



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Holy Cross celebrates springtime ordinations to the priesthood

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — April 10 was a joyful day at Notre Dame. The Congregation of Holy Cross, friends, students and family members gathered at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the ordination to the priesthood of Kevin G. Grove and Gerard J. Olinger, Jr. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, bishop of Peoria, Ill., and a former auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

“The international community is blessed to welcome these men who will bring hope and joy to many people through our ministries,” said Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial of the Indiana Province.

The liturgy began with a resounding hymn sung by an exuberant assembly led by the Notre Dame Folk Choir, followed by the Liturgy of the Word. After the Gospel, Father Tyson officially presented the candidates to the bishop. Next, some recipients of their ministry gave consent to the ordination as representatives of the people of God.

Robert and Tammye Raster and their seven children testified to the devoted ministry of Kevin Grove, who served as deacon at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. Each member of the Raster family extolled Deacon Kevin’s service and expressed how he had touched their lives and the lives of many other parishioners. “Deacon Kevin exemplifies a priest of Holy Cross,” said Tammye Raster.

The appreciation and love of the community of the University of Portland was very evident as students, Chris Vennes and Zack Imfeld, presented Gerry Olinger who worked in campus ministry dur-



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Newly ordained Holy Cross Fathers Gerald J. Olinger, Jr. and Kevin G. Grove leave the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame after being ordained to the Priesthood on April 10.

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER ROBERT D'SOUZA

He looks like any other priest in a black suit and Roman collar, so one would not guess that Father

Robert D'Souza was one of the small circle of individuals who had regular and personal contact with Mother Teresa.

He is also among the vast throng who

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Bishop's Retreat offers young adults time with God

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

ANGOLA — Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, fielded questions from a room full of young adults at the Bishop's Retreat on the afternoon of April 10 at the Potawatomi Inn in Angola. Bishop D'Arcy, who actually began the annual retreat several years ago, was one of the four event speakers.

Each year the Office for Campus and Young Adult Ministry hosts a weekend where young adults, ages 18-39, can draw aside from the demands of everyday life and spend time with God, seeking His wis-

dom in their life. In general, it is a time of inspirational talks, sharing in the sacraments, gathering in fellowship and refreshing one's body, mind and soul.

This year's weekend retreat took place April 9-11 with a theme “In the Meantime ... Trust.” The question-and-answer session Saturday afternoon was an opportunity for some one-on-one time with Bishop D'Arcy and to consult with him on relevant issues in the Catholic Church. Prior to the session, participants were asked to write questions on index cards.

The growing Hispanic popularity was an impetus for many of the questions. For

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Sts. Faustina and Margaret Mary were witnesses, messengers of God's divine love



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Divine Mercy Sunday

I am writing this column in the Detroit airport, during a short layover on my trip back to Fort Wayne from Harrisburg, where I baptized two infants, children of good friends, and where I dedicated a beautiful new St. Margaret Mary Church, a project I had worked on for five years. It was a joyful celebration on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

I thought it was an appropriate feast for the church dedication. Two humble nuns, one from the 20th century, St. Faustina Kowalska, and the other from the 17th century, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, each received revelations and images from Our Lord. The former was that of the divine mercy and the latter was that of the divine love. St. Margaret Mary was the disciple of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope John Paul II, who died on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast he established for the universal Church, said that mercy is "an indispensable dimension of love" and can be called "love's second name." Both of these devotions express rich truths of our faith and are firmly grounded in Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

The Divine Mercy image has two rays of light emanating from Our Lord's heart: one red and the other white. The two rays, according to what Jesus told Sister Faustina, represent the blood and the water. The blood recalls the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water recalls the sacrament of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit. This sacred image represents Christ's merciful love illuminating and spreading over the world.

St. Faustina and St. Margaret Mary were witnesses and messengers of our Lord's merciful love. The Church and each of her members, you and I, are called to be witnesses and messengers of our Lord's merciful love. We can call this "our program of life" as Catholics. Having come to know and experience the merciful love of Jesus Christ, having been penetrated by it, we are then moved to live it, spreading the message of Divine Mercy and love by our words, actions and prayers.

Pope Benedict XVI

Let us continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. I asked a friend who works at the Vatican how the Holy Father is holding up amid the unjust attacks



DENISE FEDOROW

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades begins his prayer of blessing upon the Lindenwood Retreat Center extension on April 8 in Donaldson. Jim Fitzpatrick is to his left. A painting of Jesus washing the disciple's feet is shown at right. The painting was also blessed and will hang in the lobby of the retreat center.

on him concerning the handling of clerical sexual abuse of minors. His reply gave me comfort. He said that it is a painful time for him, but Pope Benedict has such strong faith that he is bearing the attacks with deep trust in the Lord. Our Holy Father has worked incredibly hard for many years to combat the evil of sexual abuse of minors. One wonders why he has been the target of attacks. Let us continue to pray for Pope Benedict and, of course, for our brothers

and sisters who have been harmed by the grievous sin and crime of sexual abuse.

Easter week

The Octave of Easter was a time of joyful celebrations. On Easter Monday, I confirmed several young people at the

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from the following parishes: The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; St. Mary's, Fort Wayne; Immaculate Conception, Auburn; St. Joseph, Bluffton; St. Catherine of Alexandria, Nix Settlement; and St. Joseph, Roanoke.

On Easter Tuesday, I led the Little Flower Holy Hour at the St. Theodore Guérin Chapel. This Holy Hour for priests and priestly vocations is held twice a month. Thanks to all who continue this tradition. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a powerful means to foster vocations to the priesthood. During this Year for Priests, I am grateful to all who have prayed for our priests and their growth in holiness.

On Easter Wednesday, I offered Holy Mass for the Widows of Prayer at St. Mary's Church in Fort Wayne. I was quite touched by the faith and devotion of this beautiful group of women and thank them

for their prayers for the Church.

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

On Easter Thursday, I made my first visit to Donaldson. I celebrated Holy Mass for the residents of Catherine Kasper Home, many of whom are retired sisters, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. After greeting the residents after Mass, I enjoyed lunch with Sister Nora Hahn, the provincial superior, her council and Dr. Ronald May, the president of Ancilla College. After lunch, they gave me a tour of Ancilla College, a two-year liberal arts college sponsored by the Poor Handmaids. I was quite impressed by the individual attention that Ancilla College gives to its students.

In the afternoon, we celebrated the blessing of the recently completed extension to the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. This beautiful facility, situated on Lake Gilbraith, seems an ideal location for spiritual retreats and days of recollection.

Our diocese has been blessed with the presence and ministries of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ since the first sisters arrived in Fort Wayne in 1868. The sisters have served in health care, orphan care and education in our diocese. Fort Wayne was the site of their motherhouse in the United States until it moved to Donaldson in 1923. This congregation was founded in Dernbach, Prussia, in 1850 by Blessed Mother Mary Katherine Kasper.

By the way, I must mention the Poor Handmaids' Ancilla Beef and Grain Farm! I enjoyed the delicious beef at the lunch, but the sisters also gave me a can of Ancilla Farm chunks of beef in a gift basket to take home. It is great in chili! I mention this in case you might be interested in checking it out. It is great beef!

In this joyful Easter season, may you continue to experience the peace and joy that comes from the Risen Lord!

Vatican spokesman says pope has been rigorous leader addressing sex abuse

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican spokesman strongly defended Pope Benedict XVI as a credible leader on the issue of priestly sex abuse, saying the pope's respect for truth and transparency stand against the "criticism and unfounded insinuations" of recent weeks.

The spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said in a lengthy commentary April 9 that the recent disclosures of past cases of abuse of minors by priests had demonstrated that the wounds in the Church run deep, and require greater pastoral attention.

But he said the Church was taking the correct approach by reaching out to victims, strengthening its own procedures against offenders, encouraging cooperation with civil authorities and improving the screening of priest-hood candidates.

Father Lombardi criticized the media for treating sexual abuse as if it were only a Church problem. The crisis, he said, is extensive and goes well beyond the boundaries of the Catholic clergy.

Responding to widespread criticism of the pope and the Vatican for allegedly failing to act more decisively against priest abusers, Father Lombardi said the Church's current policies of transparency and firmness reflected the pope's own determination to address the problem.

"Pope Benedict XVI, a coherent guide along the path of rigor and truth, merits all respect and support," Father Lombardi said.

"He is a pastor well capable of facing — with great rectitude and confidence — this difficult time in which there is no lack of criticism and unfounded insinuations," he said.

Church leaders can learn from Pope Benedict "the constancy necessary to grow in truth and transparency" and to respond patiently to "the slow and gradual release of partial or presumed 'revelations' which seek to undermine his credibility," he said.

The spokesman added that this same "patient and solid love of truth" should be shown not only by everyone in the Church but also by those in society who communicate and write, "if we want to serve and not confuse our contemporaries."

In response to the barrage of media criticism of the pope and his aides, Father Lombardi and other Vatican officials have pointed out that even as a cardinal, Pope Benedict pushed hard for stricter measures for prosecuting and defrocking priest abusers. As pope, he has repeatedly condemned such abuse as a terrible sin and crime, and has met with sex abuse victims in the United States and Australia.



CNS FILE PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi speaks at a March 20 briefing at the Vatican on Pope Benedict XVI's letter to Ireland's Catholics concerning the sexual abuse scandal.

Father Lombardi said the recent events have revealed, in a striking manner, that although most of these sex abuse cases go back decades, the "inner wounds" are evidently still open.

"Many victims do not seek financial compensation but inner assistance, a judgment on their painful individual experiences. There is something that we have yet to fully understand; perhaps we need a more profound experience of events that have had such a negative impact on the lives of individuals, of the Church and of society," he said.

While the cases may be old and the number of new allegations diminishing, he said, "for many people the road to profound healing is only now beginning, and for others it has yet to start."

The spokesman reiterated Pope Benedict's willingness to hold new meetings with victims of abuse. And he said certain bishops' conferences had rightly established forums for listening to abuse victims.

"Alongside concern for victims we must continue to implement, decisively and truthfully, the correct procedures for the canonical judgment of the guilty, and for collaborating with the civil authorities in matters concerning their judicial and penal competencies, taking the specific norms and situations of the various countries into account," he said.

"Only in this way can we hope effectively to rebuild a climate of justice and complete trust in the ecclesiastical institution," he said.

Father Lombardi said the question of maturity in sexual matters was important when it comes to accepting candidates for the priesthood. But he said the issue touches on a wider problem in society, which has been affected by a "sexual revolution" and a process of general secularization.

"In the final analysis, this means rediscovering and reaffirming the sense and importance

of sexuality, chastity and emotional relationships in today's world, and doing so in concrete, not just verbal or abstract terms," he said.

He faulted the media for failing to adequately report the extent of the sexual abuse problem, and for failing to make it clear that the Church was dealing with a problem shared by many institutions.

For example, he said, a recent document on mistreatment of children in the United States reported that in 2008, there were more than 62,000 perpetrators of sexual abuse against minors; of that number, he said, the proportion of Catholic priests was so small as not to be taken into consideration as a group.

A front-page commentary the same day in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, praised Pope Benedict as a "courageous witness of truth" even when it came to scandals of the church's own members.

"Whoever can set aside prejudice is impressed by the strength of this pope who ... does not fear the outrage and derision of the world" and "the truth at any cost, even if it hurts, even if it burns the soul," said the commentary, written by Italian Archbishop Gualtiero Bassetti of Perugia.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The Notre Dame Task Force on Life

April 8, 2010

I am encouraged by the steps being taken by the University of Notre Dame and its president, Father John Jenkins, CSC, in implementing the recommendations of the recently established Task Force on Life. Recommendations were publicized in January, and on April 8 the university announced the adoption of an Institutional Statement Supporting the Choice for Life and Principles for Institutional Charitable Activity, both of which were recommended by the task force. The other recommended initiatives have either been completed or are underway.

In his great encyclical, "The Gospel of Life," Pope John Paul II wrote about the dramatic struggle between the "culture of life" and the "culture of death" in our present social context. He called for "the renewal of a culture of life within Christian communities themselves" and wrote of the specific contribution that Catholic universities should make in building a new "culture of life." I believe that the efforts that the University of Notre Dame is making in this regard are important for the Church and for society.

Notre Dame's Institutional Statement supporting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death is an important foundation for the implementation of concrete actions and plans to teach and serve the Gospel of Life. In his apostolic constitution on Catholic universities, "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," Pope John Paul II listed as one of the essential characteristics of a Catholic university "an institutional commitment to the service of the people of God and of the human family in their pilgrimage to the transcendent goal which gives meaning to life." An explicit and strong pro-life commitment strengthens the Catholic character of the university. It is an expression also of another essential characteristic of Catholic universities: "Fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church." — cf. "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" 13.

Our Catholic universities are in a unique position to promote the renewal of a culture of life in our society. Being actively pro-life in teaching and research, pastoral ministry and service, Catholic universities indeed contribute to the renewal of our society and to the promotion of the common good. I am grateful to Father Jenkins and to the Notre Dame Task Force on Life for the efforts they are making to serve the Gospel of life. I pray that their work will bear much good fruit.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES IN SUPPORT OF THE HOLY FATHER

The following was part of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' homily at the Chrism Mass on March 29 and 30.

The horrible sins and crimes of some priests are in the news again, especially now in Europe. I am saddened by the unjust and unfair attacks on the Holy Father who has done so much to combat the sexual abuse of minors, a crime that causes great harm and is an appalling sin in the eyes of God. Such sin goes against the very nature of the priesthood and against the very meaning and purpose of celibacy.

In the midst of this terrible scandal, we cannot and we must not lose our appreciation for the gift of the priesthood and the gift of celibacy. Nor can we or should we forget the multitude of faithful priests who stand as men of integrity serving the Church.

We must continue in our resolve to promote healing and reconciliation with victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protect our children and youth from any who would harm them. I thank Bishop D'arcy for his strong leadership in this area and I pledge to continue his efforts, working to my utmost for the protection of children and youth and for the healing and reconciliation of those who have been so grievously harmed.

I repeat the words of Pope John Paul II: "There is no place in the priesthood or religious life for those who would harm the young."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 18: 12:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. — Confirmation Masses at St. Pius X Church, Granger
- Monday, April 19: 9 a.m. — Mass and pastoral visit at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, April 20: 12:30 p.m. — Meeting with Department of Philosophy and Theology, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, April 20: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington
- Wednesday, April 21: 7 a.m. — Share-a-thon "Bishop's Hour" at Redeemer Radio, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, April 21: 12:30 p.m. — Lunch and Meeting of Priests' Retirement Board, Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, April 21: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Anthony de Padua Church, South Bend
- Thursday, April 22: 5:15 p.m. — Mass at Moreau Seminary, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, April 22: 7:30 p.m. — Speech on priesthood and vocations, Moreau Seminary, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, April 23: 6:30 p.m. — Dinner and auction at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne

Archbishop of Munich speaks about 'love and justice' at Notre Dame

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME

— Archbishop Reinhard Marx of Munich and Freising, Germany was the featured speaker for the 2010 Vatican Lecture at the University of Notre Dame on April 7. While his topic of "The Social Message of the Church in the Context of Contemporary Challenges" sounded somewhat broad, the lecture focused on Pope Benedict XVI's new social encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth").

Archbishop Marx is author of the 2009 book "Das Kapital," the same title used by another Marx, Karl Marx, who wrote his book in 1867 criticizing private property and the capitalist system. The modern book by Archbishop Marx discusses the value of Catholic social teaching in this globalized world and stresses that capitalism must operate with humanity, solidarity and the rule of law.

Thus, the German archbishop was very well versed in the principles behind "Caritas in Veritate," for in that encyclical Pope Benedict XVI linked charity and truth in the pursuit of justice, the common good, and authentic human development, pointing out the responsibilities and limitations of government and the private market.

Archbishop Marx said that the encyclical is not a political program, but rather a guideline of ethical principles that should be put into action.

On first reading "Caritas in Veritate," Archbishop Marx said he was surprised that the encyclical begins with love, because he felt that it should have started with justice. With his second reading, however, he said he understood Benedict's new point that social justice must begin with love.

"When we realize everyone is loved, then we build a society where everyone will have his



ARCHBISHOP
REINHARD MARX

place," he said.

And when love is the framework for thinking about what is good for mankind, then the idea of globalization will have a new dynamic, with a new recognition of the notion of the family of mankind in which every one is loved by God, he said.

"We cannot build solidarity without the idea that everyone is in this communion," Archbishop Marx said, and to achieve this, there must be a re-thinking of global issues, with Catholic social principles playing an active role.

Markets and competition are the products of civilization, and markets are necessary to enable human life, he continued, but markets must be seen not just as a profit machine, for other people are involved in addition to the shareholders. The great learning point of the global financial crisis, he said, is that to avoid another financial crisis, institutional and political arrangements must work together to create solidarity and global responsibility.

The good life depends on a good state that is democratic and ethical, and we must figure out how to have such a state on a global level, he continued. When the pope wrote about global authority in his encyclical, that concept caused fear in many readers, the archbishop noted. However, he still stressed that building an ethical global state is necessary work to do, though he acknowledged that no one has the blueprint for how to do that yet.

Catholics must find new ways to bring our social doctrine into dialogue with others, he concluded, saying that the Catholic university is the best place to do the thinking about how to achieve that goal.

"The future of the Church is not in our hands, thank God," Archbishop Marx said, "but we can do a lot, and it is the great Catholic tradition to be on the level of the time in thinking, acting and culture."

The annual Vatican lecture at Notre Dame is sponsored by Notre Dame's Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

Notre Dame collegiate conference welcomes world pro-life speakers

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The annual Collegiate Conference put on by University of Notre Dame Right to Life students featured four internationally known figures this year, each an expert in his or her field.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, spoke at the conference's evening banquet April 9. The three April 10 speakers were theologian, author and John Paul II biographer George Weigel, EWTN Rome Bureau Chief and Vatican expert Joan Lewis, and Maureen Condit, associate professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Utah School of Medicine and senior fellow at the Westchester Institute for Ethics and the Human Person.

Cardinal George told the students that he had accepted their invitation "precisely" to thank them for their witness to the dignity and value of human life, and for the effect their witness has on the life of the university. The foundational principle of that witness is that love and life are always to be united, which also is a basic principle of the Church's moral teaching, he said.

The cardinal talked about the pro-life cause from the perspective of Pope Benedict XVI's new social encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate." While the pope did not specifically use the term "right to life" in that encyclical, Cardinal George said, the encyclical reflects the gift of human life and the protection of life both in good law and in a good economy. And to achieve that good law and good economy, he said, the pope ties justice — what governs the exchange of goods — to love.

"That's what the pope was trying to do in his letter 'Caritas in Veritate' ('Charity in Truth'), to say that a complete separation of love and justice means that we'll have a society that not only doesn't support life, but in fact kills it," Cardinal George said.

George Weigel's talk was entitled "Pro-life Catholics in President Obama's America." We are in a time of a "great culture war" that involves "a battle over the nature

and dignity of the human person," he said. On one side of that war are those who say everything in the human condition is "plastic, malleable, changeable, improvable." On the other side are those who say there are moral truths built into the world and into human beings that we can know by reason that teach us how we should live as individuals and citizens.

It was in the context of this culture war that Weigel talked about President Obama's graduation address at Notre Dame last year. He said that there have been "passionate debates" within the various religious communities over doctrine, identity and boundaries for centuries.

"Yet never in 350 years of these arguments, never has a president of the United States, in the exercise of his public office, and speaking as president, intervened in any such a dispute in order to secure political advantage, until that is, May 2009 here at Notre Dame," Weigel said.

When President Obama suggested in his speech that the good Catholics, the real Catholics, were those who agreed with his so-called common ground approach to the life issues, Obama implied that the bad Catholics, the unreal Catholics, were people who questioned that approach, Weigel said. This insertion of Obama and his office into any Christian community's debate over the definition of its identity and boundaries is a serious breach of constitutional proprieties and a genuine threat to everyone's religious freedom, he added.

Perhaps it was "good old-fashioned Chicago politics" to drive wedges between some bishops and other bishops and between the Conference of Bishops and the people of the United States, Weigel noted. Whatever the motive, it was inappropriate, he continued, but not surprising from an administration whose international human rights policy has reduced the complex idea of religious freedom to "merely the freedom of worship" while at the same time giving "choice" the same status as freedom of religion, conscience, speech and assembly.

Weigel urged building a compelling Catholic public pro-life presence in Obama's America by doing five things:

- Naming intolerance-in-the-name-of tolerance for what it is, and publicly condemning it.
- Calling for a new appreciation of the dignity and nobility of human life.
- Challenging the reduction of Christian history to false "black legends" about the Crusades, the Inquisition, etc.
- Building alliances with people of various faiths who share our convictions about the dignity and value of human life.
- Acknowledging the shameful behavior of some priests and bishops in the abuse of children, but also telling the demonstrable truth

that the American Catholic Church is now the country's safest environment for children and young people.

Maureen Condit presented a primer on the development of the unborn child. She noted that science does not address some of the questions that are fundamental to the abortion debate, such as: What value do we assign to human life at different stages of development? How do we balance the rights of the mother against the rights of the developing embryo/fetus?

Science does, however answer very definitively when life begins, and through a series of slides she demonstrated that life begins at fertilization. Condit noted that the accepted scientific definition of death is when the entire brain ceases organismal function, irreversibly. Thus, she said it was puzzling that some people cannot accept the fact that life begins with fertilization, where there is "clear evidence for organismal behavior and function."

Unfortunately, she noted, the leading argument in the abortion debate is "When do we value that life and why?" And she warned that "once we abandon the legal precedent of assigning rights to all human beings," the question of who has rights becomes arbitrary.

Joan Lewis thanked the students for being "pro-life heroes and heroines," for not finding an excuse to sit on the sidelines, for being the voice of the defenseless, for having a "Go-Tell-It-on-the-Mountain attitude."

Lewis related stories about her work for the Holy See for nearly 20 years, which took her to international conferences where she witnessed a powerful United States lobby that she said was clearly pro-choice, though the word "abortion" was rarely used.

She praised Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" (the "Gospel of Life") as "one of most beautiful and profound documents I've ever read on life" and said that political correctness was to blame for people not paying more attention to the pope's teachings on life.

This inattention, Lewis said, has resulted in what John Paul II called "unopposed relativism." And along with an eclipse in a sense of the value of life goes a eclipse of a sense of God and personal responsibility, she said, which results in individualism and hedonism that allow us to make selfish decisions.

Lewis said that at the end of the encyclical, the pope urged people to "walk as children of light," and she encouraged the students to take the Gospel of Life out to the culture.

"Rejoice in the fact that God is using you to make this difference," Lewis said. "Take pride that men and women are out there, who you many never know, who now have a child because of something you did or said or maybe because you prayed."

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ing his diaconate. Among other expressions of gratitude, they said, "Deacon Gerry has taken a special place in the spiritual lives of the students."

In his instruction of those to be ordained, Bishop Jenky exhorted them to emulate the great virtues of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of Holy Cross, who as a child said that when he grew up he wanted to say Mass, teach classes and preach.

He told them to "be faithful to their Holy Cross vocation, to be educators in the faith and impart to everyone the Word of God that they have received with much joy." He concluded his instruction by telling them to always live their lives in the tradition of Holy Cross whose motto is "Ave Crux Spes Unica," which means "the cross, our one hope."

The deep spirit of community was evident when over 125 priests, mostly members of Holy Cross, laid hands on each candidate, asking the Holy Spirit to come down upon them.

Another touching moment was when each set of parents brought up the gifts to their sons who would consecrate them for the very first time.

At the conclusion of the Rite



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Newly ordained Holy Cross Fathers Gerald J. Olinger, Jr., left, and Kevin G. Grove, right, are shown with Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, who conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders on April 10 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame.

of Ordination, a thunderous applause of affirmation emanated from those present. The overflowing church gave witness to the many lives they have already touched.

Father Kevin celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, April 11, at St. Joseph Parish. On July 4 he will do so at Sacred Heart Church, his home

parish in Hobson, Mont.

Father Gerry celebrated Masses of Thanksgiving the next day at the basilica and at Siegfried Hall, a residence hall at Notre Dame. He will also celebrate Masses of Thanksgiving at the University of Portland in Oregon on April 18 and at St. Kevin Church in Springfield, Pa., on May 23.

Pope says Shroud of Turin can help people in search for God

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — After the Shroud of Turin went on public display April 10, Pope Benedict XVI said he hoped the shroud would help people in their search for God.

The shroud, which many believe to be the burial cloth of Christ, was being displayed in Turin's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist from April 10 to May 23. The last public exposition of the shroud was in 2000; it underwent major cleaning and restoration in 2002.

The pope is scheduled to view the shroud during a one-day trip to the northern Italian city of Turin May 2.

Pope Benedict said he was happy about the exposition, which has "once again encouraged a large flow of pilgrims, but also studies, reflections, and above all an extraordinary call to the mystery of Christ's suffering."

The pope made his remarks after praying the Regina Coeli April 11 with pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of the papal residence in Castel Gandolfo, outside of Rome.

"I hope that this act of veneration helps everyone to search for the face of God, which represented the intimate yearning of the

Apostles as well as ours," he said.

Organizers said close to 1.5 million people have already made reservations to visit the exposition of the shroud.

According to tradition, the 14-foot by 4-foot linen cloth is the burial shroud of Jesus. The shroud has a full-length photonegative image of a man, front

and back, bearing signs of wounds that correspond to the Gospel accounts of the torture Jesus endured in his passion and death.

The Church has never officially ruled on the shroud's authenticity, saying judgments about its age and origin belonged to scientific investigation.

YEAR of our PRIESTS

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experienced a healing, a spiritual healing, by her advice and example.

Bob D'Souza was one of a family of nine in India. There were morning and evening prayers in the home and his parents took the religious instruction of their children seriously. Looking back, he credits his priestly vocation with their example, although at college age he was prepared to study engineering.

That changed on a day when his pastor, Father Lawrence Fernandes, invited him to go for a walk. The priest was on his way to administer Last Rites to a dying parishioner, and when Bob D'Souza witnessed the compassion of the priest and the peace of the one who was slipping into the next life, he too, benefitted from the sacrament to the point where he had an interest in the priesthood. In time, he mentioned this to his pastor, who suggested a retreat, which became the first actual step toward the seminary.

By 1976, Father D'Souza was the director of India's Boys Town in Calcutta, an institution for 600 homeless orphan boys. At the time, he was apathetic toward his priesthood, a mood recognized by Mother Teresa when she visited him. She told him that she could see that he was troubled and asked how she could help.

Father Bob described his unhappiness with his vocation and that he considered dropping out.

Mother Teresa asked him if he spent time in personal prayer each day and he admitted that he

did not. She told him that his lack of personal prayer allowed him to escape from God, and advised that he spend an hour a day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament realizing that his priesthood was a gift and that he should ask for a new understanding of what the Lord wanted him to do with his life.

Since that time, the daily hour of prayer has become part of his spiritual regimen, allowing the gift of his priesthood to grow as he shares it with others.

And he shares it in a way that connects with the deathbed visit that directed him toward priesthood. Since 1997 when he arrived in Fort Wayne and became associate pastor at St. Jude Parish, Father has been Catholic chaplain at Parkview Hospital where he visits 40 to 50 Catholic patients daily dispensing Vitamin C in the form of Comfort, Communion, Confession, as needed.

He finds this work deeply restorative personally as well as to those he serves, especially to patients who have drifted away from the faith and are receptive to a return to the sacraments.

Father D'Souza recalls a different kind of hospital he visited years ago; this one was a leper colony in Shantinagar. He went there every Sunday to say Mass for the sisters, but was reluctant to have contact with the lepers until one day when Mother Teresa told him that, "These lepers need you. They want to talk to you." After that, he was able to visit them without fear.

Mother Teresa's example of how she treated the poor, the sick and the dying are imprinted in the heart of Father D'Souza, who reveals that whatever he does as a priest is influenced by her wonderful admonition, "Do something beautiful for God."

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Friendly shores: Rousing welcome expected to greet pope in Malta

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI lands in Malta for a two-day trip April 17 he is expected to receive the same warm and hospitable welcome as St. Paul enjoyed when the Apostle and his companions washed up on the Mediterranean island 1,950 years ago. Nearly 95 percent of the country's 443,000 people profess to be Catholic, and large crowds are expected to turn out for the trip's two major outdoor events: a Mass April 18 in Malta's biggest square in Floriana and a gathering with young people later that day at the port of Valletta overlooking the Grand Harbor. The pope will have turned 83 the day before he arrives, and pope-watchers wonder if there will be an impromptu celebration waiting in his honor. According to the official schedule, the 26-hour visit will hit the essentials. He will meet with the country's bishops and Maltese President George Abela in separate encounters. And he will meet the faithful, including young people. He will probably use those occasions to highlight how Christianity's moral and spiritual values help build a more peaceful and just society and a more fulfilling life.

Pope names bishop for New Jersey-based eparchy for Syrian Catholics

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named a Los Angeles pastor, Chorbishop Yousif Habash, to head the Newark, N.J.-based Eparchy of Our Lady of Deliverance for Syrian Catholics. He succeeds Bishop Joseph Younan, who was elected as the new patriarch of Antioch in a synod held in Rome in January. He took the name Patriarch Ignace Joseph III Younan. Bishop-designate Habash, 58, has been pastor of Sacred Heart Syrian Church in Los Angeles since 2001. He was elevated to chorbishop in 2008.

Polish primate seeks answers, pope sends condolences after fatal crash

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — Poland's Catholic primate has urged fellow citizens to see the death of Polish President Lech Kaczynski and 95 others in a weekend air disaster as a "dramatic challenge" to build "a fuller community" at the national level and with neighboring states. "We are all asking ourselves the same painful question — how was this possible?" Archbishop Henryk Muszynski of Gniezno said at an April 11 Mass in his archdiocese. "Why has a new drama been

NEWS BRIEFS

RESIDENTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR WEST VIRGINIA MINERS



CNS PHOTO/CHRIS KEANE, REUTERS

Local residents gather April 9 to show their support for 29 coal miners who were killed and four who remained missing after an April 5 explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, W.Va. Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston said the safety of the state's miners must be a priority. "We offer this Mass for the 29 miners who lost their lives this past week," Bishop Bransfield said at the beginning of the Mass he celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling April 11. "We pray today for them and for their families." Life must be protected from birth to natural death, Bishop Bransfield said.

added to the greatest drama of the last war in the innocent deaths of our nation's political and religious elites?" he asked. "We can expect the causes of this tragic accident to be explained directly in the future. But the wider question will no doubt stay unanswered, along with the pain and sadness not just of close families but also of all Poles." The plane carrying Kaczynski, top government and military officials and religious leaders crashed in heavy fog April 10 while attempting to land at the Russian airport of Smolensk.

Bishops support START treaty; pledge to urge U.S. Senate to ratify pact

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops welcomed the signing of a new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty between the United States and Russia and promised to urge the U.S. Senate to ratify the pact in a letter to President Barack Obama. "Based on a moral imperative to rid the world of nuclear weapons, the conference of bishops will be a steadfast supporter of strong and bipartisan action on the new treaty as an important and essential step

toward a nuclear-free future," Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago wrote April 8 to the White House. "We will urge members of the U.S. Senate to come together across party lines to ratify the new START treaty," Cardinal George said. Citing the Church's teaching on just war and its long-standing opposition to nuclear weapons, Cardinal George said the road to a world free of such weapons will be difficult, but that the pact between the world's primary nuclear powers is another step toward greater global security. The letter also outlined some of the steps necessary toward eventual nuclear disarmament including verification of reductions in both countries' nuclear stockpiles; ratification and implementation of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to stop all nuclear weapons testing; reducing America's reliance on nuclear weapons for security; securing nuclear materials from terrorists, which is the topic of the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington April 12-13; adopting a treaty to prohibit produce of weapons-grade material; and strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency to monitor nonproliferation efforts and ensure access to peaceful uses of nuclear power.

Sessions on marketing, religious education among NCEA highlights

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — The annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association April 6-8 in Minneapolis featured keynote speakers and workshops tailored to address different Catholic school interests including marketing, administration and religious education for the 8,500 Catholic educators, administrators and leaders in attendance. Mary Bray, principal at St. Joseph School in Prescott, Wis., said that she attended the convention for the opportunity to be in solidarity with other Catholic educators and to be on "the cutting edge" of education, both in technology and curriculum. St. Joseph, which has kindergarten through sixth grade, has 177 students and seven teachers. All the teachers attended, Bray said. "It's a great place for our teachers to hear national speakers and gain access to info they don't get in our tiny school," she told *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Derrick Gordon, a physical education instructor at St. Ignatius Loyola School in New York, said that he hopes to share

what he learned at the convention with his colleagues and students especially on the topic of bullying and harassment which was addressed by several presenters during the convention. Gordon does not see bullying as a current issue in his 500-plus-student school, but by learning more about it, he believes he could easily recognize and address its signs before it grew into a problem, he said. Dominican Sister Joan Sorge, from St. Agnes in Springfield, Ill., attended the convention to receive a distinguished principal award during an April 6 banquet. She said attending the convention gives her a feeling of unity in faith and work among educators.

New film can shed light on Pius XII's wartime efforts, says pope

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — A new film on Pope Pius XII can help people, especially younger generations, understand a period of time that is often forgotten, said Pope Benedict XVI. The made-for-television, two-part miniseries, titled "Under the Roman Sky," stars U.S. actor James Cromwell as Pope Pius, and covers events from July 19, 1943, when Allied planes heavily bombed parts of Rome, to June 4, 1944, when Allied forces liberated Rome from German control. It also reconstructs Hitler's plan to kidnap the pope. Pope Benedict saw a shortened version of the film during a screening April 9 at the papal residence in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome. The film, by Canadian director Christian Duguay, "presents the fundamental role Venerable Pius XII played in saving Rome and many persecuted people," the pope said after the screening.

Kansas bishops urge governor to sign bill regulating late-term abortions

MERRIAM, Kan. (CNS) — The Kansas bishops have urged Catholics to ask Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson to sign into law a bill that would require doctors who perform certain late-term abortions to stipulate why the procedure was medically necessary. "In short, HB 2115 would require abortionists to follow the law as it was originally intended," said an April 7 statement from the Merriam-based Kansas Catholic Conference, the bishops' public policy arm. Under current law, abortions may be performed in Kansas after the unborn child is able to survive outside the womb only when the failure to have an abortion would result in grave danger to the life or health of the mother. "Yet for years, Kansas has been the destination of choice for anyone seeking a post-viability abortion for any reason whatsoever," the conference statement said.

Saint Mary's College announces commencement speaker

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College announces that marine biologist Sylvia Earle will deliver the 2010 Commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree from the college.

Saint Mary's will also recognize Lois Lowry, author of young adult fiction books, with an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

The honorary degree recipients reflect the majors of this year's co-valecticians, Audrey Marrah, a biology major, and Carly O'Connor, an English literature major. Commencement will take place May 15, at noon on Le Mans Green.

"It will be an honor to welcome Sylvia Earle and Lois Lowry to our campus," said Carol Mooney, president of Saint Mary's College. "Doctor Earle is a passionate advocate for the survival of our planet. Her work to save our oceans is legendary and I know our graduates will be inspired by her dedication to this important cause. The majority of our graduates probably counted Lois Lowry's books among their favorites when they were growing up. We are delighted to be able to recognize her body of work."

Dubbed "Her Deepness" by the *New York Times*, Sylvia Earle has been an Explorer-in-Residence at National Geographic since 1998, the year *Time* magazine named her its first Hero for the Planet. She has logged more than 6,000 hours underwater with the completion of more than 60 expeditions. Earle was the first female chief scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). She has also played a key role in establishing marine protected areas globally, including the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Monument — 140,000 square miles of ocean that is home to more than 7,000 kinds of marine life.

Earle is the author of more than 175 publications including her September 2009 book "The World Is Blue: How Our Fate and the Oceans Are One."

Lowry, an acclaimed author of young adult fiction books, will also be recognized with an honorary degree at commencement. She is the author of the popular Anastasia Krupnik books and was the recipient of the Newbery Medal for the books "Number the Stars" and "The Giver."

Lowry says that she tries, through writing, to convey her passionate awareness that we live intertwined on this planet and that our future depends upon our caring more, and doing more, for one another. One could say there is an intersection between Lowry's sentiments and that of Earle's.

USF to host near-space balloon launch

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Department of Biology, in conjunction with Taylor

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THREE EARN RELIGIOUS SCOUT AWARDS



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Three young parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Roanoke, received their religious awards at Scout Sunday Mass on Feb. 21. From left are Joshua Mattes, who was awarded the Ad Altare Dei, and Samantha Smith and Chelsea Boyer, both awarded the Family of God.

University, Stratostar Systems and Most Precious Blood School, hosted a balloon launch on Thursday, April 15, at 12:15 p.m. at Hamilton Park near campus on Cherokee Road.

The balloon will travel to near space (a 99 percent absence of atmosphere) at about 100,000 feet and will be carrying five different payloads/experiments that have been designed by University of Saint Francis and Most Precious Blood students. In addition, the balloon will carry GPS tracking equipment and will collect live-streaming data (temperature, pressure, acceleration, etc.). It can be tracked live via the Web at <http://aprs.fi> using call signs KB9ZNZ-1 and KB9ZNZ-3.

United Religious Community hosts prayer breakfast

SOUTH BEND — The United Religious Community (URC) of St. Joseph County will host the Annual Community Prayer Breakfast, on May 6, at 7:30 a.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn. The breakfast coincides with the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme will be "Sharing at God's Table."

During the breakfast, the URC will present its Hearts Afire Awards to adults nominated by the area's

various interfaith communities, an will distribute 2009 CROP Hunger Walk proceeds to the following organizations: Broadway Christian Parish, serving breakfast to anyone in need; Christian Community Food Pantry, Walkerton's only food pantry; Clay Church Food Pantry, serving all of St. Joseph County; First United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen, for over 30,000 meals served yearly; Food Bank of Northern Indiana, food pantry that serves the 46601 zip code; Hope Ministries, daily meals served to anyone in need; Little Flower Catholic Church Food Pantry, food pantry service for all of St. Joseph County; and Penn Township Food Pantry, serving Mishawaka, Osceola, Granger and Penn Township.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$25, and tables of eight cost \$180. To register contact the URC at (574) 282-2397 or e-mail at urc@urcsjc.org.

USF to host Holocaust Symposium

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Earl Kumfer, professor of philosophy at the University of Saint Francis, will moderate a panel discussion on the theological significance of the Holocaust for Jewish-Christian relations today on Wednesday,

April 21, at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

Panelists will include Dr. Elliot Bartky, assistant professor of political science at Indiana University-Purdue University; Dr. John Bequette, assistant professor of theology at the University of Saint Francis; Doris Fogel, Holocaust survivor and director of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation; and Franciscan Sister Marie Morgan, expert on the spirituality of Edith Stein.

This free symposium is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Theology and the School of Arts and Sciences of the University of Saint Francis.

For additional information, contact Angie Springer at (260) 399-8066 or aspringer@sf.edu.

Saint Mary's College 'pins' its hopes on Rebuilding Together

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College students, faculty and staff will roll up their sleeves on Saturday, April 17, to spruce up a Saint Mary's-sponsored home as part of Rebuilding Together 2010. Rebuilding Together is a national program that restores selected houses belonging to elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners.

In South Bend the project focuses on a different neighborhood each year, improving up to 25 homes selected through an application and screening process. This year's homes are on the city's northwest side.

The College's Office for Civic and Social Engagements (OCSE) is sponsoring a home on the 1600 block of North Brookfield Street, which belongs to a single mother. Saint Mary's is the only higher education institution in the area to sponsor a house and has sponsored at least one home every year since 2006.

In order to sponsor a home Saint Mary's must raise \$3,500, which covers the costs of major repairs that could include materials for roof repairs, electrical work, plumbing, new doors/windows, paint, and upgrades to heating/cooling systems.

In addition to taking donations from the campus and South Bend communities, this year the OCSE staff and students are making house pins and selling them for \$5. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the House Pin Project will fund the repairs at the Saint Mary's-sponsored house.

Pins are on sale through April 16 in the Student Center during the lunch (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and dinner hours (5-7 p.m.) as well as Lula's Café in South Bend on the corner of State Road 23 and Edison.

For information on the pins or to make a donation to Saint Mary's project, e-mail OCSE at ocse@saintmarys.edu or call (574) 284-4573. To see the pins visit www3.saintmarys.edu/ocse/calendar/about-house-pins.

End of Life Perspectives workshop to take place April 17

FORT WAYNE — The Allen County Right to Life, Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund and Fort Wayne Lutherans for Life are proud to present "End of Life Perspectives" on Saturday, April 17, from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Kachmann Auditorium, located at 7950 W. Jefferson Blvd. in Fort Wayne.

This informative, Christian-based half-day workshop will focus on ways to enhance the quality of care given at the end of life. Discussion will include palliative care, ministering to the dying, hospice care, human organ donation and grief issues.

The workshop will feature Rev. Lewis Stier of St. Paul-Gar Creek; Rev. David Misner, director of A Hope Center; Karen Kosberg, Parkview Hospital Hospice Care Consultant; Melissa Skalicky, Indiana Organ Procurement Agency Coordinator; and Fred Everett, co-director of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Office of Family Life.

This unique training is available for the low rate of \$5 due to the generosity of The Lutheran Foundation. Registration is required. To register, please call (260) 471-1849.

Bishop Rhoades blesses retreat center addition

BY DENISE FEDOROW

DONALDSON — A vision that had been in the works for approximately four years became reality as the Lindenwood Retreat Center extension was dedicated and blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Thursday, April 8, in Donaldson.

Sister Nora Hahn, provincial of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, welcomed the bishop on his first visit to Donaldson.

Director of Lindenwood Loretta Peters quoted an Apollo mission saying, "I believe this will be our finest hour."

She said that staff foresaw back in 2006 the facility would need more space in order to continue to serve the needs of those who used the facility.

"Here we are today posed on the threshold," Peters said. "In this beautiful, natural environment." She thanked all those who made the project possible, the architect who couldn't be present but sent along some thoughts to share, the builders, project manager and gave special thanks to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and the PHJC family.

"We'll endeavor to be humble servants to all who enter these doors," she said.

Bishop Rhoades' visit

Bishop Rhoades spent most of the day in Donaldson — first celebrating Mass with the sisters at the Catherine Kasper Home, touring Ancilla College, meeting the president of the college and learning about its programs and culminating with the blessing of the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center's extension.

During the homily, Bishop Rhoades said it was "a wonderful day" and he commented on the natural beauty of the setting with the conference room overlooking

the lake and prayer gardens. The Gospel from John 13:1-5 recalled Jesus' washing the Apostles' feet. A painting depicting the scene was blessed by the bishop and will be hung in the lobby of the retreat center.

Bishop Rhoades said it was a "beautiful image for a retreat center." He also said the Gospel that recalled Jesus' "great service of love, great act of His redemptive love" had a co-relation to the retreat center.

"What do we do at Lindenwood? We come to encounter Christ, to experience anew repentance and are continually converted to Christ," he said. "May all who come here to this peaceful location be strengthened to be witnesses to Christ."

Blessing

The bishop went throughout the facility blessing first the painting, then all the rooms both public and for staff use.

He prayed: "Created in the spirit of Blessed Catherine Kasper and based on the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ values of community, openness to the Spirit, simplicity, and dignity and respect for all, may it be a place of ministry, Lord God, where your love is witnessed in the life of each person who comes here. May it be a place of ministry, Lord, where those who come may leave strengthened as living signs of your love and messengers of the Gospel. Just as Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, may all who come to Lindenwood be refreshed and renewed in their journey of life."

A reception was held after the dedication.

Bishop Rhoades shared his thoughts on the day: "It's been such an enjoyable day. I've learned all the different ministries of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ — it's very impressive, they do a lot of good work. It was a great

way to start the day by celebrating Mass at the Catherine Kasper Home with the sisters, residents and lay people and to be here now, blessing this extension that provides such a great service — it's been a great day!"



Bishop Rhoades greets Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters Loretta Volk and Antoinette Volk after Mass at the Catherine Kasper Home. Sister Patricia Belting stands behind.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the new offices at the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. Sister Loretta Peters, FS, assists.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ is an international congregation of apostolic women religious within the Roman Catholic Church. They minister with the poor, the sick and children in the United States, Mexico, Germany, England, the Netherlands, India, Brazil, Kenya and Nigeria. With prayer and community living as their foundation, they minister in rural, urban and inner city settings in the Midwest. Focused on partnering in the work of the Spirit, they invite others to join them in various facets of education, pastoral and social work, neighborhood-based health ministries, spiritual guidance and care for their environment.

American PHJC history

In 1868, Mary Catherine Kasper, foundress of the Poor

Handmaids of Jesus Christ, at the request of Bishop John Henry Luers, sent eight sisters to the Fort Wayne Diocese from their foundation in Dernbach, Germany. They were to staff a school and care for the sick in Hessen Cassel, Indiana. In October 1868, Bishop Feehan of Chicago asked for the sisters' help. Some moved to Chicago and soon to southern Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and other areas in Indiana, establishing schools, homes for the aged, orphanages and hospitals as well as caring for the sick in their homes. By 1913 there were 41 missions in the U.S. caring for mostly German immigrants.

The motherhouse, home to the American Sisters, was located in Fort Wayne from 1868 to 1922 when it was moved to

Donaldson, 90 miles east of Chicago and 55 miles southwest of South Bend.

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'The God Question' debated at Notre Dame

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Interest in the April 7 debate between atheist author and columnist Christopher Hitchens and Catholic apologist and author Dinesh D'Souza was so high on the University of Notre Dame campus that the event sold out 90 minutes after tickets became available. The mostly student audience of 900 was enthusiastic but polite as Hitchens and D'Souza conducted a lively discussion of the question "Is religion the problem?"

Hitchens is considered to be a leader of the "New Atheist" movement, along with Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris and Daniel Dennett. The title of Hitchens's 2009 book accurately sums up his attitude toward God and religion: "God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything."

D'Souza is a leading authority on international issues and was a policy analyst in the Reagan White House. Recently he has focused on responding to the arguments of the "New Atheist" movement. His 2008 book, "What's So Great about Christianity?" is a response to several recent books touting atheism. His book, "Life after Death: The Evidence," came out in 2009.

The evening brought out no new arguments from either of the men, who have debated each other on the topic frequently, but the quick wit and intellectual acuity of both speakers kept the audience engaged.

Hitchens presented his case first, urging the audience to discard "the faith position" and adopt "the only respectable intellectual position,"

which is one of "doubt," he said.

"Religion is a problem principally because it's man-made," Hitchens claimed, saying that religion was humanity's first attempt to make sense of our universe, a "crude, most deluded, worst attempt" that is riddled with superstition.

Hitchens blamed much of the past and present violence and evil in the world on religion, citing the Palestinian-Jewish conflict and the Jihadist movement, as well as the Inquisition. He also took a quick verbal swing at the Catholic Church for abusing deaf children.

D'Souza said his remarks would meet Hitchens on his own ground and be built on reason rather than revelation, Scripture or authority. When Hitchens speaks about evolution, D'Souza said, he doesn't explain the presence of matter, merely the transition, which does not account for life itself.

"Evolution requires a cell: So how did we get it?" D'Souza asked, saying it was "preposterous" to claim that life evolved out of random molecules in a warm pond. Nor does evolution explain the fact that humans have a moral conscience, unlike animals, whose instinct is self interest.

The "god explanation" is much better, D'Souza said, for the cell reflects intelligent design, and the universe shows rationality. And if religion is the primitive thing Hitchens claims it to be, D'Souza asked, why hasn't it disappeared instead of enjoying the revival it is having in the 21st century?

In his rebuttal, Hitchens said he did not find the revival in religion to be a good thing, claiming that Jesus "operates on the fringe on

mythology and history," with no proof that he ever lived or rose from the dead.

D'Souza responded that religion is not incompatible with science, just different, asking different questions that science doesn't have an answer for, such as: "What is the purpose of our life? Where are we going? What happens after we die?"

In the question-answer period after the debate, some members of the Michiana Skeptics — an organization for atheists, agnostics and other so-called "questioning" people — managed to get to the microphones before students, so most of the questions posed in the limited period were to D'Souza about his arguments. The result — perhaps unintended — was to give D'Souza more time to further explain the classic Judeo-Christian concepts about God and religion. According to member comments on their Web site, the Michiana Skeptics enjoyed dinner, drinks and conversation with Hitchens after the program ended.

The debate was sponsored by more than 10 Notre Dame departments and organizations. Michael Rea, director of Notre Dame's Center for Philosophy of Religion, served as moderator and explained at the beginning of the program that the idea for the debate came from students. Wray said that the center is a think tank for Christian philosophy, but recently has been looking for ways to promote more serious debate. It was his hope, he said, that Notre Dame students would ask their theology and philosophy professors to discuss with them some of the issues that came up at the debate.

BISHOP CELEBRATES MASS WITH WIDOWS OF PRAYER



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass with over 35 members of the Widows of Prayer group on April 7 at St. Mary's Parish in downtown Fort Wayne. The Widows of Prayer is a prayer apostolate comprised of Catholic widows who are committed to the ministry of prayer for priests and others in Church leadership, as well as compassionate support of other widows in need. In his homily the bishop thanked the women for their prayers saying, "Yours is a noble and holy mission. ... Your apostolate of prayer is a blessing to us. It gives the Church the power and energy to do what the Apostles did." Following Mass the bishop joined the women who came from prayer communities in Fort Wayne, Saint Anne and Huntington, for refreshments and fellowship at a reception held in St. Mary's Parish hall.

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Was Jesus a tree hugger?

BY LINDA FURGE

Opening prayer

O God, You call us to act as Your stewards of all creation on our fragile and beautiful planet. You bless us abundantly. All that we have comes from You. Help us to live our lives simply and with gratitude and to grow ever more aware that our everyday actions have consequences that reach far beyond us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Commentary

I bet the title above got your attention! It sure caught mine and was from an article by Jim and Susan Vogt, *Everyday Catholic*, April 2008. Whether you are amused (or not) by their choice of words, it certainly asks a provocative question — one still very much of interest and conflict today, given the recent disclosures about data usage in the global warming debate.

So, was Jesus a tree hugger? Well, He certainly walked a lot, ate local foods, used water from local wells and lived a simple lifestyle. Faith and earth stewardship are intricately linked from the very beginning of our Christian tradition. In the Genesis story, we read: "Have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing ... See, I have given to you every plant ...

every tree ... God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good." — 1:28-31 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." — 2:15

These words give men and women a unique responsibility from God to care for the created world in which we live and to act as good stewards of its abundant resources. In this sense, stewardship means that we are to live responsibly within creation, not to act upon it as though we are outside it and unaffected by whatever happens to it.

Tough questions

In theory, being good stewards of creation are easy words with which we can all agree. However, this kind of stewardship may not always be so easy to put into practice. Here are some examples. We drive cars and other motor vehicles. It is a well-established fact that this behavior has a huge impact on our environment. So we make a resolution to carpool or ride public transportation. While this is an environmentally sound decision, in real life it means that time is taken away from other good choices, like spending time as a family or getting necessary chores done. For those of us living outside the city, driving is simply the only practical way we can get around!

Growing a garden is good stewardship, saves money, gives



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us exercise and refreshes the soul. We once had an orchard and large garden and wanted to give away our extra produce to friends and local food kitchens. We discovered very quickly that fruits and vegetables not perfect in every way were simply thrown away — or not even accepted in the first place. When we tried to donate our extra produce, we were told food kitchens were not allowed to use fresh produce from local gardens. The only way we could ensure perfect fruit and vegetables was to use pesticides — not exactly an environmentally sound solution!

One final example: all our children live far away; one even lived in Japan. Some of our family relatives live in Germany. Airfares are expensive, and air travel uses lots of fossil fuel. Does being good environmental stewards mean we should not drive or fly to visit those we love? Or travel to learn and appreciate other cultures when the opportunity arises?

Think globally, act locally ... with gratitude

No one seems to have one "best" answer to these tough questions — but that does not absolve us from our responsibility as good earth stewards. So, what are some things we can do right now to make a difference? First, we can live our lives with gratitude for all we have received. We are fortunate to live in a "first-world" country. That, in and of itself, is something for which we should always be grateful. A profound sense of gratitude to God for the abundant resources to which we have daily access should make us ever more aware of the fact that we do not have to struggle, as many do, to simply survive.

... with accountability

Second, we can live knowing that we, as stewards, may be called by our Creator to account for our use of creation's resources. While we are not solely responsible for what we do, or fail to do, with the gifts we (collectively) have received, we will be asked how well we use the abundant resources we (individually) are given. Practically speaking, I believe we will be held accountable for the food we waste while others starve, for the things we accumulate in excess while others live without the necessities of life. Jesus is pretty clear about the difficulty rich

people will have getting into heaven; we are the rich people of our time.

... with generosity

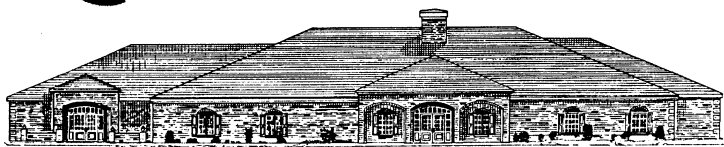
Thirdly, we can live generously sharing our resources and gifts with others from a Christian sense of justice and love. Americans are known for their generosity. We need to continue that tradition and seek additional ways to share what we have with those less fortunate.

... with awareness and advocacy

Finally, we need to become advocates for responsible earth stewardship. Awareness of how our actions impact others and simplifying our lives accordingly is a good first step. There is much each of us can do to make a difference. The most fundamental motive for our actions should be the knowledge that we share in God's creation. Living that out in our daily lives by what we do and say helps us become more whole and more holy.

We can make a difference! We can fill our world with Christ's spirit of love, charity, justice and peace through our actions as responsible earth stewards. As Pope Benedict says in his message for World Day of Peace 2010, "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation."

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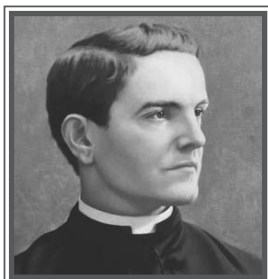


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Labor of love keeps St. Jude Parish blooming

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — Parishes throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are blooming with color this time of year. While passersby may notice the flowers, most don't give much thought to the work involved in keeping parish grounds looking beautiful. Groundskeeping is a job that often requires long hours of hard work with little recognition. But, just like the gardens themselves, the job pays off in the beauty and joy it helps create.

At St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, the groundskeeping job belongs to Jodi Deiser, a busy mother of three who also helps run St. Jude's SCRIP for Tuition program and works part-time outside of the home. She says her love of gardening comes from her grandmother who made Deiser pull weeds as punishment.

She explains that it was her habit of pulling weeds that helped her "stumble" into the groundskeeping position. While her daughter was at cheer-leading practice at St. Jude School, Deiser would walk the grounds with her baby boy in a stroller. As she passed the flower beds, she

noticed tall weeds growing and eventually started weeding the beds. When someone in the office noticed, Deiser quickly asked if it was okay to pull the weeds. "Have at it!" was the response, and before she knew it, she was in charge of caring for the gardens.

Now her daughter attends Butler University, her baby boy is in the fourth grade, and Deiser is still caring for the gardens at St. Jude as she heads up the Garden Club, an "informal" group of dedicated parishioners who quietly plan and care for the grounds.

As Deiser says, they don't really have an official organization,

"we just do it." The Garden Club includes Jim Forsythe, a horticulturist at Canterbury Green; Brian Wiegman, an area landscaper; and tireless volunteer Carol Blauvelt.

The team, who has been together for seven years, usually meets in February to plan what is required for the upcoming

season, while walking the grounds discussing what various garden beds need. The Garden Club has given each bed a name, usually in honor of a teacher or parish personnel who have offices nearby. One of Deiser's favorites is the Drive-Thru Bed, which earned



PHOTOS BY MARY KINDER
St. Jude's Garden Club in Fort Wayne is a volunteer parish organization that maintains the grounds at the parish.

its name after someone in a hurry to get out of the parking lot drove right through it.

Of course, parish pastor Father Tom Shoemaker has a say in the efforts; but overall, the grounds are

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Payment

The cost for the pilgrimage is \$950.00. Payment, in full, is due by May 1, 2010 and should be sent to the St. Joseph Parish Center, 226 N. Hill Street, South Bend, IN 46617. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church and send them to the Parish Center with "Parish Pilgrimage" in the memo line.



left to the Garden Club.

Deiser says most of their big projects are completed, but there is always talk of adding something new. The four-team members do most of the work themselves with lots of help from family. They also ask for volunteers from the parish to help with big projects, such as spreading 25 to 28 yards of mulch needed each spring.

Deiser is proud of the fact that St. Jude's Garden Club is totally self-supporting, requiring no funds from the parish. The group received money each year from Verizon through a program that donates funds for employees' volunteer hours. Both Carol Blauvelt and Deiser's husband Jeff are Verizon employees. The group used the funds thoughtfully and conservatively, always keeping a bit for next year. But, as the economy has changed, the donated funds may be cut. While the money is there to cover this year's costs, Deiser isn't sure where they will get money for next year. But she is confident that "God will provide."

Optimism and humility are qualities that quickly become

apparent when talking to Deiser. She is hesitant to take praise for her efforts and quick to point out the contributions and hard work of others.

"I've been the organizer and motivator, but all the credit goes to the team. There's a lot of stuff that wouldn't have gotten done if they didn't just pitch in and do it," she says.

Deiser also talks a lot about what the seemingly thankless job has given her. "Gardening is very therapeutic for me," she says. "Getting my hands in the dirt gives me time to reflect and relax my mind. Plus, it gives me the opportunity to give back to my parish. It's a real labor of love."

When asked how she and her team keep up with the grounds with such busy schedules, she laughs and says she isn't sure, "but somehow those weeds just get pulled!"

She claims that she would step aside and let someone else take over if they were interested, but says she will always "stop and pull weeds while I'm walking. Old habits die hard."

St. Pius X Parish garden promises a rich harvest

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

GRANGER — The community of St. Pius X gathers for spiritual nourishment at Mass during the celebration of the Eucharist. With the establishment of the new garden area at the church, parishioners will be able to experience physical nourishment from the produce they harvest, and sensory pleasure from the smells and sights of the beautiful foliage that is planted.

The concept of a church garden began two years ago with ideas from Master Gardener and St. Pius X parishioner Fran Gerbasich. With the assistance of fellow Master Gardener and parishioner Mike Skoczylas, several designs were prepared for the garden.

In September of 2009, a design was selected and approved by pastor Msgr. Bill Schooler.

The 80 x 60 garden (a total of 4,800 square feet) was first cleared of debris and then staked out. Fill dirt was brought in by a local nursery and leveled twice by parishioner Joe Fodroczy. Next came the building of the 36 raised garden beds with the assistance of fellow St. Pius X parishioners David Bullard and Bill Weiger.

Gerbasich notes the benefits of raised garden beds. "Raised beds improve drainage, the soil warms

up faster and is less compacted, there is less bending, it is a better use of space, and it is easy to trelis to any height with fence or climbing device."

Bullard recalled the reasoning behind what size each bed should be. "We went with eight feet by four feet. With eight feet you don't have to cut anything. We made the raised beds four feet wide because it's ergonomic for humans to reach two feet into the raised bed. We went 10 inches high instead of 12 because 10 inches was cheaper. You have to think about stewardship."

After the treated lumber was stained, the process of putting the pieces together began. Weiger recalls that the first day of the process was slow with only six wooden bed forms being completed. The remaining 30 were completed with an "assembly line" operation to finish the project within three or four work sessions.

Before putting the bed frames in the garden, fabric weed barrier was placed over the entire garden and secured. After the frames were positioned, top soil was placed in 23 of the

beds to secure the weed barrier. With the help of parishioners Andrew and Kelly Roy, pea gravel was placed around the bed frames for the same purpose. Additional pea gravel and top soil for the remaining bed frames will

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SAMUEL HORVATH



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St. Pius X parishioner Samuel Horvath waters vegetable seeds in his home prior to the spring planting in the church garden beds. The seed plantings are part of Horvath's work towards his Ad Altare Dei religious award for Boy Scouts.

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Parishioner Samuel Horvath is starting vegetables from seeds in his home prior to the spring planting in the garden beds. The seed plantings are part of Horvath's work towards his Ad Altare Dei religious award for Boy Scouts.

"I have about 100 seedlings for the garden started. There are several varieties of tomatoes, peppers, broccoli and cauliflower in the mix. I started planting them in mid February. The seedlings need to be checked and watered about three times a day," he says.

Flowers can be planted with vegetables in the garden beds.

Gerbasich stresses growing flowers along side vegetables optimize space and are beneficial to neighboring plants. Additionally the cut flowers from the garden can be used to decorate the altar.

Interest in the garden in the local area has resulted in an invitation for St. Pius X to join Unity Gardens and Community Gardens of Michiana.

Supervision of the garden will be under the direction of St. Pius X parishioners Don and Melissa Harty. For those who have signed up for a garden plot, suggested rules for the area have been discussed. They include gardener's responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot, the care of their garden at least once a week, any children being accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times, harvesting only vegetables and flowers from their garden, and clearing their plot of all plant material at the end of the season and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.

Future ideas for the garden area include a statue in the center of the garden along with seating. Skoczylas suggested a compost area, a walking path with patios, grills, and trash barrels, for family use and picnics, and hedge and ornamental grasses dividing the garden from the street to provide safety and privacy.

There are also plans to incorporate educational seminars about gardening in the shaded area in the center of the garden. Last fall, a bulb planting demonstration, with 300 bulbs, was held for parishioners. Skoczylas and Gerbasich hope in the future St. Pius X School children will be able to learn more about gardening by observing the planting, growing and harvesting of produce and foliage in the church garden.

Sisters of the Holy Cross help prairie survive with controlled burn

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — In support of the vision statement for a sustainable Saint Mary's, there was a controlled burn of the prairie west of the sisters' cemetery on March 18.

"We see creation as a precious gift of God. It is part of our mission and our moral responsibility to care for the earth as a fragile and sacred trust," said Holy Cross Sister Joan Marie Steadman, president of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"Continuing to restore the prairie we have right in our backyard is one way we are demonstrating our commitment to practice and promote ecological sustainability."

Managed by J.F. New and Associates, the burn was a safe, environmentally sound strategy to reduce the number of nonnative invasive plant species thereby

allowing native prairie vegetation to survive.

The process releases only as much carbon dioxide into the air as the natural decay of the plants would. In addition, a burn heats the soil, providing a head start for native plants to begin growing.

"This is the third year for the prairie and before spring starts is the best time to do a burn," said Tom Simpson, grounds manager. "It's before the osprey come back and before the plants start growing."

Right after beginning the burn it was determined the winds were not ideal and the process was halted. An hour later the weather improved and the men systematically continued the 90-minute job.

All of the 14 acres was not burned at once. Instead, fuel was applied to sections of the prairie so that the result was a mosaic or patchy burn. This approach provided a refuge for temporarily dis-

placed animals during the burn, but, according to Simpson, he didn't see any animals in the area.

Although there was smoke and occasional crackling of the fire, the flames were low and narrow. A line of flames burned quickly toward another line of flames and when they met the fire fizzled out. This process was repeated until the job was complete.

Linda Diltz, an employee of the sisters, who watched the process, said; "Now we will have to watch the new growth."

Ecological sustainability is a priority of the congregation throughout the United States and the seven countries where Sisters of Holy Cross serve. Locally, the sisters recently adopted a vision statement for a sustainable campus. In addition, the four congregations of Holy Cross sisters, brothers and priests last fall released a joint statement on climate change.



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Engineers begin assessing ways to rebuild destroyed Haitian parishes

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Traveling along the dusty roads in the mountains southwest of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, Maryland engineer Larry Newman tried to imagine what the future might hold for thousands of Haitians left homeless by January's massive earthquake.

Newman's focus was on helping Haitians regain a sense of belonging and comfort. With guidance from the Haitian Catholic bishops' conference, the way to do that, it was suggested, was through their parishes. The question remained: How?

"The whole idea is to re-establish the Church as community down here," Newman told Catholic News Service by phone April 8 as he traveled from Port-au-Prince to the coastal community of Jacmel to the south as part of a weeklong trip to assess local needs. "The bishops are trying to guide us in terms of where they think the Church needs to rebuild."

Newman, president of Spatial Systems Associates Inc., in Columbia, Md., was among a group of representatives from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, including Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Orlando, Fla., Catholic Relief Services and the Haitian bishops' conference traveling throughout the earthquake-ravaged region of the Caribbean nation.

The entourage was in Haiti the week of April 5 and visited several parish sites identified as key locales in Port-au-Prince, Leogane, Jacmel and the nearby mountain villages near the epicenter of the



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

An interior view of the destroyed Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption is seen in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in early February. A team of engineers joined Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Orlando, Fla., on a trip to assess damage to churches in Haiti and to determine which ones to rebuild as community centers.

magnitude 7 quake southwest of the capital. In each case, little of a church or school remained standing, but a significant parish community remained where local priests continue their ministry and celebrate Mass regularly under tarps or in the open.

The visit was arranged by the Haiti Advisory Group of the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America. The advisory group has been working since shortly after the earthquake on ways to best meet the needs of

the Church and the Haitian people.

"Part of our visit is to get an on-the-ground impression of the challenges of the Church and rebuilding its infrastructure," Bishop Wenski explained to CNS in an interview from Haiti April 8. "We hope that this fact-gathering mission will enable us to more strategically place our very limited resources."

Those resources include \$60 million raised in special collections in U.S. parishes since January. While the amount sounds signifi-

cant, it's far short of the amount the Haitian Church needs to rebuild the large numbers of churches, parish centers, chapels and Church-run schools severely damaged or destroyed by the quake, said Oblate Father Andrew Small, director of the Collection for the Church in Latin America for the U.S. bishops.

To get some rebuilding under way, the advisory group drafted a proposal that concludes that parishes are centers of community life, Father Small explained. The

proposal was prepared in cooperation with the Haitian bishops' conference and Archbishop Bernardito Auza, papal nuncio to Haiti.

While not a formal reconstruction plan, the document offers a basic framework through which the U.S. and Haitian churches can begin to address the massive reconstruction needs of parishes in the earthquake zone.

The idea is to get several key parishes up and running as quickly as possible and to get schools functioning so young people can begin to experience some normalcy in their lives and where people can gather in a safe place in weather emergencies, the document said.

"This is about gaining momentum focused on Church communities which have been battered and decimated and also imperiled as far as the living of the faith is concerned," Father Small told CNS.

The proposal also calls for each construction project to be similar in design so each parish or chapel site can be completed quickly and without massive reengineering.

Haitians would be hired under the "cash for work" concept to build the structures in each community.

For Newman, who has worked for several years with CRS, to digitally map its project sites, the destruction caused by the earthquake was beyond comparison with anything he has ever seen.

"A lot of (the destruction) we're seeing down here is a result of the construction techniques that have been used over the years in the absence of building codes," he said. "One of the things the Church wants to make sure is what gets rebuilt is rebuilt to international standards."

Cardinal Mahony praises his new coadjutor as 'most effective leader'

BY PAULA DOYLE

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Cardinal Roger M. Mahony praised his new coadjutor, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, as "a most effective leader" working with priests serving the Spanish-speaking communities across the country.

"His leadership in proclaiming the dignity and rights of our immigrant peoples has helped motivate many people to advocate for our immigrants," said the cardinal, who noted that Archbishop Gomez is the Chair-elect of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration.

Surrounded by Easter lilies in front of the archbishop's chair in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, the cardinal introduced Archbishop Gomez of San Antonio as coadjutor archbishop of Los Angeles at an April 6 press conference.

Pope Benedict XVI named the 58-year-old Texas archbishop as coadjutor April 6. He will automatically become head of the archdiocese upon Cardinal Mahony's

retirement. The cardinal will turn 75 next February, the age at which bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignation to the pope.

He is the first Latino archbishop to serve the archdiocese and the third Mexican native to be a Los Angeles prelate. The first was Bishop Francisco Garcia Diego Moreno, a Franciscan who was the first bishop of both Californias — the territory that became the U.S. state of California in 1850 and Mexico's Baja California. The second is one of the archdiocese's six current auxiliaries, Bishop Gabino Zavala.

Born in Monterrey, Mexico, Archbishop Gomez became a U.S. citizen in 1995.

He stood alongside Cardinal Mahony as he was introduced to the press. Seated behind the two prelates were Bishop Zavala, Auxiliary Bishops Gerald E. Wilkerson, Oscar A. Solis, Alexander Salazar and Edward Clark, and retired Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sartoris.

The cardinal said he had urged the selection of a Hispanic as the next archbishop of Los Angeles;

Hispanics make up 41 percent of the total population of the three counties that comprise the archdiocese.

Cardinal Mahony also cautioned people against assuming that because Archbishop Gomez is one of 24 Opus Dei bishops around the world, he must be "conservative." "In fact, these labels of 'conservative' and 'liberal' are really unhelpful in the life of the Church," he said.

"We are all called to a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, and I can attest that both of us share a common commitment to Christ and to the Church, and that both of us are interested in promoting the teachings of the Church fully as well as bringing the words and example of Christ to today's society and world," Cardinal Mahony said.

In his remarks, Archbishop Gomez alternated between English and Spanish, as had the cardinal before him. He also apologized for them being so brief, because it was "the kind of moment (when) words cannot fully describe my feelings."

The coadjutor said he would entrust his new ministry in the

archdiocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe's love and protection. He was briefly overcome with emotion, needing to take a sip of water, when talking about his time with the people of San Antonio, where he has been archbishop since February 2005.

"In their patience and generosity, they taught me how to be a bishop," he said.

Calling the archdiocese "one of the great Catholic communities in the world," Archbishop Gomez described Los Angeles, with its diversity of populations, as being like no other city in the world in reflecting "the global face of the Catholic Church."

"That fact," continued the archbishop, "invites us to do two things: first, to thank God for our diversity and the energy it creates; and second, to commit ourselves more deeply to the things that unite us — a zeal for Jesus Christ; confidence in the Gospel; reverence for the Eucharist; service to the poor; defense of the unborn child, the immigrant and the disabled; and a love for the Church as our mother and teacher."

In answer to a question from the press about Opus Dei, Archbishop Gomez said the prelature's emphasis on the universal call to holiness had helped him to grow in his spirituality. He noted that Opus Dei was considered a "liberal" group in its early years and, since the Second Vatican Council has been perceived as "conservative."

Regarding his priorities for the archdiocese, he said he would stress religious education to help Catholics better understand the faith. He also said he supported Cardinal Mahony's commitment to collaborative ministry, nurturing, utilizing and appreciating the gifts that all Catholics — lay, ordained and religious, men and women — bring to the service of the Church and community.

He said he had not spent much time previously in Los Angeles, and was looking forward to learning more about the local Church and its people as he works with Cardinal Mahony in the months ahead.

Archbishop Gomez also admitted that he needed prayers "for conversion."

GUEST EDITORIAL

A pastor and a shepherd

Here is an unsigned editorial titled "A pastor and a shepherd," which appeared in the April 8 issue of the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese.

During his homily at the papal Mass at Nationals Park in April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI's voice became sorrowful as he said, "It is in the context of this hope born of God's love and fidelity that I acknowledge the pain which the Church in America has experienced as a result of the sexual abuse of minors. No words of mine could describe the pain and harm inflicted by such abuse. It is important that those who have suffered be given loving pastoral attention."

Then after leaving the crowd of nearly 50,000 people after the Mass, the Holy Father was true to his words. With no media present he met with five abuse survivors at the apostolic nunciature. They had a chance to speak with Pope Benedict personally, and he prayed with them, listened to their stories, and offered them words of hope and encouragement as a pastor would. A Vatican spokesman said later that the meeting was emotional, and some were in tears.

In recent weeks a relentless media campaign has been under way in Europe and now the United States, criticizing the leadership of Pope Benedict XVI. These unfair attacks are against a man who has done more than anyone to strengthen the Catholic Church's child protection policies and implemented stronger measures against abusive priests, making it easier for the Church to defrock them. And as the pastor of the Church, he has met personally with abuse survivors, and recently wrote a strongly worded letter to the Catholics of Ireland, apologizing to abuse victims there.

The Executive Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a March 30 statement, expressing "deep concern for those harmed by the crime and the sin of sexual abuse by clergy and to express our profound gratitude for the assistance that Pope Benedict XVI has given us in our efforts to respond to victims, deal with perpetrators and to create safe environments for children."

The bishops noted that they know from experience of Pope Benedict's deep concern for those hurt by sexual abuse, and they added, "We continue to intensify our efforts to provide safe environments for children in our parishes and schools. Further, we work with others in our communities to address the prevalence of sexual abuse in the larger society."

Context is often lacking in the media coverage of the sexual abuse of children, which is a societal problem that affects all religions, all demographic groups and most often occurs in families. The Catholic Church has adopted stringent child protection policies ... As Pope Benedict also said at Nationals Park, "Great efforts have already been made to deal honestly and fairly with this tragic situation, and to ensure that children — whom our Lord loves so deeply (cf. Mark 10:14) and who are our greatest treasure — can grow up in a safe environment. These efforts to protect children must continue."

Each case of abuse is a cause for sorrow and shame, and the Catholic Church needs to do all it can to bring healing and hope to the survivors of abuse. The specific cases being reported on in the media also need to be put in context, because incidents of abuse that occurred decades ago happened in a time when our society, our legal system, professional therapists and Church leaders lacked the understanding of the problem of child abuse that we have today. Vatican officials have pointed out that in the case of a Wisconsin priest who allegedly sexually abused deaf children, the Vatican was informed of the case more than two decades after the abuse had been reported to diocesan officials and the police, and civil authorities had not filed charges. By that time, the priest was elderly and in poor health and had expressed repentance for his actions. Four months later the priest died.

Pope Benedict's visit to Washington offered us a glimpse of the man who leads our Church, and that, too, provides context that is lacking in much of the current media coverage. After personally meeting with the Holy Father at the apostolic nunciature in Washington, one abuse survivor said later, "My hope was restored today."

The theme of Pope Benedict's April 2008 visit to the United States was "Christ Our Hope," and he spoke that message and lived it during his visit. The Holy Father had come as a shepherd, as a teacher and as a pastor, bringing Christ's hope to the crowds who cheered him and to the small group of suffering people he prayed with at the Vatican Embassy. A few days after the pope's plane left Washington, one Catholic father who had brought his family to the Nationals Park Mass said of Pope Benedict, "I'm proud of him."

Two years later, the Holy Father's words offer us a roadmap for facing the challenges and difficulties of daily life, challenges he confronts every day in leading the Church. In closing his homily at Nationals Park, Pope Benedict said, "Those who have hope must live different lives! ... By your prayers, by the witness of your faith, by the fruitfulness of your charity, may you point the way toward that vast horizon of hope which God is even now opening up to His Church and indeed to all humanity: the vision of a world reconciled and renewed in Christ Jesus, our Savior."

In this Easter season, we know that Jesus brings new life to a world wounded by sin and abuse. Pope Benedict, who last Holy Week walked the Way of the Cross in sorrow and then experienced the joy of the risen Christ at the Easter Vigil, will continue his pilgrimage as a herald of Christ's hope to a world that needs his witness, now more than ever.

COMMENTARY

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Bible passages on cursing

Please allow me to commend the young writer, Warren Travis, for dutifully stepping out on a limb in an attempt to witness to his fellow classmates in his non-parochial school.

Kudos to you, sir! In as much as I'm certain many will write to softly correct the misstatement that cursing "is not one of the Ten Commandments," I encourage the following research: Exodus 20:7 in our Bible; Ezekial 36:23; Malachi 4:2; and in the New Testament (in respect to cleaning up our language in general) Ephesians 4:29 and 5:4. God's blessings on you, son.

Su Hohman
Angola

Healthcare debate continues

I am disappointed with Sister Mary Ann Walsh's comments published in the April 4 *Today's Catholic* editorial page regarding the healthcare reform legislation passed by Congress. The article reflected a disingenuous attitude surrounding the passage of the law and an abject surrender to a fait accompli.

While I agree the current use of the Web at times goes beyond the pale of reasonable and sane discourse, it is also protected by the nation's first amendment rights. This holds true for all Americans whether on the Internet or as street protesters.

Apparently, sister may be unaware of the anger and regret experienced by pro-lifers after months of pleading (or begging) Congress with marches, letters, e-

mails, phone calls and town hall meetings, then failing to get pro-life language in the bill. Of course, "pro-lifer" Congressman got a meaningless executive order to cover himself and moderate Democrats. It is not inconceivable that the same (not all, as sister implied) would vent their anger with excessive vitriol. Also, her comment, equating the protest incident at the capitol with an act of "despicable racial violence" when there was no solid proof that it happened, was an exercise in hyperbole.

Finally, the reference to Cardinal Francis George and the USCCB's disappointment that the legislation failed to provide adequate protection of the rights of conscience and prevention of federal funding of abortion services was a gross misstatement of the core of the pro-life protest. Where do we go from here?

Gilbert A. Cipriano
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Bruised, but not broken

The pro-life movement recently suffered a discouraging setback during efforts to provide life-affirming health care to millions of uninsured Americans. The Catholic bishops and others fought hard for many months to retain conscience rights and the long-standing ban against federal funding of elective abortions. The final healthcare reform law, passed narrowly against the bishops' opposition, fails to meet these widely-supported, fundamental moral requirements.

If not changed, the law will, for the first time in over 30 years, subsidize abortions throughout the nine months of pregnancy — for any reason — and force Americans to be complicit in the direct taking of innocent life. Many who conscientiously object to abortion will be forced to pay for others' abortions through their insurance premiums or taxes.

No amount of good in the new law will ever justify the moral evil of facilitating the destruction of precious human life. Not "precious" in just a poetic, pastel, feel-good sense as in the popular "Precious Moments" figurines, and not "precious" like works of art that command a lot of money, but "precious" in the ultimate sense: Being of such inestimable value that it cannot be put on a scale and traded off for other goods — even other goods honoring the dignity of the human person. God creates persons to live eternally and so we cannot and

must not be put on a cost-benefit scale. The deliberate destruction of innocent human life at its most defenseless stage is never, under any circumstances, justifiable.

The debate over how best to improve and expand healthcare services to all should never have hinged on the issue of abortion funding. Abortion is not health care, because killing is not healing. Inclusion of abortion was a huge and ultimately tragic obstacle to authentic reform that would honor all principles of Catholic social teaching.

The bishops repeatedly called for principled reform that puts the needs of the poor and the unborn first. Commenting on the proposed bill, Cardinal Francis George, as president of the bishops' conference, called abortion funding "too high a price" for much-needed reform. The Catholic faithful and our pro-life friends agreed. Since the debate began, over a million e-mails were sent to Congress through www.usccb.org/action alone. Unfortunately, despite our prayers, countless phone calls, faxes and letters, our voices were not heeded by those in power.

What do we do now? As a movement, we are bruised, but not broken. Our hope in the Resurrection is real as we seek the grace to regroup and unite in efforts to protect all human life from conception to natural death. We will work to fix the serious problems in the new healthcare law. The Hyde Amendment, which

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BY DEIRDRE A. MCQUADE

bans federal abortion funding through the appropriations process, must be defended. States are also exploring legislation to exclude abortion from new health coverage within their borders.

Abortion rates go up when the government funds abortions. So we need to work twice as hard to reduce the number of abortions, help pregnant women feel free to choose life, educate the public on the physical and emotional consequences of abortion, and share God's mercy with those women and men who have an abortion in their past. Finally, we must recommit ourselves to prayer for our nation, that those in authority will use their power to defend the defenseless: unborn children and all who are vulnerable at any stage of life.

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The miracle of linking objects

Each loss we experience brings us to a new and unique journey of grief, on which we face myriad questions concerning how life is supposed to unfold now that our loved one is gone.

One common question that occurs in the months following the loss of a loved one is, "When do I distribute his/her things?" This can include possessions such as clothing, personal items, awards, cars and jewelry — all tangible expressions of the precious existence of our loved one.

These material items or linking objects become for some of us the last real connection we have with our loved ones. Or so we think.

I have learned that the answer to the sometimes overwhelming question of whether and when to give possessions away is as unique as the individual who asks it. Each of us must decide how we will remain linked to our

loved one long after his/her physical presence is no longer ours to share.

There are those, like my dear mother, who see possessions as holding little sentimental value other than their practical use. The week following my father's burial, my mom called her six grown children to her home and systematically divided his things among them. Her pragmatic perception of life led her to empty the house of my father's presence and redecorate. That, for her, was the course she claimed for her survival after 49 years of marriage to a man who was her life companion. And it worked for her.

However, six months later, when my own husband died, I learned that I needed to keep everything in my home the same as before Trent died. With my less pragmatic personality, I found that my survival became based on what little shred of "normal" I could find. And my



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husband's possessions were the only unchanged thing left in the life that had been turned upside down with his death. Though I could no longer have Trent's physical presence with me, I at least could touch those things he held dear.

So those linking objects become the physical connection we have to our deceased loved one. For me and others, keeping our loved ones clothing for a while can be a consolation, as we not only see and touch the fabric,

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Salvation accomplished by Christ



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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3rd Sunday of Easter Jn 21:1-19

As throughout the Easter season, the Church this weekend begins the Liturgy of the Word with a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Actually, it is a continuation of St. Luke's Gospel. This Gospel is alone among the four in providing a certain sequel to the actual events that involved Jesus. The underlying lesson here is that the salvation achieved by the Lord Jesus did not end with the Ascension.

The presence of Jesus in the world did not end with the Ascension. He ascended into heaven before the very eyes of the Apostles, absent the dead Judas, but continues to live in the Christian community.

This reading reports a conflict between the Sanhedrin, led by the high priest and the Apostles. The Sanhedrin was the official ruling council of Judaism at the time of Jesus. Its agenda was primarily religious, but its authority touched virtually every aspect of life.

In this argument, as elsewhere in Acts, Peter is the spokesman for all the Apostles.

Despite being ordered to stop preaching about Jesus, the Apostles boldly insisted that indeed they would continue to proclaim what they had learned from the Lord. Indeed, they said, Jesus

had commissioned them to spread the Gospel.

As was the case in readings earlier in this season, Peter presents an abbreviated story of the life and mission of Christ.

The Book of Revelation is next. Probably no other book of the New Testament, and few in the Old Testament, perennially leave readers wondering as does Revelation.

(Revelation is not the more ancient, nor literarily precise, term. The older, and better, term is Apocalypse. However, most English-speaking biblical scholars have adopted the better known name of Revelation.)

Yet Revelation is clear. It is an overpowering reference to the fact that Christians stand with one foot on earth, the other in heaven, for they stand in and with Christ, Son of God and son of Mary, a woman.

A sublime revelation, it again and again depicts Jesus as the sinless Lamb of God, the title used by John the Baptist for the Lord.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a Resurrection Narrative. It is wondrous and consoling. Jesus, risen from death, appears to the Apostles as, without luck, they are fishing on the Sea of Galilee. At dawn, recalling the time of the Resurrection, Jesus comes into their midst. He tells them exactly where in the lake to cast their nets.

They obey, and a huge catch follows. The beloved disciple recognizes Jesus, but Peter is central to the story. He rushes to Jesus. Then, at a meal, Jesus asks Peter if Peter really loves Jesus. Jesus puts the question to Peter three times. Each time, Peter answers affirmatively. In ancient Jewish symbolism, three represented what was complete, final and absolute. To each answer, Jesus commissions

Peter to love the Good Shepherd's flock.

Reflection

It would be difficult indeed to find three readings from the New Testament that individually are so beautiful, and so expressive, and that together teach such a marvelous lesson.

The very combination of Acts with Luke's Gospel reminds us that the salvation accomplished by Christ still lives. It was with the early Christians in the Apostles. It is with us still in the Apostles' successors, and in the Church. The trial before the Sanhedrin reminds us that Peter's fervor beside the sea, as Peter saw Jesus risen from the dead, never ended. After the betrayal, forgiven by Christ, Peter is worthy in his faith and love. We can rely upon his testimony and his guidance.

Finally, the reading from Revelation reminds us that disciples indeed live with one foot on earth, but the other in heaven. Nowhere else is this reality better seen than in the Eucharist.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

Now that Easter Sunday has passed, we all need to figure out to do with our dozens of colorful hard-boiled eggs. Shell we eggsamine this oval symbol?

- The book of Deuteronomy in Chapter 22:6 makes this specific rule concerning eggs:**
 - Eggs are not ever kosher and shall not be eaten.
 - Eggs that a bird is sitting on, cannot be removed from a nest.
 - Eggs may not be mixed with other foods.
- Job accuses the ostrich of being a bad mother because**
 - she leaves her eggs on the ground where they can be trampled
 - she does not sit on them
 - she does not keep the father nearby
- Proverbs regards the cock as showing pride because it walks this way**
 - hopping
 - strutting
 - flapping
- Isaiah lists as boastfulness the claim that**
 - I can cook untold eggs without breaking any yolks
 - I can suck eggs without piercing shells
 - as one takes eggs left alone, so I took in all the earth
- Let's not forget the egg's dad. In Mark's Gospel Jesus tells Peter**
 - before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times.
 - the rooster will crow before you rule the Church.
 - Judas will betray me before cockcrow.

- And indeed Peter says this immediately before cock crowed:**
 - Let me have one of those sausages; they look good.
 - It wasn't me but it must be my brothers Simon or Kephias.
 - I do not know this man about whom you are talking.
- Although this may refer to an actual bird song, the NAB notes that**
 - cockcrow was a metaphor for the rise of Islam
 - cockcrow was the third Roman division of the night, lasting from midnight to 3 a.m.
 - cockcrow symbolized to the Jews the beginning of the Sabbath
- According to Isaiah what does a hoot owl do after hatching its eggs?**
 - It devours its young.
 - It gathers its young in its shadow.
 - It seeks out rats to feed them.
- Isaiah 59 complains about unjust people who hatch these**
 - adders' eggs
 - plots
 - raw eggs
- He adds that this fate awaits anyone who eats these**
 - they will burst from eating plots of land
 - death
 - they will become hard and scaly and have bad skin
- Job 6 asks a rhetorical culinary question:**
 - Can anyone make omelets without breaking eggs?
 - Is there flavor in the white of an egg?
 - Is it better to eat the shell and throw away the meat of an egg?

- Luke 11 asks, in similarly rhetorical vein:**
 - What father would not give his son egg yolks to buff him up?
 - What good are eggs without shells when making a seder meal?
 - What father would hand his son ... a scorpion when he asks for an egg?
- Matthew's Gospel laments how Jerusalem kills the prophets even though the Lord**
 - yearned to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings
 - gave new life to the city like a hen does to an egg
 - cracked the foundation of the temple as easily as a man cracks the shell of an egg

- In Christian (and pagan) mythology the egg symbolizes rebirth as it is apparently lifeless and then gives forth life. For Christians it is linked mostly with**
 - winter
 - meat sacrifices
 - Easter

- One legend is that this follower of Christ showed an egg that changed color to the Roman Emperor Tiberius**
 - Egbert the Saint
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Omelets, Prince of Denmark

ANSWERS

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

Change is good, but Kelly's status quo is consistent success

Notre Dame spring practice is in full swing, and the optimism over head coach Brian Kelly and what he brings to the football program hasn't been this high since Lou Holtz took over for Gerry Faust following the 1985 season.

That's not to say that Kelly arrives at Notre Dame with the same résumé as Holtz's. Holtz had taken programs at North Carolina State, Arkansas and Minnesota — schools from the ACC, the SEC and the Big Ten — and turned them into success stories. He then solidified his spot in the College Football Hall of Fame by going 100-30-2 with the Irish, which included the 1988 national championship. After a brief hiatus, he jumped back into the coaching business at South Carolina.

For most Irish fans, the change from Charlie Weis to Kelly is a step in the right direction. Weis arrived in South Bend flashing his Super Bowl rings from his stint as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots. But after winning 19 games in his first two seasons, Weis lost 21 times over his last three. He also may have set a record for most people offended in a five-year span.

And so the mixture of losing and acerbic behavior led to change, which is always the buzzword when a head coach is replaced. Kelly changed the off-season conditioning program to prepare the Irish for the rigors of a no-huddle, spread offense. He changed the defensive alignment from a 4-3 to a 3-4. He changed a long-standing policy to incorporate a training table for the players to improve their nutritional habits. He went out into the community and made strong first impressions, particularly on the Notre Dame campus. He opened the doors of the football office and made it feel like a place

where family and friends were welcome again. He even changed the way the players organized their lockers.

Any time there is a coaching transition, the more the new coach changes, the better it is received. During a coaching transition, change is always considered an improvement because the end results from the previous regime were unsatisfactory.

To be sure, changes within the Notre Dame football program were necessary. The most important adjustment started with the mindset of the players, which Kelly interpreted as one of entitlement and individualism.

But more important than change with the arrival of the Kelly regime is the need for Kelly to follow form. You see, everywhere Kelly has gone, he has won. Every team he has touched has turned to gold.

Kelly got his start as a head coach at Grand Valley State, a Division II school that could win 100 games in a row and most college football fans wouldn't know it. He was 118-35-2 in 13 seasons, including 41-2 over the last three in which the Lakers won two Division II national titles and appeared in a third championship game.

At Central Michigan, he took over a program that had lost 34 times in the four years prior to his arrival. By his third season in Mount Pleasant, the Chippewas won nine regular-season games. That landed him the job at Cincinnati, a program that hadn't won more than eight games in a season during the decade. Kelly promptly won 34 times in the next three seasons, landing back-to-back BCS bids and nearly claiming a spot in the national championship game in '09 with a 12-0 regular-season mark.

Simply put, the man wins. His career record as a head coach is 171-57-2.



TIM PRISTER

FROM THE SIDELINES

So while some changes were necessary for the Notre Dame program to improve from its 16-21 record over the previous three seasons, the key to Kelly's tenure at Notre Dame is not change — at least not after the initial adjustments in the program — but for Kelly's status quo to kick in. He is a proven winner on every level he has performed.

But is he ready and prepared enough to win at Notre Dame?

"I can tell you for sure I wouldn't have been ready for it six years ago," Kelly said. "Three years ago? I think I still needed some more BCS experience, if you will, from a recruiting standpoint."

"But there's no question that the three years at Cincinnati have put me in a position where now, as I sit here, I'm very confident that I have the background and the experience necessary to do the job at Notre Dame."

So you see, it isn't so much that the Irish need to change to have success on the football field. It's simply a matter of following the lead of its new head coach who has made a habit of winning the last two decades.

Winning consistently at Notre Dame? Now that would be a change.

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

sessions. Of course, I thought, I must keep all of his possessions just in case.

Now after 20 years and countless purgings, I cherish a few of Trent's favorites as well as his wedding band and a plethora of photos so dear to my heart. But the rest is gone, distributed over the years, when the time seemed right.

Those possessions that were useful or pleasurable to my husband are now someone else's to enjoy. But my link to Trent is no less diminished by that distribution, because the memory of his spirit resides in its rightful place now deep in my heart.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 18, 2010

John 21:1-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle C: breakfast with the risen Lord. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DISCIPLES	TIBERIAS	PETER
THOMAS	NATHANAEL	CANA
GALILEE	SONS	FISHING
BOAT	JESUS	CAST THE NET
RIGHT SIDE	JUMPED	DRAGGING
FIRE	BREAD	BRING
FIFTY-THREE	BREAKFAST	RAISED

BREAKFAST

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but revel in the comfort found in breathing in their familiar scent. Many widows struggle with whether and when to remove their wedding rings. Issues of guilt, imagined betrayal and fear must be addressed to discover the individual truth these symbolic wedding bands hold, that we each have inside us.

Occasionally those in mourning may feel pressure from family or friends to give their loved one's things away soon after the death so as to eliminate the tangible reminder of their pain and loss. They second guess when that potentially emotional undertaking should take place.

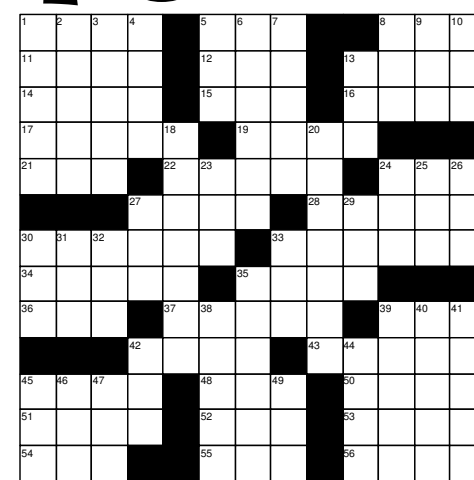
Unfortunately, there is no guide book on how to grieve well. When to distribute possessions and other answers to questions we all must face in grief are ultimately a personal choice we each must undertake. There is no right or only way to be linked to our loved ones. But I believe if we listen to our hearts, we will discover the right path to take with those precious possessions.

Some learn that those treasured linking objects need to remain a part of their lives, while others begin to let go of that which made easier the transition of their relationship with their deceased loved one from one of physical presence to one of the spirit.

As I look back over the 20 years since my husband's death there has been a slow and steady relinquishing of my initially intense need to keep Trent's pos-

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 and Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9 14b-17; Jn 10: 27-30

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| ACROSS | Conference (abbr.) | 31 Bullfight cheer |
| 1 Crazy | 27 Nathanael's home | 32 Feline |
| 5 Old-fashioned Fathers | 28 Moses' brother | 33 Miner's goal |
| 8 Compass point | 30 One of John's foods | 35 Spain |
| 11 Persian ruler | 33 Sanhedrin commands | 38 Bakers needs |
| 12 No room here | 34 Greek philosopher | 39 Edge of Sea of Galilee |
| 13 Dole out | 35 Times | 40 Lark |
| 14 Eternal ____ | 36 Apostles fished with | 41 Hydrochloric and nitric, for example |
| 15 Long time ____ | 37 Smelled | 42 Grain |
| 16 Barnabas' companion | 39 Hotel | 44 Melt |
| 17 Entomb | 42 Please respond | 45 Possess |
| 19 Owiee! | 43 Moral principles | 46 Baby eating apparel |
| 21 Chinese sauce | 45 Listen to the Spirit | 47 Environmental protection agency (abbr.) |
| 22 Creatures in heaven, ____ and sea | 48 "Anything to ____" | 49 # of Commandments |
| 24 American Football | 50 Shoshonean | |
| | 51 "____ every tear" | |
| | 52 Compass point | |

- 53 Desert condition
54 BB association
55 ____ Francisco
56 Douses

- DOWN**
- Cafes
 - Protein part, with 'acid'
 - Pentecost count
 - Bible term for Cross
 - "____ Jesu" Requiem
 - Turkish cat
 - Pig nose
 - Galilee water
 - Energy unit
 - Snake like fish
 - Miles per hour
 - Whys
 - Act
 - Picnic visitor
 - "Blessed ____ you among women"
 - Pro
 - Central nervous system
 - Gash
 - Advertisements
 - Licensed practical nurse

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

RUN WITH THE KNIGHTS Bishop Luers High School 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, May 8, at 9 a.m. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. at Foster Park, 3900 Old Mill Rd., Pavilion No. 2. Pre-registration cost is \$15 per person and \$20 per person after May 2. Runners and walkers are welcome. Registration forms are available to download at www.bishopluers.org. For more information, please contact Sarah Shank at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3039 or e-mail sshank@bishopluers.org.

Eagles snare ICCL girls' basketball tournament

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — A large crowd equipped with face painted seventh and eighth graders gathered in the friendly atmosphere of Marian High School to witness an absolute thriller in the finals of the Inter-City Catholic League Girls' Championship game.

The matchup pitted the St. Martin DePorres Champion St. Joseph (Mishawaka) Wildcats against the undefeated St. John Bosco Champion St. Joseph (South Bend) Eagles.

The game started as all do in the ICCL, with the league prayer. This time it seemed as though all of the spectators prayed in unison and were for the time being, speaking with one voice.

Even the head girls' coaches, Adam Kroemer from Saint Joseph's High School and Pat Catanzarite from Marian High School were in attendance and braced for the epic battle of champions.

The teams took two different tracks to the championship game. The Wildcats avenged two of their three regular season losses to reach the game against the only team they did not have a victory against, St. Joe (South Bend).

The Eagles whisked through their side of the bracket with double digit wins staking claim to the best team in the league.

The Wildcats would have to navigate through the gritty full-court pressure of the Eagles and their impressive point guard Michelle Weaver, and in turn the Northsiders would have to handle the one-two combination of Allison Ketcham and point guard Tagin Schultheis.

Trading punch for punch in the first quarter, the Eagles clung to a one point advantage, but the Wildcats and their coveted point

guard Schultheis rallied feverishly back to hold a three-point margin at half-time.

The pace of the game was deliberate as a Bobby Fisher/Boris Spassky chess match with each and every possession being played with tact and precision.

While the Eagle press was wearing on the Wildcats, they still held a third quarter lead of 23-21 entering the final stanza.

With 4:23 left in the fourth, the Eagles close to even and then with two minutes to go in the game Weaver scored to give the St. Joe (South Bend) squad a two-point cushion.

The Wildcats' forward Ketcham hit one of two from the line with 1:53 left and then duplicated the feat with 33.8 ticks on the clock to pull the teams to even 25-25.

The Eagles possessed the ball and were holding for the last shot with all eyes on Weaver, the crafty point guard found center Sid Corrigan behind the Wildcat defense for the winning bucket with 12 seconds left as the crowd erupted.

"We went to a five out set hoping to draw them out and Sid got lost at the right time," stated an exasperated head coach, Brian Weaver. "Our girls have really worked hard this season to achieve this championship."

"How could you not be so proud and happy with the performance of the girls," commented Wildcat Coach Tom Schultheis. "Our congratulations go to the Eagles they were well coached and very talented. What a game."

The final tallies had Weaver with 16 for the Eagles and Schultheis with 16 for the Wildcats.

In the consolation game, the Christ the King Colors team defeated the combined team from St. Jude and St. Monica, 23-18, with Shannon Hendricks posting 10 points for the victors.

CYO track revs up for the spring season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Track and field competition for the Catholic Youth League (CYO) teams is gearing up for the 2010 spring season.

Long-time CYO powerhouse and the reigning boys' track and field champions, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, who have won six out of the past 10 city meets, and in 2006, 2007 and 2008 for the girls' lists around 45 young athletes on their roster this year.

With over a decade at the helm, the Raiders are once again coached by Greg Lawrence. He and his assistants Greg Wiehe, Scott Voelker, Clair Lenegacher, Wade and Linda Heddens, Stephen Wuest and Kayla Zink will have a very young team this season with nearly half of the squad checking in as fourth graders.

Point scorers returning for the Raiders include members of the boys' relay teams along with Ellie Kayser, a fifth-grade miler.

"With such a young group and very few eighth graders, it will be

a rebuilding year," explained Lawrence.

But despite the inexperience from the newcomers, Lawrence is hopeful, "We show a lot of potential for this season and future years along with solid leadership from our eighth graders. They are a great bunch of kids to work with."

On the girls' side, it was all St. Jude in the 2009 city track meet. The Eagles outscored the second-place team from St. Charles, 109-88. St. Jude and the rest of the CYO runners will start up action for the 2010 season on April 22.

Kevin Donley, University of Saint Francis agree on new contract through 2016

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) has entered into a new contract with Head Football Coach Kevin Donley, which will extend his term



HEAD FOOTBALL COACH KEVIN DONLEY

at USF through 2016.

Donley, the founder of the USF football program in 1997 and two-time NAIA National Coach of the Year, has a remarkable record at USF with 121 wins and only 26 losses — an .823 winning percentage. He has been named the Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) Coach of the Year seven times in the past nine seasons. Under his tenure,

the Cougars have captured nine MSFA Midwest League championships. His teams have advanced to the NAIA "Final Four" in six of the last seven years. For his remarkable efforts at USF, Donley was awarded a Red Coat by the Mad Anthonys.

"Write the Kevin Donley story and put it in the 'fiction' section

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of a bookstore, and no one would buy it because it's almost unbelievable," said Mark A. Pope, USF director of athletics.

"But the simple fact is, all of it's true: His success on the field is unparalleled at any level of intercollegiate football. However, Kevin's greatest asset is how he continues to influence the lives of our student-athletes after football. I'm thrilled that Kevin will continue to guide our program for many years to come."

Prior to taking the head-coaching job at Georgetown College, where he captured a national championship title in 1991, he had four successful seasons at Anderson College. In 1981, he led the Ravens to a 9-2 record and a berth in the NAIA Division II playoffs, as well as Hoosier-Buckeye Collegiate

Conference championships in 1980 and 1981. While at Anderson, Donley's teams compiled a 28-9 (.757) overall record during his four-year stay. He was named conference coach of the year while at Anderson, and on nine occasions while at Georgetown.

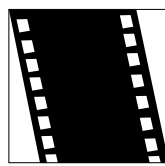
Donley-coached teams have had an impressive track record for moving the football through the air and scoring points. Donley's teams have set national offensive records in points per game (59.5), rushing touchdown (69), total touchdowns (102), yards gained per play (7.4), and total offense per game (541.4). His offensive teams have averaged 40.8 points per game. He owns the title of most points scored in a season (744) by any college team in the 20th century at all collegiate levels and earned a display in the College Football Hall of Fame in 1992.

"I am truly grateful to the entire Saint Francis community for this opportunity to continue

to coach football," said Donley. "We started this program 12 years ago with a mission to develop quality young men into meaningful contributors to our community and to win some games along the way. I think we've been able to do that — but we still have goals to accomplish."

Donley, a native of Springfield, Ohio, will begin his 32nd year as a head coach on Sept. 11, when USF travels to Iowa Wesleyan. The Cougars open their home schedule on Sept. 18 at noon, against St. Ambrose on Donley Field at D'Arcy Stadium on the Saint Francis campus.

The Annual Blue-White Spring Game takes place at Bishop John D'Arcy Stadium on Sunday, April 18, at 1 p.m. and will pit last year's winning coach, Keith Busse, against newcomer Jim Shields. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Tom Jehl Football Complex.



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.

"Date Night" (Fox)

This well-intentioned but ultimately wayward mix of the romantic comedy and action genres sees an ordinary suburban New Jersey couple (Steve Carell and Tina Fey) caught up in an underworld blackmail scheme after being mistaken for the cohabiting lowlifes (James Franco and Mila Kunis) who are out to sell the damning evidence. As written by Josh Klausner and directed by

Shawn Levy, the pair's nocturnal Manhattan odyssey — during which they flee a duo of thugs (Common and Jimmi Simpson) in the employ of a mob boss (Ray Liotta), and turn for help to a James Bond-like intelligence agent (Mark Wahlberg) — though its travails aid them to rekindle their flickering love for each other, eventually leads to an underground sex club where they briefly find themselves forced to entertain a powerful patron with perverse tastes. Considerable, though bloodless, action violence, partial rear nudity, much sexual humor, including gags about casual sex, masturbation and aberrant practices, at least one use of profanity and of the F-word, some crude and crass 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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Les Miserables

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers performing arts department will present a spring musical, "Les Miserables," April 29 through May 1, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call (260) 456-1261 for tickets.

The 13th Day movie showing

Warsaw — A movie about Our Lady appearing in Fatima will be shown Sunday, April 18, at the Sacred Heart Parish hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., movie from 6-8 p.m. Refreshments available for free will offering. All proceeds will benefit World Youth Day pilgrims.

Adult night out

Decatur — St. Joseph School will have an "Adults Night Out" dinner dance/auction on Friday, April 23, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1703 High St. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and a taco dinner will be served from 6:30-8 p.m. Music will include square dancing and be provided by Break Away. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the school or by contacting Renee Litchfield at (260) 724-2899.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Msgr. Robert Schulte will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Msgr. Schulte is rector of the cathedral and vicar general and chancellor for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

5K run/walk event planned

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will host Run, Panther, Run, a 5K run/walk and one mile fun run on Saturday, April 17, at 9 a.m. at Potawatomi Park. A post-race party will be at St. Anthony gym with awards, live music, food and refreshments, personal massages, Pardon the Clown making balloon animals, and door prizes. Visit www.stanthonywsb.org for more information.

Beer and wine tasting fund raiser

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a beer and wine fund raiser Friday, April 30, from

7-11 p.m. at Bergstaff, 2020 E. Washington Blvd. Tickets are presale only at two for \$50 or one for \$30. For information call Maria Parsenow (260) 260-447-0591.

"Schoolhouse Rock, Junior" performed

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood School will perform the musical, "Schoolhouse Rock, Junior," April 23 and 24, at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children at the door. For reserved seating (\$10), call (260) 424-4832.

Rummage and bake sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a spring rummage and bake sale Friday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to noon. A \$3 bag sale will be on Saturday. Baked goods for purchase along with an assortment of clothing and household items. St. Joseph is located at 11337 Old U.S. 27 South.

Family trivia night

South Bend — Little Flower Parish will host a trivia night Friday, April 23, from 7-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Kimber Sorenson-Brugh at (574) 255-1466 by April 20. Teams may bring snacks for their table and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the mission trip to Ecuador.

Creole/Cajun crawfish boil

South Bend — A Cajun dinner sponsored by St. Augustine Parish will raise funds for the IUSB Civil Rights Heritage Center on West Washington. Dinner will be cooked by Burt Kemp of Jambalaya and Co., Louisiana, on Friday, April 23, from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and includes crawfish, gumbo, jambalaya, potatoes, corn, drink and dessert. To purchase tickets call (574) 232-4837 or e-mail MichianaCrawfish@gmail.com.

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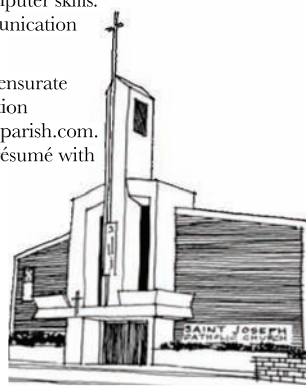
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LAUREN CAGGIANO

Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy answered questions from young adults who attended the annual Bishop's Retreat, held at Potawatomi Inn in Angola, April 9-11. This year's weekend retreat took place with a theme "In the Meantime ... Trust." The question-and-answer session Saturday afternoon was an opportunity for some one-on-one time with Bishop D'Arcy and to consult with him on relevant issues in the Catholic Church. The retreat hosted 104 participants.



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9:00 am	Bishop Luers High School	Bishop Dwenger High School	Vincent Village
10:00 am	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fr. Jim Shafer	St. Jude Fr. Tom Shoemaker	The Tippmann Hour John Tippmann
11:00 am	St. Vincent Msgr. John Kuzmich	Sts. Peter & Paul, Huntington Fr. Ron Rieder	St. Patrick, Arcola Jim Bottone & Roberta Davis, DRE
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RETREAT

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example, "What is the Church doing locally to help Hispanic Catholics?"

"We always want to do more for our people," Bishop D'Arcy said as a preface. He advised the youth to provide feedback and consider what they can do to become more active in their respective parishes.

On a more serious note, the bishop was asked about the controversial topic of the Church's response to abuses in the priesthood. He said the Church is undergoing a "dark time" and needs to move forward.

"Evil comes to us from the beginning," he said. However, "Jesus came to forgive evil and help us overcome it. The Church has taken on the enormous task to overcome abuse."

The bishop said Catholics

must realize the Church is in the process of purifying itself and that the faithful can find Jesus through the Church. In his words, "We need to be purified to be holier."

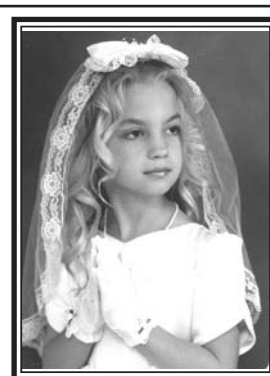
Other questions related to the fate of the soul after death. "When one dies, does the soul come back to the world," a young woman asked. The bishop's response: the soul goes to heaven if the person is saved. Eventually the body and soul are united.

"Death is not the end," he affirmed.

With regard to reincarnation, Bishop D'Arcy clarified that the Church does not believe in this concept because it "takes away from the joy of when we die."

Additional questions related to immigrants' inclusion in the Church, the call to vocations and the ethics of same-sex adoption.

The talk concluded with a buffet dinner. The remainder of the weekend consisted of a reconciliation service, social time and Mass.



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