine, natural catastrophes, and collapsed or withering economies, there are 200 million such people worldwide, roughly the equivalent of the population of Brazil, according to Holy Cross Father Daniel G. Groody, assistant professor of theology and director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture in the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies.

Father Groody is one of seven academic experts selected to par-

ticipate in the Vatican's sixth World Congress on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, which was held Nov. 9-12 in Rome. The theme of the meeting, convened by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, is "a pastoral response to the migratory phenomenon in the era of globalization," and Father Groody will help write its concluding document, or "instruction."

A glance at Father Groody's résumé makes it easy to understand the Vatican's invitation. In addition to having spent many years doing pastoral work and research in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.-Mexican border, he teaches, writes and lectures on U.S. Latino spirituality, globalization and the relationship of Christian spirituality to social jus-

tice. In addition to the numerous articles and books he has written on the plight and predicament of migrant people, he is the producer of award-winning documentary films on them as well, including "One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist," and "Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey." In recent years he has visited, accompanied and spoken with migrants in, among other countries, Slovakia, Ukraine, Libya, Malta, Morocco and Spain.



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As we look to Thanksgiving, let us thank God for the bounteous gifts of the harvest and ask that we remain good stewards of these gifts.

Farmers look to faith, family and the future

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

With Global Positioning Systems (GPS), agritourism, and hybrid corn and soybean seeds, the landscape of the traditional farm is changing. The constant in the farming community remains its strong sense of family and faith — two elements that are essential for the challenges found in agricultural vocations.

Two farming families on the west side of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Queen of Peace parishioners Ron and Barb Holderbaum, and St. Pius X parishioners Ed and Linda Leininger, share their challenges and how family and faith have impacted their lives.

The Holderbaums farm 500 acres of land in Wakarusa. They annually rotate soybeans and corn in their fields, with their eight children raising sheep, chickens, rabbits and pigs for 4-H. It is the collective work of each family member that keeps the farm going, Barb says.

“Teaching the kids what work is, and the responsibility and rewards in farming are important. My kids can’t come home and play video games in front of the TV for hours on end because they have chores to do.”

There are many misconceptions about the typical farmer in the 21st century, Barb notes. “I think that many people think of it as Green Acres where you have a couple of cows and some chickens and you live off of the farm. It’s really a business.”

She adds, “There is a huge investment involved. Planting the seeds is really a small part of it, especially when you look at the record keeping and the financial aspect.”

Ron remarks that new technologies such as GPS in combines help farmers by using crop-sensors. The data from the sensors aid in cost reduction by controlling the application of nitrogen, herbicide and other crop inputs. In addition, new hybrids



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

Ed and Linda Leininger, of Leininger Farms, stand in their pumpkin patch.

of corn and soybean seeds, along with crop rotation, help to reduce the need for pesticides on crops.

To supplement their farm business, the Holderbaums own Wyatt Sales and Service, which sells and services new and used farm equipment. Barb is aware that having Ron juggle both the farm and sales business can be physically taxing, so this is when prayer is crucial in her daily life.

“I pray so much especially during harvest season for the safety of the family. Ron didn’t come home until 5 a.m. this morning because the conditions were good to pick. I worry about him because I know he is tired, and I know he isn’t the only one out there doing that. It gives me comfort to know that I can pray for him.”

About 15 miles north of the Holderbaum farm is the Leininger farm in Mishawaka. Ed and Linda have been farming for 39 years and currently farm about 3,000 acres of soybeans and corn.

Ed acknowledges that one of the biggest challenges this year has been the weather.

“We had a cold wet spring, and then we eventually got our planting done. Then it got dry in July and there were about five or six weeks without a whole lot of rain. We had a cool wet August and September and the crops were way behind. When we go to dry corn this year we will own a share of NIPSCO,” he jokes.

It’s through faith that the Leiningers are able to weather the storms in agriculture. “I’ve had friends ask me how I keep my sanity and I say it doesn’t hurt to bend the knee once in a while.”

In addition to farming corn and soybeans, the Leiningers have a pumpkin patch in the fall that offers a variety of gourds and corn stalks. In the past two years, a corn maze has opened that entices families and schools to learn and enjoy the benefits of agriculture.

For this year’s corn maze, the Leininger’s eight-year-old grandson came up with the idea of a map of the United States. “We hired a lady and told her what we wanted and she drew the map to scale. From the scale drawing she

was able to figure GPS coordinates and laid out the map for us with strings and flags,” Ed remarks.

Afterwards, Ed planted the corn and marked the maze right away. When the corn was about a foot tall, the strings were pulled and the trails were mowed to complete the maze.

To make it an educational experience, the Leininger’s daughter, who is a school teacher, has 20 questions posted at different spots throughout the maze.

One question is, “Where can you go to the four corners of the United States? Name the four states.”

The Leiningers also try to throw in a fun fact about agriculture. “For example, Indiana is the third largest tomato grower in the United States,” says Ed.

Although the corn maze has closed for 2009, schools and other organizations can contact the Leiningers about visiting next year’s corn maze at Leinfarms@imbroadband.com.



Ron Holderbaum harvests soybeans while in his combine.

University of Saint Francis earns Excellence in Recycling Award

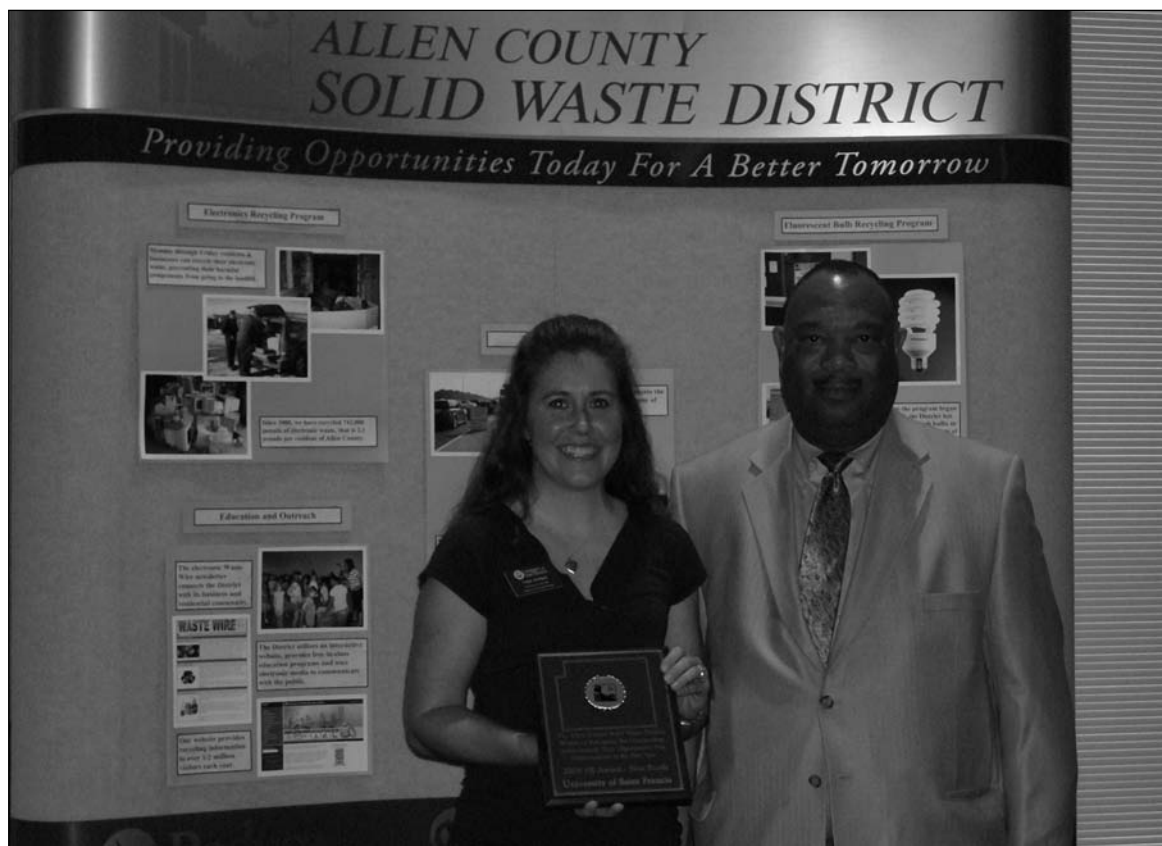
BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis recently received the 3R Award (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) in the not-for-profit category from the Allen County Solid Waste Management District. The award was presented at the Excellence in Recycling Awards luncheon.

The university was recognized for its various 3R programs including recycling or finding reuses for over 30 types of material, ranging from paper and tree limbs to bicycles and refrigerant. Proceeds from some of these programs have benefited at least 10 community organizations as well as USF student clubs.

One of the university's more innovative efforts is a focus on construction and renovation projects across campus, which encourages use of green technologies such as energy efficient lighting, reflective roofing systems, low-flow showers and toilets, recycled fiber insulation and environmentally-friendly paints. These efforts help ensure that USF will remain energy-conscious into the future as the university continues to grow.

Going green is nothing new to the University of Saint Francis. In 2007, USF formed the Green Campus Task Force, a collaboration of faculty, staff and students committed to directing green initiatives on campus. Since then, USF has initiated several programs, including sponsoring com-



Trina Herber, University of Saint Francis assistant to the dean, stands with Tony Burrus, director of Solid Waste Management. Herber is holding the first place award that USF earned at the Allen County Excellence in Recycling Awards luncheon.

munity electronics recycling events, which has kept approximately 18,000 pounds of electronics out of landfills.

Other environmental programs across the USF campus can be found on the university's Green Campus Web page at www.sf.edu/green-campus.

Today's Catholic leads the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center recycling effort

Today's Catholic's Tess Steffen also attended the Excellence in Recycling Awards luncheon.

Steffen started a building-wide recycling program for the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center,

which houses 14 departments of the diocese, as well as *Today's Catholic*. While the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center was bested by the University of Saint Francis, the steps taken there in the past year have assisted with elimination of waste.

Catholics are motivated by the

obligation to care for the environment and protect the earth as the common home for all humanity, a theme that increasingly is found in the teachings of Pope Benedict XVI. He wrote, "We need to care for the environment: It has been entrusted to men and women to be protected and cultivated with responsible freedom, with the good of all as a constant guiding criterion."

Steffen initiated a program in partnership with Construction Recycling Solutions for the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center that reduced the amount of waste going into the dumpster by six cubic yards a month, or 72 cubic yards annually. The recycling program cut the amount of trash created throughout the building by 50 percent, resulting in a savings of \$2,400 a year.

In addition to the building-wide recycling effort, other steps were taken to raise awareness of the 3Rs and cut the amount of waste in the building. Small steps such as stocking fax machines with used paper and relying more on e-mail also made a difference.

Overall, the new program has had a positive effect, both financially and psychologically, for all the employees of the building, who are committed to acting as responsible stewards of the earth's resources, as called upon by the church. *Today's Catholic* readers can also help in these efforts by recycling each copy of the newspaper after reading.

Always in need

Area food pantries need your help

BY TRISH LINNER

ELKHART — As we enter the holiday season, local food pantries in the Michiana area want you to know they need your help to make it through the winter and feed the families that depend on them. "Right now the need is stronger than ever," said Church Community Services Executive Director Dean Preheim-Bartell.

Church Community Services is a faith-based interdenominational nonprofit agency that assists people in crisis and empowers them to move out of poverty. Services include a client choice food pantry, emergency financial assistance, plus job and life skills programs.

"Our shelves are looking very thin. The outlook is still bleak in Elkhart County and usage of our food pantry continues to grow. We currently serve about 2,000 families each month, that is up from last year by about 500 families."

Church Community Services works with over 50 churches in the area including St. Vincent De Paul

and St. Thomas, both in Elkhart.

"We have a long history with both churches and often refer clients to the St. Vincent De Paul pantry when a client needs help in between our service dates," said Preheim-Bartell.

Volunteers from St. Vincent's, St. Thomas, and St. Mary's in Bristol coordinate the St. Vincent De Paul Society at Elkhart's St. Vincent Church. It is open every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. and serves many families in the Elkhart area according to Bonnie Master, secretary of the group. "Our services are always in need, and we depend on the congregations in the area to keep us going. We can always use more help and more food."

Another organization in Elkhart that is hoping for more donations is Faith Mission. The Faith Mission is a non-denominational Christian social service agency that provides food, shelter, clothing and other services for needy individuals.

According to Food Services Director Kerry Zcoch, the Faith Mission serves over 20,000 meals a month.

Zcoch said, "Thanksgiving and Christmas are our number one priority right now. We have less

turkeys and hams to give out to families than last year, yet we know the need is going to be greater. We also serve both those meals to our residents, any one who walks in and to many elderly residents who are served by the Council on Aging and Real Services."

The Faith Mission is offering a charity run on Thanksgiving morning as another way to raise money to serve their clients. The first annual Turkey Stampede will take place in Elkhart and they are hoping for a great turnout. Executive Director Mike Perez is excited to start a new tradition for runners and walkers alike. "It's going to be a lot of fun and help the Faith Mission continue to serve the people of Elkhart who need us."

The South Bend Catholic Charities office offered the same sentiments on their food pantry as Church Community Services and the Faith Mission.

"We really depend on donations to help our clients. We can always use more," Jo Fisher, the director at the South Bend office, said. Many local churches in South Bend organize drives specifically for Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent De Paul Society as well.

"Without the support of the South Bend churches our food pantry wouldn't be able to serve the people we help. The need is always greater this time of year and we are seeing that as well."

Most of the food pantries work closely with each other and with the Northern Indiana Food Bank. The Food Bank serves six counties — Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, St. Joseph and Starke. According to staff at the food bank, one of the most challenging problems for food pantries right now is grain prices. While the price of grain rising has helped the farmers who grow it, it has left most pantries lacking in donations of grain based products like pasta, cereal and crackers. In fact, these are items that all the local pantries mentioned as things they were in very short supply of.

The food bank also stressed the need for more volunteers to help with organization and distribution of the food they stock.

"We always need more help and would be very happy to put volunteers to work," said staff members.

So how can the community get involved to help? Here are some tips for organizing a food drive:

- Contact the organization you want to help and find out what their needs are.
- Pick a date for your drive to start and end, usually three weeks is enough time to get started and keep the excitement alive.
- Set an ambitious but reasonable goal for your group to meet.
- Pick a collection spot. Make it a convenient and visible location for everyone.
- Spread the word with email blasts ahead of time and with updates during the drive. Posters and announcements are helpful as well.
- Start collecting. Use smaller boxes for easy lifting.
- Deliver your food to the organization at the end of your drive.
- Thank everyone for participating and helping those in need.

To donate or volunteer visit the sites www.churchcommunityservices.org; www.ccfwsb.org; www.thefaith-mission.org; The Food Bank of Northern Indiana- www.feedindiana.org; St. Vincent De Paul Society, Elkhart, Bonnie Master (574) 612-2949.

EDITORIAL

Welcome and thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving this week, it is a time to reflect on the blessings Our Lord has bestowed on us, especially with the announcement of the appointment of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. We are also most thankful for Bishop John M. D'Arcy and nearly 25 years of ministry and leadership he has afforded the faithful of this diocese.

The diocesan staff is excited to welcome Bishop Rhoades, who will be bidding farewell to his home diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., his family, friends and brother priests, to shepherd the faithful of the Fort Wayne-South Bend area.

Bishop Rhoades will be installed Jan. 13, 2010, and he brings enthusiasm and energy. This energy and a sense of sincere humility was most evident when the announcement was made at press conferences and as he met with the media and the diocesan staff in both Fort Wayne and South Bend. His genuine and pleasant demeanor quickly put diocesan staff at ease as he joked and took an interest in their ministries. In South Bend, the Office of Hispanic Ministry was thrilled with the new bishop, who has an impressive history in Hispanic ministry and is fluent in Spanish.

At the press conference, Bishop D'Arcy announced that the pope sent us an exemplary priest and shepherd. In his opening remarks, Bishop D'Arcy noted, "This appointment shows the great importance Pope Benedict XVI places on this diocese. He has sent us a well-prepared bishop, who has served five years as bishop of a diocese larger than ours — Harrisburg, Pa., which is also the capital city of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I know from other sources how beloved he is there, and this will be painful for them. A gift for us. A loss for them."

Bishop Rhoades comes to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend committed to vocations — the Harrisburg Diocese's number of seminarians better than doubled during the five years Bishop Rhoades was their bishop — and to youth ministry, where vocational seeds are often planted. Bishop Rhoades is committed to Catholic education and the Catholic identity of our schools. He is devoted to the care of the poor and family life. The new bishop's biography shows his experience with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and other boards and committees that address the catechism, Catholic Charities USA, and theology of the body — propagated by Pope John Paul II, of whom the Bishop Rhoades spoke at both press conferences as a major influence.

Bishop Rhoades told us he is an advocate of the new evangelization.

The new bishop carries ties to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the same shrine for which Bishop John F. Noll, a predecessor, helped procure financing and development. And Bishop Rhoades is a member of their board of trustees.

The new bishop has a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother and was encouraged to learn that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is dedicated to Our Lady and under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. His Harrisburg diocese is currently celebrating a Marian year at Bishop Rhoades' proclamation. Bishop Rhoades is also committed to personal prayer and eucharistic adoration.

The call of Christ

Both Bishop D'Arcy and his successor Bishop Rhoades are at peace and accepting of the call of Christ in this transition. We are all called to this acceptance.

For Bishop D'Arcy, to relinquish the shepherding of the diocese and people he loves and has served for a quarter of a century, will not be easy. But he has graciously offered to assist the new bishop with confirmations and additional duties. Under his prayerful tutelage we have seen an interest in vocations to the priesthood and men of quality entering holy orders. We have seen the strengthening of catechesis, parish life and family life, and an increased devotion of the Eucharist. We have celebrated with Bishop D'Arcy: the launching and broadcasting of the TV Mass for shut-ins in two cities, two eucharistic congresses, the renovation of the historic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the building of the Hispanic parish and diocesan shrine, Our Lady of Guadalupe and the 150th anniversary of the diocese. He has also shepherded us through difficult moments such as the abuse crisis and other controversies and has been an unwavering voice for the truth in difficult times. We thank you Bishop D'Arcy.

So as you pass the baton of faith and service to Bishop Rhoades, we thank you for teaching us all that answering the call of Christ is something we are all charged to do.

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

COMMENTARY

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Knight appointment congratulations

Congratulations to Professor Cavadini on his appointment as a Knight of St. Gregory. However, I remember as a child (could have been about 60 years ago) going with my mother, Alice Kigar and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.P. Shearon to St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne, for the installation of Foss Smith as a Knight of St. Gregory. It must have been impressive since I have remembered this long!

Sherry Kigar Knapke
Fort Wayne

Deepest appreciation for CCHD collection

Dear Bishop D'Arcy

Let me acknowledge with deepest appreciation your contribution of \$42,257.72 from your 2008 collec-

tion for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The generosity of the faithful in your diocese has made a great difference in communities across our country.

Right now, many American families are struggling to make ends meet. As people are laid off, lose homes to foreclosure, lose health insurance and watch their retirement funds disappear, it may be difficult to think of others in need. Financial struggles have become much more difficult for the nearly 40 million Americans who already have been living in poverty.

For nearly four decades, while strictly adhering to Catholic moral and social teaching, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has funded low-income community groups all over the United States that are seeking solutions to the root causes of poverty. CCHD is a complement to the direct-assistance mission of Catholic Charities agencies and other emergency relief programs run by the church. CCHD remains committed to supporting

poor and low-income families in acquiring affordable housing, fair wages, and access to health care and vocational training.

As you know, the 2009 CCHD collection is coming up in most dioceses the weekend of Nov. 21-22. Given the current serious economic distress in our country, we are receiving more grant requests than ever. The requests for assistance reflect real need and the help of parishioners in your diocese is crucial.

Please voice your support of the CCHD collection to your pastors and parishioners and join me in praying for those affected by the weak economy, those whose struggles are magnified by it, and those who are working to create solutions to it.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Rev. Roger P. Morin
Bishop of Biloxi
Chairman, USSCB Subcommittee
on the Catholic Campaign
for Human Development

There was a time

There was a time when families sat down every evening to mom's home cooking. Grace was said and maybe a few other prayers for friends and family in need. Everyone shared his or her daytime experiences and dad talked about his day at work and at the very worst, dad heard about something we did really bad that mom saved until dad got home. That's when we were introduced to the family disciplinary court. There was a time brother Knights.

There was a time for that dreaded phone call home explaining why we were held after school for something we really did against the rules. Boy we were in trouble when we got home. Today, our parents would never accept that we did something wrong. It must have been the teacher who is mistaken, or the other kid. There was a time brother Knights.

There was a time when all the kids in the neighborhood could not wait to get home from school or on a weekend; grab their ball glove and bat, rush to the nearest playground and play hardball until the call for dinner. Everyone got to play and everyone went home full of dust and dirt. No more playground games. Formal sports are the name of the game, if you can make the team that is. There was a time brother Knights.

There was a time when Sundays were always special for the average family. It was a time for the whole family to load up and go to Mass. Of course we all



THE INDIANA KNIGHTS

BY ROBERT HARTENSTEIN

had to hit the confessional sometime during the week so we could go to Communion. Chances were pretty good we either participated as an altar server, sang in the children's choir or both. Mom always cooked a really special midday meal and the kids did the mandatory dishes. We might have even gone to grandma's house or Uncle Jack's for that Sunday meal. Grandma always had the best pies. Don't forget the Sunday ride and hopefully the stop at the ice cream stand for that special treat. There was a time brother Knights.

There was a time when hands were raised to say hello or a shout across the street was the daily norm as the family sat on the front porch to conclude a busy day. Sounds of night played knowingly to all, sounds of peaceful solitude as the family talked and shared and maybe prayed a rosary. What happened to the porch? We used to know all the neighbors. There was a time brother Knights.

Brother Knights, this Advent season we need to stop and ponder our families and pray and reflect on all that is good for each other. We need to set family as the priority and return to old meaningful traditions. The Holy Family of

Mary and Joseph should challenge what our family should be, a faithful, loving and trusting foundation for our lives. We must get back to sharing our days together as a family. We must get back to laughing and crying together. To say we're too busy is to say outside distractions are more important. A good, close family is a must in today's secular society and members of the Knights of Columbus need to step up and be the role model for all to see. How many of today's problems would go away if the family was the focus?

There was a time when Thanksgiving was just that, a time to be together and anticipate the coming of Christ's birthday. Everyone was excited about putting out the manger and getting out the Lionel Train for under a Christmas tree. Singing songs while the angel topped the highest branch. Oh it was a beautiful sight to see.

There was a time brother Knights, there was a time.

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

The priest as 'sent one'

Jesus laid the foundations for his church by sharing his priesthood with the apostles. Most people know that "apostle" comes from a Greek word that means "messenger." If I sent a message to the registrar's office, the student carrying it could be called my "apostle."

A messenger must be careful not to change the message. If he did, he would be a "false apostle" because a false message would be delivered. Now we see why Scripture is worried about false apostles. They will distort the message of Christ.

But the idea of apostle has another side to it which is even stronger. And we can get at this side by borrowing a concept from the Old Testament. "Apostle" is a Greek word of the New Testament. A similar Hebrew word is "shaliach."

The word "shaliach" means "the one sent." A person might send a servant on a mission, and the servant he sent could be called the shaliach.



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The Year for Priests

Here is Louis Bouyer's description. It's a little complicated, so we'll unpack it right after. "So much is the sender deemed present in the one sent, that what the latter institutes in the former's name is considered no less irrevocable than as if the sender had done so himself."

That will be easier to understand with an example. Think of Genesis 24. Abraham wants to find a bride for his son, Isaac. But he does not want one of these Canaanite wives. He wants a wife from his home town. So he sends his servant back to Ur of Chaldees.

We are not told the servant's name here, but elsewhere he is identified as Eliezer, so we will call him that. Eliezer goes to arrange a marriage for Isaac. He doesn't just bring a message from Abraham; he acts with a different authority. He arranges the marriage as if he was Abraham acting.

Now we can translate Bouyer's sentence. "So much is Abraham deemed present in his shaliach Eliezer, that what Eliezer institutes in Abraham's name is considered no less irrevocable

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Jesus is king!



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Christ the King Jn 18:33b-37

This weekend, in great joy and thanksgiving, the church closes its year. As it looks back through the days and months of 2009, it gives thanks for salvation achieved in Christ the Lord. He is king, and justice and peace only occur when Jesus truly is acknowledged as Lord.

The Book of Daniel supplies the first reading. This book, as many others in the Old Testament, was written when God's people were experiencing many trials. The book includes a certain literary exaggeration among its techniques. It is to impress upon readers the depth of the troubles being faced by God's people at this time.

This technique also dramatizes God's redemption and protection. God subdues every evil force. He is almighty.

In this reading, a certain representative of God appears. He is identified by his title, "Son of Man." The Son of Man receives dominion, glory and kingship from God. Of course, in the New Testament, Jesus was called the "Son of Man." The New Testament title referred back to the image in Daniel.

For its second reading, the feast's liturgy looks to the Book of Revelation. Of all the New

Testament books, none is as dramatic and indeed mysterious as Revelation. (Revelation is at times, and more aptly, called the "Apocalypse." It is of the apocalyptic style in biblical literature. "Revelation" could be applied to any book of Scripture.)

The reading is straightforward and bold. There is no question as to its message. The message simply is that Jesus, the holiest and the perfect, rose from the dead, rules the world, and vivifies all who love God with eternal strength.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a bittersweet reading for this great, joyous feast. The scene is Pilate's courtroom. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the Holy Land, called "Palestina" at the time of Jesus, goes immediately to the heart of the charge against Jesus.

Is Jesus a king? Does he rival the mighty emperor of Rome? Jesus replies, but in fact he and Pilate are talking about two distinct realities. Pilate is interested in the political and social stability of the Roman Empire. Jesus is speaking of a kingdom much more profound, that of human hearts.

Jesus affirms kingship. He is indeed the king. He is the king anointed by God to bring all people back to the Father in heaven.

Reflection

Just over a century ago, Pope Leo XIII, one of the greatest popes, consecrated the human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this, the pope appealed to the people of the world to make Jesus their king and the Gospel their law.

Forty years later, Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King for late October. Pope Paul

VI, after the Second Vatican Council, moved the feast to the last Sunday of the church's year. In so doing, it offered the feast to Catholics as an opportunity to draw everything together in one essential fact: Christ is king.

Kings abound in the New Testament. Some ruled over God's own people. Some were good and holy. Others were not. Kings who governed other nations are mentioned throughout the Bible.

The image is clear. Kings were rulers. Moreover, they protected and care for their people. Peace abided when the kings' commands were obeyed.

This feast's liturgy calls us to recognize that, above all, Jesus is king. His reign is not harsh nor selfish, but loving and life-giving. In Jesus alone is peace. God has given Jesus, thus today we celebrate. Christ is king!

He is our Savior. The readings from Daniel, Revelation and John all not only identify Jesus as king, but they describe the gifts of salvation and life given us by God through and in Jesus.

READINGS

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2,5
Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6,8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28
(Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87
Lk 21:34-36

THE CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campisson

On Nov. 22 we remember St. Cecilia.

This quiz looks at this martyr and patroness of church music.

- When was St. Cecilia's feast first celebrated?**
 - As early as the fourth century
 - In the 12th century
 - In the 14th century locally, in the sixteenth internationally
- Where was Cecilia born?**
 - Ireland
 - Rome
 - Jerusalem
- What was unusual about Cecilia, who is celebrated as a virgin?**
 - She was married
 - She was the mother of twins, but they were adopted
 - She was betrothed to the Khan of Muscovy, when she died
- Why did the authorities arrest Cecilia?**
 - For professing her faith in Allah
 - For being a Christian
 - For printing illegal copies of the Bible in Spanish
- What bizarre method of execution was prescribed for Cecilia?**
 - She was to be suffocated in an overheated bathroom
 - She was to be entombed in a catacomb
 - She was to be forced to watch reruns of Joe Plenti-Denarius
- When that failed, she was sentenced to this heady experience**
 - decapitation
 - hanging
 - boiling in whale oil
- What was peculiar about her death from this punishment?**
 - she sank and was never seen again
 - it took three days
 - the gallows was later converted into a swing set for the imperial children
- Approximately when did Cecilia die?**
 - the second or third century AD
 - the ninth or tenth century AD
 - the sixteenth or seventeenth century AD
- When the pope wanted to put her relics in the church she had left, what practical problem did he have?**
 - They were too heavy to lift, as Cecilia was fond of Maccus Magnae
 - He was unable to move Christian relics when the religion was illegal
 - He could not find them
- What tribe (which later gave its name to a region of Italy) were thought to have stolen them?**
 - The Milanese
 - The Trentinae
 - The Lombards
- The relics were rediscovered when the church was restored in 1599. What were also found under the church?**
 - the ruins of ancient Roman buildings
 - skeletons of pilgrims who lined up and waited 456 years for admittance
 - the bones of Cecilia's harp
- What unusual item, (well unusual for a church) mentioned in question 5, was located in a side chapel**
 - a bathtub
 - a miniature recreation of the Catacomb of Aurvenus
 - a third century mechanical Tivus, or slide show
- As patroness of musicians, Cecilia is often depicted with this instrument**
 - Slide trombone
 - Organ
 - Harp
- Ironically this is likely based on a mistranslation, which referred (in Latin) to**
 - The ax sliding traumatically, on her bones ("slide, trauma bone" confused with slide trombone)
 - Cecilia singing in her "heart" (internal organ in this sense confused with musical organ)
 - Harpies persecuting the saint, mistranslated as "harp"

ANSWERS

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

The attitude of gratitude

November always brings several things to mind. It has traditionally been a time when we pray for those who have gone before us and give thanks for the ordinary saints, living and deceased, who have touched our lives. We also celebrate Thanksgiving, which is supposed to be the favorite holiday of most Americans.

Every time I go to a wake or funeral — and I have been to many lately — and hear the beautiful comments made about the persons who died, I cannot help but wonder how many of those things were said to that person when he or she was alive?

Recently I wrote a eulogy about one of our sisters who was a good friend of mine. Many people expressed that she was one of the most generous and caring persons they had ever known. She often anticipated others needs and was

always willing to go the extra mile for others even when she may not have felt so well herself.

As I delivered the words at her wake service I hoped that she really knew how much she was loved and appreciated. My fantasy was that she was looking down from heaven surprised at just how much people cared about her and wondered why they hadn't expressed how grateful they were for her when she was alive.

It is experiences such as these that continue to remind me of the importance of living a life of gratitude — gratitude to God for all of his gifts, especially for the people who have touched my life.

Often I have written about the people of Uganda, East Africa, who have the tradition of thanking others — and God — for every thing in their lives, from giving thanks for a new day to thanking others for listening to them or



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

THE CUTTING EDGE

smiling at them. I heard about this custom many years ago from one of our Holy Cross sisters who ministers to the people in Uganda and it impressed me so much that I have never forgotten it.

The Ugandan people are a reminder to me of the importance of being a grateful person and to show and voice my love and appreciation of the people and gifts in my life. It is all too easy to take others and our blessings for granted.

November is a good time to think about and pray for all those

people, living and dead, who have touched our lives. And for those who are still amongst the living, to make an effort to tell them how much we appreciate them and thank God for however they have touched our lives. Let's not be one of those people who have regrets because they did not express their love and gratitude to others before they died. And don't limit this expression of appreciation to family and friends. It might be good to reflect on the last time you thanked those who clean your classroom or office, the policeman on the corner or the cashier in a store.

We also have a built-in opportunity during this time of the year when we celebrate Thanksgiving to reflect on the gifts we have

received and how we do or don't share them. Periodically it is good to be reminded that everything we have and are is gift — God's pure gift to us. None of us did anything to deserve them. These gifts, no matter how great or small, are to be shared. Jesus tells us not to hide our light under a bushel basket.

I truly believe that the world would be a much friendlier place if each of us would show our gratitude regularly, like the people from Uganda, and use our gifts to build God's kingdom.

Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC, is a vocation director and works for the Sisters of the Holy Cross communications department.

Counselor, umpire, friend

The designation of Monsignor — or Chaplain to His Holiness — is a form of address conferred upon men of the clergy by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. This distinction recently was bestowed upon seven priests from the local diocese, including Rev. Michael W. Heintz, Ph.D., rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, pastor of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, former Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Mishawaka Marian and South Bend Saint Joseph's teacher, and current teacher at the University of Notre Dame.

Msgr. Mike also is a graduate of the Wendelstedt Umpire School in Florida, which may not carry the same cachet as the above-mentioned titles, but makes for an interesting dichotomy for a man of the cloth while providing a unique perspective for one who must "arbitrate" on a higher level.

But to know Msgr. Mike requires many less formal titles, ones that do not necessitate capitalization, decrees from Pope Benedict XVI or certificates from former major league baseball umpires.

You see, Msgr. Mike makes being a Catholic, well, for lack of a more accurate word, fun. Now most wouldn't call one's choice of faith fun per se, but if you know Msgr. Mike, you know what I mean. It seems to me as a child growing up Catholic, I tended to think of it more as a chore because of all those rules and regulations I had to abide by.

But from Msgr. Mike, you learn how to enjoy your Catholicism, to cherish your Catholicism, and to reap the benefits of being Catholic. Attending Mass celebrated by Msgr. Mike not only is enjoyable, it is something to look forward to, a highlight of the week. I seem to embrace the prayers that we say and the music that we sing more when he is the celebrant.

I recently commented to my wife how spoiled we are with Msgr. Mike's homilies because we take it for granted that there will be a pertinent, interesting topic that is applicable to our everyday lives.

His message is a shared message. He includes himself when he talks about the daily struggles of hubris, self-centeredness and unfair judgment of others, which is what makes the message so easily accepted and absorbed. He is not speaking at us; he is speaking with us.

Msgr. Mike makes living life look so easy. Now there's nothing easy about his life. It is filled to the brim, and as a priest, it's safe to say people are calling on him to share their sorrows much more than their joys. He is a problem-solver, and they're usually someone else's problems. His own problems are put on the backburner or, more commonly, disregarded altogether. Yet he glides through life with an effortlessness that I strive to emulate, but almost always seem to fall short.

Msgr. Mike doesn't just talk the talk; he walks the walk. He sets the example for those around him. He rolls with the punches, or rather, makes it appear as if the punches missed altogether.

It is abundantly clear that Msgr. Mike enjoys his life, enjoys being a priest. No one could fake it with that much enthusiasm. We expect him to be "on" all the time, and quite honestly, he always is.

Now I — as the Mishawaka Marian High School baseball coach — have the special privilege of having Msgr. Mike in our dugout for the majority of our games. The fact that he is a certified professional umpire and an aficionado of the rules of the game certainly comes in handy. His presence as counselor, advisor and barrier to all language unclean is a great benefit as well, although it would be less than accurate to



TIM PRISTER

FROM THE SIDELINES

claim that in the heat of battle, he has served as an impenetrable filter of said language, through no fault of his own.

Msgr. Mike has been known to hear the confession of a player in the outfield before a game, agitate the umpires for the sake of entertainment, and pray for the head coach when the vein on the side of his neck is protruding over a critical call that went against us.

He also has strategically placed his frame between the arbitrator and mine when the situation has dictated, and for that, I am forever grateful.

But for all the hats that Msgr. Mike wears, there is one that any of his parishioners can relate to, and that is the title of friend. He cares. He cares about your well-being, most particularly the well-being of your soul. He understands his job and he applies it like a best friend would.

I have had the incredible fortune of countless blessings in my life, and one of the truly great blessings is the friendship and counsel of Msgr. Michael W. Heintz. I feel as if God has given my family and me a very special privilege by placing Msgr. Mike in our lives.

If you know Msgr. Mike, you undoubtedly share many of the same feelings, and that truly is a blessing.

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

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 22, 2009

John 18:33b-37

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Feast of Christ the King, Cycle B: when Jesus tells people about the divine kingdom. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| PILATE | THE KING | (TO THE) JEWS |
| JESUS | ANSWERED | DO YOU (SAY) |
| OTHERS | TOLD (YOU) | ABOUT ME |
| NATION | CHIEF PRIESTS | HANDED |
| OVER TO ME | FIGHT | SAID TO HIM |
| FOR THIS | I WAS BORN | WORLD |
| TRUTH | EVERYONE | VOICE |

WHAT IS TRUTH

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than as if Abraham had done so himself."

Now, the relationship between God and Jesus could be understood this way, in a sense. Of course, Jesus is the son of God, and not just a servant. But think of Gospel passages where Jesus acts as a Sent One of the Father. When Jesus forgives the crippled man's sins, the crowd asks "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Christ was sent by the Father to be the author of salvation.

And the apostles are sent by Jesus. They are sent by Christ to

found the church and to transmit this salvation. He does not send them only with a message. No, Jesus sends them forth with the power to heal, and with authority over demons, and the authority to forgive sins. He shares his priesthood with them.

And when the apostles die, they are succeeded in the bishop's. This is "apostolic succession." And this mission is protected by the sacramental seal of ordination. The Catechism of the Catholic Church seems to have this in mind in paragraph 1536. "Holy orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the church until the end of time."

All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic joins the Serra Club in sponsoring the All-Diocese Team, highlighting athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized for character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values and are selected by their coaches.

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Volleyball



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Molly Richardson, senior, St. Jude

Girls' golf



Anna Thelen, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Morgan Braun, junior, St. Jude

Boys' tennis



Austen Rang, senior, No. 1 doubles, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Danny Schenkel, senior, No. 1 doubles, St. Vincent

Girls' cross country



Julia Lee, junior, St. Vincent



Staci Roberts, senior, Our Lady of Good Hope

Boys' cross country



Nick Brand, senior, St. Vincent



Doug Bennett, senior, St. Charles

Girls' soccer



Jordan Pawlik, senior, forward, St. Charles



Chloe Anderson, senior, midfield, St. Vincent



Emma Satterthwaite, junior, St. Charles

Boys' soccer



Billy Khorshid, senior, defense/forward, St. Vincent



James Till, senior, midfield, St. Vincent



Jon O'Shaughnessy, senior, defense, St. Vincent

Football



Landon Feichter, senior, wide receiver, St. Vincent



Scott Campbell, senior, center, St. Vincent



Issac Evans, senior, linebacker, St. Vincent



Adam Merriman, senior, punter, St. Charles



Emerson Ueber, senior, kicker, St. Charles

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Volleyball



Katie Mischler, senior, S / RS, St. Anthony



Meredith Farkus, junior, LS / MB / RS, St. Anthony

Girls' golf



Bridget Liddell, senior, St. Anthony



Ellen Makris, sophomore, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Manuel Garcia, senior, midfielder, St. Adalbert



Hank Blum, junior, forward, St. Matthew

Girls' soccer



Mariah Douglas, senior, sweeper, St. Matthew

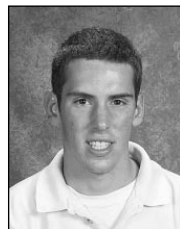


Emily Griffith, senior, defender, St. Anthony

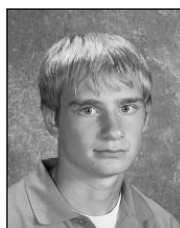


Shauna Barry, senior, midfielder, Christ the King

Boys' cross country



Greg McMillion, senior, St. Matthew



Joe Molnar, senior, Our Lady of Hungary

Girls' cross country

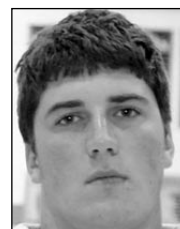


Maggie Pendergast, freshman, St. Matthew



Gabi Skwarcan, freshman, Holy Family

Football



Collin Rahrig, senior, OC, St. Anthony



Matt Thomas, junior, FB, St. Matthew



Chase Parker, junior, OLB, St. Jude



John Fox Vanett, senior, OLB, St. Bavo



Thomas Krueger, junior, QB, St. Matthew

Boys' tennis



Nikko Kwiatkowski, senior, St. Jude



Evan Merryman, junior

Boys' soccer



Richie Was, senior, forward, Christ the King

SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Volleyball



Audrey Page, senior, OPP, St. Anthony



Samantha Stone, senior, libero, Christ the King

Girls' golf



Morgan Demarias, senior, Christ the King



Caitlin Warrick, senior, St. Joseph

Boys' tennis



Will Corrigan, junior, St. Joseph



Anthony Lupresto, junior, St. Anthony

Girls' cross country



Darby Mountford, sophomore, St. Joseph

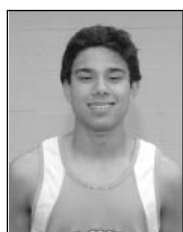


Maria Murphy, junior, Corpus Christi

Boys' cross country



Mike Bradley, senior, St. Matthew



Mark Greci, senior, St. Matthew

Boys' soccer



Tim Bishop, senior, MF, Christ the King



Frank Busch, junior, MF, St. Joseph



Ian Lewis, junior, D, St. Joseph

Girls' soccer



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Football



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BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

Volleyball



Taylor Gillie, junior, middle blocker, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Kristy Gerardot, senior, outside hitter, St. Rose, Monroeville

Girls' golf



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Alex Eagleson, junior, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Boys' tennis



Paul Johnson, senior, No. 1 singles, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Ethan Gregerson, senior, No. 1 doubles, St. Elizabeth

Girls' cross country



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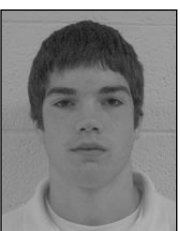


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Boys' cross country



Paul Lohmuller, sophomore, Most Precious Blood



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Alex Stroncsek, junior, midfielder, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Jake Crouch, senior, goalkeeper, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Will Mannes, senior, midfielder, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Girls' soccer



Kelly Dwire, freshman, midfielder, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

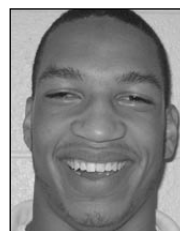


Emily Braun, senior, defender, St. Therese

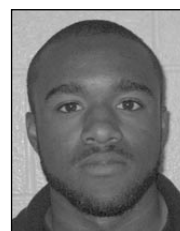


Kailyn Baumgartner, junior, midfielder, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

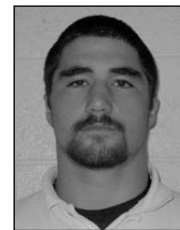
Football



Quyuan Mattox, junior, safety



Deangelo Fincher, junior, defensive back, St. Mary, Fort Wayne



Steve Kiermaier, junior, fullback, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel



Gabriel Mendoza, junior, offensive guard, St. Therese



Tim Kawiecki, senior, center, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Hip hip hooray for Popple's new album

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Kyle Heimann of Fort Wayne and Dan Harms of Decatur aren't the typical acoustic rock group that you may hear at a coffee house or even a bar — although they easily look the part. But the duo, known as Popple, and active in youth and young adult ministry events throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, prove that one can take a Catholic message to middle school, high school and even the college crowd, in music and words and still be hip — thus the name of their fifth album release, "Hip Hip Hooray."

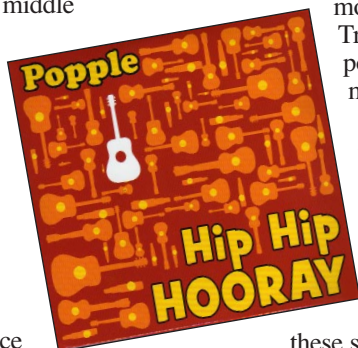
The big release event for Hip Hip Hooray will take place at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Nov. 19-22, with an expected 23,000 youths. But locally, the

album is available at the Cathedral Bookstore in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

The 15 tunes, all written by Heimann or Harms, begins with a rap song with a bridge that has Christian themes. The songs deal with quotes from Mother Teresa, vocations, a call to social action, songs that celebrate God who created bananas and dogs, a song based on Matthew 5, a tune inspired by "The Giving Tree," and even songs about moral relativism, the Transfiguration, the pope and disco music.

Harms said each song on the album has some functional point to it that can be used in their ministry.

"Writing these songs and having these projects that come up really gives me a great opportunity to sit and spend some time in prayer reflecting on how my faith life is



TIM JOHNSON

Kyle Heimann, left, a native of Decatur, who grew up at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and attended St. Joseph School there, "clowns around" with Dan Harms, who now lives in Decatur. The two make up the acoustic-rock and Catholic ministry team of Popple. Their fifth album, "Hip Hip Hooray" has recently been released.

changing," Harms said.

He said over the years he has found a strong connection to the Apostle Peter, "and this album has sort of given me the opportunity to

write about that and bring that to our ministry in a way that kind of is fun and allows me to keep exploring that relationship."

Some of the songs were taken

from their other albums, but still relate or tie into their ministry.

Heimann described Popple's "sound" as acoustic humor rock, "but really, I would say, especially on this CD, 'Hip Hip Hooray,' we really jump genres a lot. We have some hip hop stuff, we have a disco song. There's one that has a Jewish influence."

Popple calls the album a mix of "goofy, fun songs, but some prayerful and introspective songs that bring a slightly different side to the album," Harms said.

Heimann and Harms met at campus ministry at Purdue University. Heimann was a youth minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, and Harms, who was a Purdue student, was a volunteer with the youth ministry.

Harms, who is from a military family and lived throughout the world, played guitar for retreats and youth nights. Heimann started playing guitar too. "Things kind of snowballed from there," Heimann noted. "But it all started doing youth ministry together."

They played retreats, but also wrote "some goofy stuff" that they would perform at coffee shops. "So we would do these sort of fun concerts and these ministry events," Heimann said. "The more we started doing them, the more these lines started to blur. We would do ministry (materials) at coffee houses and we would do 'goofy things' at the retreats. So it kind of blended."

Today, Popple plays about 130 days per year and includes parish or diocesan events across the country. They recently played at the diocesan confirmation rally at Manchester College in North Manchester.

"Some places put us up in hotels," Heimann noted, "but we're happy to stay with host families. Sometimes they put us up in the rectory or retreat center."

Popple ministers more to the high school youth groups because they are most organized at parish and diocesan levels. "But I think our music is pretty versatile, as far as age groups," Heimann said.

"Some of the best events we've ever done have been when the whole family is invited," Harms said.

The greatest ministry Popple provides is "not necessarily the depth of our music," Harms said, "but just the relational ministry we have with people. You have a high school kid who has been around the faith but has never been deeply engaged in the faith. They look at us who are two young guys who are goofy and very involved in a normal social life and pop culture, but who also have a really serious faith commitment. And our faith life is really an important part of who we are. I think that example, and being able to talk to kids about that really resonates. I think that's where a lot of the value of our ministry is derived from."



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MISC. HAPPENINGS

St. Vincent drama club presents "Honk!"
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent Drama Club will present the musical "Honk!" based on the fairy tale The Ugly Duckling in the parish hall Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets will be at the door. Students and children 5 and under are free; all others are \$5.

Bible study announced

South Bend — "Adventures in Matthew — the King and His Kingdom" DVD based Bible study by Jeff Cavins will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at St. Jude School, 19657 Hildebrand St., and will continue to meet every two weeks.

Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vespers offered

Fort Wayne — The Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Committee will have a Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vesper Service of Light on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. at St. Peter Church, 518 E. DeWald St. Featured in the service will be a combined adult choir from area Catholic and Lutheran Church congregations. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

Advent vespers

Mishawaka — Father Daniel Scheidt will lead sung vespers on all the Sundays of Advent, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, at 5 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church.

University of Saint Francis will offer living nativity

Fort Wayne — The University of Saint Francis will have a living nativity Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. The Lighting of Mirror Lake will take place at that time as well and a choral music concert will follow at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St. No charge for these events.

All-family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all-family rosary will be recited on the last Sunday of this month, Nov. 29, at the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families.

FUNDRAISERS

Spaghetti dinner hosted by Knights

Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 20, at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti with a meat or meatless or white sauce, salad, breadsticks and dessert with beverage. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6 through 12. Children under 5 are free. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

Silent and live auction planned

Fort Wayne — Holy Cross School will be holding an auction on Saturday, Dec. 5. Mass at

4:15 will be followed by the silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Live auction will begin at 8 p.m. Items include student art work, sports tickets, restaurant and entertainment certificates, vacation packages etc. For ticket information, contact the parish office at (574) 233-2179.

Knights plan Thanksgiving dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights Council 451 will sponsor a senior citizen Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free will offering will be accepted. Call (260) 493-1914 by Nov. 19 to RSVP.

Turkey bingo

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, 10700 Aboite Center Rd., will host turkey bingo on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1-3 p.m. Win a Thanksgiving turkey, gift certificate or cash. Card prices range from 25 cents to \$1. Snacks are available for purchase. All proceeds support the SJSE Home and School Association. For information, call (260) 625-5056.

Turkey Trot Knight Party

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a Turkey Trot Knight Party Sunday, Nov. 22, at Columbia Street West with The Junk Yard Band. Donation of \$20 per person. Purchase tickets at the door or pre-purchase at Bishop Luers Athletic Department. Great food and prizes. Open to the public.

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Frances Irene Spahn, 89, St. John the Apostle

Virginia C. Ogren, 88, St. Thomas the Apostle

Eric, L. Sommers, 48, St. Vincent de Paul

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Antoinette Brita, 86, Our Lady of Good Hope

Floyd M. Spaulding, 85, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Raul Cuellar, Jr., 83, St. Vincent de Paul

Anna Margaret Gerdorn, 78, St. Charles Borromeo

Richard A. Kosiarek, 74, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Helen Bauer, 82, Most Precious Blood
Barbara Jane Hart, 95, St. Joseph

Mary M. Dague, 81, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Granger

Nanette J. Bothast, 77, St. Pius X

Notre Dame

Sister M. Aloysia Lundergan, CSC, 95, Our Lady of Loretto

Mary Mickey Smith, 81, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Plymouth

Lucille T. Giarraputo, 88, St. Michael

Rome City

Richard L. Pranger, 85, St. Gasper

South Bend

Dianne H. Hinz, 54, Christ the King

Rita T. Yanko, 80, Our Lady of Hungary

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Lillian H. Sobczak, 100, St. Casimir

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Julia V. Dobrzykowski, 81, Our Lady of Hungary

James B. Fitzpatrick, 65, Little Flower

Helen Nowak, 91, St. John the Baptist

Warsaw

George K. Konopasek, Jr., 53, Sacred Heart

Ham and turkey for dinner

New Haven — The St. Louis Besancon ham and turkey dinner will be Sunday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parish hall, 15535 Lincoln Highway East. A country craft store, silent auction, quilt raffle and turkey raffle will also be offered. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 5-13 and children under 5 are free.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

Cookie walk, bake and craft sale

South Bend — St. Patrick Parish, 308 S. Scott St., will have a cookie walk, bake sale and craft sale, Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cookies sold by the pound, crafts suitable for gifts and lunch will be available.

Christ Child Society plans cookie walk

Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a holiday cookie walk and bake sale Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in the church hall. The

Christ Child Society is a non-profit association of volunteer women of all denominations, devoted to promoting the welfare of disadvantaged children.

Christmas boutique

Fort Wayne — St. Jude will host a Christmas boutique Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All items handcrafted. Food available. Use tunnel entrance on Pemberton for easy access.

DONATIONS

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank can use your donations

Fort Wayne — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank accepts donations of bedroom and living room furniture, tables, chairs, bed linens and towels. Items must be in working order and free of rips, tears, stains, burns and animal hair. Donations may be picked up by calling (260) 471-5802. The Mustard Seed is dedicated to providing household furnishings to those in need.

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He continued, "This appointment shows the great importance Pope Benedict XVI places on this diocese. He has sent us a well-prepared bishop, who has served five years as bishop of a diocese larger than ours — Harrisburg, Pa., ... I know from other sources how beloved he is there, and this will be painful for them. A gift for us. A loss for them.

"Bishop Rhoades is bishop of his home diocese. ... He probably presumed he would be bishop there for the rest of his life, and he certainly was content there. Yet, he immediately accepted the request of Pope Benedict XVI. Like the apostles in the fifth chapter of Luke, he left everything to follow the call of Christ," said Bishop D'Arcy, adding that the diocese must welcome him with love, to cooperate and collaborate with him and "pray for him from this moment on."

Bishop Rhoades, who has a devotion to the Blessed Mother, said in his acceptance statement, "I am both humbled and honored by Pope Benedict XVI's appointment of me as ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I am particularly humbled to succeed Bishop John D'Arcy, who has served the faithful of this diocese with such great devotion and love for over 24 years. I am deeply grateful to Bishop D'Arcy for his very warm welcome and I look forward to learning from him about this wonderful diocese as I prepare to become your new shepherd."

The enthusiastic new bishop requested prayers as he noted how difficult it will be to leave his home diocese, family and friends, but added, "With joyful anticipation, I look forward now to serving as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I look forward to meeting the priests, dea-



At left, Vince LaBarbera, director of communications for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend prepares to introduce Bishop John M. D'Arcy who announced Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. At right, Matthew Bunson and Sean McBride, from Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM — interview Bishop Rhoades at the Fort Wayne news conference.

cons, men and women in consecrated life, and lay faithful of the diocese. My greatest joys as bishop have been in being with the people, teaching the faith and celebrating the sacraments. I am looking forward to visiting the parishes, schools and other communities of my new diocese."

Bishop D'Arcy opened the floor to questions which concerned the discernment process of the appointment and Bishop D'Arcy's thought process involved in handing the pastorate over. He spoke of the letter of retirement at age 75 that he submitted over two years ago and admitted, "Then you don't know." He added, "I still enjoy everyday here."

When asked about future plans the outgoing bishop reported that he will reside in Fort Wayne, in the house he occupies currently, and "help any way the new bishop wants."

Bishop Rhoades interjected that he felt blessed to have Bishop D'Arcy remain in the diocese.

When asked about his priorities as he joins the diocese, the congenial Bishop Rhoades said his first priority would be to get to know the diocese and its peo-



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades takes the podium at St. Matthew School gym at a press conference in which Bishop John M. D'Arcy introduced the new bishop to the South Bend media.

ple. Secondly, the new bishop, who admits to a mindset of Pope John Paul II's new evangelization, hopes to promote vocations, support Catholic schools and religious education. He hopes to strengthen youth ministry for vocation formation and "get the priests behind it."

The new bishop blessed those in attendance and said, "I pledge to the people of my new diocese my love and my prayers."

South Bend press conference

A few hours later in South Bend Bishop Rhoades was asked about his other top priorities.

"Bishop D'Arcy is leaving the diocese to me in very good shape," answered Bishop Rhoades. "I think it's very similar to my own diocese in that some of the priorities and needs are the same. Promoting priestly vocations would be way up there ... that's very important. We need more priests, no question."

He also addressed financial challenges facing Catholic schools, saying he dealt with that in Harrisburg. Bishop Rhoades is in the middle of a \$45-million building project in Harrisburg.

He talked about growing secularism and relativism in today's society, and the need to "bear witness to our faith with courage."



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Bishop D'Arcy and his pastoral concerns this past year," said Bishop Rhoades. "I feel there's a responsibility of the bishop to promote Catholic education at Catholic universities, especially in their own dioceses, and especially to promote the strengthening of Catholic identity. I think that's just part of the role of the bishop. And I think that Bishop D'Arcy has done that in an admirable way, and I hope that I can do the same."

While Bishop Rhoades asked for prayers as he begins his new job, Bishop D'Arcy said his successor makes personal prayer a priority himself.

"We were looking last night for a place for him to live," explained Bishop D'Arcy, "and he said he was thinking of where he could make his holy hour every day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. What a wonderful thing to hear."

Bishop Rhoades says he is grateful that Bishop D'Arcy will remain in residence in Fort Wayne, and, as a token of appreciation, gave him a gift from Hershey, Pa. — a five-pound chocolate bar may help make up for what Bishop D'Arcy refers to as "a cross to bear."

"There is one thing that has to be said," deadpanned the Boston-born Bishop D'Arcy. "No one is perfect, and I've always been honest with the press. The new bishop is a New York Yankees fan!"

After the laughter died down, both bishops met with members of the media, diocesan staff members and others who wished to visit. Moments earlier, Bishop Rhoades called on Our Lady to guide us all.

"I was very happy to learn that the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend," concluded Bishop Rhoades. "Let us implore her intercession, that we may fulfill the tasks which Christ has entrusted to us. Our Blessed Mother accompanies us, with her maternal care, as we journey together on our earthly pilgrimage of faith, hope and love."

Bishop Rhoades is fluent in Spanish, having served the Hispanic community and participating in the culture before becoming a bishop. Enid Roman-de Jesus, director of Hispanic Ministry for the diocese, says she's excited. "I think this is going to be a great thing for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, absolutely," said Roman-de Jesus, discussing her hope that more resources might be added to the Office of Hispanic Ministry.

"Hundreds of people need our services, and now that the economy is kind of run down, the people need a lot of social outreach ... food pantry, things like that ... (help with) problems in the family," explained Roman-deJesus. "The Hispanic community tends to come to the church for whatever they need ... the church is pretty much everything for them and it's a safe place for them to ask for help."

Bishop Rhoades says he's looking forward to meeting Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, and looks forward to a "personal and pastoral relationship" with the Notre Dame community. Bishop Rhoades said he is "very aware" of the controversy this past spring surrounding Father Jenkins' decision to honor President Barack Obama, despite the president's support of abortion.

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