



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Bishop visits Arcola parish on Easter

Bishop Rhoades celebrates first Chrism Masses, Triduum and Easter celebrations



MARK WEBER

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades baptizes Sophie Wilson at the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Rhoades also conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on five people who also received their first Communion at the vigil.

ARCOLA — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greeted parishioners at St. Patrick Parish in Arcola on Easter Sunday saying, "It is such a joy to be here with you."

He confided that he had long planned to visit one of his new diocese's "ordinary" parishes on Easter Sunday. And the St. Patrick community turned out to welcome him with full houses at both the church and the adjoining parish hall in response.

Bishop Rhoades began his homily by reminding his listeners of the Easter story with words that he said have formed the core of the Church's teaching throughout the centuries, familiar words describing the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

But Easter Sunday celebrates the key moment, the Resurrection, he said, and the message is precisely the same as that proclaimed by St. Peter so long ago.

Just as Jesus was buried and rose from the dead, today his faithful people also rise from sin through Baptism into new life.

Bishop Rhoades noted that Pope Benedict XVI recently affirmed that Jesus lives and walks before us as one who is alive so we can walk the path of life. We rejoice because Jesus belongs to the living, not to the dead, he pointed out.

The bishop remarked that more than 500 people joined the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil, proving that the Catholic faith is alive and well in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Most received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

Bishop Rhoades reflected on the sacraments in connection with the holiday. Easter is a good day to think about the effects of Baptism, he said, as we walk with Christ on our journey toward lasting joy. We receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation so as to bear witness to him. But the climax of the Easter celebra-

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Foundress, Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, declared 'Venerable'

BY DIANE FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — A private audience March 29 at the Vatican was cause for great celebration for a local religious order.

Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, was recognized for heroic virtue and named "Venerable" by Pope Benedict XVI. That is considered a step toward being named a saint, paving the way for possible beatification and canonization.

The Sisters, whose provincial house is located in Mishawaka, say they have been praying for Mother Theresia's cause for sainthood since she was recommended in

1961. They heard the news in an unexpected way, waiting for the Chrism Mass to begin last Monday evening. Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, broke the story.

"He scared me to death!" recalls Sister Angela Mellady, provincial superior. "He came up to me and said, 'Congratulations!' I said, 'For what?' and he said, 'Your foundress!' What was funny is we just had a community meeting and I jokingly said to the sisters I was expecting we wouldn't have to hear the news on (the news outlet) Zenit!"

The Sisters noted that with modern technology, once Vatican meetings end, informa-

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER JACK OVERMYER

When he was a boy, Jack Overmyer's parents often told him and his brothers and sisters that if any of

them were blessed with a religious vocation, they, as parents, would be proud and happy.

Each time Jack heard this, he thought,

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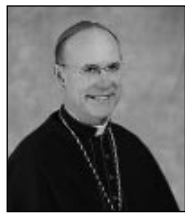
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Jesus is alive and He is the light of the world



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The peace and joy of the Risen Jesus be with you! We are now in the season of Easter, a celebration of 50 days which ends on Pentecost Sunday. I hope you all had a happy and blessed Easter Sunday. Prayerful best wishes to all who were baptized and/or received the sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil! It is a beautiful sign of the vibrant life of the Church in our diocese that nearly 500 adults were baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church this Easter.

This is the most joyful season of the liturgical year. Throughout these 50 days, we celebrate the glorious mystery of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The Paschal Candle stands lit in our sanctuaries during the Easter season, a visible reminder that Jesus is alive and that He is the light of the world.

Holy Week

My first Holy Week as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend was a memorable one. I was very edified to see our two cathedrals filled to capacity for the two beautiful Chrism Masses during Holy Week. I was blessed to celebrate Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week at Holy Cross House in South Bend, where many retired Holy Cross priests and brothers live. It was inspiring for me to meet so many of these devoted men, many of whom have served in the foreign missions, in Bangladesh and other places around the world.

The beauty of the liturgies during the Easter Triduum remains in my thoughts these days. I celebrated the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Matthew Cathedral and the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil at Immaculate Conception Cathedral. I thank Msgr. Heintz, Msgr. Schulte, the choirs of both cathedrals, and all who served in any way at these sacred liturgies. In a special way, I thank Mr. James Fitzpatrick for serving as master of ceremonies.

Easter Sunday

As was my custom in Harrisburg, I celebrated Easter Sunday Mass in one of the other parish churches of the diocese: St. Patrick's in Arcola. This parish, just 25 minutes or so from my residence, was a great place to celebrate Mass on Easter Sunday. I thank Father Alex Dodrai, the pastor, and all the people of St. Patrick's for their warm welcome. After the beautiful liturgy, I had the opportunity to greet the many parishioners who were present. When I entered the parish hall after Mass, I was surprised to be greeted by a group of chil-



DIANE FREEBY

South Bend area priests renew their commitment to priestly service at the Mass at St. Matthew on March 29.



TRISH LINNER

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades washes the feet of seminarian Royce Gregorson at the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, on April 1.

dren who sang a beautiful prayer of blessing for me. I met parishioners who are lifelong members of St. Patrick's and some who even had ancestors who built the church back in the 19th century. St. Patrick's is truly an historic parish, and also one that is growing today with many young families. The beautiful church stands in the middle of open fields. It was a breezy and sunny day, perfect weather for Easter Sunday.

Easter season

We have completed our Lenten penance. I hope the Lenten season was a time of

grace for you. The season of Easter is also a time of grace. It is a time of new life, not only in the world of nature, but also in our spiritual lives. Today I was meditating on a passage from the first letter of St. Peter. I offer these words of Peter for your reflection:

"Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, He who in His great mercy gave us new birth; a birth unto hope which draws its life from the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance, incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days.

There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen Him, you love Him, and without seeing you now believe in Him, and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory because you are achieving faith's goal, your salvation" — 1 Peter 1:3-9.

St. Peter encourages us to bear sufferings with joy. He encourages us to cultivate the virtue of hope. In these days of trial for the Church, I find St. Peter's words consoling and uplifting. They remind us that our hope draws its life from Christ's Resurrection. The Risen Christ is our hope! We believe in Him and we love Him, even though we have not seen Him. And, yes, we can rejoice because He is our Savior, our Risen Savior. Our faith and our hope are always centered in Him!

During this Easter season, may you experience the grace of the Lord's Resurrection and new strength in living as his faithful disciples!

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tion is Holy Eucharist, the greatest of the Easter sacraments. Christ becomes our new life each time we receive Communion, he said.

Though Christ died and rose from the dead centuries ago, the sacraments bring the event of His Resurrection into the present, said Bishop Rhoades in conclusion. And Easter is a vivid reminder of the everyday presence of Christ in our lives.

Easter Vigil

At the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Rhoades began the liturgy with the blessing of the Easter fire and lighting of the Paschal candle.

In his homily he noted, "Our procession into this darkened cathedral behind the Paschal candle symbolized our journey of faith through darkness into light, the light of Christ. Indeed all of human history, like the Israelites' journey through the desert to the Promised Land, is a journey seeking light, seeking paradise, seeking true happiness and peace. Where do we find it? The answer is a Person: the Lord Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead."

Bishop Rhoades recalled how St. Augustine referred to the Easter Vigil as the "mother of all vigils" in which "we commemorate that holy night when our Lord rose from the dead."

He highlighted three aspects about the vocation of disciples of the Risen Lord. Number one: Following Christ means being attentive to His words. Number two: Following Christ means obeying His commandments. And number 3: Following Christ means loving His Mystical Body, the Church.

Bishop Rhoades celebrated the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the vigil. At the cathedral parish, four were baptized, and five received Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Bishop Rhoades spoke in the homily, "On this holy night, our catechumens will pass from death to life through the waters of Baptism. All of us who already received Baptism will renew our baptismal promises. Our candidates and catechumens will be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and nourished by Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist. These wonderful Easter sacraments help us to follow Christ more closely. We rejoice that the Lord Jesus has risen from the dead and that He shares with us the gift of eternal life."

Chrism Mass

Earlier in Holy Week, celebrations included the Chrism Mass, first in South Bend at St. Matthew Cathedral on Monday and then in



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the congregation of St. Patrick Parish in Arcola following the celebration of Mass on Easter Sunday.

Fort Wayne at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday.

At Chrism Mass, Bishop Rhoades thanked Bishop John M. D'Arcy for "your presence and for your continuing devoted ministry here in our diocese." And in South Bend, Bishop Rhoades also thanked Father David Tyson, the provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross and all the Holy Cross fathers and Holy Cross brothers, and all the religious sisters present.

Priests renew their commitment to priestly service at the Mass. With priests and diocesan seminarians present, Bishop Rhoades said in his homily, "As many of you know, one of my highest priorities as your new bishop is promoting priestly vocations. This should in no way be perceived as a neglect of the great need for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life, which is also a high priority and very close to my heart. Nor should it be perceived as a lack of attention to the great dignity and beauty of the vocation of marriage, the promotion of which is also one of my highest priorities. But the Chrism Mass is particularly focused on the gift of the ministerial priesthood, and thus I am focusing this evening on the priestly vocation. I am convinced in the bottom of my heart that God is calling many young men throughout our diocese to the ministerial priesthood, to become living icons of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, the Head and Shepherd of the Church."

The Chrism Mass includes the Rite of the Blessing of Oils and Consecrating the Chrism. These oils are used for the newly baptized, the anointing of the sick and for those to be confirmed. The sacred chrism is also used at priestly and episcopal ordinations.

Holy Thursday

Bishop Rhoades presided over his first Holy Thursday Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. He called on all to recall the eternal sacrifice and love of Jesus

Christ.

Bishop Rhoades' homily spoke of remembering, "the Last Supper, the beginning of the drama of the Paschal Mystery, when our Lord instituted the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and the ordained priesthood. It is no mere coincidence nor an incidental aside that Jesus knelt before the Apostles and washed their dirty feet.

"When Jesus came into the world, God descended and became a servant, a slave, in taking on, or assuming, our human nature," Bishop Rhoades continued. "When his hour had come, He showed us again the humility of His Incarnation which now reached its climax in the humility of the Redemption. This is why He had come. His redemptive Passion was the very reason for His Incarnation. In the washing of the disciples' feet, the entire mystery of Jesus Christ is expressed. In this, what redemption means becomes visible."

Bishop Rhoades spoke how God continues to wash our dirty feet: "He cleanses us in the sacraments of Baptism and Penance. He is continually on His knees at our feet, carrying out for us the service of a slave, the service of purification, which makes us capable of receiving God's grace. Why else would He say to the protesting Peter, 'Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.'"

"We are sinners — we need His cleansing," Bishop Rhoades said. "That's why Jesus tells Peter that His washing of his feet was necessary for him to share in Jesus' inheritance, which is eternal life. Jesus is referring to the necessity of His death. His death brings us our heritage with Him and cleanses us of sins. And, of course, this becomes actual for us through the purifying sacraments of Baptism and Penance."

Good Friday

Good Friday Service opened in solemnity as Bishop Rhoades, along with transitional Deacon Andrew Budzinski, Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the diocese and retired Father Paul



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Tuesday, April 13: Meeting of USCCB Subcommittee on the Catechism, Chicago, Ill.

Wednesday, April 14: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Strategic planning meeting of the Board of Catholic Charities, Villa of the Woods, Fort Wayne

Wednesday, April 14: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Most Precious Blood Church, Fort Wayne

Thursday, April 15: 8 a.m. — Breakfast meeting with Campus Ministry Team of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne

Friday, April 16: 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Priest Personnel Board, Warsaw

Friday, April 16: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne

Saturday, April 17: 6:30 p.m. — Mass and dinner celebrating 100th anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council at the University of Notre Dame

Bueter, processed to the unadorned sanctuary of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The clergy then prostrated themselves before the altar as the congregation knelt in prayer.

Following the reading of the Passion narrative, the bishop, in his homily, told the filled-to-capacity cathedral that Good Friday was the only day of the Church year that Mass was not celebrated, but "... We gather to meditate on the Passion and Death of Our Lord. ... On this day we contemplate Jesus with his arms extended on the cross."

He went on to describe the crucifixion scene and reminded the faithful that Jesus never lost His freedom or true dignity as He followed His Father's will. "He hung on the cross courageously, intent on fulfilling the mission His Father entrusted to Him, the mission of redemption. He freely embraced in His human will the Father's will, His Father's love for us. On the cross, He trusted in His Father. He endured the insults and calumnies of His persecutors. And, most remarkably, He forgave them. He never stopped exercising His ministry of mercy."

Jesus, during His ministry and Passion, said Bishop Rhoades, teaches us to love even our enemies. "He teaches us by his example what He had earlier taught in words to the disciples: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.' — Luke 6:27-28. Have you ever wondered what the world would be like if we Christians really obeyed those words?" questioned the bishop.

Bishop Rhoades went on to contemplate Mary's pain at watching helplessly as her Son died upon the cross. He said, "On the cross, Jesus entrusted St. John and all of us, indeed all Christians, to Mary and her maternal care when He said, 'Woman, behold your son.' We can always turn to her,

especially in times of pain and sorrow. Our Lady of Sorrows was there at the foot of the cross and she is with us in all the sorrows of our life. She is our spiritual mother, a beautiful gift to us from Jesus on the cross. John took Mary into his home. I hope we all do the same."

Good Friday, which fell this year on the fifth anniversary of the death Pope John Paul II, is the day when Jesus accomplished His mission. "He had accomplished the Father's will. He accomplished our redemption. He loved us to the end. And that love revealed so dramatically in the crucifixion has brought the greatest blessing to humanity: Reconciliation with God, salvation, redemption. The truth of this victory of love would become evident on the third day when Jesus rose from the dead. That's why we call this day Good Friday," said Bishop Rhoades.

After explaining that veneration of the cross was not an empty gesture but a sign of our love for Jesus who suffered and died for us, Bishop Rhoades concluded by saying, "Jesus said from the cross, 'I thirst.' He still thirsts — He thirsts for our love."

Deacon Budzinski, who is preparing to be ordained into the priesthood this summer, chanted the General Intercessions to which the bishop responded in prayer. Following the procession of the cross, Bishop Rhoades removed his outer vestments and shoes to venerate the cross, after which the congregation followed. The cross was then laid at the foot of the altar before the Eucharistic celebration and closing prayer completed the solemn ceremony. Bishop Rhoades and the attending clergy processed out of the sunlit cathedral in silence.

Bonnie Elberson, Mark Weber, Kay Cozad, Trish Linner, Diane Freeby and Tim Johnson contributed to this roundup story.

Congregation of Holy Cross to ordain two priests

NOTRE DAME — The Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross announces the ordination of two new priests on Saturday, April 10, at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Holy Cross Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Holy Cross Deacon Kevin G. Grove, and Holy Cross Deacon Gerard J. Olinger, Jr.

“The international Holy Cross community is blessed to welcome these men who will bring hope and joy to many people through our ministries,” says Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior for the Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province. “These ordinations are a time of gratitude and celebration for us.”

Holy Cross Deacon Kevin G. Grove

Holy Cross Deacon Kevin G. Grove grew up in a small farming community in rural Montana where he attended Hobson School through the 12th grade. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy with a minor in medieval studies as well as a bachelor's degree in history with an additional major in English literature from Seattle University, Seattle, Wash. In 2009, Grove also received a master of divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame.

During his seminary formation, Grove served at André House in Phoenix as a summer staff member, as a hospital chaplain in Colorado Springs, Col., a counselor for the Women's Care Center in South Bend, a member of the RCIA team at the University of



Notre Dame, and as director of the Confirmation program at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. In addition, Grove coedited “The Cross, Our Only Hope,” a series of daily reflections by Holy Cross priests and brothers on their own experiences of life and ministry in Holy Cross based on the spiritual writings of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, as well as texts from the Holy Cross Constitutions.

Grove professed his perpetual vows with the congregation and was ordained to the Order of Deacon in August, 2009. Since then he has served as a transitional deacon at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend.

Grove will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, April 11, at 10 a.m., with a reception to follow in Fanelli Hall. He will also offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Church, his home parish in Hobson, Mont., on July 4.

Holy Cross Deacon Gerard J. Olinger, Jr.



The oldest of four children, Holy Cross Deacon Gerard J. Olinger, Jr. is originally from Springfield, Pa., where he attended St. Kevin School and later Devon Preparatory School. In 1997, Olinger earned both a bachelor's degree in history and government and a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame prior to entering the candidate program at Moreau Seminary in 2004. Olinger is a member of the bar in both Pennsylvania and Indiana. During his years of study and formation at Moreau Seminary, Olinger volunteered with the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic, which provides free legal representation for people below the poverty line. He also served as a counselor at the Women's Care Center in South Bend, worked with the RCIA program and taught sacramental preparation classes at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, and served as assistant rector of Old College, the undergraduate seminary program at the University of Notre

Dame.

Prior to his profession of perpetual vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross and his ordination to the diaconate in August 2009, Olinger was awarded a master of divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. During the past year, he was assigned to the University of Portland where he has served as a transitional deacon in the Offices of Campus Ministry and Residence Life.

Following his ordination on Easter Saturday, Olinger will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on April 11 at 11:45 a.m. and later that evening at Siegfried Hall, a residence hall on the Notre Dame campus. Olinger will also celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at the Chapel of Christ the Teacher at the University of Portland in Portland, Ore., on April 18 at 9 p.m. and at St. Kevin Church in Springfield, Pa., on May 23 at 1 p.m.



JESUS, WE TRUST IN YOU!

(699 ON ONE OCCASION, I HEARD THESE WORDS)

My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable (138) mercy, I desire that the Feast of Mercy (139) be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me. Even though its sins be scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. (139) It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of my mercy.

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tion often hits the news wire before formal announcements can be sent. Father Rybicki learned the news through his e-mail subscription to the Vatican Information Service. In a daily news release, he noticed a familiar name listed among the seven people the pope had named Venerable.

Sister Angela says the other sisters were "thrilled" when she shared the announcement the next morning, after getting a copy of the news release herself.

"We suspected it was getting closer," explains Sister Angela, "but to actually read that she was discussed at a meeting with the Holy Father that morning. ... It was just thrilling!"

Mother Theresia was born Regina Christine Wilhelmine Bonzel on Sept. 17, 1830, in Olpe, Germany. The girl born into a wealthy family had an early desire to follow Christ, according to records provided by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. It's believed she was formed by an intensive prayer life, a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist and a love of St. Francis of Assisi. She entered the Third Order Secular Franciscans in 1850, and became a consecrated religious in 1859. Her service to the poor did not go unnoticed, and Bishop Konrad Martin asked her to form a congregation devoted to that cause. The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Olpe was approved by the Church on July 20, 1863.

Sister Rose Agnes, former superior and longtime archivist at the Mishawaka provincial house, believes Mother Theresia's devotion to the Eucharist is one of her most heroic virtues, giving her the grace to minister in other areas like education and healthcare.

"She wanted the contemplative life, and that's why she started the perpetual adoration," says Sister Rose. "She did that from the beginning with eight sisters. Day and night! And works of mercy. She looked at everything as a work of mercy ... taking care of the poor and neglected children, teaching, nursing ... she looked at everything as a work of mercy. She wanted to follow the example of St. Francis, including his love



Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, was recognized for heroic virtue and named "Venerable" by Pope Benedict XVI.

for poverty. She could have had everything, but she gave it up!"

A widespread anticlerical reaction in Germany, known as the Kulturkampf, restricted Mother Theresia's work and the reception of new candidates. As one door closed, another one opened when an American bishop paid her a visit. Mother Theresia quickly accepted Bishop Joseph Dwenger's invitation to establish a convent within his Diocese of Fort Wayne.

"That was when the whole northern part of the state was one diocese," explains Sister Angela, "We came to Lafayette in 1875."

The sisters were given a small house and a benefactor donated two lots. There, the first building of the present St. Elizabeth Hospital was built. With the rapid expansion of the community, a

wing for the convent was added to the hospital in 1905. By 1940, the provincial house in Lafayette extended over a two-block area. The site also included a novitiate, a postulancy, a 350-bed hospital, a training school for nurses, a high school and a college.

"The community kept growing ... we eventually ran out of space!" says Sister Rose Agnes, reflecting on how it once seemed like the order might die out in Germany. "Then they came here ... Between 1885 and 1896 there were 600 novices. That's 60 a year!"

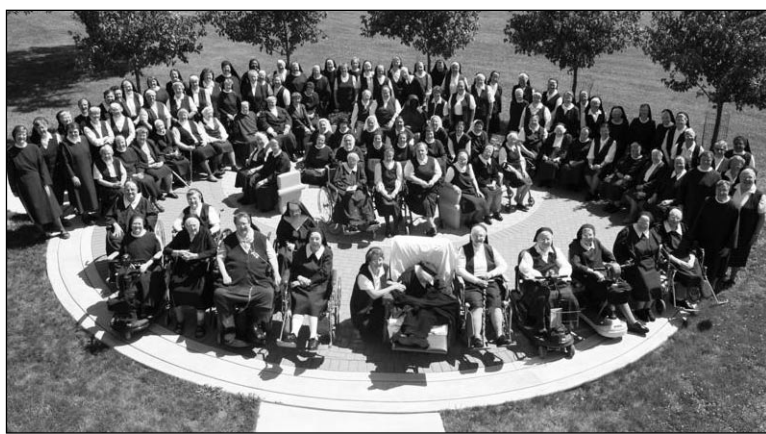
In 1943, Bishop John F. Noll dedicated the new provincial house at its current location in Mishawaka. The former Carlisle estate became known as "Mount Alverno" and is currently home to about 80 sisters.

"We've added other ecclesial ministries," explains Sister Angela. "Now, there aren't as many orphanages. We still are in education in this diocese ... the University of Saint Francis, Marian High School and St. Matthew's School."

The congregation remains true to the original mission 156 years after Mother Theresia founded the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

"The sisters strive to combine the contemplative life with the active through perpetual adoration and works of mercy," says Sister Rose Agnes. "That was her purpose for founding the congregation."

Sister Rose Agnes, who speaks German, was quick to e-mail the general superior in Germany to see if she had heard the news about Mother Theresia. She had — from a Jesuit priest with access to a computer.



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The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration are shown in this community photo.

YEAR of our PRIESTS

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"Please, God ... call one of them, not me!"

As time went by it seemed that those silent prayers had been answered in Jack's favor. He was happy at Leo High School and then at Purdue University; and when his feet first found the circuitous path, which would take him to the priesthood, it was because he was at the cusp of proposing to his girlfriend of four years. They had also decided that as a couple and potential parents, they should take a deeper look at their faith and their responsibilities as parents.

In response to this, Jack became involved with the RCIA at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in West Lafayette and sponsored a young man who was seeking to be baptized.

Jack's taste of the faith gave him an extreme hunger for more, taking him to the point where he considered the possibility that maybe doing "Church stuff" full time might not be such a bad life. Within two years, partially due to Jack's constant excited talk about how much he liked what he was doing at St. Thomas, he and his girlfriend broke up. Was God calling him to be a priest? Some family members heard him talking this way, and believed he was not hearing a call from God, but was merely over reacting to the break up.

After he had graduated with a degree in electrical engineering, he began working as a software engineer,

and was seriously interested in another woman, Becky, a non-Catholic coworker, who was a strong non-denominational Christian.

Together, they had extensive discussions about religion, their relationship, and the undertow that was pulling Jack toward priesthood.

One day they had an epiphany. On the very same day they announced to each other that they had the answer to their problem. Independently, each had arrived at the same conclusion; Jack should enter the seminary. If it were not right for him, he would hate it, get out, and get married.

That didn't happen. Jack loved his new life and was ordained as a priest by Bishop John M. D'Arcy on Nov. 29, 1997.

Becky ultimately became a Catholic after marrying another strong Catholic man, and Jack has had the opportunity to baptize two of her children.

Today, Father Jack Overmyer is resident chaplain at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne.

He finds great satisfaction in his work there and is especially impressed by the interwoven love of the staff and residents, displayed in many ways but daily expressed when a nurse or aid is kneeling on the ground caring for the feet or leg of a patient, the time taken by many staff to sit down and comfort an upset resident, or encourage one another.

Jack Overmyer, the boy who prayed, "God, don't make me a priest," is now thankful that somehow, God helped him to hear his call to become a priest and is extremely grateful that God did ask him.

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Bishops restate concern for abuse victims, praise pope's leadership

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Leaders of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops voiced concern for victims of clergy sexual abuse while offering praise for Pope Benedict XVI's long-standing leadership in dealing with abuse cases. In a Holy Week statement issued March 30, members of the Executive Committee of the USCCB said they are aware of the pope's concern for abuse victims and "how he has strengthened the church's response to victims." Committee members also acknowledged Pope Benedict's support for efforts within the U.S. Catholic Church on behalf of victims as well as the steps taken to deal with perpetrators of abuse. The letter was sent by Cardinal

Francis E. George of Chicago, USCCB president; Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., vice president; Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio, secretary; Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., treasurer; and Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., an elected member of the committee. The committee said recent revelations of sexual abuse by clergy "saddens and angers the Church and causes us shame." "If there is anywhere that children should be safe it should be in their homes and in the church," the bishops said.

Public, private aid to Haiti must continue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Even as media attention to Haiti wanes, individuals and nations must continue to support the long-term rebuilding of the Caribbean nation devastated by an earthquake in January, said Miguel H. Diaz, U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. The initial outpouring of aid, Diaz said, demonstrated that "while our citizenship is defined by the country in which we live, we all are part of a larger community of global citizens that aid others in need." The aid

must continue, he said in a statement given to Catholic News Service March 31, hours before the United Nations opened the International Donors Conference to hear Haitian officials describe their hopes for the future and to coordinate giving to help make their hopes a reality. The United Nations and the World Bank estimated that Haiti will need many years and \$11.5 billion to rebuild, the ambassador said. In addition, public and private donors must help meet ongoing humanitarian needs, Diaz said. "We know that any prosperous tomorrow will depend on providing vital assistance today to those

whose lives have been affected by the earthquake," he said.

New bishop reminded of duty to serve all, especially the poor and weak

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (CNS) — With a challenge to remember all he will serve, especially the "poor and the weak," Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston ordained Bishop-designate W. Michael Mulvey to the episcopacy and installed him as the eighth bishop of Corpus Christi March 25. More than 300 priests and 30 bishops, including Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, joined a congregation of nearly 1,200 in Corpus Christi Cathedral to celebrate the three-hour liturgy.

Without Christ, life would have no hope, pope says in Easter message

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Without Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, life would be without hope and human destiny would end only in death, Pope Benedict XVI said in his Easter message.

However, "Easter does not work magic," and the human journey will still be marked by grief and anguish, as well as joy and hope for the future, he said April 4 in his message "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world).

Humanity today needs to free itself from sin, not by making superficial changes, but through a true moral and spiritual conversion, he said.

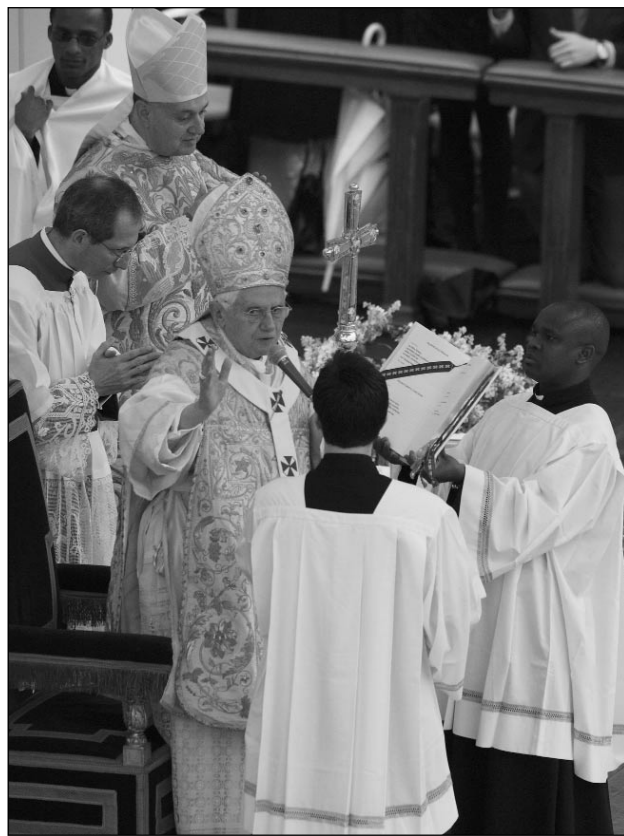
"It needs the salvation of the Gospel, so as to emerge from a profound crisis, one which requires deep change, beginning with consciences," the pope said in the message broadcast from St. Peter's Square to millions of people worldwide.

In an unusual departure from the Vatican's traditional Easter ceremony, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals and former Vatican secretary of state, read aloud a message of Easter greetings and support for the pope before the start of the Easter liturgy in St. Peter's Square.

In reference to the heightened criticism about how the Church and Pope Benedict have handled clerical sex abuse cases, Cardinal Sodano told the pope that the Church and "the people of God are with you."

The cardinal thanked the pope for his strength and courage, and said Catholics' faith will not be shaken by the "current petty gossip" and other "ordeals that occasionally strike the Church community."

The basilica's steps and central balcony were carpeted with colorful tulips, hyacinths, bloom-



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI blesses the faithful at the conclusion of Easter Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican April 4.

ing trees and other greenery; the more than 24,000 flowers and shrubs were donated by companies in the Netherlands.

Under a cold rain, Pope Benedict read his message and gave his blessing after celebrating Easter morning Mass with tens of thousands of people gathered in front of St. Peter's Basilica. Even huddled under umbrellas, the crowd was jubilant, chanting the pope's name and waving soggy banners and flags.

The pope offered Easter greetings in 65 different languages, including Tamil, Aramaic, Chinese and Guarani.

The night before, during the Easter Vigil Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Benedict baptized and confirmed a woman from Sudan, a woman from Somalia, two women from Albania and a man from Japan.

The pope also baptized a small boy from Russia. The boy's godfather, a priest, hoisted the boy up in his arms to hold his head over the baptismal font.

The pope used a golden shell to pour the holy water over each catechumen's head. The newly baptized, wearing white shawls, had a brief personal exchange with the pope when they brought the offertory gifts to the altar.

In his homily at the Vigil Mass, the pope said baptism marks the beginning of a process of renouncing a world of greed, lies and cruelty and a culture that worships power.

Through Baptism, the person is freed from the pursuit of pleasure, which has done nothing but destroy all that was best in humanity, he said.

Becoming a Christian is not "mere cleansing, still less is it a

somewhat complicated initiation into a new association. It is death and resurrection, rebirth to a new life," he said.

Once stripped of the "old garments" of one's life of sin, he said, the Christian puts on new clothes of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Baptism is "the beginning of a process that embraces the whole of our life — it makes us fit for eternity," so that a person is worthy of appearing before God and can live with him forever.

The next morning, after celebrating the Easter Mass, the pope called for an end to "the multiple tragic expressions of a culture of death which are becoming increasingly widespread, so as to build a future of love and truth in which every human life is respected and welcomed."

He called on world leaders to find the inspiration and strength to promote economic policies that follow "the criteria of truth, justice and fraternal aid."

In his Easter message, he called for an end to war and violence in the Middle East, especially in the Holy Land; he offered consolation to persecuted Christian minorities, especially in Iraq and Pakistan; he denounced "the dangerous resurgence of crimes linked to drug trafficking" in Latin American and the Caribbean; and he expressed his hopes that the people of Haiti and Chile could rebuild the areas struck by earthquakes earlier this year.

The pope also called for peace and reconciliation in Africa, especially in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea and Nigeria; and he asked that social harmony come to those places experiencing terrorism and social and religious discrimination.

Before celebrating the Resurrection, Pope Benedict presided over the candlelit Way

of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum April 2.

"The day of greatest hope is Good Friday" when Christ, through his death, becomes the source of life for all of humanity, he said.

Christ's gift of love on the cross transforms reality, he said, so that "from betrayal can come friendship, from repudiation, pardon, and from hatred, love." Thousands of people, most holding candles, attended the evening service and listened to the meditations written by Italian Cardinal Camillo Ruini.

Under an awning on a hill overlooking the Colosseum, the pope stood and then knelt through the entire 90-minute service while women and men from Haiti, Iraq, Vietnam, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Italy, as well as two Franciscan friars from the Holy Land carried a black wooden cross through and around the Colosseum.

After the 14th station, Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the papal vicar for Rome, handed the cross to the pope, who stood and held it aloft.

Pope Benedict left the Vatican after the Holy Week and Easter celebrations to spend a few days resting at the papal residence in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome.

Reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with hundreds of visitors gathered in the courtyard of the villa April 5, the pope said that like the angel that told the disciples Jesus had risen, Christians are called to be messengers of Jesus' Resurrection, his victory over evil and death, and bearers of his love to the world.

"Certainly, we remain men and women, but we receive the mission of angels, messengers of Christ," he said.

Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden at the Vatican.

Boy Scouts celebrate anniversary with open house

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent Boy Scout Troop 2 is celebrating its 50th anniversary and the 100th year of the Boy Scout Organization, with an open house at the Scout Lodge at 8965 Auburn Rd. on Sunday, May 16, from 1-4 p.m.

Activities include dedication of the new NRA sponsored rifle shooting program, a sneak peek at the new Haunted Castle, rock climbing, camping and snow sports displays. Hot dogs cooked over an open fire will be provided.

Troop 2, Cub Scout Pack 3009, which will be celebrating its 45th year of service and the affiliated Brownie and Girl Scouts invite all former Scouts, Scouters, and friends of Scouting to join the celebration.

National Day of Prayer observed

MISHAWAKA — The 16th local observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held May 6, at Battell Center, 903 N. Main St. in Mishawaka, from 12-1 p.m. Join local dignitaries from business, the media, government, military, fire and police organizations as well as clergy and Mishawaka Mayor Jeff Rae for this special observance.

Father Dan Scheidt of Queen of Peace Parish will pray for "Christian Liberty and the Unborn." This year marks the 59th National Day of Prayer.

University of Saint Francis offers electronic recycle event

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis invites the community to recycle its outdated or broken electronics at North Campus, 2702 Spring St., on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. until noon. Help protect the earth by keeping these materials out of landfills.

In recognition of Earth Day and the university's Franciscan value to "Respect Creation," the Community Electronics Recycling event is sponsored by USF's Green Campus Committee in partnership with Ace Recycling and Action Environmental, both Fort Wayne based companies that are certified, licensed and insured for e-waste handling.

Accepted items for recycling include personal computers, monitors, keyboards, laptops, mice, cables, computer printers, desktop fax machines, desktop scanners, desktop copiers, surge protectors, microwaves, cell phones, VHS players, DVD players, and stereo equipment (no TVs or appliances).

Some items may be upgraded and given to needy families, schools or churches; some items may be remanufactured; others may be disassembled with components reclaimed or recycled.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ANGOLA PARISH CELEBRATES EASTER IN NEW CHURCH



KEN SCHNEIDER

This year's celebration of Easter at St. Anthony Church, Angola, marked the first time Mass was celebrated in the new church. "There is no more appropriate time to mark a new beginning than at Easter," said Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor of St. Anthony. For the Pomeroy children, Jayden, age 7, and Carson, age 3, the Easter Vigil Mass held special meaning as the two boys entered the emersion pool of the new baptismal font and became the first people baptized in the new church. In addition, the Pomeroy boys mother, Christa, joined others being initiated into the Church that evening through the sacrament of Confirmation. The church will be dedicated this summer.

Donations are welcome to support student initiatives through Green Campus Committee, Eco Club and Tour de Francis Club. For more information contact Trina Herber at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8134.

Redeemer Radio announces Spring Sharathon

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, will hold its Spring Sharathon on April 21, 22 and 23, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The theme of the fundraiser is "Our Redeemer Lives."

Redeemer Radio is a local independent Catholic radio apostolate that serves the Catholic community of Fort Wayne, northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio by broadcasting the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith.

The station offers a rich variety of programming including national programs from national Catholic networks, including Ave Maria Radio and EWTN, as well as a growing number of locally produced shows and specials.

The "Our Redeemer Lives" Spring Sharathon will again be

hosted by Jerry Usher at the studios of Redeemer Radio. Usher, president of Third Millennium Media, is the former national host of "Catholic Answers Live," heard on Redeemer Radio weekdays from 6-8, both mornings and evenings.

Throughout Sharathon local guests will share their perspectives on the vital importance of Catholic radio to the local community. Pledges from individuals and businesses will be accepted by phone (260) 436-1450 and toll-free (888) 436-1450, by mail at Redeemer Radio, 4705 Illinois Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804, online at www.redeemerradio.com, or in person at the studio located at 4705 Illinois Rd., Suite 104. Volunteers will also be welcome.

The "Our Redeemer Lives" Spring Sharathon will permit Redeemer Radio to carry on its mission to evangelize the Catholic faith through radio and to serve the Catholic community, in harmony with the diocese and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Bishop Rhoades will be an in studio guest for the first hour of Sharathon on the morning of Wednesday, April 21, at 7 a.m.

Redeemer Radio will strengthen listeners in their faith journey

by continuing to offer the best of Catholic programming and diverse local programs ranging from catechesis, prayers and the Mass, daily readings and reflections from area priests, local sports broadcasts, and interviews of prominent authors and Catholic leaders. Redeemer Radio is especially proud to offer Notre Dame football, as well as Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers football and basketball.

St. Jude plans open house

SOUTH BEND — Administrators and staff at St. Jude Catholic School in South Bend invite the public to attend an open house on Sunday, April 18, from 1-3 p.m.

School board members and student ambassadors will be on hand to provide tours of the facility and answer visitors' questions. Instructional faculty will be available to further explain the curriculum and programs offered at the school.

St. Jude Catholic School offers K-8 students a faith-based education with high academic standards.

"We will be setting up several examples of student work in technology in our classrooms so that

visitors can see how we are providing students with access to 21st century learning opportunities," says Principal Stephen Donndelinger.

In addition to the usual core academic subjects and religious instruction, St. Jude offers gifted opportunities and fine arts courses such as choir, band, drama and art and technology. Grades 5-8 have the opportunity to participate in elective learning opportunities such as Spanish, problem solving, creative writing, faith and service, personal finance, yearbook or knitting, as well as athletic programs offered by the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

Opportunities for "lifelong learning" include the lower grades as well. Spanish instruction begins in kindergarten and grows more challenging for each grade. Second- and third-grade students learn the game of chess through a systematic, curriculum-driven program called "First Move." Other conveniences include the hot lunch program and after-school care.

St. Jude also has the tools to support academically challenged students. Principal Donndelinger confirms, "We have a full-time resource teacher, a mentoring program, gifted student support and the cooperation of the South Bend Schools' special education department."

The "School-Mates" mentoring program matches students who have academic, organizational or social needs with a high school student or adult who spends quality time with them each week.

St. Jude plans to have registration packets for new families and information about summer programs that are available to any students, including from other schools.

St. Jude Catholic School is located on Hildebrand Street on South Bend's south side. For more information, please contact the school at (574) 291-3820 or visit www.stjudeschool.net.

St. Charles student awarded first place in poetry contest

FORT WAYNE — Katelyn Yeager, an eighth-grade student at St. Charles Borromeo School, has been awarded first place in the middle school category for her Holocaust related poem "The Storm," in the poetry and essay contest "We Must Remember," open to the public and held annually by Fort Wayne Jewish Federation. Yeager will receive a \$200 saving bond at a special Yom Hashoa service April 13 at the Jewish Temple on Old Mill Road. The ecumenical service hosts clergy of various faiths in the area. One of this year's Catholic representatives will be Sister Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis and a sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Yeager's poem will be published in the Jewish federation's newsletter, "Chailights."

Marian science students receive awards

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — Listed below are the names of Marian High School science students that have either received grants, placed in several state competitions this year, or both. Junior Research Grants were awarded from the Indiana Academy of Science. The science competitions included the Science Olympiad at St. Joseph's College Regional in Rensselaer, the Science Olympiad Wild Card Tournament in Lafayette, the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair at the University of Notre Dame, the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute and the Indiana State Science Olympiad tournament at IU Bloomington.

• **Michelle Barany** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Characterization and Synthesis of Novel Uranyl Chromate Crystal Structures. She won first place in Environmental Chemistry and third place in Remote Sensing from the Science Olympiad at St. Joseph's College Regional and placed first in Environmental Chemistry in the Science Olympiad Wild Card Tournament. She won first place in Chemistry at Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Micelle was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. She won fifth place at the event and advances to the National Junior

Science and Humanities Symposium.

• **Aaron Bulger** — Received a \$254 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for An Environmental Bioassay using *Daphnia magna* and Brown Hydra to Study the Biological Effects of Nitrate and Phosphate on a Water System. At the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair he won first place in Environmental Sciences. He received the Bayer Life Sciences Top Award for \$150, S.E.F.I., Inc. Award for \$75, and advancement to the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis on March 27 to compete for a chance to go to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May.

• **Connor Burke** — Won fourth place in Mission Possible at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. He placed third in Anatomy and Physiology, and third place in Egg-O-Naut at the Science Olympiad Wild Card Tournament.

• **Patrick Chi** — Won first place in It's About Time, third place in Ornithology, fourth place in Physics Lab and fourth place in Trajectory at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional.

• **Andrew Cockman** — Won second place in Egg-O-Naut and fifth place in It's About Time at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional.

• **Chloe Deranek** — Received a \$218 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for The Study of Theobromine and

Related Compounds in Mesoamerican Vessels. She won first place in Chemistry at Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair with a Bethel College Award for a \$2500 scholarship for four years, and Bayer Grade Level Award for 11th Grade for \$25.

• **Andrea Freeze** — Received a \$45 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for "Can Hibiscus Flowers Sense How Many Pollen Grains are on Their Stigmas?" She won first place in Plant Sciences at Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair with a Bayer Life Sciences Outstanding Senior Project Award for \$50.

• **Lauren Garatoni** — Won third place in ecology, and first place in Write It, Do It at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. She placed first in ecology, third place in Mousetrap Vehicle and second place in Write It Do It at the Science Olympiad Wildcard Tournament. Garatoni placed second in Write It Do It at the Indiana State Science Olympiad tournament.

• **Nate Griggs** — Won fifth place in It's About Time, and fourth place in Remote Sensing, at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional.

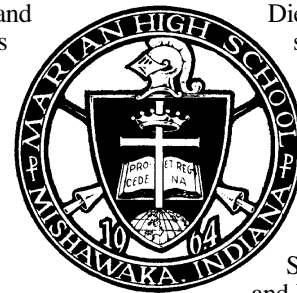
• **Katie Hansen** — Received a \$134 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Plastics as Energy Sources. She placed first in Energy and Transportation at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

• **Eddie Hunckler** — Won second

place in Egg-O-Naut, and third place in Forensics at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. He placed second in It's About Time at the Science Olympiad Science Wildcard Tournament.

• **Michael Hunckler** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for the Investigation of HIV GAG Protein Budding Mechanism from Human Cells. He placed first for experimental design and It's About Time, and second place in technical problem solving from the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. Hunckler placed second in It's About Time at the Science Olympiad Wildcard Tournament. He placed second in biochemistry at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. At the fair he also received the Society for in Vitro Biology Award; Sigma Xi, University of Notre Dame — Saint Mary's College Award for \$75 and school subscription to the American Scientist, Indiana University School of Medicine — South Bend Award for \$50, and the S.E.F.I., Inc. Award for \$75. He advanced to the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis on March 27 to compete for a chance to go to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May. Hunckler was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. He was also third place with a \$1,000 scholarship at the event and advances to the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

• **Mark Imus** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Aluminum Oxide's Molecular Structure and Properties as a



Dielectric. He placed second in Electrical Engineering at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. He was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities

Symposium. He was selected as first alternate to the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium

• **Greg Janowiak** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Computational Simulations of Fluorescein Dynamics Around Gold Structures in Integrated Micro-Nanofluidic Systems. He placed first in bioengineering at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair and received the Mu Alpha Theta Award at the event. He was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

• **Sam Leung** — Won fourth place in Chemistry Lab, fourth place in Mission Possible, and second place in Technical Problem Solving at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. He placed third in Chemistry Lab at the Science Olympiad Wildcard Tournament.

• **Dana Lind** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Synthesis Optimization of a lithium Germanate, $\text{Li}_3[(\text{UO}_6)_2(\text{UO}_2)_9(\text{GeO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]$. She placed first in chemistry at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

• **Anna Loeser** — Won second place in Astronomy, first place in Dynamic Planet, and second place in Microbe Mission at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. Loeser placed third in Astronomy, second place in Dynamic Planet, and third place in



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Picture This at the Science Olympiad Wildcard Tournament. She won fourth place in Microbe Mission at the Indiana State Science Olympiad tournament

• **Emily Lohr** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for SiPM Research and Development: Quantifying New Detection Systems. She placed second in Physics and Astronomy at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. She was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Her project has been selected to compete at the I-SWEEEP International Science Olympiad that will be held in Houston, Texas, in April 2010.

• **Evan Merryman** — Received a \$295 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Factors Influencing the Absorption of Nanoparticles on Soil by Soil Column Chromatography. He placed second in Environmental Sciences at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. He was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. He was selected as third alternate to the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

• **Lance Mulcahey** — Won first place for Environmental Chemistry, first place for Fossils, and fourth place for Physics Lab at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. He placed first in both Environmental Chemistry and Fossils at the Science Olympiad Wildcard Tournament. Lance placed second in Fossils, and fifth place in Dynamic Planet at the Indiana State Science Olympiad tournament.

• **Yae Eun Oh** — Received a \$150 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for a team project on the Comparison of Redox Titration with a New Density-Based Device for the Analysis of Chrome Plating Bath Solutions. She was fourth place in Disease Detectives and first place in Protein Modelling at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. Oh placed first for a team project in Chemistry at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. She also received a Bayer Life Sciences Top Award for \$150 and an S.E.F.I., Inc. Award for \$75 at the event. She advanced to the

Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis on March 27 to compete for a chance to go to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May.

• **Jasmine Podell** — Received a \$150 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for a team project on the Comparison of Redox Titration with a New Density-Based Device for the Analysis of Chrome Plating Bath Solutions. She placed first for a team project in Chemistry at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. She also received a Bayer Life Sciences Top Award for \$150 and an S.E.F.I., Inc. Award for \$75 at the event. She advanced to the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis on March 27 to compete for a chance to go to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May.

• **Jenny Porile** — Won first place in Protein Modelling and first place in Write It Do It at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional.

• **Abby Prichard** — Won third place in Forensics at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional.

• **Drew Robinson** — Won first place in Experimental Design and third place in Remote Sensing at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. He placed third in Egg-O-Naut at the Science Olympiad Wild Card Tournament.

• **Patrick Russell** — Won second place in Medicine and Health at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. He also received \$100 Midwest Cardiovascular Research and Education Foundation Award at the event. He was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

• **Tracy Scott** — Won first place in Mousetrap Vehicle at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. She was third place in Mousetrap Vehicle, third place in Picture This, and second place in Write It Do It at the Science Olympiad Wild Card Tournament. Tracy placed second in Write It, Do It at the Indiana State Science Olympiad tournament.

• **Claire Sieradzki** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science

for Converting Waste into Energy: Membrane Aeration for Microbial Fuel Cell Cathodes. She placed first in Engineering at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. At the event she received the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award, the Stockholm Junior Water Prize with a chance to advance to National contest, the U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps Award for \$50, the American Society of Quality Control for \$25, the Bethel College Award for \$2,500 scholarship for four years, and the Bayer Grade Level Award for 12th grade for \$25. She was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

• **Stacie Skwarcan** — Was first place in Dynamic Planet, third place in Ecology, first place in Fossils, and third place in Ornithology at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. She was third place in Cell Biology, second place in Dynamic Planet, first place in Ecology, and first place in Fossils at the Science Olympiad Wild Card Tournament. Skwarcan was second place in Fossils, fourth place in Microbe Mission, and fifth place in Dynamic Planet at the Indiana State Science Olympiad tournament.

• **Abby Suckow** — Received a \$285 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Imaging of Bioluminescent Bacterial Migration Across Food Surfaces. She was first place in Microbiology at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

• **Tim Trippel** — Received a \$99 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for "Can Secreted Proteins from Whole-cell Mycobacteria be Detected Using MALDI-TOF-TOF MS?." He placed first in Biochemistry at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. At the event he also received the Yale Science and Engineering Association Award, the U.S. Army Award; the Notre Dame College of Science Dean's Award for \$150, the NISMEC Award for \$50 with advancement to compete in the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose,

Calif., on May 9-14. Trippel will also compete in the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair. He was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. He was also first place with a \$2000 scholarship at the event and advances to the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. In addition to participation in the poster session at Nationals, Trippel will be presenting his Power Point in competition at nationals.

• **Frankee Turco** — Won fourth place in Remote Sensing at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional.

• **Stephanie Van Overberghe** — Received a \$300 Junior Research Grant from the Indiana Academy of Science for Investigating the Role of P190B RhoGAP in Breast Cancer. She placed first in Medicine and Health at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. She also received the South Bend Medical Foundation Award, which included a *Foundation's* magazine subscription. She was a top-10 PowerPoint finalist at the Indiana State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

• **Matt Williams** — Won third place in Electrical Engineering at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair at the University of Notre Dame.

• **Kelly Wood** — Won second place in Astronomy, fourth place in Disease Detectives, and second place in Microbe Mission at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. She was third place in Anatomy and Physiology, third place in Astronomy, third place in Cell Biology, and third place in Picture This at the Science Olympiad Wild Card Tournament.

• **Danny Wooley** — He placed first in Mousetrap Vehicle at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional.

• **Joe Wooley** — Won fourth place in Chemistry Lab and fourth place in Trajectory at the Science Olympiad St. Joseph's College Regional. He won third place in Chemistry Lab at the Science Olympiad Wildcard Tournament. Wooley won second place in Electrical Engineering at the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. He also received the \$200 INTEL Excellence in Computer Science Award at the event.



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Young authors' conference empowers creative writing

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — “Creative writing is empowering. Children don't get to go to school and decide that two plus two is five and the capital of Indiana is Albany; they'd be wrong. But creative writing allows them to decide what's right and wrong for their story. Writing and drawing are worlds where a child can decide what happens.”

These words are the reflection of Peter Catalanotto, Pratt Institute graduate, children's book author and illustrator, and guest author at the Catholic Schools' 17th annual Young Authors' Conference at Marian High School. Approximately 450 students from 11 area schools participated in the half-day event which included Catalanotto, nationally acclaimed area children's book illustrator Bruce Langton, and a presentation by St. Joseph Catholic School second-grade teachers Mary Young and Ana Maria Lewis for parents.

Suzanne Wiwi, principal of St. Joseph Catholic School in South Bend and chair of the Young Authors' Conference, explained the concept of the event.

“The original premise, which continues today, for having this conference, was to encourage the



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

Parent leader Tanya Martinez leads a group of young authors as they share the stories written especially for the conference.

reading-writing connection. Learning the writing process and applying it to their own writing is important as well as encouraging students to let their writing, ‘tell a story.’ Authors are asked to focus on their own writing as well as their love for literature and expression through their books. Authors often illustrate their own books, so that component is often emphasized.”

She continued, “This year we have an author who is also an illustrator. Our second presenter is a local illustrator who was a feature author several years ago; he was so well received by the students we decided to have him return again this year. We also provide speakers who address parents; giving them ways they can help their child with reading and writing.”

The morning event included small group sharing by students with a simultaneous parent presentation by teachers Young and Lewis, a presentation on the process Catalanotto uses to create a character's face for his books, and students participation in making pictures with illustrator Langton.

During one of the student small group sessions, Marisol

Martinez, a third grader at St. Pius X School, discussed her story “Two Crews in One,” with fellow young authors.

“It is about a dog crew and a cat crew, who after being rivals for sometime, unite their crews to form one. The dogs always chase the cats and win all the games played. The cats decide one day to break into the dog's hideout and find an unwanted surprise.”

At the parent presentation, “Reading is Thinking about the Words on a Page,” given by Young and Lewis, the importance of parental participation in their child's reading development was stressed.

“We want students and parents to understand there are two voices involved in reading. There is a reading voice, which is reading the words on the page and a thinking voice, which are the questions, thoughts and interactions you have while reading. Reading is thinking about the words on a page,” said Young.

Lewis added, “Good readers read a variety of literature that exposes them to different types of writing. Good writers don't become good writers by writing things over and over. Good writers learn how to become good writers by reading. By making parents aware of the reading strategies, they can help their

Thanks be to God!



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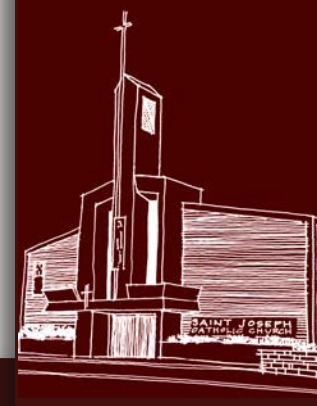
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“Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put Him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die [as a result of sin], who will raise it up, who will restore its calm and peace? Again, the priest.” -*St. John Mary Vianney*-



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Guest author and illustrator Peter Catalanotto, explains the drawing process he uses when developing a character for his books.

child become a better reader.”
Students at the Langton session made their own drawings with step by step direction from the illustrator. Langton noted many of the schools he visits do not have the resources to develop their students’ artistic skills.

“I love to illustrate and have been an artist all of my life. Lots of schools where the budgets are being cut don’t have art teachers, so schools are receptive for having me come into their schools in giving talks and teaching kids how to draw. For children you have to keep the illustrations simple,” said Langton.

Catalanotto showed students that by adding shadows when drawing a character’s face, it becomes three dimensional. The audience communicated their delight with laughter as he showed how eyebrows can be drawn different ways to give a character expression.

The important thing for children to remember when writing, Catalanotto emphasized, is to enjoy the writing experience. “(I tell students) to be true to their story. They can put whatever they want in their stories as long as it works for that story. That means looking for their best ideas, not simply using their first ideas. While looking for their best ideas they’re going to make mistakes and that’s okay. Mistakes are an important part of the process. If you create an entire book without making any mistakes that means you didn’t try anything new and you probably made a pretty boring book.”

Those wishing to make a contribution to help defray costs for future Young Authors’ conferences should contact principal Suzanne Wiwi at wiwi@stjoseph-gradeschool.com.



Local illustrator Bruce Langton describes his love of nature and the influence it has on his illustrations in children’s books.

CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG



PROVIDED BY JESSICA LANDRIGAN

Students from St. Joseph-St Elizabeth School who participated in Circle the State with Song music festival Feb. 13 are from left Caroline Doelling, Kaitlyn Andorfer, Nelson Martin, Payton Head, Jessica LaMaster, Naomi Cunningham, Audrey Schiffli, Veronica Buczak, Maddie Rotundo, Margaret Cicchiello, Grace Vandegriff and Jenny Pendell. Circle the State is a state-wide music festival that involves music-minded students who want to deepen their passion and knowledge of music.



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A BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!



TIM JOHNSON



TRISH LINNER

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and transitional Deacon Andrew Budzinski pray at the chapel at St. Matthew Cathedral on April 1 after the Holy Thursday Eucharistic procession.

At left, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades breathes upon the sacred chrism, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit to consecrate the oil. It also recalls John 20:22, when Jesus appears to the disciples after the Resurrection, breathes on them, and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



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Above, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades venerates the cross held by transitional Deacon Andrew Budzinsky, on Good Friday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

At right, Bishop Rhoades poses with Father Alex Dodrai and altar servers from Easter morning Mass at St. Patrick Church in Arcola.



MARK WEBER

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blessed the Easter fire, before lighting the Paschal candle and leading a procession of worshipers who answered a chant of "Christ our light" with "Thanks be to God" to begin the Mass on the Church's most solemn feast.



MARK WEBER

Bishop Kevin E. Rhoades pours the waters of Baptism on George Oliver at the Easter Vigil in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Also baptized were, Megan Danalds, Sydney Early and Sophie Wilson.



EDITORIAL

Chrism Mass provides a beautiful focus on priests

Many who attended the Chrism Mass, celebrated last week at the cathedrals in both South Bend and Fort Wayne, would concur that this Mass is one of the most beautiful liturgies celebrated during Holy Week. And during this Year for Priests, it took on extra significance as the priests renewed their commitment to priestly service.

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne last Tuesday, with priests seated in the sanctuary, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, in his homily, addressed the priests turning from the pulpit toward the priests and adding a personal touch.

He explained, "... Our concelebration at this Chrism Mass is a beautiful manifestation of our fraternal unity and deep communion as priests of Jesus Christ as we celebrate together the Eucharistic sacrifice."

Pope Benedict proclaimed a Year for Priests, Bishop Rhoades explained, "to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world."

He added, "It has been a year of grace for us priests, thanks especially to the amazing support and prayers of so many of you, deacons, religious and lay faithful. I think this Year for Priests is a wonderful time also to focus on the promotion of the discernment of priestly vocations. ..."

A time for vocations

Bishop Rhoades said one of the highest priorities of his episcopacy is promoting priestly vocations. The Chrism Mass is particularly focused on the ministerial priesthood.

"I am convinced in the bottom of my heart that God is calling many young men throughout our diocese to the ministerial priesthood, to become living icons of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, the Head and Shepherd of the Church," he said.

With a round of applause, Bishop Rhoades assured the seminarians of his support and asked all the faithful to pray for them.

We need priests for the Church to fulfill her mission. As Bishop Rhoades explained in his homily: "Without priests, there would be no Eucharist, since by the will of Christ the Eucharistic mystery cannot be celebrated in any community except by an ordained priest. In this Year of the Priest, it is particularly important for us to think about this and to consider that the promotion of priestly vocations is a duty of us all."

A duty of us all

So what can we the laity do? Those of us who are parents are charged with the responsibility to instill in our homes an awareness of piety and love for the Church and the priesthood. Incorporating prayer into our homes — especially at mealtimes, bedtime — can be beneficial. Also families can incorporate Scripture reading, rosary and other devotionals into their family life. Attending Mass as a family whenever possible builds Catholic identity. In addition, inviting a priest or religious into our homes for dinner helps our children see those who minister to us interacting in the family setting. And we can all pray for vocations!

Priestly witness

Bishop Rhoades encouraged priests to promote their vocation: "In fact, the priest's faithful living of his priestly promises is a powerful means to promoting the priestly vocations." And he pointed out, through the writings of Pope Benedict XVI, three aspects that are effective priestly witness. First is friendship with Christ. The second is "the complete gift of oneself to God." The third aspect highlighted is "a life of communion." The priest is to be "a man of communion." This means being "open to all, capable of gathering into one the pilgrim flock which the goodness of the Lord has entrusted to him."

To all priests, we say "Thank you, Father!"

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

COMMENTARY

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports faith

Dear Bishop Rhoades,

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your diocese's contribution of \$43,941.53 from your 2009 Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The generosity of your parishioners is needed greatly by our U.S. mission dioceses.

Contributions to the appeal go directly to our brother bishops who cannot offer their people even basic pastoral services without outside help. In these difficult times, small dioceses without significant reserves are in increasing danger and need a helping hand to evangelize, to catechize, and especially to train future priests and lay leaders to sustain and strengthen the faith. Currently, the Subcommittee on the Home Missions is assisting 87 mission bishops.

The 2010 Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up in many dioceses the weekend of April 24-25. Please encourage your pastors to say something about the home missions during Mass on appeal weekend. There are resources to assist them at www.usccb.org/hm/materials.htm.

Hundreds of their brother priests in small parishes across the country benefit directly from the appeal, as do the people they serve.

I am grateful for all you do to support home mission dioceses and wish you a blessed remainder of the Lenten season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael W. Warfel
Great Falls-Billings
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee
on Catholic Home Missions

Other very important consistent life issues

I would like to comment and dialogue with you and your March 28 editorial, "The Catholic voice to hear."

When I was a lay student at the University of Notre Dame in 1946 I was taught the principles of social justice. The basic social justice issue I learned was this: If God created our universe and our planet then all of the resources of earth he gifted to all human beings. The Church's corollary of this teaching is that every human being has a human, social right to adequate food, clothing, shelter, education and health.

Thus, in the light of the present

healthcare reform bill, which will now cover an additional 30 to 40 million persons, or about 95 percent of all Americans, the above Catholic social principle teaches that every human person has a right to adequate health care. The Health Reform Bill covering these 30 to 40 million persons is not just a social justice but also a right-to-life issue — a consistent life issue.

Yet, your editorial did not even mention the covering of the millions of additional Americans with adequate health care. As usual, *Today's Catholic* put all the emphasis on the abortion issue neglecting totally this consistent life issue. Even though universal coverage of all American has been a long-standing goal of the American Catholic Church, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) took the same stance that your editorial did jeopardizing this important part of the Health Reform Bill. Thanks be to God, some courageous congressional representatives made a compromise and saved this important aspect of the bill.

When will *Today's Catholic* begin to instruct the Catholics of our diocese about not only the crucial abortion issue, but all of other very important consistent life issues?

Rev. Edward J. Ruetz
South Bend

Indiana Knights to meet in Indianapolis

Indiana Knights of Columbus State Deputy Stephan Ziembra has issued his call to all officers, directors, chairmen and delegates to converge on Indianapolis for its annual state convention, April 23-25, at the Marriott East Hotel. The theme for this year's annual meeting is "Dream Big."

This convention will be the 109th gathering of Indiana Knights to exchange ideas and renew old friendships. It will be a time of prayerful reflection of the past year. It will be a time of discussion of those ideals that most affect the fraternity and the issues confronting our Catholic Church.

At the root of these issues is the defense of life from birth to natural death, marriage between a man and a woman as the fundamental structure of society and the very Church itself under fire from within and without. Knights everywhere are called to action to promote our Catholic values and assure our priests they do not stand alone when under fire.

This year several nationally known speakers will address the convention. Shawn Carney, co-founder for 40-Days for Life and executive director of the Coalition for Life as well as a Brother



THE INDIANA KNIGHTS

BY ROBERT HARTENSTEIN

Knights, will lead off the weekend Saturday morning.

Following Carney will be Mike Furnish, president and CEO of the Special Olympics of Indiana. Furnish will be joined by Jessica Crook, an international Special Olympics gold medal winner, who will talk about her experiences as well as the new partnership with Indiana Knights.

Father James Hyde from the archdiocese of Chicago will address the convention Saturday afternoon regarding a "Civilization of Love."

Indiana Knights will have the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions Saturday afternoon. Knights will learn about the many opportunities to participate in retreats, meet the children from Gibault School in Terre Haute and be inspired by artist Jon Naughton, creator of the "One Nation" under God portrait.

Joe Worthling, a featured guest

on EWTN and Knights of Columbus *Columbia* magazine, will introduce his vision to establish 7,000 Ten Commandment monuments throughout the country as part of his "Project Moses" campaign.

On Sunday, state directors and chairmen will have the opportunity to highlight their area of responsibility, offering direction and suggestions to improve and fine tune activities. Immediately following the directors and chairmen will be election of officers. A new state deputy, state secretary, state treasurer, state advocate and state warden will be chosen to begin their term in July. In addition, delegates to the Supreme Convention to be held in Washington, D.C., next August will also be elected.

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

The office of priest

We are speaking in these last articles about the three offices that Christ shared with his Church: prophet, priest and king. During this Year for Priests, we are considering how the ordained minister fulfills each of these. Here we want to discuss the second office, that of the priesthood.

Of the three offices, this one seems most familiar because we use it as his title. Some Protestant communities refer to their ministers as “preachers.” Catholics call their ministers “priests.” He is also a prophet and a shepherd, but we use the name of the second office as his title.

What is a priest? It is connected to a Greek word “hierus” that means “mediator.” The priest mediates between God and man. He brings human prayer and sacrifice into the temple, and brings God’s blessings out to us. In this sense, many world religions talk



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about having priests.

But in Christianity there is only one priest, because there is only one mediator. Our high priest is Christ, the Lord. And he does not go again and again into an earthly temple. He has crossed into the heavenly temple with the gift of His own blood. The Book of Hebrews (7:27) is strong on this point. “He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day ... He did that once for all when He offered Himself.”

Every Christian who is baptized lives from this one sacrifice of the High Priest, Christ. So Catholic doctrine speaks of two kinds of priesthood — a baptismal priesthood of the laity, and an ordained priesthood of the ministers.

The catechism (paragraph 1547) says that “the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace — a life of faith,

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The Lord heals and redeems us



THE
SUNDAY
GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

2nd Sunday of Easter Jn 20:19-31

The Acts of the Apostles supplies this weekend’s first reading. The first several chapters of Acts are fascinating since they so well depict the life of the early Christian community in Jerusalem. This depiction begins with the story of the Lord’s Ascension itself and proceeds forward.

Vitally important in the life of the community in Jerusalem was the leadership of the Apostles, with Peter clearly presented as their head. Such status of the Apostles was not surprising. Jesus had called the Apostles individually, commissioning each, and them all, to continue the work of salvation after the Ascension.

In this reading, the Apostles work many miracles. Peter moves among the sick, and merely to lie beneath his shadow was enough to be cured of sickness or infirmity. The people held them in great esteem.

The implication is clear. Jesus did not leave the Christian body without guidance or without access to God’s grace. The Acts says that the Apostles, again with Peter as the leader, came together with the community for the “breaking of the bread,” for prayer, for giving aid to the needy and for healing the sick.

For its second reading, the Church offers a passage from the

Book of Revelation. In the reading, John, the author of Revelation, assumed by tradition to have been the Apostle John, tells of being in exile on the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea. He said that on the Lord’s Day, or Sunday, the day of the Resurrection, he had a vision of Jesus. Jesus ordered John to write about everything that John saw.

St. John’s Gospel provides the last reading. The reading begins with an appearance of Jesus before the Apostles. The Lord brings peace. He then empowers the Apostles to forgive sins, saying that if the apostles forgive, sins are forgiven.

Next comes the familiar story of the doubtful Thomas. Other Apostles had seen the Risen Lord, but Thomas had not seen Jesus. Thomas would not believe that Jesus indeed had risen, insisting that he would not believe until he personally could touch the very wounds of Christ.

When Jesus appeared before the Apostles, Thomas sees the wounds. He proclaims Jesus “my Lord and my God.”

The reading ends by stating that Jesus performed many other miracles.

Reflection

Only a week ago, in celebrating the feast of Easter, the Church joyfully and excitedly announced to us its belief that Jesus rose from the dead. To emphasize the meaning of this pronouncement, the Church gave us the liturgy of the Easter Vigil, the very summit of the Church’s entire year of formal worship.

This weekend, just a week after Easter, the Church hurries to tell us that the Risen Christ is with us still, visibly, tangibly and dynamic. He still is present with us

through the Apostles. The Church clearly verifies the Apostles’ credentials. The Lord especially empowered and commissioned them.

In the second reading, from the Book of Revelation, we are told of John’s extraordinary mystical encounter with the Risen Lord.

John’s Gospel, in the third reading, continues the story by reporting the Lord’s conferral upon the Apostles the very power of God itself, by giving them the ability to forgive sins. As sins affront God, only God can forgive sins. Yet Jesus conveyed this power to the Apostles.

Thomas is important to the story. He doubted, hardly an unusual human reaction to the amazing assertion that Christ had risen from the dead. Then Thomas saw Jesus and uncompromisingly believed.

The Church is saying that we today encounter Christ through the Apostles. Through the Apostles the Lord heals and redeems us.

Divine Mercy Sunday calls us to rejoice in the benefits given us in encountering the Lord.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campion

On April Fool’s Day the CateQuiz’m tries to fool the reader.

- According to 1 Sam 25, this unfortunate man’s name meant fool.
 - that worthless man Nabal,
 - that stupid man Dullus
 - that crazy man Lobotoiah
- This man, who may have been L’il, had the king read this eulogy over him “Would have died like a fool?”
 - David
 - Abner
 - Rasta
- Proverbs 6 is interesting in that it tells us a person who commits this is a fool (rather than addressing it in a solely moral sense)
 - adultery
 - murder
 - kidnapping
- In a more traditional vein, this is recommended for the back of a fool
 - a tattoo
 - a rod (stick)
 - the resin of the myrrh tree (itching powder)
- An interesting distinction is made between liars and fools in this formula:
 - It is the lips of the fool that conceal hostility; but he who spreads accusations is a liar.
 - It is the lips of the liar that conceal hostility; but he who spreads peanut butter on his bacon is a fool.
 - It is the lips of the liar that conceal hostility; but he who spreads accusations is a fool.
- Proverbs 11:29 warns that folly can lead a person to this degraded social status
 - enslavement
 - immigration
 - singing at karaoke bars
- Proverbs 12 tells us one difference between the prudent and the foolish is that
 - the fool immediately shows his hand in card games
 - the fool immediately shows his wealth to any stranger
 - the fool immediately shows his anger
- Proverbs 14 tells us something similar.
 - The quick-tempered man makes a fool of himself, but the prudent man is better with a sword.
 - The quick-tempered man makes a fool of himself, but the prudent man is at peace.
 - The quick-tempered man makes a fool of himself, but the prudent man get the first punch because the fool alerts him to the threat.
- Getting positively zoological, Proverbs also recommends we do this
 - face a hungry goat, but never a fool in his folly!
 - face a wolverine who’s eating carrion, but never a fool in his folly!
 - face a bear robbed of her cubs, but never a fool in his folly!
- And Proverbs offers us this gem of wisdom, which still holds true today.
 - Even a fool, if he keeps silent, is considered wise; if he closes his lips, intelligent.
 - Even a fool, if he has enough money, can get elected.
 - Even a fool, if he has good manners, can get a beautiful wife.
- But Proverbs is not the only source of commentary on folly. Ecclesiastes 2:14-19 is clear that
 - the wise man has eyes in his head, but the fool has eyes in his potatoes
 - the wise man has eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness
 - the wise man has eyes in his head, but the fool has eyes in the back of his head
- While Sir 8 warns us to take no counsel with a fool for this specific reason
 - for he can keep nothing to himself
 - for he can keep the change
 - for he can keep his wife in a shell
- There is no shortage of commentary on folly in the New Testament either. Even Jesus discusses how
 - whoever says, “You fool,” will be treated as a Roman
 - whoever says, “You fool” will be liable to fiery Gehenna (perdition)
 - whoever says, “You fool” will be liable to flogging by Peter

ANSWERS

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

Scandal-time, once more

Reports of the clerical sexual abuse of the young in Europe — and the gross mishandling of these cases by bishops, including connivance in cover-ups ignited a media firestorm in late March, including calls for the pope's resignation in light of allegations that he was party to reassigning an abusive priest while archbishop of Munich-Freising and that he impeded the disciplining of an abusive Milwaukee priest while prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

As is too often the case, agendas other than an honest accounting for the sins, failures and crimes of the past, and the protection of vulnerable young people in the present and future, were at work here. Enemies of the Church saw an opportunity to discredit Catholic moral teaching by painting the Church as a hypocritical criminal conspiracy of sexual abusers and their enablers.

Contingent-fee lawyers smelled an opportunity to try to dig into the Vatican's resources, having already bled the Church in the United States of billions of dollars. The allegations against the pope, which were demonstrably false, were undoubtedly made in service of these latter two agendas.

Here are some facts relevant to separating truth from falsehood as this story unfolds.

- The sexual abuse of the young is a global plague. Portraying the Catholic Church as its epicenter is malicious and false. Forty to 60 percent of sexual abuse takes place within families. There were 290,000 reported cases of abuse in public schools in 1991-2000. There were six credible cases of

sexual abuse reported in the Catholic Church in the United States in 2009: six, in a Church of some 68,000,000 members. Having learned the lessons of 2002, the Catholic Church in America today is likely the safest environment for children in the country. No institution working with the young — not the public schools, not the teachers unions, not the Scouts — has done as much to face its past failures in this area and to put in place policies to prevent such horrors in the future.

- Pope Benedict XVI did not impede sanctions against Father Lawrence Murphy, the Milwaukee priest who abused 200 deaf children in his care; the *New York Times* story of March 25 alleging that is falsified by the legal documents the *Times* itself provided on its Web site. Then there was the story's sourcing. For the *Times* to cite as one of its principal sources the emeritus archbishop of Milwaukee, Rembert Weakland, who notoriously paid hush money to a male lover and who did nothing about Father Murphy for a decade and a half, was bad enough. But to use as a second principal source Jeff Anderson, the Minnesota attorney who has a direct financial interest in the Murphy case and in painting the Vatican as the center of a global conspiracy to protect pedophiles, suggests that the nation's former newspaper of record has abandoned serious journalistic standards.

- The charge that the Church threatened sexual abuse whistleblowers with excommunication is false and malicious, as is the charge that then-Cardinal



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Ratzinger imposed silence on those who wished to report abusers to civil authorities. There has never been any such prohibition, and the confidentiality about abuse cases invoked in a 2001 Ratzinger letter to the world's bishops on priests who solicited sex in the confessional was intended to protect the integrity of the sacraments and the Church's own legal process, and to encourage victims to come forward without fear of public scandal. Under Ratzinger's leadership, procedures were put in place in Rome to make sanctions against abusers easier to apply.

The pope's March 20 letter to the Irish Church made clear that Joseph Ratzinger is determined to clean out what he once described as "filth" in the Church, and determined to bring the Curia along with him in that cleansing. That there is filth to be cleaned up is not in doubt; much of that filth is decades old. There is no credible evidence, however, that the Catholic Church is at the center of the global sexual abuse crisis. Honest journalists will recognize that. So will serious Catholics.

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Sts. Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus

What are the Christian sites pertaining to St. Paul and St. Barnabas on the island of Cyprus?

In the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament, St. Paul and St. Barnabas are residing at Antioch in Syria (now Antakya in Turkey), the third largest city of the Roman empire at this time. Paul and Barnabas were chosen to go on their first missionary journey. They left Antioch and went down to the port of Seleucia on the Mediterranean Sea. From here they set sail for the island of Cyprus. On their arrival in Salamis, they proclaimed the Gospel in the Jewish synagogues.

In ancient Roman times, Salamis was Cyprus's main commercial center. St. Barnabas was a native son of Salamis. He is credited with introducing Christianity to Cyprus. He was martyred here by stoning c. A.D. 75. The ruins of ancient Salamis is an extensive archaeological site. Here you see the gymnasium, baths, the odeion, the amphitheater holding 5,000 people, a Roman villa, Byzantine cisterns, the Temple of Zeus, basil-

icas, a stadium, the early city walls and a marketplace.

At Salamis you can visit the monastery and museum of the apostle Barnabas. M. Dubin says a monastic community first grew up here in the 5th century A.D. following the discovery of the purported tomb of St. Barnabas. Funds were provided for the construction by the Byzantine emperor. The Arabs destroyed this church in the 7th century A.D. The present church and cloister date from 1756.

Near this monastery stands a small, undecorated little mausoleum chapel, shaded by a carob tree and erected in the 1950s over a catacomb that is the presumed tomb of Barnabas. Stairs lead down to rock-cut chambers with room for six bodies. Tradition says this tomb was discovered when St. Barnabas appeared in a dream to the Archbishop of Salamis and bid him unearth the saint's remains from a lonely spot marked by a carob tree. The archbishop indeed found a catacomb matching the description and containing what could well have been the bones of



HIRE HISTORY

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Barnabas, clasping a mildewed copy of the Gospel of St. Matthew to his chest.

The Acts of the Apostles then says that Paul and Barnabas traveled over the whole island of Cyprus as far as Paphos where they preached the Gospel to the governor Sergius Paulus. A Jewish magician or sorcerer objected to Paul's teaching, so Paul temporarily blinded him. The governor was impressed and believed in Christ. M. Dubin says that, although Paul was successful in converting the governor, he seems to have had a hard time combating the pagan goddess Aphrodite's love-cult at Paphos and was reputedly scourged for his troubles on the site of the Byzantine basilica

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 11, 2010

John 20:19-31

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Divine Mercy Sunday, Cycle C, when Jesus appears in the Upper Room on Easter evening. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DOORS	LOCKED	JESUS CAME
PEACE	SHOWED	HANDS
AS THE FATHER	BREATHED	RETAIN
THOMAS	DIDYMUS	TWELVE
NAILS	FINGER	BELIEVE
A WEEK	SEEN ME	BLESSED
WRITTEN	BOOK	HIS NAME

JESUS CAME

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hope and charity, a life according to the Spirit." Then it explains how this common priesthood is served and strengthened by the ordained priesthood. "The ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads His Church."

Christ works through the ordained ministry to equip Christians for their discipleship. The Church is the body of Christ, and the priest represents Christ as head of the Church. "Through the ordained ministry ... the presence of Christ as head of the Church is made visible in the midst of the community of believers" — CCC 1549.

Therefore, this second office is connected with liturgy, sacrament and altar. The document from Vatican II that concerns the priesthood, "Presbyterorum Ordinis," says "God, who alone is holy and who alone bestows

holiness, willed to take as His companions and helpers men who would humbly dedicate themselves to the work of sanctification."

How do priests do this work? By sacramental ministry and prayer. In the sacraments they "act as His ministers in performing sacred functions." Thus the close connection of the priest to the altar of the Lord and a sacramental ministry.

They also grace the Church by praying the Liturgy of the Hours. This is required of every priest, daily. In the Divine Office, "Priests themselves extend to the other hours of the day the praise and thanksgiving of the Eucharistic celebration." They pray the Divine Office "in the name of the Church for all the people entrusted to their care, and indeed for the whole world."

What a wonderful vocation to receive! To be a companion and helper to God in his work of sanctifying people, and to be the visible head of the Church as it glorifies the Father through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

called Ayia Kiriaki. Here you see extensive 4th century A.D. mosaics and some columns, including one called "St. Paul's Pillar," because of the tradition that St. Paul was tied to it and scourged.

At Paphos they have also uncovered an extensive complex

of Roman buildings with exquisite floor mosaics on ancient mythology considered perhaps the best in the eastern Mediterranean. Other sites of Paphos include a lighthouse, the marketplace, a castle, the old customs house, the Roman odeion and Turkish baths.

Sports

BISHOP LUERS HOSTS 'RUN WITH THE KNIGHTS' 5K RUN/WALK Bishop Luers High School will host "Run with the Knights" 5K run/walk on Saturday, May 8, at 9 a.m. at Foster Park, 3900 Old Mill Rd., Pavilion No. 2. Registration will be held from 8-9 a.m. Preregistration fee is \$15 per person. After May 2, cost is \$20 per person. Registration forms are available at www.bishopluers.org. For more information contact Sarah Shank at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3039 or e-mail sshank@bishopluers.org. Information is also available on Bishop Luers Facebook.

Bishop Luers springs into sports action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With the clocks sprung ahead and the first day of spring upon us, it can only mean one thing — athletes across the state are preparing for the 2010 spring sports season. Sure signs of warm weather for Bishop Luers athletes make for perfect conditions for top performances in the Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) and across the state.

Golf

When asked about the upcoming Bishop Luers' boys' golf season, Coach Tom O'Brien replied, "The coaching staff (Steve Gillie and Mark Watts) and I are 'downright excited about the long and short range potential of this year's talented freshman class of golfers.'" With eight solid freshmen on the roster, O'Brien, who also coaches the girls' squad, explains, "That spells a lot of success down the line," adding, "Some may even contribute to our varsity squad." Andy

Litchfield, the Knights' lone senior and junior Hugh Baldus are expected to lead the linksters with sophomore Parker Watts being a major contributor after improving greatly over the summer months. Those who will see both junior varsity and varsity time include, Joey Leja, Blake Baxter, Canyon Whitman, Nick Schenkel, Lofton Drew, John Fink and Ben Mauch. Other young freshman for 2010 include Eric Perrine, Collin Hire, Sam Scheer, Sean Katen and Mason Wigent. O'Brien, whose son Rich won the 1995 regional and whose daughter Kristi was a two-time all-state performer from Bishop Luers, promises that his team will improve rapidly over the course of the season, but feels winning the SAC will be a tall order given the talented playing course. "Dwenger is loaded with a talented and deep bench. Coach Dave Scudder does a fabulous job with those boys," O'Brien said of his rivals. With a 7-5 record in 2009, Bishop Luers hopes to secure a top three finish at their sectional competition to advance to regional action.

Lacrosse

In his second season, Coach Lonnie Nichter has high hopes for the 2010 Bishop Luers lacrosse team and claims, "Our skill levels are improving rapidly." The team is off to a 1-2 start on the season boasting a strong freshman class coupled with a large group of seniors, which includes Jordan Crates, Andrew Vaughn, Devin Wyss, Paul Johnson, Bryce Hill, Neil Rawlins, Dave Blomeke and Matt Hoch. Nichter admits last season was "pretty uneventful" and has much higher ambitions than a year ago. "We are working on team building and trying to get everyone on the same page," he explains. Along with assistants Austin Miller, Eric Frentz, Tom Backof and parent representative, Tom Miller, the Knights' main objective this season is to make a strong run in the playoffs. "We also strive to develop marketable talent in our players with the goal of getting them recruited at the college level," summarized Nichter.

Track and field

Annie Shank returns for the Knights this season and continues to dominate in the mile run. Both she and the 3200 meter relay team advanced to the 2009 state finals for the Bishop Luers team. Shank is reported to be working hard to improve her marks from a year ago. The Knights list 27 boys and 25 girls on their roster this season. In his 13th season with the Knights' track program, Coach Jason Draper adds, "On both teams we have a bunch of talented young athletes and are looking forward to their successes." On the girls' side, Shank and 11 other letter winners return. "After graduating 14 seniors last year we are excited to have 13 freshmen out for the team and some other new faces in the sophomore and junior classes join us," said Draper.

For the boys, senior Courtney Mitchell in the sprint events and junior distance specialist Billy McManus are expected to lead the way. Hosting the Bishop Luers Relays on Saturday, April 17, will be a highlight on the schedule along with road trips to East Noble and Oak Hill for invitationals.

Draper is grateful for an impressive group of assistants: Heather Briggs, Lee Rodenbeck, Mark Niemoeller, Elise Bohl, Brett Rupright, Jacob Doctor, Carolyn Harless, Gene Donnelly, Jason Harless and Phill Talarico. With over 50 years combined track and field competitive experience and over 60 years of coaching experience, Draper summarizes, "I am proud of the fact that we are teacher-coaches, because it provides a great example to student-athletes. Together we strive to improve our athletes not only physically, but mentally, morally and spiritually."

Girls' tennis

In his sixth season with the Bishop Luers girls' tennis program, Coach Brady McArdle has 28 girls on his 2010 roster and is grateful for the help of Barb Maher as assistant coach. Maher played tennis at the University of Saint Francis while earning her nursing degree. McArdle feels she will add a huge asset to this year's team. With the loss of eight talented seniors from the 2009 SAC runner-up squad, the Knights return just one letter-winner in senior Jordan McArdle. Other senior members this year

include: Bronte Beckman, Emily Braun, Kelsey Hilaire, Dynisha Miller, Biranna Myles, Megan Shank. Miller along with sophomores Samantha Rahrig, Abby Oberley, Christina Regan and freshman Andrea Choka and Courtney Witte will be players to watch for on the court this season. With a difficult conference schedule, as well as, challenging duals with non-conference foes like Homestead, Canterbury, New Haven, Bellmont, DeKalb and Culver, McArdle hopes to be competitive and improve during the year.

Baseball

Coach Gary Rogers (360-317) previews that juniors, Josh Ulrey and Charlie Pfister will do the bulk of the work on the mound for the Bishop Luers baseball team this season. Both two year varsity returnees, Ulrey, who batted .297, will play shortstop and third base when not pitching, while Pfister will catch behind the plate. Also returning for the Knights are Gabe Mendoza, another junior who hit .300 a year ago and sophomore Drew Morken who saw action in the outfield. Senior infielders expected to shine are Tim Kawiecki and Ethan Gregerson. Newcomers to the varsity roster are Nick Chapel, shortstop/third base, Zack Millard, second base, Marcus Lawson, outfield, Aaron LaMaster, outfield, Henry Till, pitcher/infielder, and infielder Eddie Tuoma. The Knights hope to improve on their 8-16 record from 2009 after losing 10 seniors from their 2008 state championship team. In his 24th season, Rogers highlights a May 3 outing to Parkview Field and their Memorial tournament at Huntington University on May 21 to this year's schedule.

Softball

After a decade with the softball program, Coach Jeff Doll heads up the team for the Bishop Luers Knights who were tri-SAC champs in 2009. Ace pitcher, senior Amy Morrison is back for the Knights as are starters Alexis Devido, Kayla Girod and Erin Conroy. Athletic director, Matt Lindsay reports that players from last year's junior varsity squad that have been called up to the varsity roster include: Liberty McCartney, Trish Skordos, Morgan Eckert and freshman, Julia Hayes. The Knights open at Northrop April 12.



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Bishop Dwenger gears up for spring sports

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Scenes of slanted April rains pelting the bleachers will soon give way to the sizzling asphalt of a June track as the 2010 spring sports season gears up in Fort Wayne. The Saints from Bishop Dwenger hope to fare well against conference rivals as well as across the state this year. “The weather has cooperated very nicely to date,” explained athletic director Andy Johns. “It has been years since we got the first softball game in without a rain-out.”

Girls' tennis

“We have a strong group of newcomers this year and I'm looking forward to a fun and successful season with the girls,” explained Bishop Dwenger girls' tennis Coach Anne Schenkel (75-18). Schenkel, who works part-time as a physical therapist at the FWO division of The Orthopedic Hospital, played tennis at the college level for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. The Saints were 10-2 in 2009 and return both their No. 1 singles player Ashlyn Rang and their No. 1 doubles queen Danielle Maxson. Rang, who was 20-1 a year ago, won the individual sectional tournament and first round of the regional. Maxson went 14-4. The 23-deep Saints' roster includes two sets of sisters who are currently playing doubles together — the Stetzels, Jill and Leah, and junior Danielle partners with freshman sister, Elizabeth Maxson.

Girls' track

Blessed with great weather early on, Coach Erin Brady feels many of the Bishop Dwenger girls' track team members are running faster, jumping farther and throwing farther than this time last year. The Saints boast strong athletes in all areas — sprints, middle distance, long distance and field events for 2010. In her rookie season as head coach, Brady lists 54 girls on the Bishop Dwenger roster with only six seniors. “Although we have many young runners, we are looking forward to a successful season with our talented ladies,” added Brady. Also on the coaching staff with Brady this season are Theresa Roberts, Nancy Yorke and Herb Widner. In their first indoor competition at Trine University,

the group set many good base times and distances. “It was a great opener,” commented Brady. At New Haven High School, the runners tied for first place and had six athletes finish in the top spot on the varsity squad and ten junior varsity blue ribbon winners.

Baseball

Coach Larry Windwiller and the Bishop Dwenger Saint's baseball team will put together a completely different line-up this season around the bases after losing seven out of eight starting position players and four key pitchers who threw the majority of their 2009 innings when Bishop Dwenger went 20-9. Although they play a tough schedule and need to improve as the year progresses to avoid a “long” season, Windwiller believes, “We can be competitive, if we work hard.” And he adds, “I do hope to be over the .500 mark.” Mike Mugg is the lone returning starter with 22 RBI's and 21 runs. The third baseman hit .438 last year. From the 2009 bench, Justin Weiler (.308), Albert Shoaff (.289) and Brad Freiburger (.281) are back. Up from the 15-4 reserves are Nathan Fenker, Greg Kaiser, Russell Coonan, Cameron Smith and others who are expected to contribute at the varsity level this season. Weiler, Freiburger, Jake Markland, Fenker and Steve McIlwain are all pitching possibilities for the Saints.

Boys' golf

Expected to dominate their league once again, the Bishop Dwenger Saints return four of their five top golfers for 2010. The 2009 SAC and sectional champs are led by seniors and all-city selections, Timmy Burns, Danny Schenkel, Austin Stonebraker and sophomore Carter Eifert. Stonebraker was just short of advancing at the state level (77) as a junior when he shot a 72. Winning six out of seven of the past conference titles, the Saints' 12-man roster will face Blackhawk and Leo in their first of four 18-hole tournaments as they prepare for their post-season run. Skudder feels Luers, Northrop and Snider will contend in the regular season while Homestead and Carroll could provide tough competition at the regional level.

Boys' track

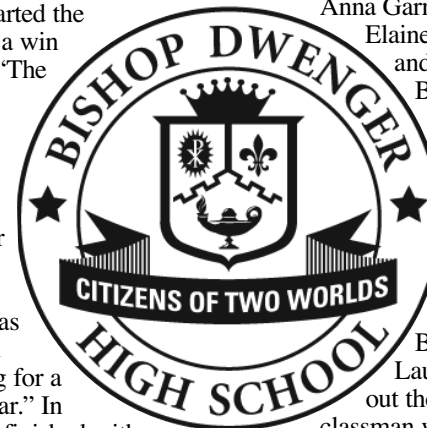
At the state indoor meet held at Purdue University on March 20, the Bishop Dwenger Saints boys' track team had an impressive start. “I was very pleased with our third place finish,” stated second year Coach Herb Widner. Widner's group advanced their 4x800 meter relay team of Luke Momper, Andy Brennan, Luke Offerle and Phil Schroeder, along with Joel Beier in the shot put and discus. Two junior pole vaulters, Pat Krach and Dave (another) Schipper and the top two mile guy in town, Andrew Eckrich, also qualified. Four different relay competitions on the 2010 schedule will help prepare the team for their post season. “Our goal is to get as many down to Indianapolis for the state meet as we can,” explained Widner. Assistant coaches at Dwenger this year are Kevin Hurshton, Eric Aide and Don Schipper.

Softball

For the first time in several years, the Bishop Dwenger Saints were able to play their opening game on its scheduled date. In his 14th season, Coach Dave Moyer's softball team started the season off with a win over Woodlan. “The game is usually rained out,” explained Moyer. But late March was full of blue skies for the Saints and Moyer, in his seventh season as the varsity head coach is looking for a “pretty good year.” In 2009 the Saints finished with a 15-9 record and were tri-champs of the SAC. “One of our main goals this season is not to share it this year,” added Moyer. With

eight returning from last year's squad, four talented freshmen who will see significant playing time and a good mix of comrade between the two, great things could happen. Leading hitters and 2009 all-conference selections:

Anna Garner, outfielder, Elaine Rorick, catcher, and captains Ashley Burkhart, pitcher, outfielder, Andrea Filler, pitcher, infielder, and Maureen Denihan, first base, are all back. Kayley Hyder, Erin Bodeker and Laura Merz round out the list of upper classman who are returning for Bishop Dwenger. Infielders Erica Miller, Kelsey Richard and Sarah Spaulding and outfielder Julie Bazar are the ninth graders.



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Contact: Coach Kostoff, mkostoff@bishopdwenger.com

Football Skills Development Camp for current Grades 5-8

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Contact: Coach Chris Svarczkopf, (260) 496-4718

Volleyball Camp for incoming Grades 4-9

June 14-17
Grades 4-6, 4-5:30 p.m. and Grades 7-9, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40, includes shirt
Contact: Coach John Minnick, (260) 459-3162

Saints Basketball School for current Grades K-8

Session 1: June 7-11 Session 2: July 12-16
Grades K-3, 9-10:15 am; Grades 4-8, 10:30am-12pm
Cost: \$40, includes camp shirt
Contact: Coaches Dave Scudder and Matt Kostoff, (260) 496-4700

Bishop Dwenger Boys Summer Soccer Camp for incoming Grades 5-8

June 7-10, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Hefner Soccer Fields on California Road
Cost: \$30, includes camp shirt
Contact: Coach Carlos Cruz, (260) 602-2424

Boys Heart and Soul Wrestling Camp for current Grades 1-12

June 7-10, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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Cost: \$130 for both sessions (\$85 for individual one)
Contact: Coach Steve Fiacable, (260) 385-6800

Dance Team Camp for incoming Grades K-8

June 21-25, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$45 (\$35 family discount), includes camp shirt
Contact: Coach Haley Wood, (260) 433-2306

Cheerleading Camp for incoming Grades K-5

July 26-30, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$60, includes outfit (\$30 without outfit)
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July 26-30, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
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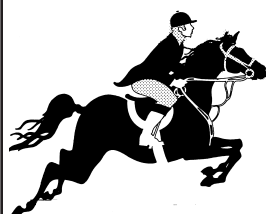
Session I: June 14-July 2 Session II: July 5-23
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Girls' basketball



Kristy Gerardot, senior, forward, St. Rose, Monroeville



Brierra Young, junior, guard, Oak Ridge Temple

Wrestling



Sam Johnson, sophomore, 135 lbs., St. Mary, Fort Wayne



Tony Lovejoy, senior, 119 lbs. (third in state), St. Therese, Fort Wayne



Everett Green, freshman, 189 lbs., Way of Holiness Church

Boys' swimming



Henry Till, junior, 100 breast stroke, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Alex Miller, sophomore, 50 freestyle, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

Girls' swimming



Nichole Landon, senior, 50 freestyle, St. Therese, Fort Wayne



Nikki Keller, sophomore, 100 breast stroke, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Erin Hipskind, sophomore, 50 freestyle, St. Joseph, Roanoke

MARIAN Boys' basketball



Ben Brier, senior, F/P, St. Joseph, South Bend



Tim Fulnecky, senior, F/P, St. Pius X, Granger

Girls' basketball



Alex Bousquet, senior, guard, St. Casimir, South Bend



Mariah Douglas, senior, forward, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

Wrestling



Brian Klockow, senior, 189 lb., St. Jude, South Bend



Eric Plude, sophomore, 135 lb., St. Pius X, Granger

Boys' swimming



David Shafer, junior, 500 free, Presbyterian



Dexter Siberell, junior, 200 IM, Protestant

Girls' swimming



Danielle Giloth, senior, 50 free, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Alina Skwarczan, junior, 500 free, Holy Family, South Bend



Rosa Zappia, senior, 500 free, St. Monica, Mishawaka

SAINT JOSEPH'S Boys' basketball



Tim Bishop, senior, guard, Christ the King



Brian O'Connor, senior, guard

Girls' basketball



Amanda Chamblee, senior, guard, St. Joseph, South Bend



Sarah Hall, junior, guard, Discovery

Wrestling



Tom Bajiackas, senior, 215 lbs., Corpus Christi, South Bend



Josh Cobbin, senior, 171 lbs., St. John, South Bend



Chris Kandzierski, junior, heavy weight, St. Alalbert, South Bend

Boys' swimming



Tony Carroll, junior, 100 backstroke, St. Joseph, South Bend



Trevor Carroll, freshman, 200 and 500 free, St. Joseph, South Bend



Luke Fifer, freshman, 50 and 100 free, Granger Christian

Girls' swimming



Sarah Brechenser, sophomore, 400 free relay, St. Joseph, South Bend



Caitlin Dippo, junior, 400 free relay, Christ the King, South Bend



Megan Knobloch, sophomore, 400 free relay, Granger Christian



Ellen Roof, junior, 400 free relay, Schmucker

BISHOP DWENGER Boys' basketball



Landon Feichter, senior, guard, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Scott Kohne, senior, center, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Girls' basketball



Emma Derheimer, senior, guard, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne



Amanda McKenna, senior, guard, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Gymnastics



Katherine Nix, senior, all-around, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne



Brittany Trahin, sophomore, all-around, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne

Wrestling



Corey Delaney, senior, 135 lb., St. Jude, Fort Wayne



Isaac Evans, senior, 215 lb., St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Jordan Venderley, senior, 145 lb., St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

Boys' swimming



Geoffrey Federspiel, senior, 200 medley, St. John, New Haven



Lucas McGowan, senior, 200 medley, St. Jude, Fort Wayne



Stephen Wuest, senior, 200 medley, St. John, New Haven



Ethan Welch, sophomore, 200 medley, Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne

Girls' swimming



Molly Coffee, senior, 200 medley, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne



Julia Towsley, senior, 200 medley, St. Charles, Fort Wayne



Julia Lee, junior, 200 medley, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne



Marissa McDonald, freshman, 200 medley, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

Marian athletes ready to compete

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — While the winter sports at Marian High School are being packed up until next year, the spring sports are being dusted off and ready to compete.

"Our staff is solid with all of our head coaches returning with a great deal of experience," commented Reggie Glon, athletic director. "Our one exception is our new head track coach, Jered Owens, who has worked with our kids the last two seasons and brings a wealth of experience and a passion to the sport."

"We are behind in the race for the Bishop's Cup, but the competition is always a battle and fun for the student athletes," Glon continued. "Our spring sports are always solid and anything can happen going down to the wire."

Boys' golf

After losing six starters from last season's outstanding team, including state champion Adam Sumrall, the Knights aren't feeling sorry for themselves, they are simply reloading.

"We lost almost our whole squad with the exception of senior Adam Bethold, our lone holdover," commented Jim Kryder, head golf coach. "In the recent past we have had that one standout that had steadied the ship, this year it will be a collection of solid players that enjoy competing."

"The nucleus of our team will include seniors Andrew Verwilt, Nick Stancombe and Bobby Grossnickle," continued Kryder. "The junior class also brings some talented golfers in Tim Trippel, Ian Saboski and Mike Rutledge."

"I think that we will score in tight bunches and continue the Marian Golf Legacy," added Kryder. "I have a feeling that if the kids keep working hard, we can surprise some people."

Rugby

Rugby is again the rage for the battle-tested Knights as they prepare for a campaign with a seasoned squad.

"Our seniors are definitely the strength of our team," said Larry Daher, head coach. "In all of the years that I have coached, this is definitely the best senior class I

have been around."

"This team can become the best team we have ever had here," Daher continued. "We have some players that bring a lot to the table; Collin Rahrig, David Halter, Blake Talos and Bret Hershel all have experience and play at a high level."

"Our one Achilles heel is depth," added Daher. "Anne Micinski, our trainer could end up being our most valuable player if she can help keep our kids healthy during the grinding season."

Softball

The Lady Knights finished last year's campaign with a little bit of disappointment in the sectionals after a solid regular season.

"After winning 19 games last year we will return five seniors, unfortunately one of them, Ashley Bousquet, first team all-state and .608 hitter, will be in the dugout due to an injury," commented the head coach, George Grenert. "Anna Catanzarite, Ibbey Lehmann, Erin Smith and Alex Bousquet are all experienced seniors and all very good in their own right."

"Our strength will be our hitting but we return sophomore Ariel Sheets who pitched in every game last year," explained Grenert. "We have some girls that really developed on the junior varsity last season, and we think they can fill in the gaps, if that happens, I feel we can be very competitive."

Baseball

Coach Tim Prister doesn't like to use the word "young" when describing his team, but youth can be a good thing when you can still return nine out of 10 players with starting experience.

"Our goal is to get back to our 2008 form," explained Prister. "The NIC is going to be tough, but I think we should be able to put the ball in play and get better as the season goes along."

"I really expect junior righty Taylor Krugh to have another solid year on the mound," commented Prister. "We also will rely heavily on Chase Parker our junior left-fielder, Bobby Norell our shortstop who hit .381 as a freshmen and the quiet leadership of our captain Ryan Luczkowski."

"I also think that Matt Gibson and Andrew Price will have a solid campaign," Prister said. "Last sea-

son the younger guys were trying to take care of their own business as they should have, now it's about trying to take care of the team's business."

Girls' track

New coach Jared Owens is building the Lady Knights' track team on a foundation that is solid and filled with some recent storied careers.

"We have a lot of younger kids out that are very excited in the sport," Owens said. "The girls are still growing but I think we can be very solid in the sprints and with our very young distance team."

Both Maggie Pendergast and Gabi Skwarczn are freshmen who have come off an outstanding cross country season," explained Owens. "Emily Griffith and Kristen Florin will anchor the sprinters."

"Tracy Scott will be a solid 400 runner and Merideth Farkus is raising some eyebrows in the sprints and the jumping events," Owens continued, "I think that our seniors are not only athletic but extremely flexible in different events and because of their dedication, we should have a good team."

Boys' track

The boys' track team at Marian is blessed with solid numbers as student athletes are heading to the black topped oval to compete in the spring time events.

"We have an evenly distributed team this year, a few solid sprinters, a few middle distance runners and a few long distance runners," explained Owen. "We are not fast yet, but the kids have been working in the weight room and are getting stronger, and they are starting to see the big picture at the end of the season."

"Greg McMillion is a senior distance runner that has really improved, and we are expecting a solid showing," Owen said. "Ben Plude, Eric Plude, Connor Burk and Kyle Koch not only have the work ethic to be good this season but they also have the talent."

"The sophomore class is very good and with time and commitment can grow to be a very successful group," added Owen. "I think that we have the ability to compete right now at a smaller scale but the future looks very good on the big stage."

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Saint Joseph's hopes the hard work pays off for spring athletics

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Many things are on the mind of Saint Joseph's High School Athletic Director Eric Gohlke when it comes to the spring season.

"Every one of the head coaches on our staff is returning and they have developed a sense of camaraderie that builds success," Gohlke said. "The budget restraints have been ongoing but I'm very proud to say that they haven't affected our ability to compete at the highest levels."

"We at Saint Joseph's are very excited about our spring teams," finished Gohlke.

Softball

The softball is riding high off of last season's sectional title.

"We played well last season and our expectations are high," commented Coach Earl Keith. "We are returning seven talented players with strong pitching."

"Four of our returners were All-Northern Indiana Conference players — Sydney Hofferth, senior first basemen; Amanda Chamblee, senior shortstop; Jenny Bals, junior pitcher and Emily McColleston-Purlee, a sophomore outfielder," remarked Keith. "We are also expecting a very good campaign by Kelly Scholl, Annmarie Lidzy, Krista Matthys and Taylor Kurzhal.

"With the returning players, if we continue to work hard and do the little things, we have a chance to be pretty darn good," quipped Keith.

Baseball

Maturity and consistency will be the focus as the Indians take the field as the very talented Northern Indiana Conference takes aim.

"We have a senior-dominated squad and leadership is at a premium," said Coach John Gump. "In high school, defense is a big deal, and we have a shot to be good if we can be consistent in the field and we can put the ball in play."

"We are expecting good things this year based primarily on a pitching staff that is back with experience," Gump remarked. "Jacob Brewer did great things last season as a junior and will be heavily relied upon again."

"With 10 of our 17 players being seniors, I expect some clutch hitting," Gump claimed.

"I feel good about this team and the chemistry is great," exclaimed Gump. "The competition combined with our experience should make for a solid year."

Girls' track

The Saint Joe girls' track team has gotten off to another great start as they finished as State Runnerup Indoors in Class 1-A-3-A at the

HSR Finals at Purdue March 20.

"We have high expectations for outdoors where we finished 9-1 last year, won the South Bend City title, and finished NIC and sectional runnerups (to Penn)," commented Coach Mike McCarthy.

"We return first team all-state 300 hurdler, Meghan Czarniecki, who also qualified for state in the 100 hurdles and is our sprint/hurdle captain," explained McCarthy. "Senior Tayler Turner, a Notre Dame soccer signee, is a three-time state finalist in the sprints teamed with sophomore Morgan Carroll, also a returning state finalist in the 400-meter relay who is performing very well."

"Sophomore hurdler/jumper Mikaila Chamblee was the leading freshman point scorer in the NIC last year, she qualified in both events for the regionals in last year," continued McCarthy. "We are also high on Katie Campbell, a junior, another state finalist returnee in the relays and hurdles, and freshman Rachel Staud who qualified for Indoor State Finals in the 55 dash."

"The mid-distance and distance team is well balanced and returns three of four legs off a 3,200-meter relay — junior Ali Connelly, sophomore Maddy Kearney and sophomore Michelle Potter," added McCarthy. "The three teamed with junior Sarah Hall to finish second in the state indoors. Freshman Elizabeth Taylor has already post-

ed a solid 12:38 indoor two mile time."

"In the field, junior Melissa Macellari is ready for a breakout season after finishing as sectional runnerup in the discus last year (PR 111 feet 9 inches)," continued McCarthy. "Senior Mary Carpenter was all-NIC in the pole vault and provides daily leadership for her event group that coupled with jumpers Katie Hecklinski and Abby Toth to add depth to an already strong long jump team."

Boys' track

The Saint Joseph's boys track team was very young last season with only four seniors on a squad of 53, this year will be a different group.

"The cross country team's state finals appearance, led by all-state runners senior Mike Bradley and sophomores Connor Method and Joey Zielinski, give our distance crew a big target on their backs as we head into track season."

"We return three legs from a solid 8:07 3,200-meter relay, including Bradley," McCarthy continued. "Method was the NIC and sectional champion in the 3,200-meter run. Zielinski and O'Brien both went to regionals in the 1,600-meter run last year."

"In the sprints, senior Brendan Favo returns in the 200 and 400. Sophomore Xavier Remmo Long had a great indoor season in the

200, 400, and long jump qualifying for the indoor state meet in each area," McCarthy said.

"Senior hurdler Luke O'Connor opened the season well in his premier event, the 300 hurdles, and senior Caleb Cobbin, junior Nick Matthews, sophomore Austen Taylor and sophomore John Halloran will provide good depth in the 400- and 4 x 4-relay pool."

"Saint Joe throwers look to have a huge season with a year of experience has helped senior Jorge Diaz, junior Patrick Manion and sophomore Joe DeMaegd," stated McCarthy. "Junior Jacob Speybroeck, leads the long jumpers, while senior three-sport-standout Mike Kendzicky opened his outdoor season last weekend jumping 5 feet 10 at the Charger Invite to start on a solid note."

Boys' golf

After a 17-3 2009 and returning almost everyone back, the Saint Joseph's boys' golf team is more-than-ready to start the season.

"My kids are not only talented but they are very smart," head coach John Troeger said. "Our two captains Tyler Bilha, a four-year letter winner, and Sean Flanagan were good as juniors and are fantastic leaders on the course."

"We have three more solid seniors returning in Joe Bauer and Alex and Max Fredlake," added Troeger.

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Book offers insights and thoughts on the Eucharist

BY YORK YOUNG

Have you ever noticed how it can be difficult to continue with a devotion or regular prayer. It often seems like something is pulling us back or interrupting our ability to focus. Actually, that's probably exactly what is happening. If it was easy to keep up our best intentions, we'd be well on our way to being saints. But things of the earth, especially things created by humans, that most fallen of creatures, gets in our way.

So we need to keep working at: "Conversion is never once and for all, but is a process," Pope Benedict XVI has said. And one of the ways we can get help on that conversion journey is to focus on the Eucharist — the source and summit of our life. "The Mystery of Faith: Meditations on the Eucharist" (Paraclete Press, \$17.99), by Father Tadeusz Dajczer, a Polish priest and friend of the late Pope John Paul II, gives us some insights and thoughts that we can take with us

when we receive the Eucharist in Mass or visit Christ in the Eucharist during adoration, a devotion that has maintained its presence in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. St. Jude in Fort Wayne and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration both have Perpetual Adoration (public hours for the Sisters of St. Francis does have limits, though it is generous). Numerous other parishes in the diocese schedule adoration, usually for much of a particular day of the week. For a listing, visit the Internet at www.therealpresence.org.

Father Dajczer has some inter-

esting things for us to think about as we approach the Eucharist. For example, God "both

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And,

"He

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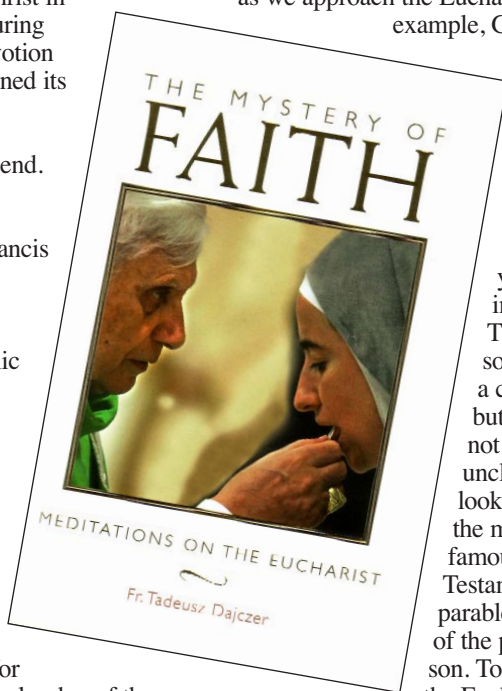
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son. To approach

the Eucharist is

to be a prodigal.

Here is an extended explanation from Father Dajczer: "Human life is a continual departure from God.



New books for spring

The following are recently published books that have been sent to Today's Catholic that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

"And God Said: How translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning," by linguistics and translation expert Dr. Joel M. Hoffman, is an easy, enjoyable read that conveys ancient meanings of the Scripture to English and some mistaken approaches to translation that have led to common but inaccurate translations. The author provides some correct translations for several familiar quotations. Thomas Dunne, ISBN: 978-0-312-56558-9

"The Bread of Angels," by Stephanie Saldana is the story of the author's journey of faith and love. In this riveting read, Saldana, through her poetic style, takes the reader on her journey of self discovery, in one unlikely year, through war-torn regions of the Middle East, then to a monastery where she discovers love. Doubleday, ISBN: 97-0-385-52200-7

"Bible Babel: Making Sense of the Most Talked About Book of All Time," by religious studies

scholar Kristen Swenson is a lively and accessible source that provides readers with basic Bible literacy, including what is in the Bible, where it comes from and how it is used in culture today. Harper, ISBN: 978-0-06-172829-7

"The Catholic Spirit: An Anthology for Discovering Faith Through Literature, Art, Film and Music," by Michel Bettigole, OSF, and James D. Childs complementary text, organized in four units that follow the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is a resource for high school students as they explore their faith. Contemporary use of arts with reflection questions and activities

covers topics that include Christ, the Church, and the importance of sacraments, prayer and mortality. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 1-59471-182-8

"Paul Among the People: The Apostle Reinterpreted and Reimagined in His Own Time," by Sarah Ruden is an interesting read that uncovers the Greek-speaking early Christian evangelist's message of human freedom and love for others. Paul, who considered himself the "Apostle to the Gentiles," was the first to teach how Jesus' life, death and resurrection fit into the larger scheme of salvation. Ruden translates passages from ancient

Greek and Roman literature and writes about others' interpretations of Paul's teaching to clarify this apostle's ethics as humane and responsible. Pantheon Books, ISBN: 978-0-375-42501-1

"Praying From the Heart of Holy Cross Spirituality," by Joel Giallanza, CSC, is a 30-day prayer companion resource that offers inspiring meditations and reflections with excerpts from the writings of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau. Each of the 30 days offers three sections to provide a road map for wisdom, daily living and closing prayer. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-1-59471-232-6

"The Love Story of Creation: Book One," by retired priest and founding member of Earthworks, an Indiana ecological community since 1988, Edward Ruetz, is a dramatization of the story of the creation of the uni-

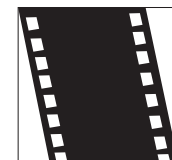
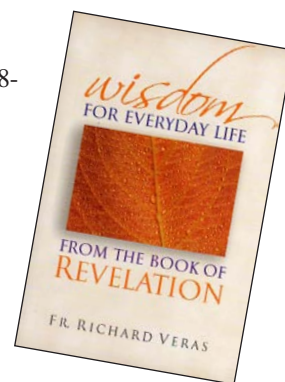
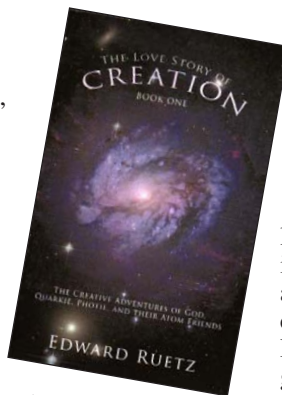
verse. The author tells the story of 12 atom characters, Quarkie, Photie and their atomic friends who create and evolve the universe and the planet Earth over 15 million years. iUniverse, ISBN: 978-1-4401-8838-1

"A Priest Forever: Nine Signs of Renewal and Hope," by Alfred McBride is a personal reflection on the meaning of being a priest and

includes quotes, Scripture and personal stories from the author. The chapters include an exploration of a priest's commitment to his vocation from the Eucharist to prayer to chastity. The book holds encouragement and nourishment for every priest. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-954-6

"What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About the First Five Years of marriage," by professional counselor Roy Petitfils is filled with stories from clients, friends and his own marriage that offer practical advice for marriage preparation or those already married. The chapters, from Can You Hear Me Now? Communicating as Husband and Wife to In Sickness and in Health, in Good Times and in Bad, close with a Scripture verse and reflection questions. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-853-2

"Wisdom for Everyday Life From the Book of Revelation," by Father Richard Veras offers an in-depth look at the symbolic language and imagery of the Book of Revelation and how it can affect everyday life choices. The chapters follow the Bible's revelation mystery and integrates New Testament Scripture for clarity. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-0-86716-905-8



MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) – Following are capsule reviews of theatrical movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"How to Train Your Dragon" (DreamWorks)

Robust animated fantasy about a teenaged Viking (voiced by Jay Baruchel) who goes against his own people by befriending and domesticating the creature his society has been battling for 300 years. Directors Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlois have fashioned an engaging boy's own action-adventure, based on Cressida Cowell's book, with impressive 3-D visuals and a constructive pacifist message. While not overly taxing on brain cells or the imagination, it constitutes an above-average family-oriented ride, keeping in mind younger children may be frightened at times. Much relatively intense fantasy action, some harsh descriptions of Viking-dragon mayhem, two instances of potty language, two mildly off-color references to body parts. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

"The Bounty Hunter" (Columbia/Relativity)

Forgettable, frequently mean-spirited mix of romantic comedy and crime story begins with a former police officer-turned-bounty hunter (Gerard Butler) delightfully arresting his journalist ex-wife (Jennifer Aniston) after she fails to appear for a court hearing, but the two quickly become entangled in a case of police corruption that leaves them dodging bullets and, far less successfully, a renewed hail of arrows from cupid's bow. Any potentially heartwarming elements in director Andy Tennant's predictable tale of rekindling romance get lost amid the frenetic shuffle as the rival protagonists use a Taser stun gun on one another as well as tackle and handcuff each other. Some action violence, scenes of torture, brief rear nudity, several sexual jokes and references, about eight uses of profanity, a bit of rough and much crude language. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is L — limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Hungarian History Presentation

South Bend — Local historian, Gary Gabich, will share a presentation on the history of the Hungarians at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Our Lady of Hungary School gym. Tickets are \$8 per person. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds will benefit the school funding program.

Seventh grade day

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School invites seventh grade students to a visitation morning on Thursday, April 15, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The program will inform students on the academic, athletic and spiritual opportunities available to students at Bishop Luers High School. For information or to register, call Jenny Andorfer (260) 456-1261 x3141.

Bingo night

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School HASA will have a Bingo night in the school gym, Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit the school funding program.

Free health checks at Focus on Health

Fort Wayne — The University of Saint Francis will offer free health check for Focus on Health Friday, April 16, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the North Campus Auditorium. Free health information and low cost blood tests will be available. Fasting overnight may be required for some tests. For information call Diane Martin at (260) 399-7700 ext. 8545 or ext. 8501.

Southwestern dinner planned

Fort Wayne — A southwestern dinner will be held Saturday, April 24, from 1-6 p.m. at St. Henry Parish Center, 5711 St. Henry Lane. The dinner will include: Flautas (rolled taquitos), rice, refried beans, dessert and lemonade. Tickets are \$7 for adult, \$5 for senior (55 and older) and children 5-12. Children 5 and under are free. Carry-out and drive through are available. For information or to purchase tickets contact Nicole Brown at (260) 515-9265 or Jose Tarango at (260) 704-5638.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, April 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The theme for the day is "The Bent Over Woman." Please bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by April 23 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, April 11, after the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Pius X. Adults \$5, children 6-12 \$3.

St. Anne Society plans card party

South Bend — The St. Anne Society of Our Lady of Hungary Parish will have a luncheon card party Sunday, April 18, at noon in the school auditorium. Donation of \$5. Bring your own cards.

World Apostolate of Fatima meeting

New Haven — The World Apostolate of Fatima will have a planning meeting Saturday, April 17, with Mass at 7:15 p.m. at St.

John the Baptist. A meeting with continental breakfast, the election of officers and plans for the June First Saturday Mass and breakfast will take place. A 20 minute DVD will be shown. For information call (260) 625-3281.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Carry-out available.

Card party and euchre tournament

Yoder — A card party and euchre tournament will be held Saturday, April 17, in the St. Aloysius School basement. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Food and beverages for a free-will offering. Call (260) 638-4882 for information.

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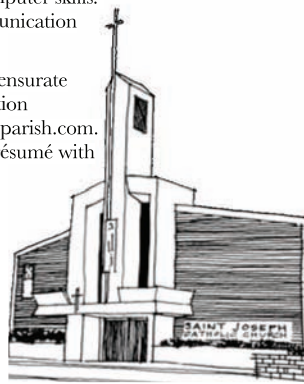
Saint Joseph Parish, a vibrant, Catholic, faith community of over 800 families and a large, K-8 grade school in South Bend, Indiana, seeks a Director of Stewardship and Development. This position furthers the mission of the Parish by promoting the concept of Stewardship as a way of life in accordance with the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. The position also oversees Parish Development efforts, including fostering relationships with parishioners, school alumni, and other friends of St. Joseph for the purpose of finding and cultivating partners to financially support St. Joseph Church and School in the living out of its mission.

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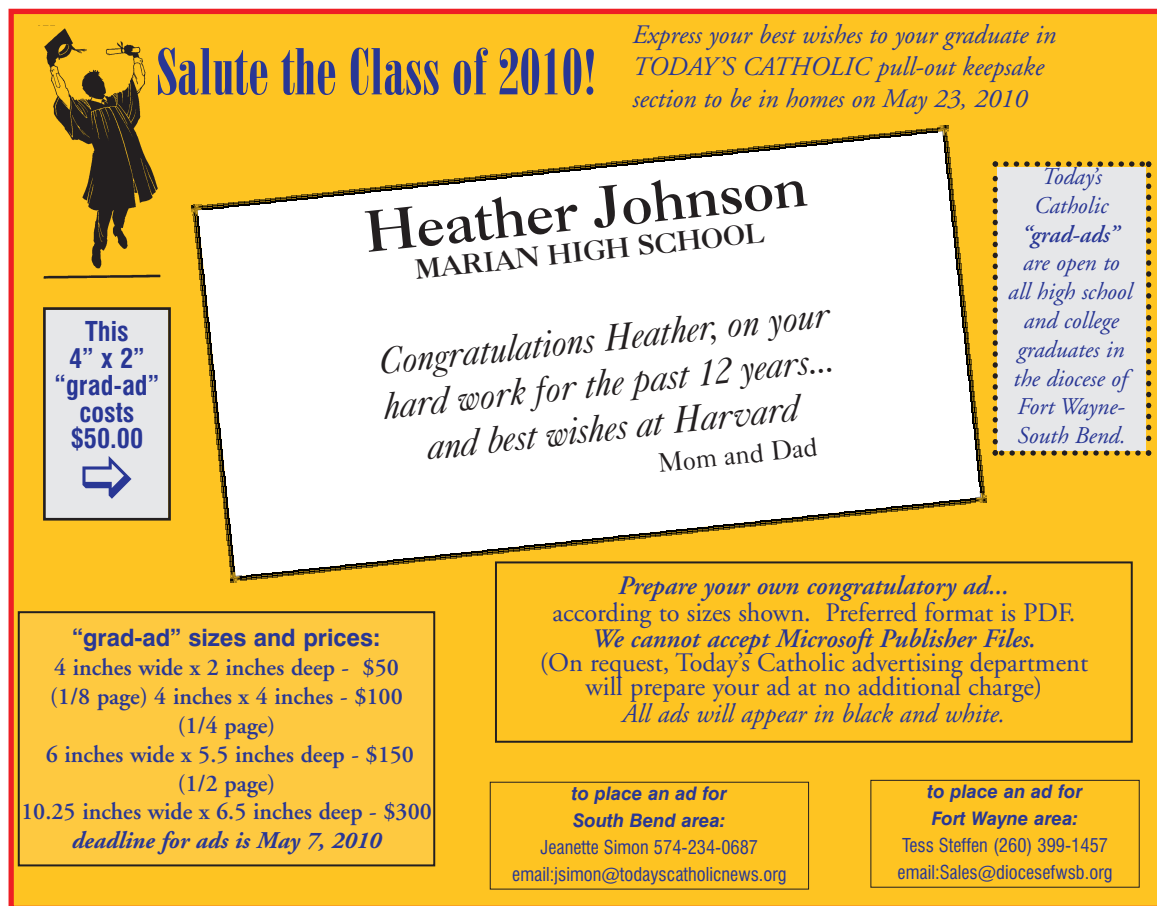
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 St. Jude Church - Randallia Dr., at E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne
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BISHOP GREETS PARISHIONERS FROM ARCOLA AFTER EASTER MASS



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets parishioners as they process from St. Patrick Church in Arcola following Mass on Easter Sunday. As was his custom in his former diocese, Bishop Rhoades again chose a parish in which to celebrate Easter Mass. This marks his first Easter celebration since his installment as bishop in the diocese in January.



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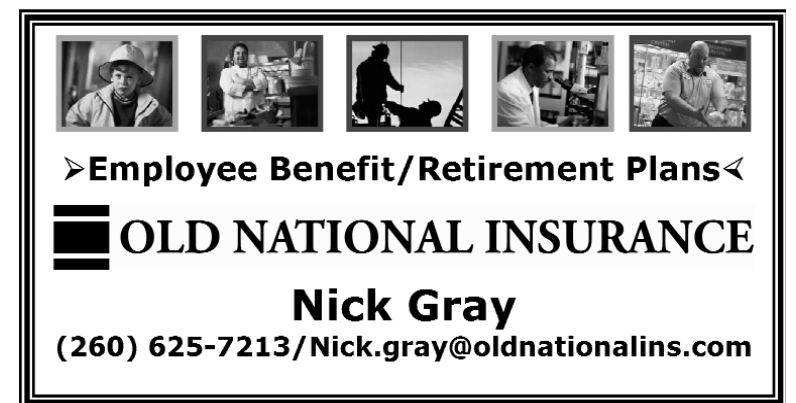
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More Information & Updates
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