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Seminarians' numbers grow



FRANCIE HOGAN

Diocesan seminarians (two unavailable for this photo) gathered last week for a retreat at Noll Hall on Lake Wawasee. Eight new seminarians will begin studies this fall. See story on page 3

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Reorganization plan under study for Mishawaka schools

BY VINCE LABARBERA

Earlier this summer the Catholic Schools Office formed a Mishawaka Catholic Schools Committee to present a plan to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend before December of this year, regarding the reorganization of three Catholic elementary schools in downtown Mishawaka; namely, St. Bavo, St. Joseph and St. Monica.

"Our objective is to develop a plan for the schools that will meet three criteria," said Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent. The goals are:

- A strong and present Catholic identity
- Excellent academic programs with new course offerings
- Affordable tuition with long-term financial stability

Dr. Myers met with each of the three school boards last winter, listening to see how the Schools Office might assist the communities to develop the plan requested by the diocese. "It became clear early in our discussions with the pastors and (school) board members that changes are needed to ensure a viable and stable future for the Catholic education of our children," he related.

"The data presented show clearly that the three Mishawaka schools are facing difficult times in the very near future if no changes are made," Dr. Myers continued.

"The parishes are experiencing more funerals than baptisms, and teacher salaries will be increased significantly over the next three years while revenues from enrollment

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ALTAR SERVERS IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Young men and women participate in a vigil in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Aug. 3 during a pilgrimage for altar servers. Allowing girl servers ended an inequality in Catholic education, said the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* in an Aug. 7 article.

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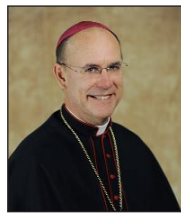
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In Mary's Assumption, we get a glimpse of our destiny



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Mass and visit at Victory Noll

On Friday, July 30, I had the pleasure to make my first visit to Victory Noll in Huntington. In reading the history of our diocese the past several months, I have been inspired by the life and ministry of my esteemed predecessor, Archbishop John Noll, the fifth bishop of Fort Wayne (he was bishop before the diocese was named Fort Wayne-South Bend). Archbishop Noll, the founder of *Our Sunday Visitor*, was a strong supporter of the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, founded by Chicago priest, Father John Sigstein. Archbishop Noll found and raised funds for the site near Huntington, which was named Victory Noll by Father Sigstein.

The Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters were originally called Missionary Catechists. They undertook the mission of catechesis in New Mexico and in the southwest United States. Founded in 1922, the Missionary Catechists came to our diocese and established their motherhouse at Victory Noll in 1924. Archbishop Noll was their patron and benefactor. Through the years, the sisters also provided catechetical instruction in parishes and missions of our diocese.

I enjoyed several hours at Victory Noll on July 30, beginning with the celebration of Mass for the Sisters at the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel. We remembered in prayer Archbishop Noll who died on July 31, 1956. After Holy Mass, I enjoyed a delicious luncheon with the sisters and then received a tour of the beautiful grounds and buildings. I was able to pray at the grave of Archbishop Noll in the cemetery there.

The highlight of the tour was visiting the Our Lady of Victory Chapel, a very beautiful chapel modeled after the mission churches of the Southwest. There is a statue of Our Lady of Victory, the patroness of the sisters, in the center of the sanctuary. I admired the stained glass windows of various saints known for their missionary zeal and their devotion to Mary, like St. Boniface and St. Patrick.

It was a blessing to meet many of the sisters, some who are active and others who are retired. I thank Sister Beatrice Haines, the president of the congregation, and all the sisters for their warm welcome and kind hospitality.

I am deeply grateful for the prayers of all the retired sisters who live in our diocese, including those at Victory Noll. I am always edified to meet these devoted and holy consecrated women religious who have given their lives in the service of Christ and His Church.



NANCY WIECHEC

Mary is shown being taken up to heaven in a painting inside a dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. The feast of her Assumption is celebrated Aug. 15 in the Roman Catholic Church.

Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Oratory, Hudson

On Sunday, Aug. 8, I celebrated Mass at the Oratory of Our Lady of the Angels near Big Long Lake in the northeast part of our diocese. That area is truly "God's country," as many commented to me. There are many lakes in that beautiful area. I was wondering as I drove home on Sunday afternoon how many lakes there are in our diocese — quite a few!

The oratory was more than filled to capacity with many people standing throughout the Mass. I was struck by the excellent participation of the congregation both in saying the prayers and in singing. It was truly an uplifting celebration of the sacred liturgy. After Mass, I enjoyed greeting the faithful in attendance and then joining them for coffee and doughnuts in the hall below the church. Their affection for their little church and community was evident.

I am very grateful to Father Jim Rose, a retired priest of our diocese, who celebrates Mass every Saturday evening and Sunday morning at St. Mary of the Angels. Father Rose concelebrated the Mass with me on Sunday. I am also grateful to Father David Carkenord, the pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo, for his pastoral administration of the oratory.

The solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday, Aug. 15, we will celebrate the solemnity of Mary's Assumption, body and soul, into heaven. I invite you to reflect on this glorious mystery as we approach this beautiful feast. In Mary's Assumption, we get a glimpse of our destiny, the fullness of happiness promised to the followers of her Son. It gives us hope to know that our Blessed Mother is in heaven and yet she continues to

serve her Son's work of salvation on earth. In her glorious state, she remains very close to us and supports us with her maternal love. We call upon her on our pilgrim journey to salvation, counting on her motherly intercession.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has spoken often about Mary's nearness to us. A few years ago, on this feast, he said: "After being taken up into heaven, Mary did not distance herself from us but continues to be even closer to us and her light shines on our lives and on the history of all humanity. Attracted by the heavenly brightness of the Mother of the Redeemer, let us turn with trust to the One who looks upon us and protects us from on high. We all need her help and comfort to face the trials and challenges of daily life; we need to feel that she is our mother and sister in the concrete situations of our lives. And so that we too may one day be able to share in her same destiny, let us imitate her now in her meek following of Christ and her generous service to the brethren. This is the only way to have a foretaste, already on our earthly pilgrimage, of the joy and peace which those who reach the immortal destination of Paradise live to the full."

Mary is our Star of Hope. She shines forth as a sign of hope and comfort to us, the pilgrim Church on earth. When we recite the Hail Mary and ask for Mary's prayers for us now and at the hour of our death, we are filled with hope. We know that she watches over us with love. She embraces each and every one of us. This knowledge strengthens our hope in eternal life. Having been assumed into heaven, Mary reminds us of our final goal: Eternal communion of life and love with the Most Holy Trinity, with her and all the angels and saints. This is what Christ promises His faithful followers. So we say to Mary: "Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ."

Seminarian numbers make an encouraging leap upward

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — One of the greatest fruits for the Year for Priests just may be the increase in the number of young men interested in discerning the priesthood. The numbers have increased by eight this year, bringing the total to 23 men studying for the priesthood, and more are interested.

"This is the largest entering class in 25 years," says Msgr. Bernard Galic, diocesan director of the Office of Vocations. Msgr. Galic credits the increase to the Year for Priests.

"The Year for Priests awakened an awareness of the people to pray for vocations," Msgr. Galic says.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades tells *Today's Catholic*, "I think the



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE SERRA CLUB

The newest diocesan seminarians are, from left, Robert Kinney, David Nedvidek, Robert Garrow, Stephen Jagla, Thomas Scheibelhut, Craig Borchard and David Violi.



The Serra Club of Fort Wayne was this year's sponsor of the diocesan seminarian picnic at Noll Hall on Lake Wawasee. Eighteen Serrans, 16 priests and four guests welcomed the 23 seminarians at the picnic, which began with Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

increasing number of seminarians is due to the prayers of so many of our people who are asking the Lord to send 'more laborers into His harvest.' I also attribute the increase to the example of our priests, the strong catechetical and youth ministry programs in our diocese, including our Catholic schools. And, of course, the 'seedbed' of vocations — the faith and devotion of parents and families."

Inquiries from young men came throughout the Year for Priests and interest has not waned since the close of the Year for Priests in June. Msgr. Galic says he expects several more men will enter seminary in the fall of 2011 as the interviews and interest continues.

Associate Director of Vocations Father Jacob Runyon notes, "While it is true that we have a large number of seminarians entering this year, we have actually had pretty good numbers the last few years."

He adds, "But I do think we could attribute the spike this year to the fact that it was the Year for Priests. There has been much discussion and prayer about and for the priesthood, I think that could

be part of it."

Father Runyon reports that the Andrew Dinners and the discernment retreats have been well attended, "thanks to the support of our priests."

This year, 10 diocesan seminarians will begin their studies at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md., the seminary where Bishop Rhoades once served as rector. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be one of the largest delegations at Mount Saint Mary's, Msgr. Galic says.

Six seminarians are studying at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Seven college seminarians are taking their undergraduate studies at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winona, Minn.

The increase of eight seminarians does pose a challenge.

"One challenge I am facing is funding the education of our increased number of seminarians," Bishop Rhoades says. "This has added a significant cost in our budget, seminary tuition, room and board. I am hoping that we will do well in the Annual Bishop's Appeal this year to help with this budget shortfall and also to insti-

tute an annual diocesan collection on Pentecost Sunday for seminarians' education." The Annual Bishop's Appeal launches this coming week.

For men discerning the priesthood, Bishop Rhoades advises, "I would tell a man ... to pray about it, to spend time in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. I would also encourage him to discuss his calling with a wise priest."

There are two types of priests: Religious and diocesan priests.

"A religious priest is a priest who is committed to a particular religious order, obedient to their religious superior. This order usually has a certain charism: Franciscans live poverty, Maryknolls do missionary work, etc. Priests from these orders could be sent anywhere in the world to exercise this charism," Father Runyon says.

"Diocesan priests, on the other hand, are committed to a particular piece of land," Father Runyon continues. "We are attached to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, obedient to the bishop of the diocese and his successors. It is usually the charism of the diocesan priest to work in parishes."

Bishop Rhoades encourages men discerning between the diocesan priesthood and priesthood in a religious community to check out both, "discussing priestly life and ministry with both diocesan and religious priests."

The laity also share a role in Holy Orders. "As far as encouraging vocations goes, pray for the young man. That is most important," recommends Father Runyon.

"Secondly, you might just want to mention something to him," he adds. "It can be a powerful experience to hear another person say that he might be a good priest."

And Bishop Rhoades says, "I encourage the laity to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I also encourage parents to support the discernment of their sons who may be called to serve as priests."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Aug. 15, 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. — Masses for 150th anniversary, St. Patrick Church, Ligonier
- Monday, Aug. 16, 5:30 p.m. — Mass with Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapel, Fort Wayne.
- Tuesday, Aug. 17, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2 p.m. — Mass of Installation of Most Rev. Joseph McFadden as Bishop of Harrisburg, St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg
- Thursday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m. — Reception and dinner for Advance Gifts for Bishop's Annual Appeal, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Aug. 20, 11 a.m. — Meeting of Hispanic Apostolate, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen
- Friday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. — Meeting with Knights of Columbus officers of South Bend area, St. Pius X Parish, Granger
- Saturday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m. — Mass for retired Sisters of St. Francis, Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Mishawaka
- Sunday, Aug. 22, 11 a.m. — Mass with Institution of Acolytes, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, Aug. 23, 6 p.m. — Annual Mass for Christ Child Society, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. — Mass with Holy Cross Brothers, Columba Hall, Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m. — Reception and Dinner for Advance Gifts for Bishop's Annual Appeal, Hilton Garden Inn, Notre Dame
- Wednesday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m. — Opening Mass for University of Saint Francis, Hutzell Athletic Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m. — Mass and pastoral visit at St. Pius X School, Granger
- Saturday, Aug. 28, 5 p.m. — Knights of Columbus Exemplification Mass, St. Patrick Church, South Bend

Bishops, other faith leaders commend ruling on Arizona immigration law

BY J.D. LONG-GARCIA

PHOENIX (CNS) — Arizona's Catholic bishops were among religious leaders who praised a July 28 ruling that blocked enforcement of the most controversial sections of the state's immigration law a day before it took effect.

They also voiced a hope "that reaction to (the) ruling will be expressed only in peaceful and legal ways."

Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony and Salt Lake City Bishop John C. Wester, chairman of the U.S. bishops' migration committee, also weighed in support of the ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton that imposed an injunction against the key elements of the law, known as S.B.1070.

As the remaining portions of the law took effect July 29, protests, prayer services and other activities were held in Phoenix.

At an interfaith prayer at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in

downtown Phoenix, Christians, Jewish and Muslim leaders prayed that the federal government will enact comprehensive immigration reform.

"We need to remember our Christian principles, the values of Jesus Christ," Phoenix Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares said in a bilingual message. "We need to understand that (immigrants) enrich our society. Our movement is about achieving human dignity for everyone on our shores. So let us not become the oppressors, but instead put on the fruits of the Holy Spirit."

United Methodist Bishop Minerva Carcano spoke of the Gospel's call to welcome the immigrant, saying S.B.1070 runs counter to that message.

"The concept is this: enforcement through attrition, to make life so difficult for immigrants that they leave the state," the bishop said.

Since the April signing of the law, immigrants have been leaving. But, despite their departure,

Catholic leaders decry California judge's decision on same-sex marriage

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Saying that marriage between a man and a woman “is the bedrock of any society,” Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, denounced the Aug. 4 decision of a federal judge to overturn a California voter-backed initiative that essentially banned same-sex marriage.

“The misuse of law to change the nature of marriage undermines the common good,” he said. “It is tragic that a federal judge would overturn the clear and expressed will of the people in their support for the institution of marriage. No court of civil law has the authority to reach into areas of human experience that nature itself has defined.”

The 2008 voter initiative, known as Proposition 8, was approved by voters by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent. In overriding a May 2008 California Supreme Court ruling that enlarged the definition of state-sanctioned marriage to include all couples, the initiative defined state-sanctioned marriage as limited to a man and a woman.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage, echoed Cardinal George's sentiment.

“Citizens of this nation have uniformly voted to uphold the understanding of marriage as a union of one man and one woman in every jurisdiction where the issue has been on the ballot,” Archbishop Kurtz said in a statement released by the USCCB. “This understanding is



Plaintiffs Kris Perry, right, and her partner Sandy Stier listen during a news conference in San Francisco Aug. 4 following a decision by U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker that said Proposition 8 violates gays' and lesbians' rights of equality. The measure, which California voters approved by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent, defined state-sanctioned marriage as limited to a man and a woman.

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neither irrational nor unlawful.

“Marriage is more fundamental and essential to the well-being of society than perhaps any other institution. It is simply unimaginable that the court could now claim a conflict between marriage and the Constitution,” he said.

The California Catholic Conference also weighed in on the case, calling U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker's decision a disappointment.

“That the judge should find marriage — civilization's longstanding public policy — irrational and discriminatory does a great injustice to the institution itself and ultimately will further encourage the disintegration of mother-father families,” said Edward E. Dolejsi, the conference's executive director. “Homosexuals certainly have every right to the love, companionship and support of another

person, but the courts do not have a right to distort the meaning of marriage.”

Proponents of the initiative said they planned to appeal the decision by Walker, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

In his decision, Walker said, “Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license.”

“Indeed, the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples. Because California has no interest in discriminating against gay men and

lesbians, and because Proposition 8 prevents California from fulfilling its constitutional obligation to provide marriages on an equal basis, the court concludes that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional,” the judge ruled.

Walker granted a motion from Proposition 8 supporters to stay the decision pending a further hearing.

His decision followed a two-week trial in January.

The chief attorney for the leading organization that supported the initiative said Walker's action “short circuits the democratic process.”

“But this is not the end of our fight to uphold the will of the people for traditional marriage, as we now begin an appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals,” attorney Andy Pugno of ProtectMarriage.com said in a statement.

“It is disturbing that the trial court, in order to strike down Proposition 8, has literally accused the majority of California voters of having ill and discriminatory intent when casting their votes for Prop 8,” he said. “But the reality is that Prop 8 was simply about restoring and strengthening the traditional definition of marriage as the unique relationship of a man and a woman, for the benefit of children, families and society.”

The Catholic Church as well as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints were major religious supporters of the initiative, which garnered the attention of the nation as it was debated in the weeks before the November 2008 election.

The Mormon church in particular came under widespread criticism from gay rights groups for its substantial financial and organizational contribution in support of Proposition 8.



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the state's economy hasn't improved, Bishop Carcano said.

"We will no longer tolerate our government leaders' political posturing on immigration," she said. "President (Barack) Obama needs to know we no longer forgive his lack of leadership on immigration reform."

Many of the speakers noted the prayerful efforts of an interfaith group who held a vigil on the state Capitol lawn for 102 days.

"I always had a lot of faith. We made this effort to stop the law," said Rosa Maria Soto, who prayed with the group hours after the judge's ruling.

"But we have to keep working, we must keep nurturing our faith," she said. "I feel like the judge stopped those aspects which would have affected us the most, but we know the fight could last years."

Margaret Wolford and other members of Pax Christi Phoenix also went to the Capitol after the ruling. She described her reaction as "cautiously optimistic."

"The judge struck down the meat of it, but there's still a way to go," Wolford said. "The most harmful part of this bill is the fear it's put in our immigrant population, and also the fear of immigrants is provoked in others."

That fear is tearing the community apart, according to Susan Frederick-Gray, a Unitarian Universalist minister who spoke at the interfaith prayer service.

In his statement July 28, Cardinal Mahony praised the ruling. "This entire Arizona attempt to deal with various immigration issues outside federal law reveals once again the level of frustration across the country that the U.S. Congress will not deal with, the pressing issue of needed immigration reform," he said.

"Without needed congressional action, local communities and states will continue to propose stopgap measures which do not address all aspects of needed immigration reform," he added.

Bolton blocked provisions in the law that would have: required law enforcement officers to verify the immigration status of anyone stopped; made it a crime for immigrants not to carry proof of their immigration status at all times; allowed police to make warrantless arrests over suspicion of someone being in the country illegally; and criminalized the act of looking for work without the proper paperwork or hiring someone who lacks a work permit.

Bolton's injunction is preliminary, pending further judicial review of legal challenges, primarily that of the U.S. Department of Justice. A full course of legal challenges could take years.

Other provisions were allowed to take effect, including one permitting lawsuits against individuals, state agencies and political subdivisions for "adopting a policy

of restricting enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law."

In his statement, Bishop Wester called the ruling "the right decision."

"Any law that provides legal cover to profiling affects all members of our communities, including legal residents and citizens. It is a very slippery slope. What is needed now is for Congress and the administration to live up to their responsibilities and address this issue by passing immigration reform."

The Arizona bishops, in a statement issued by the Arizona Catholic Conference, their public policy arm, said apprehension about the law was widespread.

"We know that in practically every parish there are families that have been living with the fear and anxiety generated by S.B.1070 that they might be torn apart," they said.

"The situation of these families might be that one parent is a citizen and that the other is not in our country legally. Or, the situation might be that some children in the family are citizens and that a brother or sister is not here legally," they said. "Our hearts go out to these families. We know them to be good people who work hard and who contribute to the economy and to the quality of life of their communities."

The four Arizona bishops include: Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson; Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted and Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares of Phoenix; and Bishop James S. Wall of Gallup, N.M., whose diocese includes part of northern Arizona.

Their statement reiterated their support for a federal comprehensive immigration reform law as a way of dealing with immigration-related problems at a national level instead of state-by-state.

On the lawn of the state Capitol shortly after Bolton's ruling was announced, participants in a 102-day prayer vigil there acknowledged a long road lies ahead before the law is no longer a threat.

"I always had a lot of faith," said Rosa Maria Soto, a parishioner at St. Augustin in Phoenix. "But we have to keep working, we must keep nurturing our faith."

"The positive thing about this bad law is that it woke us up and it united us," she told *The Catholic Sun*, newspaper of the Phoenix Diocese.

Another vigil participant, William Robles, part of Peace Walkers movement, a parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Guadalupe, acknowledged that despite the day's legal victory, "we also know it's not over."

"We're going to keep fighting until we can get peace," he said. "We're hoping S.B.1070 gets completely disassembled."

Deacon Keith Davis, of St. Thomas More Parish, said he was grateful "that reason prevailed. I'm hoping that the federal government will start acting. I think we can all agree to that."

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will continue to diminish for each individual school," he reported. "Maintaining a comprehensive curriculum for middle-school students is nearly impossible given the shrinking numbers of students enrolled. The projected enrollment for the next decade is not promising for any school without some drastic changes. Public schools in the area are competing for enrollment and offering significant discounts to attract families."

Given these facts, the three boards agreed to form a committee with three representatives from each parish. Other members include Carl Loesch, principal of Marian High School; Holy Cross Father Anthony Szakaly; and Dr. Myers. The committee met twice last June and once in July, creating a template for budgeting purposes.

"Our three Mishawaka Catholic communities need to take this opportunity to acquire financial stability and offer a more comprehensive academic program," Dr. Myers said in a letter to Mishawaka families involved. In addition, minutes and meeting updates are being posted on the diocesan Web site at www.diocesefwsb.org. (Please go to "Catholic Schools" and "Catholic Schools Office." Click on "Mishawaka Updates" on the right).

On Monday, Aug. 30, a meeting will be held with all Mishawaka Catholic parents, teachers, students and parishioners from 7-9 p.m. in the Bishop Crowley Activity Center at Marian

High School, 1311 S. Logan St., Mishawaka. A proposal will be presented for the future of the Mishawaka schools followed by questions and comments.

"Enrollment declines and increased parish subsidies for each school have made the present options financially inimitable," Dr. Myers wrote. "Therefore, we need to adopt a Mishawaka school consolidation plan to be implemented for the 2011-2012 academic year. Carl Loesch has agreed to work closely with us to help ensure the middle school proposal is compatible with the Marian High School curriculum. Some exciting ideas have been offered with regard to a stronger middle school. As we investigate these ideas, we are mindful there are many characteristics of the three schools that serve the families and communities effectively and well."

"The Catholic schools in Mishawaka have a long history of excellence built upon the faith of many families who sacrificed to build these historic parishes and schools. The continued commitment of these parish communities have been evident throughout our discussions," Principal Loesch said in an e-mail to *Today's Catholic*.

"Marian High School will support and work with the St. Monica, St. Bavo and St. Joseph communities to plan for a vibrant Catholic elementary system in Mishawaka," he added. "We look forward to working closely with them especially in areas such as languages, performing arts and math to make for a seamless k-12 system in Mishawaka. I thank Dr. Myers, Father Terry Fisher, Father Barry England, Father Jeff Largent and all of the committee members for

Mishawaka Catholic Schools Meeting

Bishop Crowley Activity Center
Monday, Aug. 30
7-9 p.m.

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All Mishawaka Catholic parents,
teachers, and parishioners
are invited.

their leadership and commitment to Catholic education."

"We expect to preserve the practices and strategies that yield success for students in any proposal submitted," Dr. Myers continued. He said members of the committee are open to suggestions. He also asked the families to:

- Support the committee members as they do this important work
- Review the minutes of the meetings and plan to attend the open forum on Aug. 30
- Pray for committee members and that Catholic education programs for Mishawaka children can be sustained

"Presently, Mishawaka Catholic children from each school know each other quite well," Dr. Myers observed, adding that they participate in shared sports programs. "If we take this initiative to complete important and transparent work now, we have the opportunity to build on our Catholic school excellence and build on a plan for the Mishawaka Catholic community to offer a first-rate Catholic education for decades," he concluded.

Tim Johnson contributed to this story.



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Patience of Haitians six months after earthquake impresses US bishops

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With cleanup following the Jan. 12 earthquake moving at a snail's pace and life in makeshift shelters the new normal, Haitians are facing their predicament with a spirit of patience that has impressed two American bishops. "The people are hopeful," Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, N.Y., told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview July 28 from Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. "There's not a mass depression. But at the same time they need some concrete signs of a plan. That's not been developed yet," he said. Bishop DiMarzio was part of an eight-member delegation from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that arrived in the devastated capital July 25 for a week of meetings with Haitian government officials, Haitian Church leaders and Catholic agencies working on migration issues. Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami described those with whom he spoke after celebrating Mass at one of the hundreds of tent camps that remain in Port-au-Prince as patient, but anxious. "I asked them how they were doing. They said, 'We're here. We're surviving.' People are certainly anxious in having a sense of where they are going. But they also had a sense of understanding of what could be done under the circumstances," he told CNS between meetings July 28. Bishop DiMarzio said that based on what he heard during his visit it appears that many people will remain in substandard housing in the camps for at least another six months. "There's a lot to be done," he said. "We wish it could be done more quickly. I think the weakness of not having a major central government to force things to happen is a problem."

Knights pass resolutions in support of building pro-life culture

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Knights of Columbus renewed the fraternal organization's support for traditional marriage, religious liberty and the culture of life in a series of resolutions approved during the final business session of the organization's Aug. 3-5 convention in Washington. The Knights' 128th annual supreme convention drew thousands of participants. Members reiterated their "deep and historic commitment to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and other offenses against life" and pledged to "continue to speak out to our elected representatives about the need to enact legislation to oppose these practices and to protect human life in all its stages." In resolving to build a culture of life, the Knights said they would continue to sup-

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POLISH PILGRIMS PARTICIPATE IN INDIANA PROCESSION



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Thousands of Polish-American Catholic pilgrims make their way into the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, Ind., Aug. 7 as they complete half of a 33-mile procession from St. Michael Church in Chicago to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrillville. More than 5,000 people participated in the 23th annual pilgrimage, a centuries-old tradition brought to the U.S. by Polish immigrants.

port programs for women facing crisis pregnancies. They also called for laws that protect the conscience of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical personnel, "guaranteeing that they may not be forced to provide medical services which violate their religious beliefs." The Knights said they would "continue to uphold the traditional teaching of the Church concerning the death penalty" as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and in Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" ("The Gospel of Life"). They also reaffirmed a "long-standing policy" that no event sponsored by the Knights would feature speakers or grant honors to those who favor laws supporting abortion or who advocate the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia.

Confirmed by Senate, Kagan set to take Supreme Court bench in October

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Solicitor General Elena Kagan was set to take a seat as the third woman on the current Supreme Court in October after the Senate confirmed her Aug. 5 in a 63-37 vote. After a swearing-in ceremony at the high court Aug. 7,

Kagan, 50, will take the bench Oct. 4, filling the seat left vacant by the June retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens at age 90. Kagan's confirmation was hailed by President Barack Obama, who nominated her, as "an affirmation of Elena's intellect and accomplishments" as well as of "her character and her temperament; her open-mindedness and evenhandedness; her determination to hear all sides of every story and consider all possible arguments." Critics decried Kagan as being too political — she worked in a political position for the Clinton administration — and lacking in judicial experience. "Elena Kagan's record indicates that she will be an agenda-driven justice, deciding cases on her own political and social ideology rather than the Constitution," said Charmaine Yoest, president of AUL Action, the political arm of Americans United for Life, in testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee July 1. Opposition to Kagan's nomination failed to gain traction, perhaps in part because she lacks a trail of judicial opinions. Criticism focused on the fact that she has never served as a judge lost steam in May when Justice Antonin Scalia said he was pleased that a nonjudge had been nominated. He pointed out that when he took the bench, three fellow justices had no previous judicial experience.

Trenton's new coadjutor bishop promises 'to serve, not to be served'

TRENTON, N.J. (CNS) — Upon learning in May that Pope Benedict XVI had selected him to become the coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, it took then-Father David M. O'Connell only "about two seconds" to decide upon his episcopal motto. The words that the Vincentian priest chose — "ministrare non ministrari" ("to serve and not to be served") echoed loud and clear at the Mass in which he was ordained to the episcopacy by Trenton Bishop John M. Smith in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in July 30. Bishop O'Connell talked about choosing his motto during his address to the overflow crowd that packed the cathedral. Noting the "tremendous and awesome responsibility" that comes with the power of being a bishop, the 55-year-old prelate spoke of how he intends to use the authority given to him as a servant of the people of the diocese. "A bishop serves his people by teaching truth, the truth that comes through the Gospel, the truth that comes through the Church and all its teachings, the truth that lives among us a community of faith, for 'where two or three are gath-

ered in my name,' Jesus promised us, 'there I am in the midst of them,'" said Bishop O'Connell, who stepped down as president of The Catholic University of America in May.

Cardinal suggests preparing children for Communion even before age 7

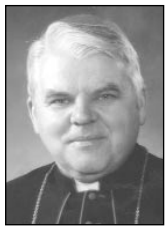
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Children today are maturing so quickly and are exposed to so many different influences that it might be time to consider allowing them to prepare for and receive their first Communion even before their seventh birthdays, said the head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. "A child's first Communion is like the beginning of a journey with Jesus, in communion with Him: the beginning of a friendship destined to last and to grow for his entire life," wrote Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera. Today, he said, "children live immersed in a thousand difficulties, surrounded by a difficult environment that does not encourage them to be what God wants them to be." The cardinal wrote Aug. 8 in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*: "Let us not deprive them of the gift of God." The cardinal's article marked the 100th anniversary of the decree of Pope Pius X, "Quam Singulari Christus Amore" ("How Special Christ's Love"), which reversed the decades-old practice of delaying first Communion until a child was 10 or 12. St. Pius said delaying the reception of Communion until long after the child reaches "the age of reason," generally accepted to be about 7 years of age, was the result of the erroneous belief that "the most holy Eucharist is a reward rather than a remedy for human frailty."

At national Jamboree, Scouts explore faith as well as outdoors

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Msgr. John B. Brady says he got his vocation at the 1950 National Scout Jamboree. Sixty years later, the priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, a chaplain for with the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, was one of more than 20 priests and deacons serving as chaplains at the Boy Scouts' 2010 national Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. As more than 30,000 Boy Scouts and Venturers gathered for the Jamboree marking the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, chaplains of different faiths were there to help guide them, discern what God wants of them and encourage them spiritually. Besides rafting, rappelling, swimming, canoeing and a host of other outdoor activities, the Scouts could work on their Duty to God patch. Msgr. Brady said one of the things the Scouts must do to earn their Duty to God patch is visit with a chaplain.

'Lectio Divina' three-day mission offered at St. Gaspar

ROME CITY — A mission centered on the spirituality of "Lectio Divina," the ancient monastic prayer increasingly popular among lay people, will be explored over three-days at St. Gaspar



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Church in Rome City, including the 7 p.m. Mass on Aug. 13, 5 p.m. Mass on Aug. 14, and concluding on Aug. 15 with Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m. and a 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy, who will also provide insights into personal immersion in the Bible through "Lectio Divina."

Franciscan Father David Engo, superior of the Franciscan Brothers Minor in Fort Wayne, will celebrate the Friday evening Mass and will be the speaker. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following the Mass. Continuing on the theme of "Lectio Divina," Saturday's speaker will be announced.

Free baby sitting services will be available during all Masses and the social, snack and refreshment periods following each of the Aug. 13-15 sessions. For more information call (260) 854-3100.

Teacher receives national recognition

NEW HAVEN — Cheryl Layton-Whitaker, a principal from St. Louis Besancon Academy was selected as an NEH Summer Scholar from a national applicant pool to attend one of 30 summer study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The endowment is a federal agency that each summer supports seminars and institutes at colleges and universities so that teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines.

Whitaker participated in an institute entitled, "The Many and the One: Religion, Pluralism and American History." The three-week program was held July 12-30 at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and directed by Philip Goff, Arthur E. Farnsley II and Rachel Wheeler of the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture.

Topics for the 30 seminars and institutes offered for teachers this summer included Spanish literature; political, cultural, economic and religious history; African-American and Native American history and cultures; the Arabic novel in translation; European diplomacy and political theory; poetry as an art form; abolitionism and social movements; archaeology

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GATOR GALLOP REGISTERS 153 PARTICIPANTS



KATHY WARE

Runners take off at the start line for the 10th Annual St. Aloysius Gator Gallop 5K Run/Walk on July 31. The evening race in Yoder included 153 registered participants and 167 finishers. Top male and female runners and the top male and female masters runners received Gator plaques — this year going home with: Ericka Williams, overall female, 20:37; Landry Williams, overall male, 17:52; Jerry Williams, Jr., overall male masters, 18:56; and Diana Auer, overall female masters, 27:45. Trophies were awarded to the first, second and third place in each age division.

of the Americas; Bach, Mozart and Dvorak; the literature and culture of ancient Rome; early American art; United States Constitution and government; and the works of Shakespeare and Chaucer. The approximately 651 teachers who participated in these studies will teach almost 81,375 American students this coming year.

Ancilla College to sign new articulation agreements

DONALDSON — Ancilla College nursing graduates have a new opportunity to further their education.

On Thursday, July 29, Ancilla College and the University of Saint Francis (USF) in Fort Wayne signed a pair of articulation agreements that are described as nothing short of groundbreaking. The two agreements are for a RN to BSN completer program and a RN to MSN completer program.

What makes this really unique is that USF will reserve 25 percent of each year's incoming class for Ancilla College students. Ancilla students must have completed the degree and have obtained the RN

license. There are additional requirements such as minimum GPA, standard admission requirements; the MSN degree requires a resume, three letters of professional references, and an essay.

Representatives from USF at the signing included Dr. Nancy Nightingale Gillespie, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Franciscan Sister M. Elise Kriss, president. Dr. Ron May, president of Ancilla College, Dr. Joanna Blount, dean of Academic and Student Affairs, and Ann Fitzgerald, director of Nursing and Health Sciences signed for Ancilla College.

FertilityCare Professionals hold annual meeting

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals (AAFPC) held its 29th Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, S.C., from July 21-24. This meeting was jointly sponsored by Creighton University School of Medicine and the AAFPC.

The American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals is an organization providing certification for Creighton Model

FertilityCare Practitioners and Educators accreditation of teacher education programs and promoting research in natural family planning. The Creighton Model FertilityCare System provides for a couple's understanding, acceptance and use of their phases of fertility and infertility for purposes of achieving or avoiding pregnancy, while respecting the natural link between love and life. In addition to its use as a means of family planning, this unique system can be of assistance in identifying a host of women's health problems. These conditions can be evaluated and treated by Creighton Model NFP Medical Consultants, through NaProTechnology, a new medical and surgical women's health science designed to identify and correct women's reproductive problems. The current focus on wellness education and the demand for a method of family planning that is scientific, highly effective, healthy and easy to learn is met by the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. This system offers women a true choice that empowers them by promoting their health and relationships, while also respecting the value of life.

Father Dwight Longenecker

delivered the keynote address: "Christianity and Culture." Also on the program were Dr. Thomas Hilgers, senior medical consultant in obstetrics gynecology, reproductive medicine and surgery at the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, Sister Renee Mirkes, PhD and Phil Boyle, MD.

Fire at Notre Dame's Grotto is extinguished; no injuries

NOTRE DAME — A fire at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at the University of Notre Dame was extinguished Monday evening, July 26, by the university's fire department. There were no injuries, and the cause is undetermined.

The interior of the grotto has been closed while officials determine if it is safe to enter. Visitors may still pray at the perimeter of the shrine.

Built in 1896, Notre Dame's Grotto is one-seventh the size of the famed French shrine where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette on 18 occasions in 1858.

Saint Mary's College among the 'Best in the Midwest'

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College is one of the best colleges and universities in the Midwest, according to *The Princeton Review*. The education services company selected the school as one of 152 institutions listed in the "Best in the Midwest" section of its Web site feature "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region," posted Aug. 2. *The Princeton Review* also designated 218 colleges in the Northeast, 120 in the West, and 133 in the Southeast as best in their locales. The 623 colleges named among the "regional best" represent about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

"We are very pleased to once again be included among *The Princeton Review's* 'Best in the Midwest,'" said Carol Ann Mooney, president of Saint Mary's College. "Our commitment to an excellent intellectual and academic experience for our students is unwavering. Our graduates are our best recruiters. Their accomplishments speak volumes about the quality of the educational experience they received here."

Saint Mary's College has held the "Best in the Midwest" designation every year since *The Princeton Review* began the "Best Colleges: Region by Region" categorizations eight years ago.

Correction

In the Aug. 1 advertisement for Cathedral Bookstore the Saturday hours were listed incorrectly. The correct hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bishops bless the mission of the ACE program teachers

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

NOTRE DAME — A vocation to work in Catholic education is “a noble mission, a holy mission,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told more than 300 participants and staff in Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) during a grotto prayer gathering at the University of Notre Dame on the evening of Thursday, July 22.

Participants in the ACE formation programs for teachers and principals, preparing to fan out to serve in Catholic schools around the country, assembled for two traditional culmination ceremonies, along with parents and various members of Notre Dame’s growing ACE community.

The grotto service was followed the next morning by a missioning Mass celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart by Bishop Thomas J. Curry, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles and a

leader in Catholic elementary and secondary schooling.

Bishop Curry, who chairs the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Catholic Education, addressed those awaiting the challenges and rewards of working in hard-pressed schools. They are “beacons of hope,” he told them, “because you are beacons of faith and beacons of learning.”

“You are in the forefront of the movement for reform, for change, and for excellence in education,” said Bishop Curry in praising the ACE program, which began in 1993. He noted that Catholic schools have historically brought hope and education to the children of immigrants and continue to confront America’s dominant culture with “a different model” of education.

Bishop Rhoades, in his separate remarks amid the glimmering candles and chirping crickets around the grotto, described Catholic education as a service to



WILLIAM SCHMITT

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joins (Alliance for Catholic Education) ACE’s aspiring teachers in a prayer service at Notre Dame’s Grotto. With him, from left to right, are ACE staff members Caitlin Cameron and Sarah Greene and ACE cofounder Holy Cross Father Sean D. McGraw.

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the Church that promotes “the increase of the kingdom of God in the world.” He praised the ACE participants and described the difference they make: “You recognize the mind, body and spirit” of children in Catholic schools.

He called on those in the ACE academic courses to pray regularly as they undertake their apprenticeships in schools and classrooms. Seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother, who teaches us, he said. “Mary accompanies you on your mission.”



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Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine to host festival Aug. 14

WARSAW — Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Diocesan Shrine will hold a festival on Aug. 14 beginning with Mass at 11 a.m.

A food booth will be open from noon to 8 p.m. with other activities including bingo, a TV raffle and a Chinese raffle. For children, the festival will offer a moonwalk, dunk tank and other games. The day also features a tour of the church at 2 p.m., Confession from 4-5 p.m. and a procession and rosary at 8 p.m.

Entertainment will continue throughout the day with the following:

- 12:30-1 p.m. — Sacred Heart choir
- 1-2 p.m. — Traditional dancers, Warsaw
- 2-3 p.m. — Popular songs, Esther, Don Raul
- 3-3:30 p.m. — Poetry, songs and Proverbs, Dona Mari Garcia
- 4-5 p.m. — Prayer group
- 5-6 p.m. — Popular songs, Esther, Don Raul
- 6-6:30 p.m. — Dance group, Ligonier
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. — Popular songs, Esther, Don Raul
- 7:30-8 p.m. — Dance group, Fort Wayne

The entertainment tent closes at 8 p.m. when the procession and rosary begin, followed by a final blessing in the church.

University of Saint Francis goes tobacco free

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis is joining more than 300 college campuses across the country in going tobacco free. Beginning this month, no tobacco use of any kind is permitted on Saint Francis campus, buildings, sports fields, dorms and vehicles.

"The University of Saint Francis is committed to a healthy environment for all members of our community," said Sister Elise Kriss, president. "One concern of

the university is that of health hazards caused by use of tobacco products, as well as exposure to secondhand smoke. Because of that, we have created a tobacco-free policy to help create the healthy environment on campus."

Tobacco use is prohibited by staff, faculty, students and visitors. This includes the burning of any type of cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other smoking equipment, whether filled with tobacco or any other material. The use of smokeless/chewing tobacco is also prohibited.

"By becoming a tobacco-free campus, the University of Saint Francis is taking an important step to promote health and well-being for its students, faculty, staff and visitors," said Dr. Deborah McMahan, Allen County Health Commissioner. "This is a good policy for any organization to adopt, but especially one that is training health professionals and shaping young minds."

"Secondhand smoke is a serious public health hazard and there is simply no better way to protect people from the dangers of secondhand smoke than going tobacco-free!"

The university has created a No Tobacco pod, which is available on its homepage, www.sf.edu. The pod includes links to resources about smoking and quitting smoking.

Huntington Catholic School golf outing

HUNTINGTON — Huntington Catholic School Annual Golf Outing will be Saturday, Aug. 28, at Lafontaine Golf Club, 6129 N. Goshen Rd., Huntington. Cost is \$50 per person (includes lunch). Shotgun start is at 8 a.m. Entry deadline is Aug. 20. Call Tony Johnson at (260) 344-3309 to register.

Fort Wayne, Arcola parishioners have breakfast with Cardinal Toppo

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Because of Christ's instruction "to go, teach and heal," an Indian cardinal finds himself in the United States as part of the foothills to a mountainous project he is undertaking at home in Ranchi, Jharkhand, India. Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo, archbishop of Ranchi, has assumed the leadership role in establishing a new medical college and hospital in Ranchi to reach the marginalized sick people, with greater partnership within the Church network and with like-minded groups.

In an area where infant mortality is as high as 69 in 1,000 live births and where over 60,000 perish annually to tuberculosis, and with leprosy, HIV and AIDS threatening more, Cardinal Toppo moves on with the backing of CBCI, Catholic Bishops Conference India.

The Catholic Church in India, with its network of 5,525 health-care facilities across the country, is the single largest healthcare provider in the private sector in the country, and it is second only to the government of India in promoting health and providing care.

Planning for the Ranchi medical center and hospital began in 2008 with two rounds of talks in India involving experts from Georgetown University and a third meeting at Georgetown in Washington, D.C.

The cardinal's present visit was for further planning with Loyola University in Chicago where rap-



MARK WEBER

Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo, archbishop of Ranchi, India, holds Sophia Gallucci, whom he baptized two years ago on another visit to the United States. Sophia is the daughter of Frank and Tina Gallucci of St. Patrick Parish, Arcola.

port was established for further collaboration. Plans also call for participation from Johns Hopkins University and School of Medicine.

The outreach to these leading medical institutions and the Catholic Relief Services, (CRS), and other professional planning groups is to establish a master plan for the Ranchi Medical Center.

Cardinal Toppo has included Fort Wayne in his American visit to Father Cyril Fernandes, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, and Father Alex Dodrai, pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Arcola. Father Cyril's uncle is the vicar general of the Ranchi Diocese and

the rector of the major seminary.

Cardinal Toppo was the main celebrant at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, concelebrating with Father Fernandes, Father Dodrai and Father Peter Raposo, former secretary to the cardinal, who is in this country to get a masters degree in communications at DePaul University in Chicago.

At a reception following Mass, parishioners from St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick chatted with Cardinal Toppo, who graciously posed for many photos and expressed genuine interest in meeting strangers who have the common bond of the Catholic faith.

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ST. PATRICK, LIGONIER, HA

BY DENISE FEDOROW

LIGONIER — St. Patrick's Church in Ligonier has gone through lots of changes since its inception as a log cabin church in 1860.

The church was built on an acre of ground donated by the late John Richmond on what is now North Martin Street. The 30x60 building was built from lumber and logs from what is commonly known as "The Knobs" located north of Ligonier.

Most of the lumber was donated by the prominent Kenney family of Ligonier, who were also some of the oldest members of St. Patrick's congregation. The church was heated by a large pot-bellied stove.

The church began as a mission church with a priest coming from Kendallville each Sunday. The priest arrived on a train called "The Plug," which consisted of two passenger cars and an engine. The train would bring the priest early in the morning and then after Mass and lunch he would return to Kendallville.

Several of the families, including the Cliffords, Yorkeys and the Summers would make sure that the priest had a good lunch before boarding the train in the

afternoon.

In 1877 Father Dueling added two rooms to the rear of the church for living quarters in case bad weather made it necessary to stay over. The first resident priest was Father George Lauer, who was appointed in 1897. He was succeeded in 1899 by Father John Francis Noll, who later became the bishop of the Fort Wayne diocese.

At that time the congregation consisted of 21 families, or 80 people. In 1902, the church was improved and redecorated. In 1930 under Father Ehrman, the church became debt free.

Oblate Fathers

In 1934, the Strauss Estate was purchased and the Oblate Fathers came to serve the Ligonier community at the invitation of Bishop Noll. The Oblate Fathers are a congregation of missionary priests. They renovated the former carriage house of the Strauss Estate for use as a church when the parish moved from the log church.

Father James McDermott was the first Oblate pastor, succeeded by Father Francis O'Brien in 1939. Father George Fox followed and Father Mahoney succeeded Father Fox in 1946.

In 1945, the original log church and property was sold to the Merriell Hire family. It was then sold later to Frick Lumber Company who had it just one year before selling the property to Bob Kidd of Kidd and Co., who made a parking lot where the original church stood.

After Father Fox, Father Shanahan served the church until September of 1955. He was followed by Father James B. McCartin who later died. Father McCartin was helped by his brother and nephew. Father John Linnehan served after Father McCartin.

New church

It was while Father Linnehan was pastor that construction on the present church building was started on Oct. 15, 1966. The cost was \$120,000 and the church was built with a seating capacity of 400. The new church was ready for Mass on Christmas Eve of 1967.

In 1969 the Oblate Fathers returned to Massachusetts. The parish was then placed under the care of a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Msgr. Arthur MacDonald took over the parish on June 16, 1969 and served six years.

After Father MacDonald,



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Pictured is the front of the current St. Patrick's Church in Ligonier. The grounds of the church are beautifully landscaped and include a church bell and a garden dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. At right is shown the building which currently houses the rectory and church office. It was the home of St. Patrick Church prior to the current building. This building was renovated by the Oblate Fathers and was once the carriage house of the Strauss Estate.



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Father Frank Kronewitter became pastor and was pastor when the church celebrated its 125th anniversary. In 1979 with the help of the Kenney Foundation grant, work was started to renovate the former church, located directly across the street from the current church into classrooms for the religious education program at St. Patrick's. That program has since been moved to another building. An apartment was also added at the end of the building for the priest to live in. Prior to the apartment being

added, the parish had become a mission parish.

That changed with the living quarter's addition, and the former church is now a rectory and the church office.

In the last decade the church has seen a large increase in the percentage of Hispanic/Latino members. Church secretary, Linda Ramirez, said that the parish is about 90 percent Hispanic, 10 percent Anglo. In the summer the nearby lakes bring additional tourists to attend Mass.

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This garden outside St. Patrick's Church in Ligonier is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe.



This cross in memory of aborted children and statue of Mary is located outside the rectory of St. Patrick Church in Ligonier.

St. Patrick's at a glance

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and 2:30 p.m. in Spanish

Tuesday: 6 p.m. in Spanish

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St. Patrick Parish in Ligonier prepares for 150th anniversary

LIGONIER — Parishioners at St. Patrick are looking forward to this Sunday — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass for the parish's 150th anniversary.

The celebration is being planned by a committee of parishioners chaired by Leticia Pena and including Connie Davis, Stan Lemieux, Daniel Silva, Jaime Picana, Elvira Ibarra, Sergio Herrera and others.

Bishop Rhoades will join St. Patrick parishioners for the 10:45 a.m. Mass in English and the 12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish, followed by a picnic and potluck on the church grounds.

Two bands — the John Ness Band and Las Patitas (Temo) will provide musical entertainment throughout the celebration. At approximately 3:30 p.m. folkloric dancers will entertain the parishioners followed by the St. Patrick's Danzantes — dancers who, according to Pena, "praise the Virgin Mary" through dance.

Bounce houses for children and other activities will be available so that parishioners "have a good time," Pena said.

Ministries

St. Patrick's has 400 registered parishioners, approximately 350 Hispanic/Latino and 50 Anglo. Ministries include Rosary Sodality, Women's Prayer Group in Spanish, Men's Prayer Group in Spanish, religious education programs, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, youth group and two choirs.

Pastor Father Wilson Corzo said there weren't any choirs when he arrived at the parish two years ago.

"Music is very important" to the celebration of the Eucharist, Father Corzo said.

Father Corzo came to St. Patrick's from St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart. He said at first some of the parishioners were hesitant to get involved and some people find change difficult.

"There were many changes in pastors here before I came — four pastors in three years," Father Corzo said.

The reason for the frequent changes was the priests were

from other countries — India and Mexico for example, and it was time for them to go back home.

But he said as time has gone on, parishioners have become more involved. He said the youth of the parish are very involved.

His hopes for the future of the parish include more involvement and more members from the Anglo community — he'd particularly like to see young Anglo families joining the Church.

He said the Ligonier community is a nice, quiet community and he attributes the growth of the Latino population to that and the big families that like to live close to each other. He said most go out of town for employment.

Father Corzo said he'd also like to have a new parking lot in the future and more space for the youth to meet for activities. In the summer they meet outside for some activities but space is limited for indoor meetings.

"The (St. Patrick's) community is working well now; we have very good people here," he said.

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Catholic high schools working to attract Latino students

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — All four diocesan high schools have recognized the importance of welcoming Hispanic students in their communities. Bishop Luers High School, on Fort Wayne's south side, already boasts diversity as a school strength. Of the 546 students at the school, about 25 to 30 are Hispanic, according to Principal Mary Keefer.

But Keefer and the school's marketing team are making it a goal to make "all families feel welcome from the moment they walk in our doors."

Keefer and the school's marketing people recently attended an Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) workshop called "To Nurture the Soul of a Nation: Latino Families, Catholic Schools, and Educational Opportunity".

Keefer told *Today's Catholic*, "Each family is looking for something different from a school. If families come to our door, we already know that 'Catholic' education is a priority. Quality academics, safety, care, nurture, socialization are all parental needs for their children. Bishop Luers High School must continue to learn to meet all families' needs, regardless of their cultural background."

Keefer feels the Hispanic students enhance the Luers' community. "Education is always a two way street. The word catholic (small 'c') means all inclusive; all are welcome. Bishop Luers High School must be a small community that reflects the larger community."

She adds, "Our world is not made up of people who look the same, act the same, celebrate the same. Our school must teach our young people to embrace all, to see God in all. When you have a locker beside someone who is different from you and they cry when they are sad, they rejoice when they earned an 'A' on a difficult exam, they fall in love, they pray,

just like you do, the realization sets in that we are all God's children. Prejudice is wiped away when friendships form. Our world must learn to embrace difference and we must learn to live together."

Attending a Catholic high school does mean a financial sacrifice. "We have a fantastic development director. Kathy Skelly and our alumni ladies, Melissa Hire and Sarah Shank, have done yeomen jobs in letting our supporters know that we cannot run this school without them," notes Keefer. "The diocese and Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy are extremely supportive of not only Bishop Luers High School, but all Catholic schools. I know that Bishop (Kevin C.) Rhoades is a staunch supporter of Catholic schools."

Keefer says, "Most of the financial aid that is given to our families is raised through Walk-a-Thon, LuersKnight, annual fund. Jenny Andorfer is our director of admittance. 'How can we pay for this education?' is a question that she is often asked. Jenny is prepared to let our families know that help is available. However, this is a community to which we all contribute. Everyone must pay something. Catholic school is not inexpensive, but it is very much worth the cost."

Keefer feels it is important to get the word out to the Hispanic community. Those driving down Paulding Road in front of the main entrance to the school may notice signage in Spanish. "We must do more," Keefer says. "Often our students must translate for their parents. We are working on putting more of our information in the Spanish language."

But the best publicity comes from parents. "Good news travels by word of mouth. Our happy parents are our best ambassadors. When any student attends Bishop Luers High School and she is happy, learning and growing, word spreads," Keefer says.

Bishop Luers and Catholic schools are well-suited for

Hispanic children. "We love our students," Keefer says. "The nurturing and the care that our young people experience is second to none. Our students are successful. They attend college. They practice our faith in school. They learn about the richness of Catholicism. They learn to be persons of service to others. They learn that they are Christ's representatives on earth. They learn to see Christ in others."

At Bishop Dwenger High School on Fort Wayne's north side, Principal Jason Schiffli reports the school too has reached out to the Hispanic community. Bishop Dwenger's student body is 2 percent Hispanic at this time.

"We have already used our new digital sign out at the corner of Washington Center and North Clinton to wish the Hispanic community well on American and traditional Latin holidays," Schiffli tells *Today's Catholic*. Bishop Dwenger has also created a Hispanic Outreach Committee, made up of three faculty members.

At Marian High School in Mishawaka, Principal Carl Loesch has noted that the school's Hispanic student body has increased dramatically, making the Hispanic population the fastest growing minority population there. The school offers a vibrant Spanish Club, and incorporates devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

At Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend, Spanish and theology teacher Joe Miller works with Hispanic students at St. Adalbert School. Last year, Saint Joseph's had 37 Hispanic students.



MONICA ZWICK

Alicia Lopez of the Bishop Luers High School class of 2009 is shown with Mary Keefer. Lopez was the recipient of the Bail Scholarship.

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Educación para el Ministerio offers catechesis for Latinos

BY KAY COZAD

This month over 100 Latino Catholics will gather for the second year of instruction in the faith through a newly developed Spanish version of the two-year diocesan Education for Ministry program, a successful adult faith formation program, sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor for 17 years.

Educación para el Ministerio began in response to the growing cultural diversity of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend under

the guidance of Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy, who charged the Office of Catechesis and Office of Hispanic Ministry to develop an adult formation program linguistically and culturally appropriate for the Hispanic community.

According to Jim Tighe, director of the Office of Catechesis, and Christina Emilian, catechetical associate there, a six-month pilot program was initiated in December of 2008, with 24 Latino participants invited by their pastors from parishes in Fort Wayne, Goshen and Warsaw. The

group assisted in the evaluation of the projected program's content, format, presenters, budget and interest.

"The feedback received from the participants, presenters, pastors of participants and pastors of parishes with Hispanic parishioners was overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the program. The first year of the two-year program began in the fall of 2009," says Emilian.

Enid Roman-De Jesus, director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry, and Lourdes Silva, ministry associate, in collaborative

effort for the program say the Spanish-spoken program is open to all Spanish-speaking adults who want to "learn to develop their faith and levels of leadership, and take it to the parishes."

And though promotion of the program has been through parish announcements, bulletin invitation and press releases, it has been by word of mouth that the number of participants has grown to over 100.

Currently, the program has the Latinos representing parishes in Bremen, Elkhart, Fort Wayne, Goshen, Ligonier, Plymouth, South Bend and Warsaw meeting one Saturday each month from August to June in Fort Wayne at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. The hope is that in the future the program will be offered in South Bend as well on a rotating basis for ease of access.

The all-day sessions include morning catechetical instruction, all delivered in Spanish, in which Church doctrine is taught, and leadership and practicum sessions in the afternoon.

Emilian reports that in addition to the language difference between the English and Spanish version of Education for Ministry there is a cultural component as well. "The difference in the content is the consideration of the culture and traditions of the community while teaching the doctrine of the faith. For example, Quincenaras, Via Crucis, Hispanic saints, and devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Providence," she says.

The text used in the program is the Catechism of the Catholic Church and content is based on the four pillars of the catechism: The profession of faith, the sacraments, the life of faith, and the prayer of the believer. Classes are taught by Spanish-speaking clergy, religious and professors. The Congregation of the Holy Cross, Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, and the Victory Noll Sisters, along with Dr. Timothy Matovina, Holy Cross Father Daniel Groody and Father Virgilio Elizondo, and all faculty from the theology department at the University of Notre Dame have been a support to the program.

Roman-De Jesus reports that the question "why duplicate a

program in Spanish?" is asked frequently. Her response, "When you speak of matters of the heart, you understand better in your mother tongue. When you learn in your mother language, the concepts are clearer and you retain it longer."

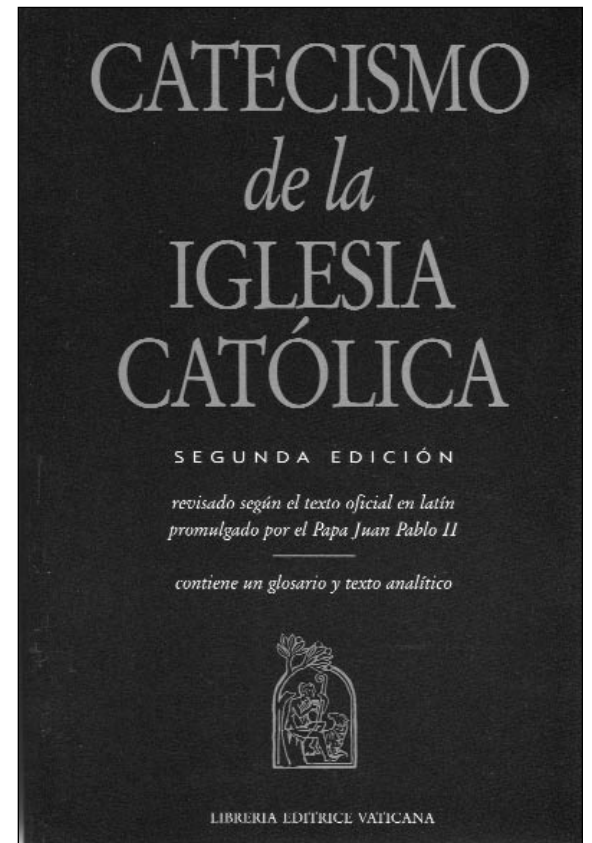
And she says it's a matter of welcoming the Latinos into the local Church community as well as the universal Catholic Church community.

"New leadership helps us pave the way to healthier, bigger and more vibrant parish communities. Stewardship develops, commitments grow and more are welcome," she says, adding that she is grateful for the support of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who is fluent in Spanish and supports the ministry as well.

"He gives them his ear," she says. "He speaks to them in their language. It is two communities coming together."

Emilian agrees adding, "This ministry actively demonstrates that they are welcome and that they are a part of the diocesan family. It also shows that we recognize that the Hispanic community has gifts to offer to their diocesan family as well."

As to the hope for the participants who will comprise the first graduating class of Educación para el Ministerio in spring of 2011, earning a Diocesan Certificate of Catechetical Leadership, and those that follow, Emilian says, "We hope that each of the participants will be catechists in some way, be it children's religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, adult faith formation, or in the home or workplace. If we provide one father or mother with the knowledge they need to raise their children in the faith, then this program is a success."



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GUEST COMMENTARY BY THERESA NOTARE

Marriage: A communion of love and life

Why does the Church teach that marriage is a communion of love and life? Think about it, love and life are deeply intertwined in human nature. Human nature is made to be social, to receive the love of others and to reach out in love to the other. The deepest form of self-giving is love, and love is life-giving. This "fact of life" proceeds from God Himself.

Sacred Scripture reveals that God is love, that the world was created out of His love and that men and women were created in God's image. — (Gn 1:1-27) Since the Trinity is a communion of three loving persons, to be made in God's image means that all men and women are called to form loving relationships, "communions of persons." This is why the Church teaches that God has given all His children a vocation to love like Him. It is a universal call to holiness.

These foundational teachings take on a unique character in marriage. Marriage is a unique kind of communion of persons because God designed it to unite man and woman to each other completely — body, mind and soul. In other words, marriage is the "one-flesh" union which God designed to be love-giving and life-giving. This is the seamless purpose of marriage!

In marriage husband and wife maintain their individuality as persons, but as spouses, live more than a side-by-side kind of existence. Rather, spouses exist "mutually one for the other." It is precisely due to the unique character of marital love that "husband and wife serve as a symbol of both life and love in a way that no other relationship of human persons can." — "Marriage, Love and Life in the Divine Plan," pg. 11. Husband and wife receive a "kind of consecration" in a sacred ministry to serve love and life. — See "Gaudium et Spes," No. 48. As stewards of these gifts, spouses hold the responsibility to nurture marital love and its life-giving potential.

Respecting and nurturing the spousal communion of persons should be foremost in the minds of husbands and wives. Together, spouses should be on the alert for things that can tear at their union — especially pride, selfishness, mistrust, unkindness and the inability to forgive. Add to this list the use of pornography and contraception which popular culture has sadly accepted as "mainstream." They are not. They poison the very gift of human sexuality because they distort the mutual generosity and respect at the heart of God-like love.

Among the good things that will support and strengthen their marriages, spouses should embrace the virtue of chastity. Yes, chastity, marital chastity is an essential virtue for nurturing and respecting God's plan for marriage.

Chastity "refers to the peaceful integration of sexual thoughts, feelings and desires" in a person's life. — See "Marriage, Love and Life in the Divine Plan," page 48. Chastity promotes sexual maturity. In marriage, it enables spouses to love each other selflessly. It also empowers spouses to work with God in the right planning of His will for their family. Chastity is a virtue that fortifies the marital communion of persons — a communion of love that is total, faithful, exclusive and open to life. — Cf. "Humanae Vitae," No. 9. Hand in hand with each other and the Lord God, this is the noble calling that husband and wife embrace in marriage, a true communion of love and life.

Theresa Notare, PhD, is the assistant director of the Natural Family Planning Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

COMMENTARY

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Enthusiasm for Eucharist a choice

The headline, "Lady Antebellum fills grandstand at Elkhart County Fair," was part of every news reporting agency in the Elkhart County area. On the radio they reported people got there the night before to wait for a ticket. Around midmorning one reporter estimated the line for tickets was a half mile long. I am happy for all those who got tickets.

How many of us Catholics understand that Jesus is really in the Eucharist and would wait in a half-mile long line on Sunday to see Him raised up in the priest's hands for us to adore Him? When the priest holds Jesus up for us to adore Him we should in our minds

adore Him with our whole heart. To be frank sometimes I want to scream with joy when Jesus is held up.

The enthusiasm the concert goers had is the same enthusiasm we should have for going to Mass. To have that enthusiasm is a choice just as it was a choice for the Lady Antebellum fans to wait in line.

**Rick Copenhaver
Granger**

Committee recommends VBS program

Recently our church had a Vacation Bible School. We used the Baobab Blast Starter kit from Our Sunday Visitor Publications. What a wonderful Catholic Christian series

for the children to experience during their summer vacation.

We would like to share this information with your readers for any parish looking into a project like this. Thanks again for sharing this with your readers. Also thank you for putting the church's information in the What's Happening section for our VBS times.

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What does it mean to be a Knight?

If we had to narrow it down, what would being a Knight of Columbus mean to you? What would being a Knight mean to a casual observer? I often wonder if we Knights are suffering from an identity crisis. In a world full of rapidly changing secular values and outright attacks on our Catholic faith, these men called Knights may help define the future for our children and grandchildren.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is more than the next fish fry or Tootsie Roll drive. It is much more than a pancake breakfast or the fourth degree participating in a Church ceremony. Being a Brother Knight is a lifestyle with the ultimate end being holiness; living the Gospel each and every day as an authentic Catholic, celebrating life.

Who is more visible to society than we Knights? After all, we're seen just about everywhere doing our thing. Our motivation is to serve our brother and our Lord. But, to be believed, to be a light to someone else we must act like men in love with life. Our integrity, honesty, faith and prayer life must shine in what we say to others and how we act. When we conduct a council activity it must



THE INDIANA KNIGHTS

BY ROBERT HARTENSTEIN

Being a Knight of
Columbus means guiding
our youth to our parish
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fresh ideas.

reflect Christ. None of us realize how much we influence others as members of the Knights. In everything we do, people are watching and listening and yes, judging us. We can either be a blessing to our Catholicity that

would attract others to our mission or a destructive example that would have the world turn their backs on us and our fellow Catholics. To be Christ-like as Knights we must try to become saints. Pretty heady stuff, this becoming a saint. If each and every Knight would think that way

when stepping out with all of our many good intentions, the future for our children would have a better chance. Our Church and our society would be all the better for it.

Being a Knight of Columbus means guiding our youth to our parish councils to infuse new and vibrant enthusiasm and fresh ideas. We must have a willingness to embrace them and at the

same time establish authentic Catholic values with them for their future.

Look at the challenges our youth face: Redefining the family, divorce, abortion, careers, a very poor economy, a world in crisis. Being a Knight means giving our youth hope and a real lifestyle to celebrate. Our prayer life must capture the essence of Catholicism to draw our youth to that rock-solid foundation we all grew up with and then pass it on.

Underneath it all, being a Knight of Columbus can be an enormous responsibility. We start by being true to ourselves. Then we must learn to walk humbly with God and expect to be criticized and perhaps persecuted for defending our faith, our values and morals in an "anything goes" society. So, what does it mean to be a Knight? "Love one another as I have loved you." — Jn 13:34. That light will attract others looking for the authentic Knight of Columbus.

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

Decisions, decisions

The shock of losing a loved one, be it sudden or following an extended illness, can paralyze the best of us. A cloud of anesthetic numbness envelops our hearts that may not only disrupt the state of our bodies but our minds and souls as well. There is an insidious fog that sets in and we may feel as if we've lost control of life itself.

Frightening though this fog may seem, our hearts are not designed to take in the intense pain of loss all at once, so this natural survival mode actually has merit. It gives us the ability to perform the functions we most need to attend to — and endure.

Many who attend funerals relate that they are surprised at how well the family members are "holding up" — appearing contained and calm. I'm sure I appeared in control at my husband's funeral after he was killed in a car accident all those years ago. The shock of his death led me

to move through the visitation properly, greeting those who came to honor him, listening to their stories and accepting their sympathetic offerings. But I recall feeling very little emotion. It was much too painful to "feel" the reality of why all these people were gathered in that sacred space.

At the beginning of the grief journey when all seems lost, it's okay to allow those who surround you to assist in the care of your needs. When you feel as if you're walking in a dream state and don't have enough energy to pay a bill, mow the lawn or even get out of your chair, know that you don't have to at that moment. It's okay to allow or recruit someone else to take care of it for you for a time.

In the aftermath of a loss questions begin to arise and some decision making may be required. Confusion and a sense of powerlessness may feel overwhelming. When your thinking is foggy due to initial grief, everyday decisions



KAY COZAD

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

seem monumental and choices beyond the everyday seem altogether unattainable. And for many who have lost a spouse or a parent, it can become a frightening prospect to make choices without the input of the now absent partner.

I have learned from experience that in the earliest tides of grief, questions must be met with respect, and decision making, if at all possible, should be put on hold until the fog lifts. That includes any life changing choices, such as selling a house, moving to a different city or remarriage.

Current experts, who have stud-

ied the nature and affects of grief, agree and warn that making decisions in the first year — and some now say the second year — following a death loss is chancy at best and may cause secondary loss.

Jan was so devastated by her husband's unexpected death that she sold their home and most of their belongings within three months. She distributed her husband's treasured possessions and all of her photographs, save a few, feeling she could not live with that which reminded her of her deep sense of loss. She moved into a smaller home in a nearby town with all new furnishings. A year and a half later as we sipped tea on her porch, she confided that although she was physically comfortable in her new surroundings, she was still unsettled and awash in grief over not only the loss of her husband but the self-initiated loss of all the tokens that held memories of the life they shared.

Now that's not to say there

aren't decisions that must be attended to immediately. Time and circumstances may determine the pressing need to make choices. You may want to recruit someone you trust to assist in making those timely decisions, knowing that ultimately the final decision rests with you. But if you have the time to settle in the aftermath of loss and adjust to the changes in your life, take it. There is no rush. Grief has its own time table and your journey is uniquely your own. Take your time discovering the answers to the questions that arise over time. Allow the emotions of grief to wash over you and the memories and tokens of the past comfort you. Life will inevitably challenge you to move on. Follow your heart and you will know when its time. The choice is up to you.

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Eternal life awaits those who love



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Feast of the Assumption Lk 1:39-56

The Book of Revelation is the source of the first reading on this feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Catholics remember Revelation by its more historic name, at least in Catholic biblical translations, of Apocalypse. Protestant editions long ago began to entitle this book Revelation, and this name has become more popular. Now it even appears in Catholic translations of the Scriptures.

However, Apocalypse is a better term, in that it describes the style of literature. It indeed is Apocalypse, a highly symbolic, poetic way of writing.

Unfortunately, the magnificence, and hopefulness, of the Book of Revelation too often is obscured by an uninformed, and often outlandish, misreading of this book as if it were all about doom and gloom.

In any case, this book looks to the present, but with a strong glance to the future. It speaks of the battles between good and evil, between God and the forces of sin. It speaks in the sense that the Redeemer has come, but redemption is still being achieved. It speaks with an awareness of the ultimate triumph of good over evil, life over death, and God over sin

and despair. Good always prevails.

In this reading the "woman clothed with the sun" is actually the Church, the virgin bride of Christ. The very light of God envelops the Church. Twelve stars, perhaps representing the holy Apostles, surround her head. Nature, represented by the moon, is at her feet.

Christians over the years also have seen Mary, the mother of Jesus, in this description. Ever virtuous and faithful, assumed into heaven, brilliant in her holiness, Mary stands before us as a "woman clothed with the sun," living in the very heavens themselves.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. It recalls that Christ has been raised from the dead. But, Christians loyal to Christ also will be raised from everlasting death. Actually, when the material world will cease, the eternal world of God will endure. There the faithful Christians will live, with Christ, forever.

For its last reading on this feast, the Church presents the Gospel of Luke, and this Gospel's magnificent recollection of the prayer spoken by Mary herself as she arrived at the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah. It is the "Magnificat."

This passage reveals much about Mary. First, it shows her as the human mother of the Son of God. Second, it reveals her holiness. Mary knew her calling. She knew the divine identity of her unborn child. She prays.

Mary is part of God's historic unfolding of salvation, first offered long ago through Abraham, Moses and the prophets. She is the final, and most important, solely human instrument in the fulfillment of Redemption.

Reflection

Pope Pius XII infallibly declared this belief to be an essential part of Catholic theology in 1954. However, the origins of this doctrine go to the earliest days of Christianity.

The assumption ultimately illustrates Mary's uniquely privileged position in the unfolding of salvation. From her, the Redeemer acquired human nature, and only from her. Thus, she was indispensable to the Incarnation, a miracle essential to redemption itself.

Furthermore, she was the holiest and most perfect of humans, "full of grace," to quote Luke's Gospel. She literally was the first Christian, both in chronology and in the perfection of her virtue.

Fittingly, she received the reward of spiritual and bodily resurrection.

These readings remind us all that eternal life, and indeed resurrection of the body and soul, await those who truly love the Lord. One day, if we follow Christ, we too will be assumed into heaven.

READINGS

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-2 6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36b Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 23:1-12

The remarkable John Wooden

A lot of things about John Wooden's life had the word "remarkable" attached to them, beginning with his age. He was 99, a few months short of 100, when he died in June. Remarkable.

You didn't have to be a sports fan to know that Coach Wooden had died, by the way. News of his death in Los Angeles was prominently featured in newspapers and in telecasts all over the country, because he was so well-known.

Unquestionably people came to know about him because of his basketball skills, first as a player at Purdue many years ago, and then as a coach at UCLA — not only as a successful coach, but, in the words of *New York Daily News* sportswriter Dick Weiss, "the gold standard."

The record bears that out. In just 12 years, from 1964 through 1975, UCLA won 10 national championships, and at one point (1967-1973) reeled off seven of them in a row. His coaching career at UCLA spanned nearly 30 years, and in that time he won 664 games, for a winning percentage of .804. Again, remarkable.

But it was what he did away from the basketball court that made John Wooden's story one-of-a-kind. He was a throwback, a man raised in another era who never forgot the lessons he learned there. The coach was thrown into a sports-world atmosphere that lived just for today, but he taught two generations of eager pupils that the standards of an earlier age were worth living by, even more so now than they were then. And that was something that made a lasting impression.

Take the word of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the former Lew Alcindor, who was perhaps Wooden's greatest star at UCLA



LIGHT ONE CANDLE

GERALD COSTELLO, THE CHRISTOPHERS

and who went on to an illustrious professional career. "There were so many things I discussed with coach over my lifetime," he said, "but the things that mattered were family and faith."

That was no accident. Wooden proudly and without pretense made God and family the centerpiece of his life, and he made sure his players got the message. As Abdul-Jabbar continued: "The fact that coach was more concerned about having a positive effect on the lives of young men who played for him doesn't seem like much of an award to people who think like that. But coach's values are from another era. They were developed in an America that has passed on. I think that's the reason so many people are motivated by coach's teachings. His connections to the moral nature of his faith and his ability to convey them to us have given us the answers we need to hear in times like this."

Abdul-Jabbar spoke at a June 26 memorial service for Wooden, one that the *Daily News'* Weiss reported on — and one that was unabashedly sentimental. Many paid tribute, but the words of Abdul-Jabbar stood out. He reminded us that in a world where so much is worthless, John Wooden taught lessons worth listening to. His values might have come from another time, but in fact they are timeless.

What Gettysburg means

My home is a 45-minute drive from Gettysburg National Military Park, a site I've visited many times, never without some emotion. The nature of that emotion crystallized for me a few years ago when I took some Australian friends on an audio tour of the battlefield with the help of Father Scott Newman, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Greenville, S.C., who drove the other car in our small motorcade. (That Father Newman styled his vehicle the "CSS Greenville" will tell you something about his approach to what some folks in his part of the country still tend to call the War of Northern Aggression.)

In any event, when we stood at the center of Cemetery Ridge, a few yards from where "Lo" Armistead had fallen during Pickett's Charge, Father Newman brought the whole meaning of Gettysburg into focus for our guests, and for me, when he remarked to the Australians, "This is where America was made."

I think that's right. If Gettysburg was the pivot of the Civil War, and if the Civil War changed the country from "the United States are..." to "the United States is..." (as America's Homer, Shelby Foote, often pointed out), then the United States as we know it was forged on July 1-3, 1863, outside a small crossroads town in Pennsylvania. Yes, it took another century for the promise of "the United States is..." to be vindicated by the moral revolution that produced the civil rights revolution. And yes, the promise of equality remains to be secured for today's endangered members of the American community: the unborn, the radically handicapped, the

"burdensome" elderly." But that fact — that democracy is an ongoing experiment in a people's capacity to live freedom nobly — does not change the fact that Gettysburg was the pivot.

The pivot between the Civil War and the civil rights revolution may also have taken place at Gettysburg, at least in symbolic terms, on July 4, 1913: The last Independence Day before my mother was born. That Glorious Fourth witnessed a "Great Reunion" of the living veterans of Gettysburg, 54,000 of whom helped each other walk across Culp's Hill, navigate Devil's Den, cross over the Roundtops — and re-enact Pickett's Charge, often on crutches and in wheelchairs. As the veterans of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia slowly and painfully made their way up Cemetery Ridge to the Bloody Angle and the "High Water Mark" of the Confederacy, their former antagonists of the Army of the Potomac — "those people," as Robert E. Lee called them — waited, as they had a half-century before. This time, however, the men of the grey and the men of the blue embraced, commingling tears rather than blood.

A day later, two Civil War veterans, one from the South and one from the North, walked through the town of Gettysburg together, bought a hatchet together in a hardware store, re-ascended Cemetery Ridge together, and buried the hatchet together at the Bloody Angle: A story of which I was recently reminded by an article on the Great Reunion in Drexel University's online magazine, *The Smart Set*. The same story had occurred to me more than once



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

over the past 20 years, principally when European colleagues blamed this or that outburst of (often-vicious) ethnic violence in the Balkans, the Caucasus or wherever on animosities dating from three, four or five centuries before. When I mentioned, in such conversations, that Americans had once fought history's most sanguinary civil war but had forged out of that bloodletting a new sense of commonality, the Old World colleagues would often look at me with a certain pity, as if here was another example of American callowness.

The colleagues were wrong. The reconciliation that took place between the Civil War and the civil rights revolution was not an indicator of historical insouciance, nor was the Great Reunion of 1913 a moment in a long collapse into cultural decadence. From the cauldron that was Cemetery Ridge on July 3, 1863, was born a drama of moral growth and national maturation that sets an example for the world — and for future generations of Americans.

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St. Paul follows call to preach Gospel

Where is the town of Troas, where St. Paul had a vision?

The Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament says St. Paul had been traveling through ancient Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and he came to the town of Troas. Here he had a vision of a man from Macedonia who said, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After this vision, St. Paul immediately made efforts to set out for sea to cross over to Macedonia in Europe, because he concluded that God wanted him to preach the Gospel there.

A. Edmonds says the ancient historian Strabo calls Troas a renowned city. It had a good but artificial harbor that helped it become a thriving commercial center. Sadly, the city was also easily plundered. At Troas you see the city walls, theater, stadium, bath and a cemetery.

St. Paul, with many companions, returned to Troas for a second stay of one week. Here we see St. Paul and the early Christians celebrating Mass on Sunday, since Christ rose from the dead on Sunday. On this occasion St. Paul

reached a really long sermon, since he wanted to get everything in, for he was planning to depart the next day. A young boy Eutychus was sitting on the window sill and he became so drowsy that he fell asleep and then fell from the third story window ledge to the ground. When they picked Eutychus up, he was dead. St. Paul hurried down and clutched the boy saying, "There is life in him." The people rejoiced that the boy was alive and St. Paul went back upstairs to continue talking. In his second letter to Timothy, St. Paul says he left his cloak and books at Troas, and wanted Timothy to return them.

In sailing to Macedonia, St. Paul put out to sea from Troas and set a course straight for Samothrace, a Greek island in the northeast Aegean Sea. Its population today is about 4,000. It is famous for sponge fisheries. Its prominent peak of 5,577 feet is the highest on any of the Aegean islands. This island displayed the famous sculpture Nike of Samothrace that commemorated a naval victory at Cyprus. The statue is now shown in the Louvre



HIRE HISTORY

FATHER RICHARD HIRE

Museum in Paris, France.

The next day St. Paul sailed to Neapolis, an ancient city of Macedonia that served as the port for the large city of Philipp that St. Paul wanted to visit. The town hall of Neapolis contains a small archaeological collection. O. Meinardus says the Church of St. Paul was built here in 1928 to commemorate St. Paul's arrival. Behind the church is a column drum imbedded in the sidewalk, which some consider the spot where St. Paul stepped ashore. Neapolis is near the modern city of Kavalla with a population of over 56,000. At Neapolis, St. Paul first put his feet on the continent of Europe where he would now preach the Gospel.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 15, 2010

Luke 1:39-56

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the feast of the Assumption: the visit by Mary to Elizabeth. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| MARY SET OUT | ELIZABETH | GREETING |
| WOMEN | MOTHER | SAVIOR |
| FAVOR | GENERATIONS | CALL ME |
| GREAT THINGS | MERCY | FEAR HIM |
| HIS ARM | SCATTERED | LOWLY |
| FILLED | RICH | EMPTY |
| ISRAEL | THREE | MONTHS |

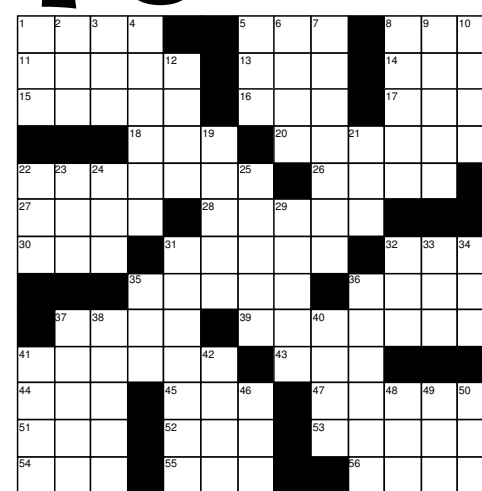
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The CrossWord

August 15, 2010
The Assumption



Based on these Scripture Readings: Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a and 10; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

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|--|------------------------------------|
| Across | 27 Black gem |
| 1 "Roughing it" home | 28 Mary went out in ____ |
| 5 Advertisements | 30 Tiny |
| 8 Those who make the food laws (abbr.) | 31 Woman in vision was giving ____ |
| 11 Overshadow | 32 Woman clothed in |
| 13 Stake | 35 Lilly-like plant |
| 14 Priest title | 36 Oppose |
| 15 Indian lodge | 37 Holy Mother |
| 16 Take to court | 39 Ump |
| 17 Expert | 41 Trust (2 wds) |
| 18 Males | 43 Title of respect |
| 20 My spirit rejoices in God my ____ | 44 Boxer Muhammad |
| 22 Sensible | 45 Negative |
| 26 Mary's white flower | 47 Jacinth |
| | 51 Music television |

- 52 First woman
53 Grain storage towers
54 Compass point
55 Summer skin color
56 "Holy is his ____"

- Down**
- 1 Central Daylight Time
2 Wonder
3 Chart
4 Blend before
5 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
6 __ ex machina
7 "Invisible" jet
8 Fragile
9 Lure away
10 Affirm
12 Moon under her ____
19 __ obstat
21 Contend
22 Captured soldier
23 We believe in __ God
24 Caustic substance
25 Fem. of Karl
29 Crown of 12 ____
31 Gun addition
32 Position
33 Shoshonean
34 Neither's partner
35 The Lord hears the poor's ____
36 Blessed ____ Mary
37 What ice does
38 __ in Christ
40 Prejudice
41 Sacrificial animals
42 Exploding star
46 Dragon had ____ diadems
48 Wing
49 Male cat
50 Vane direction

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Record day for Luers alum at city tournament

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Kristi O'Brien, a 2008 graduate of Bishop Luers High School recently crushed two records en route to her first women's city golf tournament title. In an amazing three-day performance amongst a field of 60 top golfers at Fort Wayne's Brookwood Course, the 20-year-old linkster shot an incredible nine-under 64 in the final round and a 14-under 205 for the tournament to win the prestigious championship.

"It did not really hit me until the very last hole how well I was doing," beamed O'Brien.

While at Luers, O'Brien was a four-time all-conference selection and led her team to the 2007 Summit Athletic Conference title her senior season. Her father, Tom, coached the Knights her senior year and was also responsible for entering O'Brien in Fort Wayne pee-wee tournaments as early as age 7.

"My whole family golfs," explained the lifelong member of St. Therese Parish, who has three older brothers.

Next on her agenda, O'Brien will be gearing up for her junior season with the Jaguars at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis



KRISTI O'BRIEN

(IUPUI), where she is majoring in tourism convention event management.

As for her future plans, O'Brien details, "I hope to continue to improve my game this year at college and feel I have enough confidence now to do well in bigger tournaments down the road. I hope to qualify for the U.S. Open tournament in the summer of 2011."

Positive teen earns sportsmanship award from Lifetime Sports Academy

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Carter Dornseif spent many hours of his summer break at Fort Wayne's Lifetime Sports Academy (LSA) improving his golf game and, apparently, making a difference to those around him. In their closing ceremonies recognizing standouts and special achievements, the program awarded Dornseif with the coveted Chris P. Nixon honor. The award not only honors the 15 year old's talents on the golf course, but pays tribute to his positive mental attitude and sportsmanship during the seven-week program.

"When Don (Jones), LSA coordinator, told me the story about the Nixon family, I was very excited and honored to be the 2010 recipient. I have met other kids who have received this award in prior years and they are all really cool," explained Dornseif.

Chris Nixon was a daily participant in the LSA program and one of the very first young men to earn his golf clubs. He was hit and killed by a car while riding his bicycle.

In its 13th summer, LSA offers free tennis, golf and swimming lessons for children ages 8-18 at McMillen Park. Through a funding partnership with the City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation and many private donors, LSA has continued to benefit the Fort Wayne communi-



CARTER DORNSEIF

ty with healthy activities since its grand opening in 1997. This year, over 1,700 youngsters were enrolled, with around 70 of those kids earning free tennis rackets and another 70 a free set of golf clubs by attending a certain number of sessions and passing various skills testing.

Dornseif, a lifelong member of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish, acquired his clubs his first year of participating at McMillen in 2008 and has returned each summer since. After earning clubs, participants qualify for the Par Club, which allows them to play for free on McMillen's par three

course. After shooting a certain score consecutively on this course, players can qualify for the Birdie Club, allowing them to golf on the main course. The next step is the Eagle Club, which entitles players to free golf at Foster Park. Dornseif made both the Birdie and Eagle clubs this summer and bettered his game by 10 strokes, receiving pointers from LSA and participating in five different Parks and Rec sponsored tournaments. His personal best was a 72 at Donald Ross course where he won the tournament for his age group. Dornseif

attributes his improvement to an enhanced short game and hitting on the greens more consistently.

Dornseif serves as an usher and greeter at his parish and is the middle child of Ellen and Lou Dornseif of rural Monroeville. He will be a sophomore at Heritage High School this fall where he plays on the golf team and has a goal of competing at the collegiate level, with Illinois University in mind. "They have one of the greatest golf facilities and aren't too far from home," he concluded.

USF selects Cummings to take over golf programs

FORT WAYNE — With one hire, the University of Saint Francis athletic department filled three open coaching positions.

USF Director of Athletics Mark A. Pope announced in July that Luke Cummings has been selected to take charge as head men's and women's golf coach, as well as assistant men's basketball coach under head coach Chad LaCross.

"During the interview process, Luke impressed me with his passion for understanding and developing leadership — a critically important skill for our student-athletes to develop," Pope said, adding, "Luke has already prepared a thorough and complete plan for taking the USF Golf Program to the next level, and I believe that he has the talent and drive to achieve that plan. These attributes, coupled with his understanding of the local area and the markets that we serve, make Luke a great fit for USF Athletics."

Cummings joins the USF staff after serving as head girls' basketball coach in 2009-10 at Jay County High School. He has served as head coach of the boys' basketball program at East Noble High School and Adams Central

High School recently. Cummings is a Kokomo High School graduate and earned an undergraduate degree at Indiana University at Kokomo.

"I'm really excited about bringing Luke into our program," LaCross said. "His preparation is great, and he definitely brings an energy and passion for athletics. I'm confident he will come in and build on the success we've had in golf at USF."

Cummings takes over for LaCross, who has also coached the men's and women's golf teams the last five years for USF along with serving as assistant head basketball coach. Cummings most recently served as the girls' varsity basketball coach at Jay County, where he guided the Patriots to a 16-7 record.

"I've had a great time coaching and teaching at Jay County," Cummings said. "But to get an opportunity to move to the college level and with a national championship program is really exciting."

He is married to the former Kari Ellenberger, and the couple has a one-year-old son, Elliott.

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CD links contemporary music, Catholic message

BY CLAIRE RONNER

Rocking Romans, an organization whose mission is to find and promote contemporary Catholic music, recently released the 2010 Best of New Catholic Music album. The disc features 10 artists who competed against 30 groups from eight different countries for the opportunity to be published on this compilation.

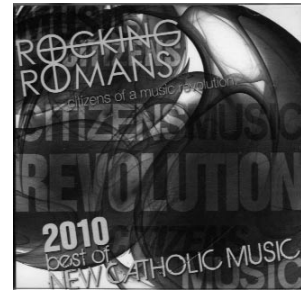
The 2010 Best of New Catholic Music CD is the third installment of the "best of" competition. The 10 artists featured come from the United States, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Malta and Sweden, each bringing a Catholic message to varied types of contemporary popular music.

"Rocking Romans' mission is to present the beauty of Jesus' gospel message to a broad audience through Catholic Music," says Paul Mazurek, president of Rocking Romans. "The style of music that we promote can also

reach beyond the Catholic community to compete for the attention of contemporary Christian and secular music fans."

Contestants were required to submit original songs for the selection process that conveyed Catholic themes. More consideration was given to songs put to music that would appeal to a broad audience, and Mazurek shares that the committee "gave God the final word as they prayed over final decisions about which songs to choose."

Fort Wayne producer David Smith of Icon Studio Productions, one of the top Catholic music producers in the country, assisted in the creation of the 2010 "Best of" compilation. He helped with the final stage, mastering the CD and making sure all the sounds levels were equal from his home studio in Fort Wayne.



Smith, whose work with other Catholic recording artists can be found at www.IconStudioProductions.com, says he likes collaborating with efforts like Rocking Romans, as this is his third year work-

ing with the organization. The 2010 "Best of" disc features songs from lighter pop inspired tunes to a clear, Celtic-inspired version of the Magnificat by the group from Ireland to slower, mainstream-style ballads that will reach any audience. It is available online in CD or digital format through the store at www.RockingRomans.com.

Mazurek adds, "It is clear that many Catholics tune into their local Christian music stations, but they are excited to learn that Catholic music is now an alternative for them to enjoy outside of the celebration of the Mass."

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Class reunion

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School class of 1965 is having a 45-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Holiday Inn across from the coliseum at 6 p.m. There is no advance charge and a cash bar and food from the menu will be available. For information contact Bill Weber at (260) 432-0696 or Don Bobay at (260) 969-1211.

Rummage sale

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish will have a rummage sale on Friday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 14, from 9-11:30 a.m. with \$3 bag sale beginning at 3 p.m. Friday and \$1.50 bag sale all day Saturday.

Rummage sale

Pierceton — St. Francis Xavier Parish, 408 W. Catholic St., will have a rummage sale on Friday, Aug. 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Carpenters with Wings

Garrett — The second annual 'Carpenters with Wings' memori-

al tuition assistance fund event will be held in the St. Joseph School gym Saturday, Aug. 14, from 5-8 p.m. A chicken dinner by the Railroad Inn and Timmy's Pizza with cookies. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and children 3 and under are free. A beer tent, casino and dance will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10. This fund has been established to provide tuition assistance to those in need.

Golf tournament benefits St. Augustine

South Bend — The St. Augustine Jim Freel golf tournament will be Saturday, Aug. 28, at 9 a.m. at Juday Creek Golf Course in Granger. \$60 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Two hole-in-one contests for a new Lexus or two airline tickets. Register with Mary Filbert (574) 234-7992 or Nora Batteast (574) 234-3502. Proceeds benefit the St. Augustine soup kitchen and youth group.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Robert D'Souza will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father D'Souza is associate pastor at St. Jude Parish.

Parish picnic and festival

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish, 2800 Corpus Christi Dr., will have a parish picnic and festival from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, on the parish grounds. Food and drink concessions all day. Children's games and corn and sausage roast until 5 p.m. "Port-a-Pit" chicken and rib dinners from 5-8 p.m. Adult games and music by "Coastline Craze" from 6-10 p.m. Bingo, cornhole tournaments and \$10,000 total in raffle cash prizes at 9 p.m.

Pray to stop abortion

Fort Wayne — The rosary is prayed every Thursday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. across the street from the Fort Wayne Women's Health Organization at Statewood Baptist Church on Inwood Dr.

Knights plan corn roast

South Bend — K of C Council 553 will have an East Race festival and corn and sausage roast Saturday, August 21, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 553 E. Washington St. Arts and crafts festival (no admittance charge) starts at 10 a.m. Corn and sausage roast starts at 3:30 p.m. with admission of \$8 for adults 14+; \$4 for children ages 6-13 and free for children under 6.

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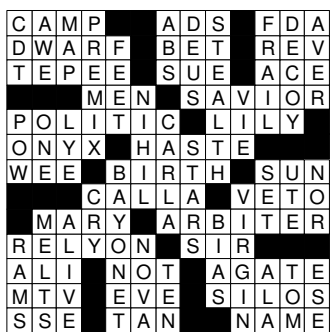
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Rummage sale
New Haven — The Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will host a rummage sale Aug. 19-21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 19 and 20 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 21 at 15412 Dawkins Rd. Funds raised will be used for travel expenses of the diocesan delegates at the WAF National Council meeting in Washington, New Jersey.

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Bishop visits Victory Noll Sisters

BY TIM JOHNSON

HUNTINGTON — A pastoral visit with the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters and praying at the tomb of a bishop predecessor brought Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to Huntington on July 30. Bishop Rhoades celebrated a memorial Mass for Archbishop John F. Noll, fifth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne and the bishop responsible for funding the Victory Noll Sisters catechetical congregation in Huntington. Archbishop Noll's death was July 31, 1956.

The sisters' founder, Father John Sigstein, had a strong desire to provide religious education, social services and health care among the poor in the Southwestern U.S. The congregation began in 1922. Growth of the congregation was advanced when Bishop Noll promoted the congregation's work through *Our Sunday Visitor*, the newspaper which he founded, and located the motherhouse in Huntington at Victory Noll — a name that combines Our Lady of Victory and Bishop Noll.

In his homily at the memorial Mass, Bishop Rhoades spoke of how the work of Archbishop Noll, Father Sigstein and the Victory Noll Sisters intertwined with the Gospel of the day from Matthew 13. In the Gospel, Jesus is rejected in the synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth.

"The people knew Jesus and would not accept or believe that the source of His wisdom and mighty deeds is God," Bishop Rhoades said. "Perhaps understandable — what we call 'the prejudice of familiarity.' They thought they already knew all there was to know about Jesus. They knew His family. They knew He was the carpenter's son. So they dismissed Him.

"But their knowledge of Jesus was superficial. Their prejudice blinded them from recognizing the true identity of Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world," Bishop Rhoades continued.

Bishop Rhoades related this must have hurt Jesus, and because of their unbelief, "our Lord did not work many mighty deeds there."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the prophet Jeremiah from the first reading of the day, Jer. 26:1-9. Bishop Rhoades related, "Christian tradition sees Jeremiah as being a figure of Jesus Christ. St. Jerome wrote: 'All of the churches believe that what is said of Jeremiah refers also to the person of Jesus.' Both were faithful to their mission and this faithfulness led to misunderstanding and persecution. ..."

Possibly Jesus was thinking of Jeremiah when He said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house."

Still, both Jeremiah and Jesus were ready to risk their lives in order to be faithful to their mission. Jesus' fidelity led to His cru-



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades introduces himself to the Our Lady of Victory Sisters who gathered to meet him July 30.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Sister Mary Carl, who at 103, is the oldest living sister in the congregation.

cifixion.

"The Church continues the mission of Jesus and has a prophetic task in the world," Bishop Rhoades said. "When we are faithful to our mission, the spread of the Gospel, we too can expect rejection, misunderstanding and persecution. We need the courage of Jesus and Jeremiah today. Notice that neither Jeremiah nor Jesus backed down. The Lord gave Jeremiah the strength to stay true to His calling. The Lord gives us strength as well, the strength of the Holy Spirit."

Bishop Rhoades recounted how through reading the history of the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, Archbishop Noll and Father Sigstein, "I have been impressed by their strength and their fidelity to their holy mission. Let us pray that we may receive strength to be faithful to our mission and our vocation today, even when we encounter opposition."

After Mass, a luncheon included special guests, Sister Geraldine Kirkessner and Sister Joan Arnold, who are from Bishop Rhoades' hometown, Lebanon, Pa.

Bishop Rhoades then toured Victory Noll with Sister Beatrice

Haines, president, and Sister Lucille Martinez, vice president. He greeted the sisters in the specialized care, including Sister Mary Karl, who at 103, was very pleased to have a visit from Bishop Rhoades. The sisters robustly joined in singing "Our Lady of Victory Hymn," and the tour continued.

Bishop Rhoades visited the graves of Archbishop Noll and Father Sigstein and the early catechist sisters whose ministries led them from the motherhouse in Huntington to the southwestern United States. Today, the Victory Noll sisters serve in more than a dozen states across the country in places such as Fort Wayne, San Bernardino, Calif., Fort Collins, Colo., Tucson, Ariz., and Columbia, Ky.

Bishop Rhoades visited the Victory Noll Center, a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters which is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, personal development and social justice education in an ecumenical and multicultural environment, before a final stop to the administrative building including the Our Lady of Victory Chapel.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades prays at the grave site of Archbishop John F. Noll.

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