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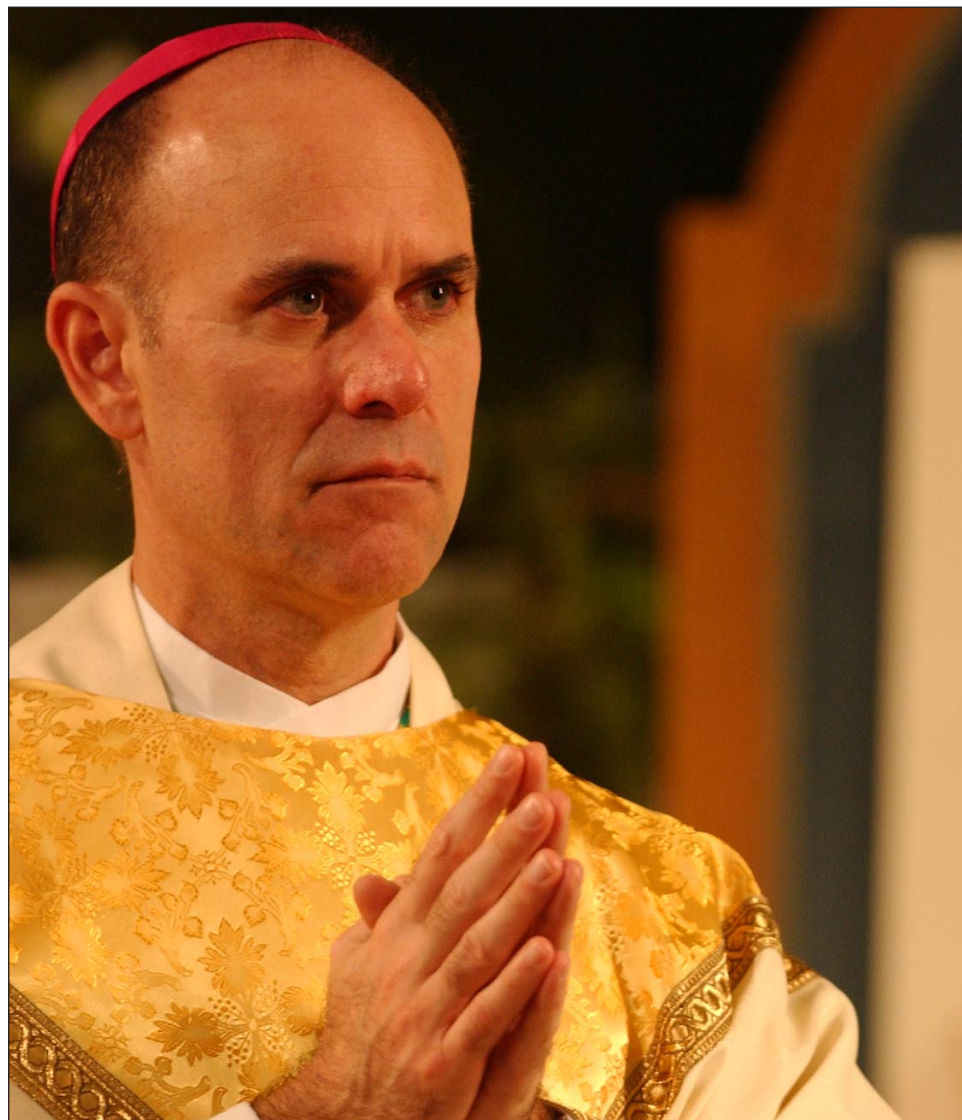
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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at his ordination as bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa. in 2004.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' homily at the Mass of Installation

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was installed the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The following is the homily at the installation:

During these past few weeks of preparation for this day, my thoughts during prayer have centered on the scene of today's Gospel: fishermen casting and mending their nets along the Sea of Galilee. They were ordinary men, busy with their daily work, but suddenly their lives changed. They met Jesus of Nazareth who said to them: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The two sets of brothers, Simon and Andrew, and James and John, allowed themselves "to be won over by (Jesus') gaze, his voice, his warm and strong invitation" (Pope Benedict XVI). They left their work, their livelihood, and their families to begin a new life in communion with Christ. Their adventure as fishers of men, as apostles, thus began. They would become intimately involved in our Lord's mission of proclaiming the Gospel of God. The Church would be built on the foundation of these four men and the other apostles whom Jesus called to be fishers of men.

The Gospel account of Jesus calling the apostles to follow him resonates deeply within me today. Five years ago, I received the Lord's call to serve as a bishop, as a successor of the apostles. Twenty-six and a half years ago I received the Lord's call to serve as a priest. The majority of those years of priestly and episcopal ministry took place in my home diocese of Harrisburg. I thank our Lord for the many joys and blessings of those years and for the

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER THOMAS ASCHEMAN, SVD

For those who have vivid memory recall, flashes from childhood may bring up a Christmas toy or a pony ride, but Father Thomas Ascherman still has a crisp picture of a bright and revealing thought; a very moving moment that he experienced at age six or seven. It

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St. Mother Theodore statue blessed on cathedral grounds

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — St. Mother Theodore Guérin was honored on Jan. 6 with the blessing of a statue placed in the location where the Catholic school she provided Sisters of Providence once stood. At that location today is the diocesan chancery office. But years ago, St. Augustine Academy graced the grounds, and Mother Theodore lived briefly with her sisters there as the Catholic school, the first in Fort Wayne, was launched.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy calls Mother Theodore the co-foundress of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne,

along with Msgr. Julian Benoit, who requested in writing to Mother Theodore, that the Sisters of Providence staff the new school.

Bishop D'Arcy, who blessed the statue after noon Mass, was joined by five Sisters of Providence, four of whom traveled from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods near Terre Haute, to commemorate the event.

In his homily at the Mass at the MacDougal Chapel in honor of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, Bishop D'Arcy spoke of Mother Theodore's era after the French Revolution. The French sister lived in a time when the Church was terribly perse-

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privilege I had of serving His Church in that beautiful portion of the Lord's vineyard. But just as through the years, Peter, Andrew, James and John were called to proclaim the Gospel and carry on their apostolic mission in new lands, so too I have been called to serve in a new diocese and a new state. It is certainly a privilege to have been appointed by Pope Benedict, the successor of St. Peter, to be the bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, another beautiful portion of the vineyard of the Lord. Though naturally I will deeply miss my family and friends in my home diocese, I come here with excitement and enthusiasm to promote the new evangelization in this wonderful diocese where I have been so warmly welcomed. I look forward to getting to know the faithful of this diocese and to visiting the parishes, schools and other communities throughout these 14 counties of northeastern Indiana. I look forward to my greatest joy as a bishop: celebrating the holy Eucharist and the other sacraments as well as teaching the word of God throughout the diocese.

Quisiera expresarme ahora a mis queridos hermanos de habla española. Durante este tiempo que ha transcurrido después de mi nombramiento como su obispo, mis oraciones se han centrado en el tema del Evangelio de hoy: He meditado muchísimo en aquellos pescadores que tiraban y arreglaban sus redes en el mar de Galilea. Sus vidas cambiaron cuando Jesús los llamó a que lo siguieran. El les dijo que los haría pescadores de hombres. Ellos dejaron su trabajo, su manera de ganarse la vida y sus familias y empezaron una nueva vida en comunión con Cristo.

Este pasaje del Evangelio de hoy en el que Jesús llama a sus primeros Apóstoles tiene mucho significado para mí en estos momentos. El Señor Jesús me ha llamado a dejar mis redes, mi familia, mis amigos, mi casa en Pennsylvania para servirle a El aquí en un nuevo mar, una nueva área de Su vina, la diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Aunque naturalmente extraño a mi familia y a mi diócesis original, vengo aquí con mucha alegría y entusiasmo a promover la nueva evangelización. No veo la hora de conocer los feligreses de esta hermosa diócesis, de visitar todas las comunidades incluyéndolos, por supuesto, a ustedes los miembros de las comunidades hispanas.

Yo considero que la presencia de los hispanos en la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos es una bendición muy grande. Estoy seguro que ustedes me van a ayudar en la gran misión apostólica de proclamar el Evangelio de Cristo; Así como también confío en la especial intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego ahora que empiezo mi apostolado como su nuevo obispo.

As I begin my ministry as Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I wish to reaffirm my commitment to my episcopal motto, "to proclaim the truth in charity." These words come from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he writes:

"Let us, then, be children no longer, tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine that originates in human trickery and skill in proposing error. Rather, let us profess the truth in charity and grow to the full maturity of Christ the head. Through him the whole body grows, and with the proper functioning of the members joined firmly together by each supporting ligament, builds itself up in love." — Eph 4:14-16.

These words of St. Paul remind us of our mission: to profess the truth in charity. In his trial before Pontius Pilate, Jesus himself proclaimed that "(he had) come into the world to bear witness to the truth." — Jn 18:37. We carry on this mission. Our duty is to bear witness to the truth of the apostolic faith we have received and to act as witnesses of the Gospel in word and deed. I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul to one of his successors, one of the first bishops of the Church, St. Timothy: "Never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord."

This is an important exhortation for us today, living in a culture of increasing secularism and relativism, a society in which the Catholic faith is increasingly counter-cultural. "Never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord." At Baptisms and Confirmations, after the baptismal promises are made or renewed, the bishop or priest says: "This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord." My brothers and sisters, we should always be proud to profess our Catholic faith, doing so with courage and without equivocation.

My episcopal motto, "veritatem in caritate" ("truth in charity") is a reminder that truth and charity must always go together. Love and truth are "the vocation planted by God in the heart and mind of every human person." — "Caritas in Veritate" No. 1. Human beings are created in the image and likeness of God who is "Eternal Love and Absolute Truth" (ibid).

One of the greatest challenges we face in our culture today is relativism, the denial of the existence of objective truth. As we heard, St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians about the danger of letting oneself be tossed and swept along by every wind of teaching. The day before his election as pope, Cardinal Ratzinger said in a famous homily that "we are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as certain and has as its highest goal one's own ego and one's own desires."

The future pope stated that we need to have a mature faith, one deeply rooted in friendship with Christ and therefore one that does not merely follow "the waves of fashion or the latest novelties." In the midst of our culture's dangerous confusion, we must stand firm in upholding the truths of our faith, including the moral truths that are sometimes unpopular in our increasingly secularized society, truths like the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death and the dignity of marriage and family according to God's plan.

As I mentioned, truth and charity must always go together. In the homily on the eve of the conclave, Cardinal Ratzinger also commented on St. Paul's words about "professing the truth in love." He described these words as "the basic formula of Christian existence." The Holy Father explained that "in Christ, truth and love coincide. To the extent that we draw near to Christ in our own life, truth and love merge. Love without truth would be blind; truth without love would be like 'a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.'" — 1 Cor. 13:1, Homily at Opening of Conclave.

Pope Benedict returned to this theme last year in his third encyclical entitled "*Charity in Truth*." There he wrote that "without truth, charity degenerates into sentimentality" and "love becomes an empty shell." At the same time, without charity, truth is not really authentic and is no longer liberating.

The great Pope John Paul II also insisted on the necessity of both truth and charity. During his homily at the canonization of Edith Stein, he said: "Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept

anything as love which lacks truth! One without the other becomes a destructive lie."

Throughout the history of the Church, there have been saintly bishops who are examples for us of living and professing the truth in charity. Today is the feast of one such holy bishop from the fourth century, St. Hilary of Poitiers. He is one of the 33 doctors of the Church. St. Hilary lived during one of the most challenging times in the history of the Church, when the heresy of Arianism was spreading rapidly throughout the world. This heresy denied the divinity of Christ. Bishop Hilary devoted his whole life to fighting the scourge of this heresy and to defending the truth of the divinity of Jesus Christ. He was forced to leave his diocese when he was sentenced to exile by the emperor who was Arian. Hilary was banished to an area totally dominated by Arianism, but he continued to proclaim the truth about Christ, the true faith as formulated by the Council of Nicea. While in exile, St. Hilary wrote his great masterpiece, a treatise on the Blessed Trinity, in which he showed how Scripture clearly testifies to the divinity of Christ, the Son of God, and to his equality with the Father. St. Hilary preached this truth with charity, always trying to reconcile the heretics to the true faith, helping them to see the truth about the divinity of Jesus.

When Bishop Hilary was released from exile, he returned to his diocese where he was received with great joy. There he restored discipline, peace and the purity of the Catholic faith.

St. Hilary teaches us even today that we must never be indifferent to the truth. He teaches us also that truth can never be severed from love.

As I begin my episcopal ministry in Fort Wayne-South Bend, I wish to reaffirm our mission as Catholics and my mission as shepherd of this local Church: the mission of professing the truth in charity. Ultimately, that mission is to lead people to an encounter with the living person of Jesus Christ. In its essence, the truth of the Gospel is a Person — the Lord Jesus Himself. He is the Truth that sets us free. We are to proclaim Him in our words and actions. We are called to be instruments of His presence and action in the world. We are called to evangelize, to share with others the truth about God, about the human person, and about the world. The Church is the seed and the beginning of the kingdom of God and the place where we enter into true communion and friendship with Jesus Christ.

I wish to repeat today words spoken by Pope Benedict in his papal inauguration homily. He said that "the Church as a whole and all her pastors, like Christ, must set out to lead people out of the desert, towards the place of life, towards friendship with the Son of God, towards the One who gives us life, and life in abundance."

This is my goal as your bishop: to lead this wonderful diocese in the way of truth and charity, to lead all to a deeper friendship with Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. In doing so, I invite you to join me in asking our Blessed Mother for her prayers. May Mary's motherly protection accompany us in the days and years ahead on our journey together. May she who is the Queen of Apostles and Star of the New Evangelization intercede for us that we may always profess the truth in charity!

Editor's note: Coverage of the solemn vespers in South Bend and the Mass of Installation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be featured in the Jan. 24, issue of *Today's Catholic*. This issue went to press before those events.

Migration week brings legislative push, prayers, a walk to Washington

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the Catholic Church observed National Migration Week Jan. 3-9, support for legislative efforts took the forefront amid various other steps to bring attention to the concerns of migrants and refugees.

In a teleconference Jan. 6, Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Migration, described several steps being undertaken by the U.S. bishops, including a new Web site, a nationwide action alert and a previously announced postcard campaign to encourage members of Congress to support comprehensive reform. The Web site is a revamped version of www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

"The American public, including the Catholic and other faith communities, want a humane and comprehensive solution to the problems which beset our immigration system, and they want Congress to address this issue," Bishop Wester said.

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., chairman of the Committee on International Policy, said the bishops also want the legislation to address the root causes of migration and help enable people to make a decent living in their own countries.

"The first principle of the U.S. bishops with regard to immigration is that migrants have the right not to migrate — in other words, to be able to find work in their own home countries so they can support their families in dignity," he said. "Migration should be driven by choice, not necessity."

Also in the teleconference, Sister Rita Mary Harwood, a Sister of Notre Dame who heads the Office of Parish Life and Development in the Diocese of Cleveland, said the church in Ohio will distribute nearly



CNS PHOTO/JIM WEST

Demonstrators rally for reform of U.S. immigration policy last January in Washington. U.S. bishops are taking steps to mobilize Catholics throughout the nation to support immigration reform as Congress prepares to take up the issue.

300,000 postcards that will be sent to Congress.

She said she sees in Ohio many parallels between the migrants of past generations and those of today and hopes that reminding the public of those similarities will open hearts so that people will back immigration reform.

Sister Mary Beth Hamm, justice coordinator of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Philadelphia, said making sure the public hears the stories of individual immigrants is the key to what her order is doing to support immigration reform.

"You can't hate the person whose story you know," she said. Elsewhere around the country, Catholic, interfaith and nonreligious groups small and large held immigration-related events. They ranged from press conferences, simple prayer services and educational events to a walk from Miami to Washington by four students hoping to bring attention to the situations they and others face.

The four current or former students at Miami-Dade

Community College planned to walk to Washington to draw attention to the problem of students who are in the United States illegally through no fault of their own, brought into the country by their parents when they were young.

Without legal status they are barred in many states from obtaining lower in-state tuition rates, making it impossible for many to attend college. Legislation that would open a path to legalization and U.S. citizenship for tens of thousands of such students has long had broad public and congressional support but efforts to pass the bill repeatedly have been shelved.

In Chicago, priests, sisters and brothers representing more than 37 religious orders planned a prayer service and press conference at Holy Name Cathedral Jan. 8 to call for passage of comprehensive immigration reform. The priests and religious planned to commit to a calendar of days to pray and fast over the next three months in support of the legislative effort.

Indiana Franciscans urge immigration reform

Last week, over 600 Indiana women and men, who live lives committed to the way of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, prayed and organized others to sign post cards to legislators. They pleaded to God and their co-citizens to reform laws that divide families, keep millions living in fear and build more walls between people. Franciscans here join Catholics around the country in recalling how Joseph, Mary and Jesus fled as refugees to Egypt to escape political oppression by an unjust king.

The Catholic Church, which has served and advocated for immigrants in this country for 400 years, designated Jan. 3-10

as National Migration Week to call attention to the billion people forced from their homes and displaced through war, natural disasters, climate change and economic necessity. This year the children of immigrants and refugees, our modern day "Jesus in flight," motivate prayer and political action.

"The Christian God is a God of immigrants, indeed an Immigrant God," says Brother Bill Short, a theologian and historian from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. "Francis often reminded his followers of the biblical injunction that we are 'aliens and exiles, pilgrims and strangers' on earth."

— 1 Pt:2,11. Francis liked to quote St. Paul: "Our Lord Jesus Christ ... was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." — 2 Cor:8,9.

For taking the path of living with and serving lepers and outcasts, Francis felt the sting of rejection by the people of his time. Followers of Francis and Clare today feel a special kinship with the most "undesireables" today. They commit their lives to serve the poor, especially those marginalized by society. Franciscans are expressing their solidarity with immigrants and refugees through their work, their prayer and their citizen action.



BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES PUBLIC SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m. — Diocesan pro-life Mass and Holy Hour, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Tuesday, Jan. 19, 9 p.m. — Mass for participants in the March for Life, Sacred Heart Basilica, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m. — Youth Mass at the Verizon Center, Washington, D.C.
- Friday, Jan. 22, 12 p.m. — March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- Saturday, Jan. 23, 9 a.m. — Mass for March for Life participants from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, St. Ann Church, Arlington, Va.

Pope baptizes 14 infants, underlines role of parents and godparents

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ginevra wiggled. Maria Magdalena thrust out her arms. Edoardo snuggled up against his mom. And Giulia, unflinching, kept her eyes wide open.

The baptismal ceremony was like others that take place everywhere in the world, except that it was Pope Benedict XVI who poured water on the heads of 14 infants, and welcomed them into the church.

Presiding over the annual liturgy in the Sistine Chapel Jan. 10, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the pope underlined the importance of the sacrament.

"This is a great day for these children. With Baptism, they

become participants in the death and resurrection of Christ, and begin with him the joyful and exciting adventure of the disciple," he said in his homily.

He said the sacrament brings a particular responsibility for parents and godparents: to nourish the faith of the newly baptized with words and the witness of their lives. In this way, he said, the children will be able to "shine in our world, which often gropes in the shadows of doubt."

The infants, seven girls and seven boys, were all children of Vatican employees, and the Mass was marked by a family atmosphere. The siblings of the baptized carried the offertory gifts, and the cries of babies echoed off the frescoed walls and ceiling of the chapel throughout the liturgy.



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Pope Benedict XVI baptizes a baby during a Mass in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Jan. 10. The pope baptized 14 infants, calling it a "great day for these children."

Archbishop Kurtz praises New Jersey vote 'for the truth of marriage'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The New Jersey Senate “stood for the truth of marriage as a bulwark of the common good” with its recent vote to defeat a bill that would have legalized same-sex marriage, said the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage.

“Preserving marriage between one man and one woman is a matter of justice; indeed it is one of the premier social justice issues of our time,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., in a Jan. 11 statement. “It does not deny but rather supports basic human rights — especially the rights of children.”

By a 20-14 tally Jan. 7, the state Senate voted down a bill called the Marriage Equality Act; if the bill had passed and been signed into law, New Jersey would have joined five other states in allowing same-sex couples to marry. The others are Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

But Archbishop Kurtz noted in his statement that the New York state Senate rejected a similar measure by a 38-24 margin Dec. 2 and in November the voters in Maine overturned a legislative move to redefine marriage to include same-sex couples.

“The recent decisions in Maine, New York and New Jersey are signs of hope and sources of encouragement,” he said.

Archbishop Kurtz’s statement was released on the day that U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker was to begin hearing testimony in San Francisco in a federal court challenge to the constitutionality of California’s



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Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., is seen during the U.S. bishops’ general meeting in Baltimore Nov. 17, 2009. He is chairman of the subcommittee that drafted the U.S. bishops’ pastoral letter on marriage.

Proposition 8, which overturned same-sex marriage in that state.

“We are in a pivotal moment in this country on the issue of marriage as more and more people recognize that protecting the basic rights of persons need not and should not come at the expense of the unique truth and value of marriage,” said Archbishop Kurtz, without making specific reference to the California case.

“The good of the love between husband and wife, the vital responsibilities of mothers and fathers, and the rights of children all deserve unique protection under law — all of these are indispensable to a just society that serves the dignity of all people and the common good,” he added.

The federal trial in San Francisco, Perry v. Schwarzenegger, was expected to last two or three weeks.

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confessionals. “It was a Church suffering, yet it produced saints,” he said.

Bishop D’Arcy said, “The power comes from the Eucharist.”

When Mother Theodore arrived in the vast woods and wilderness of Indiana, there were only two places, Bishop D’Arcy noted, in which the Blessed Sacrament was preserved. One was at Notre Dame the other at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Bishop D’Arcy read from Mother Theodore’s notes how the sisters would not speak until they knelt before the Blessed Sacrament. He commented about the tremendous devotion of people from that time to Jesus Christ reserved in the Eucharist.

Hundreds of young women followed Mother Theodore and entered into religious life. “And this is an extraordinary educational ministry, which so blessed this diocese,” Bishop D’Arcy said.

Mother Theodore experienced suffering, Bishop D’Arcy noted, “very much from her experience with the bishop.” Bishop Celistin de la Hailandière of Vincennes subjected Mother Theodore to misunderstanding and persecution.

Bishop D’Arcy said, despite these troubles with the bishop, “Her faith in the Church never wavered.” She, and others like Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin at Notre Dame, knew that Jesus Christ, who walked across the water and saved the Church, was with them.

“So many times, in the history of the Church, when we see imperfection in its members, even its leaders, we’re called to say, ‘Jesus Christ found such imperfection even among the apostles,’ but He stayed with them and trained them. The Church, through His power and His grace, and through the Eucharist, which she knelt before, adored Him a few days later when she would receive the body and the blood of Christ, the same strength is with us.

“We are called to the same thing — holiness, generosity, unselfishness, caring for others, caring for the poor, teaching the young people as she did,” Bishop D’Arcy said. “The same holiness,



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Sisters of Providence, Sister Maryann Fox who resides in Fort Wayne; Sister Donna Butler, who is a staff member in archives; Sister Jaqueline (Jackie) Hoffman, music ministry and receptionist/coordinator at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods are shown with Bishop John M. D’Arcy and Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, formerly the coordinator of the shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guérin and vice postulator and promoter of the cause for sainthood for St. Mother Theodore Guérin; and Sister Barbara Doherty, coordinator of the shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Bishop D’Arcy blessed a statue of Mother Theodore Guérin after a Mass at the MacDougal Chapel in honor of St. Mother Theodore Guérin Jan. 6.



Teresa Clark poses next to the statue that she sculpted located on the grounds of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, on the site where St. Augustine Academy was located.

the same apostolate calls us.”

He added, “So this statue, and this chapel ... is to remind us that we too are called to care for our young people, and to make sure they receive the faith, and to treasure the gift of human life and to do good works and to be open to the

presence of Jesus Christ as she was to the Eucharist.”

Bishop D’Arcy said, “As we bless this statue, may it remind us of her holiness and of the ministry of education. May we pray to her, a saint of our own diocese, who walked here, and pray that more young women ... will offer themselves for the consecrated life.”

At the end of the Mass, Bishop D’Arcy invited sculptress Teresa Clark to tell her story of how her art and study of Mother Theodore brought her to the Catholic faith.

In 2000, she was commissioned by the Sisters of Providence to sculpt a statue of Mother Theodore. At the time she was not Catholic.

“I had a huge transformation (learning) about Mother Theodore. She and the sisters have influenced my life greatly,” Clark said.

While creating the statue Clark went through RCIA. “I was studying the faith that was (Mother Theodore’s) strength, and realized that is what my life was missing.”

Clark said she continues to feel inspired from Mother Theodore. “Hopefully, through my statue, she will touch others as she has touched me.”



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St. Mother Theodore Guérin inspires through art

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Art students at Saint Joseph's High School recently had the privilege of speaking to artist Teresa Clark about two unique sculptures she has created of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the eighth saint who spent most of his or her ministry life in the United States and the only person from Indiana to be canonized.

"Mother Theodore has been a real influence in my life," Clark told the students. Her journey through the creation of her two beautiful pieces included not only unique works of art but a spiritual realization about a path she had not yet taken in her life.

Clark was working in Fort Wayne several years ago and was approached about a possible mausoleum project using St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Clark, not being Catholic at the time or familiar with the subject, traveled to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods to do research. She read stories, talked with the members of the faculty and staff of the school and spent time going through Mother Guérin's journal. Unfortunately, the project was canceled. But five years later, Clark was commissioned to create a sculpture of St. Mother Theodore Guérin at the Basilica of the

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

"I was offered a space at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods to do the piece. What better way to do the piece than on the grounds where she walked and lived?" said Clark. "Whenever I sculpt or draw, I try to think about who this person was."

This move to the college gave her a chance to get more familiar with not only her subject but with the Catholic faith in general. Clark realized during this time that there was something missing in her life and decided to become Catholic.

"She (Mother Guérin) has been a significant part of my life," said Clark.

To get things started on the six-foot statue, Clark used old photographs to design the facial features. Many old photographs show people with stern looks. Because Clark did not feel that Mother Guérin would be a stern-looking woman she took a little creative liberty and made her face less stern in the sculpture.

"I wanted her to be as real as I can make her," said Clark. "In reading her journals, I realized that (a stern looking person) wasn't who she was."

The final piece was carved out of limestone and is residing in Mary's Garden outside the basilica

in Washington, D.C.

Clark was commissioned to create another piece with St. Mother Theodore Guérin for the All Saints Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum in Des Plaines, Ill. This piece was going to be an eight-foot bronze statue and needed to have an educational component.

"I loved Mother Guérin's motto 'love the children first then teach them' and came up with a sketch of her and two children," said Clark. The piece has the children looking out and Clark wants people to use their imagination on what they think the children are looking at while speaking with St. Mother Theodore Guérin.

This project started with a paper drawing that was turned into a one-foot, three dimensional basic scale model. Once the scale model was approved, a two-foot clay model was made with more detail. She then began working on a full scale model that required the creation of a basic armature with one and a half inch plumbing pipe, heavy wire, thin wire and special insulation to create a structure that could accommodate the clay without poking through it while she worked.

Once the piece was finished, it was taken to be cast and made into a bronze sculpture.



Pictured is artist Teresa Clark with a miniature clay sculpture of St. Mother Theodore Guérin and two children. The eight-foot sculpture is located at the All Saints Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum in Des

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was on the playground of St. Agatha School in Columbus, Ohio, that powerful mental image, which was clear but wordless and conveyed to him that he wanted to be a priest.

"The only words I could put to this experience were 'I want to be a priest,'" he says, "and the experience was so strong, that I hung on to it as a guiding star."

The star stayed with him as the family moved and settled for good in Des Moines, Iowa, and around the sixth or seventh grade, Tom Ascherman began removing "Vocation Postcards" from the school bulletin board and sent for information about the seminary.

Personally, he was fixed on the idea of going to a high school seminary, but on the advice of his parents, he attended and completed high school studies in a Catholic high school in Dubuque and then entered the Society of The Divine Word, also known as Divine Word Missionaries, attending college near Dubuque.

Within Divine Word, it is his practice to submerge a novice in an alternative culture promptly, and Tom Ascherman went to Mexico for several years where he worked in a consumers cooperative and taught catechism classes. For a further mix of culture, he also served three years in Japan.

After ordination, he spent 12 years in Rome at Divine Word headquarters as mission secretary. This assignment literally sent him worldwide, where Divine Word has missions in more than 60

countries.

Today, Father Tom Ascherman is back in the Midwest, where he was first blessed with that compelling, wordless message that told him clearly what his life's work would be. He is associate pastor at St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne, where membership is predominately Mexican, followed by Vietnamese and Anglos. The pastor, Father Chau Pham, is also a Divine Word missionary.

Although he enjoys all phases of his work, Father Ascherman is especially called to preaching, and in particular enjoys the mix with people and meeting new people. He believes that this special stitch in his make-up is related to his work as a missionary; the desire to look ahead to the opportunity of making new friends for Christ.

"A lot of thought went into subtle touches, like the position of her hand. I wanted her to look inviting — not like she's looking for a hand out," said Clark about the piece.

Clark was also commissioned to sculpt the statue of Mother Theodore recently blessed on the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception grounds.

Clark told the students she didn't use a model for the creations, but did get some help from one of the nuns at the college who wore a veil so that Clark could see how the veil would look on Mother

Guérin's back as she stood and how the skirt would flow while standing.

"Since she affected me so greatly, I hope these statues will speak to someone that way," said Clark of each of her pieces.

Clark has plans on the horizon for other pieces and possibly more work using St. Mother Theodore Guérin.

"I've got other ideas of Mother Guérin. I've thought of a piece of her sitting so other people could come up and sit by her," said Clark.

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Selfishness, lack of respect for life lead to destruction, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — War, hunger, oppression, environmental degradation and the current global financial crisis are all the result of selfishness and a lack of respect for the human person created in God's image, Pope Benedict XVI told diplomats from around the world. "If we wish to build true peace, how can we separate or even set at odds the protection of the environment and the protection of human life, including the life of the unborn?" the pope asked ambassadors from the 178 countries that have diplomatic relations with the Vatican. Pope Benedict met Jan. 11 with the ambassadors to offer them his best wishes for the New Year. After his speech, he spent more than half an hour greeting each of them and their spouses. In his speech, the pope highlighted his hopes and concerns regarding the state of the environment, ongoing wars and violence, military spending and the arms trade, restrictions on religious freedom and attacks on the unborn and on the traditional family. Much of his talk focused on the environment, echoing his message for World Peace Day Jan. 1, which had as its theme "If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation." The pope told the diplomats that a "self-centered and materialistic way of thinking," which ignores the fact that human beings are creatures and not gods, triggered the current global economic crisis and is also the attitude behind the devastation of the environment.

Milwaukee archbishop vows to serve 'with every ounce of my being'

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — Frigid Wisconsin temperatures hovering near single digits were a sharp contrast to the warm, festive mood inside the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Jan. 4 as the Milwaukee Archdiocese welcomed its 11th shepherd, Archbishop Jerome E. Listeck. Nearly 1,000 were on hand at the cathedral for the installation of the 60-year-old Chicago native, who most recently was bishop of La Crosse. The installation, a two-day event, began with vespers on the evening of Jan. 3 at the cathedral. Festivities resumed the following afternoon, with a procession of priests, bishops, cardinals and the apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Pietro Sambi. During his homily, Archbishop Listeck invited the faithful to work with him in his role as governor, teacher and sanctifier. "No one governs alone, but rather in collaboration with those he serves," he said. Archbishop Listeck admitted that adherence to the church's teaching is not always easy, "however, one must sacrifice for the truth. In this sacrifice, we demonstrate our love."

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NUN SIGNS CALENDAR PRIOR TO PRAYER SERVICE



CNS PHOTO/KAREN CALLAWAY, CATHOLIC NEW WORLD

Sister Jeanette Halbach, a member of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, signs up for a date on a calendar to promise to pray and fast for legislative change on immigration prior to a prayer service and press conference at Holy Name Cathedral Jan. 8. Priests for Justice for Immigrants, a group of more than 200 priests, and Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, a network of more than 100 sisters and brothers representing 37 religious orders, attended the prayer service and press conference. At the event, held during National Migration Week, group members expressed solidarity with immigrants by individually promising to pray and fast over the next three months.

Austrian cardinal says private Medjugorje visits bring good results

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After visiting Medjugorje, the site of alleged Marian apparitions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna said the church must recognize that private pilgrimages to the village result in prayer and reconciliation. But Bishop Ratko Peric of Mostar-Duvno, the diocese that includes Medjugorje, said the cardinal's very public pilgrimage "has added new sufferings" to those already present in his diocese and did "not contribute to its much needed peace and unity." Cardinal Schonborn visited Medjugorje Dec. 29-Jan. 1 in what his office described as a "private pilgrimage." He visited one of the young adults who claimed they began receiving messages from Mary in 1981 and he celebrated Mass in local parishes. Bishop Peric, who has questioned the authenticity of the apparitions and struggled to limit the influence of religious living in the diocese without permission, issued a statement Jan. 2 saying that while he recognized the right of a cardinal to celebrate Mass anywhere in

the world, "there also exists a certain etiquette in the church" that encourages a visiting cardinal to discuss a visit with the local bishop. He said neither the cardinal nor anyone from his office contacted him.

First American Indian prelate, Bishop Donald Pelotte, dies at age 64

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Retired Bishop Donald E. Pelotte of Gallup, N.M., 64, the first American Indian bishop in the United States, died Jan. 7 at a Florida hospital. He had been head of the Gallup Diocese for 18 years before resigning because of health problems in 2008. In July 2007 the bishop was severely injured in an incident at his Gallup home, spending months afterward in neurological hospitals and rehabilitation centers in Arizona, Texas and Florida. According to the *Albuquerque Journal* newspaper, Gallup diocesan spokesman Lee Lamb said his death was not related to those injuries. He had been hospitalized since Dec. 27 at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, near where he had lived since retirement. No further details were released.

Pope lauds North American College on its 150th anniversary

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI marked the 150th anniversary of the Pontifical North American College, and said the seminary deserves thanks for "training generations of worthy preachers of the Gospel and ministers of the sacraments." The pope met at the Vatican Jan. 9 with the institution's students, superiors, faculty and alumni. The college, the U.S. national seminary in Rome, was concluding a reunion and other events to commemorate the anniversary of its founding in 1859. The pope said he was confident the college would continue to produce "wise and generous pastors capable of transmitting the Catholic faith in its integrity, bringing Christ's infinite mercy to the weak and the lost, and enabling America's Catholics to be a leaven of the Gospel in the social, political and cultural life of their nation." Repeating a point he made during his visit in 2008 to the United States, the pope said the church in America is "called to cultivate an intellectual culture which is genuinely Catholic, confident in the profound harmony of

faith and reason, and prepared to bring the richness of faith's vision to bear on the pressing issues which affect the future of American society."

Cardinal Kasper expresses solidarity with Copts after attack in Egypt

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican's chief ecumenist sent a letter of support to the Coptic Orthodox patriarch, Pope Shenouda III, expressing his solidarity after a Christmas attack on Egyptian Coptic Christians. Seven people died in a drive-by shooting in the southern Egyptian town of Nag Hammadi as they were leaving the Virgin Mary Church after Christmas Eve services. Coptic Christians, who use the Alexandrian calendar, celebrated Christmas Jan. 7. Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, wrote to express his concern and closeness to Pope Shenouda and the Coptic Christian community. "With sadness I have heard the tragic news of the death and injury of several Coptic Christians after a Christmas midnight Mass in Nag Hammadi," the cardinal wrote. "Please know that I am united in prayer with Your Holiness and with the Coptic Christian Community at this time." Cardinal Kasper also said Christians must stand up for one another and work together for peace, justice and reconciliation.

Papal liturgist endorses 'reform of the reform' of the liturgy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The pope's chief liturgist, Msgr. Guido Marini, endorsed calls in the church for a "reform of the reform" of Catholic liturgy. "For some years now, several voices have been heard within church circles talking about the necessity of a new liturgical renewal," Msgr. Marini said. A fresh renewal movement would be "capable of operating a reform of the reform, or rather, move one more step ahead in understanding the authentic spirit of the liturgy and its celebration," he said. Msgr. Marini, who has served as master of papal liturgical ceremonies since late 2007, spoke Jan. 6 to a conference of priests from English-speaking countries gathered in Rome to mark the Year for Priests. The conference was sponsored by the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy and the U.S.-based Confraternity of Catholic Clergy. The papal liturgist said the goal of the new reform movement "would be to carry on that providential reform of the liturgy that the conciliar fathers had launched" but which has "not always, in its practical implementation, found a timely and happy fulfillment."

University of Saint Francis to host financial aid workshop

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) financial aid staff will host a financial aid workshop on Monday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Pope John Paul II Center, room 107.

The public is invited to visit USF for help in completing the 2010-11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Parents, current college students and prospective 2010-11 students from any college are welcome to attend. If a participant's 2009 taxes have not yet been completed, USF will estimate the income based on the student's and parents' 2008 tax returns.

For more information, please contact the financial aid office at (260) 399-8003.

Office of Worship offers spring workshops

The diocesan Office of Worship has announced the following training workshops and retreat experiences.

In Fort Wayne:

- Lector training, with instructor Ruth Chronister, will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne.

- Extraordinary ministers training will be instructed by Father Tony Steinacker and Casey Ryan on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne. Participants should park in lot on the corner of Trier and Reed Roads and enter parish hall, door No. 13.

- Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion to the sick, with instruction from Father Daniel Leeuw, will be held Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

- The RCIA Retreat with Judy Mockenhaupt will be held Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne.

In South Bend:

- Lector training, with instructors Harv Humphrey and Cindi Clawson, will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Matthew co-Cathedral, South Bend.

- Extraordinary ministers training will be instructed by Father Bob Lengerich on Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Pius X, in the new library.

- Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion to the sick, with instruction from Father Daryl Rybicki, will be held Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Corpus Christi Parish in South Bend.

- RCIA Retreat with Diane Slatterbeck will be held Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Pius X, Granger.

Retreat experiences, called Afternoons of Reflection, are offered in the late spring to provide those in ministry, such as

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extraordinary ministers and lectors, the retreat experience they need to remain commissioned in their ministry.

These workshops have a registration fee and participants need to pre-register. For additional information a brochure is available on the Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-offices/worship-office/trainings-retreats/.

Holy Cross founder is cause for celebrations

NOTRE DAME — Events have been scheduled at the University of Notre Dame to celebrate the Jan. 20 feast day of Blessed Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The second annual "Holy Cross: Faith in Our Future" celebration week will feature the memorial Mass for Blessed Basil Moreau at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Jan. 20, plus other activities raising student, faculty and overall awareness of the congregation's role at the university.

Vespers, scheduled in the basil-

ica at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17, will begin the series of events. Those at the prayer service, sponsored by the Holy Cross Office of Vocations, will be invited to pray for the cause of Blessed Moreau's canonization and for vocations to the congregation he founded, among other intentions.

On Monday, Jan. 18, theology professor Lawrence Cunningham will present the second annual Blessed Basil Moreau Lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Geddes Hall, exploring Holy Cross spirituality. This year's lecture, "How is Your Heart? Toward a Profound Education," will explore the mission of educating hearts as well as minds. Ann Firth, Notre Dame's associate vice president for student affairs, will make comments as discussant following the lecture, inviting reflections on the mission's meaning today.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m., a panel of priests will convene in Geddes Hall for a second annual "Men in Black" evening of casual conversation about their individual lives and the Holy Cross priesthood. Holy Cross Fathers Paul Doyle, Ralph Haag, William

Lies and Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully will participate. All events are free and open to the public.

Blessed Basil Moreau was beatified in 2007.

Ancilla College stressed as affordable, intelligent option

DONALDSON — While the economy continues to drag and many families find themselves in tight financial situations, Ancilla College president Dr. Ron May is stressing the Donaldson-based college as an affordable and intelligent option for those looking to continue their education.

"Our programs provide the foundation for success in baccalaureate programs as well as for the transition into the world of work," said Dr. May. "We are in a convenient location and we offer students educational opportunities in a small, student-focused environment."

Spring semester courses begin Jan. 11, and the college continues to take registrations through Jan. 15.

According to Dr. May, students of all backgrounds may qualify for need-based and Academic REACH grants, in addition to state and federal aid.

Erin Alonzo, director of admissions, agreed, stating that affordability shouldn't be an obstacle to affording college and pursuing one's dreams.

"There are three main things all students need to ask themselves when they're choosing a college: 'Can I get accepted and do I fit?'; 'Does the college have what I need to be successful?'; and 'Can I afford to go?'"

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Alonzo encouraged prospective students to contact admissions at (574) 936-8898 ext. 330 to schedule a visit, tour and placement test, free of charge.

College staff will be available to guide students through the application process, financial aid and support services, ensuring that those individuals are given the best possible foundation to achieve their goals.

Legacy Auction benefits St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School

FORT WAYNE — The St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School Legacy Auction will be on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 pm at the St. Elizabeth campus. This Legacy Auction is the school's biggest fundraising event. To attend or make a donation to the event please contact the school at (260) 432-4000.

St. Joseph St. Elizabeth School is a special place where Christ is first. Located on two different campuses, which makes the school unique. Preschool through fourth grades are at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton campus and grades 5-8 are located at our St. Joseph campus. Currently, there are 542 students enrolled at St. Joseph St. Elizabeth, in preschool through eighth grade.

Proceeds from the Legacy Auction are used to meet the needs of the school by offsetting the costs associated with technology, equipment, tuition assistance, liberal arts, music and many other areas.

USF offers Saturday morning art classes

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis (USF) has announced spring art classes for children in grades 1-8. Classes will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays from Feb. 6 through April 24 at the Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center off of Leesburg Road.

Art materials will be provided. The cost is \$75 per child, which includes all materials and instructional fees. Early registration is advised as enrollment is limited.

For more information contact the School of Creative Arts at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

John Gaughan retires with 57 years of service to Catholic schools

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Eighty-two-year-old John Gaughan lives by faith. "Faith describes me," he says, adding, "without it I wouldn't be anything." And faith is what led him to serve 39 of his 57 years as teacher and coach in the Catholic school system in the diocese.

A native of Chicago, Gaughan and his wife of 58 years, Patricia, moved to Fort Wayne in July of 1959, where he served as athletic director of Bishop Luers High School for eight years. During those years he taught classes at the high school and coached football, track and basketball.

"I did the laundry for all the athletic teams too," he quips.

His four years of Marine Corps duty during the late '40s, including 16 months in North China, motivated him to "be a catalyst for change" and served him well upon his return.

Armed with a bachelor's degree



KAY COZAD

Pat and John Gaughan pose for a photo at a retirement celebration on Jan. 6 for John at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. He retires after serving 39 of his 57 years as teacher and coach in the Catholic school system in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. At the reception, Bishop John M. D'Arcy thanked Gaughan for his service and dedication.



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in sociology in 1953 and eventually a master's in education administration, he excelled as a young teacher and coach of high school students.

"Potential doesn't make an A. Performance is what counts," he says. But he admits that "challenging the young people to become what they are capable of becoming, permeated with the Gospel spirit of freedom, justice and charity" gave his career meaning.

Following the eight years as athletic director at Bishop Luers High School the Gaughans moved back to Illinois where for the next 12 years John served as director of studies, and football and basketball coach at his high school alma mater, St. Bede Academy. Then in 1979 the family moved back to Fort Wayne to stay. Gaughan took the

administrative position of principal for Bishop Dwenger High School and led the school for 15 years.

After retiring from the Catholic school system in 1994, Gaughan was invited by Bishop John M. D'Arcy to become the assistant director of the high schools in the diocese, which had him making pastoral visits to all the Catholic high schools, and attending teacher, school board and other meetings. Gaughan also was involved in reviewing the budget with Chief Financial Officer Joseph Ryan several times each year and being the problem solving resource for the four high school principals.

Gaughan retired last month from his position as assistant director of high schools for the diocese and reasons, "I'm 82 years old. ... Time is of the essence." He and his wife are active parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo and have raised nine children, including Father Joseph Gaughan, pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish in Fort Wayne.

Wife Pat says of her husband's career, "He went into it with love and I guess he's leaving it with love. He was the guy for the job!"

In his well deserved retirement Gaughan plans to spend more time with his beloved wife and visit their 29 grandchildren more frequently. In addition to continuing to attend daily Mass, the Gaughans also look forward to volunteering to

read to students at Most Precious Blood School this semester. And always a coach — Gaughan will take up the assistant coaching position for the fifth- and sixth-grade combined football team of Most Precious Blood and Queen of Angels Schools.

A retirement reception was held to honor John Gaughan on Jan. 6 at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

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Church supports proposal to cut off state funding for abortion provider Planned Parenthood

INDIANAPOLIS — What can one person do to end abortion? This is a question college student Lila Rose and several other pro-life, young adults asked themselves. The answer: Live Action — The Mona Lisa Project, a young adult led, pro-life media project aimed at exposing the true nature and purpose of Planned Parenthood (PP) through undercover live action videos recorded inside the walls of the nation's largest abortion provider.

These videos, which are posted online at www.liveaction.org, exposed Planned Parenthood's repeated failure to report child sexual abuse and their counseling tactics to encourage teen mothers to abort rather than carry their child to full term.

These actions recorded in Bloomington and Indianapolis PP locations prompted Sen. Greg Walker (R-Columbus) to introduce a bill that would remove all state funding for PP.

The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) is supporting the legislation. Glenn Tebbe, the

ICC executive director, said, "The Catholic Church supports the efforts of this legislation and we will be actively lobbying members of the Indiana General Assembly and working with Indiana Right to Life to pass the bill."

Senate Bill 198, which was introduced in the Indiana Senate Jan. 5, would prohibit state agencies from entering into any contracts with or making grants to Planned Parenthood. In addition, it would nullify any existing state contracts or grants effective the day the bill passes.

Walker said, "There are federal and state monies that are allocated by the State of Indiana to service providers. We can find alternative service providers."

The Hyde amendment, a federal law, prohibits state money from directly funding abortion. But it does not prohibit other grants or funding for abortion providers like Planned Parenthood to provide other services.

"Planned Parenthood does not

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

receive state money specifically for abortion procedures, however, if they have money for their other activities that are not producing income, then it gives them more profit and money to plow back into their other activities," said Walker.

When asked exactly how much money Planned Parenthood is receiving from the state, Sen. Walker responded, "That's one of the most frustrating parts about this issue and another reason for the bill. We can't seem to get a straight answer from anyone on how much funding PP is actually getting through the state."

Walker estimates that direct grants to PP amount to about a

few hundred thousand a year. "A direct inquiry by myself and other legislators like Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-Elkhart) as to exactly how much state money is going to PP has been ignored."

Sue Swayze, Indiana Right to Life lobbyist, who has been working with Sen. Walker to piece together Indiana Planned Parenthood's state funding stream said, "In 2008, Indiana Planned Parenthood's 990 tax form indicated its revenue exceeded expenses by \$2.1 million. In that same year, it received taxpayer subsidies of almost \$2.9 million, an estimated \$1.8 million of which was state controlled dollars."

Swayze, and others are asking the same question, "In a time when state revenue is down, and we are cutting K-12 education, why are we giving Planned Parenthood a bailout to the tune of nearly \$2 million in taxpayer dollars?"

"Other than the goal of shutting Planned Parenthood down, the main goal of the legislation is

education," said Sen. Walker. "I want to inform the leaders in Indiana and Hoosiers at large about the intentions of Planned Parenthood."

Walker said he is hopeful, but uncertain if his bill will get a hearing. Sen. Walker's bill, SB 198, is one of 20 that have been assigned to the Senate Commerce and Public Policy and Interstate Cooperation Committee, which meets on Wednesday afternoons, but it has not been scheduled for a hearing. Sen. Ron Alting (R-Lafayette), who chairs the committee and who will decide if the bill gets a public hearing or not, was unavailable for comment.

Courtney Smith, a spokesperson for Sen. Alting said, "Since the bill was just introduced, Sen. Alting has not had a chance to review it, but plans to do so and talk to the bill's author before he schedules the bill for a hearing."

To get involved in the legislative process, visit the ICC Web page at www.indianacc.org and click "Legislative Action Center" to begin.

Do real men pray the rosary? Texas man says yes and finds many agree

BY ROSE YBARRA

McALLEN, Texas (CNS) — Throughout his childhood, David Calvillo's mother urged him to pray the rosary but he admits the recommendation went in one ear and out the other.

"I thought the rosary was for old ladies and funerals," Calvillo said.

His mindset began to change when he attended a retreat at the Benedictine Sisters of the Good Shepherd Monastery outside of Rio Grande City — reluctantly, Calvillo's wife Valerie pointed out.

"He was a bit hesitant," Valerie Calvillo said. "He didn't know what to expect."

Going to the retreat proved to be a life-changing experience.

"As we were praying the rosary at the retreat, I saw something that I had never seen before," David Calvillo said. "I felt this incredible connection."

Before he left the retreat, Calvillo stopped by the gift shop and bought a copy of the book, "The Secret of the Rosary" by St. Louis de Monfort, for each man who attended the retreat.

Over time, through his research, prayer, retreats and fellowship with other men of faith, he developed a deep appreciation for the rosary. He was finally sold on the notion that the rosary was indeed a prayer for men, a prayer for all Christians.

After exploring ways to promote the rosary, Calvillo formed an apostolate called Real Men Pray the Rosary. The apostolate

encourages praying the rosary in several ways: through education via a variety of channels, by physically making rosaries during rosary-tying events and finally, by distributing the rosaries.

Calvillo created a logo with a tough-looking hand clutching a rosary, which is now the face of the apostolate.

He said the inspiration for the logo was a man named Alex Gamboa Jr., a parishioner at St. Joseph the Worker Church in McAllen.

"I used to see him walking around with the rosary around his hand and I thought it was powerful to see a strong man doing that," Calvillo said.

Gamboa said he wraps the rosary around his hand during trying times and during times of intense prayer. "Pray for me" is a phrase Gamboa hears often because friends and family members know he takes the request seriously.

Calvillo also created a presence online through the Web site, www.RealMenPraytheRosary.org, and with a page on Facebook, a social networking site.

"I thought if we could get 200 members from the (Rio Grande) Valley, we could consider the Facebook page a success, but it just exploded," he said. "Before we knew it, we had more than 4,100 members from all over the world."

Calvillo recalled one particular day when he started a virtual rosary. By the time it was completed, it was pieced together in 13



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David Calvillo, right, founder of Real Men Pray the Rosary, helps a volunteer make a hand-tied rosary. Calvillo, a Catholic from McAllen, Texas, began the apostolate to encourage men to pray the rosary.

languages.

Rosary-tying events draw the faithful of all ages from different parishes who gather together for the common goal of making rosaries. They are fashioned from colorful twine and metal crucifixes.

Each rosary is as unique as the person who ties it. No two are alike.

"I think these rosaries have more significance than store-bought rosaries," said Tito Salinas, a parishioner at St. Joseph the Worker. He and his wife, Norma, are regulars at rosary-tying events.

"They may not be made perfectly, but they are made by someone who cares," he added. "I think knowing that the rosary came from somebody who took the time and effort to put it together motivates

the recipient to pray it more often and to appreciate it."

During a recent rosary-tying event at Calvillo's law office, dozens of people made rosaries for the troops serving overseas. The event also promoted fellowship among local Catholics, some who already knew each other and some who didn't.

The rosaries are given out at retreats, Confirmation classes and wherever else they are needed.

Gamboa said he hopes the popularity of the apostolate "is only the beginning and that it will expand parish life."

"I hope we will have more lecturers, catechists and eucharistic ministers through this and of course, better mothers and fathers," he said.



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Touching base with Jesus



THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

As I walk around the grounds of Saint Mary's College it is almost the exception to see a student without a phone on her ear. Often they are touching base with one of their parents or a friend. It seems like everyone these days is just a phone call away. Land-lines are nearly becoming obsolete. Most of us love instant communication and want to stay connected with those we care about at all times, from wherever we happen to be.

I got to thinking about this growing phenomenon where students, and others, just can't seem to get through the day without calling their parents or some other significant person in their lives, and how this might relate to our relationship with Jesus.

It is interesting and quite revealing to reflect on how often some of us connect with Jesus each day. I have to admit that if I didn't go to Mass everyday I might not think of Jesus again until I pray at night before I go to sleep or unless I ask him for a favor during the day.

It takes a lot of conscious effort to recall the Lord's constant, abiding presence in our lives; to really grasp the wonderful fact that he is always walking beside us no matter what happens. His love and his life in us keeps us going.

Recently I re-read a delightful little book called "Practicing the Presence of God." It contains the reflections of a simple monk named Brother Laurence. He wrote how he continually strove to recognize Christ's presence in all the people and events of each day of his life. He tried to live each moment, no matter what he was doing, conscious of God's active love for all of creation. He experienced the Lord in everything and consciously lived in God's presence. During most of his waking hours he carried on a running conversation with God.

One of the ongoing desires of my own life has been to try to live more that way. When we do, our lives will be trans-

formed. Our attitudes toward others and the events of our lives can't help but change if we recognize and remember that God is in and with them also.

If we are truly conscious of our God's loving presence in each person, no matter who they are, it cannot help but influence the way we live our lives and treat one another.

An example I have used many times to explain God's presence, is to think of it as radio waves. The atmosphere is filled with radio waves; but we have to turn the radio on to hear the music and voices. We know that God is faithful and with us always, but we have to "tune in" to him.

Another analogy comes from the Scriptures. The Book of Revelation 3:20 speaks of Christ saying: "Here I stand knocking at the door; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him." This scene is depicted as a door with no handle on the outside. Only the person inside can open the door and let him in. God is always present but we have to let him in. We must learn to be conscious of that reality.

Jesus is always in and around us but we have to touch base with him. The more we



YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

do, the deeper our relationship with him will be. It can't help but influence how we live.

It is a good way to begin a new year.

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Seize your second chance in this second decade

It is nearly impossible to recognize Danny Cahill, the Oklahoma land surveyor, in NBC's "Biggest Loser." But if you look closely, you can see him in the corners of his smile and the familiar glimmer in his blue eyes — hints of the former man, eight months and 239 pounds ago.

Today the 40-year-old dad is a reality TV star, peddling an eponymous Web site and a hit single. "This is your second chance at life. Don't you wait

there for it," he sings. "Don't let this chance pass you by 'cause you are ready for it."

It's an apt soundtrack to the footage he has given us: sweating on the treadmill, crying to the camera, stepping onto the scale, pumping his fists in the air and hugging his family as confetti cascades.

"I feel like a million bucks," Danny told Meredith Vieira the morning after his victory. By losing 55 percent of his body

weight, he has gained so much: cash, celebrity, confidence and, best of all, longevity.

Danny's extreme weight loss makes him the "Biggest Loser" ever, a triumph we all can get behind right now. As the century's first decade gives way to the second, we're feeling a heightened desire for turnaround, an itching to up the ante on our typical New Year's resolve.

Time magazine has added to our urgency, bidding farewell, on a recent cover, to "The Decade From Hell."

"Bookended by 9/11 at the start and a financial wipeout at the end, the first 10 years of this century will very likely go down as the most dispiriting and disillusioning decade Americans have lived through in the post-World War II era," Andy Serwer writes. "Call it the Decade from Hell, or the Reckoning, or the Decade of Broken Dreams, or

the Lost Decade. Call it whatever you want — just give thanks that it is nearly over."

The magazine's dramatic claim is laced with the promise, a subtitle, that the next decade will be better.

As Catholics we have cause for great hope — and a myriad of turnaround tales. The lives of the saints are full of second acts and second chances: heretics and hedonists, embezzlers and extortionists, gossips and gamblers and gang leaders who turn around and do great things for the glory of God. St. Augustine stopped denouncing the Church. St. Olga stopped killing. And the wayward Mary Magdalene was freed of seven demons, becoming the first witness of Jesus' resurrection. He explained, "Her many sins have been forgiven, hence, she has shown great love."

Our merciful God has given us the grace of the sacraments and



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCI

the power of reconciliation. "As far as the East is from the West," David the Psalmist reassures us, "so far have our sins been removed from us."

Just as 430-pound Danny Cahill has vanished, absolution leaves no trace of our former selves.

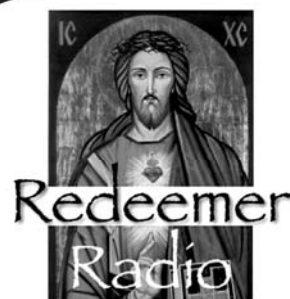
My favorite expression of that hope for transformation comes from the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke: "And now let us welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."

What a sweet and simple phrase: things that have never been. Mountains that have never been climbed. Prayers that have never been uttered. Cures that have never been found. Babies that have never been born. Books that have never been written. Dreams that have never been imagined.

For as long as our history here, there is so much yet undone, waiting to be breathed and willed into life. This new decade. This new year. This new day.

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A Mass for Life marking the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 17, followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour at both the Fort Wayne and South Bend cathedrals. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate the Mass at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate at 5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

PRO-LIFE

A fellow Catholic tells story of Rachel's Vineyard, forgiveness

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the woman who sits next to you in the pew on Sunday. My family and I are there each week. We tithe regularly and are moderately active in the parish. Our children attend religious education and we speak of our faith openly in our home. I have always had a heart for children and have recently felt a calling to minister

grew up feeling like that was my lot in life — to be “good.” There is a large age difference between my siblings and I. So, when I went away to college and they were all still at home, I began feeling like an outsider. At times I wondered whether my parents’ love for me was unconditional. Even though I graduated with a degree in elementary education, my college years were less than ideal. Something happened during that time that would change my life forever and take me some 15 years to face.

For now, let me fast forward to my current life. I have been married to my college sweetheart for 20 years. We have two beautiful children together and a life I have always dreamed of.

Our marriage hasn’t always been “picture perfect,” however. Seven years ago, I was diagnosed with depression. I finally sought help after wishing I could just “disappear” and believing everyone, my children included, would be better off without me. Most frightening of all, I began having dreams about killing myself. I truly felt there was a battle for my soul occurring.

I entered counseling and started to feel a little better but was still not myself. Deep down, I knew the reason for my depression was unrepented sin. My counselor encouraged me to find healing in my faith. She had another client who had attended a retreat called “Rachel’s Vineyard” — a retreat for women who have had an abortion. While it took every ounce of courage I had, I knew it was time for me to face my past. I attended the retreat on my own and found it to be the most divine experience I have ever known.

I did not walk on that journey alone, however. I believe God sent a guardian angel to walk with me. This Irish priest and I spent much of the weekend together. He had come to know me during that time and realized my feelings of invisibility and unworthiness. Being able to make my Confession to him was indeed divine order. He spoke directly to my heart as he told me to go out and make myself known. After that Confession, other retreat attendees said I was absolutely glowing. As I was getting into my car to leave at the

conclusion of the retreat, the priest called my name. He had come looking for me. He then spoke the words to me I’ll never forget. He said, “It was a pleasure to be in the presence of a true lady all weekend.” I went away feeling not only forgiven but treasured, as well. The last thing I had felt like over the past 15 years was a “lady.”

It was at that retreat that I was able to name my baby, Colin Charles, weep for him and beg for forgiveness. That weekend I literally laid my sin at the foot of the cross and felt God’s unbelievable love for me. That He could forgive me for such an unthinkable act can only be through divine mercy and grace. I will praise Him forever!

That being said, there’s not a day that goes by that I don’t think of my child and wish he were here with me. Since it was my husband’s child, as well, I think about how much richer our lives would be had we not made that sinful choice so many years ago. I think about how old he would be now and what kind of big brother he would be to our children.


I used to think that every bad thing that happened to me was a result of that choice. I now know God does not work that way. I know someday my son and I will be reunited.

For so many years, I felt unworthy of God’s love and never sought it. But He never gave up on me. I believe He used my depression to call me to Him and to help me face the pain I had tried to carry on my own.

While I felt God’s forgiveness at the retreat, it wasn’t until I began sharing my story with others that I learned to forgive myself. Until recently, I had only shared my story with one other person fearing it was too ugly to let out in the light. In allowing God to help me by being vulnerable, I have achieved greater healing than I ever thought possible.

People say I am “brave” for sharing my story. It doesn’t feel like an act of bravery. Rather it is a privilege. My spiritual journey and healing is God’s story NOT mine. It is a story of the kind of unconditional love that only our Savior can provide. It is a love available to all, even a sinner like me.

Signed,
A fellow parishioner



to women.
One thing I’ve learned in my 40-plus years, is that everyone has a story. Here is mine: I am a cradle Catholic. As the oldest of four children, I felt I was expected to set a good example. I

Project Rachel: Reaching out compassionately after abortion

BY LISA EVERETT

In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more.

Thus says the LORD: Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward... There is hope for your future. — Jer 31:15-17

This past summer, Project Rachel, the Church's healing ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, marked its 25th anniversary. Founded by Vicki Thorn, who at that time served as pro-life director for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Project Rachel is an outreach program that operates as a network of priests, professional counselors and other mentors who are trained to offer one-on-one spiritual and psychological care for those suffering from the aftermath of abortion and seeking healing and reconciliation.

"Forty years ago, I first encountered the wounds that abortion leaves on the souls of women," Vicki recalls. "A friend of mine had placed her first baby up for adoption. My friend later endured sexual abuse by a family member, which led to her second pregnancy. Her mother arranged for a safe but illegal abortion. Little did her mother know that she had bought her daughter a one-way ticket to a life of suffering."

Later in life, Vicki's friend struggled with suicide attempts, an abusive marriage, chemical dependency, as well as becoming abusive herself toward her other children. "I can live with the adoption," she always said. "I

can't live with the abortion."

Vicki's search for answers to her friend's pain led her to obtain a degree in psychology, to become certified as a perinatal loss facilitator and a grief counselor, and to become trained in trauma counseling and spiritual direction.

All of this education, coupled with a compassionate heart and the grace of God, eventually led Vicki to develop Project Rachel, a program now offered in 140 Catholic dioceses in the United States, as well as dioceses in other countries. Besides responding with the compassion of Christ to a profound human wound, Project Rachel is a concrete way to implement the U.S. Bishops' call for post-abortion ministry, expressed in their very first Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities in 1975 in response to the legalization of abortion nationwide.

This call was reaffirmed and expanded in 2001: "The Church offers reconciliation as well as spiritual and psychological care for those suffering from abortion's aftermath. ... Every Church-sponsored program and identifiably Catholic organization and agency should know where to refer those in need of post-abortion healing."

As part of the process of rejuvenating our own Project Rachel program, Vicki Thorn came to the diocese this past November and conducted day-long workshops in both Fort Wayne and South Bend for those interested in learning more about how to help women and men who have been involved in abortion.

A new Project Rachel hotline has been established at (574) 386-8295, and Margarita Rodriguez, who works in the diocesan Office of Family Life as assistant director for Pro-Life and Hispanic Outreach, is the Project Rachel phone counselor, able to



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Vicki Thorn, founder of the post-abortion ministry Project Rachel, is seen in Rome May 18, 2007. In Rome she was offering formation studies for people interested in setting up the ministry in their dioceses.

speak to callers in either English or Spanish. A confidential network of priests, professional counselors and other trained individuals in the diocese has been established, and referrals for one-on-one counseling will be made as appropriate.

Publicity about the Project Rachel program will take place through *Today's Catholic*, parish bulletins, local newspapers, public service announcements on radio stations, and specially printed business cards intended for the back of churches, college campuses and other public places in the broader community.

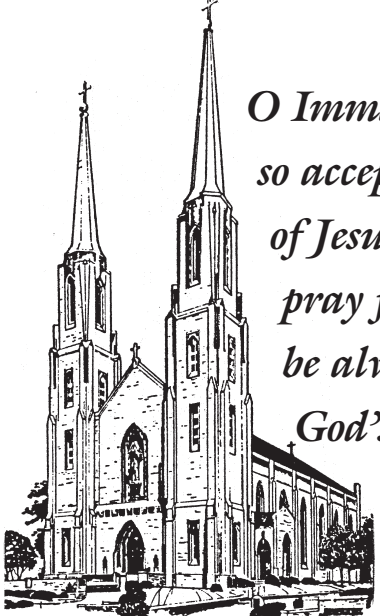
As a mother of six, Vicki is quick to credit the Blessed Mother with the success of

Project Rachel over these 25 years. "Mary's footprints are all over Project Rachel," she said at the workshop in Fort Wayne, mentioning that she realized later that the first press release about this new ministry went out all over the world on the feast of Our Lady of LaSalette, Consolation of Sinners.

"People always ask me if I get depressed hearing all the painful stories that I hear," Vicki said. "I never do because I know that God will heal anyone who asks. God is alive and well. No one has ever called me and said that healing didn't happen, if they opened their heart to the Lord. If fact, women often give me a hug and whisper, 'thank you' in my ear. I


recently met a woman whom I had counseled. With a huge smile she said, 'You and I have known each other a long time!' And the joy in her eyes told me that the merciful hand of God had touched her and made her whole. If you give God permission to heal you, it will happen, and you will be astonished at the 'God happenings' in your life."

Lisa Everett is the codirector of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



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Abortion's aftermath and the journey towards healing

BY LISA EVERETT

Since *Roe v. Wade*, there have been over 50 million legal abortions in the United States. According to Vicki Thorn, the foundress of Project Rachel and director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing, while some women report relatively little trauma following abortion, for many, the experience is devastating, causing serious and persistent emotional, psychological and spiritual difficulties. According to Vicki's Web site, www.hopeafterabortion.com, women who have experienced an abortion may exhibit some or several of the following symptoms:

- Low self-esteem
- Grief (mild to profound)
- Depression (sometimes to the point of suicidal thoughts and attempts)
 - A sense of alienation from family and friends
 - A feeling of being "numb," not able to enjoy activities that used to be pleasurable
 - Isolating oneself from others to avoid discussing the abortion experience
 - Guilt and shame
 - Difficulty concentrating
 - Anger towards oneself, the baby's father, or others involved in the abortion decision
 - Sleep disorders
 - Abortion-related nightmares, flashbacks or even sounds of a baby crying
 - Alcohol and drug problems, which develop to dull the pain
 - Desire for a "replacement" baby
 - Anniversary reactions of grief or depression on the date of the abortion or the baby's due date
 - Problems bonding with her other children (being over-protective but emotionally distant)
 - Fear that God will punish her, or is punishing her.

Some women, especially teens, experience symptoms soon after the abortion. However, it is more common for symptoms to occur over the course of five to 12 years after the abortion. Sometimes a woman does not realize that the suffering she has been experiencing, perhaps for many years, is associated with her past abortion. This is likely due to the fact that our society has largely accepted abortion as a common surgical procedure that is no big deal and means little more than having one's appendix removed. Those who experience symptoms of grief and mourning afterwards are often dismissed with the advice to "get over it" and left alone to suffer in silence, sometimes for decades, before seeking help and healing.

"Many women who have walked a path of grief and hopelessness after abortion, usually alone, eventually begin to understand that they have a deep spiritual wound," Vicki comments. "But sadly, they also are likely to

believe that they have committed 'the unforgivable sin' and fear God's anger. Women who have had an abortion often have many questions, the answers to which are indispensable to beginning the healing journey. Can God ever forgive me? Can my child? Can I ever forgive myself? Will the Church let me stay when I confess this sin? Will this horrible pain ever go away? Is healing possible? The answer to all these questions is, of course, yes!"

Pope John Paul II himself, in his 1995 encyclical "Evangelium vitae," ("The Gospel of Life"), specifically addressed women who have had an abortion with words of tenderness and compassion: "The wound in your heart may not have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitely lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord." (no. 99). For more information about Project Rachel in the diocese, the Church's program of post-abortion healing, or to get started on the journey yourself, please call (574) 386-8295.

Resources recommended by the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing

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"Do Not Lose Hope: Healing the Wounded Heart of Women Who Have Had Abortions," William F. Maestri, Staten Island, N.Y.: Alba House, 2000. (800) 343-2522.

"Experiencing Abortion: A Weaving of Women's Words," Eve Kushner, Binghamton, N.Y.: Haworth Press, 1997. (800) HAWORTH.

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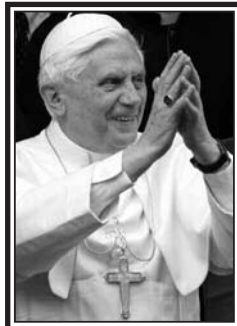
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TOM UEBBING

This group from Saint Mary's College Right to Life stand near an abortion clinic in South Bend after praying the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. They gather to pray for the end of abortion on Wednesdays and Fridays — two days abortions are performed there. The young men are friends of the Saint Mary's College Right to Life group.



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Rodriguez to offer Project Rachel outreach to the Hispanic community

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — As Project Rachel is rejuvenated in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, the Office of Family Life is making sure the program is available to anyone whose life has been affected by abortion. Family Life Co-director Lisa Everett says she needed to look no further than Women's Care Center and the training provided to Margarita Rodriguez, now assistant director for Pro-Life and Hispanic Outreach.

"Margarita used to work as a counselor for Women's Care Center," explains Everett, referring to the years Rodriguez spent as a bilingual counselor, teaching parenting classes and helping women facing a crisis pregnancy. "She is bilingual and works in our office for pro-life outreach, especially with the Hispanic community, (that) makes her the perfect person to answer the hotline."

Rodriguez agrees that her role will be to compassionately listen to the people who call, and assess their needs.

According to Everett, the hotline counselor's job is to then refer them to someone on the confidential network of priests, professional counselors and spiritual mentors who will help them through the process of healing and reconciliation.

Rodriguez says she is relying on her faith as well as her training.

"As a hotline counselor for Project Rachel, and with the help of Jesus and Mary, our Mother, I hope to be a resource and provide support and information ... to the women and men whose lives have been affected and devastated by abortion," says Rodriguez.

Rodriguez also credits her experience with Women's Care Center for preparing her to help

others through Project Rachel.

"Women's Care Center bases its services on the 'Love Approach,'" explains Rodriguez.

"Jesus' unconditional and nonjudgmental love is the main approach I will take as the diocesan hotline counselor for Project Rachel."

MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ

"Jesus' unconditional and non-judgmental love is the main approach I will take as the diocesan hotline counselor for Project Rachel. This same approach is at the core of the Church's pro-life vision and at the core of my passion for doing this ministry."

Rodriguez believes the Hispanic community, along with other minorities, are

frequent targets of the abortion industry. She says she hopes to be "an instrument of God" in promoting awareness.

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"THE CONFLICT is between a culture that affirms, cherishes, and celebrates the gift of life, and

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Margarita Rodriguez taught a parenting class in Spanish last summer. Her bilingual counseling skills make her a strong asset for the diocesan Project Rachel program.

tinues Rodriguez. “Hispanics and blacks have been one of the main focus of the Planned Parenthood agenda, and of the culture of death in general. These are all attempts to destroy life; from the unreliable, deceiving and defective, “sexual education” that promotes and generates promiscuity, and shapes a destructive contraceptive mentality ... that leads to the use of artificial contraceptives, abortion, artificial reproduction and euthanasia. And of course social injustice, destruc-

tive inhumane and unjust immigration laws; all have the same tactic, to dehumanize and demonize the undesirable person. I really believe that giving priority to the sanctity of life will bring blessings in every way, including a just immigration reform. The sanctity of life is like the core piece of the puzzle once we place and protect that piece all the others will come in place.”

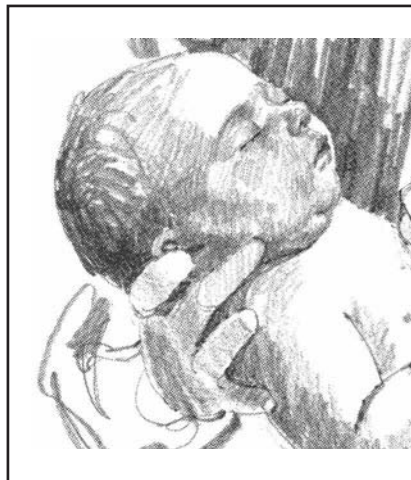
Rodriguez says she is grateful to Bishop John M. D’Arcy for the work he’s done, and after hearing

how involved Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has been with the Hispanic community, she looks forward with great excitement to working with him.

“I feel like a kid Christmas morning unwrapping her gifts,” smiles Rodriguez. “My wish list has been granted with flying colors and I barely started unwrapping. Something tells me that feeling is going to last for a long time!”



This family enjoyed a Women’s Care Center parenting class taught this summer by Margarita Rodriguez whose bilingual skills help her better serve the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a hotline counselor for Project Rachel.



In the name of God, in whose image everyone is made, may we love, cherish, and protect human life from conception to the hour of natural death!
*“Holy Mary, mother of the author of life, pray for us.
 Amen”*



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“Christians are not distinguished from the rest of the human family by nationality, speech, or particular customs. They are in the flesh but do not live according to the flesh. They dwell on earth, but have their citizenship in heaven. They obey the laws of the land, but in their own lives they transcend those laws. This is the responsibility to which God has called them, and it is not right for them to shrink from it.”

The Epistle to Diognetus (c. AD 180)



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Here's a life
To shape and mould.
Born to be cherished
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A little angel sent from above.

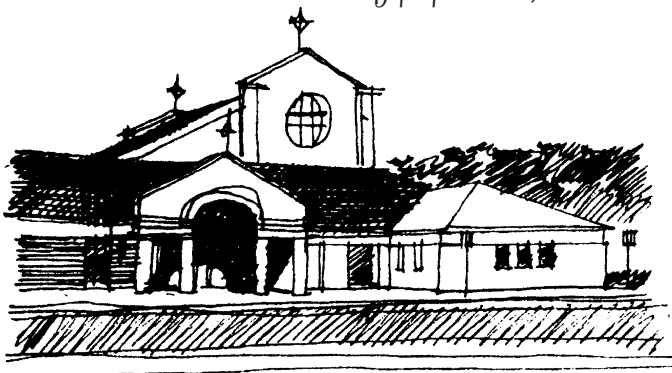
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My inmost self, and put
Me together in my
Mother's womb; for all
These mysteries I thank you;
For the wonder of myself, for
The wonder of your works.*
Psalm 139, 13-14

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Diocesan winner of pro-life essay contest, 'The American Holocaust'

BY VERONICA FRECKER

In a period of 11 years, an estimated 11 million people had their lives and dreams stolen away from them. This was the result of the hate and racism of the Holocaust during the Second World War. This horrible event seems to be an event that could never be repeated, but what most people fail to realize is that there is still a mass destruction of human life going on today. In America, there have been over 49,551,700 victims since 1973. Though this modern day mass murder has much in common with the previous Holocaust, it is not as well known. This new horror is abortion — the American holocaust.

The first similarity between the American and the World War II holocausts is the fact that human beings were and are eliminated for the betterment of the human gene pool. This selection method is called eugenics. Nazis

worked toward the "final solution," by killing people who were physically or mentally handicapped. They wanted to create the perfect race, and anyone who did not meet their guidelines was considered an obstacle. Every obstacle must be exterminated before the goal can be accomplished.

Today, parents test an unborn child for deformities. If any problems, such as retardation or autism are found, the parents may decide they will not be able to care for someone who has these special needs. In response, the parents exterminate their "problem." The practice of eugenics takes away the individuality of the person, and it makes a species of undefined individuals.

It is so easy to get rid of something when it has no value. That is why Nazis and abortion supporters dehumanize their victims. In the past, Nazi propaganda was used to create anti-Semitic feelings. Jews were criti-

cized as the cause of social and economic problems. This made them a group of undesirables that could be done away with, with little guilt.

The same problem occurs today. Though unborn children are not blamed for problems in our society, they are degraded to nothing but a mass of cells or a fetus with no real connection to the person they have the potential to be. When those supportive of "choice" claim that the fetus is not yet a person, this is just their way of dehumanizing the infant. It severs the emotional bond between the mother and the baby, and the act of abortion seems less immoral. The life of the child is then disposed of without sympathy, and its body is trashed unceremoniously — trashed because it has no value, and no connection.

Dehumanization is a plague to our species, for it turns a life into something that can be discarded like garbage. When people of any day and age think like

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the patron of our parish,
as a protector of
The Holy Infant, and
The Holy Family,
advance the cause of Pro Life.*



*Why can't
we love them all?*

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"Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase which precedes birth. All human beings, from their mothers' womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already see in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the 'book of life'

Evangelium Vitae

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this, it can lead to the ultimate destruction of a people.

An effect of this thinking is the illusion that we are supreme judges. No person has the right to take another's life. Nevertheless, Nazis, mothers and doctors have taken the liberty of choosing who will live and who will die.

The Nazi SS worked toward the "final solution" by trampling over those who did not have the power to stand up to them. They chose young and old, the sick and the weak. From lineups, they were selected. They were selected to die. No man should have this type of authority over another man.

Nevertheless, mothers, in partnership with doctors, murder innocent humans in the name of "choice." In a world where it is easier than ever before to get an abortion, the only factor keeping unborn children alive is whether or not the mother "wants" the baby.

The child has no chance to defend itself. It has no voice to speak for itself. It barely has a body to fight for itself. After the choice is made, whether it is made by a mother or an SS soldier, the innocent is made a victim.

To these victims of choice, not even death comes easily. The men, women and children of unwanted races and religions were gruesomely murdered. They were taken from their homes where everything was familiar and safe. They were separated from their families and friends. Many watched their loved ones and neighbors die before them, knowing that their lives would come to the same fate. That fate included death by

gas chambers, gunfire, injection, starvation, lab tests, extreme torture and many more horrors. They were treated worse than animals. These who suffered lost everything they had, including their futures.

Similarly, the "mass of cells" is taken away from the warm security of its mother's womb. This is achieved in many heartless ways. The baby can have its brain suctioned out, the entire body can be dismembered in the womb, or the murder can be as "simple" as saline injection. The pain from these tortures is the last sensation that the child experiences before it dies.

Any dignity the lifeless bodies had left was stripped away when it came to their disposal. Both in the past and the present, the corpses of the victims were unceremoniously done away with. The Jewish innocents were most commonly cremated in the gas chambers where they died. It was not uncommon for the condemned to be forced to dig their own graves. They were then cal-

lously shot before their lifeless bodies fell into the work of their own hands. The Nazis also fell into the practice of piling the bodies for everyone to see and for the earth to take care of.

Today, the disposal process is not as public or well-known. Not enough people realize that after a baby is taken from the womb, the only value it has is the money that can be made by selling the baby's tissue. If the baby's remains are not used for this appalling intent, they are simply discarded. Whether they are cremated, put through a garbage disposal, or left in a trash can is up to the abortion clinic.

The victims of the modern holocaust are not mentioned on the news and they do not have flowers placed on their graves.

They have nobody to bless their souls or perform funeral rites. These victims have few family members who can or will speak up for them. These victims have lost their voice.

Fortunately, there are others who will speak up for those without a voice. There

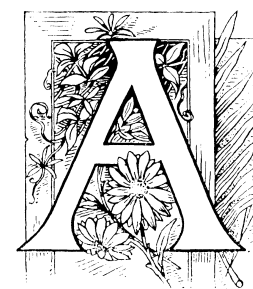
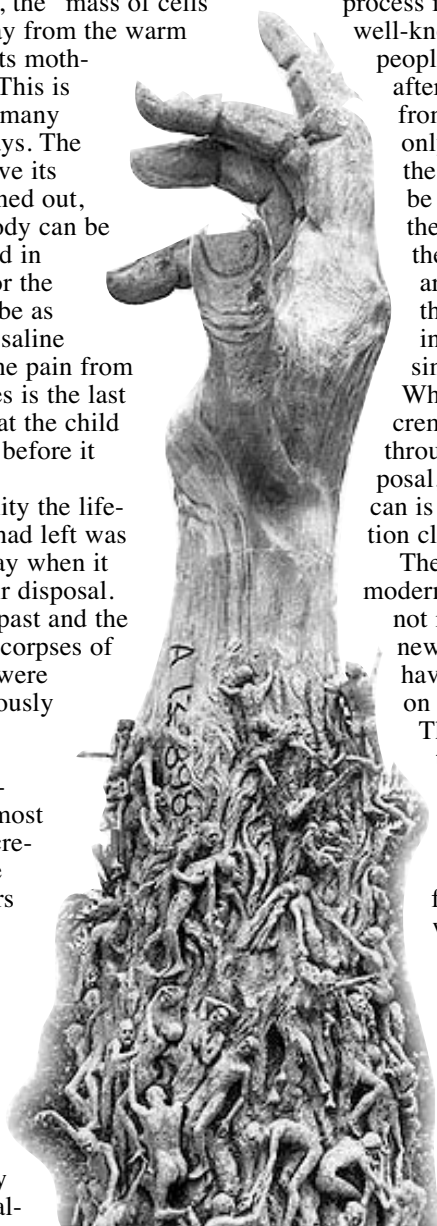
are unsung heroes fighting for the ones who cannot fight. There is a resistance, just as there was 70 years ago, when people of all ages fought against a murdering force. Uprisings showed the true power of the oppressed. They showed that nobody wanted to be defeated quietly.

Possibly even more effective than blatant revolts were the silent prayers. These prayers gave hope. They showed that everyone had faith in a better tomorrow. That is the exact mindset any resistance needs to adopt if it is going up against an opponent that kills over 4,000 each day.

It is up to everyone to put abortion to a stop. It is up to us to make sure that everyone realizes that abortion kills babies. Together — marching, fasting, praying — we can end abortion.

It has been said more than once that we study history so that we do not repeat the past mistakes. We need to look back to the Holocaust. We need to remember its victims. The result of this war of races reflects so much of what is happening today. With the right support, an end was put to one holocaust. Once more strength, determination and hope are needed to stop another — the American Holocaust.

Veronica Frecker, a sophomore at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, was this year's winner of the essay contest titled "The American Holocaust" and sponsored by the Office of Family Life.



*s believers,
how can we fail to
see that abortion,
euthanasia, and*

*assisted suicide are a terrible
rejection of God's gift of life
and love? And as believers,
how can we fail to feel the duty
to surround the sick and those
in distress with the warmth of
our affection and the support
that will help them always to
embrace life.*

Pope John Paul II
Homily at Trans-World Dome
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EDITORIAL

High noon for healthcare reform

As congressional leaders meet to hash out the final version of a healthcare reform bill, a final stand on the House floor by pro-life Democrats regarding abortion coverage looks all but certain. While the House bill had a strong federal ban on funding abortions except for cases of rape, incest or the life of the mother, the Senate version would, in many cases, require federal subsidies for abortion on demand — no matter how far along or for what reason. Many are guessing that the final bill will contain the Senate language on abortion coverage.

It will likely take only a dozen of the House pro-life Democrats to stand firm in order to stop passage of a pro-abortion healthcare bill. Rep. Joe Donnelly of South Bend has indicated that he will be among them. The big question that remains is whether the congressional leadership would then quickly insert a restrictive funding amendment in order to save the healthcare bill. Let us pray for a victory for both the poor and the unborn.

The Magi show us the way

In his reflections on the Epiphany, Pope Benedict reminded the world that humility is needed in order to both seek and find the Truth. To the question of why so many do not believe in Christ or, even, in God, the Holy Father explains:

“We may answer that too much self-confidence, the belief they possess a perfect knowledge of reality, and the presumption of having already formulated a definitive judgment about things makes their hearts closed and insensitive to the novelty of God. They are sure of the idea they have of the world and do not allow themselves to be intimately moved by the adventure of a God who wants to meet them. They place their trust more in themselves than in Him, and do not believe it possible that God is so great that he can become small, that he can truly draw close to us.

“In the end, what they lack is the authentic humility capable of submitting itself to that which is greater, but also the authentic courage which brings us to believe in that which is truly great, even if it shows itself in a defenseless Child. What they lack is the evangelical capacity to become children at heart, to be amazed and to abandon the self so as to start down the path indicated by the star, the path of God.”

The Magi, who were men of advanced learning, nevertheless, had the humility to make them wise as well. This authentic wisdom made them capable of both seeking and finding the Lord. This childlike openness not only made possible their investigations of reason along with their pilgrimage of faith, but also the encounter with Love in finding the anointed one of God in his humble circumstances:

“The culmination of their quest came when they found themselves before ‘the child with Mary his mother.’ The Gospel says that ‘they knelt down and paid him homage.’ They could have been deluded, even scandalized; yet, being true wise men, they were open to the mystery which revealed itself in such a surprising way, and with their symbolic gifts they showed they recognized Jesus as King and Son of God. In that gesture the messianic oracles announcing the homage of the nations to the God of Israel were fulfilled.

“One final detail confirms the blend of intelligence and faith in the Magi. This is the fact that, ‘having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.’ It would have been natural to return to Jerusalem, to the palace of Herod and the Temple, in order to announce their discovery. Instead the Magi, who had chosen the Child as their king, kept that discovery hidden, like Mary or, better still, like God Himself. And so, just as they appeared they disappeared in silence, contented but also changed by their encounter with the Truth. They had discovered the new face of God, a new regality: the regality of Love.”

In our efforts this year to promote a culture of life and a civilization of love, let us bear in mind that only a humble encounter with the Child King, who is the Truth that reveals man to Himself, will yield a reign of life and love in our nation and throughout the world.

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

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Luers principal pays tribute to John Gaughan

I laughed on Jan 5. There was a meeting in Warsaw with Bishop John M. D'Arcy, the pastors in our diocese who have a school, and the high school principals. Bishop introduced Mr. John Gaughan and stated, “John retired on this past Dec. 31.”

Yes, he did retire (again), but there he was supporting all of us in our quest to make Catholic schools the best that they can be. This is what Mr. Gaughan has been doing for the past too many years to count.

He worked on site at Bishop Dwenger High School, Bishop Luers High School and Saint Joseph's High School. I am certain that he most likely spent time sitting

in at Marian also. How does one thank, honor, recognize this man who has given tirelessly for Catholic education?

John Gaughan has been my immediate superior for the past 16 years. He has returned every single phone call, even those made to his home when he was “off-duty.” He has come to Bishop Luers High School every single time he was invited. He has supported the high school principals in the form of four meetings per year, helping us with our budgets, answering any question that we may have. He has advised us; he has shared his wisdom. He has shown impartiality; he has gone to bat for us. He shares our schools' joys and accomplishments, and empathizes with us in our not so bright moments. John Gaughan is a master at allowing us to make our own decisions. I cannot count the times that he said, “Mary,

you make the decision and I will support you.” He was available to share his experience, yet he never expected that it would be “his way.”

What a joy and honor it has been for me to learn from John Gaughan. May God bless him in this next part of his life. Thank you to Bishop D'Arcy for making John available to us. I have a feeling that he really is not completely and totally retiring. I have a feeling that if Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades or Dr. Mark Myers has a question about secondary education in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, John Gaughan will field the question, give his wisdom, and tell them that he is certain that they will make the correct decision.

John Gaughan, thank you for your service. You will be missed.

Mary Keefer
Principal, Bishop Luers High School
Fort Wayne

White House protest new to March for Life activities, Roe anniversary

BY CHAZ MUTH

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pro-life activists flocking to the nation's capital for the 37th March for Life Jan. 22 will be buoyed by recent polls that say they are among the majority of Americans who identify themselves as pro-life.

Organizers of the massive demonstration also have scheduled — for the first time in its history — a two-hour rally at Lafayette Park, across from the White House, the evening before the march, in an effort to demonstrate their commitment to the pro-life movement to President Barack Obama.

Billed as a mini-rally because the permit limits the gathering to 3,000 demonstrators, organizers say they planned the White House event to bring the “life principles to the president of the United States.”

Obama, nearing the end of his first year in office, has repeatedly said he supports keeping abortion legal in the U.S.

Tens of thousands from all over the U.S. travel each year to the nation's capital for the Jan. 22 anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

The same day the Supreme Court ruled on the Roe case, it also handed down the companion decision Doe v. Bolton. Together, Roe and Doe defined abortion as a constitutional right and overturned most state laws banning the procedure.

As usual, the main event will begin with a noon rally Jan. 22 on the National Mall, followed by a march along Constitution Avenue that will end at the U.S. Supreme Court. From there, participants are urged to meet with members of Congress to lobby on abortion-related issues.

Pro-life activists have been encouraged in the last year that their message has been resonating with the American public and organizers of the March for Life hope to energize participants with poll numbers released in 2009.

A poll conducted last May as part of the annual Gallup Values and Beliefs survey found that a majority of Americans (51 percent) described themselves as “pro-life” with respect to the abortion issue, while only 42 percent said they were “pro-choice.”

It marked the first time since Gallup began asking the question in 1995 that more respondents said they were pro-life than pro-choice, and was a shift of 7-8 percentage points from a year earlier, when 50 percent said they were pro-choice and 44 percent said they were pro-life.

The pro-life message will be augmented with a holdover exhibit of more than 300 Nativity sets from around the world at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center near The Catholic University of America in Washington.

Cultural center officials say they've been keeping that exhibit up until the end of January for the last few years so that participants

of the March for Life can stop by and pay homage to Mary, who they say is a symbol of hope for the pro-life movement.

While much of the March for Life will be similar to previous years, organizers said they added the White House mini-rally to give Obama something to think about when making future decisions concerning abortion.

Though the president affirmed his support for legal abortion shortly after his 2009 inauguration, he spoke on the subject during his May commencement address at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and vowed to seek common ground on the divisive issue.

To grab Obama's attention, organizers of the White House rally are urging participants to bring flashlights instead of candles, and said the two-hour event will include prayer and song.

Although the March for Life is not linked to a particular faith group or ethnic community, a variety of organizations are holding multiple events in the nation's capital and throughout the U.S. in the days surrounding the march.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, will begin with a 6:30 p.m. EST Mass Jan. 21 and conclude with a 7:30 a.m. EST liturgy Jan. 22. Both will be broadcast live on the Eternal Word Television Network.

Closure — the myth

It's time to dispel an unsettling myth that has become popular in our culture in the last couple of decades — that of closure. Closure can mean different things to different people, but in the bereavement arena it is typically defined as letting go, putting "it" behind you or closing the door on the past. When the phrase, "Now you have closure," is expressed, it's message is one of confusion for the bereaved — time to be done.

How does one close the door on their grief? On their memories and love? Those of us who have experienced the complex and deeply personal journey associated with losing a loved one find that there is no getting over a loss — no real or imaginary closure.

Most of us will never forget the life altering event of our loved one's death, nor do we want to. Closing the door on the loss, with all its emotional tur-

moil and mandatory self-discovery, would mean closing our minds and hearts to the memories of the love we shared and time we spent with our loved one.

Rebecca, a woman who recently buried her husband of 27 years, says, "So many people told me at the funeral that I would find closure after I buried my husband. So far I haven't found it." She has found that day by day as she faces her grief, that she is on a path of discovering a new normal for herself and her family — and it is an ongoing process.

Rebecca acknowledged that she continued to seek the closure those at her husband's funeral eluded to, hoping to distance herself from the overwhelming emotions that follow the death of someone dear. She envisioned it much like finishing a chapter in a book. "I just hoped that when I cleaned out his things and gave them away, I would close this



KAY COZAD

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

chapter of my life," she said. Unfortunately she discovered that even without her husband's belongings in her possession, his memory remained and her grief journey continued.

Whether it's following the funeral or special ceremony, a special anniversary date, removal of wedding rings or distribution of personal items, the pain of loss typically continues. But if attended to and expressed, the pain will soften over time and become transformative.

Some of us, after hearing about this elusive "closure," but

not achieving it, may over time begin to wonder if there is something wrong with us or our style of grieving. Nothing could be further from the truth. As Ashley David Prend wrote on the bereavement Web site, For the Love of Christy, "Closure is for business deals. Closure is for real estate transactions. Closure is not for feelings or for people we love."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of my husband's death. In the past two decades my daughters and I have experienced the painful birth pangs of creating a new life after loss and found goodness and joy again. But I would be remiss if I did not say that the memories we cherish, some which still occasionally stir sadness and pain, have remained with us. And I suspect they will reside in our hearts forever. They are, after all, the very thing that connects us to the person who

meant so much to us. I would never close the door on that.

The very essence of grief work is rediscovery of life. That process, difficult as it is, can be embraced but never closed.

So if you haven't been able to find closure, relax and take a breath. It does not exist. The issue is the underlying message — be done, put it behind you, forget about it. To mourn well and live well, facing the pain of the loss and the treasured memories in everyday life is essential to healing and creating a new normal. This is the way we honor our past, live in the present and move into the future.

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Being with God is our destiny



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 2:1-11

The Book of Isaiah furnishes this weekend's first reading.

When this third section of Isaiah was written, the Hebrew people had just emerged from a terrible period in their history. Their homeland, divided into two kingdoms after the death of King Solomon, had been overrun by the mighty Babylonian Empire, centered in today's Iraq.

Many died, or were killed, in the conquest. Others were taken to Babylon, the imperial capital. There these exiles, and then their descendants, languished for four generations until political fortunes changed. The more powerful Persians conquered Babylonia itself.

As a result, the exiles were allowed to return to their homeland. The prophets did not see the sequence of events leading to this happy release as merely coincidental or the result of human political maneuvers. Rather God provided for it. God has promised to protect the people. The people upset the arrangement by sinning.

Despite their sinfulness, however, God was constant. He provided.

For its second reading this weekend the Church presents a passage from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Leading the Corinthian Christians to genuine fidelity was a considerable challenge for Paul. In reaction to rivalries and arguments in Corinth, Paul wrote what has become a blueprint for Christian living. He reminded the Corinthians to whom he wrote that each of them has special gifts and opportunities. Such diversity was welcome since it meant that there were so many occasions for individual believers to bring the sweetness of the Gospel into the world. Paul even lists different skills and talents to make his point.

St. John's Gospel supplies the third reading.

Unique to John, the miracle at Cana in Galilee was the first recorded of the Lord's miracles. It marked the beginning of the Lord's public ministry.

The emphasis usually lies upon the marvel of the changing of the water into wine. This indeed was remarkable. But the story has other powerful lessons.

A great lesson is about Mary. John's Gospel never names her. It always simply refers to Mary as "the mother" of Jesus. This is not an oversight. It stresses her unique role as the Lord's earthly parent.

The response of Jesus to the obvious embarrassment of the host in not having enough wine for the guest can be puzzling. Was the Lord indifferent to the host's distress? His reply only stressed that the messianic mission was not to provide for human needs, but to draw all to God and to eternal life.

Mary enters the picture. First, Jesus hears her. Secondly, her faith is unqualified and frank. She trusts the Lord, telling the servers to do whatever the Lord orders them to do.

So, this reading reveals the

power and mission of Jesus, as well as Mary's perfect response in faith to the Lord.

Reflection

The Church celebrated the feast of the Nativity at Christmas, rejoicing in the birth of the Lord in time and space. In observing the feast of the Epiphany, the Church joyfully proclaimed to us that the Lord came to show all of us the unlimited love of God for us. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord told us that Jesus lived, and eventually, died for us. He became one of us.

This weekend, in the words of Isaiah, the Church declares that earthly life would be beautiful if we all loved God in return.

How do we love God? The story of Cana tells us. Jesus teaches us that no human situation should distract us from the fact that being with God is our destiny and therefore our priority.

Mary instructs us that we can go to Jesus with any worry. But, she tells us, as she told the servants, that we must follow the Lord and trust the Lord.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Who exactly were the Pharisees?

There were many different groups and sects at the time of Christ, most of which are mentioned in the New Testament. One of these sects were the Pharisees. M. Tenney says that, during the time of John Hyrcanus (135-104 B.C.), who founded the Hasmonean dynasty that ruled southern Israel from 135-36 B.C., the Pharisees emerged from the old party of the Hasidim or Hasideans. This was a group of Jews in the period of the Maccabean dynasty (167-134 B.C.) who were devoted to the law. The Pharisees were the master interpreters of the oral traditions of the rabbis. Most of them came from middle-class families of artisans, tradesmen, teachers, and shopkeepers. For example, St. Paul, who had been a Pharisee, was a tentmaker.

The Pharisees exerted a powerful influence over the peasants. The ancient historian Josephus says the Jewish people relied on the opinion of the Pharisees rather than that of the king or high priest. The trusted Pharisees were often chosen for high government positions like the Sanhedrin, or Jewish council. There were about 6,000 Pharisees at the time of Jesus.

Father John McKenzie says the Pharisees were heirs of Ezra, a priest and scribe skilled in the law of Moses, who had been a member of the Jewish community in Babylon in southern Iraq who left this land of exile and returned to Jerusalem to establish there the observance of the Mosaic law, possibly in 458 B.C. The Pharisees felt the Jewish religion was centered upon the strict and severe observance of the law.



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They fostered synagogue life and worship and called people back to a study of the law and its application to their own time.

The Pharisees agreed with submission to the Roman government because Rome was usually tolerant of the religions of subject peoples. The zealot party, however, wanted to overthrow the Roman government and engaged in guerrilla warfare. The Pharisees were laymen and were different from the Sadducees, the priestly party. The Pharisees were not thrilled about the ignorant common people of the land who neither knew or cared about their strict religious observances.

The Pharisees held some different beliefs from the Sadducees. The Sadducees held that only the first five books of the Old Testament imposed valid obligations on the Jews. Besides these five books of Moses, the Pharisees also accepted the oral traditions of the elders. This chain of elders went all the way back to Moses. The Pharisees believed in angels and spirits as intermediaries between God and man, in the resurrection of the dead and in the judgment of the world to come. These beliefs

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America's Roman college at 150

On Dec. 7, 1859, 12 American seminarians, who had previously been studying at Rome's Urban College, moved to Humility Street near the Trevi Fountain and launched the North American College under the protection of Blessed Pius IX. One of those students, Michael Corrigan, became archbishop of New York decades later. As the vagaries of Church history and personal orneriness would have it, Archbishop Corrigan excommunicated the man who had been sent to the house on Humility Street to serve as the seminarians' temporary prefect, Father Edward McGlynn.

Happily, that is neither the only nor the most emblematic story to be told about America's Roman seminary — although it does, as Archbishop John Myers of Newark put it in a fine sesquicentennial homily at the Pontifical North American

College on Dec. 8, suggest a lesson in prudence for the 225 seminarians living atop Rome's Janiculum Hill today: "Look around you carefully; you never know who your boss is going to be."

All joking aside, NAC in its sesquicentennial year is one of the finest houses of priestly formation in the world. Like other seminaries, the North American College suffered through a fallow period in the decades after Vatican II. But under the leadership of reforming rectors like Edwin F. O'Brien and Timothy M. Dolan, and with the inspiration of Pope John Paul II, the ship was righted and today's college is strong, virile, robustly orthodox, liturgically splendid and a happy place.

Its men speak with the accents of every region of the country; the dominance of Irish-Americans among the student body is a thing of the past; conversations in the refectory and the hallways even include a smattering of "No wor-



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ries," as the 11 Australians in the house enliven things with their distinctive form of the mother tongue.

I've been privileged to be the college's guest many times over the past 16 years and I count some of the young men I've met on those occasions, as well as many members of the faculty, as close friends. Some will undoubtedly be among the episcopal leaders of the Church in the United States in the 21st century; it's entirely possible that a papal elector or two (or more) is in residence on the Janiculum today. Yet in this

prevent the election of a Catholic as president of the United States and went to considerable rhetorical lengths to do so — imprisonment for the faith, or martyrdom, were not among the likely options for graduates of the college's first house on Humility Street and its contemporary home on the Janiculum. They are today, and Bishop Aquila was entirely right to remind the college of that.

Christian clergy in Canada have already faced imprisonment and harsh financial penalties for preaching biblical morality, which some in the gay insurgency are determined to smear as "hate speech." If death threats are issued — and they are — against prominent American lay defenders of marriage rightly understood, can anyone doubt that similar threats will eventually be aimed at Catholic priests who defend the primordial sacrament?

No one wishes for this;

indeed, we should pray daily that we are spared such sacrifices as a Church. That the dictatorship of relativism (as Pope Benedict XVI describes it) is determined to use coercive state power to enforce lifestyle libertinism is not, however, in doubt. The evangelical challenge that fact poses gives a special spiri-

tual texture to preparation for ordained ministry, at NAC or anywhere else, in the Church's Year for Priests and the sesquicentennial year of America's Roman college.

anniversary year, I could not help but think it appropriate that Bishop Samuel Aquila of Fargo, preaching at the college last month on the second Sunday of Advent, reminded the seminarians that the priests of tomorrow must never forget the possibility that martyrdom may be in their future.

Throughout the North American College's first century, NAC students faced the prospect of encountering various forms of anti-Catholicism in the course of their priestly lives. But no matter how nasty the nativism got — and a mere half-century ago, in 1960, prominent American Protestants were determined to

the days when Moses ascended and descended from Mount Sinai, performing ritual washings and offerings, and adhering to complicated food laws and Sabbath regulations. The Pharisees then scorned those who did not meet their rigorous standards. Contact with these sinners rendered the Pharisee unclean.

Although many of the Pharisees criticized Jesus, some Pharisees liked Jesus, such as Nicodemus who secretly met Jesus at night about the sacrament of Baptism and then helped bury Jesus, the

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wealthy Joseph of Arimathea who offered the crucified Jesus his new tomb hewn out of rock, the rabbi Gamaliel who publicly defended the apostles before the Sanhedrin, and Paul the great missionary who devoted his life to spreading the Gospel of Christ.

When the Romans destroyed the Temple of Jerusalem, its priesthood, and the Jewish community of Israel in A.D. 70, the Sadducees, as a group, disappeared. The Judaism that survived was that of the Pharisees and the rabbis.

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were denied by the Sadducees. The Sadducees defended freedom whereas the Pharisees believed in predestination.

J. Comay says the Pharisees prescribed rules for new members, including the observance of seven hours of prayer, giving one-tenth of all possessions to the Temple, fasting twice a week on

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 17, 2010

John 2:1-11

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, about the wedding at Cana. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

THIRD DAY INVITED MY HOUR GALLONS DRAW SOME OUT CALLED FIRST	IN CANA NO WINE STONE FILL THE JARS TAKE BRIDEGROOM HIS SIGNS	GALILEE WOMAN THIRTY THE BRIM TASTED DRUNK GLORY
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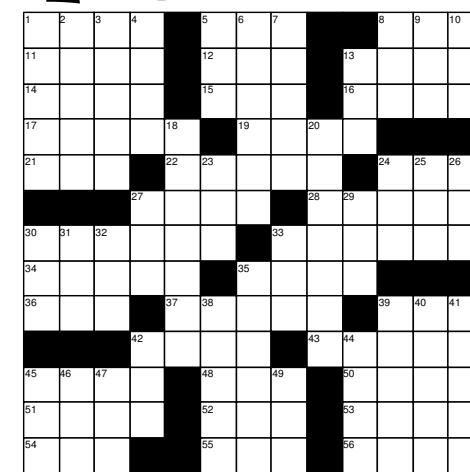
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Neh 8:2-10; 1Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1: 1-4, 4:14-21; Lk 4:21-30

ACROSS

- 1 No longer ___ or Greeks
- 5 Environmental agency
- 8 Revolutions per minute
- 11 President's office
- 12 Males
- 13 Talk back
- 14 Treaty Organization
- 15 Flying saucer
- 16 Leave out
- 17 Practiced
- 19 Adam and Eve's first home
- 21 Possessive pronoun
- 22 Stomach sore
- 24 Computer part
- 27 "Curses"

- 28 Expend (2 wds.)
- 30 Ghostly
- 33 Fools
- 34 India language
- 35 Jesus' first bed
- 36 East northeast
- 37 Ezra told people to drink ___ wine
- 39 Distress call
- 42 Fired gun
- 43 Moses brought people from
- 45 Adam's son
- 48 Container
- 50 Location
- 51 "Today is ___ to the Lord"

- 52 Epoch
- 53 Dye
- 54 Paul may have used to make tents
- 55 Capture
- 56 Relieve

DOWN

- 1 A whale of a prophet
- 2 Shirik
- 3 Baptize with
- 4 Swill
- 5 Flightless bird
- 6 Be ___ as your heavenly Father is
- 7 Negative battery terminal
- 8 Sacrifice animal
- 9 Pounds per square inch
- 10 Mountain Standard Time
- 13 "___ of Joseph"
- 18 From Constantinople
- 20 Learned
- 23 Not ordained
- 24 Executive
- 25 Set
- 26 Not downs
- 27 Dept. of Defense
- 29 Bro. or sis.
- 30 Her
- 31 Brooch
- 32 "Baptized in ___ body"
- 33 Wrath
- 35 *Et* ___
- 38 Got out of sleep
- 39 Naaman was from
- 40 Tournaments
- 41 Tell
- 42 Sneaky
- 44 "The Water ___"
- 45 Expression of surprise
- 46 Genuflect
- 47 Comes before "M"
- 49 Chat

Answer Key can be found on page 23

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER ANNOUNCES CHANGE OF COACHING STAFF Bishop Dwenger's head boy's soccer coach, Michael Khorshid, has retired after leading the program for the last 13 years. During his tenure, Bishop Dwenger won five SAC titles, and one sectional and one regional title. Carlos Cruz has been hired as the new head boy's soccer coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Cruz has been a varsity assistant coach at Bishop Dwenger for the last 11 years. He played four years at the University of Saint Francis and was captain on the team. Cruz is the current director of coaching and development for Citadel Futbol Club and director of training for Cruzbol International.

Panthers crowned Hoopfest Champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth League's (CYO) St. Vincent Panthers are off to a roaring start this season opening with a 2-0 record in Gold League play by beating St. John, Fort Wayne and St. Jude 8 during the month of December. After that, the Lady Panthers went on to win the 2009 Hoopfest, which showcased many CYO teams as well as a tough lineup of public middle schools over the Christmas break. On the hardwood at the University of Saint Francis, St. Vincent downed St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth 8 in a close one, 42-40.

In early 2010 action, St. Vincent snapped the Dekalb Baron's 26-game win streak with a 48-46 win on Jan. 5. In the thriller, the Panthers battled back, after being down 15 points at the beginning of the second half. St. Vincent's Mikayla Hudson made her second free-throw with only three seconds left on the clock, forcing an overtime play-off.

In his rookie season as the head coach, Bill Byers switched assistant roles with Todd Hudson, after two years. Byers lists nine players on his eighth-grade roster and feels it is a big plus that six of his girls have played together since the fifth grade. "We have a lot of continuity, can run plays and run the fast break," added Byers. His goals for the Panthers this season are "to improve on the basics and play execution."

As seventh graders, the Panthers were the CYO league and tourney champs, but have their work cut out for them when their CYO schedule resumes. After squeaking by St. Joe/St. Elizabeth at the University of Saint Francis, fans can expect the upcoming regular season match-up to be a nail biter when the two meet on Sunday, Jan. 17 at Queen of Angels. Things won't get any easier for the Panthers the following weekend. "We have not seen St. Charles yet, but they are typically our toughest competition," explained Byers. The longtime rivals face off on

Saturday, Jan. 23, at Hessen Cassel.

Boys:

Hessen Cassel 32-St. Therese 21 (Palmer 8, Scott 17)
St. Aloysius 41-St. John, New Haven 25 (Helmuth 14, Trabel 8)
St. Vincent 7 31-Decatur 7 18 (Kalorji 14, McBarnes 5)
St. Vincent 8 51-Decatur 8 14 (Eifert 12, Ellsworth 10)
St. Joe/St. Elizabeth 8 47-St. Louis/St. Rose 6 (Schultheis 7, Hamman 3)
St. Joe/St. Elizabeth 7 35-Most Precious Blood 42 (Gigli 18, Coonan 13)

Girls:

Hessen Cassel 33-St. John, New Haven 18 (Fox 10, Knapke 14)
St. Aloysius 29-St. John, Fort Wayne 8 28 (Freiburger 12, Gonzales 8)
St. Joe/St. Elizabeth 7 31-St. Jude 7 20 (Henline 12, Leja 8)

St. Therese girls anticipate strong CYO showing

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With Lindsay Shutt and Dustin Luegring at her side, Coach Linda Luegring is once again coaching the St. Therese girls this season. Luegring has been coaching for 22 years — the past six with the Crusaders. The Lady Crusaders list eight on their combined roster with four eighth graders and four seventh graders for the 2009-2010 season.

St. Therese is off to a 5-2 start which includes four games over the Christmas break at the University of Saint Francis holiday tournament where the Crusaders finished fourth with wins over St. Jude 8 and St. Jude 7.

Their losses during the tournament came to Memorial Park and St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth 8.

"I felt we played great defense the whole tournament, but struggled offensively," explained Luegring.

Looking to get their scoring back on track, the Crusaders had a bye the first week back, but resume play on Sunday, Jan. 17, when they face St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth 7.

In Blue League play, St.

Therese is 2-0 with wins over Huntington and St. Aloysius. They anticipate a strong showing in the 2010 CYO tournament after a third-place finish a year ago.

"Hessen Cassel will definitely be the team to beat. We have not seemed to get that done in past years," noted Luegring.

Goals for her team this season include becoming stronger shooters — both freethrows and

field goals. Luegring also

hopes to finish the season with a better than .500 record and see continuous improvement from the beginning of the year to the final game of the season in both individual and team play.

"Six out of the eight girls played for me last season. These girls have a lot of heart and play together well as a team. They work hard in practice and it shows in our games," Luegring added.

In other action over the Christmas break, the eighth-grade girls from St. Vincent took home the blue medals at Saint Francis, while St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel remained undefeated, winning both a feeder-school tournament and a four-team showdown at St. John, New Haven.



ICCL teams heat up the hardwoods

SOUTH BEND — The varsity boys of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) heated up the hardwoods in the second week of the new year.

Led by the 30-point scoring deluge of Dominique Sanders and 15 points from teammate Tyran Ottbridge, Our Lady of Hungary defeated Queen of Peace, 59-40. Anthony Piraccini had 15 points and Branden Kemp scored 10 points for the Queen of Peace team.

St. Jude defeated St. Monica, 30-25. Matthew Henry paced the St. Jude team with 10 points, and Kirk Barron had 16 points for St. Monica.

St. Joseph, South Bend, defeated Holy Family, 42-32. St. Joseph was led by Perley Provost with 15 points. Tyler Beck had 14 points for Holy Family.

With the scoring power of Evan Fras' 10 points, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, beat St. Pius, 27-22.

Matt Monserez tossed in 15 points for Christ the King to help his team beat St. Anthony, 35-25. Matt Royecca had 12 points for St. Anthony.

Corpus Christi defeated St. Matthew, 27-14. Ashton Corr had 11 points for Corpus Christi.

In other games, Holy Cross beat St. Thomas, 41-13.

Much like Robinson, Catholic a barrier-breaker in the world of sports

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Wally Yonamine was a trailblazer in the world of sports, much like Jackie Robinson.

Yonamine, a Hawaiian-born Catholic of Japanese descent, became the first Japanese-American to play professional football, spending the 1947 season — the year Robinson broke U.S. baseball's color barrier — playing running back and defensive back for the San Francisco 49ers of the old All American Football Conference until the 49ers and some other AAFC teams were absorbed into the National Football League.

But when a broken wrist derailed a career in football — his first love — Yonamine picked up a bat and became, in 1951, the first American to play in Japan's professional baseball leagues after World War II.

In fact, Yonamine said, he was quizzed by leaders of the U.S. post-World War II occupation about his suitability to play ball in Japan, much like Brooklyn Dodgers general manager Branch Rickey examined Robinson's ability to be the first African-

American in 60 years to play in the U.S. major leagues.

Yonamine, now 84, spent 11 seasons playing ball in Japan, winning three batting titles. But when you add his coaching and managing career, he spent 38 years in uniform in Japan. His service won him a spot in the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame.

Early in his playing career in Tokyo, a U.S. military chaplain, seeing Yonamine attend Mass regularly, asked him if he wanted to be baptized. Yonamine agreed and has continued to be a frequent Massgoer.

But, like Robinson, it wasn't easy for Yonamine in the sports world. It took, by his estimation, six or seven years before he was accepted.

"One of those Japanese fans, he said, 'We don't like you, go back to Hawaii.' I used to break up double plays sliding into second base. The Japan players didn't do that at the time. The fans were throwing rocks at me, and the pitchers would throw at my head. But I had to take it," Yonamine said.

"My manager told me, 'Whatever you learned in the United States, I want you to do it in Japan.' I did exactly what I learned in the United States."

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Catholics look at how to welcome their own back to the fold

BY KATIE BAHR

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — Two women who have returned to their Catholic faith after years away have written a book, "When They Come Home," as a guide for parishes on how to minister to returning Catholics.

The women, Anna LaNave and Melanie Rigney, parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Arlington, say parishes need to reach out to inactive members by tailoring parish programs to meet their needs.

"The church really needs to come up with a strategy for how to bring these Catholics back," LaNave said. "Otherwise, we're going to have a very strong marginally Catholic group now, but in the next generation, it won't be marginal. It will be none."

At St. Charles Borromeo, LaNave is facilitator for a program called Landings that is designed to

welcome back those returning to the faith. The book she co-authored sets guidelines for how Catholics can set up and run programs such as Landings at their own parishes. It also provides tips on how to make a parish more welcoming to returning Catholics, how to market a program on the Internet and how to run meetings in a way that eases "inactives" back into the church instead of intimidating them or scaring them away.

LaNave and Rigney recommend that parish programs for returning Catholics provide a chance to ask questions or discuss issues. Many inactive or returning Catholics have not been exposed to Catholicism since their childhood and, as a result, have only a fourth- or fifth-grade level of understanding about the faith. Programs such as Landings serve as a place where they can come and have their questions answered in an environment where they won't feel embarrassed.

"It's the first opportunity to ask

questions," LaNave said. "Once they finish the program, if they feel like they need catechesis, they can go to (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and be a sponsor or attend Cursillo or Bible study."

LaNave said these programs should be thought of as a journey and a slow progress. The first step for ministers is to help inactive Catholics feel welcome and encourage them to attend Mass weekly. Encouragement to go to Confession — often the most frightening thing for returning Catholics — should come later.

Of course, ministering to return-

ing or inactive Catholics does not have to take place entirely within the confines of a parish program, which is why LaNave and Rigney advise people to invite their inactive Catholic friends or family members to participate in activities.

Paulist Father Frank DeSiano, president of the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association, has

similarly recommended parish programs that reach out to inactive Catholics.

At a recent workshop at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Hicksville, N.Y., he noted that nationally 32 percent of Catholics rarely or never attend Mass, while 24 percent attend a few times a year, 21 percent at least once a month, and 23

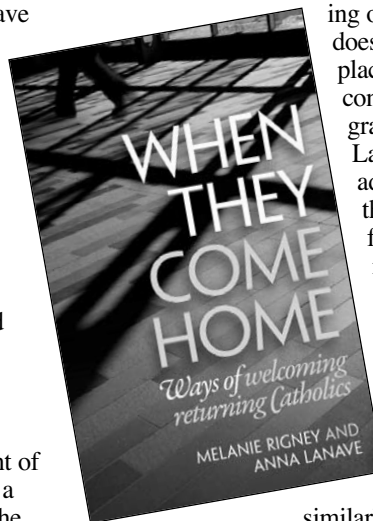
percent weekly or more. For Catholics who grew up after the Second Council, the percentages of those attending Mass and expressing a strong identification with the church are even lower.

Among Catholics of the pre-Vatican II and the immediate post-Vatican II eras who have drifted from active involvement, there are degrees of hostility and anger, Father DeSiano said. Some have joined other churches. Catholics from that generation need to be approached with great sensitivity.

Those who are 45 or younger are different, Father DeSiano said.

"How do we reach people like that?" Father DeSiano asked. One hopeful sign is that many in this age group are beginning to look for something, often because of changes in their life, such as a job, marriage, or children. "This gives us an opening."

The key is a sense of welcome, rather than judgment, and people with whom they can bond.



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Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner Friday, Jan. 15 at the Knights of Columbus' Hall, 553 E. Washington St. from 5-7:30 p.m. Adults \$7, children under 12 \$3.50.

Young adult retreat

Mishawaka — A young adult (18-35 years) mini-retreat will be held Sunday, Jan. 17, from 1-6 p.m. at the convent of Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, 1515 W. Dragoon Tr. An afternoon of prayer, inspiration and quiet is planned. "Faith and Reason in Today's World and How Do We Bring Christ to It?" will be presented by Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart. Mass at 5 p.m. Cost \$5.

Celebrate diversity in the arts

Fort Wayne — The Global Village will take the stage Sunday, Jan. 31, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the University of Saint Francis' North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St. Featured will be Urban Mimes and Korean Fan Dancers. Admission is free. Call (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001 for details.

Pancake breakfast hosted by Knights

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 9460 will host a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, Jan. 31, at the St. Therese Parish Hall, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A freewill donation will be accepted.

Jim Murphy to speak at day retreat

Mishawaka — St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Sodality present

Jim Murphy on "Gift of Faith," Saturday, Jan. 30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Francis Convent, 1515 W. Dragoon Tr. Registration and breakfast begins at 8 a.m. with the retreat at 9 a.m. Mass at 11:30 a.m. with lunch following. Cost is \$25. Register by calling (574) 291-0570.

Annual Right to Life March

South Bend — St. Joseph County Right to Life will hold its annual March for Life on Friday, Jan. 22, from noon until 1 p.m. in front of the Federal Courthouse at the corner of Main and Jefferson in downtown South Bend. This day will mark the 37th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the U.S.

March for Life planned at Scottish Rite

Fort Wayne — Allen County Right to Life will have a March for Life, Saturday, Jan. 30 beginning at noon at Scottish Rite Auditorium. Speaker is Abby Johnson, former abortion facility director, now pro-life advocate. Special guests include Congressman Mark Souder and State Rep. Jackie Walorski.

Pro-Life walk and talk planned by Knights

South Bend — A pro-life walk and talk sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 553, will be Sunday, Jan. 17, from 2-4 p.m. starting at council headquarters at Hill and Washington St. Walk as a group to St. Joseph Church for a prayer service, then return to the council for a panel discussion, "Pro-Life Michiana: A Status Report." Free of charge, refreshments. For more information call (574) 232-6777.

DCCW to meet at St. Joseph Hospital

Fort Wayne — The Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. in lower level of St. Joseph Hospital. The speaker will be Bryan Brown from the Archangel Institute in Fort Wayne. All women of the diocese are welcome.

Plan to attend Mass for fallen-away Catholics

Fort Wayne — Family and friends who know Catholics who have fallen away from the faith are invited to join others at St. Jude Parish Saturday, Jan. 30, for Mass at 8:15 a.m. then coffee, donuts, prayer and an open discussion. Call Angela Schade at (260) 482-3331 for information.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Reviewing the Situation." Please bring your Bible. The cost of the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Jan. 22 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Dale Bauman will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Dale is associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton.

REST IN PEACE

Auburn

Patricia J. Westrick, 78, Immaculate Conception

Bristol

W.E. Downs, 73, St. Mary of the Assumption

Churubusco

Mary Catherine Wisniewski Didion, 54, St. John Bosco

Elkhart

Edwin L. Huot, 83, St. Thomas the Apostle

Fort Wayne

Doris M. Mohl, 88, St. Charles Borromeo

Jean M. Partee-Woods, 84, St. Vincent de Paul

Steve Surfus, 63, St. John the Baptist

Margaret J. Momenee, 90, Our Lady of Good Hope

Clifford J. Smeltzley, 91, Our Lady of Good Hope

Frank Carmen Mangona, St. Joseph

Lorraine Zilka, 59, St. Jude

Charlotte L. Augustyniak, 88, St. Charles

Doris M. Evarts, 87, Queen of Angels

Michael D. Nichols, 62, Our Lady of Good Hope

Agnes M. Starost, 88, St. Jude

Garrett

Catherine M. Wiant, 95, St. Joseph

Mishawaka

Ugo G. Frisoni, 89, St. Bavo

Notre Dame

Sister M. Peter Clare Berna, CSC, 77, Our Lady of Loretto

South Bend

Robert C. Marnocha, 86, St. Casimir

Helen M. Zalejski, 89, St. Matthew Cathedral

Margaret M. Coiro, 89, Corpus Christi

Christopher J. Bankowski, 27, St. Anthony de Padua

Rosemary Burger, 77, Little Flower

Aloysius Heet, 72, Our Lady of Hungary

Wabash

Theodore Bellock, 72, St. Bernard

Sister Adele Mann, 83, Church of the Immaculate Conception. Sister served at St. Jude and St. Therese Schools in Fort Wayne.

Men's club athletic fundraiser

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Men's Club will have a casino night on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 5:30-11 p.m. in the parish hall. Texas Hold'em tournaments, black jack, dice, big wheel and more. Notre Dame football players on hand. Admission is \$15 pre-sale or \$20 at the door and includes food by Casa's with refreshments available. Contact Todd Martin at mensclub@saintv.org for tickets.

Mystery dinner theatre

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will host a mystery dinner theatre with appetizers, dinner and theatre performance Saturday, Jan. 30, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Call (260) 415-2900 for information.

Spaghetti dinner and silent auction benefits St. Monica

Mishawaka — St. Monica Parish will have a spaghetti dinner and

silent auction Saturday, Jan. 30, from 4:30-7:30 in the school gym. Advance sale tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for K-8 and under 4 are free. Tickets at the door are \$1 more. Call (574) 255-0709 for tickets.

St. Anthony announces open house

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua, 2310 E. Jefferson Blvd., will have an open house Sunday, Jan. 31, from noon to 2 p.m.

Trivia night announced

South Bend — Corpus Christi School will host a trivia night on Saturday, Feb. 6. Tailgating begins at 6 p.m. with gameplay beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, maximum of 12 people per table. Special guest emcee: Father Daryl Rybicki. Registration forms available in the school office or by calling (574) 273-2931.

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FAREWELL BISHOP D'ARCY



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church on Jan. 10 in Fort Wayne, with Deacon Andrew Budinski, left, in attendance. The bishop told the congregation in the packed church that it was a "time of thanksgiving, gratitude and joy," as he celebrated his final Mass as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He stepped into the bishop emeritus position on Jan. 13 when Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was installed as ninth bishop of the diocese.

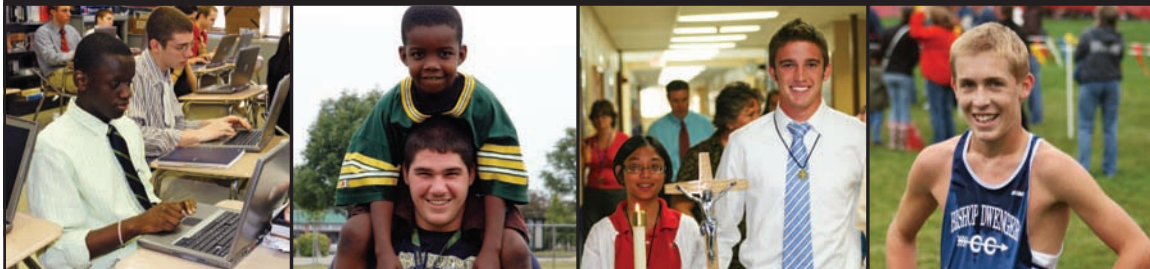


Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the diocese, shares fond memories of Bishop D'Arcy following the Mass of thanksgiving. His remarks inspired a standing ovation for the bishop. Following Mass the bishop greeted the faithful of the parish before attending a reception at the Grand Wayne Center.



Bishop John M. D'Arcy greets a woman at the reception held at the grand Wayne Center following the bishop's final Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The bishop greeted the more than 200 guests and media at the light lunch and cake reception.

Bishop Dwenger High School Registration



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Bishop Dwenger High School Freshmen Registration Dates

January 25, 2010 ■ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ■ St. Vincent and St. Mary
 January 26, 2010 ■ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ■ St. Charles and Queen of Angels
 January 27, 2010 ■ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ■ St. Jude and All Others
 February 6, 2010 ■ 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. ■ Open Registration

If you cannot come on your designated date, please feel free to come on any other date listed. For a personal tour or more information, please call our Admissions Department at (260) 496-4703, or email Joanne at jscully@bishopdwenger.com.



We welcome your questions, and hope you will visit and experience what the Bishop Dwenger family has to offer.
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