



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

St. Michael restoration complete with dedication and blessing

BY KAY COZAD

WATERLOO — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joined St. Michael the Archangel pastor Father David Carkenord to concelebrate a special Mass of dedication and blessing on Aug. 29 for the enthusiastic members of the parish. The restoration of St. Michael has been completed after over six months of intense labor by construction workers and parishioners alike.

The Mass began with the greeting, after which the standing-room-only congregation watched reverently as Bishop Rhoades blessed the colorfully restored statues of saints, Stations of the Cross and the altar itself with holy water.

In his homily the bishop expressed his amazement at the parish's history remarking on the "excellent research on the founding parishioners and their genealogies." The first church building was built in 1881, followed 40 years later by construction of the present edifice. The bishop continued, "Now we are gathered almost 90 years after this church was built and dedicated for the blessing of the church's renovation, restoration and dedication of its altar."

Bishop Rhoades referred to the 14 founding families and subsequent parishioners who were "strong and faith-filled Catholics who worked hard and made incredible sacrifices of their time, talent and money to build this parish." Noting the devoted priests and sisters who served at St. Michael over the years, with the six priestly vocations that came out of the parish, Bishop Rhoades encouraged the rapt crowd to continue to pray for and promote vocations.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades concelebrates a special Mass of dedication and blessing with Father David Carkenord at St. Michael in Waterloo on Aug. 29. The standing-room-only congregation witnessed the anointing of the altar along with the blessing of the restored church. Visit www.todayscatholicnews.org for more photos.

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Msgr. James Wolf, Sacred Heart pastor, dies

Msgr. Wolf served as diocesan co-vicar general, co-chancellor

WARSAW — Msgr. James Wolf, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, died Tuesday evening, Aug. 31, after a prolonged illness. Msgr. Wolf served as former co-vicar general and co-chancellor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and co-rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He served faithfully as a priest for over 40 years.

Born Jan. 21, 1940 in Fort Wayne to Walter J. and Ester B. Wolf, Msgr. Wolf was one of six children. He attended St. Jude School and Central Catholic High School, both in Fort Wayne, and entered St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, where his intended major was chemical engineering.

He also attended Resurrection College in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1969 by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne.

In an interview with *Today's Catholic* last year marking his 40th jubilee as a priest, Msgr. Wolf said, "I didn't choose the priesthood. God chose me."

Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy said, "Msgr. Wolf thought of himself, and I too considered him the quintessential parish priest. As pastor of St. John, Fort Wayne and later as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw, he gave his whole heart to the work of Christ. The pastoral love which he poured out for both parishes and more

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MSGR. JAMES WOLF

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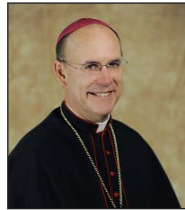
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Brother André Bessette, CSC, to be canonized in October



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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Brother André and Holy Cross Brothers

On Oct. 17, Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Brother André Bessette, CSC, a saint of the Church. I am looking forward to attending the canonization. I remember as a seminarian in Rome attending the beatification of Brother André in 1982. Blessed André will be the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be canonized a saint. We rejoice with all the brothers, priests and sisters of Holy Cross in our diocese to see this humble religious brother raised to the altar of sainthood.

I recommend reading the biography of Brother André, written by Jean-Guy Dubuc, which I read this summer and enjoyed immensely. It is entitled "Brother André: Friend of the Suffering, Apostle of Saint Joseph." Brother André was a Canadian who lived from 1845 to 1937. God worked many miracles of grace in this simple brother whose assignment was that of porter (doorkeeper) for 40 years at Notre Dame College in Montreal. He helped and guided many students at the college and ministered to thousands of poor and sick people who sought him for advice, help and comfort.

From his youth, Brother André had a great devotion to St. Joseph and became known as the "apostle of devotion to St. Joseph." Brother André became famous for the miraculous cures and healings that occurred through his calling upon the intercessory prayers of St. Joseph. Because of the thousands of visitors who would come to see him, he was re-assigned from being the college porter to that of custodian of the St. Joseph Oratory, which he had built nearby. The original oratory was a small chapel that was enlarged because of the many pilgrims and eventually replaced by the magnificent Oratory (Basilica) of St. Joseph begun by Brother André. When Brother André died, a million people filed past his casket to pay their respects. Millions still come to visit and pray at this Basilica of St. Joseph in Montreal where the soon-to-be "Saint" André Bessette is buried below the main chapel.

On Aug. 24, the feast of St. Bartholomew, I celebrated Mass for the Holy Cross Brothers at Columba Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. After Mass, I enjoyed lunch with the brothers who reside at Columba Hall. I especially enjoyed our conversations about Brother André and the history of the Holy Cross Brothers. Let us pray that the canonization of Brother André will inspire young men whom God is calling to the religious life as brothers to respond to that call.

University of Saint Francis

On Aug. 25, I celebrated the opening Mass of the new academic year at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. This university, sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, has a record enrollment this year: 2,350 students. At the end of Mass, Sister M. Elise Kriss, the president of the university, delivered an opening address that

focused on the university's past accomplishments and future goals and projects. This year, the university is focusing on the call to respect human life and dignity, a fundamental principle of Catholic moral teaching.

Best wishes to all who serve at the University of Saint Francis and to all the students there! May God bless your endeavors! I look forward to joining you again for Mass on Sept. 8 and to blessing the renovated Brookside mansion.

St. Pius X School

On Aug. 27, I made my first official visit as Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend to a Catholic elementary school of our diocese. I celebrated Mass and visited all the classes at St. Pius X School in Granger. It was a beautiful day. So many parents and other parishioners joined the 600 students, teachers and staff for the morning Mass on the feast of St. Monica. It was a joyous celebration with great music and participation by all. At the end of Mass, we processed to various sites on the parish campus for the blessing of five beautiful new Italian marble statues representing the Good Shepherd, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Anne and St. Pius X. The statue of St. Pius X represents him as a boy walking to school with his shoes flung over his shoulder. It is a true representation since the young Giuseppe Sarto (future Pope Pius X) was very poor and walked barefoot five miles each day to school to preserve the condition of his only pair of shoes.

In visiting the various classes, I was impressed by the students' knowledge of the faith and by their enthusiasm. I asked the students questions about what they are learning in religion classes and then answered questions the students posed to me. This excellent school is thriving, thanks to the committed teachers and staff, parents, parishioners and, of course, the dynamic leadership of Msgr. Bill Schooler, pastor, and of Mrs. Elaine Holmes, principal. Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality!

Our Lady of Fatima House

After the day at St. Pius X School, I enjoyed dinner with the Holy Cross Fathers at Our Lady of Fatima House at Notre Dame. The resident priests there are hardly retired, as many are active helping in various parishes and apostolates in the South Bend area. Again, I enjoyed meeting these priests who served and serve the Church so faithfully. The close bond between the Congregation of Holy Cross and our diocese is a real blessing.

Knights of Columbus

On Aug. 28, I offered Mass for the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Patrick Church in South Bend. Father Leonard Chrobot, Father Joseph Brown, CSC, and Father Lawrence Tetehe concelebrated the Mass. After the Mass, we gathered for a banquet at the Landing Banquet Center.

Congratulations to all the Knights from our diocese who were exemplified in the Fourth Degree on that weekend. This degree of the Knights fosters the spirit of patriotism in members and in the community and also encourages active Catholic citizenship.

Thanks again to all our Knights for your commitment to the Church. In my speech at the banquet, I encouraged the Knights to be men of prayer and men of Catholic action, bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel with courage.

St. Michael the Archangel Church

On Sunday, Aug. 29, I celebrated Mass with the Dedication of the Altar and the Blessing of the Church at St. Michael's in Waterloo. The parish, under the devoted leadership of Father David Carkenord, recently completed a beautiful interior restoration. The parishioners worshipped in a local school hall for seven months during the restoration. The sacrifice was well worth it. The church is a beautiful house of God.

I am traveling a lot between Fort Wayne and South Bend, at least once a week. I am also enjoying my visits to many of our parishes in the country, like St. Michael's. I enjoy the family atmosphere of these "country parishes," built by past generations of farmers. St. Michael's in Waterloo began 130 years ago with 14 Catholic families, mostly German immigrants and most, if not all, farmers. Their strong faith lives on in the present-day parishioners who are devoted to the Lord and to the Church. This was evident to me last Sunday as I saw the extensive church restoration, made possible by the generous sacrifices of today's faithful parishioners.

After the Mass, we enjoyed a delicious lunch in a large tent behind the church. St. Michael's sits in the midst of large fields outside the town of Waterloo, a beautiful country setting.

Visit to The Franciscan Center

On Aug. 31, I had the pleasure of visiting The Franciscan Center in Fort Wayne, at the invitation of Jim Christie, the executive director, and Sally Ley, the CEO and founder. I spent a wonderful morning learning about the ministries of the Center and then visiting the volunteers preparing the Sack Lunch program and distributing food and goods to the needy in the St. Anthony's Food Pantry and in the St. Joseph's Medicine Cabinet program.

This 21-year-old center is a living witness to the Gospel, in imitation of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for the poor. It is housed at the former Sacred Heart School in Fort Wayne. Many thanks to the staff, volunteers and benefactors of The Franciscan Center! If you are looking for an opportunity to help the less fortunate, I encourage you to support this center. While helping at the food pantry, I noticed that they were out of canned chicken noodle soup, which several of the people asked for. I also noticed in the Medicine Cabinet program a need for rolls of paper towels. Maybe you could consider sending those items or a donation to help.

What impressed me most at The Franciscan Center was the spirit of love and joy of the people there and the great respect and kindness shown to the poor who came for assistance. May God bless this center and its ministry!

IPFW Newman Catholic Fellowship

After visiting The Franciscan Center, I went to IPFW to celebrate the opening Mass of the academic year with the Catholic community there. Though I was a bit late, getting stuck in traffic and then lost on campus, I arrived to celebrate the noon Mass. It was great to join with these committed young Catholics in prayer and to join them for pizza after the Mass.

I was happy to learn about the activities of the Newman Fellowship and their plans for the year. Many thanks to Erin Sherburne, Travis Heckber, and the other officers of the Newman Fellowship, as well as to Mike Gibson, the IPFW Catholic campus minister. Please encourage the Catholic students you know who attend IPFW to become active in the Newman Fellowship, especially the noon Mass every Tuesday in the Walb Student Center.

Bishop Rhoades invites faithful to jubilee Mass

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the annual priest jubilarian Mass at 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, the memorial of St. Pio of Petrelcina, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He extends an invitation to the Catholic faithful to attend the Mass.

Diocesan jubilarians include the following: celebrating 25 years, Father Terry Fisher; cele-

brating 40 years, Msgr. Bernard Galic, Father Richard Hire and Father Derrick Sneyd; and celebrating 50 years, Father Lawrence Kramer and Father Patrick McNulty.

"I am looking forward to our gathering together for the jubilee Mass to offer thanks to the Lord for the priestly service of our jubilarians," Bishop Rhoades said in a letter.

Mishawaka schools' reorganization discussed

BY ANN CAREY

MISHAWAKA — A committee studying the declining enrollments and increasing expenses of the three Catholic grade schools near downtown Mishawaka announced its recommended plan for the schools' futures at an Aug. 30 gathering at Marian High School.

As one parent at the meeting noted, it is a "trinitarian" plan: One school called Mishawaka Catholic Academy would operate on three campuses that utilize each existing grade school building. Pre-K through second grade classes would be at St. Bavo, third through fifth grade at St. Joseph and sixth through eighth grades at St. Monica.

Father Terry Fisher, pastor of St. Joseph Parish and a member of the committee, welcomed the approximately 300 parents, teachers and friends of the three Catholic grade schools.

"The number one goal the committee sent Bishop D'Arcy before he retired was to leave the schools just as they are," Father Fisher said. But, he continued, "If we look at it through realistic eyes; it's impossible. The numbers aren't there; the money isn't there; the growth isn't there."

Indeed, school officials said enrollment in each of the three grade schools has fallen below 200, and as those numbers fall, so does tuition income. Smaller numbers of students also make it harder for the schools to provide enrichment courses and experiences, noted Sister Pat Gavin, a School Sister of Notre Dame who is principal of St. Monica, and Linda Hixon, principal of St. Bavo, both members of the committee. Those two principals, along with Mary Geist, principal of St. Joseph who spoke from the audience, were supportive of the plan.

Sister Pat said her "heart is breaking" to think there would no longer be a St. Monica School, but to resist this change would not be best for the students. The change would be most difficult for staffs, teachers and parents, but "the kids will be fine," she added.

"This is what we need to do if we're going to keep Catholic education alive and strong in Mishawaka," Sister Pat said.



ANN CAREY

Parents and teachers who gathered at Marian High school to hear the proposed plan for the future of three Mishawaka Catholic grade schools had many questions about the plan, but were generally accepting.

The committee announced three goals that they said their plan met: Keeping Catholic identity, building community and maintaining excellence — all three schools rank in the top 10 in ISTEP scores among diocesan grade schools. Committee members noted that the three schools already work together on many projects and combine forces for their athletics teams, so many of the children and parents already know one another.

The plan, the committee said, would increase economic efficiency, lower costs and parish subsidies and maintain affordable tuition. The committee projected that the schools would maintain 85 percent of their current enrollments for 2011-2012, the first academic year of the new structure. Tuition projected for that first year was comparable to current tuitions in the three grade schools for 2010-2011. That rate would be \$3,080 for the first child; \$4,865 for two children and \$6,510 for three children.

In spite of the deep emotions and uncertainty felt by parents and teachers at the gathering, the atmosphere was calm and respectful. After the committee presented the various aspects of the plan for an hour, a floor microphone was opened for questions and comments, a session that went on long past the one hour allotted.

Heartfelt comments and accompanying applause indicated that most people in attendance understood the issues and supported the plan in spite of sorrow for the loss of individual schools and compli-

cations it would cause many families. A few parents said they felt they were being given no choice in the matter, but virtually everyone in the audience agreed on two points: They love their parish grade schools and the dedicated teachers who staff them.

Some parents expressed logistical concerns of having to take children from the same family to three different school buildings. Superintendent of diocesan schools, Dr. Mark Myers, said that issue had been discussed and would be addressed by staggering school start and dismissal times. (St. Bavo is one-half mile from St. Joseph; St. Monica is 1.2 miles from St. Bavo and less than a mile from St. Joseph.)

In response to more questions about specifics, Myers said that the committee's goal was to hire a principal for the new school by Nov. 1. That principal would hire two assistant principals and teachers by Feb. 1. The principal and teachers then would iron out specifics like curriculum and schedules, which would be announced as soon as possible.

Myers drew applause when he said hiring priority would be given to current teachers in the three schools. The committee also is recommending that teachers close to retirement be given an extra year credit toward retirement and that schools hiring experienced teachers be given a subsidy to help meet the teachers' higher pay scale.

The committee's plan now will go to Bishop Kevin Rhoades for his consideration.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Sept. 12, 2 p.m. — Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Doctrine, Washington, D.C.
- Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m. — Mass for 25th Anniversary of episcopal ordination of Cardinal Justin Rigali, Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Wednesday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m. — USCCB Administrative Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Thursday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m. — Meeting of USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, Washington, D.C.
- Friday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. — Meeting of Priest Personnel Board, Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn
- Friday, Sept. 17, 2 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, RSVP office, Auburn
- Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. — Morning Prayer at Catholic-Mennonite Day, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Saturday, Sept. 18, 4 p.m. — Mass for Youth Confirmation Rally, Orthopedic Capital Center Arena, Grace College, Warsaw

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As he spoke of the anointing of the altar the bishop reminded the congregation, "The most important reason why this church was built and renovated, and the greatest act to be celebrated here, is the Eucharistic Sacrifice. ... The Eucharist is what builds you up as a parish and nourishes you to love as Christ loved and to be a true evangelizing community here in DeKalb County, a community that proclaims the truth of the Gospel in word and deed."

The bishop concluded his homily by saying, "As I bless this sacred place, we are reminded that this building is not merely a gathering place or assembly hall. Rather, this building signifies and makes visible the Church living in this place, the Christian community of St. Michael, the members of which are called, as all Catholics are called, to be built into a spiritual house and to be ourselves temples of the living God."

Following the Profession of Faith, the Rite of Blessing began with the harmonious chanting of the Litany of Saints. Bishop Rhoades then removed his golden chasuble and donned a white apron as he gently poured the holy chrism onto the altar and rubbed the precious oil into its surface. The oil, said the bishop, is generally only used for person-centered sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders, but holds a special place in the anointing of altars as well. The altar was incensed by the bishop after a group of women from the congregation reverently wiped the altar dry and then dressed it for the Eucharistic celebration.

The restored interior is stunning to behold with fresh paint, reworked original stenciling and newly constructed ceiling beams,

new inlaid terrazzo flooring with new sanctuary steps and marbleized columns, and refinished pews. An elevator was constructed for handicapped accessibility and the lighting and electrical wiring were also enhanced. The original baptismal font was reworked to include a flowing water source and is used for holy water at the entrance to the sanctuary. And in addition to a new efficient heating and cooling system, the exterior entrance stairway and the basement parish hall were also redone.

At the close of Mass, the congenial Father Carkenord, thanked all who were instrumental in completing the restoration and the blessing of the church. He remarked, "As we have transformed this building, I pray that we are transformed by it as we come to worship here."

He praised the sacrificial efforts of the parishioners saying, "The people of the parish are so generous. They are a tremendous, loving group of people. Thank you for making this possible for us and for God."

Father Carkenord continued humbly, "In programs like this — the celebration of the project and blessing, we recognize the beauty of God. And we cherish that."

Though the parish regularly holds its parish potluck and festival in August, due to the special events of the day, a catered luncheon was provided for the congregation following Mass on the church grounds where Rebecca Szeman joked with fellow long-time parishioner Robert Schiffli. She said, "Just think, our ancestors built this church." Schiffli's great grandfather donated the land on which the church and cemetery rest.

Cathy and Hank Cornelius, St. Michael parishioners for 15 years, worked on the decorating committee for the restoration. They said of the restoration, "It's everything we hoped for. We're bringing life back to the old lady. It's good to be back home."

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recently that important parish at the mid-point between our two major cities was returned by the people who truly loved him."

Msgr. Wolf's appointments included the following: Assistant at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend from 1969 to 1973; assistant at St. Mary Church, Decatur, from 1973 to 1977; associate pastor at St. Anthony Church from 1977 to

1980; as well as chaplain of Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend in 1977; pastor of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 1980 to 1986; appointed consultor to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and reappointed to the Committee for Retired Clergy in 1982; appointed co-vicar general, co-chancellor for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in 1986; and appointed co-rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception effective May 5, 1986; reappointed to the Board of Consultors for a five-year term in 1988 and in 1994; appointed by the Holy See as Chaplain for His



TIM JOHNSON

In this 2006 photo, Msgr. J. William Lester, left, and Msgr. James Wolf pose for a photo outside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. They were part of a diocesan pilgrimage group for the canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin.

Holiness, "monsignor" on July 1, 1995; appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, on Sept. 5, 2000; reappointed to the Board of Consultor in 2001; and appointed episcopal vicar for Region C for a three-year term in 2003.

His years as co-rector at the cathedral included the seven-month restoration of the church from April to November of 1998. He also oversaw a renovation and addition at Sacred Heart Church and school in 2008-2009.

Bishop D'Arcy told *Today's Catholic*, "Msgr. Jim Wolf served along side his dear friend, Msgr. Bill Lester, co-vicar for the diocese and co-rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for many years. Especially moving to me was their friendship, their sense of humor and above all their common devotion to the work of Christ and to the building up of this local Church."

Bishop D'Arcy said, "He will be welcomed in Heaven by the Good Shepherd, whom he served, and by Our Lady and by his coworker, Msgr. Lester," Bishop D'Arcy added. "I know also that they will pray for our diocese; and let us all pray that the good Lord will give us good priests like these exemplary shepherds."

Sacred Heart School Principal Jim Faroh had only known Msgr. Wolf for a year, but forged a genuine respect for the pastor of the parish. He said of Msgr. Wolf, "I had the honor and pleasure of carrying out God's work with him for only one short year. In that time I grew to know him as a gentle, quiet man of great wisdom, strength and faith. ... He was an instrumental part of the wonderful success that Sacred Heart enjoyed as a school and family."

Faroh reports that Msgr. Wolf knew the names and personalities

of each student at the school and took great joy in his interactions with them at weekly Mass and various school events. One notable event that will live in the memory of the students and staff is the day Msgr. Wolf took a pie in the face during the volleyball championship celebration last year.

Laura Gillis has worked with Msgr. Wolf as the parish secretary at Sacred Heart in Warsaw for the past 10 years.

"Whenever I hear the hymn at Mass 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' based upon the Prayer of St. Francis, I think of Msgr. Wolf," she said. "He lived it! And I don't know how he did it!"

Mary Barnes agrees. The youngest sister of Msgr. Wolf's five siblings, Barnes and her husband Mike speak joyfully of their family's priest. "You couldn't ask for a better brother," Mary said. "He was always there. His family was very important to him. We could always count on him."

Of his priestly ministry Mary said, "He was so pastoral. Nothing went to his head. He always thought of others first. He was a parish priest at heart."

A funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw. Burial was at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Msgr. Wolf was preceded in death by his sister, Jeanette Gayda and brothers Thomas and Allen. He is survived by sisters Carolyn Grogg of Oxnard, Calif., Mary Barnes, brother-in-law Michael Barnes and sister-in-law Sue Wolf of Fort Wayne, 16 nephews and nieces, 25 great nephews and nieces, and one great-great niece.



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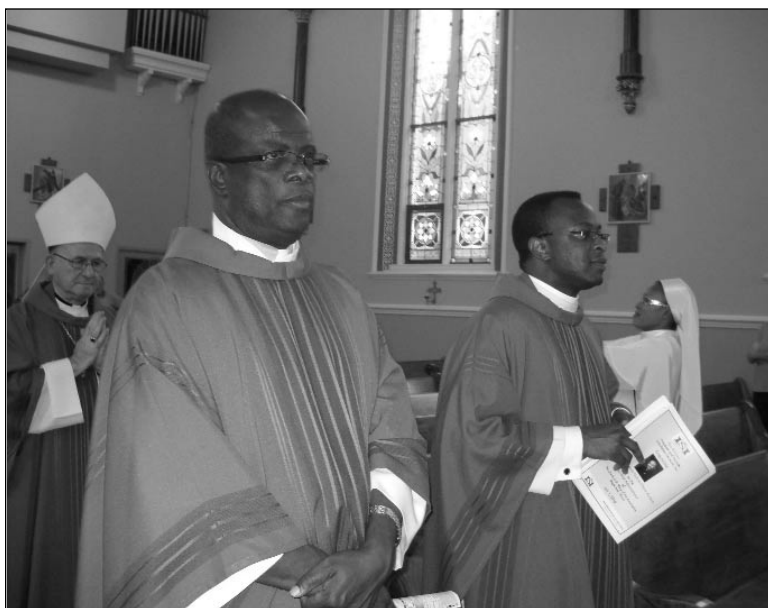
NOTRE DAME — Over 130 Catholic African clergy and religious delegates from across the United States gathered at the Quality Inn University Hotel Aug. 5-8 in South Bend. “A call to service: From the Second Synod of Africa, ‘You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world,’” was the theme of the 10th Annual African Conference of Catholic and Religious in the United States (ACCRUS) held recently there.

Featured keynote presentations included Bishop George Nkuo and Spiritan Father Paulinus Odozor. Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy celebrated Mass on Friday, along with Bishop Joseph Afrifa-Agyekum, bishop of Koforidua, Ghana. Also in attendance was University of Notre Dame theology professor John Cavadini.

ACCRUS is an association of African priests and religious who live and work in the United States. Membership consists of those priests and religious in good standing who are in the United States either as incardinated members of a diocese, as local members of religious orders, or sent by their diocese or religious orders on mission to the United States at various universities or institutes.

Father Odozor, who hosted the convention, gave a presentation on “The Second Synod of Bishops for Africa.

“The Second African Synod



MAY LEE JOHNSON

Left, Spiritan Father Paulinus Odozor, who hosted the 10th Annual African Conference of Catholic and Religious in the United States (ACCRUS) recently held in South Bend, processes into St. Patrick Catholic Church for the closing Mass. This year’s theme was the “Second Synod of Africa, ‘You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.’”

was a response to the growing complexities of life on the

African continent in recent years,” he said, adding, “There are new insights from this synod on the nature and role of the Church today, the role of leadership in the African situation, the role of the laity, the role of women in Church and society, dialogue with other religions.”

There were extensive discussions and resolutions on some moral questions including HIV/AIDS, the family, the arms trade, human rights, education, and on how the

Church can work for reconciliation and peace in Africa in collaboration with other agents and persons of goodwill on the continent.

“In this conference we were able to give the membership an idea of what went on at the synod. It offered us all the opportunity to reflect on how to participate in the ongoing work and program of the synod, even in this country. The Synod on Africa was, like all other synods, a synod of the universal church. Even though the focus was on



Eli Dirnberger, 3, looks on excitedly as the African priests and bishops process into St. Patrick Catholic Church for the closing Mass for the 10th Annual African Conference of Catholic and Religious in the United States (ACCRUS) held recently at Notre Dame. Eli was born in Ethiopia and his parents Nikki and Steve Dirnberger of St. Joseph, Mich., do their best to try to expose him to as much of his culture as possible.

Africa, it was not just an African thing. Its lessons are for all Christians everywhere,” Father Odozor said.

“There has been tremendous progress in the African churches on evangelization,” said Bishop Nkuo. “Between the years 1994 and 2007, the Catholic Church in Africa grew from about 55 million to about 146 million. There was also explosive growth in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life as well.”

Within this period the African Churches have established many universities and colleges and embarked on the formation of laity and catechists in the human and theological sciences. It has also addressed issues in the areas of justice and peace, and

increased its involvement in the provision of social services to all segments of the African societies.

“There have been challenges as well from the HIV/AIDS pandemic, Islam, the various sects and new religious movements which are springing up all over the continent, from bad governance and corrupt politicians, the continuing violence in many parts of the continent and illegal arms trade,” said Bishop Nkuo. “The Church is concerned to see how it could help bring about reconciliation, peace and justice on the continent. The Church’s mission is primarily to preach the Gospel. And, by so doing open the roads to true peace and development for peoples everywhere.”

“Even though the focus was on Africa, it was not just an African thing. Its lessons are for all Christians everywhere.”

FATHER PAULINUS ODOZOR



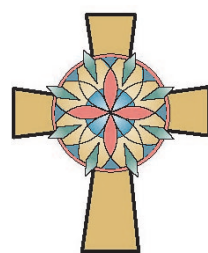
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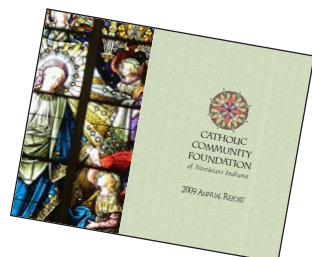
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Response to Eucharist is gratitude for undeserved gift, pope says

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — When attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist, Catholics must be filled with gratitude for God's great gifts, Pope Benedict XVI told a group of his former students. "Despite the fact that we have nothing to give in return and we are full of faults," the pope said, Jesus "invites us to his table and wants to be with us." The pope presided at a Mass Aug. 29 in Castel Gandolfo during his annual meeting with students who did their doctorates with him when he was a professor in Germany. Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna, a regular participant in the "Ratzinger Schulerkreis" (Ratzinger student circle), gave the homily at the Mass, but the pope made remarks at the beginning of the liturgy. The Vatican released the text of the pope's remarks Aug. 31. Introducing the penitential rite, Pope Benedict said: "In today's Gospel the Lord makes us see how, in reality, we continue to live like the pagans do. We extend invitations only to those who can invite us. We give only to those who can give back." In the day's Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus tells His disciples not to invite the rich to dinner "in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." The pope told his former students that "God's style" of inviting people is clear in the gift of the Eucharist.

New Yorkers protest refusal to light building to honor Mother Teresa

NEW YORK (CNS) — More than 1,000 people dressed in blue and white filled a cordoned traffic lane across from the Empire State Building Aug. 26 to protest the decision of the building's owner to deny a request to illuminate the upper floors in honor of the 100th birthday of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. The event, organized by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, featured a melange of local political, religious and entertainment personalities who addressed the crowd from a podium set on the back of a flatbed truck. Since 1976, the top 30 floors of the Empire State Building have been lit regularly with colored lights to mark national holidays and recognize events as diverse as home team World Series victories, the death of Pope John Paul II, the 60th anniversary of the People's Republic of China and the DVD release of "The Simpson's Movie." Catholic League president Bill Donohue said his application to

NEWS BRIEFS

RELATIVE HOLDS RELIGIOUS ITEMS OUTSIDE MINE



CNS PHOTO/PASCAL PARRA, REUTERS

A relative of one of the 33 miners trapped in a copper and gold mine holds rosaries and scapulars she received from a nun in Copiapo, Chile, Aug. 31. Engineers are lowering supplies to help the miners cope with what could be a long wait for rescue. The miners have requested religious items, such as statues of saints and a crucifix.

bathe the tower in blue and white lights, the colors associated with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, was turned down in May without explanation after he was given verbal assurances that it would be accepted. He said he then launched a worldwide campaign to protest the "indefensible decision."

Judge's ruling on embryonic stem-cell funding called 'victory for common sense'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo praised a federal judge's recent ruling that temporarily stopped federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research, but the U.S. Department of Justice said it would appeal the decision. The cardinal, who heads the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and chairs the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called the Aug. 23 decision by Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia "a victory for common sense and sound medical ethics. It also vindicates the bishops' reading" of the Dickey-Wicker amendment, approved by Congress since 1996, which prevents federal funding of research in which human embryos are harmed or destroyed, Cardinal DiNardo said in an Aug. 25 statement. In congressional testimony in 1999,

the bishops' conference argued that "a mere bookkeeping distinction between funds used to destroy the embryo and funds used to work with the resultant cells is not sufficient" to comply with the amendment. In his 15-page ruling granting a temporary injunction, Lamberth said Drs. James L. Sherley and Theresa Deisher, both adult stem-cell researchers, had standing to challenge the Obama administration's guidelines on stem-cell funding because they faced the possibility of losing funding from the National Institutes of Health when NIH funding for embryonic stem-cell research was expanded. The lawsuit had originally been filed on behalf of the two doctors; Nightlight Christian Adoptions, an adoption and counseling agency that facilitates international, domestic and embryo adoptions; embryos themselves; two couples; and the Christian Medical Association. Lamberth ruled in 2009 that none of the plaintiffs had legal standing, but an appeals court overruled him only in the case of the two doctors.

New stands taken on indecency front

WASHINGTON (CNS) — New stands have been taken on the indecency front, but discouraging signs continue to surface. In what is potentially the most important stand, the Federal Communications Commission filed an appeal Aug.

26, asking a federal appeals court to reconsider its July ruling striking down the FCC's indecency policy concerning fleeting expletives. The July ruling by a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals "threatens to have a wide-ranging adverse impact on the FCC's ability to enforce federal statutory restrictions on the broadcast of indecent material," according to the brief filed by FCC General Counsel Austin Schlick. The FCC, in its brief, contends that the judges overreached in ruling the FCC's policy unconstitutional. Instead, according to Communications Law Blog writer Dan Fitzpatrick, the court should only have considered whether the words uttered — both of the four-letter variety — were in and of themselves indecent. The brief filed by the FCC asks the three-judge panel to revisit the case or, failing that, to send the case to the full 2nd Circuit. In the meantime, CBS is unveiling a new sitcom whose title uses one of the words claimed by the FCC to be indecent — although you'll never see or hear it. CBS labels the show "\$#! My Dad Says." The typographical figures replacing the letters do a good enough job suggesting the word that's been substituted. The Parents Television Council sent letters to 300 prospective advertisers, asking them whether they really wanted to be associated with a show featuring a title like that. A Rasmussen Reports poll issued during the sum-

mer concluded that a majority of parents believe that both the TV Parental Guidelines and content-blocking technologies like the v-chip are useful.

New Orleans Archdiocese 'buries' Katrina, looks to move on

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — Citing the abundant blessings that have followed the suffering and deaths caused by Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond marked the fifth anniversary of the nation's worst natural disaster Aug. 29 with a Mass and an interfaith prayer service at St. Louis Cathedral. "Five years later, we remember the unwelcome visit of Katrina, but we have put her to rest," Archbishop Aymond said in his homily at the Mass, which was celebrated in honor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, the patroness of the archdiocese. "Wherever she is, it doesn't matter to us because she no longer has power over us. We must move on with the power of Christ." A day earlier, Archbishop Aymond had been a principal speaker at a Katrina "funeral," celebrated at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Chalmette. He remarked that when the Katrina casket, filled with personal prayers and notes from individuals, was closed, people spontaneously broke out in cheers and applause. "It was a very moving experience," Archbishop Aymond said.

In Haiti, aid, health care hard to come by for quake survivors

CAYES-JACMEL, Haiti (CNS) — Hyppolite Lappe, an agronomics student, stood in a long line at a health clinic run by American volunteers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. His elderly mother was by his side. He watched as tempers flared under a hot August sun while people pushed and shouted trying to get to the registration table. "Haiti has so many difficult situations," said Lappe, who was displaced by Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake. "People have lost their homes, jobs. They cannot find food to feed their families and there are few doctors here." Then he turned to ask the volunteers if he could move his elderly mother to the front of the long lines. They politely declined; other elderly people were in line waiting, too. The clinic is one of the few options for health care in the region since the quake, which left most of the local hospital in nearby Jacmel in ruins. Visiting Swiss and Cuban doctors have provided intermittent medical care in the Cayes-Jacmel area, but there has been little more help for the sick and injured. The temblor not only destroyed large sections of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince 45 miles away but damaged an estimated 70 percent of homes in the Jacmel region on Haiti's southern shore. The area has received little aid despite its proximity to Port-au-Prince.

Auburn parish to host mission Sept. 13-16

AUBURN — Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. 7th St., will be conducting a parish mission, Sept. 13-16 from 6:30-8 p.m., to enhance the spiritual growth of the parish and community. The theme, "The Compassionate Life," will offer presentations given by Father Andy O'Reilly, a member of the Congregation of the Precious Blood.

The reflection topics are Living with God's Compassionate and Unconditional Love; Living with the Challenges and Pain of Life; and Living with the People of God. On the fourth evening, the mission will conclude with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Light refreshments and fellowship will follow each evening presentation in the parish hall.

Child-care and transportation will be available, if needed. For information contact the office at (260) 925-3930.

South Bend community to hold 40 Days for Life

SOUTH BEND — The South Bend community will be uniting with many others from coast to coast — and internationally — for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization, the 40 Days for Life campaign, from Sept. 22 through Oct. 31. Faithful believers across America are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America.

A prayer vigil will run 24 hours a day next to the Women's Pavilion, which is located at 2010 Ironwood Circle in South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the South Bend campaign with the rosary on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at the vigil site.

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism.

For additional information, contact Mary Akre, campaign director, at MAKre33@gmail.com or (574) 807-1991 or Shawn Sullivan, vigil director, at Sullyatlaw@sbcglobeal.net or (574) 286-7860.

Scholarship contest celebrates canonization of Brother André Bessette

NOTRE DAME — Ave Maria Press, an apostolate of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is excited to celebrate the canonization of the first Holy Cross saint, Brother André Bessette. Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Brother André on Oct. 17 in Rome. In honor of this occasion, Ave Maria Press is sponsoring a \$500 academic scholarship to be awarded to one student currently enrolled in a Catholic high school in Brother André's honor.

Scholarship guidelines:

- Write a 500-word essay enti-

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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OPENS ACADEMIC YEAR



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The University of Saint Francis welcomed the 2010-2011 students, faculty, staff and visitors with an all-school opening convocation and Mass on Aug. 25 at the Hutzell Athletic Center in Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, right, processes into the packed center with Father John Stecher, chaplain of the University of Saint Francis and altar server Jaxson Burkins, freshman, to celebrate Mass. The cross that led the procession was carried by student body president Eric Toy and peer minister Nate James. Bishop Rhoades greeted the eager students with St. Francis' own salutation, "Peace and goodness," and spoke in his homily of the dignity of human life and the sanctity of marriage and family life.

tled "Brother André Bessette: A Model for Humble Service."

Focus of the essay:

- Apply Jesus' message of the first Beatitude — "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" — to the life of Brother André. (How did Brother André recognize by his life of service that everything he possessed was from God?)

- How are you personally able to live a life of humble service modeled on the example of Brother André?

Also include in the essay:

- Biographical information on Brother André Bessette.
- Inclusion of Brother André's devotion to St. Joseph and how St. Joseph himself modeled humble service to God.

- The events surrounding Brother André's canonization.

One winning student will be selected. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 17, at 4:30 p.m.

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One \$500 scholarship payable to a Catholic high school or to the college of a 2011 Catholic high school graduate in the name of the winning student will be announced on Saturday, Oct. 2, as part of the Ave Maria Press Enrichment Day for high school religion teachers.

Charity auction, dinner to benefit Mustard Seed

FORT WAYNE — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank will host its Seventh Annual Charity Auction and Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 9, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Coliseum Expo Center.

Tickets are \$65 per person; tables of eight are available for \$600 (includes special recognition). Sponsorships are available. Please contact the Mustard Seed office at (260) 471-5802 ext. 100 or e-mail director@mustardseedfortwayne.com to secure a reservation or receive additional information.

The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank accepts basic furniture, linens, blankets, towels and kitchenware from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 3636 Illinois Road — between Jefferson

and Hillegas Roads. For more information visit www.mustardseedfortwayne.com

Author Thomas Cahill to give 2010 Christian Culture Lecture

NOTRE DAME — The Department of Humanistic Studies at Saint Mary's College has announced that Thomas Cahill, best-selling author of "How the Irish Saved Civilization," will give its 2010 Christian Culture Lecture. His talk, "The End of Christian Divisions: Achieving Reunion Through Truth-telling," is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22, in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Those interested may reserve a ticket at www.moreaucenter.com or by calling (574) 284-4626.

"We are delighted to host Thomas Cahill at Saint Mary's College," said John Shinnors, the Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair of Humanistic Studies. "He has a real gift for bringing history to life, so we look forward to his talk. It will discuss how the age-old divisions of Christianity — Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox — could

achieve reunion by setting aside their differences."

Grant provides support for first-generation, low-income students

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for its Student Support Services (SSS) Program. The grant is \$220,000 annually for five years, totaling \$1,200,000.

"The University of Saint Francis was awarded this grant through the TRiO Student Support Services Program of the U.S. Department of Education. We are very pleased to receive it, and we know that the funds will be of great assistance to us in providing services to our students," said Dr. Rolf Daniel, provost of the University of Saint Francis.

The TRiO Program is a set of federally funded college opportunity programs designed to provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRiO targets low-income, first-generation or disabled college students, with the program's goal being to improve these students' retention and graduation rates.

"First-generation and low-income students face significant barriers in pursuing a higher education," said Sister M. Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis. "Often, these students lack adequate preparation for college or the role models to encourage them on the path they have chosen. Thankfully, with the assistance of the TRiO Program grant, the university will be able to continue its long-standing and successful efforts to see to it that first-generation and low-income students receive the services and assistance they need."

Services available to qualified participants in the university's SSS Program will include academic tutoring, course selection advising, student aid information, assistance in improving students' financial literacy and information on applying to graduate school. Participating students will be expected to adhere to SSS Program requirements for retention, good academic standing and graduation.

Catholic-Mennonite day of reflection planned

SOUTH BEND — Blessed are the Peacemakers: A Day of Reflection, will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St., in South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the day with morning prayer, as well as participate in the opening panel discussion.

For reservations call (574) 257-3377 or (574) 291-0924 to help with lunch preparations. This conversation is sponsored by Michiana Bridgefolk, a local network of Catholics and Mennonites, with special thanks to the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.

Sacristan's toddler welcome at St. Catherine of Siena Parish

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — From the time William Waltman was in his mother's womb, the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish at St. Jude Church in South Bend decided to "adopt" him in their hearts.

Affectionately known as the parish baby, Will is the son of Gail Waltman. Waltman has been a substitute teacher at St. Jude School and has been a sacristan in the parish for several years, so her cheerful face has been a part of the St. Catherine of Siena community for some time. At the time of Waltman's pregnancy with Will, she and her husband had four other children that were 14, 11, 10 and 7 years of age. So William's arrival was a bit of a surprise.

The surprise turned out to be a blessing as members of the parish checked on Waltman throughout her pregnancy.

"Many school parents, friends and parishioners were so surpris-

ingly excited over my pregnancy. Every day, whether at school or the church, people would ask how I was feeling. It was the fact that they truly cared to know and not being polite," Waltman recalls.

St. Catherine of Siena pastor, Father John Delaney, says that her presence as a sacristan at daily Mass provided visibility to others in the parish and school as her pregnancy progressed. "Those daily communicants and many of the grade school family (kids and parents) would see her so often, that all became attentive to the day-to-day progress leading to Will's birth. We all felt like we'd seen him through his 'incubation period' to birth and all were excited with anticipation as well as when he arrived!"

The outpouring of love and support from the parish was important to Waltman and her family. "They were happy to be a part of my pregnancy, even if just seeing me daily and watching the natural progression. Many parish-



KAREN CLIFFORD

Father John Delaney, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, holds Will Waltman, the son of sacristan Gail Waltman. Because of her duties as sacristan, Will has enjoyed a spotlight in the parish since Gail's pregnancy and now as a toddler. Will is the fifth child of Gail and her husband.

ioners I knew and those I didn't know well included me in their daily prayers for a healthy baby," says Waltman.

During her pregnancy, Waltman decided to continue her duties at daily Mass once Will was born and

bring him with her into the sacristy. To prepare Father Delaney for Will's arrival in the sacristy, Waltman and fellow St. Catherine of Siena parishioner Elva Gable decided to surprise Father Delaney with a taste of what is like to be around small children. One morning Father Delaney walked into the sacristy and found toys on the floor, and baby clothes hanging in the closet amongst his vestments!

All through her pregnancy and Will's birth, Father Delaney was very supportive of Waltman's decision to continue as the parish sacristan. "During an all-school Mass a few days before William was born, Father John gave me a blessing. I never had a blessing with my other children nor did I know anything about one for expectant mothers until I became sacristan.

This was a special moment," Waltman stresses.

Since Will's birth on Nov. 10, 2008, there has been mutual admiration between him, Father Delaney, associate pastor Father Paul Choorathottiyil and the parishioners. "He gets so excited when he watches me vest that we all are wondering what is going through his mind as he does so, since with each thing I put on, he just stands in awe and kind of quivers as I go through the process. All eyes!" Father Delaney chuckles.

Waltman notes that Will's first learning experiences have been at the church. "He would watch Father John and Father Paul during Mass and what they were doing. He would instantly know their voice from the ambo when the Gospel was proclaimed and would turn his head toward them."

Parishioner Mary Ann Sobieralski enjoys being a parish "grandmother" to Will. "I have walked around church with him holding my hand, and he listens when I tell him who the statues are. He looks very intently at the Pieta and I wonder what is going through his mind. He genuflects at every bench and sort of squats down while holding onto the end. I suppose that is what he has seen many seniors do."

Sobieralski predicts that Will's future at St. Catherine of Siena will be a long one. "One of his favorite church activities is playing the piano. We walk over, he sets on my lap and we play and sing. He has a gentle touch and someday will probably be the music director."

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Family spirit at Bishop Luers

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — “It’s a good place for young people. God is present here every day,” says Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer.

Keefer and Catholic Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Myers were greeting students, teachers and staff on Aug. 18 as anxious students gathered for a first day of classes.

Whether its academics, athletics or the arts, clubs wrapped with the Catholic faith, Bishop Luers’ students often find themselves overlapping interests. It is not unusual for a football player to also sing and dance in show choir. It’s not unusual for an athlete to serve at an all-school Mass or be an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

“You have to be willing to give,” Keefer says, “This is a good time and a good place to learn that.”

Teachers at Bishop Luers often stay for years. “When they leave, they cry,” Keefer says.

Science teacher Dave Kruse has taught at Bishop Luers for 22 years. “Year after year, I have pretty good kids,” he says. The Christian environment and the kids combined create a positive atmosphere.

Kruse, who is not Catholic, is also a Luers parent. His daughter is entering her senior year at Bishop Luers and his son, music major at Ball State University, graduated from Luers four years ago. “Luers offers a good education and a good experience all the way,” Kruse says. The sports, music and clubs offered his children a positive experience.

On the first day of school, junior Sarah Bartels says the thing she likes best about Bishop Luers is “the family spirit, everyone supports everyone.”

Classmate Cheyenne Kramer adds, “I like the people and how they make school more fun —



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop Luers High School juniors, from left, Sarah Bartels, Cheyenne Kramer and Paul Lohmuller are greeted by Principal Mary Keefer on the first day of school.

especially the teachers.”

And junior Paul Lohmuller says the best part of Luers is the school spirit which is especially evident at basketball and football games. Of the theology classes, Lohmuller says, “All the teachers make it understandable.”

Luers has a variety of students from wealthy families to those who live in poverty, from rural to inner-city. “We love them, we teach them, we nurture them,” Keefer says. “We don’t lower our standards.”

Academically, the school offers everything from an academic success program to help students who may need assistance and tutoring to Advanced Placement where students can earn college credit for high school classes.

“Kids either dig in or retreat,” Keefer says. “We’re here to offer encouragement and we’ll help you get there.”

The goal of the spectrum of learning is “to prepare students for what’s next,” Keefer says.

She boasts that the students value each other, have a strong work ethic and do what they are asked to do.

The school has also seen graduates seeking vocations to the priesthood. Robert Kinney and Daniel Davis are recent Luers’ graduates who currently attend seminary.

Once a month, Franciscan Sister Lois, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, talks with young women who have a interest in religious life. And the school sponsors a popular vocation day. The presence of priests include chaplains Father Drew Curry, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne; Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne; and Father Larry Kramer, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City.

Twice a week, a priest is available for Reconciliation. Keefer says it is not uncommon for 15 to 20 students to receive the sacrament. And a peer ministry group coordinates retreats in the school, helps prepare liturgies, serves Mass, lectors and maintains the chapel.

This atmosphere pulls 20 students from Huntington and one family from Wilshire, Ohio, both over 25 miles away from the school, but Keefer says 20 to 25 feeder schools in the community are represented at Bishop Luers.

“We teach the standards of the state of Indiana infused with faith,” Keefer says. Her resume includes 17 years as principal, 10 years of teaching at St. John the Baptist, serving as the Bishop Luers theology chair for three years and a stint as assistant principal at Belmont High School, a public school in Decatur. Keefer does not compare Bishop Luers to the public schools, because “we’re different.” And she says the Luers families want something different than the public schools.

Through the economic difficulties, Bishop Luers has maintained steady enrollment figures.

The school enjoys a great deal of loyalty from parents and alumni. “Once a Knight, always a Knight,” claims Keefer.

Bishop draws lucky Christ Child Society winner

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — On an annual basis, the Christ Child Society (CCS) of Fort Wayne gathers with their spiritual advisor for Mass and dinner. This year’s event took place on Monday evening, Aug. 23, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was expected to be the celebrant in his first get-together with the group, but was unable to attend due to the death of his dear aunt and god-mother, Catherine Rhoades. Fortunately, Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy was available to fill in.

During his homily, Bishop D’Arcy compared the writings of Pope Benedict XVI to the work of this extraordinary organization. In his first encyclical, “God is Love,” Pope Benedict declares that the Church can no more ignore the poor and acts of charity than the sacraments. Like Christ, as He hung on the cross, all humans thirst for love, especially the poorest of the poor. By clothing the poor and raising funds for the needy, the Christ Child Society, acts in this great tradition by serving others.

He went on to explain, “Giving to others is giving the gift of Christ Himself. When we are dealing with human beings through our Church’s charitable organizations, we open our spirits to others.” Bishop D’Arcy’s prayer for those gathered began, “Dear Lord, as we serve the children, help us to love them as You love them.”

After Mass, a record-turn out of members and their spouses, gathered in the parish hall for a reception highlighting another much-anticipated annual tradition

for the night — when the bishop drew the lucky winner of four tickets to the upcoming Notre Dame vs. Purdue game.

Thanks to the gift of the tickets and the tremendous sales efforts of the nearly 200 members, the organization was able to net just over \$11,000 to meet upcoming budget needs. Along with other fundraisers like a spring garage sale, a fall golf outing, a St. Patrick’s Day Celebrity Wait Night and a Christmas Cookie Walk, the moneys all go towards funding the tasks the Christ Child Society takes on such as providing 2,700 coats this winter to area children, distributing over 600 layettes to each of the area hospitals and other Fort Wayne agencies to new mothers in need, providing nearly 300 backpacks to school-age youngsters and financing \$20,000 worth of diapers they purchase for the Women’s Care Center Crib Clubs at the three Fort Wayne locations.

“Raising funds is an ongoing challenge as our demands continue to increase and we try to remain fiscally responsible given the economy and influx of immigration in our city,” explained one of the Christ Child Society’s original members, Dee Dee Dahm.

Dahm is excited about the upcoming golf outing, “Golfing for Kids,” to be held Sept. 20 at Autumn Ridge Golf Course.

Christ Child Society President Sherri Miller, detailed to the crowd the officers’ meeting with Bishop Rhoades prior to the event. She told how he was looking forward to supporting the cause and was very knowledgeable of the works of the group despite not having a chapter in his former diocese of Harrisburg, Pa.

See information on page 24 for registration details or to support “Golfing for Kids.”



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Christ Child Society members mingle with the Bishop emeritus John M. D’Arcy as he tells them about his summer travels to the beautiful cliffs of Ireland. In the back, from left, are President Sherri Miller, Treasurer Barbara Hogan and Dee Dee Dahm. Bishop D’Arcy, Kathy Denice and Peggy Hipskind appear in the front row.



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Biology class comes alive in Saint Joseph's High School's courtyard

BY SUSAN LIGHTCAP

SOUTH BEND — Biology is the study of life. Yet, when students are asked to explain what "life" means to them, an array of ideas are expressed. Because actions speak louder than words, the science department of Saint Joseph's High School decided to put the students' ideas into action.

Through the Our Place project of the Hoosier Environmental Council (HEC), sponsored by the University of Notre Dame, the task was assigned to create a student-driven garden. With a limited amount of grant money, the students explored all of the possibilities. What was finally agreed upon was a courtyard garden across from the chapel with an abundance of fruits, vegetables and flowers. The main idea of this garden was to provide a beautiful, tranquil area that is conducive for praying, learning and sharing.

Tracy Gergely's biology classes, consisting of 120 students, designed, created, grew and planted a variety of "living" items. Beginning with only seeds, each student selected two pots and seeds and spent over five weeks taking care of their sprouts. The plan was to harvest the produce to be consumed by the needy and create floral arrangements to be sent to nursing homes and hospitals.

Mother nature wasn't cooperative and time became an issue; however, the students persevered. In cold, dreary weather, numerous students and staff showed up on a Saturday morning to work to ready the earth for the garden.

Breaking down old, worn-out furniture and a massive area of broken concrete was the first plan of attack. After about four hours,



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Through the Our Place project, Saint Joseph's High School students, staff and parents created this garden in the school's courtyard.

sweat and sore muscles were the end result of the work. Progress continued for a number of weeks thereafter.

The following individuals were extremely instrumental in the success: Michael Cannon, Coty Davis, Chen Gu, Megan Klima, Will Beach, Mary Beth Duggan, Denise Duggan and Anthony Spiteri.

Because this project was designed to be similar to a "green" time capsule, including past, present and future students, the students preserved as much of the used materials as possible. A statue of St. Francis was relocated to another area of the garden.

Hostas, irises and daylilies were moved as well. Concrete pieces were used to build a grotto for a new statue of Mary with a waterfall slowly trickling down.

Other pieces of concrete were used to encompass the water drain, which became the focal point of the garden with a new statue of St. Joseph in the center.

All remaining concrete was recycled with a concrete recycling company. Staying true to the "green" idea, organic soil was used to create a healthy environment for the plants to take root. Sturdy raised flower beds were created and could be moved to a new location. On behalf of the class of 1969, funds were made available for perennials, new picnic tables and umbrellas. These items will make the move to a new location.

Teachers, staff, parents and students donated not only their time, but also flower bulbs, perennials and beautiful stones to create the purposeful garden.

BISHOP RHOADES VISITS HOLY CROSS BROTHERS



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From left, Holy Cross Brothers Thomas Scheuer and Roland Driscoll receive Holy Communion. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited Columba Hall, celebrated Mass and had lunch with the brothers Aug. 24.



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Rose Culp was foster parent to 79 babies

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

LAKEVILLE — Parents often know the daunting responsibility of taking care of babies. Feeding, cleaning and rocking babies to sleep can take a great deal of physical and emotional endurance.

For Rose Culp, a parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena and lifelong member of Sacred Heart Church in Lakeville, this fortitude extended beyond her three adopted children to include the foster care of 79 babies from 1965 to 1975. With her first husband Norbert Grzesiak's sudden death in 1964, Culp's emotional life was in disarray.

"I was having a hard time of it. I had these three kids, Anita, Brian and Tom, and I couldn't sleep nights. Peg, my social worker for my two adopted children and my (then) foster child, and I became good friends. She said, 'Rose, why don't you take foster babies and then you won't have to worry about sleeping nights because you'll be up anyhow.' I said, 'Well, let me try it,'" Culp recalls.

Culp believes her children and foster babies saved her sanity after her husband's death. "I was busy all day with children and so I couldn't sit back and feel sorry for myself. Usually when the social worker took one of the babies from

me for an adoption, she brought another. Very seldom was I without a baby, although sometimes I could only keep them for a week or two."

To remember each child, Culp gave boys and girls names in alphabetical order and took pictures of them for her baby scrapbook. When the babies left her home for adoption the only information she passed forward was about their formula and how they responded while in her care.

Usually she took care of multiple foster babies, up to six at a time. She remembers laying pillows on the kitchen table, feeding and burping each infant, laying them down on the pillow before starting the same procedure for the next baby. She would then change each child's diaper before putting them to bed. Her sister-in-law Laretta Grzesiak, who lives next door, would often help Culp with the care of the babies and take one home to care for at night.

In addition to taking care of her children and her foster babies, Culp also cleaned at Queen of Peace Parish and School.

"It was easy with the babies because you take them with you, and Father didn't care how long it took to get things clean, as long as we (Culp and her sister-in-law) got it done. If the babies cried you picked them up, you burped them,



KAREN CLIFFORD

Rose Culp stands behind the baby buggy that was once used for her foster children. She holds a wood carving that was sculpted by her son Tom Grzesiak. Grzesiak recently had a wood carving that was blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

you changed them, and you laid them down," she says, adding, "In the summertime there was a playground right outside the school window and I could let my children play there because I could keep an eye on them."

One of the greatest challenges of foster parenting is not becoming too emotionally involved. Culp

emphasizes. "Most of the time babies sleep. But if they look at you and start cooing, then you can get attached."

Culp recalled two infants to whom she grew very close. "One time I had a little boy named Bobby who was about 10 months old when I got him. I was standing at the sink and he came up to me

and took my pants and starting saying 'mama.' My children were calling me mama. I called Peg (her social worker) and said, 'You are going to have to come and get Bobby.'"

The second baby was a premature girl she named Holly, who only weighed three pounds at birth and only five pounds when Culp received her for foster care. "I kept her for three months to fatten her up," she remembers.

In 1975 Culp started to spend time with her future husband Jim Culp. Before they were married Jim would come over to her house and hold the babies. "He said, 'You know Rose, we can't do this. I don't know if I could give this baby up!'"

After Rose and Jim were married, Rose stopped being a foster parent. Upon reflection, she credits her strong Catholic faith for getting through life struggles and her love of foster parenting.

"My first husband's death and not being able to have my own children were very hard for me to accept. I prayed to God and St. Anthony for everything. But then when I had Brian that all changed, and then I had Anita and Tom and I love all three. I loved being a foster parent because I love babies. Every baby they brought me I thought was beautiful."



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BISHOP RHOADES VISITS

BY KAREN



GRANGER — During Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades first visit to St. Pius X School on Aug. 27, five new parish statues were blessed following an all-school Mass attended by students, parents and other parishioners. After Mass and the blessing of the statues, Bishop Rhoades visited the school's classrooms. There the questions ranged from serious subjects such as first Confession and the meaning of the stigmata, to the innocent inquiry from a third grader who asked if the bishop's pectoral cross came with his outfit.

As he began his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke to one of the fourth-grade classes about St. Monica, who is their class' patron saint. "Happy feast day," exclaimed Bishop Rhoades. "St. Monica spent years praying for her son who did not believe in God. And she loved her son so much and cried because he didn't believe in God. So she kept praying and never gave up and eventually he got baptized."

Bishop Rhoades then explained that her son Augustine, who later became a saint and whose feast day follows St. Monica's, eventually became a priest and one of the greatest bishops in the history of the Church. Bishop Rhoades emphasized that Augustine's greatness came from his mother's faithful prayers.

It is from the spiritual union of all members of the Church, living and dead, that we are united, Bishop Rhoades stressed. "When we speak about the Catholic Church, we usually think about all of us here on earth. We are the Church, but we are not the only part of the Church. The Church is bigger than us. There is the Church in heaven with all of the saints — our brothers and sisters in Christ."

He continued, "And the Church also includes all the people who have died that are waiting to go into heaven. They are being purified in purgatory. So we all are a part of the Church; the souls in purgatory, the saints in heaven and we who are still here on earth. We are pilgrims, which means we are on the way somewhere. Because our true hope isn't on earth, our fervent hope is in heaven in the presence of God and all the saints."

Bishop Rhoades also included the significance of the statues to be blessed during his homily. Three of the five statues make up the Holy Family and include the Good Shepherd, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

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He added, "St. Joseph is the head of the whole Catholic Church. He is the foster father of Jesus. And Joseph is the one who carried the baby Jesus in his arms."

Jesus' extended family includes St. Anne, Jesus' grandmother, and her husband Joachim are the parents of St. Joseph. I probably would never have known about the Catholic faith. Often our grandparents are our parents' grandparents to our parents' grandparents. Bishop Rhoades.

The fifth statue is of a young boy who would later become Peter, the saint of the parish and school. St. Sarto carrying his shoes on his back. He came from a poor family and was barefoot when walking to school. He wore out his shoes, Bishop Rhoades said, and he is the head of the congregation.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to St. Pius X students about St. Monica on her feast day at the all school Mass.



The statue of the Blessed Mother is blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.



Eighth-grade students gather with Msgr. Bill Schuler and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.



Sixth graders greet Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

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While visiting the kindergarten class, Bishop Rhoades was asked several questions about his appearance. Kindergartner Matthew Helms asked Bishop Rhoades why he was not wearing glasses in the picture in his classroom. Bishop Rhoades responded by saying he used to wear contact lenses, but not currently.

Sixth graders greeted Bishop Rhoades with “Buenos Dias” as he entered their classroom. Two of the students in the class were from Colombia, South America, and were able to converse with Bishop Rhoades in their native language.

Eighth-grade students were intrigued by the significance of the cross the bishop wears around his neck.

“In 2005 I went to Rome as part of the new bishops and Pope Benedict XVI met with us and gave each of us a cross. It is called a pectoral cross. ‘Pectoral’ is Latin for over the ‘breast.’ If I have a suit on I wear it in my pocket over my heart,” Bishop Rhoades said.

Principal Elaine Holmes noted the impact of Bishop Rhoades’ interaction with the students and parents. “We felt extremely blessed to have Bishop Rhoades visit St. Pius during our opening week. He celebrated our opening all-school Mass on Friday morning, blessed all of our new statues, and visited with every one of our grade levels. He has a great sense of humor and put our children totally at ease. Many of our parents were in attendance at the Mass and the liturgy was beautiful with all of our children’s music liturgy groups participating. ‘To Recognize Christ at the Core’ is in our mission statement and Friday was a full day of living our mission statement. It was a wonderful way to start the school year.”

St. Pius X pastor Msgr. Bill Schooler summed up Bishop Rhoades’ visit as a delightful experience for all involved. “Our students loved the bishop’s visit to our school today. For many of them, it was the first time they have had a close encounter with a bishop, and they were intrigued by him, by his office, and by what he wore. They were not afraid to ask him questions, and he answered them very well. By blessing the new statues, Bishop Rhoades also paid tribute to those generous parishioners who made the project a reality.”



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is greeted by Elaine Holmes, principal, as Msgr. Bill Schooler observes.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades explains to eighth-grade students that the cross he wears was given to him by Pope Benedict XVI when he became a bishop.



with “Buenos Dias.”



A bunny from the science lab is blessed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

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The grounds of Holy Cross Village is shown in this photo. The village offers daily Mass at 12 and 5 p.m.

Holy Cross Village nurtures residents' spirituality

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Village is dedicated to the spiritual well being of its residents, with the belief that “the later years of life are a time of intense spiritual growth” for most people. The staff at the village provides various activities to support the movement towards oneness with God.

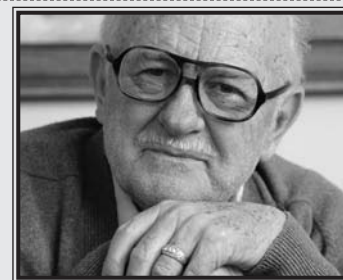
These opportunities are provided to nurture and assist the residents in their spiritual journey. Holy Cross Sister Marilyn Zugish, and Fathers Kenneth Grabner and Andre Leveille, the spiritual care staff, are available for visits, spiritual direction and the administra-

tion of the sacraments. Mass is celebrated daily, and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is provided both individually and communally on a regular basis, as is the sacrament of Reconciliation. Centering prayer and Bible study groups are two more ways that nourish spiritual growth.

“The residents really initiate a lot of things themselves, for example, the book clubs,” says Sister Marilyn, director of Spirituality and Mission. “It is not anything the village does per se, but the village in terms of everybody who lives here, is a part of it.”

Resident Peg Vander Gracht, originally from Detroit, Mich., declares, “The village encourages all

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kinds of things. They don't necessarily initiate it, but they support it."

Asked why he chose to retire at Holy Cross Village, Paul Reilly, who comes from Traverse City, Mich., says, "I was looking for a place just like this. I was looking for a place that was Catholic, but also open to other faith traditions."

Holy Cross Village nourishes his Catholic faith. "Where else can you go where they have Mass every day and, if you miss the 12 o'clock Mass, you can go at 5 p.m. and have two chaplains and a sister available? You are not going to find that easily. There is a spiritual dimension here that you do not find everywhere."

Steve Kastner, executive director of the village, gives a lot of credit to the Brothers of Holy Cross. He points out that there is an "added component of the brothers living neighbor to neighbor with our residents here. They are role models for spirituality. They have taken this on as a new ministry."

Reilly also says that all the villagers are welcome to participate in any community prayers of the brothers. "That tells me that they have invited us to be a part of their spiritual growth and development."

There are chapels on each floor at Andre Place, the independent living retirement center at the village. Both Vander Gracht and Reilly appreciate the time for solitude and the opportunity to slow down and pray. "It is so wonderful to just sit and reflect," says Vander Gracht.

Brother Lou Brazil, residents

care coordinator, emphasized the need people in their later years have for a deep spirituality to help them cope with the many losses that seniors experience. "It is truly their spirituality that is going to sustain them during their stay here."

"My mother was a nursing home administrator and she always told me that there was direct correlation between people's spirituality and their coping mechanisms within the nursing home," said Jack Mueller, director of campus operations. "And in my 25 years in nursing home administration I have seen the same thing. The deeper your spirituality, the better off you will be in coping and adjusting to some of life's changes."

Another plus about the village is the availability of daily Mass. This enables those in the Quinn Memory Care Center to attend. Other residents bring those with Alzheimer's or dementia to and from the center for Mass, which shows one way they minister to and take care of one another.

A prayer shawl ministry meets quarterly to make comforting shawls for use within the community. Members pray for those who receive them. It is another way of connecting people spiritually.

While Holy Cross Village is definitely a Catholic place, the staff and people are accepting of others, no matter their beliefs. They embrace all who make their home there. One thing for sure is that anyone who lives or visits there will feel the welcoming spirit of hospitality.

BISHOP RHOADES VISITS OUR LADY OF ANGELS CONVENT



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass for the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at the Our Lady of Angels Convent on Saturday, Aug. 21. A brunch and visit with the sisters in the infirmary followed the Mass. The sisters at Our Lady of Angels Convent are those whose sole apostolate is prayer, as well as the sisters who care for them. These sisters take care of most of the daytime hours of adoration in the perpetual adoration chapel.



Residents enjoy a late summer day at Holy Cross Village.

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BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — It may be dark humor to refer to a retirement home as God's Waiting Room, but in real terms, retirees select such places because life there is designed to fit the needs of someone who chooses to set aside the everyday burdens of daily responsibilities in a setting of spiritual serenity.

It cannot be denied that an adjustment period is required to settle in smaller quarters and new surroundings, but day by day, the "new place" becomes a comfort zone.

At Saint Anne Home and Retirement Center in Fort Wayne, new residents describe the early relief experienced at no more grocery shopping or cooking and the delight of a menu selection for meals.

Another supportive discovery is that other residents have similar experiences — the death of a spouse or the loss of another close friend or family member. These shared feelings bond new and strong friendships which were not anticipated. There is also the sharing of common interests in hobbies, books, flowers and television programs.

Established in 1967 by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Saint Anne's offers five specific levels of care including comprehensive 24-hour nursing, rehabilitation suites and services, independent and assisted living, Alzheimer's and dementia care and adult day care.



MARK WEBER

Saint Anne Home on Randalia Drive in Fort Wayne was established by the diocese in 1967 and serves seniors of all faiths.

As a Church and community center of interest for 43 years, residents select Saint Anne's through word-of-mouth from friends, pastors or family members, although full media marketing is also used to reach potential clients. With 97 apartments occupied, there is an eight-month waiting list for new residents. Other levels of care also have waiting periods, depending upon the kind of assistance needed.

Spiritual options at Saint Anne's are numerous. The chapel is always open for private visits and Mass is celebrated each day before lunch. Several small prayer groups and Bible study groups are there for those who are interested. There is a resident

Catholic chaplain, Father Jack Overmyer, plus five other priests who are residents.

Although the clientele at Saint Anne's is about 80 percent Catholic, other Christian faiths have chapel services each week-end on a rotating basis.

As the first days of September steal a little light from each evening, residents here watch leaves fall from Saint Anne's tall oaks with no concern about jammed eaves or cluttered gutters; and when snow falls, it is enjoyed for its beauty, and not as a task at hand. It is thus so with the awareness that just as the leaves and snow cover all, so does the providential arm of the Almighty.

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Sanctuary Senior Living Communities offer relationship-driven care

BY ANN CAREY

When older adults move to a senior living community, what many seem to miss most are the simple things in life: Their neighborhood, their own home, their family members, their daily routine of household tasks. To address those needs, the Trinity Senior Living Communities have introduced The Sanctuary™ model for senior living.

According to Kelly Gasior, vice president of planning, marketing and public relations for Trinity Senior Living Communities, the Sanctuary model was developed recently to reflect the Catholic faith and heritage of the Sisters of Holy Cross and the Sisters of Mercy, who merged their health-care operations into Trinity Health System, the parent company of the senior living communities. The patron of Sanctuary is St. Brigid, an Irish saint, who is known as a protector of all and a healer of body and spirit, who welcomed strangers to her hearth.

The core concepts of Sanctuary are that each person is valued, accepted and respected as a unique



ANN CAREY

Liz Debwe, CNA, with Barbara Fox and Frank Plaia enjoy dancing a polka for a little exercise in the hearth room in the Good Shepherd neighborhood at Sanctuary at St. Paul's in South Bend.

individual. At the heart of the Sanctuary model is the relationship between the resident and the caregiver who is permanently assigned to that person. Known as an "Anam Cara" — Gaelic for soul friend — these caregivers are specially trained to provide "relationship-driven care, what we find

sacred," explained Gasior.

The Anam Cara's job is to ensure the resident is as happy as possible, not just do tasks like change sheets, which is important but not as important as seeing the patient as a person and hearing the stories she has, Gasior said.

This added role, of course,

means extra training for employees over and above training for attending to physical needs. Sanctuary training includes the tenets of Sanctuary: How to be a soul friend, how to engage in meaningful conversation, how to make residents feel safe, secure, loved and in control.

Scheduling of meals and other activities is flexible at Sanctuary, an effort that helps residents feel more like they are at home rather than in an institutional setting. For example, Gasior said that residents may eat breakfast whenever they wake up, whether it's 6 a.m. or 10 a.m. And the staff works with doctors to dispense medications at times most convenient for the residents, thus avoiding a middle-of-the-night wake-up, when possible.

Renovations are ongoing at Sanctuary senior living communities to make the facilities feel more intimate and homelike and reflect the Sanctuary philosophy, according to Gasior. About 25 percent of the Trinity Senior Living Communities have been reconfigured, a model that will be repeated in all the communities. In the renovated communities, hallways have been shortened into "neighbor-

hoods" and "hearth rooms" created for every 16-20 residential rooms.

The hearth room is a living room with television and game tables and is open to a kitchen. In the kitchen, residents are encouraged to assist in meal preparation, make a favorite recipe or simply sit and chat with workers who are preparing food. In the Good Shepherd Neighborhood at Sanctuary at St. Paul's in South Bend that was visited by *Today's Catholic*, residents enjoy the household tasks of setting their elegant dining room table and helping fold clean linens.

"Our clinical outcomes are outstanding," Gasior said, "so we know our care and cultural model is working."

Sanctuary homes in this diocese are in South Bend, and include Sanctuary at St. Paul's, which offers independent or assisted living apartments, long-term care, memory care and rehabilitation; Sanctuary at St. Joseph's and Sanctuary at Holy Cross, both of which have long-term and rehabilitation care; and Sanctuary at Trinity Tower, which offers low-income senior apartments.

Mission drives compassionate care at Provena Sacred Heart

BY TIM JOHNSON

AVILLA — At Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, just north of Fort Wayne, the mission statement, "Provena Health, we build communities of healing and hope by compassionately responding to human need in the spirit of Jesus Christ," is the driving force for the Christ-centered care.

"That's where it all starts and everything flows from there," says Craig Prokupek, administrator for 11 years. "I've had many people tell us we run this more like a ministry and less like a business," he adds.

"I really view this as we're just carrying on what the (Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart) started," Prokupek says, "and try to continue all of their traditions, and their approach in caring for people."

Provena came about through the merger of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the Mercy Sisters of the Chicago Province and Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfurt, Ill., have a presence at the facility. "It's a daily reminder of who we are and who we ought to be — it's an evolving-type of thing," says Prokupek.

"Our retired sisters offer a ministry of presence in the volunteer work they do around the home," adds Tom Novy, pastoral associate at the home.

The facility offers Mass six days a week. On Saturday, a Communion service is offered.



TESS STEFFEN

Resident ladies participate in a Provena Sacred Heart prayer service.

"We have the area priests from six parishes coming in — each one has a day," comments Novy. "It's worked out very well."

On Sundays, Father Bernard Ramenaden from St. Gaspar Parish in Rome City celebrates a 4 p.m. Mass with the residents and staff.

About one third of the 154 residents at Provena Sacred Heart Home are Catholic. But the facility also offers worship services for non-Catholics twice a week. Novy presides over a Wednesday evening vespers service. And the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered quarterly and within the Mass.

"I would say for our Catholic residents, the Mass is very important. It's one of the best things we have to market, it's something that

stands out," Novy says.

"One of the things that I've always been so impressed with is the number of families over the years who have said, 'You know, you guys not only provide excellent health care, but your folks do it with a lot of love. They enjoy their work.' And that says a lot!" Novy adds.

Provena Sacred Heart Home offers independent patio homes, assisted living, short stay care, skilled care and an Alzheimer's care.

Prokupek notes, "We're growing. We're adding 12 more assisted living apartments. And we're also adding eight more short stay Medicare suites," which is a private room that is popular with today's consumer. For those in

rehabilitation therapy with the intention of returning home, such suites offer a separate dining, lounge, kitchen and nursing staff.

The assisted living quarters, which is under construction, will double in size. The assisted living is made up of "neighborhoods" designed with 12 units containing a separate dining, community center and activities area and is designed around a social model rather than a medical model.

The assisted living has been very successful for Provena and has a waiting list.

Oftentimes a resident may be in the nursing care while the spouse

resides in assisted living. This allows the couple to stay connected in the same building.

"I think that has always attracted people," Prokupek says of the assisted living offering. "We keep the costs competitive. It's a flat rate. We don't have add ons."

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY PETER FINNEY JR.

Heartfelt treasures from Katrina experience

My family and I spent Katrina in an enclosed corridor leading to the stairwell of my fourth-floor office, a decision that with the clarity of 20/20 hindsight ranks somewhere on the top 10 list of "Mistakes I Have Made in My Brief Sojourn on Earth."

There's a line describing a person who turns an easy job into something difficult as "someone who could make a freight train take a dirt road."

Our office is right across the street from the Union Passenger Terminal on Loyola Avenue, and believe me, the freight train that Monday, Aug. 29, at 3 a.m. careened across the asphalt and headed straight up the stairs like some Monster Zephyr at Pontchartrain Beach.

I still have difficult dreams about that morning. I remember listening to WWL radio, our information lifeline. Truly, the WWL reporters forever will remain heroes in my eyes because they honored their vocation and risked their lives to save others.

I became alternately worried and angry when I heard WWL speak to every civil parish president, even Benny Rouselle of Plaquemines Parish, where Katrina officially made landfall. As the hours ticked on and the windows of my office continued to crash in, I wondered, "Where was (New Orleans Mayor) Ray Nagin?"

I knew the WWL studios were just across the street from City Hall, but no Nagin could mean only one thing: Something must be seriously wrong in the city of New Orleans.

In a few days, from the safety of a dear friend's home in Baton Rouge, we discovered just how seriously wrong things had gone.

And now, we are here, perched on the precipice of a five-year anniversary of a life-changing event that everyone wants to forget. My emotions are a jumble of snapshots burned into memory:

- Driving into the city a week after the storm, I was overwhelmed by the deafening silence. New Orleans was Antarctica at the equator. It was a brown and lifeless and God-forsaken tundra: no birds, no bugs, no life. One of the images taken by *Clarion Herald* photographer Frank J. Methe crystallizes what I was feeling that day: a small white crucifix floated out of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Violet and came to rest half-buried in the cracked mud. This was Calvary, horizontal and below sea level. But that crucifix also symbolized the promise of the empty tomb — and new life.

- When the roller coaster of my daily emotions swayed wildly from hope to despair, Methe's stunning picture of the large crucifix above the altar at Immaculate Conception Church in Marrero reminded me of the meaning of redemptive suffering. Katrina's winds had blown off the right arm of the corpus, and a shard of stained glass, traveling at warp speed, became a spear that buried itself in the left side of the crucified Christ. The brown shard remains in the restored crucifix as a symbol of Katrina. It speaks this to me: Though we were pierced and suffered so many deaths, big and small, through faith we grasped the promise of Resurrection and wouldn't let go.

- Methe's picture of a college group from the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, in their overalls, pausing from their gutting of a house to receive ashes from their spiritual director, Father Ed Brienz, on Ash Wednesday in 2006 is chilling. How many thousands of God's foot soldiers, like these from Ohio, helped us rise from our ash heap? Thanks be to God.

- Finally, for me the image of God's faithfulness is manifested in the story of the second collection for Katrina relief taken up on Sept. 18, 2005, by St. Lawrence of Brindisi Parish in the Watts section of Los Angeles. The working-class parish's average weekly collection was \$5,000, but on this day, it raised \$7,000 for the Katrina collection alone. That money was earmarked for St. Gabriel the Archangel Church in New Orleans.

But the real treasure was buried inside one of the collection envelopes. On the outside of an envelope, written in Spanish, were these words: "Para las victimas del huracan, no traia dinero pero esto debe de tener algun valor. Es de todo corazon." ("For the victims of the hurricane. I did not bring any money. But this should be of some value. It is with all of my heart.")

It was a woman's plain gold wedding ring.

Methe's picture of Msgr. Doug Doussan, the pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel, holding the ring, sends the message of Christ's hope.

Said Franciscan Father Peter Banks, pastor of the small Watts parish: "It is very humbling to realize I am living among the poorest of the poor, but they are the wealthiest in so many ways."

And they have enriched our lives.

From the Aug. 21 issue of the *Clarion Herald*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It was written by Peter Finney Jr., editor and general manager.

COMMENTARY

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Thanks Bishop Rhoades for statement

I would like to thank Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for publicly opposing the homosexual agenda being advanced through South Bend Common Council Bill 30-10. His statement read by Fred Everett of the Family Life Office at the July 26 hearing was a critical component of the effort to defeat the amendment that would add sexual orientation and gender identity to South Bend's non-discrimination code.

Like Bishop John M. D'Arcy in 2006 who opposed a similar bill, Bishop Rhoades recognized that while the proposal may be well intentioned, it has the morally and socially damaging effect of recognizing homosexual behavior as acceptable and denies the legitimate conscience rights of Christian and other employers.

It takes courage to oppose the homosexual agenda as pro-family advocates are often libeled as hate-filled bigots even when they present a

thoughtful, well reasoned and charitable critique as did Bishop Rhoades.

The bill has been temporarily tabled. I urge the Catholic faithful to support Bishop Rhoades. He can't do it alone. Please write or call your South Bend Common Council representative and respectfully ask for a "no" vote.

For contact information visit www.ci.south-bend.in.us/city/common_council/index.asp. Click on "Members and Districts."

Tom Uebbing
South Bend

What Gettysburg means

Keenly aware that historian George Weigel is justly revered as a great American scholar, I read his column, "What Gettysburg Means," in your Aug. 15 issue with piqued interest. I, too, have always pondered what this great place means.

While Mr. Weigel convincingly argues that the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg is this nation's great pivot point in history, he woefully misses the point about the Great Reunion in 1913 when some 50,000 veterans met

on the great battlefield to "bury the hatchet together." And when he waxes on that "Americans had once fought history's most sanguinary civil war, but had forged out of that blood-letting a new sense of commonality," the great historian loses himself in sappy sentiment.

The great tragedy of the Civil War is that we shook hands and patted our white selves on the back for our collective valor all the while we continued our systematic national prejudice towards African Americans. When President Woodrow Wilson, a Virginian, came to speak at Gettysburg at that Great Reunion of 1913, he called our Civil War "the quarrel forgotten," all the while he pushed for legislation making segregation our national policy. How else did Blacks get in the back of the bus?

Nearly 5,000 African-Americans were lynched with rope in our country in the early 20th century — terrorism wrought on a race that ought to nag us all. Gettysburg is a place to mourn and to remember our wretched sins, rather than celebrate our moral growth. Seems to me that's what Gettysburg truly means.

Chris Heisey
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Proposition 8 nullification and the Civil Rights movement

The recent decision by U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker nullifying

Proposition 8 is the latest salvo in the barrage of attacks upon the natural institution of marriage that our nation is witnessing. Thankfully, his ruling is not the final juridical word on the matter. But he has "upped the ante" on this issue. Not only is the natural dignity of marriage threatened; government that is responsive to the will of the majority is now in jeopardy.

What is equally disturbing is the comparison some make between the homosexual marriage movement and the Civil Rights movement, even harkening to the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education decision. Here is the gist of the argument: as the U.S. Supreme Court found it necessary to nullify the will of a majority within the state of Alabama for the sake of African Americans who were being denied their constitutional rights, so Judge Walker found it necessary to nullify the constitution of the state of California for the sake of homosexual citizens who have been denied the "right" to marry. Such a comparison, however, is an affront to those who sacrificed so

much for racial equality in previous generations. The idea of equality that governed the Civil Rights movement was based upon the natural law. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. expressed the philosophical foundation of the movement rather well:

I would agree with St. Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all." Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine whether a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas: An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law (Letter from a Birmingham Jail).

King further argued that segregation was an affront to the natural dignity of the human person, which is enshrined in the natural law. Segregationist laws violated the natural law and therefore lacked the character of genuine law. Homosexual marriage activists, however, demand access to an institution that is rooted in the natural complementarity between man and woman. Thus, their position is fun-

OP-ED COMMENTARY

BY JOHN P. BEQUETTE, PHD

damentally opposed to the natural law. Nay, they deny that such a universal moral law even exists. Never were the ideological foundations of two political movements more opposed.

Still, a comparison with the Civil Rights movement is not entirely inappropriate. Martin Luther King and his fellow Christians fought and suffered for the inherent dignity of African Americans. If things continue on the trajectory set by Judge Vaughn, perhaps Christians will have to fight — and make sacrifices — for the inherent, natural dignity of marriage.

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Over-the-top is out of the norm

The next time you're channel-surfing to find a TV show, you'll probably notice that you're seeing more and more over-the-top emotional outbursts. But is it just a media phenomenon – or is it catching? As viewers are we being influenced to have our own meltdowns? And are these emotional over-reactions becoming more acceptable, more the norm?

A recent article in *USA Today* asked, "Is TV causing our reactions to boil over?" Certainly, television has been blamed for exposing audiences, especially children, to excessive violence for generations. So what's different now? Perhaps it's the type of violence as well as the participants and their situations that have been changed.

Reality TV has become immensely popular on both broadcast and cable outlets. Most of these shows put everyday people in unusual circum-



LIGHT ONE CANDLE

STEPHANIE RAHA, THE CHRISTOPHERS

stances, usually vying against one another for prizes. Other programs offer what are supposed to be slice-of-life situations. Still others have celebrities competing, sometimes for charitable donations. But the overall appeal to audiences appears to be that all of these programs are unscripted and that whatever the participants say and do – however outlandish or inappropriate – is strictly up to them.

Many viewers realize that a reality show – from its concept to the specific urgings of the producers or hosts – encourages

extremes of behavior. More than that, these over-the-top words and actions are simply not normal.

Sarah Coyne, a professor of family life at Brigham Young University, is the co-author of a study on aggressive behavior on TV. After reviewing programming from five reality shows and five non-reality programs including dramas, comedies and soap operas, she found that reality TV averages 52 acts of aggression per hour and non-reality TV averages 33 per hour. These acts include both physical aggression (especially punching, pushing and kicking) and verbal aggression (most commonly yelling, arguing, or insulting others). Coyne believes that such levels of media violence are "producing this culture of being mean to each other. We're setting up our culture to being over-reactive."

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God's forgiveness is unending



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk. 15:1-32

The Book of Exodus furnishes this weekend's first reading. As the name suggests, this book of the Old Testament recalls the flight, or exodus, of the Hebrew people from Egypt, where they had been slaves.

Despite the passage of so many centuries, and the coming of so very many momentous events, for Jews yet today central to everything is this escape from slavery. The Exodus did not occur as a result of the people's own strategy or good luck.

Rather, God made it possible. He repeatedly frustrated and subdued the Egyptian overlords, including the mighty pharaoh himself. God sent Moses as the people's leader. Through Moses, God guided the people out of Egypt and onward toward the Promised Land.

It was no easy journey. At times angry, often bewildered, the people grumbled against God. They even rebelled against God, resulting in severe chastisements. However, the merciful God forgave them.

The role of Moses was to lead the people, upbraid them when they defied God, and always call them to obey God and to trust in God. He presented them before God. In this reading, God hears the prayerful words of Moses, plead-

ing for the people. Answering this appeal, God sets punishment aside.

For its second reading, the Church presents the First Epistle to Timothy. Regarded as an early bishop of the Church and revered by the first Christians, Timothy was a disciple of the great Apostle Paul. This epistle recalls Paul's own vocation to follow Jesus. It necessarily recalls God's own mercy to Paul, since he once had persecuted the Christians. Indeed, when he was converted, many Christians doubted the authenticity of his conversion and still feared Paul. Therefore, Paul insisted that his Christianity was genuine, and that he truly was an apostle. It was his vocation to bear God's mercy to the world.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the last reading, a lengthy reading in which Pharisees notice that Jesus associates with sinners. Such conduct hardly was acceptable among pious Jews at the time of Jesus. In reply, Jesus uses several examples, one of them returning to a favorite theme. It refers to a shepherd who has lost a sheep, one more reference to the treasured image of the Good Shepherd.

Jesus then proceeded to tell other stories. Among these stories is the magnificent parable of the Prodigal.

All these stories present the notion that God is merciful and forgiving. The plan of God is that all humans reach eternal life. Indeed, it is God's plan that all humans find peace in this life, peace even amid great difficulties should such difficulties arise.

Reflection

For weeks this summer, the Church has spoken to us about discipleship. We must follow the Lord wherever the Lord leads.

It may seem to be daunting, even foolish, or simply an option. However, there is no other way. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

God wants us to live eternally. He calls us. He also relieves us of the burden of our sins. He heals us of the affects of sin and strengthens us to live as disciples. God's forgiveness is overflowing and unending. It is a result of God love, itself overflowing and unending.

The key to securing this mercy rests in our hands. We must determine to reform ourselves. We must turn away from sin. Throughout human history, the problem has not been that God is stingy in forgiving us and strengthening us. Rather, the problem has been that we so often follow the siren song of our own instincts, or our inadequacies, or the empty promises of the culture, and we ignore or reject God.

Turning instead to God is a lesson each person must learn, at times the hard way.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 Jn 19:25-27

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10c-14 Lk 8:4-15

The good shepherd: A break that forms a bond

I had relegated shepherds to the unicorn file, somewhere near the hunch-backed blacksmith and the whistling milk man. They were the stuff of Mother Goose lore. So it was surprising to discover actual shepherds when I visited the Holy Land.

I was riveted by the sloping landscape of Jesus' ministry. Two tones checkered our vistas: Crusty white limestone and fluttering blue-green olive trees. And there, among the jagged hills, was a man tending sheep. He was dressed in brown and his head was covered. He appeared hot and lonely.

I asked our guide Wisam, a Catholic Palestinian, about that line of work. It looked undesirable. But Wisam said shepherds cherish their lifestyle and their work, which is often passed on for generations. The meager wages don't deter them.

Wisam then shared a fascinating element of shepherding. If a sheep persistently wanders, he said, "a good shepherd" will break its leg and carry it until it heals. That physical closeness creates a strong, lasting bond, and the sheep may go on to be a leader among the flock.

What a powerful insight for us wandering humans, whose self sufficiency so easily leads us astray. We bemoan the times we are broken, but if they send us onto our knees and into the shepherd's arms, we can consider them an abiding blessing.

We live in a culture that produces lost sheep— Heidi Montags, Levi Johnstons, Lindsay Lohans. It confuses attention with respect, wealth with success and pleasure with contentment. The ravenous reality-TV circuit spotlights the weird and the weepy, the loony and the loopy, seeking characters, not character, making "good TV" out of bad people.

Their 15 minutes come at a great personal cost: Severed engagements and marriages, ruptured friendships and families. They clamor for the camera and play the game, and, in doing so, lose faith — in self, in neighbor and in God.



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

This month St. Luke reminds us that our good shepherd would leave 99 sheep to seek out one missing and rejoice when it is found.

The same Gospel reading chronicles the prodigal son's return. For years when I heard this passage from the pulpit I identified with the faithful older son. I was the girl showing up every day, sitting in the front row, raising my hand. What a raw deal the older son got!

Then one day in my late teens or early 20s, a light bulb flashed: What if I was the younger prodigal daughter? Suddenly I was recalling the times I'd received undue credit. It was a jarring paradigm shift, a revelation that redrew all the lines of my comfortable theology.

Of course each of us needs the unflinching devotion of a good shepherd — to be singled out, chased after and cared for.

When I look back on the year, I think of the people who have been broken and carried. The widow who has continued her husband's nightly prayer ritual with their three young children. The dad trying to hold on to his house, who is still quick to tickle and tease his kids. The mom who lost her job the same month she rushed her asthmatic toddler to the ER. The latest post on her blog is a request for others' prayer petitions, an offer to return the good graces that had been shown her.

Their pain produced a stronger bond with the Good Shepherd, and now the rest of us are drawing closer too.

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Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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Born in Macedonia, Mother Teresa helped India's destitute for more than 50 years and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. In answering a call to serve "the poorest of the poor," she became known as "the saint of the gutters." The former Loreto sister founded the Missionaries of Charity, which now has more than 4,500 nuns worldwide, and co-founded the Missionary Brothers of Charity. Since 1952 her Nirmal Hriday (Pure Heart) Home for the Dying has cared for thousands of people abandoned on Calcutta's streets. She was beatified in 2003.

The Solidarity difference

Thirty years ago, on Aug. 31, 1980, an electrician named Lech Walesa signed the Gdansk Accords, ending a two-week-old strike at that Hanseatic city's Lenin Shipyards. Walesa signed with a giant souvenir pen featuring a portrait of Pope John Paul II. The choice of pen was not, as Marxists might have said, an accident. Neither was the distinctive revolution that unfolded in the wake of the Gdansk Accords, which were forged over two weeks of high drama on Poland's Baltic coast.

The Accords were the pivot between John Paul's Polish pilgrimage of June 1979 and the rise of the "Independent Self-Governing Trade Union Solidarity" in September 1980. Fourteen months before the strike, John Paul II had ignited a revolution of conscience that had inspired countless numbers of people to "live in the truth," to live "as if" they were free — as the period's mottoes had it. "Living in the truth" gave a special texture to the Gdansk Accords, which in turn led to the unique social and political phenomenon that was Solidarity.

There had been labor unrest in Poland in 1953, 1956, 1968, 1970 and 1976. In each instance, the Polish communist regime pacified the workers (in whose name these Marxists putatively ruled) by a combination of divide-and-conquer tactics, economics bribes (usually involving food prices), and brutality. The year 1980 was different, and the difference that made 1980 different was the John Paul II difference — a moral difference.

I try to capture that difference in "The End and the Beginning: Pope John Paul II — The Victory of Freedom, the Last Years, the Legacy," which Doubleday will publish on Sept. 14:

"(This) moral difference

showed itself almost immediately as the Gdansk shipyard strike broke out on Aug. 14, 1980. It was an occupation strike, in which the workers took over the entire shipyard complex, thus creating an oasis of free space in the totalitarian system. Rigorous discipline was maintained, aided by an absolute ban on alcohol in the yards. Religious seriousness was manifest, publicly evident in open-air Masses and confessions. Perhaps most crucially from the point of view of what followed, the workers, having been tutored by John Paul II in the larger meaning of their dignity as men and women, refused to settle for the economic concessions the regime quickly offered.

"Thus on the night of Aug. 16-17, the Inter-Factory Strike Committee (MKS) was established to publish a broader set of demands, including the establish-

Religious seriousness was manifest, publicly evident in open-air Masses and confessions.

ment of independent, self-governing trade unions... The famous '21 Points' agreed upon by the MKS presidium... emphasized economic change while including a full menu of basic human rights, specifically mentioning, among others, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and an end to discrimination against religious believers 'of all faiths' in terms of access to the media. The goals of dissent had been enlarged and deepened; as one worker-poet would put it a few months later, "The times are past when they closed our mouths with sausage."

Solidarity's tumultuous path over the next nine years paved the way for the Revolution of 1989, the (largely nonviolent) collapse of European commu-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

nism, and the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991. There were endless arguments as Walesa and the Solidarity leadership wrestled with the inevitable turbulence of a new trade union that was also a mass social movement and a de facto political opposition — in a society where the communist party and the state apparatus it controlled tried to occupy every available inch of social space. That the Catholic Church in Poland had tenaciously main-

tained its independence for 35 years in this suffocating social and political environment helped make Solidarity possible; the Church's independence also helped provide a protected space in which

the movement could continue after Solidarity-the-trade-union was dissolved, under the martial law imposed on Poland on Dec. 13, 1981.

During its epic period, Solidarity was a unique blend of moral and intellectual conviction, economic good sense, political shrewdness and personal courage, all of which were shaped by the social doctrine of the Catholic Church and the personal witness of John Paul II. Its example should inspire free people, and those who aspire to freedom, everywhere.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

LIGHT

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How do we recognize our own inappropriate aggressive behavior — and how do we deal with the actions of other people?

Judith Siegel, author of "Stop Overreacting" and associate professor of social work at New York University, says, "An over-reaction is about emotions that are bigger than the immediate situation calls for. You may be releasing a lot of frustration, but your response is far greater than what is justified." Most people

who overreact learn that "it leads to consequences that lead to regrets. People will say 'You're way over the top,' or afterward you may feel guilty or remorseful."

As with every aspect of life, we need to recognize our own responsibility for our words and actions. Whatever outside forces may affect us, we still need to choose our own path, preferably a peaceful one that we travel with God. "Too often, we think that God only cares about the 'spiritual stuff,'" says pastoral counselor and writer Gregory Popcak. "We forget to invite God into our work struggles, our challenges, and our feelings."

Staying cool and calm isn't always easy, but it sure beats the consequences of allowing ourselves to get hot and bothered and blowing up at those around us: Better for them and far better for us.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 12, 2010

Luke 15:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: parables about God's extravagant love. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TO LISTEN	SCRIBES	EATS WITH
PARABLE	HUNDRED SHEEP	LOSING ONE
LEAVE	NINETY NINE	FINDS
SHOULDERS	HOME	NEIGHBORS
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LIGHT	SWEEP	THE HOUSE

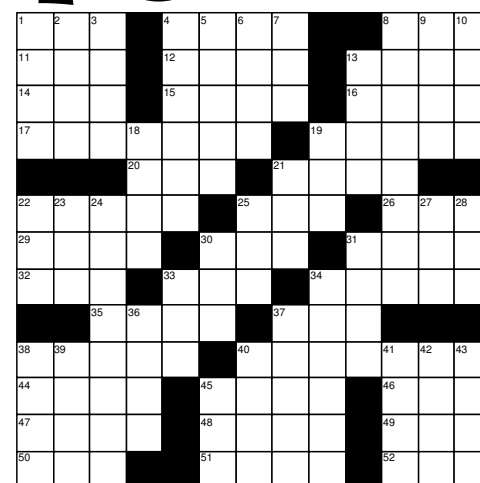
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 and Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 13:1-32

ACROSS

- 1 Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
- 4 Debate
- 8 Substitute for Isaac
- 11 ___ v. Wade
- 12 ___ of Life
- 13 Make over
- 14 Copy
- 15 Holy ___ Cross
- 16 Ruin
- 17 (2 wds) Builder must ___ to calculate
- 19 Burnish
- 20 Building addition
- 21 Place
- 22 Junto

- 25 Onesimus was one
- 26 Bother
- 29 Eager
- 30 Adam gave for Eve
- 31 Civil liberties group
- 32 Limb
- 33 ___ collectors and sinners
- 34 Baby bird sound
- 35 Prayer ending
- 37 Tale of ___ sons
- 38 She lost a coin
- 40 (2 wds) God
- 44 Wading bird
- 45 College leader
- 46 Pressure unit
- 47 One ___ sheep

- 48 Mouth off
- 49 Adam's wife
- 50 Lease
- 51 Polar bear patrol
- 52 Cycles per second

DOWN

- 1 Epochs
- 2 N.A. Indian
- 3 Leg extensions
- 4 Promenade
- 5 Skulk
- 6 Billions of years
- 7 Scarlet
- 8 Give up possessions
- 9 Totals
- 10 Cow sounds
- 13 Govern
- 18 "Your brother was ___"
- 19 Card game
- 21 Scientist's office
- 22 California (abbr.)
- 23 Average (abbr.)
- 24 Tom Green Felony
- 25 Meld
- 27 Lager
- 28 ___ feeling
- 30 Father ___ to prodigal
- 31 Absent without leave
- 33 Woman had ___ coins
- 34 King has ___ thousand troops
- 36 Sail's need
- 37 Show appreciation to
- 38 Shall
- 39 Double-reed instrument
- 40 Sports group
- 41 Petroleum Exporting Countries
- 42 Invitation abbreviation
- 43 Expires
- 45 Doberman rescue

Answer Key can be found on page 23

Sports

GOLFING FOR KIDS BENEFITS THE CHILDREN OF FORT WAYNE The Christ Child Society Golf Classic, "Golfing for Kids," will be held on Sept. 20 at Autumn Ridge Golf Club. The \$85 golf package includes continental breakfast, green fees, cart, lunch and prizes (\$49 tax deductible per participant). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit the efforts of the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne. For more information call (260) 426-4131 or (260) 602-7745.

CYO football opens the 2010 season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Many familiar faces return to the Catholic Youth League (CYO) sidelines on the scene as the 2010 football season kicked off Sunday, Aug. 22.

In 2009, the St. Vincent Panthers finished the regular season with a perfect record before losing, 8-0, in a hard-fought battle to Holy Cross in the CYO championship game under Coach Cory Kitchen. This year Kitchen has taken a position with the varsity staff at Bishop Dwenger and handed the reins to Coach Drew Linder. Along with their coach, the Panthers will be new in every single position this season graduating each of the players from their 2009 lineup when their team went 10-1. However, Linder notes, "We're expecting big things from our kids this year. They have been in this offensive-defensive system for three years now, so we expect them to step right in and not miss a beat."

St. Vincent will also be replacing every position on defense so there will be a lot of players switching on and off the field for

2010. When previewed, Linder concluded, "We are looking forward to another competitive season and our goal is to get better every week."

In their debut, the Panthers defeated a solid St. John, New Haven team, 18-6, at Bishop Dwenger field. Sammy Schenkel threw two touchdown passes — one to Jeffery Kalonji and the other to Noah Coonan.

Setting the tone for the Panther offense was Jeremy Kalonji, who Linder felt had a great day running the football.

Linder added, "Our defense did a great job with the line and linebackers stuffing the run and the backs shutting down the Raider passing game."

The Raiders' lone score came late in the fourth quarter when Adam Hoffer recovered a fumble inside the 10-yard line and returned it 95 yards for a spectacular touchdown.

Troy Hoffer will lead the Raiders once again this season with small numbers but good contributions expected from his incoming seventh graders and a determined eighth-grade unit who continue to persevere despite a



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Players from St. Vincent line up against the St. John, New Haven Raiders as 2010 CYO gridiron action kicks off.

tough season a year ago.

Hoffer explains, "This is a very spirited and fun group to coach and we are hoping to be more competitive than a year ago. We are very aggressive defensively and have balanced passing and running offensively."

In their sixth season, Coaches Steve Bennett and Bruce Kilpatrick feel their Holy Cross Crusaders are looking tough once

again for the upcoming season. Holy Cross, however, lost much of their 2008 and 2009 championship teams to graduation and will be playing with many new seventh graders this season.

"We have a lot of new faces and a whole new offensive line," explained Kilpatrick. The Crusaders return the versatile Lane Lewis who will play many roles including quarterback, receiver and running back, as well as linebacker this year, along with running back Rylen Asher and free safety/receiver Jordan Kindig, to lead their unit.

In their first game of the season, the Crusaders downed Pat Henline's St. Jude Eagles, 14-0. The Eagles are coming off a 4-4 record from a year ago and have seen much improvement in their

program over the past few years. This group of nearly 30 consists of a core group of dedicated eighth graders who have played CYO football since the fourth grade.

In other Week 1 action, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth/St. Therese/St. Aloysius (JAT) Knights got a "W" with a 20-0 victory over the Most Precious Blood/Queen of Angels Royal Reds.

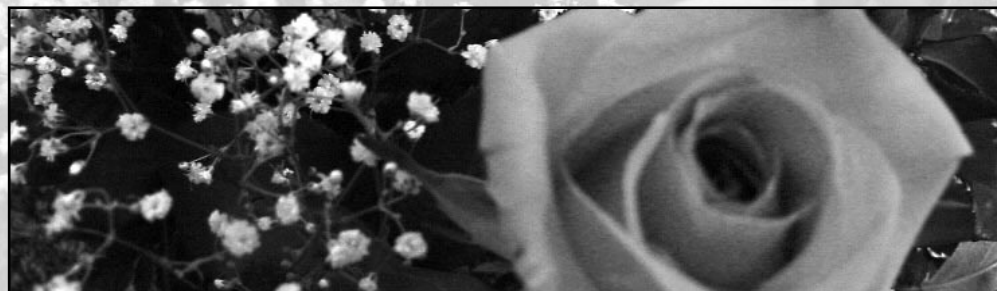
Eric Downey has taken over the Knights' head spot while the Royal Reds are led by Jeff Weddle once again.

Weddle's numbers are down for 2010 fielding just 16 players on his roster. However, he feels this is one of the most coachable teams he has been involved with during the past four years. Weddle explains, "This is a very tight group dominated by a disciplined bunch of eighth graders wanting to compete to their fullest potential."

Returning starters from a year ago are Cameron Kahlenbeck, Matt Gillett and his soft hands, Peyton Kimes and Todd Austin. Austin will lead the big lineman group and will be joined by two newcomers who have been well trained in the PAL program and are ready to contribute.

Moved to signal caller this season for the Royal Reds, Weddle describes Kahlenbeck as a hard working, very skilled player. Kimes is also predicted to have a big season in 2010. He, along with Kahlenbeck and Jackson Grahovac

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Car raffle to assist World Youth Day scholarship funds

FORT WAYNE — In an effort to raise scholarship funds for World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain, the diocesan offices of Youth Ministry, Campus and Young Adult Ministry and Catholic School are spearheading a raffle in which a car will be given away.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will host a group of young people who will join him on a pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain, in August of 2011 to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI and an estimated 2 million other Catholic youth.

The diocesan group of pilgrims is comprised of teens, young adults, seminarians and young priests and religious. The young people represent 30 parishes.

"I have met many of these enthusiastic teens and young adults, and look forward to this holy time with them," Bishop Rhoades wrote in a letter to priests. "I am sure their faith will

bless the diocese greatly."

Bishop Rhoades added, "The cost for such a pilgrimage is great, and for many young pilgrims, a challenge. They have been faithful in personal and parish fundraising. Many pilgrims, however, may be in need of additional assistance. To provide financial aid for World Youth Day, the diocese will hold a raffle. A local car dealership has generously donated a new vehicle for this raffle."

The raffle winner will have their choice of a 2010 Dodge Caravan or a 2011 Hyundai Sonata donated by Glenbrook Dodge Hyundai in Fort Wayne, and the taxes will be paid on the vehicle.

Tickets sell for \$50 each. The goal is to sell 3,000 tickets, which would create \$150,000 in funds for pilgrims who need assistance.

Bishop Rhoades has invited parishes to participate in this diocesan-wide effort, "as the entire

diocese will experience the blessing and fruit of our young people's participation in World Youth Day.

World Youth Day is also instrumental for fostering vocations. Some of our own young priests credit this celebration with planting and nurturing the seeds of their vocations."

Parishes have received raffle information packages from the diocese. All tickets must be reported and returned by Nov. 1. Bishop Rhoades will draw the winning ticket on Monday, Nov. 22.

The diocesan offices are requesting that pilgrims apply for financial aid through their parishes. Pastors are requested to evaluate and articulate the need of the pilgrims. A committee will distribute the funds and notify parishes and pilgrims of financial awards by Dec. 1.

The raffle license number from the Indiana Gaming Commission is 121966.

CYO

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will captain the team this season. Given their small numbers, the Royal Reds have been working long and hard on conditioning and stamina.

Weddle concludes, "We are ready for the upcoming season and hungry for some victories." Downey lists 35 on his combined roster from the three schools for the JAT team and is very pleased with how his core group of eighth graders have stepped up this early this season. He lists his peak performers as quarterback Travis Eckert, running back Jordan McHenry and Nate Burrows.

Downey adds, "These guys wouldn't be outstanding without our lineman of Grant Detrick, Cole Mulhurn, Grant Baehl, Luke Baker and anchor Matt Gigli."

Team captains this year will be comprised of Josh Yarde,

Mulhurn, Detrick and Luke Dippold.

Finally, St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel beat St. Charles, 14-8.

Andrew Gabet scored the touch for the Cardinals under the direction of longtime CYO coach Mike Herald.

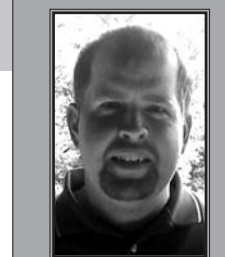
Another tenured leader and father of five, Jim Carroll, is back to instruct the Eagles who hold the CYO win streak record at 42 games, have won three diocesan championships and five regular season titles.

This year's Eagles roster lists 26 players split between St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel players.

Carroll reports that his eighth graders gained valuable experience and playing time as seventh graders which will be strengths this season. The Bishop Dwenger and Ball State alum explains the team goals for 2010, "We hope to have fun, become better players and win. We will play one game at a time and strive for each guy to be the best they can be."



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Prayer for world peace

Knox — A day of prayer for world peace will be held Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Shrine of World Rosary for Peace at 2 p.m. Prayers, rosary and dinner will be offered. Bring a lawn chair. Father Ed O'Conner, OSC, will give a talk on Mary. Call (574) 772-2606 for information.

Fall festival at St. Therese

Fort Wayne — St. Therese Parish, 2222 Lower Huntington Rd., will have a fall festival Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A 5K run, corn hole tournament, bake sale/farmer's market, food, games, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, live auction, bingo, beer tent and casino games. Mass in the grass at 5 p.m. will be followed by an adult-only beer tent with the Pop-N-Fresh band. For information call (260) 747-9139 or visit www.sttheresefw.org.

Live in harmony with nature

Fort Wayne — All married and engaged couples as well as single women are invited to learn the science of NaProTECHNOLOGY at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sept. 18, from 9-10 a.m. in the Mother Teresa room. Contact Theresa Schortgen, CFCP, at (260) 749-6706 or e-mail chartdaily365@verizon.net to RSVP. The event is free.

Birthday party for Our Lady

Fort Wayne — The Legion of Mary will celebrate Mary's birthday on Saturday, Sept. 11, with a party in the gym at Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 St. Joe Rd., starting at 5:45 p.m. with the rosary, a potluck dinner, live music and games for children.

There will be a brief presentation on Mary as the official patron saint for the U.S. RSVP to Connie Acierto at (260) 486-1001.

Pancake breakfast planned

Fort Wayne — Our Lady of Good Hope Knights of Columbus Council 12417 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 8-11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 5-10 years, and children 4 and under free.

St. Pius X announces senior group

Granger — St. Pius X has a senior group (55+) that meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon starting with Mass. On Sept. 14 the speaker will be Joan Loranger from Forever Learning. For information call (574) 271-7853.

Sunday breakfast at St. Pius X

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Sept. 12, after the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Pius X. Adults \$5, children 6-12 \$2.50.

NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856 or email ronshannon@verizon.net.

Luncheon card party

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary's St. Anne Society, 735 W. Calvert St., will have a luncheon card party Sunday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. Donation is \$5 at the door. Bring your own cards.

'Souper' movie night

Albion — Blessed Sacrament Parish will have a "souper" movie night featuring "The 13th Day" a story of Fatima, Saturday, Sept. 18, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. A free-will donation soup supper will follow Mass with popcorn during the movie. For information call (260) 636-2072.

Hog roast planned

South Bend — St. Catherine of Siena Parish at Sacred Heart of Jesus, 63568 U.S. 31 S., will have a hog roast, Sunday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adult/carry out, \$3 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. Carry-out closes at 2:30 p.m. For information call (574) 291-3775.

Pancake breakfast

Ossian — The Knights of Columbus will have a pancake and sausage breakfast Saturday, Sept. 11, from 6:30-10:30 a.m. under the big tent downtown. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under free. Proceeds benefit

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Sister Margaret Ann, 75, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister served at St. Jude, Fort Wayne.

Fatima to be shown

Syracuse — "The 13th Day," a film about the miracle at Fatima, will be shown on Sunday, Sept. 26, at St. Martin de Porres Parish

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BISHOP RHOADES CELEBRATES OPENING MASS AT IUPU



BY KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the celebrant at the opening Mass for fall semester at Indiana University-Purdue University (IPFW) in Fort Wayne on Aug. 31. Nearly 80 students, faculty and visitors filled the ballroom in Walb Memorial Union where Bishop Rhoades, during his first visit to campus, invited the congregation to imitate the holiness of Christ. For a schedule of weekly Masses on campus visit www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM.

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:

"48 Days to the Work You Love," by Dan Miller

Today's Catholic's book choice of the month is "48 Days to the Work You Love," by Dan Miller (B and H Publishing, ISBN: 978-0-8054-4479-7, \$14.99), a fascinating guide to not only landing the job of your dreams but to discovering your own special talents and how to use them to serve mankind. If you are a faithful follower of this book club you may question why a book on employment? "48 Days to the Work You Love" is much more than just a guidebook for finding a job. It also provides a unique way to discover the spiritual aspects of your God-given skills.

Miller delivers a well-written commentary chock full of practical direction to assist anyone in discerning a calling to their particular vocation. His insightful suggestions bring new meaning to the word opportunity. But his inquiries, if authentically answered, can also open a new and uplifting way of viewing one's place in this world.

As a career coach Miller guides hundreds of jobseekers in creating a life plan that is founded on understanding their God-given talents, personality traits, values, dreams and passions. He believes that as these elements become clearer through personal evaluation and education, a successful career path can be discerned.

Each of the 12 chapters is logically sequenced and features timely information from understanding what work should be to writing a resume and interviewing to discovering what talents you bring to a job. A variety of thought provoking quotes begin each of the chapters,

with additional sidebars of pertinent quips sprinkled throughout the book. The "Countdown to the Work I Love" questions that conclude each chapter will make you stop and think.

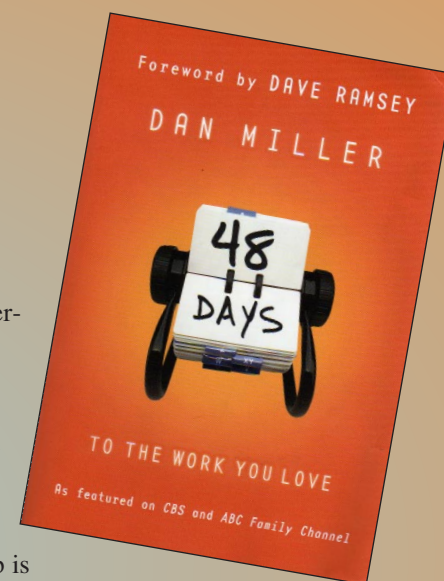
Miller intertwines accounts of his own personal experience as well as other anecdotes that bring to life his main message: Know your skills and abilities, and follow your passion. His no-nonsense analysis of the do's and don'ts of finding meaningful employment broadens even the most adaptable reader's perspective. And in the mix one finds hope and new insight into self.

The author's perspective on change, and his instruction on acquiring a sense of the skills that can be transferred from one job to another is an eye-opener and can open a vista of opportune thinking for any jobseeker. Humorous examples, including real life blunders on resumes, of the don'ts in the employment arena lighten the book's systematic teaching of Miller's successful approach.

Some practical advice the author and his wife use in their own life includes the five steps process when faced with a decision. He writes, "... we approach the process as follows: 1. State the problem; 2. Get the advice and opinions of others; 3. List the alternatives; 4. Choose the best alternative; 5. Act. Then the Millers allow a two-week period to choose how to act.

The 224-page book concludes with appendixes that not only include a suggested reading list but also sample resumes, cover letters, mission statement worksheet and

helpful internet sites to peruse. In this age of economic uncertainty and unemployment, where the average job is held for only three and a half years, "48 Days to the Work You Love," by Dan Miller is a welcome job search compass for any reader. Whether unemployed, underemployed or in a job you dislike, it affords a practical approach to the spiritual dimension of finding work that honors God and brings joy to your mission.



Reflection questions are found at the
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