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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Bishops meet in Baltimore

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CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Chicago works on his laptop computer during the U.S. bishops' general meeting in Baltimore Nov. 17.

BALTIMORE (CNS)— The U.S. bishops took their final look at the English translation of the Roman Missal and approved documents on marriage, reproductive technologies and medically assisted nutrition and hydration during their Nov. 16-18 fall general assembly in Baltimore.

Members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops completed their public work at midmorning Nov. 18 and spent the rest of the day in executive session. Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner of Crookston, Minn., was to lead them in a morning of prayer and reflection Nov. 19.

The approximately 300 bishops meeting in Baltimore also heard a preliminary report on the "Causes and Context Study" on clergy sex abuse being conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a staunch defense of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development against charges that it funds groups that opposed church social or moral teachings.

They passed a \$144.5 million budget for the USCCB in 2010 and approved a 3 percent increase in 2011 in the assessment on dioceses to fund the work of the conference, as well as priorities and plans and an operational strategy for the next two years.

The bishops made their own earlier statement by Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, USCCB president, pledging continued efforts to keep health care legislation abortion-neutral and thanking House members who had supporting those efforts.

With overwhelming majority votes Nov. 17, the bishops approved the final five documents related to the Roman Missal — translations of the proper of the saints, specific prayers to each saint in the universal liturgical calendar; the commons, general prayers for celebrating saints listed in the "Roman Martyrology"; the Roman Missal supplement; the U.S. propers, a collection of orations and formularies for feasts and memorials particular to the U.S. liturgical calendar;

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## Press conferences, bishops' meeting follow announcement

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The appointment of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has captured media attention across Indiana, Pennsylvania and the country.

After a busy schedule with two press conferences — one in Fort Wayne and one in South Bend — on Nov. 14 where Bishop John M. D'Arcy introduced the new shepherd, Bishop Rhoades returned on Sunday to Harrisburg, Pa., where he has been bishop for the last five years.

"It is obviously with very mixed emotions that I speak to you today," Bishop Rhoades

told a gathering of media, diocesan staff and faithful at a Nov. 15 press conference at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg and reported in the Nov. 20 issue of *The Catholic Witness*, newspaper of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

"Part of the life of the bishop, and indeed of the life of every priest, is the willingness to accept new assignments, to go where we are sent. There is something very liberating about obedience in the church. When we do the Lord's will, even when it can be difficult at times, we experience a certain peace in our souls," Bishop Rhoades remarked at the press conference. "I feel that peace in obey-

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## YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



## FATHER ADAM SCHMITT

It was the fastidiousness of Msgr. John Bapst that in part, brought about the priestly vocation of young

Adam Schmitt.

The monsignor, a high-strung individual, who wanted no accidents from acolytes, conscripted one efficient eighth-grade boy

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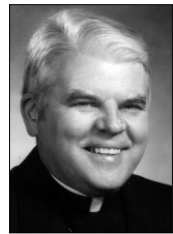
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# New English translation should be greeted with joy, obedience



## NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

### A moment of history

No, I am not referring to the coming of our new bishop, which is certainly for all of us, as I have said previously, an historical and also a blessed moment in our diocese. I refer rather to a moment at the meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It was the final affirmative vote concerning the various books of the Roman Missal, upon which there had been such deliberation.

As you may know, for some years there has been in process among the bishops a new translation of the Roman Missal from Latin into English. It has gone forward in fits and starts, and some priests wondered if we would ever have a new translation of the Missal, known to us more commonly as the Sacramentary. It has been finished and now must be sent to the Holy See for what is called the Recognition, a final approval.

It is expected that in the year 2011, this new translation of the Roman Missal will be implemented in this country, after a period of catechesis and preparation.

### What should we look for?

First of all, we should look forward to accepting it with gratitude. It is a significant improvement. The new translation is more faithful to the Scriptures.

The translation is more faithful to the original Latin, and also reflects a fidelity to a sound theology.

On the matter of the prayers or collects, which begin every Mass, there is more fidelity to a translation, which truly reflects the style and wording of the original Latin prayers.

The translation has a more majestic style; and the English words bring a tone of majesty and tend to be more inspiring.

### Why is this important?

Remember, that the first translation came about shortly after the Second Vatican Council. There was no history over the last 500 or 600 years of a translation to the vernacular. We were new at it. The translation tended to be free and poetic, rather than careful and accurate.

Remember also, that the translation approved for use in our country is used in many English speaking countries throughout the world. One thinks of England, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. It was necessary to find a language and translation

reasonably acceptable in all these countries.

Remember, too, that the Mass is not something we make ourselves; rather, it is a gift to us, a gift from the church. It is my hope that in this diocese we will accept this new translation with joy and faith, and indeed, a very important virtue of which our new bishop has already given us a significant example; namely, obedience. I was especially struck by a few words from Cardinal Francis George at the conclusion of our intense discussion and voting. He said something akin to the following: we must remember that people have died for the Roman Missal. He referred to the Elizabethan martyrs who gave their lives, rather than betray the use of this ancient prayer book. The translations will be significant, and the annual active study week for priests has been set aside to assist priests with the new translation. I am sure there will be workshops and presentations throughout the diocese, and some planning for this has already been done. Our director of the Office of Worship, Brian MacMichael, has attended a seminar with Bishop Serratelli and gave a brief summary presentation to our priests at our fall presbyterate meeting. Our new bishop is well prepared to lead us in this preparation.

There will be the need, also, for new hymns, in both Latin and English. The end result, if we all prepare for it well, will be a more beautiful and inspiring language, and hopefully a more prayerful attendance at Mass. That must always be the goal.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Good Hope

On successive Sundays, first before flying to Baltimore for the meeting of the bishops and secondly, after returning, I had the joy of installing two new pastors.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is a church and shrine that I enter with great joy. Seated high on a hill overlooking Warsaw, the land was given by Jerry and Savina Kralis; and the church built after a nationwide architectural contest, watched over and led by the very able Linda Furge. Father Phil DeVolder, a native of Mishawaka and much more fluent in Spanish than he admits, was installed as the second pastor of this parish. I thought of Father Paul Bueter, who was pastor of this parish for many years, including the time that Mass was said in a former automobile garage. This was a church built as part of our observance of the millennium and funds were collected throughout the diocese as part of the Legacy of Faith Campaign, along with funds raised by the parish itself.

As soon as it was built, people came from all over the area. And now, we have two Spanish speaking priests there, Father DeVolder and the newly ordained, Father Fernando Jimenez, who also serves at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

What a joy to celebrate Mass in my poor, halting Spanish, installing Father DeVolder as pastor.

The following Sunday, after returning from Baltimore, I presided at the installation of Msgr. Bruce Piechocki at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne. This parish, cut off many years ago from St. Charles Parish, has had exemplary service from Father Larry Kramer, Father David Voors and Father Mark Gurtner. Msgr. Piechocki has been a blessing on the diocese as our excellent judicial vicar; that is, the priest who is in charge of the diocesan tribunal. His dear mother came all the way from St. Casimir Parish on the west side of South Bend, along with his sister and brother-in-law from Niles, Mich.

Last spring and into the summer, after consulting our Priest Personnel Board, many transfers of pastors took place. This calls on the bishop to do a Mass of Liturgical Installation. In all, we will have done 14 of these installations, with a few more still to take place before Christmas.

When the bishop does this, it shows the centrality of his pastoral mission and his close link to the priests. There is nothing more encouraging than to have people thank you for sending us a fine priest, and I have experienced that in every parish.

### A note from Baltimore

How encouraging to hear so many bishops speak to me about the gifts and goodness and dedication of Bishop Kevin Rhoades. He was elected to chair a very important committee, and also received an award from the Campus Ministry Association during our time in Baltimore. A gifted and highly respected bishop. No question about it.

### Athletic report

Alas, both of our Fort Wayne high schools, Luers and Dwenger, reached the Semi-State. The Bishop Dwenger Saints lost a heartbreaker at a stadium located in "the region," a place fittingly called the "Inferno." If I am correct, it was the Devils versus the Saints. I am told by some Dwenger people who attended that it is a very tough place to play and a very hard place to win. A heartbreaker, but congratulations to the Saints for a 14-1 season.

And the Bishop Luers Knights will be off to the Dome once again to play for the state championship. No one expected it, as it was thought to be a rebuilding year, but after a painful loss to Dwenger, Coach Matt Lindsay rallied his troops and they bounded through the playoffs and will play for the state title. If the Luers Knights win, it will be their 12th championship overall, and I am told that would be an Indiana record. Bring it home, Knights.

And now, the blessed season of Advent. A time to hear the call of John the Baptist to repentance and to open our hearts in faith as Mary did.

See you all next week.



## USCCB

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and U.S. adaptations to the Roman Missal.

Each section must now go to the Vatican for approval before the missal comes into use in the United States, probably in 2011.

Approval of the pastoral letter "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan" also came Nov. 17, despite the concern voiced by some bishops about the document's pastoral tone and content.

Nearly 100 changes in two rounds of amendments preceded the 180-45 vote, with three abstentions. Two-thirds of the USCCB membership, or 175 votes, were required for passage of the document. Final approval came after an effort to remand the document to committee failed 56 to 169.

The pastoral on marriage offers support to married couples and affirms true marriage can involve only a man and a woman. It is another component in the bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage, which began in November 2004.

The 15-page document "Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology" says that although the Catholic Church shares the pain of married couples facing infertility problems, some reproductive technologies "are not morally legitimate ways to solve those problems." It was approved Nov. 17 by a vote of 220-4, with three abstentions.

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said the new document would "fill a true pastoral need" among U.S. Catholics for a better understanding of "the difference between the Catholic understanding and the secular understanding of human life."

The bishops also overwhelmingly approved a revision to the directives that guide Catholic health care facilities, clarifying that patients with chronic conditions who are not imminently dying should receive food and water by "medically assisted" means if they cannot take them normally.

"As a general rule, there is an obligation to provide patients with food and water, including medically assisted nutrition and hydration for those who cannot take food orally," says the revised text of the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services" prepared by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Doctrine.

"This obligation extends to patients in chronic conditions (e.g., the 'persistent vegetative state') who can reasonably be expected to live indefinitely if given such care," the new text adds.

The bishops spent an hour Nov. 17 hearing and discussing a preliminary report on the John Jay study of the causes and context of clergy sexual abuse of minors.

Researchers Karen Terry and Margaret Smith told the bishops that early findings confirm "a steep decline" in sexual abuse cases after 1985. The findings also show diocesan responses to inci-

dents of sex abuse have changed substantially over a 50-year-period, with an increase in administrative leave for accused abusers and a decrease in the number accused abusers reinstated.

They also said information they have gathered so far shows no indication that homosexuality increases the chance that a person will be an abuser.

Commissioned by the bishops, the full study is expected to be released in December 2010.

The bishops ended the day Nov. 17 with a report from Bishop Roger P. Morin of Biloxi, Miss., CCHD subcommittee chairman, who responded to an attack from a coalition of Catholic groups promoting a boycott of this year's CCHD collection the weekend of Nov. 21-22. The coalition claims some organizations that receive funding are not in line with church teaching.

Bishop Morin called such claims "outrageous" and pledged "our ongoing efforts to ensure that all CCHD funds are used faithfully, effectively and in accord with Catholic social and moral teaching."

In other action Nov. 17, the bishops approved a \$144.5 million budget for 2010, representing an increase of less than 0.2 percent over 2009, and a 3 percent increase in the diocesan assessment to support the work of the USCCB in 2011. They also approved a priority plan titled "Deepen Faith, Nurture Hope, Celebrate Life" and a series of "strategy and operational plans" for offices and departments of the USCCB for the next two years.

## Pope names Notre Dame professor to theological commission

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named the chairman of the University of Notre Dame's Department of Theology to the International Theological Commission.

The appointment of John C. Cavadini, a scholar of patristic and early medieval theology, was announced Nov. 19 by the Vatican.

Cavadini also directs Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life and in September was named co-chairman of the university's new Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life.

The professor earned his bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.; a master's degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.; and a master's and a doctorate from Yale University.

The 30 members of the International Theological Commission conduct research on theological topics and serve as advisors to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Three other members of the commission work in the United States and were appointed to second five-year terms last June. They are:



JOHN C. CAVADINI

- Sister Sara Butler, a member of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, who teaches dogmatic theology at the New York Archdiocese's St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers.

- Nigerian Father Peter Damian Akpunonu, a professor of biblical exegesis at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Chicago.

- British Msgr. Paul McPartlan, a professor of systematic theology and ecumenism at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

## Bishops given 'sober' report on religious orders, signs of hope

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Religious orders may be shrinking in size and their members aging fast, but a study of their newest members offers signs for hope, Holy Cross Brother Paul Bednarczyk, executive director of the National Religious Vocations Conference, said in a Nov. 18 report to the U.S. bishops on a study released this summer.

The "Recent Vocations to Religious Life" study conducted for the vocations conference by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University was the first of its scale ever done, Brother Bednarczyk said.

The study is not related to the Vatican's ongoing apostolic visitation, an analysis of women religious in the United States. The vocations conference study was well under way when the apostolic visitation was announced in January.

Brother Bednarczyk called the results of the CARA study "sobering," but at the same time, emphasized that the responses to the survey engender great hope for the future of religious life.



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**Two young Franciscan nuns join a youth rally as they wait for the arrival of Pope Benedict XVI at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y. U.S. religious orders are experiencing a decline in numbers and aging members, but a study on their newer members by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University shows signs of hope.**

"Our study has confirmed that part of the richness of religious life lies in its diversity of charisms, lifestyles and ministries that have always been a hallmark of religious institutes in this country," he told the bishops, gathered in Baltimore for their fall general assembly.

Among the "sobering" statistics Brother Bednarczyk cited:

- The number of men and

women in religious life has decreased by 63 percent since the peak in the mid-1960s, from 23,000 priests to 13,000; from 12,500 brothers to 5,000; and from 180,000 sisters to 59,000.

- About 75 percent of the men and more than 90 percent of women religious are age 60 or older. Among men and women religious under age 60, only 1 percent are younger than 40.

But he said comparing current numbers to the peaks of the 1960s isn't the most realistic standard.

"The truth is that throughout history men and women religious have always made up a small percentage of our Catholic population," he said. "The temptation is to compare the high numbers of the '50s and '60s as the norm, when in actuality, they were an anomaly."

Among the newest members of religious orders — those who professed vows within the last 15 years — a higher percentage are Hispanic, Asian and African or African-American, Brother Bednarczyk said. And they are older and more likely to be college graduates with career experience.

He noted that religious organizations with the most success in attracting new members have a more traditional style of religious life, in which members live in community, participate in daily Eucharist, pray the Divine Office and engage in devotional practices together. They also are more likely to wear a religious habit.

He said the study is a snapshot of who is entering religious life currently, not necessarily a pre-

dictor of future generations.

Brother Bednarczyk said despite the challenges identified by the study, it "affirms that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire and guide the church as evidenced by the founding of new religious institutes, the multitude of charitable works established by religious and, most encouraging, the zeal and passion for the Gospel and hope for the future embraced by our newer members."

He asked the bishops for their prayerful support of vocations to consecrated life, as well as their cooperation in promoting it "as a viable, joyful and grace-filled option for the men and women in your dioceses."

Following the presentation, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, returned to the subject of the apostolic visitation, saying he had been hearing great concern about it.

"It might be good to consider their great work and give a strong hand of support to (religious women)," he said. It's time, he added, to tell "our sisters and brothers, especially our sisters, 'we're with you; we want you here.'"

# Scholars gather for ND conference on moral issues of the day

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — For the 10th consecutive year, the University of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture drew hundreds of scholars from across the country and abroad to its annual conference that focuses on the crucial moral issues of the day.

This year's conference theme, "The Summons of Freedom: Virtue, Sacrifice, and the Common Good," was inspired by a talk Pope Benedict XVI gave at the White House last year on his visit to the United States. Over 100 papers on a wide spectrum of topics were presented and discussed by more than 400 participants at the three-day conference Nov. 12-14.

Getting the conference off to a lively start was the keynote address by Josephite Father John Raphael, a 1989 Notre Dame graduate who is principal of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans and an active pro-life leader in the African-American community.

Father Raphael spoke on "Building a Bridge over Troubled Waters: Inviting African-Americans into the Pro-Life Movement." He said that bringing the African-American community into the pro-life movement has the potential to turn the pro-abortion tide and make America a truly pro-life country, but the road to wed the pro-life and African-American communities is difficult.

"The great divide" that exists between the two communities is not based on fundamental disagreement about the morality of abortion, Father Raphael said, but rather "exists at a deep and complex level," mainly because of an inability to communicate with each other and misunderstandings about each other.

"A bridge must be built because African-Americans need the pro-life community, and the pro-life community needs African-Americans. Our future is being destroyed by the genocidal magnitude of abortion, and pro-lifers are saving the African-American com-

munities from extinction," Father Raphael said.

Another topic attracting great interest at the conference was the decision by Notre Dame to invite President Barack Obama to be 2009 commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary doctorate in law. Three Catholic professors from other universities presented papers critical of the invitation and Obama's speech: Francis Beckwith, professor of philosophy and Church-State Studies at Baylor University, Gwen Brown, professor of communication at Radford University and Matthew Franck, professor and chairman of the Department of Political Science at Radford.

Beckwith said that Notre Dame could have honored the president and still have protected its Catholic identity by inviting him to speak at commencement, but not awarding the honorary degree. If asked why the degree wasn't being offered, Notre Dame would have had the opportunity to explain that it would be inappropriate for a Catholic institution that respects

life to give an honorary degree to someone who has such a track record of denying legal protection to the unborn, he observed.

Beckwith added that the Obama-Notre Dame controversy is a symptom of a deeper problem in Christian higher education: "a loss of confidence in theological truths in both inside and outside our ecclesial communities.

In their joint presentation in the same session with Beckwith, Brown and Franck, who are husband and wife, made similar observations. Brown said the Obama speech met generic requirements of a commencement speech, and it succeeded politically, but failed ethically. The president "smuggled" in an argument about the relationship of faith to reason, Brown said, and he depicted the pro-life side as unreasonable.

"For Obama, reason and faith are not mutually supportive, but rivals and antagonists," Brown said.

In his analysis of the Obama speech, Franck said that Obama deftly used references to "common

ground" on "moral issues" like poverty, AIDS and the death penalty, but depicted abortion as "just another cause-of-the-month that some people choose," in spite of the fact that abortion is "the only one of these 'moral issues' that entails the deliberate and targeted killing of innocent human beings with the sanction of the law."

Brown concluded their paper by asking: "What lesson did they (graduates) learn on their last day under the tutelage of Our Lady's university, courtesy of the president of the United States? They learned how to make a bad argument look reasonable and even acceptable if it is cloaked in the robes of rhetoric. ... This was, by ethical standards, an abysmal last lesson."

Among the other prominent scholars giving papers at the conference were Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute, Alice von Hildebrand of the Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project, Thomas Hibbs of Baylor University and Russell Hittinger of the University of Tulsa.



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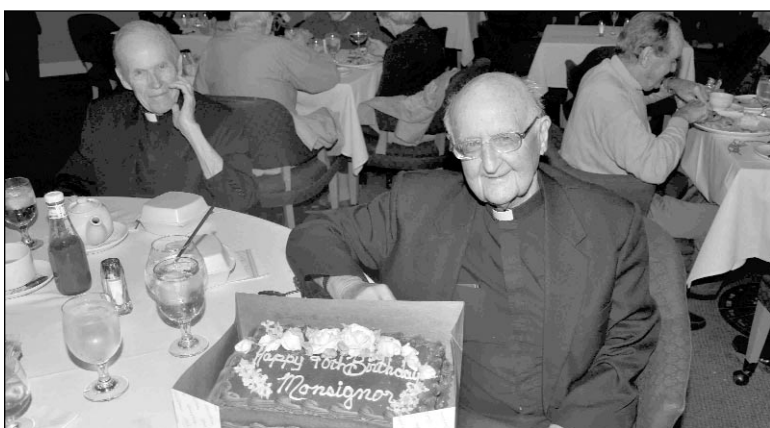


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## MSGR. LESTER CELEBRATES 90TH



JIM METZLER

Msgr. J. William Lester celebrated his 90th birthday on Nov. 25 and was honored at a special surprise birthday dinner at the Pine Valley Country Club last week. Those in attendance were Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Msgr. Robert Schulte, Msgr. John Kuzmich, Father William Peil, Father Fernando Jimenez, Jim Metzler and Jim Fitzpatrick.

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to be his server at all Masses except Sunday.

This meant that for one full year, six days a week at 6:20 a.m., Adam felt a gentle shake by his mom, with the same wake up message; "Adam, it's time to serve the monsignor's Mass."

Moments later, Adam was out the back door and on his bike for a two mile ride to St. Peter's in Fort Wayne. It was, in a way, a demanding schedule but carried with it the prestigious title of being the pastor's server, hand-picked by the man himself.

In those days (WWII), St. Peter's had three assistant pastors. One, Father Thomas Durkin, taught the eighth-grade catechism class. One day, he talked about the priesthood and concluded the class by saying, "All boys who want to go to the seminary, go see the pastor after school today." Adam went ... and after attending Sacred Heart Seminary in Fort Wayne, and then Our Lady of the Lake seminary at Wawasee and finally St. Meinrad, he was ordained as a priest May 25, 1957 by Bishop Leo A. Pursley.

His first assignment as a priest was as assistant pastor at St. Bernard Parish in Wabash, where he caught up with Father Bob Zahn, pastor, who had been an assistant at St. Peter's when

Adam had been a server, and was another priest whose influence and example led Adam to the seminary.

Following Wabash, Father Schmitt served as assistant at St. Vincent de Paul, St. Jude and the cathedral in Fort Wayne and was pastor at St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester, and St. Joseph in Garrett.

Father Schmitt now resides at St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, in active retirement. In addition to visits to the sick, he has been for 24 years, chaplain for the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, is the diocesan chaplain for the Fatima Apostolate, conducts a holy hour at St. Joseph every Wednesday and is chaplain for the Widows of Prayer. This group offers prayers for their deceased husbands, the church, the pope, priests, the bishop and vocations with morning and evening prayers, a monthly Mass plus social meetings.

In following the footsteps of others to the priesthood, Father Adam Schmitt leaves his own legacy; his nephew, Father Tony Steinacker, who attended St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, and Bishop Luers High School and was ordained in 2006, is now assistant pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne.

## Seminarians instituted as lectors, acolytes

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Twenty-five seminarians of the Pontifical College Josephinum were instituted into the liturgical ministries of lector and acolyte on Nov. 15, by Bishop Glen John Provost of Lake Charles, La. The installation Mass was celebrated in St. Turibius Chapel in the company of visiting priests, families of the candidates, and benefactors and friends of the seminary.

Once termed minor orders, the positions of lector and acolyte are conferred to first and second year theologians, respectively. As the candidates were about to be installed, Father James Wehner, rector and president, testified to their worthiness: "On behalf of the formation team and the faculty, I can testify that these men have been theologically, liturgically and spiritually prepared to be installed into the ministries of lector and acolyte."

First-year theology students installed as lectors are commissioned to proclaim the word of God in the liturgical assembly and to catechize the faithful. During the liturgy, the candidates knelt before Bishop Provost, who held out a Bible to them and said, "Take this book of holy Scripture, and be faithful in handing on the word of God so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people."

The candidates for acolyte, who are second-year theologians, are entrusted with the duties of attending to the altar, assisting the deacon and priest at Mass, and distrib-



Pictured with Bishop Glen John Provost of Lake Charles, La., are, from left, Father James Wehner, rector and president of Pontifical College Josephinum, Jacob Meyer, Benjamin Muhlenkamp and Msgr. Christopher Schreck, vice-president, development and alumni relations.

uting holy Communion as an extraordinary minister. They may also expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. The candidates knelt before Bishop Provost as he held a paten of bread out to them and said, "Take this vessel with bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his church."

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke to the importance of the day. "The church is installing young men who are continuing to embrace what they perceive to be the call of God to the priesthood," he said. "The word of God and the Eucharist are the central focus of the discernment. The Scriptures he will read and proclaim and the Eucharist he will minister are the

source and celebration of their prayer and their life in Jesus Christ. So it is now, and so it should be for the remainder of their lives."

The Josephinum serves an average of 30 national and international dioceses each year. Fourteen dioceses had seminarians receive ministries during the liturgy: Atlanta, Brownsville, Columbus, Covington, Fort Wayne-South Bend, Gaylord, Lake Charles, Nashville, Peoria, Phoenix, Steubenville, Taunggyi (Myanmar), Tyler and Youngstown. Seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who received ministries were Jacob A. Meyer, acolyte, and Benjamin J. Muhlenkamp, acolyte.



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## USCCB calls Senate health reform bill 'an enormous disappointment'

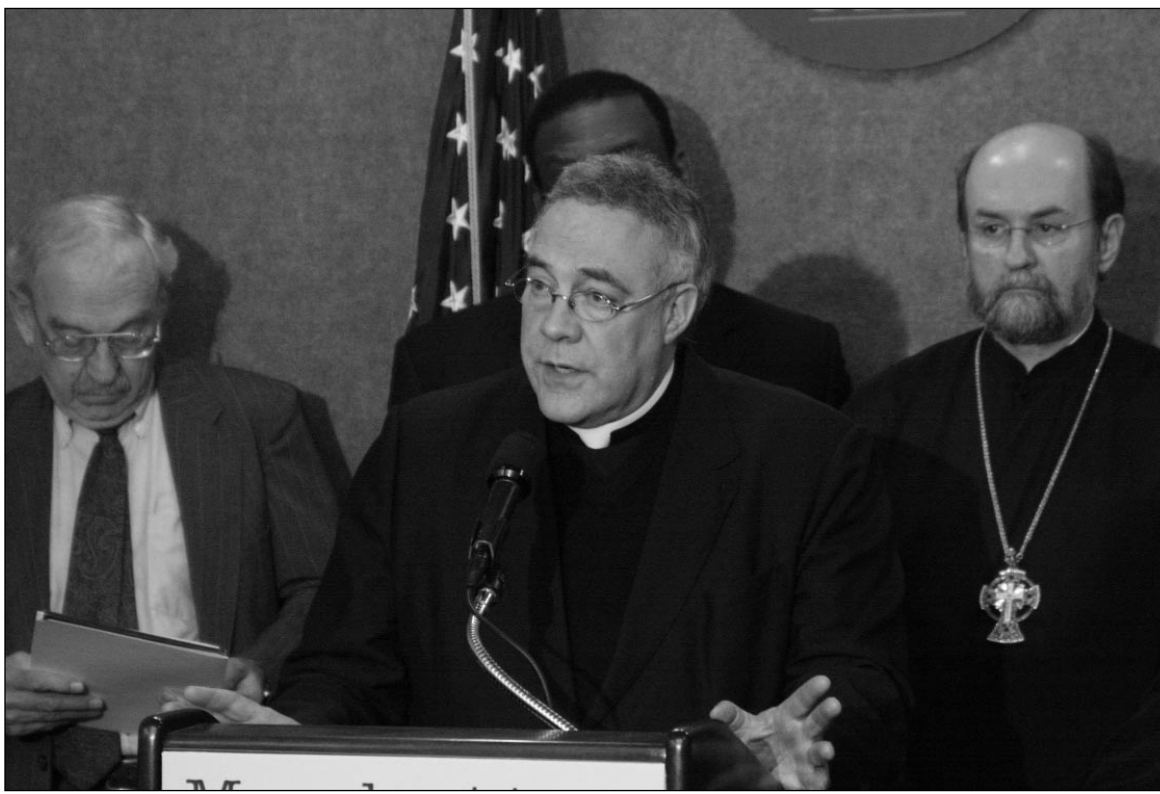
WASHINGTON (CNS) — The health reform legislation now before the Senate is “an enormous disappointment, creating new and completely unacceptable federal policy that endangers human life and rights of conscience,” the chairmen of three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said Nov. 20. A letter from the three chairmen outlining the USCCB's problems with the Senate bill's provisions on abortion and conscience protections, coverage of immigrants and affordability for low-income Americans went out about 24 hours before the Senate voted, 60-39, to begin debate on the legislation. The debate was expected to begin Nov. 30 after senators returned from a weeklong Thanksgiving break. The Senate's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, drawn up by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada from legislation approved earlier in two Senate committees, “does not meet ... moral criteria” outlined by the bishops, especially on the use of federal funds to pay for abortions, the letter said. “We believe legislation that violates this moral principle is not true health care reform and must be amended to reflect it,” said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and Bishops William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and John C. Wester of Salt Lake City. “If that fails, the current legislation should be opposed.” They head the USCCB committees on Pro-Life Activities, on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and on Migration, respectively.

## Bishop says he asked congressman privately not to receive Communion

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — The bishop of Providence said he was “disappointed and really surprised” Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., made public a letter he wrote to the congressman almost three years ago about his practice of the Catholic faith and reception of Communion. “This comes almost two weeks after the congressman indicated to local media that he would no longer comment publicly on his faith or his relationship with the Catholic Church. The congressman's public comments require me to reply,” Bishop Thomas J. Tobin said in a Nov. 22 statement. His remarks came after Kennedy told *The Providence Journal* daily newspaper that Bishop Tobin “instructed me not to take Communion and said that he has instructed the diocesan priests not to give me Communion.” The newspaper said Kennedy declined to give details on when or how the bishop issued such an instruction. Bishop Tobin said that in a February 2007 letter to Kennedy he stated: “In light of the church's clear teach-

# NEWS BRIEFS

## DOCUMENT PLEDGES COMMITMENT TO LIFE, MARRIAGE



CNS PHOTO/DANIEL SONE

Father Robert Sirico, founder of the Acton Institute, speaks about the “Manhattan Declaration: A Call of Christian Conscience” document at the National Press Club in Washington Nov. 20. The 4,700-word statement was issued by more than 140 Christian leaders who pledged renewed zeal in defending the unborn, defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman and protecting religious freedom.

ing, and your consistent actions, therefore, I believe it is inappropriate for you to be receiving holy Communion and I now ask respectfully that you refrain from doing so.” Kennedy supports keeping abortion legal.

## Pope Anglican leader pledge to continue dialogue for unity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While some pundits have sounded the death knell for ecumenical relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion, Pope Benedict XVI and Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, the Anglican spiritual leader, pledged to move forward. The pope and archbishop met privately at the Vatican for about 20 minutes Nov. 21. A Vatican statement said the two leaders reiterated “the shared will to continue and to consolidate the ecumenical relationship between Catholics and Anglicans.” And, it said, they discussed the work their representatives were to begin Nov. 23 preparing for a third round of study by the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Theological Commission, the body for official theological dialogue. The statement said the two leaders discussed “recent events affecting relations between the Catholic Church and Anglican

Communion,” a reference to Pope Benedict's apostolic constitution establishing “personal ordinariates” — structures similar to dioceses — for Anglicans who want to enter full communion with the Roman Catholic Church while maintaining some of their Anglican heritage.

## Pope urges support for deaf, including access to health care

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI lamented the serious lack of public programs and measures to address the needs of deaf people and a lack of even basic health care, which often can prevent hearing impairment. He spoke Nov. 20 to some 400 people attending a Vatican conference addressing the role of the deaf in the church. A handful of interpreters signed the pope's words to deaf participants during the audience in the Clementine Hall of the papal palace. The Nov. 19-21 conference was organized by the Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry and was dedicated to “The Deaf Person in the Life of the Church.” The pope said it is impossible to forget “the grave situation in which (the deaf) still live today in developing countries, both for the lack of adequate policies and legislation and for the difficulty in gaining access to basic

health care.” Deafness “is often the consequence of easily preventable diseases,” he added. The pope also lamented the ongoing prejudice and discrimination against the deaf, calling it “deplorable and unjustifiable.”

## Catholic students need theology, other subjects, for evangelization

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Students at Catholic universities should pursue a deep knowledge of theology but be open to other areas of study so that they are better prepared to further the mission of the church in the world, Pope Benedict XVI said. Speaking Nov. 19 to students and professors from the pontifical universities Rome and representatives from Catholic universities around the world, the pope said that such institutions of higher learning “play an irreplaceable role in the church and in society.” The pontiff said Catholic education was an important form of evangelization. Such universities are essential in helping to bridge the gaps among faith, culture and science, he said. He reminded the audience that the Declaration on Catholic Education (“Gravissimum Educationis”), a document from the Second Vatican Council, promoted the creation of high-level universities “to form people well versed in knowledge, ready to give witness of their faith

in the world and to assume roles of responsibility in society.”

## District's same-sex marriage bill could limit work of church agencies

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Recent news reports have mistakenly claimed that the Archdiocese of Washington and its social service arm, Catholic Charities, are threatening to stop providing social services if the District of Columbia City Council's proposed same-sex marriage bill passes, said Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout of Washington. “Catholic Charities is vowing to continue its services even if a same-sex marriage bill passes,” he wrote in a recent open letter to local Catholics posted on the Web site of the *Catholic Standard*, Washington's archdiocesan newspaper. Bishop Knestout said the level of services will not be the same though, because “without a meaningful religious exemption in the bill, Catholic Charities and other similar religious providers will become ineligible for contracts, grants and licenses to continue those services.” Archdiocesan officials and other religious leaders in the district have said if the council is going to pass the measure despite their objections, then it must have a strong protections for religious conscience. Catholic Charities currently serves 68,000 people in the city, including one-third of Washington's homeless.

## Polls assess impact of abortion on health reform debate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the Senate prepared to begin discussing its version of health reform legislation, two national polls were assessing the impact of abortion on the debate. A CNN/Opinion Research Corp. survey released Nov. 18 found that 61 percent of Americans oppose “using public funds for abortion when the woman cannot afford it,” while only 37 percent support it. In response to another question, 51 percent said “women covered by private health insurance plans that are paid for by private individuals or employers” with no federal funds involved should “pay the complete costs of that abortion out of their own pockets,” while 45 percent said the private health insurance plan “should cover some or all of the costs of an abortion.” A separate survey released Nov. 19 by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press and the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life found 3 percent of those surveyed cited abortion as a reason for their opposition to health reform proposals currently before Congress. The top responses, at 27 percent each, were that it would be too expensive and it would increase government involvement in health care.



## Forever Learning Institute holds fall festival

SOUTH BEND — The Forever Learning Institute will hold its fall festival to celebrate the end of the 35th year of continuing educational experiences for seniors on Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at its location at Little Flower Parish Center, 54191 Ironwood Rd.

There will be exhibits by classes including art, knitting, crochet, quilting and performances by the Hawaiian and line dance classes, with an introduction to the ballet class demonstrating for the first time. A preview of the Clay High School Swing Choir performing songs included in their holiday show will be featured. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Joan Loranger, executive director at (574) 282-1901 or e-mail [jmloranger@comcast.net](mailto:jmloranger@comcast.net).

## Recipient of the Jack McComb Scholarship named

FORT WAYNE

— Megan Shank, senior at Bishop Luers High School, was selected as a recipient of the Jack McComb Scholarship as an outstanding student in the area of government and civics. Shank was selected from many exceptional students from the area to receive this award of \$2,000.

The award was presented by Steven Shine, chair of the Republican party of Allen County.



MEGAN SHANK

## The Franciscan Center to welcome Father Groeschel

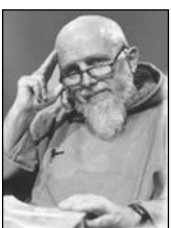
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— The Franciscan Center in Fort Wayne is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

The anniversary celebration continues on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the University of Saint Francis' North Campus auditorium with speaker Father Benedict Joseph Groeschel, host of the popular Eternal Word Television Network's "Sunday Night Live With Father Benedict Groeschel."

Father Groeschel, who lived at St. Felix Monastery in Huntington for some time, is one of seven Capuchin colleagues who founded the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal with the mission of preaching reform and serving the poor. Father Groeschel is a retreat master, author, psychologist and activist.

A reception begins at the North Auditorium, located at 2702 Spring St. at 2 p.m.; his talk begins at 3 p.m.; and Bishop John



FATHER BENEDICT GROESCHEL

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## SAINT JOSEPH'S STUDENTS WORK FOR AREA RESIDENCES



DIANE FREEBY

Hundreds of students from Saint Joseph's High School fanned out across South Bend with rakes and gloves in hand, ready to help those in need. Before they headed out, school chaplain Father Camillo Tirabassi gave a blessing and reminded the workers that they were doing more than manual labor. "It's an opportunity to serve not only the people who need extra help," said Father Cam, "but to serve God as well!" South Bend resident Rosie McInnis is pictured here with juniors David Borntrager, T.J. Dockery, Pete Freeby, Brandon Kuyers, Will O'Callaghan, Danny Kwiatkowski and freshman Chris Freeby. McInnis said her own son passed away 13 years ago, and the Saint Joe boys reminded her of how he used to come over to rake the leaves for her.

M. D'Arcy will concelebrate a Mass at 4 p.m. A freewill donation is requested and Father Groeschel's books and videos will be for sale.

## Ancilla nursing faculty, students, make difference in battle against H1N1

DONALDSON — Ancilla College nursing faculty and students have helped vaccinate approximately 1,600 Marshall and Starke County residents against the H1N1 virus this November, according to figures released by the college's nursing department.

As the H1N1 pandemic has become of increasing concern nationwide, the department has taken an increased role in the efforts to curb the effect on local residents — especially children, who have the highest fatality rate amongst all those infected.

"It's an opportunity for us to help the community, period," said Ann Fitzgerald, director of nursing at Ancilla College. "There's typically only one person in each health department who gives

immunizations. They are depending on nursing volunteers from around the area and our students to help serve the community."

Faculty members Fitzgerald, Judy Bachelder, Patricia Bawcum, Janeen Berndt and Kelly Clark — with the help of volunteer Ancilla College students — have already lent a hand at four separate H1N1 clinics and already have plans to assist two more before the month is up.

It is approximated that 1,100 combined residents were served at the H1N1 clinics held at Plymouth's Washington Elementary on Nov. 5 and Bremen High School on Nov. 11, while 250 were treated at the Starke County courthouse on Nov. 7 and another 250 at Culver Middle School on Nov. 19.

Most of those treated, according to Fitzgerald, were children.

"This is an opportunity for our students to improve their proficiency in giving injections, especially with children," said Fitzgerald. "(The students) are providing a community service. They realize you may not always

get paid for your services in the world of nursing, but the health of your community is more important."

All vaccinations will be provided at no cost.

"We'll continue to do these until courses are over for the semester or they run out of vaccine," said Fitzgerald.

## Spell Bowl team takes third place in state

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Dwenger High School Spell Bowl team captured third place in the state competition on Nov. 14 at Purdue University in West Lafayette. Spell Bowl team members include Jessica Viduya, Leah Carlston, Becca Byers, Emma Collis, Anne Carroll, Molly Morgan, Alex Berg, Abby Carlston, Anthony Cox, Luke Berg and Ryan Herberger.

## St. Vincent de Paul School holds math fair

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul School held its annual math

fair on Nov. 12. The goal of the math fair is to help students recognize the relevance of math in their day-to-day lives. Each seventh grader is required to submit his/her own project. The younger grades may work with partners if approved by the individual teacher. The students submit their topic at least a month in advance. The odd-numbered grades participate in the math fair, while the even-numbered grades participate in the science fair each year.

## Phi Theta Kappa inducts nine Ancilla students

DONALDSON — Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, has inducted nine new members from Ancilla College for the spring semester.

Those inducted to Ancilla's Beta Beta Beta chapter on Nov. 17 included — Brittany Adkins, Lauren Shepherd, Diana DeMoss, Dana Schapira-Brennen, Angela Ballinger, Cecilia Drummond, Angela Krause, Aurora Lindvall and Ashley Sult.

"We are honored to recognize nine new members in the Beta Beta Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society this fall," said Cynthia Cawthon, who serves as the chapter's co-advisor alongside fellow faculty member Jane Yochum. "College students have extremely demanding schedules and these students are commended for their exemplary academic achievements and commitments to service."

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters located in all 50 of the United States, U.S. territories, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany, Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Palau.

To be eligible for membership a student must complete a minimum of 12 hours of associate degree course work and generally earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students must maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment in the two-year college, generally a 3.25 GPA.

Current officers for the Ancilla College chapter are Tim Huesca, president; Amber Edmundson, vice president; and Amber Beaver, secretary.

## Correction

In last week's *Today's Catholic*, Julia Lee, who was selected for the Bishop Dwenger High School All Diocesan Cross Country, was incorrectly listed as a member of St. Vincent Parish. Lee is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.



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# Call it the house that Saint Francis built

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — In the spirit of the Franciscan tradition, students, staff and faculty from the University of Saint Francis collaborated to build a Habitat for Humanity home for a local family. Work on the house, at 3913 Gretna Ave., included layout and framing, roofing, siding, painting and other details.

The home was finished on Nov. 4, ahead of schedule, and that's no doubt a testimony to the crew's work ethic. According to Director of Campus Ministry Jan Patterson, the organizers had originally planned to work on site four days from Nov. 3-6, but there was "so much energy," the project was finished early. Per the Habitat for Humanity "sweat equity" model, the future homeowner worked alongside the crew, which in turn sped up the process. The home is now one of several Habitat built houses on the street.

Patterson said the project was chosen because of its ability to involve a large group of volunteers. Service is embedded in the campus culture, so it was no surprise when people stepped up to the challenge. In fact, as she noted the campus has logged about 10,000 service hours in the past year.

"It was amazing how there was no hesitation," Patterson said about the willingness to help. "It really was an all-campus effort ... it was a nice blend of people working together who wouldn't otherwise come together."

Several volunteers had a special



PROVIDED BY JAN PATTERSON

University of Saint Francis Campus Ministry participants help put the roof on a Habitat for Humanity House in Fort Wayne. Work on the house, located at 3913 Gretna Ave., included layout and framing, roofing, siding, painting and other details. The home was finished on Nov. 4, ahead of schedule.

place in their heart for Habitat. Faculty member Mary Kay Solon has been involved in a prior Habitat build in Huntington and found it particularly rewarding. Meeting the family tugged at her heartstrings because she saw how grateful they were.

"The other reason to get involved," she said, "relates to the ability to connect our students, staff and faculty when we have events like this. It helps all of us appreciate that people do have time and are willing to serve. I teach a service learning class on campus and it is important that students are asked to do as we say

and as we do."

Staff member Angie Springer echoed Solon's comments. "My favorite part was the actual build and the camaraderie shared with colleagues, community members and the Habitat for Humanity builders," she said. "It is important that students be involved in service to give them perspective about the community needs. And it provides them opportunities to assist in meeting those needs."

Students also donated a washer/dryer unit and gifts cards to the new homeowners. Volunteers are invited to a dedication ceremony Dec. 19.

## FOOD DRIVE SUPPORTS NEEDY



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The St. Vincent de Paul School, Fort Wayne, annual food drive to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Fort Wayne collected 8,740 food items, which topped the school's goal by more than 2,000 items.

## GIVING THANKS AND WELCOME



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# 'O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL'



## St. Bavo to celebrate A Festival of Lessons and Carols

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

MISHAWAKA — St. Bavo Catholic Church will bring A Festival of Lessons and Carols once again to the local area. This form of worship is a reflective way to ring in the spirit of the Christmas season.

Joe Higginbotham, director of liturgy and music at St. Bavo Church, leads the musicians involved with the service. These musicians come from the surrounding area and include the Mishawaka Marian High School Liturgical Choir and the Antioch High School Youth Ministry.

"I am anticipating choir and instrumentalists totaling around 35 people," Higginbotham said.

St. Bavo's presentation of A Festival of Lessons and Carols derives from the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Originally, an Anglican tradition, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was later adapted by various other religions, including the Catholic Church.

Eric Milner-White, whose interest in a more creative worship for the Church of England sparked this tradition, created the service's dynamic. He borrowed much of the layout from an order created in 1880 by E.W. Benson, who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Arthur Henry Mann arranged the music involved in this celebration of Christ's birth, the true meaning of Christmas. The collaboration of these individuals led to its first performance on Christmas Eve 1918.

The following year the service was reconfigured. During this process, "Once in Royal David's City" became a staple hymn to begin the celebration. The other hymns incorporated vary and are chosen by those producing the event.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was broadcasted for the first time in 1928. It remains a Christmas tradition celebrated around the world.

The layout of the service includes nine readings focused on salvation history and interspersed with song. Some specific examples of readings include the fall of Adam and Eve, Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac and the birth of Christ.

However, the interpretation of such readings depends on the religious tradition. St. Bavo uses the Roman Catholic canon of Scripture in correlation with their faith base.

This year, St. Bavo Parish welcomes the associate pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, Father Bob Lengerich,



CLAIRE KENNEY

Joe Higginbotham, director of liturgy and music at St. Bavo Church, Mishawaka, rehearses with the musicians and singers involved with A Festival of Lessons and Carols, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., in the church.

to preside over the celebration.

The readings chosen by Father Lengerich bring a certain dynamic to this form of worship.

"They are great readings and they seem to work quite well," Higginbotham said. "I asked Father Bob if he wanted to change any of the readings this year, and he decided to stay with these."

This year marks St. Bavo's fifth annual celebration of A Festival of Lessons and Carols. The parish experienced a remarkable turnout in 2008.

"Last year the church was full for the event," Higginbotham said.

Higginbotham, whose preparation for this event began in September, says A Festival of Lessons and Carols has a certain resonance with the public and those involved with production.

"How enthusiastic and excited the kids that participate are about the event," he said. "Also, people that attend seem to have been greatly moved by the event; the combination of Scripture, inspired reflections and moving carols and hymns sung by very talented people is powerful."

St. Bavo is located at 511 W. Seventh St. in Mishawaka, and the event will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the church.



# Advent

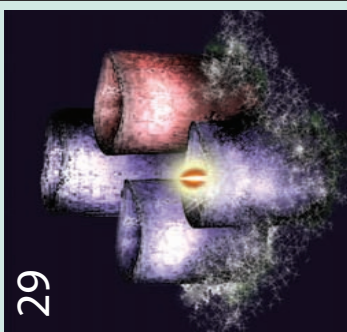
*This Advent season can be a time of family togetherness or singular meditation as the church and its people prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth. Today's Catholic offers this Advent calendar as a daily reminder to take the time to focus on the season and deepen faith in the anticipation of the coming of the Lord.*



*Giving meaning to a special season*

BY KAY COZAD

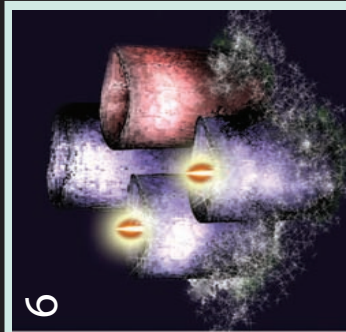
## November



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**First Sunday of Advent:**

Create a family Advent wreath. Light the first candle as you read and discuss Luke 1:5-25, the infancy narrative.



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**Second Sunday of Advent:**

Light second candle of your Advent wreath as you read and

## December

30 Create an Advent calendar. Using colored poster board, cut 25 "doors" measuring about three inches each. Glue outer edges to second poster board. Write the numbers 1-25 on the outside of each door. Write one of the following activities on the inside of each door. Open each door in sequence and enjoy the day's activity.

1

Put up the family Nativity scene, but hide baby Jesus until Christmas.

2

Make dough ornaments (see recipe below) for gifts or to decorate your own tree.

3

Put up indoor Christmas decorations while playing Christmas music.

4

Take food to a local food pantry or church.

5

Put shoes out in anticipation of being filled with candy for St. Nicholas Day. Google his story.

7 Pray and meditate on the luminous mysteries of the rosary.

8

Go Christmas shopping. Buy an extra gift for a needy child.

9

Bake Christmas cookies. Share them with friends or family.

10

Create homemade Christmas cards for shut-ins.

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Take homemade cards (See Dec. 10) to a shut-in or friend in a nursing home.

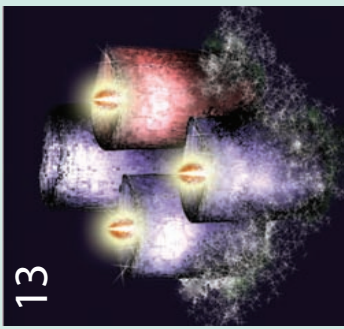
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Pop some corn and gather to watch "It's a wonderful Life" or another favorite Christmas movie together.



with each other and discuss Luke 1:26-39, the announcement of the birth of Jesus. Enjoy St. Nicholas candy from shoes.

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**Third Sunday of Advent:**

Light third candle of Advent wreath as you read and discuss Luke 1:39-56, Mary visits Elizabeth.

14

String popcorn for your Christmas tree.

15

Read a Christmas story book to a child.

16

Drive around your area and look at Christmas lights.

17

Make homemade eggnog (see recipe).

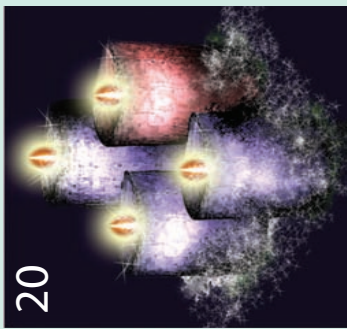
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Wrap Christmas presents. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for your blessings.

19

Sing Christmas hymns and carols with friends.

20



**Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

Light fourth candle of Advent wreath. Watch "The Nativity" movie together.

21

Bake Christmas bread or make candy to share.

22

Call a friend you haven't contacted recently and wish them a Merry Christmas.

23

Gather together and light a candle as you pray for your deceased loved ones.

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**Christmas Eve:** Read and discuss Luke 2:1-14, the birth of Jesus, enjoy family gatherings.

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**Christmas Day:** Place baby Jesus in the manger and sing "Joy to the World." Enjoy Mass, gift giving, family meals and other Christmas celebrations.

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Say a prayer to St. Stephen on his feast day.

**Homemade eggnog recipe**

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons rum extract
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup whipping cream

**Directions:**

Beat eggs, sugar, and salt in top of double boiler or heavy pan, cook, stirring frequently, until mixture barely coats a metal spoon. Chill. Stir in extract and nutmeg. Fold in stiffly beaten whipping cream. Pour into glasses and serve. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg, if desired. This recipe from CDKitchen for Non-Alcoholic Eggnog serves/makes 6

**Classic salt dough ornament recipe**

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water

**Directions:**

Mix salt and flour. Add in half the water, then gradually add the remaining water. Knead until the dough is smooth, 10 minutes. Roll out the dough and cut with cookie cutters. Use straw to make the hole to hang the ornament.

Preheat oven 325 degrees

Bake 1 and 1/2 hours. Cool completely. Decorate with beads, buttons, paints.



# University of Saint Francis hosts Christmas events

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis will host the following events that are open to the public:

## Living Nativity

The Living Nativity will be staged in the amphitheater next to the Pope John Paul II Center on the shore of Mirror Lake on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. Parking is available off Leesburg Road. There is no charge for admission. A petting zoo with the animals for the Living Nativity will be available for children from 5-6 p.m. free of charge at the Living Nativity site.

## Lighting of the Lake

Vigil lights will encircle the area of Mirror Lake closest to Spring Street for a shining symbol of Christmas Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. One or more luminaries may be dedicated to a loved one, in memory of someone special, in recognition of a special occasion, or just to wish a student good luck with final exams at \$10 per luminary. Call (260) 399-7700, ext. 6400 to order luminaries by Dec. 1. No charge for admission.

## Star of Bethlehem at the Schouweiler Planetarium

Saturday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 6, at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m.

The Schouweiler Planetarium is located in Achatz Hall of Science. Parking is available off Leesburg Road. Admission for adults is \$4, senior citizens and children under 18 are \$3, and a \$14 maximum per family.

## Ceramics/prints invitational exhibition

The national invitational exhibition will showcase 30 artists who work either in contemporary ceramics or printmaking Saturday, Dec. 5, through Sunday, Jan. 17. The exhibit is located in the Weatherhead Gallery in the Rolland Center off Leesburg Road. There is no charge for admission. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays 1-5 p.m. The gallery will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 3 for the Christmas holiday. For additional information visit [www.sf.edu/art/](http://www.sf.edu/art/).

## Fair trade alternative shopping bazaar

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) present high-quality fairly traded handicrafts from disadvantaged producers all over the world at the Fair Trade Alternative Shopping Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 3-5:30 p.m. in the lobby area of the North Campus, 2702 Spring St.

## Choral music concert

University of Saint Francis musical groups will highlight traditional carols and classical arrangements by a variety of composers and arrangers Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. The concert is at the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St. No charge for admission.

## Saint Francis and the Christmas Crèche

Learn about Saint Francis' devotion to the birth of Jesus at this beautiful display of Nativity scenes from around the world Dec. 2-15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays only, and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 3-5:30 p.m. This free event will be held in the Lupke Gallery at North Campus, 2702 Spring St.

## Exploring Advent with program 'Keeping Our Lamps Burning Brightly' Dec. 5 at Victory Noll

HUNTINGTON — Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation. This special season will be explored in the program "Keeping Our Lamps Burning Brightly" on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Victory Noll Center.

The Advent program will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will be led by Sue Wilhelm and Sarah Lane. Wilhelm is Victory Noll Center director with years of experience in spiritual direction and retreat facilitation. Lane has advanced certification in spiritual formation and functions as a group facilitator and spiritual director at Victory Noll as well as at her parish, St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne.

The program will use the Gospel of Matthew to explore the contemplative themes of waiting and listening, darkness and light, openness and surrendering. Making an oil lamp will be part of the day's experience.

Participants are asked to bring a Bible and a journal.

The cost for the program is \$25 and includes lunch and materials. Registration is required by Nov. 30.

Victory Noll Center is located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

No one is ever turned away from a program because of the inability to pay. Payment plans and other arrangements may be made by contacting Victory Noll Center.

To register for this program or for more information on this event or other programs at Victory Noll Center, contact Director Sue Wilhelm at (260) 356-0628, ext. 128 or by e-mail at [suewilhelm@olvm.org](mailto:suewilhelm@olvm.org).

## Little Flower to offer Advent day of prayer

SOUTH BEND — Little Flower Parish in South Bend will offer an Advent day of prayer and retreat on Saturday, Dec. 5. The event is themed "Growing in Two Ways of Prayer" and will cover Lectio Divina and Ignatian meditation.

The retreat will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Little Flower Parish Center. Mass is at 8 a.m. with the men's prayer break-

fast at 8:40 a.m. Prayer sessions begin at 9 a.m.

Participants should bring a Bible and a journal. Lunch is not provided.

Contact Jay Landry for further information at (574) 273-9722 or [lf Outreach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lf Outreach@sbcglobal.net) by Dec. 2. Child care is available by contacting Landry. Donations are welcome for the breakfast.

## Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vespers offered

FORT WAYNE — The Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Committee is sponsoring the eighth Annual Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vesper Service of Light on Sunday, Nov. 29. The 4 p.m. service will include clergy of both communities in procession and will be held at St. Peter Catholic Church, 518 E. DeWald St. in Fort Wayne. Featured in the service will be a combined adult choir from area Roman Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the hall.

## Public invited to join a 'Messiah' sing along

FORT WAYNE — Handel's Messiah is perhaps the best known and most memorable of all Christmas music. Played fast or slow, sung well or poorly, it endures forever and is an integral part of the holiday season.

This year the Bach Collegium, the Fort Wayne area's baroque music ensemble, will host its fourth annual Sing Along of the "Messiah." Thomas Remenschneider will direct.

Those who attend should bring their own score or borrow a copy that will be available.

The sing along is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, at Queen of Angels Church, 1500 W. State Blvd. in Fort Wayne.

The event is not a concert performance of the "Messiah" or a complete rendition with orchestra. But it is a chance to participate in singing this great work where the audience becomes the choir. It is also an opportunity to learn some background to the "Messiah," its history, some of the techniques Handel used, and some of the techniques it takes to sing this music. For those who wish, there is a chance to sing one of the solo

pieces.

Admission is only \$5 and all are welcome. For more information, visit [www.BachCollegium.org](http://www.BachCollegium.org) or call (260) 485-2142.

## Advent retreats prepare the heart for Christmas

HARTFORD CITY — The four weeks of Advent help us recall the long preparation of the Savior's first coming and it aids us in renewing our desire for the second coming. The Advent Scriptures are alive with rich imagery and people who long for a Savior in their lives.

John XXIII Retreat Center will hold several Advent Retreats to help people participate in this season of expectation. On Dec. 4-6 there will be an Advent Retreat entitled: "Waiting with Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph." This retreat begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and will enable people to walk with four Scripture characters of Advent.

The weekend retreat will include presentations by Sister Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, small group faith sharing, time for solitude, group prayer, journaling, a video and more. The fee for the retreat is \$135, which includes overnight, materials and all meals. Commuters fee is \$95.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. there will be a morning retreat for children ages 4-12, called "Breakfast with Jesus." This short retreat will give mom and dad a break as the children enjoy a light breakfast, listen to stories from the Scriptures, participate in a craft project, sing various songs and more. The fee per child is \$3.

From Dec. 7-11 there will be Advent directed retreats to help people slow down from the fast pace of Christmas preparation. Sister Joetta will be available for one-to-one spiritual direction. Or if solitude is preferred, participants can make a hermitage retreat this week. For the directed retreat it is \$72 for a 24 hour day; and for the Hermitage retreat it is \$60 per day.

To register for any of these retreats call (765) 348-4008 or e-mail [john23rd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john23rd@sbcglobal.net).

## Intercessor of the Lamb conference scheduled

NOTRE DAME — A two-day Intercessor of the Lamb conference scheduled Dec. 5-6, will be held in the campus of the University of Notre Dame's McKenna Hall — Center for Continuing Education. The theme is "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me."

Doors will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, for check-in and onsite registration. The talks will begin at 9 a.m. The conference concludes on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. A lunch on both Saturday and Sunday will be included in the registration fee, which is adults, \$75; college students, \$45; priests and seminarians, no charge.

For more information, call (574) 291-3381.

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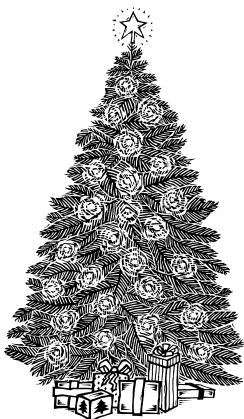
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# U.S. bishops gather at national shrine in Washington for 50th anniversary jubilee Mass

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception — the largest Catholic church in the United States and one of the largest Catholic churches in the world — is celebrating its 50th anniversary but it is still a work in progress, as are the people who worship there, said a West Virginia bishop who was once the shrine's rector.

"Even as it still looks to the construction of this major dome over us this evening and countless other physical projects to make this an ever more beautiful building, these stones would speak about how this church and every church in Christendom is a 'work in progress,'" said Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston, W.Va.

"As faithful as we try to be and are, we are not perfect," he added, which is "why we come to this building to worship" and to be inspired by the Gospel.

Bishop Bransfield, who was the shrine's rector for 18 years, was the homilist for an anniversary Mass Nov. 19 for the U.S. bishops, who concluded their annual four-day fall general meeting in Baltimore earlier that day.

"We need to hear and ponder the age-old stories of call and response in the Bible, from Abraham and Sarah through Joseph and Mary, Simeon and Anna and all the rest," Bishop Bransfield said.

"We know well that we are imperfect and that Gospels like these (the Annunciation story proclaimed at the Mass) and the mysteries we celebrate are not optional extras, rather they are our life blood and life support as we seek to be converted more and more fully to the Lord that we worship and whose Gospel we hear through Scripture stories such as these because these stories are announcements to us of what really matters in life.

"If we were perfect," he added, "we would not need the Gospel, this Eucharist or this building."

Bishop Bransfield used the rhetorical device "if these stones could speak" to highlight many episodes in the shrine's history since construction of its upper church was



Bishops and priests process into the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington at the start of a Nov. 19 Mass marking the 50th anniversary of the shrine's dedication.

completed in 1959.

"For some this basilica was a place of inspiration and support as they sorted out our new ways to

live their Catholic faith" in the years following the Second Vatican Council, he said.

"If these stones could speak they would speak of a house of hope amidst riots in D.C. that occurred in the late 1960s because of racial prejudice and protests against the Vietnam War," Bishop Bransfield added.

"If these stones could speak they would speak of a house of wel-

come and of refuge since the early 1970s when Catholics and others have gathered here for the Right to Life Mass on Jan. 21, the feast of St. Agnes," he said. "That Mass

houses literally thousands here and downstairs for the Mass to strengthen them for the march the next day as an important witness for the right of life."

Bishop Bransfield added, "They would (also) speak of a house of charity and service to the poor to this day on Christmas Day when so many other D.C. agencies are closed but the doors of this basilica are wide open to welcome and feed the poor."

As a priest Bishop Bransfield began serving at the shrine in 1980 as assistant director and master of ceremonies. From 1982 to 1986 he was director of finance there. Then-Msgr. Bransfield was rector of the shrine from 1986 until he was named a bishop in December 2004.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Vatican nuncio to the United States, read an English translation of Blessed John XXIII's message on the occasion of the shrine's dedication in 1959, noting that the shrine had been completed "after so many vicissitudes." The idea of a shrine was first publicized in 1846, and not given new life until 1910. It was not until 1920 that the foundation stone was laid. Work was interrupted due to the Great Depression and World War II.



CNS PHOTOS BY BOB ROLLER

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington blesses a child during a Nov. 19 Mass marking the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.



A gold metallic embroidered stole of Blessed Pope John XXIII and the papal tiara of Pope Paul VI are displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Oct. 30. The shrine will mark the 50th anniversary of its dedication Nov. 20.

The Mass, with Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington as the principal celebrant, featured more than 50 bishop concelebrants, including Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, who was at the 1959 dedication and was the first chaplain of the Knights of Columbus council based at the shrine.

The Knights have had a long-standing relationship with the shrine. Their contributions include a \$1 million donation in 1959 for construction of the shrine's bell tower and a \$1 million gift for the creation and installation of the Incarnation Dome above the south nave of the shrine's upper church completed in 2008.

## EDITORIAL

## Letter from Jesus, something to think about

While the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations has already begun, perhaps some of our readers may have seen this e-mail, A Letter from Jesus. It speaks to our anxieties of the secularization of the holiday and offers something for us all to think about. The author is unknown.

Here is a letter from Jesus about Christmas:

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking my name out of the season.

How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate my birth, just get along and love one another.

Now, having said that, let me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting my birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all my followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15:1-8.

If you want to give me a present in remembrance of my birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it:

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way my birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell me all the time.

2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.

3. Instead of writing the president complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up. ... It will be nice hearing from you again.

4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of my birth, and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.

5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.

6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.

7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families

8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary — especially one who takes my love and good news to those who have never heard my name.

9. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or some other charity which believes in me and they will make the delivery for you.

10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in my presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of mine.

Don't forget; I am God and can take care of myself. Just love me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember:

I love you,  
Jesus

Words we can all take to heart and put into action this Advent.

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# COMMENTARY

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## Bishop speaks out on health care issues

On Oct. 14, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, of the Providence Diocese, Rhode Island, spoke some critical words for congressman Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island and the Kennedy family, saying "Congressman Kennedy continues to be a disappointment to the Catholic Church and to the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. I believe the congressman owes an

apology for his irresponsible comments."

Patrick Kennedy on Oct. 24, in his defense of the health bill and especially the public funding of the abortion option, said, "I can't understand for the life of me why the Catholic Church could be against the biggest social justice issue of our time."

For three weeks, *Today's Catholic* has ignored this article. It seems to me, that given the Kennedy's record of promoting abortions — 40 million since Roe

vs Wade — that it's time to have the intestinal fortitude to call a spade a spade. One of the featured articles in the Nov. 13 issue of *Today's Catholic* headlines "Successful inclusion of abortion ban spells success for health bill." What a piece of biased garbage. If this means that the bishops have traded this one piece of legislation for accepting this ridiculous 2,000 page bill, then it's about time that we in the church have a true dialogue.

Joseph Costello  
Rome City

## Broken memories, broken bonds

Most people fear the process of dying, which involves radical dependency, a sense of powerlessness, and sometimes significant pain as well. Pain management is a serious, if not central obligation for healthcare professionals and for all who care for the dying. Although we may never choose directly to cause death by using high doses of pain medication, such medicines may be given to dying persons, even if the successively higher doses required for effective pain remediation may indirectly end up shortening their life. Good hospice or palliative care diligently seeks to provide effective, but not excessive, pain medication.

Some individuals, however, when faced with the prospect of pain and disease at the end of life, even while in possession of their faculties, will pursue active euthanasia rather than hospice or palliative care. During the summer of 2009, Sir Edward Downes, regarded as the preeminent British conductor of Verdi, and his wife, Joan, made the decision to travel to the Dignitas assisted suicide clinic in Zurich to end their lives. Joan had been diagnosed with terminal cancer; Sir Edward, age 85, had no terminal condition, but found himself dealing with failing eyesight and increasing deafness. At the Dignitas clinic they were able to lie down on a bed in an industrial park building and drink a lethal dose of barbiturates. Switzerland permits foreigners to come and kill themselves, placing few restrictions on the process. Doctors stand ready to provide a veterinary drug for patients, so that several minutes after drinking a glass of water laced with sodium pentobarbital, they become unconscious, with death following in less than an hour.

Euthanasia, when requested or sought out, may be pointing towards other concerns and fears of the patient. In the words of two

hospice physicians, Dr. Teno and Dr. Lynn:

"New patients to hospice often state they want to 'get it over with.' At face value this may seem a request for active euthanasia. However, these requests are often an expression of the patient's concerns regarding pain, suffering and isolation, and their fears about whether their dying will be prolonged by technology.

Furthermore, these requests may be attempts by the patient to see if anyone really cares whether he or she lives. Meeting such a request with ready acceptance could be disastrous for the patient who interprets the response as confirmation of his or her worthlessness."

Those who are frail or elderly may fear "being a burden" to others, and a request for euthanasia may be connected to a concern about "imposing" upon family or friends. In the final analysis, of course, each of us has the right to be a burden to others. As infants, children and especially as adolescents, we were "burdens" to our parents. We can appreciate how the very idea of family (including the "human family") is rooted in the notion of a mutual burdensomeness that is shared among all those within the family. We face the very real challenge of building up a stronger familial culture (including a healthcare culture) that promotes such mutual support.

Whenever individuals commit suicide, they cut across that grain of familial support and unity. The one who kills himself may suppose that no one will be particularly harmed or affected except for him. Yet the opposite typically occurs. Even when the suicide is linked to mental illness, as is often the case, relatives and family members may still be acutely aware of a kind of violation or betrayal behind the loss of their loved one.

Whenever voluntary euthanasia touches a family, the same sense



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of violation often occurs. Certain family members not "in on it" may blame themselves for not "seeing it coming" while others struggle to rationalize the occurrence, putting it into the best light they can: "Mom took the matter into her own hands and decided that she was going to call the shots," or "Her friends helped walk her down that long, long road and made it easier for her to say goodbye on her own terms."

In the final analysis, though, euthanasia and assisted suicide are little more than ways of short-circuiting our human interrelatedness and interconnectedness, acts of violence on a basic level that harm rather than help. Such choices cast a long shadow over the life that was ended. To end our lives well, on the other hand, is to be open to receiving loving assistance from others, and to accept the measure of suffering that may come our way, thereby humanizing, rather than demonizing, the frailties of sickness and aging. By reaching out to one another at the end of life, in our moments of fear, loneliness and suffering, we elevate this important journey that each of us must make, with death coming in God's providential time as a completion of his work in us.

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# Anglican leader, Vatican assess ecumenism

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion, said the ecumenical situation really is that of a “glass half full,” and he held his water glass up to emphasize the point.

In the wake of Pope Benedict XVI’s special provisions for Anglicans who want to leave Archbishop Williams’ flock and join the Roman Catholic Church, his assessment of Catholic-Anglican relations seemed to surprise some people in the audience when he spoke in Rome Nov. 19.

But people seemed less surprised when his remarks about what the next steps in ecumenical dialogue should be included several blunt challenges to the Catholic leadership and its theologians.

Anglicans and Roman Catholics — indeed, all Christians engaged in ecumenical dialogue over the last 40 years — really need to ask

themselves if the doctrines and practices still dividing them are anywhere near as important as the essential dogmas they share, he said the evening before beginning a series of meetings with Vatican officials and with Pope Benedict.

Among other issues, the archbishop and Vatican officials were expected to make final preparations for the third round of the formal Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, the official group for theological dialogue.

“When so very much agreement has been firmly established in first-order matters about the identity and mission of the church, is it really justifiable to treat other issues as equally vital for its health and integrity?” the archbishop asked.

Archbishop Williams challenged the Vatican’s view that the ordination of women as priests and bishops in some provinces of the Anglican

## THE VATICAN LETTER

CINDY WOODEN

Communion marked a definitive barrier to any form of Catholic-Anglican unity.

If, as the churches have agreed in their ecumenical dialogues, individuals are ordained to serve the church, to promote holiness and to reconcile believers with God and with one another, “how much is that undermined if individuals within the ministerial communion are of different genders?” he asked.

Pope John Paul II declared that the Catholic Church has no authority to ordain women

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# God will strengthen us in Advent



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### 1st Sunday of Advent Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

This weekend begins the church’s year. Advent is here. Once again the church begins its proclamation of eternal life in Jesus.

Usually Advent simply is seen as a time to prepare for Christmas, and in the current American culture, a tempered, penitential season seems strange.

Actually, the season calls us to welcome Jesus into our own hearts. Then, it calls us to prepare ourselves for the final coming of Jesus at the end of time. Christmas symbolizes these additional occasions of the Lord’s arrival into our hearts — if we are willing to receive the Lord. This is where the penitential season enters the picture. We must prepare ourselves for Jesus.

Jeremiah provides the first reading. This ancient Hebrew prophet was forceful and even urgent in his writing. His theme, as it was the theme of all the prophets, was that God’s people could expect no peace or joy in their lives until they wholeheartedly returned to God.

In this reading, the prophet notes the sad state of affairs for God’s people. They have been humbled. Misery is their lot. Sin has produced this unhappy situation.

However, always merciful, always good, and always protective, God will send into their midst a Savior, a descendant of King David. All will be fine.

The first Epistle to the Thessalonians supplies the next reading. It is an appeal to the Christians of Thessalonica, now the Greek city of Saloniki, to love each other. This love will be the sign of inwardly following the Lord. The message ends by “begging” the Christian Thessalonians to live their lives in a way pleasing to God.

St. Luke’s Gospel gives the third reading. It is forthright, even stark, as is typical of Luke’s Gospel. Quoting Jesus, it states that signs suddenly and overwhelmingly will come in the sky. Nations will be in anguish. The seas will roar. People will die of fright.

Amid all this great drama, Jesus will come in might and in glory. Instead of being a dreadful event, the Lord’s arrival will be an occasion to rejoice. He will bring final redemption.

All must actively anticipate the Lord’s coming, however, by praying and sacrifice.

This Gospel was written when, for Christians, the world was becoming a difficult place to be. Jesus, however, would prevail. His truly devoted followers also will prevail.

## Reflection

Christmas, in every culture, is lovely, as befits the commemoration of the birth of the loving and forgiving Redeemer, universally celebrated among Christians. It is the acclamation of life itself, and of redemption.

Still, the forthcoming feast of Christmas has profoundly person-

al, individual considerations, and in some respects it is a warning.

As St. Luke’s Gospel so bluntly says, as Advent says, Christ one day will confront us all. It may be a personal meeting, as many Christians already have experienced. It may be at the end of time, in some manner yet unknown, but about which the Scriptures offer such colorful hints.

In any case, we all shall meet Christ. It may be a victorious reunion for us. It will be such a day, if we have followed the Lord in our own lives. Jeremiah looks to such a day of salvation and victory.

However, it will be final and intense. Good will stand starkly opposite evil. We must choose the side toward which we will go. If we choose the side of right, and of God, we will need strength. Evil is powerful, and it lures us to death. God will strengthen us. We must ask for the strength, and our request must be sincere. It must be honest and uncompromised. Thus, in Advent, by prayer and sacrifice, we strengthen our own resolve to turn to God, to meet Christ as our Lord and Savior.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21m 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

## CATEQUIZ’M

By Dominic Camplison

In the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, we look at thanksgivings in the Bible.

**1. In Leviticus 7, it is made clear that the only types of “cakes” mingled with oil to be used in a thanksgiving sacrifice are**

- a. brown      b. sourdough      c. unleavened

**2. In connection with the thanksgiving sacrifice there is a rule which makes safety sense in a hot climate. The flesh (meat) of a sacrificed animal is to be eaten**

- a. the same day  
b. raw  
c. after it has been left out a week

**3. Nehemiah 12 talks about priests, but also men, such as Joshua, who were Levites. In the Catholic Church we have priests, but what is the closest equivalent of Levites in the church?**

- a. bishops      b. popes      c. deacons

**4. The same Levites were involved in another ceremony of thanks giving in which they dedicated this important defensive feature of Jerusalem**

- a. the portcullis      b. the wall      c. the armory

**5. In Psalm 26 the author requests that he be judged so he can give thanks. In a not too modest speech he recounts how he has shunned the company of these people, who’d be at home in the movie “Nell”**

- a. lambkins      b. evil doers      c. parish priests

**6. In Psalm 50 God himself tells the people to offer thanksgiving. God also notes that if the people call on him he will**

- a. deliver them  
b. feed them  
c. make them yodel like Canaanites

**7. Isaiah predicts there will be thanksgiving when God radically transforms Zion from**

- a. a wilderness to an Eden  
b. a jack to a king  
c. a city to a desert

**8. Jeremiah 30 predicts good things shall precede thanksgiving by the people, but the wicked will be shocked when they face this climatic disaster:**

- a. a clambake      b. a whirlwind      c. a Santa Anna

**9. Amos 4 tells us how God requests the people to give thanks to him, and he only had harsh words for the people (and cows) of this region, which was still avoided by Jews in Jesus’ day.**

- a. Samaria      b. Judea      c. Negev

**10. Jonah 2:9 recounts how Jonah promised to give offering to God “with the voice of thanksgiving” Nothing very original there, but from what cetacean locality did he make this speech**

- a. the city of Namu  
b. the belly of a crocodile  
c. inside a whale (great fish)

**11. 2 Corinthians 4 recounts that people rejoice because Jesus’ resurrection has conquered**

- a. evil      b. the Romans      c. death

**12. Philippians 4:6 suggests that people do not have to worry about things but can do this with thanksgiving and solicit to have their needs met**

- a. beg      b. pray      c. sue

**13. First Timothy denounces those who forbid certain foods, which should, according to the author, be received with thanksgiving. What state of life does the author say these people also forbid**

- a. marriage      b. the priesthood      c. gentile Christianity

**14. This thanksgiving bird remind us of the current location of the once Christian city of Constantinople**

- a. Turducken      b. Turkey      c. Peacock (as in Peacock throne, Iran)

**15. This simple prayer of thanksgiving is usually found before and/or after meals**

- a. the Magnificat      b. the Jesus prayer      c. grace

## ANSWERS:

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

# Archbishop Dolan speaks out on anti-Catholicism

The following article was submitted in a slightly shorter form to the *New York Times* as an op-ed article. The *Times* declined to publish it. I thought you might be interested in reading it.

## Foul Ball!

BY ARCHBISHOP  
TIMOTHY M. DOLAN

October is the month we relish the highpoint of our national pastime, especially when one of our own New York teams is in the World Series!

Sadly, America has another national pastime, this one not pleasant at all: anti-Catholicism.

It is not hyperbole to call prejudice against the Catholic Church a national pastime. Scholars such as Arthur Schlesinger Sr., referred to it as “the deepest bias in the history of the American people,” while John Higham described it as “the most luxuriant, tenacious tradition of paranoid agitation in American history.” “The anti-semitism of the left,” is how Paul Viereck reads it, and Professor Philip Jenkins subtles his book on the topic “the last acceptable prejudice.”

If you want recent evidence of this unfairness against the Catholic Church, look no further than a few of these following examples of occurrences over the last couple weeks:

• On Oct. 14, in the pages of the *New York Times*, reporter Paul Vitello exposed the sad extent of child sexual abuse in Brooklyn’s Orthodox Jewish community. According to the article, there were 40 cases of such abuse in this tiny community last year alone. Yet the *Times* did not demand what it has called for incessantly when addressing the same kind of abuse by a tiny minority of priests: release of names of abusers, roll-back of statute of limitations, external investigations, release of all records, and total transparency. Instead, an attorney is quoted urging law enforcement officials to recognize “religious sensitivities,” and no criticism was offered of the DA’s office for allowing Orthodox rabbis to settle these cases “inter-

nally.” Given the Catholic Church’s own recent horrible experience, I am hardly in any position to criticize our Orthodox Jewish neighbors, and have no wish to do so ... but I can criticize this kind of “selective outrage.”

Of course, this selective outrage probably should not surprise us at all, as we have seen many other examples of the phenomenon in recent years when it comes to the issue of sexual abuse. To cite but two: In 2004, Professor Carol Shakeshaft documented the widespread problem of sexual abuse of minors in our nation’s public schools. In 2007, the Associated Press issued a series of investigative reports that also showed the numerous examples of sexual abuse by educators against public school students. Both the Shakeshaft study and the AP reports were essentially ignored, as papers such as the *New York Times* only seem to have priests in their crosshairs.

• On Oct. 16, Laurie Goodstein of the *Times* offered a front page, above-the-fold story on the sad episode of a Franciscan priest who had fathered a child. Even taking into account that the relationship with the mother was consensual and between two adults, and that the Franciscans have attempted to deal justly with the errant priest’s responsibilities to his son, this action is still sinful, scandalous and indefensible. However, one still has to wonder why a quarter-century old story of a sin by a priest is now suddenly more pressing and newsworthy than the war in Afghanistan, health care, and starvation — genocide in Sudan. No other cleric from religions other than Catholic ever seems to merit such attention.

• Five days later, Oct. 21, the *Times* gave its major headline to the decision by the Vatican to welcome Anglicans who had requested union with Rome. Fair enough. Unfair, though, was the article’s observation that the Holy See lured and bid for the Anglicans. Of course, the reality is simply that for years thousands of Anglicans have been asking Rome to be accepted into the Catholic Church with a special sensitivity for their own

tradition. As Cardinal Walter Kasper, the Vatican’s chief ecumenist, observed, “We are not fishing in the Anglican pond.” Not enough for the *Times*; for them, this was another case of the conning Vatican luring and bidding unsuspecting, good people, greedily capitalizing on the current internal tensions in Anglicanism.

• Finally, the most combustible example of all came Sunday, Oct. 25, with an intemperate and scurrilous piece by Maureen Dowd on the opinion pages of the *Times*. In a diatribe that rightly never would have passed muster with the editors had it so criticized an Islamic, Jewish or African-American religious issue, she digs deep into the nativist handbook to use every anti-Catholic caricature possible, from the Inquisition to the Holocaust, condoms, obsession with sex, pedophile priests, and oppression of women, all the while slashing Pope Benedict XVI for his shoes, his forced conscription — along with every other German teenage boy — into the German army, his outreach to former Catholics and his recent welcome to Anglicans.

True enough, the matter that triggered her spasm — the current visitation of women religious by Vatican representatives — is well-worth discussing, and hardly exempt from legitimate questioning. But her prejudice, while maybe appropriate for the Know-Nothing newspaper of the 1850s, the *Menace*, has no place in a major publication today.

I do not mean to suggest that anti-Catholicism is confined to the pages *New York Times*. Unfortunately, abundant examples can be found in many different venues. I will not even begin to try and list the many cases of anti-Catholicism in the so-called entertainment media, as they are so prevalent they sometimes seem almost routine and obligatory. Elsewhere, Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) made some incredibly inaccurate and uncalled-for remarks concerning the Catholic bishops, as mentioned in this blog on Monday. Also, the New York State Legislature has levied a special payroll tax to help the

Metropolitan Transportation Authority fund its deficit. This legislation calls for the public schools to be reimbursed the cost of the tax; Catholic schools, and other private schools, will not receive the reimbursement, costing each of the schools thousands — in some cases tens of thousands — of dollars, money that the parents and schools can hardly afford. (Nor can the archdiocese, which already underwrites the schools by \$30 million annually.) Is it not an issue of basic fairness for all school-children and their parents to be treated equally?

The Catholic Church is not above criticism. We Catholics do a fair amount of it ourselves. We

welcome and expect it. All we ask is that such critique be fair, rational and accurate, what we would expect for anybody. The suspicion and bias against the church is a national pastime that should be “rained out” for good.

I guess my own background in American history should caution me not to hold my breath.

Then again, yesterday, Oct. 28, was the feast of St. Jude, the patron saint of impossible causes.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for November 29, 2009

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent, Cycle C: a prediction of when all things will be changed. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

|            |             |              |
|------------|-------------|--------------|
| SIGNS      | MOON        | STARS        |
| EARTH      | ROARING     | WORLD        |
| POWERS     | HEAVENS     | SHAKEN       |
| WILL SEE   | SON OF MAN  | COMING       |
| A CLOUD    | GREAT GLORY | RAISE        |
| REDEMPTION | THE FACE    | ALL TIMES    |
| STRENGTH   | ESCAPE      | STAND BEFORE |

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## LETTER

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because Jesus chose only men as his apostles.

Archbishop Williams said he did not want to review all the arguments for and against ordaining women, but he said that “for many Anglicans, not ordaining women has a possible unwelcome implication about the difference between baptized men and baptized women,” a difference that is not made in any creed or fundamental statement of Christian faith.

The Anglican leader said the disagreements within the

Anglican Communion over ordaining women obviously have caused internal tensions, but Anglicans still are seeking ways to preserve their unity without forcing those who have opposing views out of the communion.

“And if it can be managed within the Anglican family, is this a possible model for the wider ecumenical scene?” he asked.

Archbishop Williams said he did not believe questions surrounding ordination and differences in church decision-making structures were unimportant or purely political, but he did question whether they were “as fundamentally church-dividing as

our Roman Catholic friends generally assume and maintain.”

Those responsible for ecumenical dialogue and the life of the Christian churches must ask themselves if remaining differences regarding ministry and authority in the church “have the same weight” as the agreements they already have reached on fundamentals of faith.

Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, also spoke Nov. 19 and affirmed the Catholic Church’s commitment to continuing the search for full unity.

“Ecumenism has a future, not because we want it, but because Jesus Christ wants it and

because his spirit helps us in our commitment,” he said.

“The Catholic Church cannot simply stop and wait,” he said. “It has a special responsibility. Its unique ecumenical responsibility comes, paradoxically, from the Petrine ministry (the ministry of the pope), which often is seen as the main obstacle for unity, but which understands itself as a ministry of unity.”

As for the questions still dividing Catholic and Anglicans, including the ordination of women, Cardinal Kasper told reporters, “We have to distinguish between differences that are contradictory and differences that are complementary.

Complementary differences can exist in the church.”

In his speech, the cardinal said Pope Benedict has made it clear that because God is love, “love is the true motor of ecumenism.”

“Love respects the freedom of the other and even respects them in their otherness,” he said. “Love makes room for legitimate differences.”

But in the end, Cardinal Kasper said, “love wants unity. This is why the final objective of ecumenism can only be the full communion of faith, sacraments, apostolic ministry and mission.”



# Sports

**ON TO A STATE CROWN** The Bishop Luers High School football team will play Monrovia on Friday, Nov. 27, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis as they make a record-setting attempt for the state 2-A football state championship crown. Luers defeated Rensselaer Central, 52-21, Nov. 20 in the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Class 2-A Semistate football game. The victory is the Luers' Knights 12th semistate title, which is an IHSAA record.

## All-CYO football selections

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) teams have selected the following players as All-CYO:

| Player             | Position          | Parish                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Michael Fiacable   | QB/CB             | St. Vincent              |
| Ryan Watercutter   | WR/LB             | St. Vincent              |
| Stephen Colligan   | WR/DE             | St. Vincent              |
| Braden Thiele      | TE/DE             | St. Aloysius             |
| Kaleb Moreno       | DL                | St. Aloysius             |
| Spencer Wampole    | OL                | St. Aloysius             |
| Evan Trabel        | QB/LB             | St. John                 |
| Jacob Matter       | lineman           | St. Louis Academy        |
| David Peters       | RB/DE             | St. John                 |
| Zach Rorick        | lineman           | St. John                 |
| Andy Kohrman       | FB/LB             | St. John                 |
| Quinton Gardner    | DE                | St. Therese              |
| Mike Reed          | DB                | St. Therese              |
| Jonathan Knapke    | DT                | St. Joseph-HC            |
| Talon Hostetler    | QB/LB             | Most Precious Blood      |
| Noah Vorndran      | CB, kicker        | Queen of Angels          |
| Ryan Weddle        | TB/QB             | Queen of Angels          |
| Nick Greenlee      | lineman           | Most Precious Blood      |
| Cameron Kahlenbeck | WR                | Most Precious Blood      |
| Trey Casaburo      | QB, kicker/punter | St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth |
| Nic Morken         | RB/LB             | St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth |
| Nick Miles         | *scholar athlete  | St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth |
| Kyle Hartzog       | RB/LB             | St. Vincent              |
| Jordan Bly         | RB/WR/safety      | St. Vincent              |
| Brandon Volmerding | LB                | St. John, Fort Wayne     |
| Pat Shank          | center            | St. John, Fort Wayne     |
| Tyrell Johnson     | QB/RB             | St. John, Fort Wayne     |
| Damian Brough      | WR                | St. John, Fort Wayne     |
| Gus Schrader       | QB/receiver/RB    | St. Jude                 |
| Jon Poore          | QB/receiver/RB    | St. Jude                 |
| Luke Palmer        | lineman           | St. Jude                 |
| John Kelty         | QB/receiver/RB    | St. Jude                 |
| Freddie Stoner     | lineman           | St. Vincent              |
| Grady Eifert       | TE/LB             | St. Vincent              |
| Austin Hillman     | center, DL        | St. Vincent              |
| Gus Pelkington     | OT/DE             | St. Vincent              |
| Jake Koehl         | OT/DL             | St. Vincent              |

## All-ICCL football selections

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — The Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) teams have selected the following players as All-ICCL:

| Player            | Position | Parish              |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Pierre Byrne      | RB       | Holy Cross          |
| Matt Monserez     | QB       | Christ the King     |
| Quinn Imus        | RB/LB    | Christ the King     |
| Corey Kuminecz    | OL/DL    | Holy Cross          |
| Garrett Gutermuth | OL/DL    | Christ the King     |
| Dominic Ravotto   | RB/DB    | St. Joseph-Mish     |
| Kirk Barron       | OL/DL    | St. Monica          |
| Joe Kavanaugh     | RB/L     | St. Thomas          |
| Chris Coulter     | QB/DB    | St. Monica          |
| Charles Fletcher  | TE/LB    | St. Thomas          |
| Dominique Sanders | QB/S     | Our Lady of Hungary |
| Tyran Ottbridge   | RB/LB    | Our Lady of Hungary |
| Carlton Crockett  | RB/LB    | Our Lady of Hungary |
| Conner Russell    | C/NT     | St. Matthew         |
| Patrick Fischer   | T/DT     | St. Matthew         |
| Sean O'Brien      | OL/DL    | Corpus Christi      |
| Jared Vite        | DB/WR    | Corpus Christi      |
| Adam Gonzalez     | QB/DE    | Holy Family         |
| Ryan Jankowski    | RB/DE    | Holy Family         |
| Zach Kanczuzewski | OL/LB    | Holy Family         |
| Denton Gillis     | WR/MLB   | St. Pius            |
| Paul Byszewski    | OL/DL    | St. Joseph          |
| Brian Mischler    | RB/CB    | St. Anthony         |
| Eric Mossey       | WR/DE    | St. Pius            |
| Alex Ward         | QB       | St. Pius            |

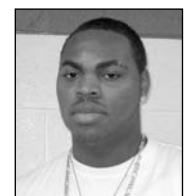
## Fort Wayne students sign letters of intent

FORT WAYNE — The following students from Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools in Fort Wayne have signed letters of intent.

Kristy Gerardot, of Bishop Luers High School, signed a letter of intent on Nov. 11 for volleyball at Southern Indiana University.



KRISTY GERARDOT



DESHAUN THOMAS

Deshaun Thomas of Bishop Luers High School signed with Ohio State University for basketball.

Molly Richardson of Bishop Dwenger signed with Lake Erie College to continue her volleyball career.



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# New CD featuring Pope Benedict's voice previewed in Rome

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — Under the gilded ceiling of a Roman basilica, a choir performed while the taped voice of Pope Benedict XVI sang the Marian hymn "Regina Coeli" ("Queen of Heaven").

The performance marked the press launch of "Alma Mater," a CD featuring the recording of the pope leading the "Regina Coeli" prayer in St. Peter's Square on May 1, 2005, the first time he had led the hymn as pope.

The CD features eight pieces. They each begin with six lines from the Marian Litany of Loreto and then segue into a new composition of classical music with the pope's voice overlaid, usually reciting a Marian prayer or talking about Marian devotion.

The disc was co-produced by the Pauline Fathers' Multimedia San Paolo and Geffen Records, which is part of Universal Music Group. It was scheduled for worldwide release Nov. 30.

Pauline Father Vito Fracchiolla, general director of the order's publishing companies in Italy, said the disc "is the fruit of the convergence of many artists and of many business and

church entities, a result of teamwork aimed principally at making a gift to Pope Benedict XVI" by spreading his Marian devotion and a message of hope.

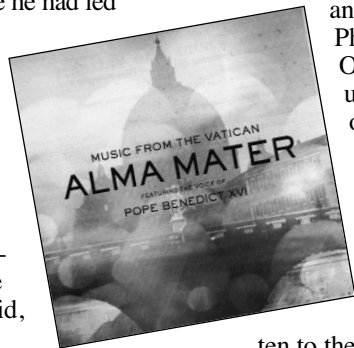
Colin Barlow, president of Geffen Records UK, said, "The beauty of this record is that it celebrates the beauty of music."

The disc features the choir of the Philharmonic Academy of Rome singing in St. Peter's Basilica under the direction of Msgr. Pablo Colino and London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra playing under the direction of Charles Dutoit.

Geffen and the Paulines held a press conference in Rome's City Hall Nov. 10 before inviting the media to listen to the Rome choir sing selections from the album in the Basilica of St. Mary Ara Coeli.

The recordings of the pope's voice are the property of Vatican Radio, which for a fee of 25,000 euros (about \$37,600) gave the Paulines permission to use 9 minutes and 49 seconds of the pope's voice, said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, head of Vatican Radio.

The Jesuit, who also directs the Vatican Television Center, said the Vatican also made six of its video clips of the pope avail-



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**Members of the Philharmonic Academy of Rome sing during a performance to preview "Alma Mater" at the Basilica of St. Mary Ara Coeli in Rome Nov. 10. The album, scheduled for worldwide release Nov. 30, features the voice of Pope Benedict XVI.**

able to the project for a fee of 6,580 euros (about \$9,900) for use during "Alma Mater" concerts and in publicity material.

Father Lombardi said the disc is an affirmation "that art is the natural ally of the spirit in a way that goes beyond religious affiliation," as seen in the fact that the composers, producers and musicians include Christians of various denominations, a Muslim and nonbelievers.

The Jesuit, who also serves as Vatican spokesman, said he believed Pope Benedict had received a copy of the CD and had listened to it, but he had not heard the pope's reaction.

The decision of Vatican Radio and the Vatican Television Center to allow the Paulines to use the pope's voice and image was approved by the Vatican Secretariat of State, Father Lombardi said.

The approval came because of Pope Benedict's interest in "finding and experimenting with new ways and means for transmitting a religious, spiritual message in this world that needs it so badly. And also to find new ways to bring the voice and the person of the pope closer to a wider public," he said.

"Music is an effective language for communicating today with a vast public of young people, and not only with them," he said. "And the creative effort of allying both traditional and modern music with wise and spiritual words is certainly worthy of respect and encouragement," Father Lombardi said.

Even after agreeing to the project, the Vatican reserved the right to approve how the pope's voice and image were used and stipulated that Geffen was to donate a portion of its profits to charity, he said.

Asked why Vatican Radio would allow a commercial enterprise to use the pope's voice for such a modest fee, Father Lombardi said the radio is a service aimed at spreading the pope's message, not making money. "But if Universal and the Paulines make colossal profits and want to make a donation out of gratitude to the pope or to Vatican Radio, I wouldn't refuse it," he said.

## MOVIE CAPSULES

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

### "The Blind Side" (Warner Bros.)

Inspirational family drama, based on real events, in which a wealthy white couple (Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw) in Memphis, Tenn., offer shelter to a homeless black student (Quinton Aaron) from their children's (Lily Collins and Jae Head) school and, as he becomes an increasingly integral part of their clan, help him to hone his football skills while also hiring a determined tutor (Kathy Bates) to raise his academic standing. Driven by Bullock's field-sweeping performance as the feisty, religiously motivated adoptive mother, writer-director John Lee Hancock's unapologetically Christian tale of human solidarity across racial and class divides, adapted from Michael Lewis' 2006 best-seller "The Blind Side: Evolution of a

Game," is funny, shrewd and ultimately uplifting. Brief non-graphic marital lovemaking, at least one profanity, a few sexual and drug references, a half-dozen crass terms. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

### "Fantastic Mr. Fox" (Fox)

Droll stop-motion animated adventure, set in the animal world of rural Britain, in which the titular vulpine creature (voice of George Clooney), now a respectable newspaper columnist with a wife (voice of Meryl Streep) and son (voice of Jason Schwartzman), tries to recapture his wild past as a chicken thief poaching on local farms, but his renewed raiding, abetted by his daring nephew (voice of Eric Anderson), enrages a trio of mean-spirited farmers whose escalating countermeasures endanger the whole burrowing community. A touch of menace and a fleeting joke about Mrs. Fox's youthful indiscretions aside, director and co-writer Wes Anderson's clever, lovingly crafted adaptation of Roald Dahl's 1970 children's book offers sophisticated family entertainment, with abundant fun for youngsters and a few

insights into the tensions and paradoxes of human nature for adults. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

### "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" (Summit)

Lovelorn gothic romance sequel in which a well-mannered vampire (Robert Pattinson), anxious to protect the mortal high school student (Kristen Stewart) who has captured his heart from the less controlled members (especially Jackson Rathbone) of the undead clan with which he lives, breaks off their relationship and disappears, but the American Indian friend (Taylor Lautner) to whom she turns for solace not only wants to be more than mere pals, he has a supernatural secret of his own. With temptations of the flesh kept at bay for fear of temptations of the blood in director Chris Weitz's adaptation of the second book in Stephenie Meyer's best-selling series of young-adult novels, the chaste but intermittently violent proceedings play out against a picturesque background ranging from the misty Northwest to the sunny hills of Tuscany. Considerable action violence, a

vague sexual reference, at least one mildly crass term. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

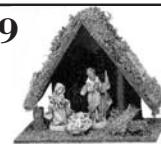
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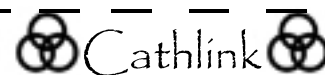
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**Advent Taizé prayer service**

South Bend — St. Joseph Church will have a Advent Taizé prayer service Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6:15 p.m. Celebrate Advent and find calmness in the season. Gathered in the presence of Christ, join in prayer and sing songs in the Taizé tradition.

**Breakfast with Santa**

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Church will have breakfast with Santa Sunday, Dec. 13, from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, hot chocolate, juice and coffee will be offered. Visit with Santa Claus and receive a small gift and a treat. \$4 per person. For information call Camp Fire USA at (574) 234-4145.

**Breakfast with Santa at Applebees**

Mishawaka — A breakfast with Santa will be held at Applebees, 4515 Lincolnway, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 8-10 a.m. to benefit Our Lady of Hungary School. Tickets are \$10 for pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee. A visit from Santa Claus is expected. Tickets will be available after Thanksgiving.

**History of Hungarians**

South Bend — Genealogist Gary Gabrich will talk about the history of Hungarians in South Bend on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Our Lady of Hungary Auditorium, 735 W. Calvert St. Tickets are \$8 per person. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Hungary School.

**Holy Name Society sponsors fish fry**

South Bend — A fish fry will be held at Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert, on Friday Dec. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 day of sale or \$7 presale at the Our Lady of Hungary rectory (574) 287-1700 and before and after Sunday Masses. Children 6-12 tickets are \$4.50, under 6 free. Carry-out available.

**Prayer for Priests**

Mishawaka — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration will have a special day of prayer for priests on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Francis Convent, 1515 Dragoon Trail. Morning Prayer and Mass at 7 p.m., rosary at 5 p.m., evening prayer, benediction and eucharistic adoration throughout the day.

**Little Flower Holy Hour**

Fort Wayne — Little Flower Holy Hour has experienced low attendance and will be discontinued. Thank you to those who participated. Continue to pray for vocations and for the priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

**St. Vincent Scouts offer trees**

Fort Wayne — Fresh-cut Christmas trees will be offered by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts at the Scout Lodge, 8965 Auburn Rd. Trees up to 15 feet tall, drilled, bagged and loaded. Open Mon.-Fri. 4-9 p.m., Sat. 9-9 p.m. and Sunday 12-9 p.m.

**Winter Bazaar**

South Bend — St. Augustine Parish, 1501 W. Washington St., will have a winter bazaar Dec. 4 and 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Barbeque chicken, baked goods, white elephant table, rummage sale and raffle.

**Knights plan fish fry**

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Dec. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

**Advent retreat planned**

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will host an Advent day of recollection with Robert Deck Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Lunch provided but a side dish is requested. Register by calling (260) 490-9571.

**Victory Noll Center holds Advent Taizé prayer service**

Huntington — The Victory Noll Center will host a special Advent Taizé prayer service, "Christ, Our Light in Darkness," on Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join this free service. No registration is required.

**Advent vespers**

Mishawaka — Father Daniel Scheidt will lead sung vespers on all the Sundays of Advent at 5 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church.

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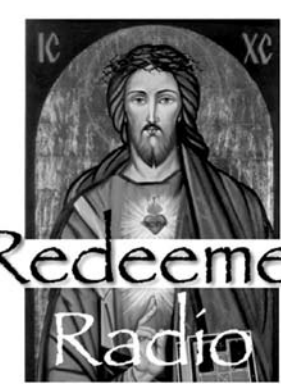


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# RHOADES

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ing the Lord's call by accepting this new appointment from the successor of St. Peter, Pope Benedict XVI.

"The bishops of the Catholic Church are the successors of the apostles. I am reminded of the lives of the first apostles who left family, occupation and home to go forth, sent by Jesus, 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.' 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 the prayers of the people of the Diocese of Harrisburg that I may go forth with the strength needed to serve as a true shepherd after the heart of Christ in a new area of the Lord's vineyard.

"I will always be grateful for the years of my life spent in the Diocese of Harrisburg: my childhood and teenage years in Lebanon, my priestly assignments in York and Harrisburg, and my five years as bishop of this beautiful diocese," he continued. "I will always remember the faithful of this diocese in my prayers. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless the Diocese of Harrisburg with his abundant love and grace."

In nearby York, Pa., the *Daily Record/Sunday News* Web site interviewed local priests who were sad to hear that Bishop Rhoades would be leaving their diocese.

Father Edward Malesic, pastor of Holy Infant Church in York

Haven, said the news was surprising.

"He's a young bishop and so he has many skills, many talents," Father Malesic said. "I understand the church can use his skills and talents in other ways. While it's sad, I'm happy for him and happy for Fort Wayne-South Bend."

Father Louis Petruha, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springettsbury, said the Indiana diocese is getting "a fantastic leader."

In the article, the priests noted Bishop Rhoades' work at promoting vocations. "We have almost 30 men studying for the priesthood now under his leadership," Father Malesic told the newspaper.

The newspaper reported that Father Petruha said Bishop Rhoades has also worked hard to promote Catholic education, work with other denominations and support the anti-abortion movement. Father Malesic said the bishop was also able to reach out to other cultures.

Bishop Rhoades and Bishop D'Arcy attended the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops fall meeting in Baltimore last week. At the meeting, Bishop Rhoades was elected chairman-elect of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth — [www.usccb.org/laity/marriage/](http://www.usccb.org/laity/marriage/).

Last week, University of Notre Dame President Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins issued a statement welcoming Bishop Rhoades: "On behalf of the University of Notre Dame and her family, I am delighted to welcome Bishop Kevin Rhoades as our new bishop," the statement read.

"Bishop Rhoades is well recognized for his intellect and discernment," Father Jenkins wrote. "For institutions of higher learning in this diocese, it is especially significant that he had many years of experience on the faculty, in the administration and on the board of Mount St. Mary's University. In

addition, the large Latino population in our diocese will be genuinely blessed by Bishop Rhoades' commitment to serving that community.

"We are confident that the ministry of Bishop Rhoades will be a blessing for Notre Dame and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, as was the ministry of Bishop John D'Arcy, and we look forward both to his apostolate and to our friendship for many years to come," the statement concluded.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, newspapers are praising Bishop D'Arcy's nearly 25-year episcopacy in the diocese. In an editorial in the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, the newspaper wrote: "(Bishop) D'Arcy will be remembered for being accessible and clear in confronting significant issues facing the church, earning wide admiration for forcefully addressing child molestation scandals and generating controversy over his reaction to social issues and challenges to academic freedom."

The evening newspaper in Fort Wayne, *The News-Sentinel*, said "It is a testament to his success that he has so often been quoted on church matters but also by the secular world on a host of ethical issues ... Whatever else is said about the bishop, let chief among them be that he has been a good teacher both for Catholics and non-Catholics."

"(Bishop) D'Arcy always gave his best to the job," wrote the *South Bend Tribune*. (He) believes in putting faith into action, and has never shied away from hard choices and controversial stances, whether it be dollars-and-cents decisions to build, close or merge churches or letter-by-letter interpretation and enforcement of church orthodoxy."

Vince LaBarbera contributed to this story.



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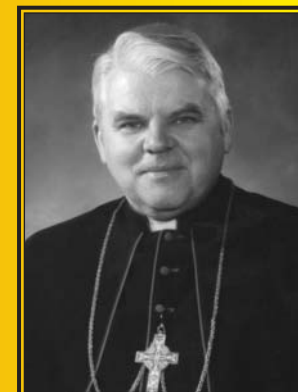


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