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A statue honors St. Theodora Guérin on the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception grounds at the location of the former academy.

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades received a letter in April from the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, which gave official approval for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to inscribe the Oct. 3 feast of St. Mother Theodore Guérin (St. Theodora Guérin) into the Proper Liturgical Calendar of the Diocese.

This is the culmination of a process that actually began in 2008 under Bishop John M. D'Arcy, when an initial request was sent to Rome petitioning for St. Mother Theodore's inclusion in the diocesan calendar.

According to liturgical law, the Mass prayers specially composed for an individual saint's celebration cannot be used in a particular place unless he or she is officially inscribed in a binding liturgical calendar. There are three official liturgical calendars that affect our diocese: The General Roman Calendar (this includes all the major annual liturgical celebrations, and also the feasts of those saints who have the broadest appeal to the universal Church), the liturgical calendar for the United States (which incorporates holy men and women of special significance to our country, such as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Blessed Junípero Serra), and our proper diocesan calendar.

Since St. Mother Theodore is not currently in the universal or U.S. calendars, her addition to the diocesan calendar is an important occasion for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Whereas previously, a more generic set of prayers solely from the "Common of Virgins" would have been used on her feast here, now her official collect prayer (the opening prayer of the Mass) may be used. She will henceforth be commemorated on Oct. 3 (the date established by Rome at her canonization in 2006) as an obligatory memorial in this diocese, meaning that her

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As Year for Priests nears close, priests must be shepherds

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As the Year for Priests draws to a close, Pope Benedict XVI said a priest's foremost role is to be a shepherd to his flock, and he asked the faithful to support their priests in their task of bringing people closer to God.

At his regular weekly audience in St. Peter's Square May 26, the pope said priests should follow Jesus, who he called the "supreme shepherd of souls," in their mission to "take care of the people of God, be teachers of the faith, animating and sustaining the community of Christians."

The pope quoted St. Augustine in pointing out that "it is a labor of love to graze the flocks of the Lord," and that love should act as the "supreme guide in conduct for the ministers of God."

By following this guide, the pope said, a priest should show "unconditional love, be full of joy and open to all; be attentive to those around him, gentle to children, to the weak and to the simple; and show the infinite mercy of God with encouraging words of hope."

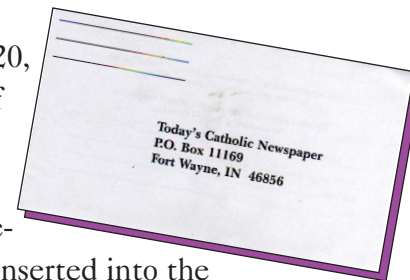
Because of the world wars and the rise of dictatorial leaders in Europe in the last century, the pope said, many people today still have a deep mistrust of authority of all types. The Church, he said, is called to offer an authority based on service, "not in its own right but in the name of Jesus, who in the name of the Father received all authori-

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The Most Holy Trinity, the greatest mystery of our faith



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Trinity Sunday

This past Sunday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the greatest mystery of our faith, a mystery we cannot fully comprehend, but which Jesus revealed to us. He, the Son, revealed to us the Father and gave us the Holy Spirit. He revealed to us that God is eternal and infinite love, a communion of three divine Persons. God is not infinite solitude, but an eternal communion of life and love.

Though the mystery of the Trinity infinitely transcends us, it is also the reality closest to us because it is the very source of our being. In God, we "live and move and have our being." As we heard in the beautiful passage from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

On Trinity Sunday, I celebrated Mass with the Confirmation of adults at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Their souls were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit, as happened to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. The Gospel for Trinity Sunday was appropriate for the celebration of Confirmation since in it Jesus spoke about the Holy Spirit as the One who leads us to all truth. We can also say that on Pentecost, the Holy Trinity was fully revealed. Since that day, the Holy Spirit has been poured out on believers through the ages by means of the sacraments of Christ's Church.

This past week, I was also privileged to celebrate Confirmation Masses at Christ the King Church in South Bend and at St. Dominic Church in Bremen. Before the candidates receive the sacrament, they renew their promises of Baptism. They profess their faith in the Most Holy Trinity! We also do so every day when we make the sign of the cross. Hopefully, it does not become too rote, too routine, as it is a way to give glory to God and to enter into the Holy Trinity's eternal dialogue of love.

Graduations

This past week, my calendar was filled with baccalaureate/graduation Masses, beginning with the eighth-grade students of the Catholic schools in the Fort Wayne area. On May 24, I celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with all these wonderful young people preparing to enter high school.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, I celebrated the baccalaureate Masses for Saint Joseph's High School, Marian High School and Bishop Luers High School. On Wednesday, Bishop D'Arcy celebrated the baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Dwenger

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Next Sunday on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord ("Corpus Christi") Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate his first Mass with the Hispanic communities of the diocese. After the 1 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend there will be a Eucharistic Procession through the streets to Our Lady of Hungary Church. All are invited to join in the procession, whether they speak Spanish or not.

High School. I was extremely happy to gather in prayer with our graduates and offer them personal congratulations. I met many of them and their families after the Masses. I am very impressed by the faith and friendliness of these young people.

In my homilies to our graduates, I reflected with them on words I heard Pope Benedict XVI speak to young people at World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia: "Dear friends, life is not governed by chance; it is not random. Your very existence has been willed by God, blessed and given a purpose! Life is not just a succession of events or experiences, helpful though many of them are. It is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this that we exercise freedom; it is in this — in truth, in goodness and in beauty — that we find happiness and joy."

I called upon our graduates to go forth as young men and women of hope, the hope held out by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray that they will be ambassadors of hope wherever they go. I told these young people that the Church needs them and their witness of faith, their idealism, their generosity and their service. May God bless all the high school graduates of our diocese with His grace!

Year For Priests

The Year for Priests will soon be coming to an end (on June 19). This has been a special year in which our priests have been encouraged by Pope Benedict to imitate the

virtues of St. John Vianney, a shining model of a pastor totally dedicated to the service of God's people. This year was the 150th anniversary of his death.

Though I have been here less than five months, I have already been very edified by the priests of our diocese. I have seen their prayer and good works and their great dedication to the spiritual good of their people. They have made me feel welcome and at home. I look forward to our retreat together next week.

I extend deep thanks to all the people of our diocese for your prayers for our priests and for all you do to support them in their ministry. Recently I heard from the Year for Priests Committee of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka. I was very grateful to learn about the various initiatives they worked on this past year. I was happy to hear about the day of Eucharistic Adoration they are having for priests on June 19. Also, they told me about the Web-based Spiritual Bouquet for priests, which they developed. I invite you to check it out on our diocesan Web site, clicking under the vocations office. Our priests will surely benefit from the many prayers and sacrifices offered for them!

Corpus Christi

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord ("Corpus Christi"). I am looking forward with joyful anticipation to celebrating my first Mass with the Hispanic communities of our diocese. After the 1 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, we will have a Eucharistic Procession through the streets to Our Lady of Hungary Church. All are invited to join in the procession, whether you speak Spanish or not. This will be a beautiful public manifestation of our faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Corpus Christi processions are a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition. I recall with joy the privilege I had as a deacon to serve and accompany Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger during the Corpus Christi procession in Rome back in 1982.

I close with some words from Pope John Paul II about the Corpus Christi procession: "In the procession, the public and solemn tribute to the Blessed Sacrament, we expressed visibly the communion to which it commits us and we renewed the prophecy of new times when humanity, united in brotherhood through love, will progress as one on its earthly way, singing praises to its Lord..."

Our procession through the streets and between the houses of the city is at the same time a celebration of the pilgrim Church and a shining example of what the Eucharist is meant to accomplish in social life...

Thus our procession together, side by side, listening together to the Word of God, one in heart and mind in our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, reminds us that we are a pilgrim Church."

Papal trip to Cyprus will shine spotlight on Middle East

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Just 13 months after he visited the Holy Land, Pope Benedict XVI will give Christians in the Middle East his full attention again as he visits Cyprus June 4-6.

Christians on the small island in the eastern Mediterranean Sea share a biblical heritage with Middle Eastern Christians and face some of the same challenges in finding ways to live in peace and security in a land shared with people from other ethnic and religious groups.

Since 1974, Cyprus, which is about half the size of Connecticut, has been divided. U.N. peacekeepers patrol a buffer zone between the area controlled by the government of Cyprus and about one-third of the island, which is controlled by Turkish Cypriots.

Negotiations to end the island's division are continuing — President Demetris Christofias and the recently elected Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu met for the first time May 26 — but relations are peaceful enough that tourists and residents cross the buffer zone with relative ease.

A key sticking point in the negotiations is how to convincingly guarantee the full rights of the Turkish Cypriot minority, a predominantly Muslim community, on an island whose population is predominantly Orthodox Christian.

The question of minority rights, particularly when a large segment of the minority has a different religious tradition, is a concern in many parts of the Middle East. The region's Catholics also are challenged to improve relations with their Orthodox neighbors and to promote dialogue with fellow citizens who are Muslims.

During the pope's visit to Cyprus, he will meet with Catholic patriarchs and bishops from throughout the region and give them the working document for the special Synod of Bishops for the Middle East at the Vatican in October.

The theme of the synod is: "Communion and Witness: The Community of Believers Was of One Heart and Mind."

Pope Benedict and his hosts will have an opportunity not just to preach unity and cooperation, but also to demonstrate it.

The first event after the official government welcoming ceremony is an ecumenical prayer service at an archaeological park believed to be the spot where the apostles Paul and Barnabas preached in Cyprus, as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles.

The pope also is scheduled to hold a private meeting and luncheon with Orthodox Archbishop



CNS PHOTO/ANDREAS MANOLIS, REUTERS

A woman prays at a church in Nicosia, Cyprus, May 9. Ecumenism and the challenges facing Christians in the Middle East will be the main focuses of the Pope Benedict XVI's trip to Cyprus June 4-6.

Chrysostomos II, head of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus and a strong supporter of Catholic-Orthodox dialogue. The archbishop made an official visit to the Vatican in 2007.

The government of Cyprus estimates the entire island has a population of about 854,000 people; around 76 percent belong to the Greek Cypriot community, which is predominantly Orthodox; about 10 percent are Turkish Cypriots, a predominantly Muslim community; and almost 13 percent are foreigners.

The Vatican estimates there are about 25,000 Catholics in Cyprus. Most belong to the Maronite Church; the Latin-rite Catholic community is composed of a tiny group of Cypriot Catholics and several thousand foreign workers, particularly from the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

The outline for the synod on the Middle East was released in January, setting out topics for the bishops and local Catholics to discuss and questions for them to respond to in preparation for the synod. Their input helped shape the document the pope was to present in Cyprus.

The synod's outline said the main goals for the October assembly were "to confirm and strengthen Christians in their identity through the word of God and the sacraments, and to deepen ecclesial communion among the particular churches."

A renewal of faith and improved ecumenical collaboration will also help Christians better understand their role in Muslim societies and how they can aid their nations by being authentic witnesses of Christ, the outline said.

Another key concern for the Church, expected to be discussed at the synod, is that Christians are emigrating from many areas of the Middle East, including the Holy Land, seeking greater opportunities for their families and more freedom in countries without all the political tensions found in the Middle East.

Looking at the situation in Cyprus, Pope Benedict's hosts from both the government and the Christian community are likely to repeat their request that he speak out in defense of Christian churches and monuments in areas controlled by the Turkish Cypriots.

George F. Poulides, ambassador of Cyprus to the Vatican, told Catholic News Service that hundreds of Christian churches in the North have been turned into hotels or restaurants or destroyed, and "some 30,000 icons have been stolen and two cemeteries have been destroyed."

On the other hand, he said, the government of Cyprus has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars maintaining mosques in the southern part of the island.

Thousands of Turkish Cypriots cross the buffer zone each day to work and thousands of Muslims from the Arab world come to the island to live and work, Poulides said, which proves that "there is no religious problem in Cyprus."

"We have always been the crossroads between Europe and the Middle East, between Christianity and the Arab world," he said.

"We hope the prayers and the good wishes of the Holy Father will help us reunite our island," Poulides said.

Bishop Rhoades makes appointments



The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointments:

Effective July 1:

- **Rev. Jason E. Freiburger**, from parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, to vice-chancellor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with residence at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Father Freiburger continues as chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School.



REV. JASON E. FREIBURGER



REV. KEVIN G. GROVE, CSC

- **Rev. Kevin G. Grove, CSC**, newly ordained, to parochial vicar at Christ the King Parish, South Bend.

- **Rev. Peter J. Pacini, CSC**, to pastor of St. Adalbert-St. Casimir Parish, South Bend.

- **Rev. Jacob D. Runyon** to associate diocesan director of vocations. Father Runyon continues as parochial vicar at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, and as chaplain at Marian High School.

- **Rev. Jeffrey A. Schneibel, CSC**, to parochial vicar at Holy Cross-St. Stanislaus Parish, South Bend.



REV. PETER J. PACINI, CSC



REV. JACOB D. RUNYON



REV. DOMINIQUE A. CARBONEAU

Effective Sept. 2:

- **Rev. Dominique A. Carboneau**, from pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder, to pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Bend.

- **Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Galic**, from pastor of Holy Family Parish, South Bend, to pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder. Msgr. Galic continues as diocesan director of vocations.



REV. JEFFREY A. SCHNEIBEL, CSC



REV. THOMAS F. LEMOS, CSC

Effective Dec. 1:

- **Rev. Thomas F. Lemos, CSC**, to parochial vicar at St. Adalbert-St. Casimir Parish, South Bend.



MSGR. BERNARD J. GALIC

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Sunday, June 6, 1 p.m. — Diocesan Hispanic Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, followed by Corpus Christi Procession from St. Matthew Cathedral to Our Lady of Hungary Church.

- Monday through Friday, June 7-11 — Priests' retreat at Pokagon State Park

'Take thou the yoke of the Lord': John Shannon ordained a priest

BY MONICA EICHMAN

LINCOLN, Neb.— May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon you; that you may be blessed in the Priestly Order, and may offer propitiatory sacrifices for the sins and offenses of the people to Almighty God, to Whom belongs glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

These words, taken from the priestly ordination ceremony as prescribed by the Church, highlight the duty of the priest as an "Alter Christus." Deacon John Shannon of Fort Wayne was raised to the dignity of the priesthood on May 22 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, Neb.

In the presence of 700 of the faithful, Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz ordained Deacon Shannon along with five other deacons of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. Nearly 50 of the Fort Wayne native's family and friends traveled from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the joyous occasion.

Also ordained were Father John Rickert of Ellinwood, Kan.; Father Simon Harkins of Edinburgh, Scotland; Father Peter Bauknecht of Antigo, Wis.; Father Garrick Huang of Vancouver, British Columbia; and Father Rhone Lillard of San Diego, Calif.

In the ordination ceremony, the bishop anointed the hands of each ordinand and asked Almighty God to consecrate the hands. It is because the fingers of the priest will come into daily



MONICA EICHMAN

The newly ordained priests stand outside of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, Neb., with Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz and priests of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter following the ordination. Father John Shannon stands first row, far left.

contact with the Sacred Body of Christ that the Church separates them from use in the profane through this prayer and dedicates them to God's service.

On Pentecost Sunday, the day after ordinations, the newly ordained Father Shannon offered his First Mass at the recently consecrated Chapel of Ss. Peter and Paul at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Neb. Father Shannon also offered a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, May 30, at St. Peter Church in Fort Wayne. Father Daniel Leeuw was the

homilist. Father George Gabet, chaplain of the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Latin Mass Community in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, served as deacon, while fraternity seminarian Greg Eichman served as

subdeacon. The St. Mother Theodore Guérin Latin Mass Community celebrates the extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite at Masses held at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Wayne and St. Patrick Church in South Bend.

Two of Father Shannon's younger brothers, Stephen and Vahn, served at the altar, and his brother Gregory played the pipe organ for the Mass. The Mass included traditional Latin chant and sacred polyphonic music sung by the Regina Coeli Latin Choir, directed by Father Shannon's sister, Rosemary Imrick, and included his younger sisters Regina and Ellen.

Father Shannon, 31, is the son of Ronald and Marilyn Shannon of Fort Wayne and the oldest of nine children. After graduating from Seton Home Study School in 1997, he attended Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne as a Chancellor's Scholar, graduating with honor in 2002 and completing a master's degree in biology in 2003. His ordination comes after seven years of preparation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.

Employment Non-Discrimination Act seen jeopardizing religious freedom

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A letter from the chairmen of three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated the bishops' opposition to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act because of the bill's potential to "jeopardize our religious freedom to live our faith and moral tenets in today's society."

The bishops added that the measure, known as ENDA, could be used to justify legal protection for same-sex marriage, based on similar state-based nondiscrimination laws.

The bill would add sexual orientation to the list of individual characteristics that would bar employers from discriminating against.

"We cannot support any bill — such as ENDA in its current form — that would legally affirm and specially protect any sexual conduct outside of marriage," said the letter, dated May 19 and sent to individual members of Congress.

The bishops restated "two basic tenets" of the Church — that "persons with a homosexual inclination" must be treated with "respect, compassion and sensitivity" and that under no circumstances can homosexual acts be approved.

The letter was signed by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage; Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; and Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine.

They said the Church is "ardently opposed to all unjust discrimination" against people based on sexual orientation, but said the church also teaches sex outside of traditional marriage between a man and a woman is morally wrong.

The nondiscrimination bill had languished in both chambers of Congress for a half-year or longer, with no votes scheduled, although a House committee may consider the bill the first week of June.

The House version, introduced by Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., has 202 co-sponsors. A hearing was held last September by the House Education and Labor Committee. A companion Senate bill, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., has 45 co-sponsors. A hearing was held last November by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, with no vote taken by the committee.

"Because the passage of such a bill could be used to punish as discrimination what the Catholic Church teaches, the USCCB has always sought as comprehensive religious exemption as is achievable, in order to protect the religious freedom of the Church, and of all others who hold similar views," the bishops said.

Even so, they added, "recent experience teaches that even covered institutions may face government retaliation for relying on such exemptions. Without such additional protection, ENDA would be applied to jeopardize our religious freedom to live our faith and moral tenets in today's society."

The bishops said, "Just as every other group in our society, the Catholic Church enjoys the same rights to hold to its beliefs, organize itself around them, and argue for them in the public square. This is guaranteed by our Constitution. This includes the right to teach what it holds to be the truth concerning homosexual conduct — and to act as an employer consistent with that truth — without the threat of government sanction."

The letter referred to one section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which said that "no one should be an object of scorn, hatred, or violence for any reason, including sexual inclination," and that the Church stood committed to avoid "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard." But Catholic teaching cannot be "equated with 'unjust discrimination,'" it added.

The bishops said they would be interested in discussing a bill "that would protect persons with a homosexual inclination from unjust discrimination, without protecting homosexual conduct."

Were the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in its current form to become law, the bishops said, "we would expect lawyers to invoke it in federal court under the federal constitution, just as they invoked analogous state laws in state constitution litigation."

"If this strategy were to succeed, it would represent a legal and moral disaster comparable in many ways to Roe v. Wade," the 1973 Supreme Court decision which permitted abortion virtually on demand, the bishops said.

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ty in heaven and on earth.”

Each priest in turn receives that responsibility, the pope said. “The spiritual authority conferred in Holy Orders should be matched by the priest’s interior fidelity to his pastoral mission and his personal readiness to follow obediently the lead of Christ,” he said.

In living for the benefit of his flock, the priest-shepherd must dedicate himself totally, “often going against the current, and remembering that he who is big must act like the smallest, and he who governs must act like the servant.”

The pope said that leading others does not mean domination but is rather illustrated in the humble act of Jesus Christ’s washing of

the feet of the Apostles and in the wood of the cross.

The pope asked the faithful to “support your priests in their ministry of leading men and women to God, bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel and its message for hope.” Pope Benedict also asked for prayers “for my own ministry of governance in the Church.”

The pope called the special year for priests last June to encourage “spiritual perfection” in clergy. The current scandal regarding priestly sexual abuse had not yet exploded in all its force, involving several European countries and the United States.

Pope Benedict did not specifically mention the issue, although he has made several declarations in recent months abhorring sexual abuse of minors and asking forgiveness from victims on some occasions.

The pope will mark the closing of the Year for Priests with a Mass at the Vatican June 11.



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Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd after arriving for his general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican May 26.

Abuse scandal must inspire purification, justice, pope tells bishops

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The scandal of clerical abuse of minors must inspire bishops and priests to rediscover the need for penitence, purification, forgiveness and justice, Pope Benedict XVI told Italian bishops.

The Church’s desire to engage in a new evangelization of the world “does not hide the wounds scarring the Church community, (wounds) caused by the weakness and sin of some of its members,” he said in an audience with members of the Italian bishops’ conference May 27.

While the pope did not specifically mention the crisis of sex abuse in the Church, he briefly referred to it in his 20-minute speech to the bishops, who were holding their general assembly in the Vatican synod hall May 24-28.

The pope said the Year for Priests, which closes with a Mass June 11, has served as a reminder for the need for deep spiritual renewal within the priesthood.

The “humble and painful admission” of the sins of some of the Church’s members should not obscure the good and saintliness of so many others, including lay faithful and priests, he said.

“That which is cause for scandal must translate for us into a

reminder of the ‘profound need to relearn penance, to accept purification, to learn on the one hand forgiveness but also the necessity of justice,’” he said, repeating remarks he made to journalists aboard the papal plane to Portugal May 11 in reference to the clerical sex abuse scandal.

As bishops’ conferences across Europe are coming to grips with the sex abuse crisis, the Italian bishops’ conference revealed for the first time that about 100 cases of alleged abuse had been handled by Italian Church courts in the past decade.

“In general and factual terms, there are about 100 cases relative to canonical procedures carried out during the last 10 years,” said Bishop Mariano Crociata, general secretary of the Italian bishops.

Responding to journalists’ questions May 25, Bishop Crociata did not respond to queries about the number of cases that ended in a guilty verdict or how many were turned over to the police.

In his opening remarks to the general assembly, Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco of Genoa, president of the Italian bishops’ conference, said that “a person who abuses minors needs to be concurrently brought to justice and receive treatment and mercy.”

“Healing cannot replace punishment, let alone remit the sin,”

he said.

Cardinal Bagnasco said the Church has never sought to underestimate the severity of the sex abuse crisis and called on families “to recognize that we, the church, will do everything to always, and increasingly, merit their trust.”

The bishops’ meeting came just as three priests were facing accusations by civil authorities for the sexual abuse of minors. A 73-year-old priest of the Diocese of Lodi was arrested May 25 on charges of sex with a minor, and a priest in Savona went on trial May 24 for allegedly sexually violating a young girl.

In late May at the trial of a Rome priest accused of sexual violence against seven boys, the current bishop of Porto-Santa Rufina, who was the accused priest’s pastor, said that although he received complaints about the priest, he did not tell the Vatican because he did not think there was sufficient proof. He said he did not tell Italian police because he was not sure about the procedures to follow. It was another parish priest who reported the alleged offender to Italian authorities.

The promoter of justice in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Msgr. Charles Scicluna, said in mid-March that in Italy, “the phenomenon (of priestly sexual abuse of minors) does not

seem to have dramatic proportions, although what worries me is a certain culture of silence, which I feel is still too widespread in the country.”



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Pope Benedict XVI waves to members of the Conference of Italian Bishops at the end of a meeting in synod hall at the Vatican May 27.



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BP gives \$1 million to Archdiocese of New Orleans for oil spill relief

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — As millions of gallons of oil from an offshore rig explosion fouled hundreds of square miles in the Gulf of Mexico and advanced toward the Louisiana coastline, New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond thanked BP for \$1 million in emergency relief funds. The grant will allow local Church relief agencies to provide emergency food, financial and counseling assistance to needy fishing families. BP, which operated the oil platform that exploded April 20 and killed 11 workers, earmarked \$750,000 to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans for direct assistance such as gift cards to local grocery stores, case management and counseling, and \$250,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana for emergency food boxes. The grant was announced at a May 18 news conference outside the headquarters of St. Bernard Parish, a civil jurisdiction equivalent to a county. BP officials were hoping May 28 to contain the massive spill with a “top kill” procedure on the leaking pipe one mile underwater. Even if the plan was a permanent fix, the deposit of crude oil in the Gulf of Mexico has developed into one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history. In response to the catastrophe, Catholic Charities has opened five emergency centers at local churches to distribute the financial aid and offer counseling to fishing families. The \$1 million grant will help fund outreach services for three months, and the program is likely to be extended if the impact of the oil spill grows.

Flood victims struggling to get back on feet after losing everything

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — By now, it's a sadly familiar story: With the flood waters rising so fast May 2, thousands of Nashville-area residents were able to escape with only the clothes on their backs. When they returned home a day or two later, everything was a soggy, ruined mess. As the city approached the one-month mark since the great flood of 2010, many residents were struggling to get back on their feet. “We're just taking baby steps,” said Peggy Allan, 54, whose home was completely flooded out. She, husband Bobby Bruce, her adult daughter Yetta and their three dogs were settling into a rental home and “trying to get back to normal.” Right after the flood, Allan and her family stayed in their carport, sleeping underneath Red Cross blankets, in shock at their losses. “I was so devastated, I didn't know what to do,” she told the *Tennessee Register*, newspaper of the Diocese of Nashville. Volunteer groups started showing up in her

FATHER O'CONNELL WITH POPE BENEDICT XVI



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Vincentian Father David M. O'Connell, president of The Catholic University of America, smiles as Pope Benedict XVI acknowledges cheering students at the university April 17, 2008, in Washington. Father O'Connell, stepping down after 12 years of leadership at the school, called that day “probably the greatest” of his life.

neighborhood, helping residents clean up and sort through belongings. Allan gets choked up when she thinks back on those early days after the flood, and the people who helped them. “Anyone who has lost their faith in humanity should've been there that day. It was real — I guess you'd call it — love,” she said.

Kagan's court confirmation has few barriers as hearings near

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The public conversation will continue over whether Solicitor General Elena Kagan should be confirmed by the Senate to join the Supreme Court, but unless there are some significant new revelations about her, there's little doubt she will be on the bench this fall. One of her prospective colleagues, Justice Antonin Scalia, might have changed the course of debate about Kagan when he said her lack of experience as a judge is a good thing. That has been a key line of criticism of Kagan by some Senate Republicans. The Senate Judiciary Committee will begin confirmation hearings June 28. Kagan, 50, is the first nominee since 1972 who has no experience as a judge. In a lecture May 26, Scalia pointed out that when he first came to the court in 1986, “three of my colleagues had never

been a federal judge.” “William Rehnquist came to the bench from the Office of Legal Counsel,” Scalia said in the second annual Thomas A. Flannery Lecture at the U.S. District Courthouse where Scalia and the late Flannery were judges together. “Byron White was deputy attorney general. And Lewis Powell, who was a private lawyer in Richmond (Va.) and had been president of the American Bar Association.” “Currently, there is nobody on the court who has not served as a judge — indeed, as a federal judge — all nine of us,” he continued. “I am happy to see that this latest nominee is not a federal judge — and not a judge at all.”

Pope urges countries to join efforts in helping migrants, refugees

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With no sign that globalization and migration will slow down, the future of most societies clearly depends on effectively welcoming and integrating migrants and refugees, Pope Benedict XVI said. “The future of our societies rests on the encounter between peoples (and) on dialogue between cultures with respect for identities and legitimate differences,” the pope said May 28 during a meeting with participants in the plenary assembly of the Pontifical

Council for Migrants and Travelers. The assembly focused on the shared responsibilities nations and international organizations have toward travelers, migrants and refugees. Pope Benedict praised the efforts of organizations and international bodies to build a world marked by peace, fraternity and cooperation while simultaneously striving “to resolve the crucial questions of security and development to the benefit of all.” But some parts of the world have been avoiding “the assumption of responsibilities that should be shared” when it comes to migration policies and assisting refugees, he said. “The desire of many people to knock down walls that divide and to establish broad-based agreements promoting integration has still not been fulfilled,” he said.

Baltimore priest named auxiliary bishop for U.S. military archdiocese

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Father F. Richard Spencer, a Baltimore archdiocesan priest and an Army chaplain since 1991, to be an auxiliary bishop for the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services. The appointment was announced at the Vatican May 22. Bishop-designate Spencer, 58, is currently serving in Germany. His

episcopal ordination will be celebrated in Washington, where the military archdiocese has its headquarters, but the date has not been set. His service as a military chaplain included duty at the Pentagon during the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001. He wasn't there when the plane crashed into the building, but he soon arrived to bless dead bodies and pray with the wounded. For the next two weeks, then-Father Spencer and military chaplains from other denominations spent countless hours ministering to the wounded and praying over the dead, according to a story that ran in *The Catholic Review*, Baltimore's archdiocesan newspaper. “Entering the burning building with very little protective equipment was very difficult,” he told the *Review*. “I wanted to be with the troops as they performed their duties of collecting the bodies.” In a May 24 statement, Baltimore Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien said he knows Bishop-designate Spencer well from his own service to the military archdiocese — as its archbishop from 1997 to 2007 — and now as Baltimore's archbishop.

CHA executive committee meets with Vatican officials

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The executive committee of the Catholic Health Association met with officials of several top Vatican agencies for talks that focused in part on the association's support for health reform legislation that the U.S. bishops opposed. Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity who is CHA president and chief executive, told Catholic News Service May 26 that the meetings at the Vatican were “useful and positive,” and that the group was well-received. She would not comment on particular issues raised in the talks. “We were very cordially received and had a wonderful exchange of ideas,” she said. Vatican sources also refused comment on particulars raised in the various meetings, but they said Vatican officials had clearly spelled out their views. The group met with officials of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry and the Secretariat of State, among others. This spring, Sister Carol and the CHA expressed public support for the final version of U.S. healthcare reform legislation, passed by Congress in March, after Sister Carol said she was convinced it would not fund abortions. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops opposed the measure, saying its provisions on abortion funding and conscience protections were morally unacceptable. While the Vatican generally avoided public pronouncements during the U.S. healthcare debate, Vatican officials were known to have been perplexed at the CHA's unwillingness to follow the bishops' position on the issue.

Marian's Andrzejewski named High School Teacher of the Year

MISHAWAKA — Ken Andrzejewski has been named the High School Science Teacher of the Year by the Indiana University Bloomington chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.

The award includes a cash honorarium and a certificate.

"Mr. A.," as he is referred to by his students, has been a teacher at Marian for 25 years. He is currently the science department chair and teaches Honors Biology I, ACP Honors Biology II and Advanced Research, and was instrumental in the creation of both the Honors Biology I and the Advanced Research courses.

In his spare time, Andrzejewski coaches the Marian Quiz Bowl team and the Science Olympiad. He is also the chair of the Marian Curriculum Committee.

During the summer months of 2006, 2007 and 2008, Andrzejewski worked as an assistant lab technician for the Center for Environmental Science and Technology at the University of Notre Dame. In the summer of 2009, he participated in the Research Experience for Teachers at Notre Dame.

Andrzejewski has mentored 20 students who have advanced to compete in the International Science Fair and 40 students who advanced to the state Science Fair. He has mentored over 60 students who have received research grants from the Indiana Academy of Science and has sent nine students to the national level of competition in the Junior Academy of Science. Andrzejewski has sponsored two semifinalists in the Siemens Science Talent Search and in his 12 years as coach for Science Olympiad, his teams have advanced to state competition seven times.

Other awards include selection as one of two science teachers in the state of Indiana at the 1999 Hoosier Science Fair as "Outstanding Science Teacher" by the Eli Lilly Foundation, nomination for the Indiana Outstanding Biology Teacher Award in 2000 and 2001, recipient of Butler University Teacher Excellence Award in 2008 and recipient of the Marian High School Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009.

Bishop Luers recognized as an Academic Super Bowl Top 10 team

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School, for the second year in a row, has been recognized as one of the top 10 teams in each enrollment class, based on the cumulative scores of all six rounds at the area competition. The high school (senior division) competition is made up of five subject matter rounds (English, science, social studies, mathematics and fine arts) and a sixth interdisciplinary round in which questions come from any and all of the sub-

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LUKE O'CONNOR HONORED WITH SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



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Luke O'Connor is the 2010 recipient of the Saint Joseph's High School Principal's Award. O'Connor embodies Saint Joseph's mission statement and daily energizes fellow students, faculty and staff. He is hardworking, positive, gifted in the classroom and dedicated to helping others. Being involved in a host of co-curriculars, including interscholastic sports, after-school tutoring, Nutts and Student Council, O'Connor serves as a role model for others, both at Saint Joseph's and in the community, where he volunteers for several charitable community organizations.

ject matter rounds. The 2010 theme was "An American Generation: 1964-1980."

USF hosts Annual Three Rivers Invitational Exhibition

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis will host the opening of its annual Three Rivers Invitational Exhibition at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery in the Mimi and Ian Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center off Leesburg Road on Saturday, July 10, from 7-9 p.m.

This exhibition will encompass more than 60 artists on display from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. A variety of media will be exhibited including oils, watercolor, illustration, mixed-media, photography, ceramics, metalcraft and sculpture. There will be works of art for every interest.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001, or visit www.sf.edu/art.

St. Anthony de Padua students compete in National History Fair

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua seventh-grade students Brendan McNamara and Billy Miller will represent the school and the state of Indiana at the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park June 13-17.

More than 2,400 students come together to compete in eight categories at the junior and senior level. Three winners are awarded in each category. McNamara and Miller were both second place finalists during Indiana History Day held in Indianapolis on May 8.

Brendan McNamara will go to the national competition to present his project, "A Dose of Knowledge: Insulin," in the Junior Individual Exhibit category. This topic is close to McNamara, as he is a diabetic. Billy Miller will use the experience he has gained in local theater productions by portraying Steve Jobs in the Junior Individual Performance for his subject, "History of the Apple Computer Company."

St. Anthony sent six fifth-grade

students and eight seventh-grade students to the Indiana state competition. Other seventh graders receiving special recognition included Colleen Denunzio, third place — Individual Exhibit; Amie Grove, special award for Outstanding Project in International History; and Krysta Villarosa, special award in Excellence in Conservation in History. Fifth-grader Brian Krupp received the Sons of the American Revolution Award.

Luers senior receives Eli Lilly Grant

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers Senior Corinne Lambert recently received the Lilly Scholar Grant for academic and service achievement. Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship winners receive full four-year tuition to any Indiana college or university, plus required fees. Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipients also receive \$800-a-year for books and required equipment. Corinne is planning to attend Indiana University this fall.



CORINNE LAMBERT

Correction

In the "Women's Care Center dedicated," front page story appearing in the May 30 issue of *Today's Catholic* newspaper the phone number for the Women's Care Center Coliseum Blvd. location was incorrectly reported. The correct phone number is (260) 483-8918. *Today's Catholic* regrets any inconvenience the error may have caused.

ST. JOSEPH-ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL PERFORMS 'ANNIE JUNIOR'



St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School presented three performances of "Annie Junior" at the St. Elizabeth campus on May 13-14 for students, teachers, families and friends. The musical has the classic characters from Depression-era America — Little Orphan Annie, Daddy Warbucks, Miss Hannigan, Grace, Rooster, Lily, a stageful of orphans and servants and Annie's dog, Sandy. Jessica Landrigan directed the musical, made-up of students from the third through eighth grades.

St. Jude's Ellis to compete in Future Problem Solving Program International

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude Catholic School has announced that seventh-grader Canyon Ellis will compete at the international level of the Future Problem Solving Program, and will be the only middle-school competitor from the State of Indiana and the school's first international-qualifying student in four years. He will carry the Indiana State Flag in the opening ceremonies procession.



CANYON ELLIS

Future Problem Solving Program International charters 45 affiliate programs throughout the US, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Japan and Singapore, and involves more than 250,000 students annually. Over 50,000 students participate each year in the

competitive components comprised of team and individual Global Issue Problem Solving, team and individual Community Problem Solving and Scenario Writing. About 3 percent of those participating in FPS competitions earn an invitation to the prestigious International Conference of FPSPI.

At St. Jude, students participate in Future Problem Solving competitions through their participation in the Gifted Opportunities (GO) program. Students compete in local Future Problem Solving qualifying rounds in January or February.

Although Canyon has been a part of the GO Program since fourth grade, this is his first time attempting an individual FPS plan. The International Conference features four days of competitive problem solving, cooperative educational seminars and social activities. Each year over 2,000 students and coaches attend FPS International Conference. The 2010 Future Problem Solving Program International Conference is June 10-13 at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse campus.

Medjugorje Conference, pilgrimages influence diocesan priests, seminarians

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Many priests within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend say their own vocations have been strengthened by graces received in Medjugorje. A Vatican commission is studying the alleged Marian apparitions at Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina. At least two of the newest seminarians credit their experiences of the Blessed Mother in Medjugorje with helping them discern and prepare for the priesthood.

Seminarian Daniel Davis recently shared his story at the 22nd National Conference on Medjugorje, held in May at the University of Notre Dame. Parishioners of St. Therese in Fort Wayne, Davis and his family have attended the conference for many years, but 2008 was especially meaningful. It was at Mass during the conference that Davis says he discerned his call to the seminary. As an act of thanksgiving, Davis went to Medjugorje the following year and was accepted into the seminary a few months later.

"Medjugorje heightened my devotion to Our Lady, my devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and prepared me for life in the seminary," recalls Davis. "While I was there, Our Lady showed me many things. She definitely helped me to prepare for spiritual life in the seminary. It excited my desire to have a deep spiritual life."

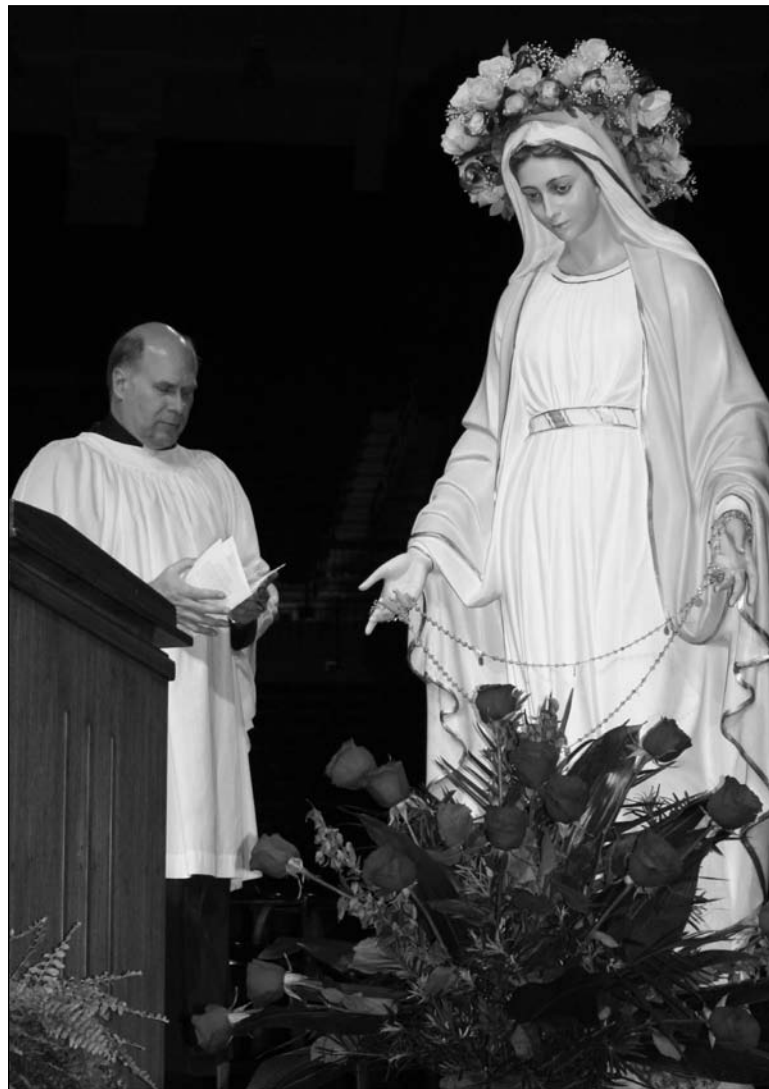
Another area man, Marian High School graduate Robert Garrow, will enter the seminary this month. He was also in Medjugorje last summer with a group including Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of Corpus Christi Church in South Bend.

Father Rybicki, who devotes time every year to help at the Notre Dame conference, has been to Medjugorje several times, only after entering the priesthood. Father Rybicki says going to Medjugorje "reenergizes" him, especially after hearing confessions there, where lines are long and hearts and lives are often changed.

"The reality is, I think you come back having had that experience of seeing God at work in people's lives," shares Father Rybicki. "I think for a priest, that's a refreshing kind of thing because it gives some credibility to the vocation and to the work of Christ and His Church."

While people can come back to the sacraments anywhere, Father Rybicki says there is something special about what's happening in Medjugorje.

"People obviously are experiencing some sort of change in their life," says Father Rybicki. "When you see it happen in such great numbers, that to me is one of the fruits. Hopefully people can take that experience and take the mes-



DIANE FREEBY

Father Daryl Rybicki oversaw all liturgical elements of the three-day National Conference on Medjugorje at Notre Dame. Father Rybicki, who also does some work for Redeemer Radio, says technology provides a wonderful opportunity to share with countless others.

sages and make them part of their life from that point forward."

Father Rybicki was in charge of all liturgical elements for the conference weekend, including both Masses, the candlelight rosary procession to the grotto, the living rosary and Saturday evening's Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend and adjunct judicial vicar of the diocesan Marriage Tribunal, delivered a talk Saturday morning about the Holy Mass. He explained the different elements that go into every Eucharistic celebration.

Father Gurtner says the pilgrimage he made to Medjugorje as a teenager helped him learn to surrender his life completely to God. He talked about having his heart set on going to the University of Notre Dame and having his entire life wrapped up in that possibility. While he was in Medjugorje, his parents received the letter saying he was put on the Notre Dame waiting list. Father Gurtner said that might have devastated him, but upon hearing the news when he returned from Medjugorje, the 18-year-old instead had great peace. He attributes that to Our

Lady's presence. A few years later, at Indiana University, he felt the call to the priesthood and went on to be ordained, earning a canon law degree from Catholic University.

The three-day conference wrapped up with Mass on Pentecost Sunday. The celebrant, Father David Simonetti, was ordained five years ago to the day by Chicago's Cardinal Francis E. George. Father Simonetti has been to Medjugorje three times and is the spiritual director of the Pope John Paul Eucharistic Adoration Association in Chicago. During Sunday's Mass, Father Simonetti knelt before the statue of Our Lady and rededicated his vocation to Our Lady at Medjugorje, to whom he credits his priestly vocation.

As a young seminarian, Davis says Medjugorje helps him remain focused on Jesus.

"Our Lady has many times emphasized that she is not the center of attention; Jesus is the center of attention," says Davis. "The Eucharistic devotion there is so inspiring. It inspired me to have a great devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Honestly, without the Eucharist, Medjugorje would not exist."



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Interactive theater program wows Saint Joseph's students



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Freshman students at Saint Joseph's High School practice "experience" theater skits.

BY SUSAN LIGHTCAP

SOUTH BEND — The students in Amy O'Brien's freshman English Honors course had an opportunity to learn about and "experience" theater. On April 15, Kassie Misiewicz, a Saint Joseph's High School graduate of '87, visited her alma mater with three theater majors from Notre Dame and an interactive program. Misiewicz is a professional Theatre for Youth director and educator, and has created innovative curriculum and taught teachers and students across the United States.

Misiewicz received her bachelor's in theatre from the University of Notre Dame and her masters of fine arts degree in theatre for young audiences from Arizona State University. She has taught and/or directed at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Arizona State University, Walton Arts Center, Growing Stage Theatre for Young Audiences and the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival.

In Arkansas, where she now resides, Misiewicz is an Arkansas Arts Council Rostered Artist and the executive artistic director of Tricycle Theatre for Youth in Bentonville. She is a founder and former artistic director of TheatreSquared, North West Arkansas' professional theater, where she directed "Noodle Doodle Box" and "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse." Before moving to Arkansas, Kassie was the director of the education outreach program at the Seattle Children's Theatre and associate artistic director at First Stage Children's Theater in Milwaukee.

During her visit to Saint Joseph's, with the help of Notre Dame students Ashley Fox, Angie Hernandez and Iraisia Ann Reilly, Misiewicz actively involved the students in improv scenarios, character portrayal and quickly rehearsed dramatic readings. Students studied the

comedy of Noel Coward and "Blithe Spirit," a play that afforded audiences an "escape into the world of mystery, human frailties and laughter" during the chaos of World War II. Groups of three were ultimately formed and given dialogue from "Blithe Spirit." The class closed with their interpretive reading.

The experience continued for many of the students that evening with a trip to Notre Dame's Theatre Explosion at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. After a tour of the facility, a workshop and a pizza dinner, the students attended the play "Blithe Spirit" and took part in a "talk back" with the actors.

Saint Joseph's student Hannah said of the experience, "At the theater workshop and play I had a wonderful time. It was fun and made me step up out of my comfort zone."

Another student, Catherine added, "Last Friday I have to admit I was nervous and intimidated about the acting workshop. However, after we began the games and loosening up, I found it was easier to step out of my box, goof around in front of people, and pretend to be somebody I'm not. ... Two words for next year: Drama Club."

Saint Joseph's student Dan reported, "I enjoyed the workshop last Friday because it taught me a lot about 'Blithe Spirit,' and it was fun to complete all of the interactive games with some of the theater students from Notre Dame. My experience at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center that night was very enjoyable as well. ... These great drama outreach programs were a very kind gesture by Notre Dame, and all involved made it a great experience."

According to all the students, the workshop was an overwhelming success. Wanting to do it again and have more time to devote to the activities were recurring themes among comments.

St. Matthew Cathedral School wins Pentathlon

SOUTH BEND — Approximately 330 seventh- and eighth-grade students in seven local private schools have been working diligently since last October to participate in the "Pentathlon — It's About Words" contest. The contest has five components: Grammar, spelling, diagramming sentences, punctuation and poetry recitation, and is sponsored by the Freedom 22 Foundation.

St. Matthew's team was coached by Marcy Balderas.

Joan Becker and Tim McMahon received 100 percent in the diagramming category.

Winners in the Best Essay category are Margaret Berta, Sarah Dillon, Kevin Hunkler, Kate Jagla, Nora Pendergast, Matthew Rice, Joan Becker, Nathan Bonk, Ally Menting, Meghan Sink, Alan Bowman, Anna Bradley, Emma Campanerri, Cassidy Dennin, Gabi Flores, Shalin Gray, Kristin Kobb, Lori Lackner, Chris McMillion, Cole Mead, Abby Mehall, Greg Monnin, T.J. Pasmann, Joey Shindlecker, Mary VanNamee, Taylor Westphal and Connor Russell.

Outstanding Poetry winners are Sidney Manley, Sarah Dillon, Jamie Dennin, Matthew Rice, Abby Mochel, Giovanni Stroik, Hannah Crane, Kevin Hunkler, Joan Becker, Sophie Tiller, Dan



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In the photo, in front, is Cole Mead. In the second row are Erin Guzicki, Mary VanNamee, Emma Capannari, Lori Lackner and Alan Bowman. In the third row are Jessica Sams, Nora Pendergast, Meghan Sink, Matthew Ernst, Greg Monnin and Chris McMillion. Conner Russell stands behind.




Herschel, Nora Pendergast, Meghan Sink, Matthew Ernst, Jessica Sams, Mary VanNamee, Erin Guzicki, Connor Russell, Emma Campanerri, Greg Monnin, Lori Lackner, Alan Bowman, Chris McMillion and Cole Mead.

Outstanding Essay winners are Joan Becker and Connor Russell.

Top scorers are Nora Pendergast, Sarah Dillon, Joan Becker, Kevin Hunkler, Kate Jagla, Giovanni Stroik, Dan Herschel, Greg Monnin, Connor Russell, Alan Bowman, Cole Mead, Cassidy Dennin, Lori Lackner, Tim McMahon, Shalin Gray and Liz Kramer.

Overall the seventh grade placed first and the eighth grade took second place.

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Victory Noll Sisters celebrate jubilees

HUNTINGTON — Thirteen members of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters celebrated jubilees with a special Mass on May 24 at Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll.

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters is a religious community of women dedicated to serving the poor in the name of Christ. Founded in 1922 by Father John Joseph Sigstein, the members of the Victory Noll community minister to those in need in 12 states.

75th jubilarians

Sister Rosario Lara was born in San Diego, Calif., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 28, 1935. She worked in catechesis, diocesan



SISTER ROSARIO LARA

religious education offices, as pastoral associate and in jail ministry in Salt Lake City, Utah, Elko, Nev., as well as in Los Angeles, San Pedro, Calexico, San Diego and Montclair, Calif.

Sister Mary Josephine Miller was born in Detroit, Mich., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Feb. 9, 1935. She worked in catechesis, as a homemaker and as supervisor of volunteers in Azusa, Tulare, Brawley, San Pedro, Los Banos and Pacoima, Calif., Salt Lake City, Utah, San Pierre, Ind., Richmond, Ky., San Antonio, El Paso and New Braunfels, Texas, Hightstown and South Bound Brook, N.J., Imlay City and Detroit, Mich., and Paulding, Ohio.



SISTER MARY JOSEPHINE MILLER

Sister Gabrielle Skupien was born in Chicago, Ill. and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Feb. 4, 1935. She worked in catechesis, pastoral ministry, liturgy, music, art and as co-director of social services in Grants, N.M., Ely, Nev., Tulare, Calif., Grove Hill, Ala., Ida, Mich., Montrose, Colo., Elsberry, Mo., Miami, Coral Springs and St. Petersburg, Fla.



SISTER GABRIELLE SKUPIEN

ministry as well as a caregiver and cosmetologist in Ida, Mich., Salt Lake City, Utah, Santa Fe, N.M., Kennett, Mo., Redlands and Santa Paula, Calif., Brighton, Colo., and Wheatland, Cheyenne and Green River, Wyo.

Sister Dorothy McMannon was born in Louisville, Ky. and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 30, 1940. She worked in catechesis, as pastoral associate and as community organizer in Paulding, Ohio, Los Angeles and Redlands, Calif., Salt Lake City, Utah, South Bend, Ind., Detroit, Reed City and Lakeview, Mich., and in Columbia, Ky.



SISTER DOROTHY MCMANNON

Sister Joseph Ann Kostka was born in Arlington Heights, Ill., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 5, 1950. She worked in catechesis in Elko, Nev., Brigham City, Utah, Montrose, Colo., and Los Angeles, Pacoima, Brawley, Azusa and Norwalk, Calif.



SISTER JOSEPH ANN KOSTKA

Sister Mary Josephine Maes was born in Santa Fe, N.M., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 6, 1950. She worked in catechesis, pastoral, campus and youth ministry, adult religious education and Newman work in Los Angeles, Los Banos, Indio, Coachella, El Centro and San Diego, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Penasco, N.M., Clifton, Ariz., and Fabens and El Paso, Texas.



SISTER MARY JOSEPHINE MAES

70th jubilarians

Sister Mary Edna Butler was born in Louisville, Ky. and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 30, 1940. She worked in catechesis, jail ministry and as a public school religion teacher in St. Louis, Mo., El Paso, Texas, Miami, Fla., and Oruro, Bolivia.



SISTER EDNA BUTLER

Sister Patricia Knapp was born in South Haven, Mich., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 30, 1940. She worked in catechesis, religious education personnel formation and hospital visitation as well as pastoral ministry, discussion groups and as hospital chaplain in Ida and Garden, Mich., Rocky Ford and Brighton, Colo., San Pedro and Redlands, Calif., Kennett, Mo., East Chicago and Hammond, Ind., Brigham City, Utah, and Coral Springs, Fla.



SISTER PATRICIA KNAPP

Sister Betty Lorenz was born in Hopkins, Minn., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 29, 1940. She worked in catechesis, visitation and pastoral



SISTER BETTY LORENZ

Sister Margaret Urhausen was born in Chicago, Ill., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Oct. 30, 1940. She worked in catechesis, pastoral ministry, and prayer ministry as well as a homemaker and director of religious education in East Chicago, Gary and South Bend, Ind., Cheyenne and Upton, Wyo., Detroit, Mich., Azusa, Monterey, Pacoima and Montclair, Calif., Montrose, Colo., and Las Vegas, N.M.



SISTER MARGARET URHAUSEN

60th jubilarians

Sister Marjorie Curran was born in Brooklyn, Iowa, and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 6, 1950. She worked in catechesis and social services in Salt Lake City, Utah, Montrose, Calif., Abilene, San Antonio, Pecos and Lubbock, Texas, Elko, Nev., Nogales, Tucson and Clifton, Ariz., East Chicago, Ill., and is currently the Victory Noll general secretary.



SISTER MARJORIE CURRAN

Sister Marlene Wolf was born in Wadena, Minn., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 6, 1950. She worked in catechesis, the Headstart program and as director of religious education in Brawley, Los Banos, Azusa and Los Angeles, Calif., Salt Lake City, East Carbon City and Moab, Utah, San Angelo, Texas, Denver, Arva and Broomfield, Colo., and Chicago, Ill.



SISTER MARLENE WOLF

Sister Dorothy Louise Wortmann was born in Racine, Wisc., and entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters on Sept. 9, 1950. She worked in catechesis, diocesan religious education, community administration, as pastoral associate, in evangelization RCIA and as peace and justice educator.



SISTER DOROTHY LOUISE WORTMANN

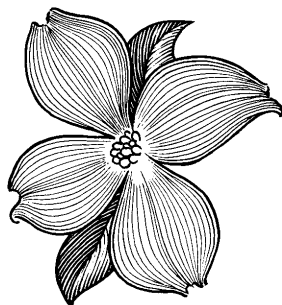
Father Terry Fisher

Celebrating 25 years of Priesthood

May your flowers, with their
endless variety of colors,
shapes and styles, remind you of
the souls you care for, with that
special Fisher touch of encouraging
nourishment ... and when, in full bloom,
may their richness and beauty
remind you of the constant love,
respect and admiration of your friends
and parishioners, which continue
to grow like a well tended garden.

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Saint Mary's College students find Rebuilding Together rewarding

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

SOUTH BEND — Saint Mary's College's Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OSCE) sponsored a home for Rebuilding Together on South Bend's north-west side. Rebuilding Together is a national initiative to repair the homes of low-income, elderly and disabled individuals. For five consecutive years, Saint Mary's has sponsored at least one home and is the only higher education institute in the South Bend area that sponsors.

Each year, a South Bend neighborhood is selected prior to the rehabilitation event. Once the neighborhood is chosen, members of the neighborhood can apply for the program. Rebuilding Together fixes up to 25 homes each year in South Bend.

Rebuilding Together requires those who wish to sponsor a house to raise \$3,500. This year, Saint Mary's College raised more than \$4,200.

Repairs of the chosen homes are divided into two categories, major and minor repairs. Local unions and contractors work on the major repairs, while volunteers from various organizations and businesses concentrate on the minor repairs.

Jannifer Cantu and her family were the 2010 recipients of Saint Mary's College's Rebuilding Together efforts. The Cantu's house is home to Jannifer and her husband, their two 20-year-old daughters and their granddaughter.

"When we got the letter that we qualified, I was surprised," Cantu said.

The money raised by Saint Mary's allowed contractors and local unions to provide the Cantus with two new doors, two new screen doors, wood framing in the bathroom, a new bathroom floor, new shower wall, two ceiling fans, updates to the stairway hallway and a new vent over the oven.



PROVIDED BY SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Members of the Saint Mary's College Rebuilding Together volunteer team gather with Cantu in front of her home. The Saint Mary's College Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) participated in South Bend's Rebuilding Together initiative and sponsored Cantu's home to help with minor repairs. In the photo, from left, are Lizzie Pugh, Olivia Critchlow, Jannifer Cantu, Aileen Hurdand and Alma Bravo.

The volunteers from Saint Mary's College concentrated on the cosmetic aspects of the home. These aspects included painting the entire exterior of the house, the deck and the privacy fence.

This year, over 100 Saint Mary's students signed up to volunteer for Rebuilding Together, and about half of those students were placed on site.

Carrie Call serves on the Saint Mary's board of directors for the college's Rebuilding Together efforts. She attributed this year's success in part to the overwhelming funds raised.

"We have never had such a response to a local project and it showed us again that for those

who can't be part of the actual hands-on work, giving money is a very valuable thing someone can do, and easy," Call said.

Saint Mary's sponsorship funds came from donations as well as revenue made from selling house pins created by the OSCE staff and students. This was the first time Saint Mary's sold these pins, and Call said that it is something the Saint Mary's Rebuilding Together initiative hopes to repeat.

"We made and sold house pins and raised several hundred dollars by doing so," Call said. "The pins were very, very popular. This is definitely something we will do again in the future!"

Lizzie Pugh is a Saint Mary's

College 2010 senior and two-time Rebuilding Together volunteer.

"This is actually the second year I've been involved," Pugh said. "I loved it so much last year, I cleared the day the minute I found out when it would be in 2010, which is saying a bit since I was painting under a sink the previous year for part of the day."

Pugh enjoyed volunteering this year and believes in the efforts of Rebuilding Together.

"This year my experience was amazing," Pugh said. "I really love the concept of Rebuilding Together and all the work everyone does, and so being a part of it is wonderful."

Both Cantu and her husband

appreciate the initiative of Rebuilding Together.

"We were both overwhelmed. All the things that they did, I did not even ask for," Cantu said. "I was overwhelmed with joy because it was more than we expected."

However, volunteers also reap rewards when they are able to experience the homeowners' reaction to their efforts.

"The most rewarding part of the project is seeing the response from the homeowners when they see the transformation of their homes," Call said.

Pugh agrees with Call that the relationship between the volunteers and the homeowners is rewarding.

"Jannifer Cantu was so gracious of our efforts," Pugh said. "She and her family truly embraced the experience, and we in turn thanked them right back for allowing us to come work with them on their home. It was truly a beautiful example of solidarity among us."

Alma Bravo, another two-time Saint Mary's volunteer student, had a similar opinion on her experience with Cantu.

"She was great and it was an honor to be there that day," Bravo said.

Call enjoys witnessing the Saint Mary's students volunteering.

"I also love to see the Saint Mary's women working so hard and hear them talk about how much they love doing the work," Call said.

Call is involved in a variety of community events, but says Rebuilding Together is one of her favorites.

"It's such an easy way to make a huge difference," Call said. "I have served on the board for four years now and love it. It feels like one of the most valuable community projects that I'm involved in."

Catholic parishes join hands in Matthew 25 ministry

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

"We believe that the Matthew 25 ministry is important because it is a hand-up and not a hand-out. In the Church today, we have many charitable ministries that basically give people a fish to eat. These are important but they do not address long-term needs. Helping a family build their own home is teaching them to teach themselves how to fish."

— Jay Freel Landry, member of the Little Flower Parish team of Matthew 25

SOUTH BEND — Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County builds homes with volunteers in partnership with those in need of adequate housing. The Matthew 25 ministry supplies volunteers and monetary donations to the building of a home each summer for low income families within St. Joseph County. Currently 40 area churches participate, seven of which are Catholic.

Gene Cavanaugh, who coordinates the Matthew 25 ministry at Sacred Heart Parish in South Bend, explains the concept of the organization. "In Matthew 25:34-40, Jesus tells his followers that when we help those who are poor, broken-spirited or desolate that we are in fact doing what we do for Him. This ministry is important, as it helps us to love and serve others and by so doing show our love for God."

Matthew 25 coordinator Daniel Tychonievich from St. Matthew Cathedral adds, "The Habitat Ministry represents the ideals of good Christian stewardship. It assists people to change their lives and the lives of their family. For some partner families, it is the first time that they have ever lived in a house, and for other families, the children may become the first in the family to ever go to college. It can help end a cycle of poverty by giving the families a hand up and the perspective that all things are possible."

Gwen Johnson, assistant to the executive director of Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County, notes that the entire building of a home by Matthew 25 volunteers takes place over an eight to 10 week period. Habitat for Humanity's construction crew does the first step in the home building process by digging and pouring a foundation. Then the crew meets with Matthew 25 volunteers at Habitat's retail store and builds walls for the new home. The walls are put on a flatbed truck and like the Amish tradition of "barn raising," the walls of the home are put in place at the home site.

Cavanaugh recalls the excitement of Sacred Heart volunteers as they helped put the walls in place. "It is pretty exciting to see how much goes up in one day from what starts out at the beginning of the day as a concrete slab or a floor over a basement."



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

Matthew 25 volunteers from St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend stand before a home in progress for Habitat for Humanity.



Pete O' Daniel, a Matthew 25 volunteer from Sacred Heart Parish in South Bend works on last summer's Habitat for Humanity build.

Mishawaka's St. Bavo Parish also has Matthew 25 volunteers that have participated in the wall raising of a new home. Coordinator David McCormick recalls, "While it is not as aesthetically pleasing at the end of this day, you can see the beginning of a home where none existed the day prior."

During the home building, volunteers help to do many things such as paint, put up drywall, mud the walls, hang cabinets, trim and place exterior siding. Some parish volunteers provide lunch to the morning and afternoon Matthew 25 crews.

The importance of the ministry is shared by all parishes involved in the building process. Matthew 25 coordinator Dan Mandell from St. Augustine Parish in South Bend notes the current downturn in the economy helps to motivate his volunteers. "Finding adequate housing is one of the most challenging and expensive costs a family must meet, and many fam-

ilies in our community are suffering from this recession."

Bill Young, Matthew 25 coordinator for St. Pius X in Granger adds, "It also provides our parishioners a way to give back for the blessings they have received. For many of the volunteers this is the first time they have ever worked on a new home. Most are amazed at what they are able to do. They feel a sense of pride and accomplishment that they were able to help build a home for a deserving family."

Interacting with the partner family through the building progression is a high point of the process. "I am always deeply struck by the humble faith of the future homeowners. Their gratitude is usually openly expressed, but it is the work crew that comes away from the day thankful to have been part of building His kingdom in some small way," says McCormick.

Tychonievich recalls with fondness last year's partner fami-

ly. "There was a single mother with two children that had been living at a cheap hotel room for the last three years. Seeing the appreciation and excitement of this family at the house blessing was very touching and gratifying, and reinforced the importance of what Habitat does."

Landry sums up the mission of the Catholic parishes involved in Matthew 25. "This experience reminds me of the Creed where we say that we are 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Working on a Habitat house brings up these adjectives of unity, the holiness of doing God's work by participating in the building of God's reign, the universality of the need of affordable housing and home ownership, and the apostolic nature of the Church: We do not exist for ourselves."

He concludes, "Rather, we exist to go out as we are commanded at the end of each Eucharist to love others and to participate in the building of God's reign by using the gifts and resources that we have been given by God."



PROVIDED BY ST. PIUS X YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Diana Geary and Michael Byron, Matthew 25 volunteers from St. Pius X Parish in Granger work inside last summer's Habitat for Humanity build.

Mustard Seed offers household goods for families facing disaster

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Have you ever wondered what you would do if you lost everything in a fire or flood? One viable solution — the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank — exists right here in the Summit City. Its mission is to provide household furnishings to families and individuals as they rebuild their lives after suffering disaster, personal tragedy or other misfortunes.

The only furniture bank in Indiana, one of 65 in the U.S. and Canada, the Mustard Seed serves families from seven counties including Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, Wells and Whitley. The nonprofit agency has served over 3,650 area households since its inception in 2002 and relies on both monetary and material donations as well as grants and fundraising events to sustain its ministry.

Executive Director Suzie Jordan reports that the furniture bank sees six households a day in their new facility at 3636 Illinois Rd., doubling not only warehouse and office space but their client base as well, from the original site on Keystone Drive. “It’s kind of like what we do with clients. We took an empty building and made it home,” Jordan says of the new space.

Mustard Seed clients must be referred by one of the over 130 local social agencies, churches and nonprofit organizations in the area to make an appointment and range from single moms or dads who are establishing a household after a crisis situation to a disabled veteran in need of a kitchen table. They must have been a resident of one of the seven counties for six months prior to seeking assistance.

Jordan says the bank doesn’t duplicate what the other agencies do but rather assists families who are rebuilding their lives following such devastating misfortune as fire or flood in their home, domestic violence, mental or physical disability and incarceration or substance abuse recovery.

The client referral process includes a home visit and appropriate paperwork and is open for two months. Assistance from the furniture bank is limited to once in a lifetime and there is a \$20 processing fee. Each client is responsible for transporting the up to four large furniture items and other goods they receive.

Though the furniture bank does not distribute baby items, clothes, electronics, exercise items, major appliances, medical items, computers, large desks or entertainment centers, it offers much in the way of refurbishing a home. Bedroom, living room and kitchen furniture, bed linens and blankets, basic kitchenware and bath and kitchen towels are all available at the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank, through generous

community donations.

Jordan says of the furniture, kitchen and bedding donations, “As fast as it comes in it’ll be gone in weeks.”

Another viable program offered by the bank is Beds4Kids, which supplies new twin size foundations and mattresses to all children under age 18 in need of a bed within a client’s family. The beds, says Jordan, are donated or purchased for \$100 each from a local company.

The minimal staff includes Jordan, who is full-time, and five part-time employees. Barb Horn-May is the bank’s ever-efficient office assistant and Sam Hatch, who began as a volunteer through Catholic Charities Senior Aides program, is currently the warehouse director. The bank employs three drivers who rotate to pick up large furniture donations in the bank’s lone truck.

The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank relies heavily on their over 60 generous volunteers, who support day-to-day operations that include sorting, restocking items, cleaning and helping where need-



PHOTOS BY KAY COZAD

The warehouse of the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank, located at 3636 Illinois Rd., has double its storage capacity since its move from its former location on Keystone Dr. in November of 2009.



Sam Hatch, Mustard Seed Furniture Bank warehouse director, left, moves a donated table into the warehouse with the assistance of volunteer Mike Parnin.

ed. Individuals and groups of volunteers are always welcome, says Jordan, who adds the minimum age to work independently is high school age.

But Jordan, a member of Queen of Angels Parish, says this

ministry offers more than just replacement furniture to their clients. “We have a family atmosphere here. We show compassion to our clients. We like to have fun here. People come in and their life is crummy — that’s life for our people.”



Suzie Jordan, director of the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank, stands at their new location at 3636 Illinois Rd. in Fort Wayne. The warehouse serves double the client base of the former location on Keystone Drive.

The bank offers a play area for children, a resource board with support agency information and a thank you board that displays pictures and notes of gratitude sent in by the clients and their children.

Jordan says she is excited about the growth she has seen in the three years she has been director at the Mustard Seed, and hopes the ministry can continue to serve the needs of the area people. “Thank you,” says Jordan, “to the people who have supported us from the beginning. Without their support we couldn’t do what we’re doing. ... We’re expanding staff pickup and community awareness, but we need to expand donations, too.”

Tax deductible donations of large furniture items, kitchen items, bedding, especially twin

size, and knick-knacks can be dropped off at the new location Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jordan asks no one leave donations outside of business hours for sanitation reasons. Pickup is available three times each week according to zip code areas. Donated items must be clean, in working order and animal hair free to minimize possible allergic reactions by clients.

For more information or to volunteer at the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank contact Suzie Jordan at (260) 471-5802, ext. 100, e-mail director@mustardseedfortwayne.com or visit www.mustardseedfortwayne.com.

GUEST COMMENTARY BY LISA EVERETT, OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

The bitter pill: Facing the facts after 50 years

We have seen how the pill has had significant adverse effects on marriage and society. Now let's look at some facts surrounding the pill's impact on the health and well-being of women, whom the pill was supposed to "liberate."

Fact: The pill doubles the rate of aging of the cervix and can make it more difficult to eventually conceive a child.

Erik Odeblad, M.D., Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Medical Biophysics at the University of Umea in Sweden, devoted his professional career to studying the changes that a woman's cervix undergoes during her fertility cycle and throughout her reproductive life. The cervix functions as a biological valve that opens and closes and contains crypts, which produce the mucus that is critical for sperm survival and transport, and therefore for conception.

Dr. Odeblad was particularly interested in studying the effects of the pill on the cervix; he discovered: "While pregnancy counteracts the normal aging process and actually has a rejuvenating effect on the cervix so that the cervix of a 33-year-old woman becomes like that of a 20-year-old, the pill, especially after long-term use, has a reverse effect—the cervix of a 33-year-old woman on the pill becomes like that of a 45-year-old and the cervical canal becomes much narrower ... While the present-day pill contains progesterogens in much lower dosage than previously, the fact is that they are much more powerful and they persist longer in the body."

Fact: The World Health Organization classified the combination pill as a carcinogen in 2005.

While the WHO's classification of hormone replacement therapy as cancer-causing made headline news, hardly anyone reported that the same press release also classified the combination pill as a carcinogen. Here is what the statement actually said: "An IARC Monographs Working Group has concluded that combined estrogen-progestogen oral contraceptives and combined estrogen-progestogen menopausal therapy are carcinogenic to humans, after a thorough review of the published scientific evidence."

Fact: Women using the pill have a higher risk of developing breast cancer prior to menopause.

In October of 2006, the prestigious medical journal *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* published a meta-analysis of 34 studies conducted since 1980 to assess whether prior oral contraceptive use is associated with premenopausal breast cancer. The analysis concluded that women using OCs have a higher risk of developing premenopausal breast cancer, especially if used before the first full-term pregnancy. The association between OC use and breast cancer risk was greatest for women who used OCs for four or more years before their first full-term pregnancy. Even more recently, the April 1, 2009, issue of the journal *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention* published the results of a new study that was conducted by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and funded by the National Institutes of Health. The study found that "a year or more of oral contraceptive use was associated with a 4.2-fold increased risk of triple-negative breast cancer for women 40 and under. Longer duration of use and early age of first use further increased risk."

Fact: Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a healthy, highly effective alternative to the pill.

Natural family planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for scientific methods of regulating conception based on daily observation and interpretation of the natural signs of fertility which occur in a woman's body. According to a 2007 report published online in Europe's leading reproductive medicine journal *Human Reproduction*, researchers have confirmed that if used correctly, the sympto-thermal method of natural family planning is as effective as the pill for avoiding unplanned pregnancies. The sympto-thermal method (STM) is a form of NFP that enables couples to identify accurately the time of the woman's fertile phase by interpreting changes in cervical mucus and basal body temperature. In the largest prospective study of STM, the researchers found that if the couples abstained from sex during the fertile period, the rate of unplanned pregnancies per year was 0.4 percent. The lead author of the report, Petra Frank-Herrmann, assistant professor and managing director of the natural fertility section in the Department of Gynecological Endocrinology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, said: "For a contraceptive method to be rated as highly efficient as the hormonal pill, there should be less than one pregnancy per 100 women per year when the method is used correctly. The pregnancy rate for women who used the STM method correctly in our study was 0.4 percent, which can be interpreted as one pregnancy occurring per 250 women per year. Therefore, we maintain that the effectiveness of STM is comparable to the effectiveness of modern contraceptive methods such as oral contraceptives, and is an effective and acceptable method of family planning."

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Making Jesus the King of our homes

Our homes are usually filled with pictures of families and friends, perhaps vacation highlights of the times and people that are important to us. But how much do we embrace pictures of Jesus?

My family has a tradition of displaying a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a prominent place in our homes. My grandparents and parents held this tradition dear. My mom's brothers embrace the tradition in their homes.

When I was in college and living in an off-campus apartment, my mom sent a framed picture of the Sacred Heart, just like the one that hung in our family's living room next to the front door, with me to college. When Rose and I married, we hung a picture of the Sacred Heart in the living room, next to the front door.

An Irish buddy of mine says it is an Irish custom for the Sacred Heart photo to be hanging next to the main entrance of an Irish home.

My vision of what Jesus looks like is that Sacred Heart photo. Our Lord's eyes seem to follow you. I am reminded of the pain He suffered when I see the crown of thorns wrapped around His heart.

When Rose and I moved to the country in southern Allen

County, we invited Father William Hodde, a dear family priest who married us, had baptized my wife when she was an infant and served many years as our pastor at St. Aloysius, Yoder, to bless the new house and conduct an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart. The enthronement involved a prayer service as well as a blessing of the photo. Through the enthronement, the family recognizes the kingship of Jesus over the family and home.

By placing the photo next to our front door, the picture is very noticeable from several vantage points. Our dining room and sunroom look directly towards the photo in the living room. When coming up the stairs from our basement, the photo is prominent. When heading into the bedrooms, we are reminded that Jesus is a part of our family, just like the other photos we have of family members and friends.

When Jesus appeared to the French nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, in the 1600s, He revealed devotion to the Sacred Heart. One of the promises He gave St. Margaret Mary was: "I will bless every dwelling where an image of My Heart is both exposed and honored."

When we consecrate our families and homes to the Sacred



MANY HATS

TIM JOHNSON

Heart, we are offered the graces to stabilize and sanctify the family; to create a Catholic atmosphere and spirit of piety in the home; to bring back the wayward members; and to help console the family members in times of trial and sorrow.

On June 11, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated. Several Web resources offer Enthronement information.

The Enthronement and devotion of the Sacred Heart is a lovely devotional that can easily be brought or recaptured into our homes. It is a reminder that Christ is a part of our family.

Tim Johnson is the editor of *Today's Catholic* for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Knights membership tops 1.8 million

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus passed a significant milestone on April 30 when its membership exceeded 1.8 million. At the end of the last day of April, the official tally of Knights of Columbus around the world stood at 1,800,445.

"Achieving this milestone in membership is a testament to the high regard in which the Knights of Columbus is held among Catholic men everywhere," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We offer a unique opportunity to serve our Church and our communities as one of the most active service organizations anywhere in the world. We truly offer the 'experience of a lifetime,' to join brother Knights in a common effort to become better fathers, better husbands, better citizens and better Catholics, together with the opportunity to provide financial protection for their families."

Membership in the Knights of Columbus grew from 1.7 million to 1.8 million in less than five years (59 months), and continues a growth trend in which the number of Knights has grown every year since 1973. Moreover, membership has grown in all but four years since 1942.

In the United States, jurisdictions adding the largest number of new members were Texas, California, Florida, Michigan and Illinois, which together accounted for 15,506 new members recruited since the beginning of the current fraternal year on July 1, 2009. Those five states accounted for more than one-third of the 45,180 new U.S. members.

In Canada, jurisdictions in Quebec and Ontario together recruited 4,640 new members, more than 70 percent of the 6,469 new Canadian members.

In the Philippines, Luzon led all jurisdictions with 7,669 new

members recruited, fully one-half of all new members recruited there.

In Mexico, the Mexico South jurisdiction recruited 515 new members, more than one-third of all new members recruited there.

The order's newest jurisdiction, Poland, also grew briskly, recruiting 291 new members and increasing its membership by more than one-third in less than a year. The Dominican Republic added 221 new members, representing growth of 12 percent in less than a year.

Over the past 10 months, the Knights of Columbus have recruited 70,310 new members worldwide, and councils have two more months to recruit new members before the end of the fraternal year on June 30. A final tally of Knights of Columbus membership for the 2009-2010 fraternal year will be announced in July.

Milestones and inch-stones: The reason we celebrate

I have been anticipating my birthday with the vigor and vigilance of an eight year old. For months I've pondered what I will eat and where I will shop and how I will dress. I've dedicated an entire weekend to favorite things. I've even devised a wish list.

It felt awfully indulgent at first, but then I considered how novel the impulse is and vowed to nurture it. If so many birthdays have slipped by quietly, the desire to celebrate this one — just another notch along my 20s — may be worth heeding.

The past year seems to merit celebration. I experienced the highs and the lows more acutely: Late nights, early mornings and a few leisurely weekends that rolled by with no plans and great fun.

I bought more flowers, whose blooms I studied and relished like

never before.

I settled into a home perched beside an old oak, and just as I am looking up at its winding branches silhouetted against the sky, so too am I sinking roots.

The early spring hydrated my brittle parts. I have marveled over the way humidity heals, relaxing the tightly-wound bands in my chest. I am laughing more readily, and when anger flashes, I seem to have greater odds of holding my tongue.

This year I worked harder, prayed harder and loved harder — which probably means I lived better. So if I feel older, that may be why. And it's worth toasting.

We're in the season that celebrates landmarks with wedding bells and graduation parties, and we are following the script, sending cards with doves and eagles, starbursts and fireworks.

But my desire to celebrate is



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

not about milestones: It's about inch-stones, the small steps that take courage, the times you hold your breath and tip toe along. Scootches, not leaps.

Recognizing an inch-stone is like catching a butterfly; it requires attentiveness and good timing and brings a sense of wonder, allowing us to feel the warm breeze of the Holy Spirit and see God's hand in our lives.

We're usually too busy to

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God nourishes us through the Eucharist



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ Lk 9:11-17

This weekend might well be called the feast of the Holy Eucharist. Since the Holy Eucharist is so central to Catholicism and to the Catholic sense of authentic life in and with God, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, as it was known in the days of the Latin liturgy, has a great history in Catholic devotion.

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest of treasures for the Church, and the Church on this feast uses the opportunity to reflect upon the Eucharist.

Not surprisingly, Spanish explorers long ago named a settlement on the Gulf of Mexico "Corpus Christi," now the city of Corpus Christi, Texas. Other Spanish explorers named the Sangre de Cristo mountains in Colorado, honoring the saving blood of the Lord.

This weekend's first reading is from Genesis. Genesis, like all the other books of the Old Testament, is much more than merely history or the statements by prophets. Rather, each in its own way reveals the fact that God is the Creator. After Creation, and indeed after human sin, God did not leave humanity to its own fate.

Instead, God reached out in

mercy, sending figures such as Abraham and Melchizedek, mentioned in this reading, to clear the way between God and humankind.

Melchizedek, the king of Salem, better known as Jerusalem, was a man of faith, as was Abraham. In gifts symbolizing their own limitations, but also representing the nourishment needed for life itself, they praised God's mercy.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians gives us the second reading. The presence of this story in Paul, and also in the Synoptic Gospels, tells us how importantly the first Christians regarded the Last Supper. Celebrating the Eucharist in ancient Corinth tells us how important to Christians even in the first century AD was the Eucharist.

Finally, the words are unambiguous. They say, "Bread ... my body," and "Cup ... my blood."

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a familiar story: A great crowd has gathered to hear Jesus. Mealtime comes. The Apostles have virtually nothing to give the people, only five loaves and two fish. In the highly symbolic use of numbers in days when scientific precision was rarely needed, five and two meant something paltry and grossly insufficient.

Jesus used gestures also used at the Last Supper, gestures actually a part of Jewish prayers before meals. He then sent the disciples to distribute the food. All had their fill. After all had eaten, 12 baskets were needed for the leftovers. To return to the symbolism of numbers, 12 meant overabundance and lavishness.

Reflection

The Church calls us to focus

our minds on the Holy Eucharist and our hearts on God.

The first reading reminds us that all through history God has reached out to people to nourish their starving, fatigued souls.

In the second reading, it teaches us about the Eucharist. The reading takes us back to the Last Supper, but also to the beliefs of the Christians who lived a generation or so after the Last Supper. For them, the reality of the Eucharist was clear. Paul was clear about it. "This is my body." "This is my blood." The words are crisp and straightforward.

Finally, the Gospel tells us of God's immense love. When our soul hungers, God supplies not in any rationed sense, but lavishly, not simply with physical nourishment, but with eternal food. This outpouring of spiritual nourishment comes in and through God's love, shown and given by Christ.

God's love is nourishing us still and is available through the Eucharist in the Church. It is for us as it was long ago on the hillside when the Apostles assisted Jesus in feeding the multitudes.

READINGS

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1b-8 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1-2ab, 4-5ab, 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13 Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Ez 34:11-16 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5b-11 Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10 Lk 2:41-51

THE CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campisson

In June the liturgical calendar is filled with feast days. Test your knowledge of these friends in heaven with this week's quiz.

- June 1 commemorates St. Justin. He was a layman known primarily for his**
 - Justin Time Inventory of Christian books (forerunner of the Alexandrine library)
 - skill at reconciling platonic philosophy and reason with Christianity
 - ability to heal everyone, except, ultimately himself
- June 2 is the feast of Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs. They were killed in 304 in Rome. Why was this bad timing?**
 - They died after the Roman Empire collapsed, so couldn't be canonized until 1437.
 - They were killed a decade before Christianity was legalized, so they were among the last martyrs.
 - They were executed just because it was Nero's birthday when they were captured.
- St. Boniface (June 5) was English, but became bishop of Mainz in this region**
 - Egypt
 - Turkey
 - Germany
- St. Norbet (June 6) founded an order known as Norbertines, and by this title**
 - Premonstratensians
 - the Scotiatists
 - Nustrains
- St. Ephrem (Ephraem) of Syria, a doctor of the Church, had this clerical rank**
 - deacon
 - priest
 - bishop
- St. Barnabas (June 11), a first century convert from Cyprus, is called "Apostle" because**
 - he was an associate of the Apostle Paul
 - the early Church mistranslated the Greek Andros Postile (messenger boy)
 - he was confused with the Barnabas who replaced Judas
- St. Anthony of Padua (June 13) was a theologian of this order, founded by an Italian**
 - the Padovani
 - the Franciscans
 - the Illuminati
- St. Romuald (June 19) was particularly active against public violence and political killings. Why?**
 - He was a lifelong pacifist, belonging to the Catholic Amishites.
 - He had acted as his father's second in a duel, in which his father killed a man.
 - He was beaten up by a crowd chanting "bonk the monk" as he professed his vows.
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga (June 21) was a noble but rejected wealth to join this order**
 - the Poor Guise
 - the Franciscans
 - the Jesuits
- John the Baptist (June 24) was, according to Scripture, related to Jesus this way**
 - John was His uncle
 - John was Jesus' cousin
 - they were both of the house of Judah, but not blood relatives
- St. Cyril of Alexandria (June 27) contended with this heretic**
 - Paganus
 - Nestorius
 - Julian the Incorrect
- St. Irenaeus (June 28) was bishop of this French city, named for a Celtic god**
 - Lyons
 - Harfleur
 - Druidicae
- June 29 is the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles. Where is Peter most likely buried?**
 - Being a fisherman, he was buried at sea, in the Bark of St. Peter.
 - On Vatican Hill, hence the location of St. Peter's Basilica.
 - On Petrograd Island, off the coast of Dalmatia.
- St. Paul was a Christian Apostle, but was he Jewish, Roman or Greek?**
 - He was a Greek, born pagan, converted to Judaism after his horse dropped dead.
 - He was Roman, his enemies called him "Greek" as a way of discrediting him.
 - He was all three, a Roman citizen, culturally Greek and a Jew by Religion and race.

ANSWERS

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

Trouble for the Church, and democracy, in Ukraine

In 1994, prior to the inauguration of Leonid Kuchma as president of Ukraine, a prayer meeting involving all confessional leaders of the newly independent country was held at the Church of Holy Wisdom in Kiev, an important ecumenical moment in the reconstruction of civil society in the former Soviet republic. The same protocol was followed prior to the inauguration of Viktor Yushchenko in January 2005; representatives of Ukraine's various religious communities came together to pray for the incoming president and the well-being of the nation.

This past February, at the inauguration of President Viktor Yanukovich, this impressive pattern of ecumenical cooperation was not repeated. Rather, Yanukovich invited Patriarch Kirill of Moscow to give his blessing to the new Ukrainian administration in a service at the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev. No other religious leaders were invited. No religious leaders other than those affiliated with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate (one of three Orthodox communities in Ukraine, and the one that functions as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Patriarchate of Moscow) have been invited to meet the new president.

Shortly before Ukraine's 2010 presidential election, a representative of Yanukovich's party visited Cardinal Lubomir Husar, the major-archbishop of the Greek Catholic Church of Ukraine. The Yanukovich representative evidently wanted an assurance that the Greek Catholic Church (the repository and guardian of Ukrainian national identity during the Soviet period, even as it scraped out an underground existence as the world's largest illegal religious body) would not endorse one of Yanukovich's rivals for the presidency. Cardinal Husar replied that the Greek Catholic Church, consistent with Catholic social doctrine, never endorsed individ-

ual candidates; rather, its role was to raise issues of moral consequence for the country. Yanukovich's representative then asked Cardinal Husar a rather blunt question, which amounted to "Well, what do you want?" The cardinal replied, "All we want is for all confessions to be treated equally according to the constitution." Yanukovich's representative, evidently stunned, left.

Cardinal Husar has not gotten what he asked for, which is simply that the Yanukovich government act as a democratic government should, showing a proper respect for all religious communities. Yet in the brief months since Yanukovich was inaugurated, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate has become, for all practical purposes, a new state church. It clearly enjoys presidential favor. It alone is invited to bless public events. And its overseers in Moscow have not hesitated to involve themselves directly in Ukrainian political affairs.

Thus, when the controversial nomination of Dmytro Tabachnyk as minister of science and education (often called the minister of culture) ran into trouble from members of President Yanukovich's own party, who had questions about Tabachnyk's integrity, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow lobbied President Yanukovich to go through with the appointment of a culture minister who has slandered Catholics, especially Greek Catholics, and who has been known to assert that western Ukraine (the heartland of Ukrainian Greek Catholicism) isn't really Ukraine, culturally or linguistically. Kirill's intervention was successful and Dr. Tabachnyk was duly appointed. Thus, Ukraine's new minister of culture is a man who has denied that the Soviet-enforced Ukrainian Terror Famine of the 1930s, a pivotal drama in modern Ukrainian history in which perhaps as many as 6 million Ukrainian kulaks were deliberately starved to death, was a genocide.



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Things are quickly getting ugly in Ukraine. The new head of the security services is a media magnate, one of whose first acts in office was to ask for the secret police files on his competitors. Father Borys Gudziak, the president of the Ukrainian Catholic University in L'viv (one of the country's most important independent institutions of culture and learning), believes himself to be under surveillance, with his phone tapped; Gudziak expects state pressure on the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which Russian Orthodoxy tried to extinguish in 1946, to increase.

The alliance of the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate of Moscow with Russian state power is flourishing and the results, next door in a Ukraine whose political leadership is now closely attuned to Russian leader Vladimir Putin, are not savory: for ecumenism, for Ukrainian democracy, and perhaps even for Ukrainian independence.

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with a book agent and then took a celebratory hike, unplugging from her computer for an entire day.

My longtime softball coach self-published his father's biography. His kids threw him a book launch party, sharing their take-aways over red wine.

When we celebrate these moments, we mark time together. We echo Mary's Magnificat. Our gratitude becomes poetry and, in turn, praise. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord," we sing. "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

It was Mary, after all, our most gracious advocate, who prompted Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana, pointing

out, "There is no wine." She wanted the celebration to continue and so did her Son. Today we remember that impulse, the second luminous mystery of the rosary.

Mary suffered and she celebrated, because joy involves grief in a well-lived life.

That's what I'm striving for this birthday, why I keep a bottle of champagne in the fridge. I'm ready at a moment's notice.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 6, 2010

Luke 9:11b-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

KINGDOM TO A CLOSE PROVISIONS FIVE LOAVES PEOPLE GROUPS HEAVEN	HEALED TWELVE DESERTED (TWO) FISH THOUSAND FIFTY ALL ATE	DRAWING VILLAGES GIVE (THEM) BUY FOOD SIT DOWN DID SO BASKETS
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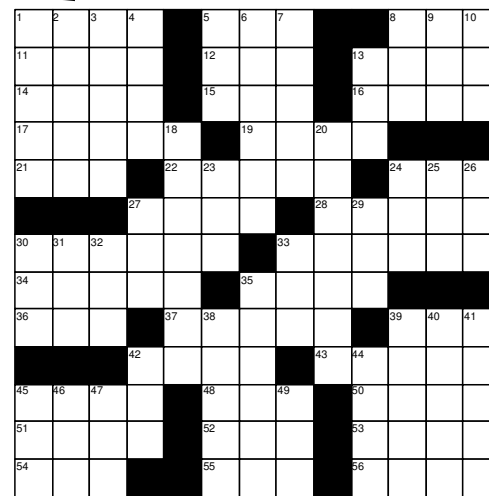
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17 and 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36-8:3

ACROSS

- 1 Church part
- 5 Makes food laws
- 8 "___ culpa"
- 11 Back row
- 12 Deteriorate
- 13 David was delivered from Saul's ___
- 14 Gilead ointment
- 15 Possessive
- 16 Employs
- 17 Atlantic, for example
- 19 Cooking plant
- 21 Eye movement
- 22 Bathsheba's husband
- 24 Queen of ___ ba
- 27 Positive
- 28 Jesus' are light
- 30 Forgiven much or ___
- 33 Babylonian kingdom
- 34 Moses' mountain
- 35 Mock
- 36 Morse code dot
- 37 Air-conditioning need
- 39 Central Time
- 42 Looked at
- 43 Dwarf
- 45 Plateau
- 48 Tap lightly
- 50 Bl. ___ de La Roche
- 51 Show
- 52 Crowd did to fish and loaves

- 53 Dust
- 54 Comprehend
- 55 Japanese money
- 56 Apostles' book

DOWN

- 1 Shady place
- 2 "Salem" means
- 3 Melchizedek's city
- 4 Writer Bombeck
- 5 Friday (abbr.)
- 6 "___ in remembrance" (2 wds.)
- 7 Afloat (2 wds.)
- 8 Belongs to Mom
- 9 Vane direction
- 10 Advertisements
- 13 Middle
- 18 Annul
- 20 Waxing poetic
- 23 Regret
- 24 Slide on snow
- 25 She
- 26 Vane direction
- 27 School group
- 29 Choose
- 30 Illegal drug
- 31 Roman three
- 32 Explosive
- 33 European Patent Office
- 35 Calm
- 38 Pay back
- 39 Infant's crying disease
- 40 Intelligent
- 41 Abraham traveled in
- 42 "___ this bread"
- 44 Naught
- 45 Chinese seasoning
- 46 Stretch to make do
- 47 Jesus had crowd do to eat
- 49 Commandments' #

Answer Key can be found on page 19

CAPECCHI

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notice an inch-stone passing by, so when we do, and we feel that desire to celebrate, we should honor it.

I know a widower who is raising nine kids, and he celebrates every Sunday with Mass and brunch. He fries bacon, plays rock and everyone dances.

A reporter friend won a blogging award exactly one year after being laid off from her local newspaper. She celebrated by blogging and bragging and exercising. Another reporter signed

Sports

SAINT JOE SPRING SPORTS ON FIRE Saint Joseph's High School and its spring athletes continue to live the excellence that defines Saint Joe. This spring they have two outright NIC champions. Boys' track and the girls' tennis team both sit alone at the top of the NIC, and the softball girls have a share of the title. Coming in second in the NIC are boys' golf, girl's track and baseball. As postseason play continues, they currently have two sectional championships. The boys' track and girls' tennis teams will continue on in regional play.

Brennan signs with Indiana State

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger senior Andy Brennan will be continuing his running career with Indiana State University in Terre Haute, as a member of both the cross country and track teams. Brennan ran four years on the Bishop Dwenger varsity cross country team, and was co-captain of the 2009 SAC, sectional and regional championship teams, placing in the top four at each of the meets, and also ran at state. He was named All-SAC, All-Area and Honorable Mention All-State this past fall. Brennan has also spent four years as a member of the Bishop Dwenger varsity track team, and is the current co-captain.

Golf Outing honors Bishop Dwenger athletic director Andy Johns

FORT WAYNE — In honor of Athletic Director Andy Johns' retirement after 34 years of service to Bishop Dwenger High School, there will be a golf outing held on Tuesday, June 8, at Lakeside Golf Course beginning with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The fee for "A.J. Day" is \$40 and includes a cart,

lunch and prizes. Play as a four-some or sign up individually. For reservations contact Coach Chris Svarczkopf by Friday, June 4.

Saint Joseph's coaches recognized

SOUTH BEND — The Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) recognizes excellence in coaching by naming a "Coach of the Year" in each sport. This past "recognition season" brought several accolades for Saint Joseph's High School.

Starting last spring, Bill Mountford received the honor for girls' tennis. John Gumpf claimed the title for baseball.

Saint Joe continued the excellence in August with a cross country team that ultimately competed at state for the first time in school history and earned long-time coach Jerry Hoffman the Coach of the Year. Johan Kuitse and his girls traveled to the state soccer competition again and Coach Kuitse completed the season as soccer's Coach of the Year.

In the fall, Mary Kay O'Connell was named for volleyball.

Saint Joseph's capped off the 2009 NIC recognition with the boys' swimming coach Tony Kowals adding Coach of the Year to his list of accomplishments.

A great day for CYO track and field

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — May 15 marked a great day in the history of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field. After a very rainy spring, the weather cooperated for the annual city meet at Bishop Luers High School, and three records fell.

The St. Jude Eagle boys scored 119 team points to take home top honors, battling all day against the Cardinals from St. Charles that finished a close second place with 114 points. St. John, New Haven ended up third with 58 team points.

The undefeated Eagles swept eight of the 12 events with stand-outs Gus Schrader and Luke Palmer grabbing four first-place finishes each. Schrader broke Lawrence Barnett's record from 2004 in the 100-meter hurdles, lowering the mark from 15.4 seconds to 15.2. He also won the long jump, 400-meter run and anchored the 4x100-meter relay. Palmer, who was undefeated the entire season in all of his events, won the 100-meter dash in 12.5 seconds. The Bishop Dwenger-bound baseball hopeful also lead off the winning short relay and was the top thrower in both the discus and shot.

After St. Jude won the city meet, Palmer beamed, "It was awesome!" Also running first place 4x100 relay legs for the Eagles were Aaron Ng and Joseph Manganiello, while Nathan Ellert, Zack McIntyre, Brandon Williams and Conner Werling ran a 1:56.20 for St. Jude to win the 4x200 relay. High jumper Greg Robertson and half miler Greg Tippman grabbed blue medals for St. Charles, but it was the many second and third place spots that really added up for the Cardinals. Jordan Bly won the 200-meter dash for St. Vincent.

The Lady Cardinals won the title for the girls, tallying 114



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Jude stand out, Luke Palmer, performs at the CYO city meet.

points, while St. Vincent scored 91 points for second place and St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth placed third with 55 points. Blue medal winners for St. Charles were their 4x100 meter relay team of Heather Nellum, Rachel Gibson, Tori Houk and Olivia Current. Houk also won the 100-meter hurdles and Current doubled in the 400-meter dash.

St. Vincent was victorious in the high jump (Megan Coffin), shot put and discus (Morgan Kinniry) and the 4x200 meter relay with a team of Dominique Effinger, Alexis

Ciocca, Claire Manning and Natalie Watercutter. Effinger also set a new city meet record in the 200-meter dash with her sprint of 27.9 seconds, beating the old

record of 28.2 set by Ronesha Taylor in 2005. Kate Eifrid from St. John, Fort Wayne was a double winner in the long jump and 100-meter dash. Shining for St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth was Addie Riembold, who won the 800-meter run and crushed Ann Marie Shank's record of 5:38.05 in the mile, clocking in with an impressive 5:30.8.



ST. MATTHEW BASEBALL TEAM WINS ICCL A LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



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St. Matthew Cathedral School 5/6 Black baseball team defeated Christ the King 5/6 Gold baseball team, 2-0, for the A League Championship. In front from left are Kenny Klimek, Brendan Bradley, Justin DeClark, Connor Mowers, Keaton Maenhoot, Dominic Krizman, Jordan Himschoot, Jack Tiller. In the middle are Tony Kramer, Robbie Sink, Adam Cseh, Nathan Marino and Ryan Quinn. Assistant Coach Rob Sink, Head Coach Mike Cseh, assistant coaches John DeClark and Andy Krizman stand behind.



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St. Joseph Parish releases Marian hymn CD

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Often as we travel from our place of work to home, our thoughts gravitate to the day's pressures and challenges. Bringing our thoughts together in a more prayerful and melodic fashion can bring a sense of calm and peacefulness on our journey. Listening to St. Joseph Parish's new CD, "I Sing a Maid" in a car or at home offers a spiritual respite from everyday trials.

"I Sing a Maid" is a collection of traditional and contemporary Marian hymns and is St. Joseph Parish of South Bend's second CD release. The first CD, released in 2007, is a collection of Advent and Christmas songs and was given to parishioners as a way to enrich their prayer life and their celebration of those liturgical seasons.

Holy Cross Father John DeRiso, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, recalls the impetus for both CDs. "We did it because I recognized this great musical talent of our staff and thought it would be a great tool of evangelization. It was a creative initiative of bringing the hymns of the Church and songs of faith into the homes of our parishioners and our school families."

Honoring Mary and showing God's blessing are additional factors in the release of the second

CD. "I am always trying to model for the schoolchildren broad ways of sharing gifts and the blessings that God has given us for the greater good. We do a marathon and a half marathon to emphasize the physical health and athletic side of our lives, and the CD is a nice way of emphasizing musical gifts. It uses voice and instruments as a way to give praise to God too," notes Father DeRiso.

Instead of selling the CD, the parish staff wants to express gratitude to parishioners, school families and parish benefactors by giving the CD to them as a gift. "We just wanted to send them something in the mail as a surprise to say thank you for being a part of the parish and the sacrifices you make to support the mission of this place," Father DeRiso adds.

Parish staff was involved in making "I Sing a Maid." In addition to Father DeRiso, associate pastor Holy Cross Father Kevin Grove; Theresa Slott, director of music and liturgy; and Emmeline S. D'Agostino, assistant director of music and liturgy; were the vocals on the CD. Slott also produced and directed the CD. Lisa DeLorenzo plays percussion on the CD and is the parish director of religious education. The cover art was designed by Lesley Kirzeder, director of marketing and communications at the parish.



Other parishioners also participated in the production of the CD. Pianist Sofia Kodanashvili and flutist Renee LaReau, as well as Liam and Maddie Maher who played the violin and viola on the recording, are active members in the parish.

With the help of Gary Lavengood, who did all the recording of the Marian hymns in the church sanctuary, the CD was produced through the donations of anonymous parishioners.

Father Grove notes that singing and listening to Marian

hymns offers many blessings. "It was Pope John Paul II who so frequently said that we find Jesus through Mary, because she leads us to Him. And in praying the words in these Marian hymns and especially through the music I find that it's true. So the experience of singing and being a part of this CD is a chance for us to pray and grow closer to Christ and I hope it will be that for the people that listen to it."

While both priests enjoy all of the Marian hymns on the CD, each has a favorite that has a spe-

cial meaning in their lives. For Father Grove, "Salve Regina" holds memories of his formation in the Holy Cross order. "In our religious life in Holy Cross, that's what we sing at night prayer to end the day."

For Father DeRiso, "Notre Dame Our Mother," reminds him of the connection

the four vocalists on the CD share with the University. "The four singers all graduated from Notre Dame. That's where most of us discovered our gift of singing and song."

St. Joseph Parish would like to extend their appreciation to all in the community by offering "I Sing a Maid" CD free of charge to anyone who requests it. Those interested should contact the parish office at (574) 234-3134 or the Web site

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Central Catholic alumni to meet
Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will have a get-together on Saturday, June 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Reed Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by music and fellowship. Cost for the evening is \$20. To make a reservation send a check payable to CCHS Alumni Assn. c/o Tony Martone, 3005 Whitegate, 46805. Call Leanne at (260) 485-0290 or Mary Lou at (260) 485-6164 for information.

Redeemer Radio weekend
Fort Wayne — Redeemer Radio will have a support weekend for the campaign "Building Faith, Sharing Christ" June 5-6, at St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne and St. Joseph Parish in Garrett. Campaign details may be found online at www.redeemerradio.com

Ice-cream social and reunion
Hartford City — John XXIII Retreat Center will have a

reunion for participants in Spiritual Growth Communities Saturday, June 5, at 1:30 p.m. These communities were facilitated by Father Keith Hosey and Sister Maureen Mangen, CPPS. Mass will be celebrated by Father Keith Hosey and will be followed by an ice-cream social from 3-5 p.m., which is open to the public. A raffle of items donated by businesses, friends and retreat presenters will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ sponsor violin recital
Donaldson — Adrienne Geisler, a Knox native, will perform a violin recital on Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m., at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, PHJC Ministry Center.

Spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570 together with the Serra Club will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, June 10, from 4-6 p.m., at 5202 Linden Ave. Adults \$7, children ages 5 to 12, \$2.50.

Live in harmony with nature
Fort Wayne — All married and engaged couples as well as single women are invited to learn Creighton's newly emerging science of NaProTECHNOLOGY Saturday, June 19, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at St. Jude Parish in Room C. The CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System unravels the mystery of women's cycles by standardizing monthly record keeping and can be used by women with regular cycles, irregular cycles, PMS, infertility, frequent miscarriage and PCOD. Contact Theresa Schortgen, CFCP, at (260) 749-6706 or e-mail chartdaily365@verizon.net to RSVP. The event is free.

Order of Malta celebrates patronal feast
Notre Dame — The Order of Malta of Northern Indiana will celebrate its patronal feast of St. John on Thursday, June 24. Father Peter Rocca, CSC, will celebrate Mass in the Log Chapel at the University of Notre Dame. Dinner will follow with a special

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Angola Paul B. Schall, 79, St. Anthony of Padua	Betty L. Webster, 88, Queen of Angels	Helen G. Schumacher, 92, St. Monica
Avilla Steven Anthony Mangona, 61, St. Mary of the Assumption	Margaret A. Dosen, 77, Saint Anne Home Chapel	Notre Dame Sister Barbara Korem, CSC, 68, Our Lady of Loretto
Elkhart Julien Gomez, 19, St. Vincent de Paul	Robert James Ocken, 67, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	South Bend Oma N. Brown, 84, St. John the Baptist
Fort Wayne William H. J. Brenizer, 92, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Paul J. Savage, 83, St. Jude	Gertrude F. Bujcker, 85, St. Stanislaus
Shirley C. Edwards, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Goshen Juan Francisco Acosta, 69, St. John the Evangelist	Isabelle M. Seymour, 105, St. Anthony de Padua
Betty Remke, 82, Our Lady of Good Hope	Granger Delores A. Fain, 85, St. Pius X	Chesterine C. Wesolowski, 90, Queen of Peace
Kimberly Kay Freygang, 48, St. Charles	Thomas A. Scarnecchia, 67, St. Pius X	Syracuse Nancy C. Olivares, 79, St. Martin de Porres
William L. Osterholt, 59, St. John the Baptist	Mishawaka Elsie L. Claeys, 86, St. Bavo	Walkerton Cecil C. Pryke, 87, St. Patrick

program recounting the order's recent work at its Sacre Coeur Hospital in Haiti. Members only.

Garage sale time
Fort Wayne — The Fort Wayne Christ Child Society will have the annual Garage Sale Fundraiser Friday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 W. State Blvd. Funds raised help impoverished children in the area. The Christ Child Society raises close to \$50,000 annually to buy coats and to fund other projects, such as providing crib, child car safety seats and diapers for expectant mothers, being served by the three Women's Care Centers.

Franciscan Brothers Minor to begin First Saturday devotions
Fort Wayne — First Saturday

Devotions will be held June 5 at the Our Lady of the Angels Oratory (former St. Andrew Church) from 9-11 a.m. The event includes Mass, rosary, Confession and Holy Hour followed by a talk on the biblical foundations of Marian devotion.

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Bishop Dwenger High School is seeking a talented, creative, knowledgeable, and experienced person to serve as our Assistant Principal – Director of Curriculum. Candidates must be practicing Catholics with a master's degree in secondary school administration, and hold a valid State of Indiana administrative license.

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Mass should be prayed annually on that date, unless it falls on a Sunday.

Unfortunately, as timing would have it, Oct. 3 falls on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time in 2010, so her memorial cannot be observed here until 2011.

The reason all these liturgical rules exist is to ensure that a particular calendar does not become overloaded with saints, and also to ensure that any saints present on a local calendar are recognized there as strong examples of the faith. Therefore, when requesting of Rome that a saint be added to a diocesan calendar, it is necessary to provide a list of compelling historical and devotional reasons as to why his or her commemoration in the diocese would be of benefit to the local faithful.

St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 15, 2006. She came to the United States in 1840 and founded the Sisters of Providence.

In 1846, three sisters, accompanied by Mother Theodore and a Sister Basilide traveled by stagecoach and canal from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods to Fort Wayne and then by covered wagon to St. Augustine Academy. At that time, St. Augustine was a parish in the Diocese of

THE COLLECT PRAYER FOR THE MASS OF ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUÉRIN

Loving God, in Saint Theodora Guérin
you have given us an example
of a religious woman

who trusted deeply in Providence.

Through her intercession,
inspire us to dedicate our lives
to proclaiming the Gospel
through works of love, mercy, and justice.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Vincennes; St. Augustine would become the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish and the Diocese of Fort Wayne was created in the northern half of the state in 1857.

Although Mother Theodore never taught at St. Augustine Academy, she visited her sisters as their mother superior. Her visits to the mission were described in the "History of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods as "gala days for the sisters. Her all-pervading kindness and motherly solicitude, and her gentle gaiety when she presided at table and at recreation were a perennial source of joy."

In 1939 St. Augustine Academy was one of several schools consolidated into Central Catholic High School.

THE PROPER CALENDAR FOR THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

- Sept. 21, St. Matthew, Apostle, secondary patron of the diocese, feast
- Oct. 3, St. Theodora Guérin, memorial
- Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, principal patroness of the diocese, solemnity
- Dec. 9, Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral, feast in the diocese; solemnity in the cathedral parish

(Liturgical ranks, from lowest to highest, are: optional memorial, obligatory memorial, feast, solemnity)



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Sometimes the kindness and willingness of others to offer assistance is so impressive that it gives one something to think about for a long, long time. Last year, for example, we asked our readers for donations to support the effort of bringing *Today's Catholic* into every registered Catholic household in the diocese. Two collection envelopes were provided for this purpose and your response was gratifying and beyond. This year, only one envelope will be in your paper, and that will be on June 20, 2010. Therefore, we take this occasion to thank you again for your thoughtfulness, and ask again for your continued support of this weekly message of evangelization.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:
"The Four Teresas" By Gina Loehr

Reviewed by Kay Cozad

"The Four Teresas," by Gina Loehr, published by Servant Books (ISBN: 978-0-86716-944-7), this month's *Today's Catholic* book of the month selection, is an inspiring and educational little book packed with biographical history and commentary on four of our most beloved Teresas — Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa Benedicta and Blessed Mother Teresa.

The book is laid out in chapter form, one for each saintly woman, and provides a biographical account as well as an in depth commentary on her charism and works for Christ. The chapters describe how each woman lived out the Lord's greatest commandment of love in her own way — Therese of Lisieux with her whole heart, Teresa of Avila with her whole soul, Teresa Benedicta with her mind and Mother Teresa, whose service was love in action.

Not only is each holy woman's love for God and his people recounted, but the mystery of the faith journey she traveled as she sought God even in times of personal soul-wrenching darkness as well. These were real women with real anxieties about the joys and sufferings of life as well as questions about their own vocation and ability to love God as He was meant to be loved.

The study of these four extraordinary women assures the reader that there is more than one road to holiness. Each woman with her own personality, background and

experiences, was led by their faith in the love of God to their own unique call to service. Loehr writes, "...all four of these women knew that God's will unfolds in the events of daily life. They believed that sanctity comes from living an ordinary life with great love," — something all Christians are called to.

Interestingly the lives of these four women were interconnected through the inspiration of Teresa of Avila, the forerunner to the three that followed. Three were Carmelite nuns and though Mother Teresa did not enter a Carmelite order, she carried that "sensitivity in her heart." Each had an interest in John of the Cross who was a colleague and friend of Teresa of Avila. Each experienced the "dark night of the soul" he wrote about, where God appears distant and uninterested, but accepted the darkness and offered it back to God. Through their faith struggles "they recognized the chance to love God unconditionally, not just when he was showering them with consolations."

The author writes of the wisdom and guidance these women offer, "All four Teresas believed that perfect love for God flows into love for our neighbors. ... Their love for God impelled them to reach out to others. ... Before all else they were immersed in a life of prayer and the sacraments, which connected them continually to Christ." Their choice to surrender themselves to God's love and the power of the cross shows us the way to loving service in our own lives.

The tome includes a plethora of stimulating reflection questions as well as a list of 10 suggested actions to be practiced in daily life to be more like the Teresa studied. Five points of consideration are also included to stimulate thought and discussion on an exceptional trait or action of each woman and how it might pertain to our present day lives.

The study of the lives of holy people and saints, and their loving service, is an enriching exercise in faith formation and this book can be added to the list of many that will enlighten and inspire the reader to better things. As Blessed Mother Teresa said, "Holiness is not a luxury but a simple duty for you and me."

Reflection questions for discussion may be found following each chapter.

